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News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

Congratulations to all of Union County's 2021 graduates.

A Memorial Day service is set for 9:30 a.m. Monday, May 31, at the Cobden Cemetery.

The Mound City National Cemetery Preservation Commission plans to have a Memorial Day program on Saturday, May 29. The program is planned at 10 a.m. at Veteran's Park in Mound City.

The Thebes Courthouse plans to open for 2021 tours beginning on Memorial Day weekend, Saturday and Sunday, May 29-30.

The annual Blessing of the Bikes is planned Sunday, May 23, at the Cross of Peace on Bald Knob Mountain near Alto Pass.

The Cobden Lions Club has posted a message on Facebook about this year's Cobden Peach Festival. The festival is scheduled Aug. 6-7, with a full carnival, performances by the Uncle Pecos and Diamond Dog bands, a queen pageant, food and peaches.

The Village of Cobden is making plans for the 2021 Peach Festival parade.

Stinson Memorial Library in Anna posted a message on Facebook that Heartland Haven Building & Design has finished installing plexiglass at the facility. The message also read: "Wondering when you'll be able to come and see it in person? Check back here for more updates soon."

The Friends of Stinson Memorial Library are planning to have a summer book sale on Saturday, June 12.

The Anna City Park was a busy place last Friday evening.

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For those fully vaccinated...

Governor rescinds Illinois mask mandate

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SPRINGFIELD — Gov. JB Pritzker issued a new executive order Monday that allows fully vaccinated residents to not wear masks inside and outdoors.

The updated rules for mask wearing are nearly identical to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's updated guidance, which was released Thursday, May 13.

The CDC guidance per-

mits fully vaccinated people to not wear masks or physically distance in any non-health care setting, "except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance."

The CDC still recommends that fully vaccinated people wear masks in health care settings, as well as on planes, trains and other forms of public transportation.

The new executive order

requires residents follow this recommendation regarding planes and public transportation. It also permits any entity to continue stricter masking requirements than are required by the state.

"(B)usinesses are encouraged to prioritize the health and safety of their workers and customers, and may continue to require face coverings and social distancing, even for those who are fully vaccinated," the order states.

Pritzker said it will be up

to private businesses to decide if they want to require patrons to provide proof of vaccinations.

"We are relying on people to do the right thing," he said. "We are relying upon people to recognize that they don't want to go infect other unvaccinated people and they don't themselves want to get sick and so it's important for people to protect themselves and I think there's real motivation for people to go get that. We're not going to stop people and, you know, start

checking a vaccine passport as part of some state mandate."

The mask mandate in Illinois took effect last May when Pritzker issued an executive order requiring anyone older than 2 years of age "to cover their nose and mouth with a face-covering when in a public place and unable to maintain a six-foot social distance."

A spokesperson for the secretary of state said the office is awaiting further direction from the governor (continued on page 2)

COVID-19 virtual town hall meeting set

While the Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, reported on May 13 that more than 62 percent of Illinois adults have already received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, hesitancy among residents to get vaccinated continues to be a primary concern in the healthcare community.

For Southern Seven Health Department, and the rest of Illinois, one county in particular is drawing widespread attention.

Alexander County currently has the lowest vaccination rate of any county in the state.

As of May 13, only 12 percent of the population in the county had been vaccinated — despite weekly vaccine clinics being held in the county since January.

In an effort to understand the reasons behind the low rate, Southern Seven Health Department plans to have a community COVID-19 virtual town hall meeting on May 25 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The health department was approached by members of the Alexander-Pulaski Branch of the NAACP to plan the virtual town hall meeting.

This was in response to the sharp reduction in attendance at vaccine clinics in the area, organizers said.

"The main goal of the town hall is to have a down-to-earth conversation with residents in our region," said Natalie Sawyer, the health educator director at Southern Seven Health Department.

"We accept that getting vaccinated is a personal choice. However, it remains all of our responsibility

to educate and spread awareness when it comes to public health concerns," Sawyer said.

Special guests for the virtual town hall are scheduled to include Dr. Damon Arnold with Blue Cross, Blue Shield of Illinois; IDPH director Dr. Ngozi Ezike; and Dr. Vidhya Prakash and Dr. Vidya Sundareshan with the SIU School of Medicine.

Those in attendance at the meeting will have the opportunity to ask questions about COVID-19 and the vaccines.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC, reports that a number of studies show that COVID-19 vaccines are working in the real world.

Studies show them to be greater than 90 percent effective in preventing mild and severe disease, hospitalization and death.

Vaccines have also proven to be effective against the SARS-CoV-2 variants currently circulating in the country.

The health department said that it is through discussions with healthcare professionals and those who have received the vaccine that vaccine hesitancy can be overcome.

"We are trying to give residents an opportunity to ask those burning questions about COVID-19 and the vaccines," Sawyer said. "Understandably so, our community still has questions and this is our way of trying to help with that."

To join the conversation, visit the link at www.southern7.org or on Facebook at @SouthernSevenHealth-Department. For more information, contact Natalie Sawyer at 618-634-2297, extension 9136.



Parade held for Cobden High School seniors

Members of the Cobden High School graduating class of 2021 participated in a senior parade which was held Tuesday evening, May 11, in the Union County village. The event followed the route of a parade which is held during the Cobden Peach Festival. Seniors, who were dressed in their graduation caps and gowns, rode in vehicles through the Cobden downtown area.

Illinois State Police planning special traffic enforcement patrols during May in county

Illinois State Police District 22 is planning to conduct Special Traffic Enforcement Patrols during May in Union County.

Capt. Michael Alvey, the commander of District 22, announced plans for the patrols.

The patrols will allow the state police to focus on the "fatal four" violations which contribute the great-

est to traffic crashes and fatalities.

Those violations include driving under the influence, DUI; safety belt and child restraint use; speeding; and distracted driving.

The Illinois State Police will increase their daytime and nighttime patrols to ensure the safety of vehicle travelers through enforcement of all traffic safety laws.

Impaired driving is a factor in more than 30 percent of traffic deaths in Illinois, the state police noted.

Speeding is a factor in nearly 35 percent of fatal crashes; and, nearly 50 percent of vehicle occupants killed in traffic crashes were known to not be buckled up.

The project is funded through the Illinois Department of Transportation.



Invocation at Dongola graduation ceremony

Dongola High School held its annual commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 14, for the 2021 graduating class. The ceremony was held in the Dongola High School gymnasium. Senior Matthew Aden led the invocation at the start of the ceremony. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.



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News Notes

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Reminder: the Union County Hospital District Auxiliary is accepting applications for its health care scholarships. Applications, which must be postmarked by no later than June 1, are available from the human resources office at Union County Hospital in Anna.

Beginning during the week of May 24, Southern Seven Health Department plans to begin annual trapping of mosquitoes in the Southern Illinois counties it serves. Union County is one of those counties.

Shawnee Community College is promoting its truck driving program. The college says that the seven-week program offers graduates plenty of opportunities to connect with trucking companies and their recruiters.

Teresa Gilbert, the outgoing Bald Knob Cross of Peace executive director, was honored during a retirement celebration last Sunday afternoon.

A food drive is planned from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on June 5 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Cobden. The food drive is a part of Anna Rodgers' Girl Scout Gold Award project.

Southern Seven Health Department plans to have a community electronics recycling event June 26 at the Job Corps location in Golconda. A similar event held recently in Union County proved to be extremely popular.

A stealthy raccoon apparently was having fun with cat food bowls at the Union County animal control shelter near Anna.

Mask mandate

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and the Illinois Department of Public Health about mask rules for the state Capitol Complex.

"Once we do, we will review the information and then will proceed accordingly. We will also consult with the Illinois General Assembly," spokesperson Henry Haupt said in an email.

One new case in county

Union County had one new confirmed case of COVID-19 on Monday, May 17, Southern Seven Health Department reported.

The health department reported that the case was in a person in the 30s.

The number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Union County since the start of the pandemic totaled 2,218 as of May 17, the health department reported.

Total COVID-19 statistics for Union County since the start of the pandemic, as of May 10, follow:

2,218 cases. 2,172 recovered. 14 active cases. 32 deaths had been reported.

Southern Seven Health Department serves Union, Alexander, Hardin, Johnson, Massac, Pope and Pulaski counties.

As of May 17, the health department reported the following updated statistics for the seven counties it serves:

Six newly confirmed cases. 11 newly recovered cases. 56 total active cases. 102 total deaths. 6,874 cumulative total cases.

The governor's new order rolling back the mask mandate came as the state is reporting 37.7 percent of the population, or more than 4.8 million people, are fully vaccinated.

About 57 percent of Illinoisans between ages 16 and 64 have received at least one dose of the vaccine, as have 81.3 percent of those 65 years of age or older.

The number of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations reported are decreasing, as the state moved into the "bridge" phase on Friday, increasing capacity limits for various indoor and outdoor venues.

If COVID metrics remain stable, the state is set to fully reopen without limitations on capacity on June 11.

Hospitalizations for the week ending May 16 fell by about 14 percent from the week prior. As of Sunday, there were 1,512 individuals in the hospital with COVID-19.

On Monday, IDPH reported 946 new confirmed and probable cases out of 33,148 tests, with a rolling case positivity rate of 2.4 percent, down from 2.8 percent for the previous Monday.

The state reported six additional COVID-related deaths Monday, bringing the total death toll to 22,445.

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City of Anna salutes long-time employee

The City of Anna is saluting a long-time employee. After 20 years of service to the city, Stegle is retiring. His last day of work is May 21. Stegle started with the city as a meter reader. "Hard work and dedication paid off as he made his way to gas and water foreman," the city's public works manager, Gary Dahmer, stated. "Mike will be missed by all of his coworkers." The group photograph features Stegle with many of the city's public works employees. Photos provided.

County commissioners meeting held Friday

An update on property tax bills and action related to a program which seeks to prevent juvenile offenders from being incarcerated were on the agenda at last week's regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners.

The meeting was Friday morning, May 14, at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Discussion at the meeting indicated that county property tax bills are expected to be in the mail on June 1. Payment due dates are anticipated on July 15 and Sept. 15.

The commissioners approved an application and budget for the Illinois Department of Human Services, DHS, Redeploy Illinois program.

Union County administers the program for the First Judicial Circuit in Southern Illinois.

The circuit includes Union, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski, Saline and Williamson counties.

Redeploy Illinois has been operating in the circuit since 2014. According to the DHS website, the goal of the program is to decrease juvenile incarceration through programs that maintain public safety and promote positive outcomes for youth.

Program director Becky Pearce shared an update about the program with county officials. The program has served 46 juveniles during the current fiscal year; it is hoped that 64 can be served during the new fiscal year.

A \$693,474.20 budget is in place for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, which begins July 1.

In addition to the DHS application and budget, the county board also approved five subcontracts related to the program.

"I think it's a great program," county board chairman Max Miller commented about Redeploy Illinois. He noted that former Union County state's attorney, and now judge, Tyler R. Edmonds played an instrumental role in beginning the program in the circuit.

Miller also noted that funding for the program's budget is from grants. The funds do not come from the county budget.

In other business at Friday's meeting:

The commissioners approved a tourism grant application request in the amount of \$7,500 from the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail. The county's hotel/motel tax board recommended approval of the funding request.

Commissioner Darryl Harvell reported that he has been appointed to serve on the Southern Five Regional Planning District's executive committee.

The commissioners approved a declaration of county surplus property. The items will be sold in an online auction.

A resolution appointing Mathew Lambdin and Justin Pender to the Shawnee Valley Water District Board of Directors was approved.

A resolution appointing Yvonne Graham, Debbie Tripp, Leonard Sadler, Brian Hill and Sherri Housman to the Ebenezer Hall Cemetery Board was approved.

A resolution appointing Aaron Hall to the Lick Creek Public Water District Board was approved.

Sheriff issues activity reports

Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel has released his department's monthly activity report for March and April.

Highlights from the reports follow:

March

Felony arrests, eight. Misdemeanor arrests, 15. Traffic arrests, 11. Warrant arrests, 12. Total arrests, 46.

Cases opened, 21. Drug investigations, seven. Crash reports, eight. 911 calls, 1,634. Miles patrolled, 10,365.

April

Felony arrests, nine. Misdemeanor arrests, 24. Traffic arrests, eight. Warrant arrests, nine. Total arrests, 50.

Cases opened, 28. Drug investigations, eight. Crash reports, 10. 911 calls, 868. Miles patrolled, 9,367.

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Cobden High School commencement held
Commencement ceremonies were held Friday night, May 14, for members of the 2021 graduating class at Cobden High School. The ceremonies were held outdoors on Blayne Smith Field at the Union County school. Banners congratulating the 2021 Cobden graduates were displayed on the fence around the ball field.

Alto Pass Veterans Organization planning to host special events

The Alto Pass Area Veterans Memorial Organization is planning to conduct Memorial Day ceremonies and a flag retirement ceremony.

Memorial Day Ceremonies

The organization plans to conduct a Memorial Day ceremony at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 29. The ceremony will be at the veterans memorial in downtown Alto Pass.

The ceremony is scheduled to include a brief presentation and a three-volley salute.

The veterans also plan to conduct Memorial Day ceremonies with a three-volley salute on Monday, May 31.

Ceremonies are planned at 10 a.m. at the Alto Pass Cemetery and at 11 a.m. at the Dutch Ridge Cemetery, which is north of Alto Pass, along Illinois Route 127.

Flag Retirement Ceremony

At 11 a.m. on June 19,

Garden walk set in Anna this evening

The Anna-Jo Garden Club is planning to host an evening garden walk Thursday, today.

The event is planned from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Anna-Jo Garden Club Park. The park is located near the McDonald's in Anna.

A dedication event in honor of Linda Clutts is planned at 5:30 p.m.

Backporch Company is scheduled to perform during the evening.

Weather

High 80, low 36

Temperatures in Union County ranged from a high of 80 degrees to a low of 36 during the period of May 11-17.

Precipitation during the period included .01 of an inch of rain on May 15, .24 of an inch of rain on May 16 and .21 of an inch of rain on May 17. Fog was recorded on May 17.

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

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| Tuesday, May 11 | 66 | 39 |
| Wednesday, May 12 | 65 | 42 |
| Thursday, May 13 | 68 | 38 |
| Friday, May 14 | 72 | 36 |
| Saturday, May 15 | 66 | 41 |
| Sunday, May 16 | 80 | 54 |
| Monday, May 17 | 72 | 57 |

the veterans plan to conduct a flag retirement ceremony at Dutch Ridge Church north of Alto Pass.

For more information, or if you have a flag to retire, contact an Alto Pass Veterans member or call 618-559-8277, 618-559-3891 or 618-559-0089.

The Alto Pass Area Veterans Memorial Organi-

zation is responsible for creating and maintaining the Alto Pass Veterans Memorial.

The memorial honors U.S. military veterans who have died and are from the Alto Pass area.

Veterans from the Alto Pass area are encouraged to become members of the organization.

Rapid COVID testing to be offered at middle, high schools

In an effort to ensure in-person learning can fully resume as quickly and safely as possible, the Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, has announced a \$225 million investment to expand access to covidSHIELD testing to middle and high schools across the state at low or no cost.

The covidSHIELD test, which was developed by the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, is a saliva-based test that quickly detects the virus that causes COVID-19, including in people who aren't exhibiting symptoms.

Testing will help quickly identify individuals who are positive for COVID-19 so that people who are close contacts of that individual can be quarantined

to prevent further spread.

This could include exposure in school, sports or other extracurricular activities.

The more quickly a case can be identified, the number of potential exposures to other people can be reduced, as well as the number of people needing to quarantine, state officials said.

Instead of a nasal swab, the test uses saliva, which takes minutes to collect and results are available within 12 to 24 hours after the sample reaches the lab.

The specimens will be collected at each participating school and parental consent is required.

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Sheriffs' association scholarship presented

On May 11, Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel presented this year's Illinois Sheriffs' Association Scholarship to Kennedie Marks of Cobden. Kennedie is a senior at Cobden High School with a grade point average of 3.93. Kennedie plans to finish earning her associate of science degree this summer at Shawnee Community College and then transfer to Southern Illinois University, where she plans to major in physiology and minor in theater. After receiving her bachelor's degree, she plans to apply to SIU's physician's assistant program to earn her master's degree in the science of physician's assistant. Kennedie would like to pursue a career as a physician's assistant in Southern Illinois or Southeast Missouri. Harvel said the Union County Sheriff's Office congratulates Miss Marks on her high school achievements and wishes her all the best in her future endeavors. Photo provided.

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Sports

A-J wrestling team earns share of division title

The Anna-Jonesboro Commnity High School wrestling team split last week in four matches at home.

Benton 54, A-J 24: Ethan Hall, 113 pounds and Caleb Mays, 145 pounds, won by forfeit on Wednesday, May 12.

Daniel Dover, 106 pounds, won by a pin in 4:20 and T.J. Macy, 152 pounds, won by a pin in 3:36.

A-J 42, Carterville 36: Evan Hall, 113 pounds, Oregon Dover, 126 pounds, Caleb Mays, 145 pounds and T.J. Macy, 152 pounds, all won by forfeit in Wednesday's other match. David Kester, 132 pounds, won by a pin in 1:13 and Barry Johnson, 160 pounds, won by a pin in 1:02.

The win over Carterville assured the Wildcats of at least a share of the South-

ern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division title. This will be the 8th consecutive year that A-J has won or shared the title.

West Frankfort 38, A-J 36: Drew Holshouser, 132 pounds, won by forfeit in the two matches Saturday, May 15.

Daniel Dover, 106 pounds, won by a pin in 2:11. Caleb Mays, 145 pounds, won by a pin in 2:13. T.J. Macy, 152 pounds, won by a pin in 2:13. Barry Johnson, 170 pounds, won by a pin in :47 and Liam Schroeder, heavyweight, won by a pin in 1:40:

A-J 54, Mt. Vernon 24: The Rams failed to match up in any weight classes and forfeited the entire match to the Wildcats.

A-J is scheduled to travel to Mt. Carmel Thursday, today.

SIBSA highlights

Highlights from this past week's SIBSA action in Union County. Photos provided.



Ariana Turner had one over the fence home run. Kansas Craig had two home runs.



Ariana Turner had three over the fence home runs, including a grand slam.



Jenna Hoehner had a three-run home run.



On the mat
Anna-Jonesboro Community High School wrestler David Kester grapples with Carterville's Merrick Orendoff in the 132 weight class. Kester would go on to win the match by pinfall. The match was one of two meets the Wildcats competed in on Wednesday, May 12, in the Union Hall gymnasium at A-JCHS. The Wildcats went 1-1 on the night, picking up a 42-36 win over Carterville, after a loss to Benton, 54-24. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

Relay team leads A-J boys' track team at Murphysboro

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' track team competed at Murphysboro Thursday, May 13.

The 4x800-meter relay team of Matteo Vaca Diez, Charles Vaca Diez, Jason Swink and Zach Henry led the way for A-J with a 3rd place finish in 9:50.2.

Fifth place finishes were recorded by Charles Vaca Diez in the 400-meter run in 55.5 and the 4x400-meter relay team of Charles Vaca Diez, Matteo Vaca Diez, Juan Valencia and Romeo Godinez in 3:50.6.

Matteo Vaca Diez finished in 7th place in the 300-meter hurdles in 48 .5.

Eighth place finishes were recorded by Swink in the 1600-meter run in 5:39.4 and Keegan Keller in the discus with a toss of 98-2.

Ninth place finishes were posted by Henry in the 800-meter run in 2:29.7, Valencia in the high jump with 5-6 and in the long jump with 17-11.

The A-J boys are scheduled to compete Thursday, today, at Pinckneyville.

A-J softball 1-1 in play at Vienna tournament

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School softball team went 1-1 in play Saturday, May 15, at a tournament in Vienna.

Massac County 9, A-J 0: Morgan Smith was 1-for-2 at the plate to lead A-J in the first game loss.

Jadelyn Biggerstaff and Abigail Dahmer were each 1-for-3.

Smith and Dahmer pitched in the loss. Smith pitched 4 innings and allowed 10 hits. Dahmer pitched 2 innings and allowed 3 hits to go with 2 strikeouts.

A-J 19, Vienna 16: Avery Osman was 4-for-5 with 2 home runs to lead the Lady Wildcats to the win in the second game.

Petey Foster was 2-for-5. Whitley Quick was 1-for-1. Jenna Sadler was 1-for-3. Megan Wright was 1-for-4. Shea Thorn was 1-for-5 with a home run. Dahmer and Smith were each 1-for-5.

Dahmer and Sadler pitched in the win. Dahmer pitched 4 1/3 innings and allowed 6 hits to go with a walk and a strikeout. Sadler pitched 2 2/3 innings and allowed 2 hits to go with 3 strikeouts.

A-J plays Thursday, today, at Du Quoin.

A-J girls track team competes at Murphysboro

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' track team competed at Murphysboro Monday, May 10.

Addison Denny led A-J with a 2nd place finish in the 300-meter hurdles in 54.89.

Third place finishes went to Brodie Denny in the 800-meter run in 2:23.83 and Kaylee Stover in the triple jump with 28-08.

Fourth place finishes were recorded by Anna Hess in the discus with 92.05 toss and the 4x800-meter relay team of Julia Hall, Olivia Brown, Bree Hazelrigg and Brodie Denny in 11:15.29.

Fifth place finishes were recorded by Addison Denny in the 100-meter hurdles in 18.72.

Sixth place finishes went to the 4x400-meter relay team of Kaylee Stover, Hall, Addison Denny and Brodie Denny in 4:42.67, Hess in the shot put with a toss of 31.1.25 and Stover in the high jump with 4-04.

The 4x200-meter relay team of Alexis Nekoia, Ana Markovic, Marlee Smith and Hess finished in 2:22.97 for 10th place.

Stover finished in 11th place in the long jump with a 13.08.50 jump.

Hall finished in 13th place in the 400-meter run in 1:11.92.

The A-J girls are scheduled to compete Friday, May 21, at Nashville.

Cobden softball team in action

The Cobden High School softball team lost twice in recent action.

Elverado 18, Cobden 2: Kylie Hale was 1-for-2 with a double and 2 RBIs to lead visiting Appleknockers in the loss Thursday, May 13.

Mckenzie Howell was 1-for-2 with a double and 2 stolen bases.

Karliegh Ellis pitched in the loss and allowed 13 hits to go with 4 walks.

Herrin 26, Cobden 6: Katelyn Shadowens was 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI to lead visiting Cobden in the loss Wednesday, May 12.

Emily White was 2-for-3. Howell, Abby Clover and Tess Brummer were each 1-for-2.

Ellis and Howell pitched in the loss, combining for 15 hits to go with 11 walks.

Cobden plays Thursday, today, at Century.

Dongola baseball team opens with four games

The Dongola High School baseball team opened the season with four losses.

Pope County 11, Dongola 1: Cameron Halphen was 2-for-3 to lead the visiting Demons in the loss Wednesday, May 12.

Hunter McCommons and Jacob Whitney were each 1-for-2. James Shipley and Brandon Griffith were 1-for-3.

McCommons and Shipley pitched in the loss.

Eldorado 12, Dongola 0: The Eagles fired a no-hitter over visiting Dongola Tuesday, May 11.

Jacob Whitney, Joseph Reynolds, Ryan Whitney and Shipley pitched in the loss, combining to give up 11 hits and getting 6 walks and 4 strikeouts.

Meridian 19, Dongola 4: McCommons was 2-for-2 with a double and 2 RBIs to lead the visiting Demons in the loss Monday, May 10.

Griffith was 1-for-3 with an RBI.

Griffith, Jacob Whitney, McCommons and Reynolds pitched in the loss and combined to give up 13 hits to go with 5 walks and 4 strikeouts.

Agape Christian 21, Dongola 4: Shipley and Reynolds were each 1-for-3 at the plate in the loss for the host Demons April 22.

McCommons was the losing pitcher and in one inning gave up 3 hits and 9 runs and had 5 strikeouts.

Dongola is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at home against Christian Agape on Senior Night.

A-J/Cobden players honored

Five members of the Anna-Jonesboro/Cobden high school boys' soccer team were named to the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division all-conference team.

First team selections from A-J/Cobden were Bryce Henry, Nick McGrath and Beto Vaca Diez.

Second team honors went to Romeo Godinez and Maddox Thorpe.



Pickleball tournament played in Anna
The second annual Southern Illinois Open pickleball tournament was played Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 14-16, in Anna. The tournament was played on the pickleball courts at the Anna City Park. A portion of the proceeds generated by the tournament will be going to the Smith family in honor of Tabi Smith. More than 80 players competed in the tournament. Competitors came from Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky and Tennessee.



The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' soccer team was in action against Pinckneyville, Murphysboro and Massac County last week. Host A-J, in dark uniforms, fell 3-0 to Pinckneyville in a game played Thursday afternoon, May 13, in Anna. The accompanying photographs are from the game. A-J goal keeper Riley Cruse had 14 saves in the game. Host Murphysboro outscored A-J 9-0 in a game played Tuesday, May 11. Cruse had 24 saves in the game. Host Massac County edged A-J 1-0 in a game played Monday, May 10. Cruse had 19 saves for A-J. The A-J girls are scheduled to play Thursday, today, at home against Carterville.

A-J, 4-5, plays Thursday, today, at Du Quoin.

lated budget constraints are not penalized, only those seeking to dismantle law enforcement agencies.

The Rise Training Center is located across from the Strike Zone (Anna-Jonesboro) Bowling Alley.

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In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.” From the Acts of the Apostles

Jesus said to his disciples: “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs. From the Gospel of Mark

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News from

Anna Nazarene Church

A morning worship service was held Sunday, May 16, at 10:35 a.m. in the church and on Zoom.

Pastor Randy Wright and the worship team led the singing.

The message, titled “Go Make a Difference in This World,” was given by Pastor Wright. Scripture was from John, Romans and 2nd Corinthians.

The message can be found on the church’s website at annanaz.com and on the church’s Facebook page.

Friday night Bible study is planned at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 21, on Zoom. Pastor Wright can be texted for the password prior to the meeting.

A grocery giveaway is planned from 10 a.m. to noon on May 22.

A graduation party for Lilly Hancock is planned from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, May 16, Pastor Perry Williams spoke at both services.

The morning message addressed “God fighting our battles for us.” The message was based on scripture from Deuteronomy in the Old Testament.

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

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

The church’s Facebook page has videos and the latest information about possible closings.

During morning worship, music director Dee Rose led worship. Debbie York was the pianist. Debbie York presented special music, “Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me).”

A monthly business meeting was rescheduled to Wednesday, May 19, immediately after Bible study,

which began at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 23, the church will recognize its graduates during the morning worship service. After the worship service, a potluck picnic is planned at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro. There will be Sloppy Joes, hot dogs, games and fellowship. Everyone is invited to bring their favorite side dishes and desserts to share. There will be no evening worship on that day.

Birthdays: Bon Kohler, May 16; Mary “Murk” Cripps, May 20.

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

Prayer and Bible study, as well as youth group meetings, are scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

News from

Walnut Grove Church

On Ascension Sunday, May 16, at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church, Johnathan played the piano for the musical prelude and the hymns. The altar candles were lit by David.

The congregation sang “Happy Birthday” to Barb and Donna and “Happy Anniversary” to Keith and Loren. Johnathan played the piano and sang a special, “The Angel Band.”

Pastor Bobbi read scripture from Acts, Ephesians and Mark.

She asked everyone to consider what the meaning is of Ascension, and how everyone can live their lives due to Jesus’ Ascension. “We can be his disciples

News from

Shiloh Baptist Church

May the sun bring you new energy by day.

May the moon softly restore you by night.

May the rain wash away our worries.

May the breeze blow new strength into your being.

May you walk gently through the world and know its beauty all the days of your life. Apache blessing.

We at Shiloh Church thank Mart Clutts for gifting the serenity of open chapel doors with a belief in science, an honorable existence and the wearing of masks with temperature checks as necessary.



Services planned at Kornthal

Third Thursday worship services are scheduled to resume at the landmark Kornthal Church in Union County. A worship service is planned at 7 p.m. Thursday, today. Kornthal Church is located 2 miles south of Jonesboro, just off Illinois Route 127. Illinois Department of Public Health guidelines will be observed at the service.



Donation presented

Rural Health Inc. community outreach coordinator Chase Hileman presented a donation to Two Rivers Child Advocacy Center executive director Jordan Edmonds. Photo provided.

Rural Health Inc. makes donation to Two Rivers Child Advocacy Center

Rural Health Inc. has provided a donation totaling \$600 to the Two Rivers Child Advocacy Center in Anna.

On April 28, Rural Health Inc. held a superhero costume contest in honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Proceeds raised by staff members were matched by the organization.

Also included in the donation were numerous \$35 Walmart gift cards and protective masks for children.

“With last month being Child Abuse Prevention Month, our organization wanted to step up and be heroes...literally,” Rural Health Inc. community outreach coordinator Chase Hileman said.

“Not only was the superhero costume contest fun for our staff, but two greater things came out of it.

“We raised funds for a donation towards this incredible agency, and we raised awareness for the issue at hand, child abuse prevention.”

Jordan Edmonds, the executive director of the Two Rivers Child Advocacy Center, voiced appreciation to Rural Health Inc. for the donation.

“We are grateful to Rural Health Inc. and their staff for supporting Two Rivers Child Advocacy Center in our mission to help children heal from abuse,” Edmonds said.

“We plan to use the donation to provide comfort items for the children we see at the CAC.”

Hileman added that the services Two Rivers provides to children who have to face the unfortunate crisis “are amazing.” Hileman said that Rural Health Inc. “was thrilled to know that their donation will go about in aiding in their cause and efforts.”

Rural Health Inc. is a not-for-profit organization which provides health care services in Union, Johnson and Mas-sac counties, with locations in Anna, Dongola, Vienna, Metropolis and Goreville.

News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

Kayton Crane, assisted by her grandfather Rodney Miller, rang the bell calling all to worship. Addi Bonner and Reed Crane received the offering.

Rev. Thompson’s sermon Sunday was based on scripture from the Gospel of John referred to as Jesus’ High Priestly Prayer.

The message shared that “prayer is communication with God.” In the selected scripture, Jesus was communicating with His Father on behalf of His disciples as He knew His time on Earth was ending.

The message continued: “Even knowing all that was going to happen to Him in the next few hours, Jesus spent most of this prayer time praying for His disciples and for us, future believers.

“Jesus had taught the disciples all He could; now he was praying for God to care for them, for unity as they continued ministry, and show love as Jesus had loved them.

“Jesus didn’t pray that we would all be the same, but that our individualism would

not divide us in the fellowship of the church.

“Two thousand years later, as Christians, we are struggling for unity in service to Him. Somehow the church universal as a whole has fallen short of the unity Christ prayed for.”

Rev. Thompson closed with questions: “What does the world see when it looks at us? Will you pray – communicate with God – so that the world can see Jesus in you?”

The session held its first in-person meeting since the COVID outbreak following morning worship.

All are welcome at Camp Ground Church for in-person Bible study at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, followed by worship at 10:30 a.m.

Services are also available via Zoom. Any member of the congregation can be contacted to learn how to be connected to the link.

Birthday greetings this week go to Camp Ground Church’s pastor Dee Ann Thompson on May 19 and to Vanda Gerard on May 20.

4-H planning to offer new Family Camp this summer

Families will have the chance to create new memories as they experience 4-H Memorial Camp together this summer as 4-H unveils a new Family Camp model for 2021.

Families will have the opportunity to stay together in cabins while experiencing outdoor adventures and activities throughout their stay.

“While safety is our first priority, we knew we wanted the camp to be used in some capacity this summer,” says Andy Davis, University of Illinois Extension 4-H Memorial Camp director.

“All of the things that make camp great like outdoor adventures, hiking, boating, and swimming are just as fun socially distanced once we flipped to a family camp model.”

Family campers will get their own cabin for a three-day, two-night retreat with planned activities geared for campers 8 and older, although younger family members will be welcome.

Camp and activity size will be closely monitored with meals served family style at designated indoor or outdoor family dining spaces.

COVID antigen testing will be required of all participants and administered by 4-H Camp employees prior to entry for each session.

All Illinois Department of Public Health COVID-19 protocols will be enforced: masks must be worn by all participants and staff when indoors or around others outdoors; 6-foot social distancing will be encouraged; hand sanitizer will also be available throughout the camp.

Available Family Camp dates are June 6-8, June 18-20 and July 9-11.

Due to the nature of Family Camp, a parent or guardian must stay with their campers for the duration of their camp session.

Sign up for the camp is available online at <https://4h.extension.illinois.edu/programs/camping/4-h-family-camp>.

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Pastor's Corner

by Pastor Don Cox

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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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Congratulations

Congratulations to all the graduates.

Volunteer Helper

Zach Dudley volunteered his time to clean up and revitalize the veterans memorial area located at Shawnee Community College.

The area is often used by students and staff alike: some study, some chat, some enjoy their lunch or some just to take a break.

Zach is finishing his first year at SCC, majoring in criminal justice.

The veterans area is close to his heart, having many close relatives who served.

In 2020, Zach was awarded the American Legion Area Ritual Team (Jackson, Mo.) Scholarship by Buddy Walls. Buddy's name is on the honor monument.

Zach also was awarded a scholarship through the Anna Moose Lodge, and their name is also on the honor monument.

With appreciation in his heart and respect for all veterans, Zach cleaned, weeded, mulched and planted.

Graduation Congratulations

Drew Davis graduated on May 8 from the Uni-



Congratulations to Dalton Seip, who graduated with his associate of arts and associate of science degrees Friday, May 14, from Shawnee Community College.



Back Porch Group left to right Stuart Anderson, Richard Johnson, Warren Anderson, Carla Anderson will entertain with music Thursday, today, at the Anna-Jo Garden Club (at Hindman Park) next to McDonald's in Anna starting at 5:30 p.m. with the dedication of the Linda Clutts memorial. Garden Walk 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.



Marge Selinger, vice president of Anna-Jo Garden Club, presented Susan Sherwin with the Garden Clubs of Illinois VIP Award from the Garden Clubs of Illinois Inc. at their May 11, 2021 meeting.

versity of Louisville with a B.S. in finance and a minor in economics. He made the dean's list for fall 2020 and spring 2021.

He will be working for Citigroup in Tampa, Fla., as a foreign exchange market analyst. He is the son of Christine Davis of Mt. Washington, Ky., and grandson of Carol Frick of Anna.

American Legion

A special thanks to our American Legion for taking care of the flags in our Anna Cemetery. Homer Hawk recently changed the flags on the dough boy.

Herman Wright Drive

Did you ever wonder how streets got their name? I had someone recently ask me how or why Herman Wright Drive in our Anna park had that name.

I had to do some research but found out. Herman was a precinct committee person and worked to get the Saturn car plant here in Anna. That was how the street was named that.

It was a really big thing that he was getting them to come to Anna but then it all fell through.

Saturn was founded on Jan. 7, 1985, in Detroit, Mich., founder Roger Smith ceased operation on Oct. 31, 2010.

There have been so many wonderful people who have worked to help make Anna a wonderful place to live and raise our children and have tried to



Happy 20th wedding anniversary Gary and Andrea Dahmer May 12.

bring industry to Anna and helped to make it grow.

Thanks

A special thanks to Jane Bauer for giving me credit when she renewed her subscription to The Gazette-Democrat.

Birthday Celebrations

Tracee Foley was honored with a birthday dinner by her husband John on May 15.

Birthdays

May 15 Lou Boswell, 15 Keira Webb 2 years old, 17 Clara Cates.

Anniversary

Jason and Jenny Sadler May 15, 18 years.

Women's Club

The GFWC Illinois Anna Jonesboro Women's Club will meet June 7 at 11:30 a.m. at El Jalapeno Mexican restaurant in Anna. The program will be education with guest speaker Janet Boyd. Always looking for new members. Everyone welcome.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Sunday was Ascension Sunday.

Next Sunday the church will honor the graduates.

Rev. Tim Gossett's sermon was Up, Up and Away, The Ascension of Jesus to Heaven. Scripture was A Promise of the Holy Spirit from Acts.

Special music was by the chimes choir. Everyone was happy to be able to sing All Hail the Power of Jesus Name and I'll Fly Away.

Special prayers for Gary Rider and Chris Foster's mother with the Pastoral Prayer. The Lord's Prayer.

Myra Gossett said a prayer before Rev. Tim's sermon. It was so good to hear Gary Rider's surgery went well and he got to come home last Friday.

It was good to have Tre-na Boyd visit. A special thanks to Dean Corbit for the eggs he brought for everyone.

Thanks to all those who work in Loaves and Fishes that was Tuesday. Loaves is on the third Tuesday of each month.

Wednesday at 7 p.m. the men's Bible study meets. At 1 p.m. the women's Bible study meets.

The prayer group will meet at 4 p.m. Thursday,



Fiber news: shown here at the May 4 fiber class in Marion is Sara DeNeal, who has finished this year as art instructor at Southeastern Illinois College. Marie Samuel taught the class to make the silk flower corsage or pin modeled here by Sara at Little Egypt Art Center. For the July 6 fiber class at LEAA Sara will provide materials and teach the fiber class to do silk painting from 10 a.m. until noon. The class is \$20 for nonmembers and only three spots remain. Anyone interested should let Marie know by July 1 by calling or texting 618-889-4145.

today.

May 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friendship and Sewing will meet.

Birthday Celebration

Martha Ann Webb was honored by her family Friday night with a birthday dinner at El Jalapeño's in Anna by Curt, Bessie and Elijah Ellis. Other guests were Earl and Brian Miller.

Bessie and Elijah took Martha Ann to one of her favorite places on her birthday Saturday, May 15, yard sales, then to Cape Girardeau so Elijah could look at 4 wheelers for his coming up birthday, Buckeyes, to the Traders Mall in Sikeston, Mo., stopped at the Strawberry Festival, dinner at the Roadhouse in Cape Girardeau, where Martha Ann got a big Yee Haw from the waiters and the Bald Knob Cross for a sticker for Blessings of the Jeeps.

I really appreciated all the cards, phone calls and messages everyone sent me. Made me feel very special on my birthday.

I received a happy birthday card from Louise Pitts from Texas who told me how much she loved reading my Anna news and The Gazette-Democrat and keeping up on her home town and people in Southern Illinois. She was afraid my card wouldn't get here on time but I got it right on my birthday.

Ellis School

Received this letter from Bobby E. Chase, Ret. USAF, in response to the Ellis School article I wrote looking for a picture of the Ellis School.

In the year 1930, I was five years old and I wanted to go to school. The City Schools required students to be six years of age before New Year's.

Country schools only required students to be six years of age before school ended.

My mother arranged for me, at 7:30 each week day morning, to walk up Vienna Street past the flour mill, to the corner of Vienna and Main Street.

There I would wait for my teacher, Miss Lamer to pick me up in her Model "A" to transport me to the Ellis School, about two miles north of Anna.

The Ellis School was basically a one room building on about one acre of ground. At the front of the room was a teacher's desk with a large blackboard behind it.

On the south side of the room was a row of large windows. In the middle of the room were several rows of desks varying in size for children from first through eighth grades.

In the rear of the room was a coal stove providing the only heat. On the north side of the room was an old organ powered by foot pedals. There were several paper music rolls from the Gay '90's stored on top of the organ.

To the north of the school was a pond, but we seldom went there because of water snakes and turtles.

Near the southeast corner of the building were two outhouses. I believe they were three holers. To the rear of the school was a forest. No one went there except in the spring time when 7th and 8th graders would disappear to start budding romances.

Before school started, it was my chore to bring in a bucket of coal for the stove. Other children had other chores such as sweeping floors or wiping windows.

At 9 a.m. the teacher would ring a hand-held bell and the class would line up outside the front door then march into the classroom to our desks. The teacher



Zach Dudley volunteered his time to clean up and revitalize the veterans memorial area located at Shawnee Community College.



Congratulations to Grace Rendleman, who graduated with three associate degrees and honors from Shawnee Community College. Grace is pictured with her parents and sister, Stuart, Amy and Keri Rendleman.

would then pass out assignments to each grade.

The curriculum relied heavily on Reading, Writing and Arithmetic. Each grade would be called to the teacher's desk to recite and ask questions.

This was the start of the Great Depression, and the teacher noticed that some students were coming to school without their lunches.

The teacher asked those students who could, to bring raw vegetables to school. She would slice those vegetables in a pot and she added meat, which she furnished. The pot simmered on the coal stove and we all shared a delicious stew.

In the winter when it snowed, we would make snowmen and large snowballs. Our recesses allowed for simple games like tag and hide and seek.

In the springtime the 7th and 8th graders disappeared to pick strawberries to help support their families. Because of this, it took some children more than eight years to complete the eight grades. Many students did not proceed to High School, thinking that as farmers they would not need further education.

As for myself, I was allowed to go to city schools the following years. I went on to graduate from A-JCHS in 1942. I entered the USAF in 1943 and I never returned to Anna to live permanently, as my family had moved to California.

Bobby E. Chase, Ret. USAF

Thanks to Bob Chase for sending this letter. He also told me he would write another letter about growing up in Anna during the Depression. I am looking forward to receiving it.

It is always good to hear from those who live away from Anna and still take The Gazette-Democrat to keep up on their hometown they grew up in.

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Blessing of the Bikes

Sunday, May 23, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bald Knob Cross.

Military Prayer List

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Pomme de Terre Rendezvous 2021

Jimmy, Cheyenne, and Ava Grace Trambley and Cheyenne's mother attended the Pomme de Terre Rendezvous 2021 held in Outlet Park on Pomme de Terre Dam just outside of Hermitage, Mo.

It was a really good size camp. We had 138 registered camps we had over 400 school kids on Friday. I have no idea how much publicly ended up with but it was busy all weekend.

Little Miss Ava Grace Trambley won best dressed baby. She got \$20 in traders bucks that she got to go down traders row and buy herself two little dresses.

Almost 9 months old and she's already won the

hearts of lots of people. She’s Facebook famous and the cutest baby in camp.

Mom, dad and grandma couldn’t have been prouder.

Tennessee Trip

Cathy Ziegler went to Gatlinburg for a week with a friend. They visited Dollywood, Ripley’s Aquarium, museum, took a train ride through the mountains, attended the Dolly Stampede and drove an 11-mile one-lane road called Cades Cove in the mountains.

Mother’s Day

Cathy Ziegler treated her sisters, Corinne Steveson and Joyce King, and her niece, Lisa Lindhorst, to lunch at Wok ‘n Roll in Marion on Mother’s Day.

Anna Heights Baptist Church

May birthdays: 18th Joshua Williams and Pamela Jerrell, 20th Danny

McFarland and Joey Sullivan, 22nd Violet Yates, 23rd Sandra Nimmo and Sara Quick, 24th Bonnie Hileman, 26th Kelsie Clutts and Kinley Leek.

Anniversaries: 19th Craig and Julie Bonner, 21st Steve and Pelesia Karsen, 24th Marc and Rebecca Korb, 26th Justin and Angela Ralls, 27th Billy and Judy Halter.

Attendance for May 9: 8 a.m. worship 72, 10:30 a.m. worship 100, small group Bible study 185.

The church is planning its annual rummage event on July 24.

Momma Lou’s crafters will meet Thursday, May 27, at 6:30 p.m.

Operation Christmas Child collection for May is girls’ socks.

This summer the women of the church will be having a Bible study on the Book of Colossians using

the book titled “Truth-filled” starting Sunday evening May 23

Backyard Kids Club VBS. Taking it to the streets will be going on this summer in different areas around Anna/Jonesboro. Please watch your neighborhoods for signs and the church for announcements on where these will be held. There will be nine total including one in Alto Pass.

Be sure to look on the church’s social media platforms, Facebook and YouTube or at annaheights.com for up to date church announcements and Bible studies and Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. live worship and 7 p.m. live Bible study on Wednesday

Pastor Darryl Williams continued his semon series: Godly Training (1st Timothy). This week: Godly Service.



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Television Listings

THURSDAY

| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------|---|----------|---|----------------------------------|---|
| 6 PM :30 | Local Programs | Local Programs | Local Local | Local Programs | SportsCenter (HD) | Bang (HD) | Law & Order: SVU | "Movie" | "Wanderlust" (12) (R) | "Killer Klowns" (88) | (15) "House at the End of the Street" (12) |
| 7 PM :30 | Station 19 (HD) | Young | Family Guy | Manifest (HD) | Stephen A Daily (HD) | Bang (HD) | Chrisley | | "The Bee Gees: How Can You" Gibb family. | "Ready or Not" A young bride. | ★★½ "The Blackcoat's Daughter" |
| 8 PM :30 | Grey's Anatomy (HD) | The United (01) Mom B Positive | Let's Be | Law & Order: SVU | NBA Champs (Live) | Go-Big Show | Chrisley | Big City | | (37) "Death at a Funeral" (07) | (35) "The Exorcist" (73) Possessed girl. (HD) |
| 9 PM :30 | Rebel Cruz doubts. | Clarice FBI siege. | Local Programs Local info. | Organized Crime (HD) | NBA (Live) The Jump | (02) Go-Big Show | Chrisley Knows Best Millionaire family. (HD) | Big City | The Nevers "True" | | |
| 10 PM :30 | Local | Local | | Local | SportsCenter (HD) | Conan | | BUNK'D | Mare of Easttown | "The Brady Bunch Movie" (95) | |
| 11 PM :30 | Jimmy Kimmel Live | (35) Late Show (HD) | Local Programs | (35) Tonight (HD) | SportsCenter (HD) | Go-Big Show | Chrisley | Raven | "Dark Knight Rises" | "Horrible" | City Hill |
| | Nightline | Corden | | Late Night | | Conan | Chrisley | Raven | | | |

MAY 20, 2021

FRIDAY

| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--|--------------------|---|----------|-------------------|-----------|--|--|--|
| 6 PM :30 | Local Programs | Local Programs | (5:00) Local Programs | Local Programs | SportsCenter (HD) | Seinfeld | Chicago P.D. (HD) | Raven | (5:30) "Tenet" (20) World of espionage. (HD) | (4:58) "Idlewild" (06) | (10) "The Taking of Pelham 123" (09) (HD) |
| 7 PM :30 | Shark Tank (HD) | To Be Announced | WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live) (HD) | The Blacklist (HD) | NBA Countdown (HD) | Seinfeld | Chicago P.D. (HD) | Raven | | ★★★ "Just Mercy" (20) A young lawyer. (HD) | Bellator MMA 259: Cyborg vs. Smith 2 (Live) (HD) |
| 8 PM :30 | (01) 20/20 Investigative news. (HD) | Magnum P.I. (HD) | | Dateline NBC (HD) | ESPN Original | | Chicago P.D. (HD) | Big City | Pause | | |
| 9 PM :30 | | Blue Bloods (HD) | Local Programs Local info. | | 2021 NBA Playoffs "Play-In Game" (Live) | "Movie" | Chicago P.D. (HD) | Big City | Pause | (19) "Above the Rim" (94) Tough decisions. | City on a Hill (HD) |
| 10 PM :30 | Local | Local | | Local | | | Chicago P.D. (HD) | Raven | Real Time Maher (HD) | | |
| 11 PM :30 | Jimmy Kimmel Live | (35) Late Show (HD) | Local Programs | (35) Tonight (HD) | | | Chicago P.D. (HD) | Sydney | Real Time Maher (HD) | "Stand and Deliver" | ZIWE |
| | Nightline | Corden | | Late Night | Sports | "Movie" | | Roll (HD) | Sketch | | |

MAY 21, 2021

SATURDAY

| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------|------------|--|--|--|
| 6 PM :30 | (5:30) Local Programs | Local Programs | MLB Baseball "Regional Coverage-Teams TBA" (Live) (HD) | Local Programs | (5:00) 2021 NBA Playoffs (Live) | (4:00) "Movie" | (4:06) "Movie" | Miraculous | "Birds of Prey:" (20) | "The Invisible Man" | Black Mon. |
| 7 PM :30 | NBA (Live) | NCIS: L. A. (HD) | | 2021 Stanley Cup Playoffs (Live) | | Bang (HD) | | Miraculous | | ★★★ "A Perfect Murder" (98) (HD) | Black Mon. |
| 8 PM :30 | 2021 NBA Playoffs (Live) | NCIS: New Orleans | | | Top Rank Boxing "Jose Ramirez vs. Josh Taylor" (Live) | Bang (HD) | (05) "Movie" | Big City | "Wonder Woman 1984" (20) Gal Gadot. Foes face off. | (49) "Dead Man Walking" (98) Inmate seeks help. (HD) | ★★½ "Dreamland" A bounty hunter. |
| 9 PM :30 | | 48 Hours (HD) | Local Programs | | | Bang (HD) | | Big City | | | (45) ★★★ "Lawless" (12) Brother bootleggers. |
| 10 PM :30 | Local Programs | Local Programs Local info. | Name That Tune (HD) | Local | SportsCenter (HD) | Go-Big Show Talent show. | (06) "Movie" | BUNK'D | The Nevers "True" | "Doctor Sleep" (19) | City Hill |
| 11 PM :30 | Local Programs | | Local Programs | Sat. Night Live Anya Taylor-Joy. | SportsCenter (HD) | | | BUNK'D | Mare of Easttown | | |
| | | | | | | Wipeout | | Jessie | "The New" | | |

MAY 22, 2021

SUNDAY

| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|--|---------------------|----------|--|--|------------------------|
| 6 PM :30 | Videos (HD) | 60 Minutes (HD) | Simpsons The Harts | Games (HD) | MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at St. Louis Cardinals (Live) (HD) | "The Meg" | Law & Order: SVU | Raven | "Battleship" (12) Taylor Kitsch. Alien battle. | (4:15) "Munich" (05) | The Chi "Lackin'" (HD) |
| 7 PM :30 | American Idol 419 (Grand Finale) (HD) | The Equalizer (HD) | Simpsons Duncanvil. | 2021 Billboard Music Awards Awards ceremony. (HD) | | Bang (HD) | Law & Order: SVU | Raven | | "Hostage" (05, Thriller) Hard decision. (HD) | The Chi Absolution. |
| 8 PM :30 | | NCIS: L. A. (HD) | Burgers Duncanvil. | | | Bang (HD) | Law & Order: SVU | Jessie | Treatment | | The Chi "Soul Food" |
| 9 PM :30 | | NCIS: New Orleans | Local Programs Local info. | | SportsCenter (HD) | Bang (HD) | Law & Order: SVU | Jessie | Treatment | (55) "Brothers by Blood" (21) | Black Mon. |
| 10 PM :30 | Local Programs Local info. | Local Programs | | Local Programs Local info. | SportsCenter (HD) | "The Meg" (18) Prehistoric monster attacks ocean. (HD) | Law & Order: SVU | Jessie | Mare of Easttown | "Ready or Not" A young bride. | Flatbush |
| 11 PM :30 | (35) Local | Local Programs | Local | | Sports | | Law & Order: SVU | Big City | Treatment | | ZIWE |
| | | | | | | | | Big City | Treatment | | The Chi "Soul Food" |

MAY 23, 2021

MONDAY

| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW |
|---------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|------------|--|----------------------------------|---|--|----------------------|
| 6 PM :30 | Local Programs | Local Programs | Local Local | Local Programs | SportsCenter (HD) | Family Guy | Chicago P.D. (HD) | ★★½ "Camp Rock" Aspiring singer. | (5:55) "Greenland" (20, Thriller) comet. (HD) | "The Galloways" (15) | "Death at a Funeral" |
| 7 PM :30 | ★★★½ "Tangled" (10) Trapped in a tower. (HD) | Neighbor. Bob Hearts | 9-1-1 (HD) | The Voice "Live Finale Part 1" (HD) | MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago White Sox (Live) (HD) | Family Guy | WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (HD) | Raven | | "Gangs of New York" (02) Street gang revenge. (R) (HD) | The Chi "Soul Food" |
| 8 PM :30 | | All Rise "Yee!" (HD) | (01) 9-1-1: Lone Star | | | Family Guy | | Raven | Treatment | | Flatbush |
| 9 PM :30 | The Good Doctor | Bull Trial consultant. | Local Programs Local info. | (01) Debris (HD) | | Family Guy | | Big City | Treatment | (55) "Ted" (12) Living teddy bear. | Black Mon. |
| 10 PM :30 | Local | Local | | Local | SportsCenter (HD) | Dad (HD) | ★★½ "White House Down" (13) Under siege. | BUNK'D | Mare of Easttown | (47) "Dark Water" (05) Haunted apartment. | ZIWE |
| 11 PM :30 | Jimmy Kimmel Live | (35) Late Show (HD) | Local Programs | (35) Tonight (HD) | SportsCenter (HD) | Space | | Sydney | Treatment | | Black Mon. |
| | Nightline | Corden | | Late Night | | Conan | | Raven | Treatment | "Recruit" | The Chi |

MAY 24, 2021

TUESDAY

| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW |
|---------------------|---|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|---|----------|--|---|---|
| 6 PM :30 | Local Programs | Local Programs | (5:00) Local Programs | Local Programs | 30 for 30 "The U" (HD) | Bang (HD) | "White House" (13) | Jessie | "Justice" | "Just Mercy" (20) | "Kelly" A rebellion. (R) |
| 7 PM :30 | Mike Tyson: The Knockout Tyson's childhood. | NCIS "Rule 91" (HD) | Mental Samurai (HD) | The Voice "Live Finale Part 2" (HD) | | Bang (HD) | WWE NXT "NXT 622" (Live) (HD) | Jessie | "Wonder Woman 1984" (20) Gal Gadot. Foes face off. | "54" (98) Hedonist nightclub. (HD) | (15) "21 Bridges" (09) Bomb squad in Iraq. (R) (HD) |
| 8 PM :30 | | FBI "Straight Flush" | To Be Announced | | 30 for 30 "The U Part 2" (HD) | Bang (HD) | | Big City | | | |
| 9 PM :30 | To Be Announced | FBI: Most Wanted | Local Programs Local info. | This Is Us (HD) | | Bang (HD) | "Fast Five" (11, Action) Vin Diesel. Former cop and ex-con team up. | Big City | Real Sports (HD) | (35) ★★ "View from the Top" (03) | The Chi "Soul Food" |
| 10 PM :30 | Local | Local | | Local | SportsCenter (HD) | Chad | | BUNK'D | Mare of Easttown | "Idlewild" (06) Big Boi. Music and the mob. | Black Mon. |
| 11 PM :30 | Jimmy Kimmel Live | (35) Late Show (HD) | Local Programs | (35) Tonight (HD) | SportsCenter (HD) | Conan | | Sydney | Treatment | | Flatbush |
| | Nightline | Corden | | Late Night | | Seinfeld | | Raven | Treatment | | "Carillo's Way" (05) |

MAY 25, 2021

WEDNESDAY

| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW |
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| 6 PM :30 | Local Programs | Local Programs | (5:00) Local Programs | Local Programs | Sports | Bang (HD) | "Fast Five" (11, Action) Vin Diesel. Former cop and ex-con team up. | Jessie | "Cinderella Man" | "Bourne Legacy" | "Hart's War" |
| 7 PM :30 | Goldbergs | Kids Say Unique Kids. | The Masked Singer | Chicago Med (HD) | MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at Houston Astros (Live) (HD) | Bang (HD) | | Jessie | Mare of Easttown | "54" (98) Hedonist nightclub. (HD) | (45) "21 Bridges" (09) Bomb squad in Iraq. (R) (HD) |
| 8 PM :30 | Pyramid (HD) | SEAL Team (HD) | Crime Scene Kitchen | Chicago Fire (HD) | | Bang (HD) | | Sydney | Mare of Easttown | "Rambo" (08) Thai missionaries. | |
| 9 PM :30 | A Million Little Things | S.W.A.T. (HD) | Local Programs Local info. | Chicago P.D. (HD) | | Bang (HD) | Queen of the South | Big City | Mare of Easttown | "Two for the Money" (05) Sports gambling. | "Born on the Fourth of July" (90) Anti-war activist. (HD) |
| 10 PM :30 | Local | Local | | Local | SportsCenter (HD) | Frontal | Law & Order: SVU | BUNK'D | "The Personal History" David Copperfield. | | |
| 11 PM :30 | Jimmy Kimmel Live | (35) Late Show (HD) | Local Programs | (35) Tonight (HD) | SportsCenter (HD) | Conan | Law & Order: SVU | Sydney | Treatment | "The Others" Haunted house. | |
| | Nightline | Corden | | Late Night | | Seinfeld | | Raven | "The Debt" | | ZIWE |

MAY 26, 2021

THURSDAY

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| 7:00pm |
| ABC Station 19 "Comfortably Numb" Ben finally addresses his health issues; Jack and Inara help their neighbor cope with a trashy problem; Carina and Maya consider their relationship. TV14 (HD) |
| 9:00pm |
| CBS Clarice "Ghosts of Highway 20" Clarice and VICAP are dispatched to assist an FBI siege in Tennessee against a fringe group of militiamen who call themselves "The Statesmen." TV14 (HD) |

FRIDAY

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| 8:00pm |
| CBS Magnum P.I. "Tell No One" Magnum and Higgins cause a tragedy to ensue while looking for a wealthy client's missing wife; Kumu's relationship with her stepdaughter is strained. TV14 (HD) |
| 9:19pm |
| MAX Above the Rim ★★½ (1994, Drama) Duane Martin, Leon. A high school basketball star tries to balance a relationship between a drug dealer and the advice from a washed-up basketball legend turned security guard. R |

SATURDAY

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| 7:00pm |
| HBO Wonder Woman 1984 ★★½ (2020, Action) Gal Gadot, Pedro Pascal. During the Cold War, Wonder Woman faces Maxwell Lord and the Cheetah, who possesses villainous superpowers, while she reunites with her past love. PG-13 (HD) |
| 8:00pm |
| SHOW Dreamland ★★½ (2020, Thriller) Margot Robbie, Travis Fimmel. A teenager working as a bounty hunter becomes torn between capturing or helping a seductive bank robber hiding in a small town during the Great Depression. R (HD) |

SUNDAY

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| 7:00pm |
| NBC 2021 Billboard Music Awards Singer Nick Jonas hosts the annual awards event, where pop superstar The Weeknd leads all finalists with 16 nominations, followed by rapper DaBaby with 11 nods. (HD) |
| 8:30pm |
| FOX Duncanville "Duncan's New Word" The family power dynamic is altered when Duncan says something taboo to his father; Kimberly and Jing get a small amount of time to do as they please. TV14 (HD) |

MONDAY

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| 7:30pm |
| CBS Bob Hearts Abishola A middle-aged businessman develops a romantic interest in his cardiac nurse while he recovers from a heart attack and becomes determined to earn her affections. TVPG (HD) |
| 9:30pm |
| TBS Final Space "Change Is Gonna Come" Gary and the others rush to find a remedy for Quinn's Final Space poisoning; Ash confronts Invictus; Tribore and Quatronostro learn of a legendary prophecy. TV14 (HD) |

TUESDAY

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| 7:00pm |
| FOX Mental Samurai Host Rob Lowe challenges a series of contestants to see if they have what it takes to make it through an obstacle course that is designed to test the mind. (HD) |
| 9:00pm |
| ABC Mike Tyson: The Knockout Details are shared about Mike Tyson's life and boxing career, including how he was bullied as a child and how he coped with the pressures of stardom. (HD) |

WEDNESDAY

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| 7:00pm |
| HBO Mare of Easttown "Illusions" Mare speaks about her family history regarding mental health issues during a mandated therapy session; Lori investigates the cause of her son's school outburst. TVMA (HD) |
| 9:00pm |
| DISN Big City Greens "Level Up; Wild Side" Cricket is forced to battle Bill in a farm-simulation video game; Cricket unleashes his wild side when Bill struggles to replicate past camping trips. TVY7 (HD) |

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21gp-24g

HELPWANTED:

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21p-25g

JOB OPENING

COBDEN PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Village of Cobden is seeking applications for a full-time Public Works Employee. Submit resume to the Village of Cobden, 112 E. Maple Street, P.O. Box 218, Cobden, IL 62920, or email cobdenvillage@gmail.com. To apply in person, call 618-893-2425 for an appointment. Applications are available on our website: www.cobdenil.com.

21p-23g

JOB OPENING

COBDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Cobden Police Department is seeking applications for full and part time Police Officers. Certification preferred but not required. Submit application to the Village of Cobden, 112 E. Maple Street, P.O. Box 218, Cobden, IL 62920 or email cobdenvillage@gmail.com. To apply in person, call 618-893-2425 for an appointment

21p-23g

HELPWANTED:

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22g-25p

HELP WANTED:

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22p-24gc

HELP WANTED:

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23gp

WANTED: DSPs/CNAs/ Mature Caretakers (we will train you)

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23g-26p

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23g-26p

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21p-23g

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21p-23gc

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22g-25pc

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22p-23gc

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Sarah Gibbs
215 N. John Street
Jonesboro, IL 62952

Charlotte Massey
455 Springfield Avenue
Anna, IL 62906

Lance Meisenheimer
Union County Clerk

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This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 05-28-03-940 On October 27, 2021 at 9:00 AM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on March 13, 2019 for general taxes of the year 2017. The period of redemption will expire on September 24, 2021.

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TO: PAUL K. PEARL, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS, OR PARTIES INTERESTED and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 05-19-03-499 & 14-00-07-470 On October 27, 2021 at 9:00 AM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on March 13, 2019 for general taxes of the year 2017. The period of redemption will expire on September 24, 2021.

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Notice to Self Storage Facility Owners in Union County:

By Illinois law, a notice must be published in The Gazette-Democrat for 2 consecutive weeks prior to the sale of property in units behind in payment or abandoned.

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TO: ANDREW QUINTANA, LINDA QUINTANA, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS, OR PARTIES INTERESTED and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 14-00-08-710 On October 27, 2021 at 9:00 AM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on March 13, 2019 for general taxes of the year 2017. The period of redemption will expire on September 24, 2021.

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TAKE NOTICE

TO: JOHN HOWELL, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS, OR PARTIES INTERESTED and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 14-00-10-419 On October 27, 2021 at 9:00 AM the petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on March 13, 2019 for general taxes of the year 2017. The period of redemption will expire on September 24, 2021.

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PUBLIC NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE

CERTIFICATE NUMBER 2017-00104

To: TAMMY ROWAN AND/ OR UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS TAMMY R GREEN AKA TAMMY ROWAN OFFICER FOR THE FIRST STATE BANK OF DONGOLA LANCE MEISENHEIMER UNION COUNTY CLERK,

and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees or parties interested. A Petition for a Tax Deed on the premise described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, as Case Number 19-TX-1 (4). On September 22, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., in Room TBD, the Petitioner will make an application to such court in Union County, Illinois, for an Order on the Petition that a Tax Deed be issued if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale. The real estate is described as follows, to wit: LEGAL DESCRIPTION: W 1/2 LOT 137 LEAVENWORTH EXT. 306

WETAUG RD PERMANENT INDEX NUMBER: 14-00-10-522- and was sold on 3/13/19 for general taxes for the year 2017. The period of redemption will expire on 9/17/21.

RAVEN SECURITIES INC PETITIONER 8221-914552 22-24g

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

ESTATE OF BONNIE L. WHITE, DECEASED. IN PROBATE NO. 2021-P-12

NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Bonnie L. White of Cobden, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on April 26, 2021, to Aleta L. Uhls, 510 W. Main St., Dahlgren, Illinois 62828, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of admission, you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses in open Court or other evidence, as provided by Section 5/6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21.)

You also have the right, under Section 5/8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1), to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within six (6) months after admission of the Will to probate. The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless, under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755, Par. 5/28-4), any interested person terminates Independent Administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk of this Court.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market, Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before November 13, 2021, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: April 26, 2021.

ALETA L. UHLS
CAMERON LAW FIRM, LLC
ELVIS C. CAMERON
ATTORNEY FOR INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR
205B N. MAIN ST.
ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Ryan Michael Stroehlein

Ryan Michael Stroehlein, 31, of Cobden, died Wednesday, May 12, 2021, at Saint Louis University Hospital in St. Louis.

He was born on March 23, 1990, in Carbondale, the son of Michael Ray Stroehlein and Valerie Ann Bennett.

He served in the United States Marine Corps. He was on active duty from 2009 to 2013 in the Afghanistan Conflict War, where he operated the front mine sweeping truck.

Upon returning, he worked for IDOT, which he loved, the City of Anna, and the Union County Highway Department.

He loved being on a tractor or a motorcycle. He enjoyed fishing, bonfires and cutting wood with his father, but especially loved spending time with his children, family and friends.

Ryan is survived by his parents, Mike and Margie Stroehlein of Cobden and Valerie Spurlock of West Frankfort; a daughter, Penelope Stroehlein (mother, Brandi Naumann) of Alto Pass; a son, Wesley Grant (mother, Tina Grant) of Lick Creek; siblings Cody Clark of Metropolis, Tracy Stroehlein of Cobden, Jada Henson of West Frankfort, Mandy Dailey (David Webb) of Joppa, Natalie Dailey (Mike Brown) of Anna, Bub Dailey (Kellie Yearian) of Dongola and Zeke Baggott of Anna; aunts and uncles Cathy and Ed Pitts of Cobden, Roger and Debbie Stroehlein of Cobden and Bill and Marilyn Vernon of Anna; nieces and nephews Kiley Dailey of Anna, Daultan Mixen of Anna, Kaitlyn Starr of Anna, Tradon Stroehlein of Cobden, Onyx Chapman of Cobden, Dixie Dailey of Dongola, Colton, Landon, Ella, Greyson Lindley, all of Dongola, Makayla, Erika, Braden Brown, all of Anna, Ali Russell of Carterville, Eleison, Zella Baggott, both of Jonesboro and Maycee Jerrell of Metropolis; cousins Jeff, Stephanie, Jaylyn, Addysyn Stroehlein, all of Cobden, Jason, Valerie, Brayden, and Avery Stroehlein, all of Colorado, Jessie, Michael and Henley Rogers, all of Cobden, Nikki, Kenny and Logan Shipley, all of Cobden, Andy, Tasha, Layne and Harper Vernon, all of McClure, Samantha, Justin, Summer and Hunter Wade, all of Goreville, Janet Lence of Chicago, Jack and Iohla Stroehlein, Maryanne and Mark Jones, Sandy Madsen, Linda Head, Lindsey Head and Alyson Winter, all of Tuscon, Ariz., AJ Bennett and Ashley Bennett of Anna; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Ralph and Wilma Stroehlein.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden, with Pastors Doug Bridgeman, Jason Forby and Lonnie Lewis officiating. Interment will be in the Cobden Cemetery.

Military rites will be conducted by the Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna and the United States Marine Corps funeral honors team.

Memorials can be made to Anna VFW Post No. 3455. Envelopes will be made available at the funeral home.

Everyone attending will be required to wear a face covering and to observe social distancing guidelines.

Special thanks to a very special, dedicated and awesome caregiver, and her parents, Tina Grant, through our troubled time of need. Thank you for all the donations, calls, texts, and prayers. Big hugs to all of you. Thank you, Stroehlein Family.

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

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

Helen Ruth McCain

Helen Ruth McCain, 87, of Jonesboro, died Friday, May 14, 2021, at her home.

She was born on April 12, 1934, in Gallatin County, the daughter of George and Pearl Leona Farley Risley.

She married the love of her life, William A. Scroggins, on Feb. 5, 1951, in Arkansas. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. McCain was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She loved spending her time bird watching and crocheting. She was a member of the Beech Grove Baptist Church. She retired from the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna.

She is survived by her son, William F. Scroggins of Jonesboro; a daughter, Lou Reed and her fiancé Scott Miller of Jonesboro; grandchildren Michael and Joshua Belford; sister Mary Lou Mobley of New Haven; many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William A. Scroggins; her parents; and brother, Sam Risley.

Graveside funeral services were at 1 p.m. Monday, May 17, at Jackson Cemetery in Ridgway. Interment followed.

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

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

Billy Tucker

Billy Tucker, 90, of Wolf Lake, died Tuesday, May 18, at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

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

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna is in charge of arrangements.

Obituaries

Jacqueline T. ‘Jackie’ Myers

Jackie Myers, 84, of Jonesboro, died Thursday, May 13, 2021, at the Ray and Kay Eckstine Center in Paducah.

She was born on July 5, 1936, in St. Louis, the daughter of William O. and Theresa M. Colombo Page.

She married Francis “Butch” Myers on Jan. 11, 1969, in Arnold, Mo. He preceded her in death on Feb. 12, 2012.

Mrs. Myers is survived by her sisters-in-law, Betty Cacioppo of Bensenville, Irma Frick of Jonesboro and Shirley (Bruce) Osladil of Ottawa, Kan.; two brothers-in-law, James Myers of Phoenix, Ariz., and Tom (Jane) Myers of Dongola; numerous cousins; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and by her husband of 43 years, Francis “Butch” Myers.

Mrs. Myers was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Anna for many years. She worked as a secretary for Inmont Corporation in St. Louis before she and Butch moved to Southern Illinois. She later owned and operated Myers Upholstery in Jonesboro until her retirement.

Funeral services were at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 18, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with Father Uriel Salamanca officiating. Interment was in the Lakewood Park Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to PAWS or to St. Mary’s Catholic Church.

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

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

Linda Lou Roach

Linda Lou Roach, 75, of Jonesboro, died Wednesday, May 12, 2021, at Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

She was born on Nov. 3, 1945, the daughter of Robert and Sarah Viola Burns Reynolds.

She married the love of her life, Kenny Roach, on July 22, 1961, in Cape Girardeau.

She was a member of New Beginnings Church and the STROH’S Monday prayer group and was a God Chaser. She loved going for a stroll and adored spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Kenny Roach of Jonesboro; her children, Marsha (Rich) Griffin of Jonesboro, Becky (Rob) Heuring of Anna and Nancy (Doug) Cerney of Anna; grandchildren Brandy Gipson, Mindy Martin, Brandon Griffin, Caleb Cerney, Caden Cerney, Hannah Heuring and Megan Penrod; 10 great-grandchildren; brothers George (Trudy) Reynolds of Mississippi, Richard (Emma) Reynolds of Anna and Bon (Linda) Reynolds of Jonesboro; a sister, Brenda Reynolds-Wright of Anna; several nieces and nephews; many other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with Pastor Lonnie Lewis, Zack Strong and Bon Reynolds officiating. Interment followed the ceremony in the Jonesboro Cemetery.

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

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

Dale Olaf Cobb

Dale Olaf Cobb, 84, of Anna, died Monday, May 17, at his home.

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

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna is in charge of arrangements.

Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Dolores Reynolds, Jay Jennings and Gracie Wilson, all of Reynoldsville and River Kelley of McClure went to Wolf Lake on Saturday to watch Kyn-dal Oxford of Anna play T-ball.

Rodney Reynolds of Wolf Lake ate lunch on Thursday with Dolores Reynolds.

Lois Crites of Jackson, Mo., and Venita Lingle of Anna visited Saturday with Steve and Sue Eudy.



Mabel Carter nee Merriman

Mabel Carter nee Merriman, 91, of Jonesboro, died Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at 2:20 a.m. at Union County Hospital in Anna.

She was born on Oct. 27, 1929, in Union County, the daughter of Clifton and Jenny Caraker Merriman.

She married George Wendell Carter on Dec. 27, 1947. He preceded her in death on Dec. 31, 2009.

She was a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses in Murphysboro. She enjoyed embroidery, crocheting and tatting.

Survivors include her daughter, Kathy (Rick) Glasco of Chaffee, Mo.; a special friend, Joyce Rendleman of Jonesboro; a sister-in-law, Suzanna (Bob) Kessler of Anna; a brother-in-law, Gordon Carter of California; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, Clifton and Jenny Merriman; a brother, Fred Merriman; a sister, Glenna Griffith; and two brothers-in-law, Donald Carter and Maxwell Carter.

Funeral services were held at Crain Funeral Home in Anna on Friday, May 14, at noon. Burial followed in McGinnis Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to McGinnis Cemetery and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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

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

Jean Marie Yates

Jean Marie Yates, 73, of Anna, died Saturday, May 15, 2021, at her home.

She was born on July 14, 1947, in Allen Park, Mich., the daughter of Clarence Eugene and Virginia Blaga Bachmann.

She is survived by her daughter, Lisa Yates of Anna; dear friends David and Lori Wilde; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son Larry Joseph Yates Jr.; brother Gary Bachmann; and beloved dog Nikki.

She worked for over 26 years as a rural mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service until her retirement. She had one of the largest rural routes in Cobden. She was a member of the National Rural Letter Carrier Association and attended meetings regularly.

She was an avid stamp collector from an early age. She enjoyed shopping trips with her daughter, Lisa, and nights out with her friends David and Lori.

Graveside memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, May 24, at the Cobden Cemetery, with Donald Yates officiating. Interment will immediately follow.

Memorials can be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Envelopes will be available at the cemetery and at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home.

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

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

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"The Preaching Pen"

The Need for Obedient Faith

If you were to ask the average religious person what you had to do in order to become a Christian and go to Heaven, I imagine the answer would go something like this: “Just believe in Jesus Christ, and you’ll be saved. We’re saved by faith – that’s all we need.” What we must be concerned with is this: is that what the Bible teaches?

The Bible doesn’t teach this false concept at all, but people take verses out of context and try to teach that a person has absolutely nothing to do with his or her salvation. They distort passages where Paul teaches that we’re saved by grace or by faith. For example, Rom. 3:28: *“Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.”* Also: Eph. 2:8: *“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:”*

When people remove these verses from their context, they teach that a person cannot do one thing toward their salvation because if they did, it would be considered a work, and therefore one can only be saved by grace alone by merely believing in God. When we keep things in their proper context, we see Paul is teaching that a person cannot be saved by the works of Moses’ law because it was no longer in effect.

You see, there are different types of works. There are works of the Old Law, and there are works of merit. Neither one of these is going to add one whit to your salvation. However, there is another kind of work mentioned in the Bible in which every Christian must engage in order to accept God’s grace and salvation, and that is an obedient faith. This is why you see Jesus saying things like John 14:15: *“If ye love me, keep my commandments”* and Matt. 7:21: *“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.”* Jesus expects some effort from us in order to make it to Heaven – “Keep My commandments. Do the will of My Father.” God demands that we accept the salvation He offers by grace and keep salvation by means of an obedient faith. God has always demanded action on our part to receive the gift that He has freely made available. Have you obeyed?

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R.W. McAlister, Minister
Anna church of Christ

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Opinion and Commentary

Especially now, we can’t thank our teachers enough

By Roger Eddy

Every year, we take time to celebrate School Principals’ Day on May 1 and National Teacher Appreciation Day on May 4. The Appreciation Day for teachers has now turned into National Teacher Appreciation Week, and this year was celebrated May 2-8.

Back in the early 1950s, the idea of honoring our teachers originally came from Eleanor Roosevelt, former first lady of the United States and wife of President Franklin Roosevelt.

In 1980, the idea took on increased publicity and grew from that time into a rather significant day and week, when we routinely and officially give kudos to these people who have dedicated their lives to educating our young people.

This year, the official day and week for showing appreciation to our teachers has come and gone, but it occurred to me that a day or week is not enough time for us to collectively thank teachers and administrators for the work they performed this particular year. This year was in no way routine. Our efforts to appreciate these folks should also not be routine.

It all really started at the end of the 2019-20 school year, which turned out to be a dress rehearsal for the start of the 2020-21 school year. Teachers were forced into developing and employing remote learning techniques with no warning, from March 2020 until the end of the school year.

Technology was often spotty, at best, and in some remote areas not possible. Not to worry, school buses were used as mobile hot spots and homework wagons and meals were delivered to students.

Even in those districts rich with technological hardware and software, the techniques of teaching remotely for long periods of time had to be mastered. Zoom became a common part of the teaching vernacular.

Spring sports were canceled, some highlights of the year like prom were eliminated, and graduations were held mostly remotely or with major changes made to allow for social distancing and other necessary precautions.

Lock downs replaced annual field trips, and parents were often forced to become supervisors of “at home” learning. Many people learned just how difficult teaching can be.

During the summer of 2020, there was even more work done in an attempt to start the school year with a combination of remote and in-person learning.

Various approaches were used as creative learning techniques emerged. Some schools remained remote, some used a hybrid model and when in-person was possible, students and teachers got used to using face masks and social distancing as an entirely different environment emerged.

No matter the approach used, these efforts were often met with criticism, which became the true definition of a “no-win situation.”

Through it all, our administrators, teachers and support staff personnel worked hard to do the best they could to provide our children with an education.

The teachers I have spoken with have had the most difficulty with the lack of contact with “their kids.” Teaching is more than a profession; it is a calling. The best of the best become so invested in the success of their students that they lose sleep and suffer from anxiety worrying about how those they feel responsible for are doing. It is much more difficult to know how students are doing when the contact is hybrid or remote. Students count on teachers for a multitude of reasons beyond being educated.

This year, if you have not yet thanked a teacher or others who have worked so hard to provide your children with an education, don’t let the fact that Teacher or Principal Appreciation Day has passed stop you. This has been an unusual year, let’s extend the timeline and continue to thank teachers at least a bit longer.

Roger Eddy is a retired member of the Illinois House serving the 109th Legislative District from 2003 to 2012. He served on the Special Investigative Committee on the impeachment of Rod Blagojevich. He recently authored a book highlighting the impeachment of Blagojevich. The book, “A Front Row Seat,” is available through Amazon and Barnes & Noble. While currently a member of the Illinois State Board of Education, all comments are as an individual and not as a member of the State Board of Education.

Commentary

Get a vaccination today

By Mike Estel

The national news agencies recently claimed that a vaccine for the COVID-19 virus has now been approved by the country’s top physicians for 12- to 15-year-olds. The vaccine had previously been for all adults and youth down to 16 years of age.

This is very good news because the new virus strains have recently been spreading more among the younger generation.

The next step now is for those reluctant adults to stand in line and get the vaccination. From what all the country’s top medical professionals are claiming, the virus isn’t going to go away in our country until everyone gets vaccinated.

Toss aside politics and think about doing something that will help end this horrible pandemic. The light shining brightly at the end of the tunnel is that everyone needs a vaccination to halt this.

And, if one isn’t convinced that shots work, look at those countries that are mired down with the virus because the majority of their people have not received the vaccination.

Please think twice about making an honest effort and get that shot in the arm. It really doesn’t hurt that much and it will pay huge dividends down the road. Don’t wait for tomorrow, line up an appointment for a vaccine today.

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner



A cardinal appeared to munching on a snail hors d’oeuvre one evening. By the way, have you ever wondered why “hors d’oeuvre” is pronounced “or derv”?

Nothing like letting loose with a good guffaw...

Once again this week, we’re going to treat you to a little bit of this...and a little bit of that...you might even say this one is for the birds...it just kind of turned out that way...

Seemed like we had two or three seasons rolled into one last Sunday. Early in the morning, the weather was kind of coolish, with a not-so-balmy breeze. By Sunday afternoon, the weather had turned warm and humid. Hard to believe there was a wind chill on Mother’s Day...just a week earlier.

Meanwhile...

The Other Half and yours truly went on a bit of a Pandemic Date last Sunday evening. We got a late start, so our adventure was kind of short.

The plan was to motor into the countryside and look for deer or what ever critter happened to make an appearance. Evening is a good time do such a thing. Or so I thought.

In a word, or two, the evening could be summed up by declaring: Oh, Dear, No Deer. Didn’t see a single white-tail. Not a one.

We did see about a half dozen or so horses. A bunch of cows. A fountain in a pond. And, in keeping with sort of a theme for this week...some birds...

We also noticed how green the landscape had become since our last Pandemic Date a few weeks ago.

Meanwhile...

Speaking of dates, The Other Half and yours truly have been watching “Atlantic Crossing” on the PBS website. Check it out.

Watching the show kindled an interest in reading/learning more about World War II. Right now, I’m enjoying a book titled “1942” by Winston Groom.

Mr. Groom is the author of a novel which inspired a film by the name of “Forrest Gump.” Maybe you’ve heard



Mystery bird...saw this feathered critter high in the bare branches of a tree in Anna one evening. Right in town. Subsequent research suggested that the bird might be a kite. Or not.

A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat
Thursday, May 20, 1971

A gala evening is being planned at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School for Friday evening, May 21, when the Junior Class will sponsor the annual Spring Prom.

Festivities will get underway at 8:00 with Payge III playing for the dance prior to the highlight of the evening, the crowning of the Prom Queen.

Directors of the Anna State Bank opened bids and awarded contracts for construction of a new banking facility last Wednesday. Construction of this facility was scheduled to begin just three weeks following the awarding of contracts.

The new building, which will be 4,650 feet square feet in size, will be built on the present parking area of the bank which was the former location of the Tuthill Building and the Dougherty Building.

Baccalaureate services will be held at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, in Union Hall, Sunday evening, May 23, at 7:30 p.m. with Rev. Richard Teaford officiating.

Baccalaureate services will be held at the Shawnee High School Sunday, May 23, at 3:30 p.m.

A large portion of one corner of the Phoenix Flour Mills on East Vienna Street in Anna crumbled and fell during the early morning hours on Tuesday, May 18.

Many Anna merchants are participating in a Sidewalk Sale this weekend.

Shawnee College expects to graduate 196 students on June 6.

Announcement was made at the May board meeting of the Union County Hospital Auxiliary that the membership now totals 1,271.

The Elementary schools of the Shawnee Unit District presented their annual “Spring Sing” last Thursday, May 6.



This was one of two egrets the photographer saw out of his car window, one recent cool and cloudy day. One of the egrets abruptly decided there was a better home a-waiting in the sky, Lord, in the sky. (Keep on reading...you’ll figure this one out...or not...)

of it. The movie was pretty good. So was the novel. So is “1942.” Kind of like a box of chocolates... I suppose this column might be like a box of chocolates, too...just don’t know what you’re going to get...

And, in closing...almost...for this week...

Saturday night, I happened to catch some of a show on the radio called “The Midnight Special.” Yes, my friends, there are still five or six of us left on the planet who still listen to shows on the radio.

The show airs on KRCU radio in Cape Girardeau and comes from WFMT radio in some place called Chicago. On the Chicago station’s website, “The Midnight Special” is described as a “Unique weekly series featuring songs, silliness, and show tunes.” Listeners are encouraged to “let loose with a good guffaw” when they tune in.

I’m all for silliness. I think the world would be a whole lot better off with a whole lot more silliness. And a few more guffaws. Just not enough guffawing going on these days. And, this listener did indeed let loose with a “good guffaw” last Saturday night when I heard one of the songs played on “The Midnight Special.”

The song was a parody of a well-known, and well-liked by many, including yours truly, song called “Will the Circle Be Unbroken?” Great song. The parody was called “Will the Turtle Be Unbroken?” It was silly. Well worth a guffaw.

In closing...for real...

The Friends of Stinson are planning to have a summer book sale in June. June 12, as a matter of fact. At Stinson Memorial Library. Looking forward to it...

Enough for now...find a good book...and a box of chocolates...



Saw these young feathered critters high in another tree...at a location somewhere on the North American continent.

The Union County Beagle Club held a field trial recently.

Presley Tours Inc., Makanda, has invited 15 Red Chinese fishermen to visit Southern Illinois on a friendly people-to-people tour.

From the Wolf Lake news: An art exhibit and talent show was held at the Wolf Lake Grade School last Thursday night and was enjoyed very much by all attending.

From the Nubbin Ridge news: The strawberry growers report a good crop and (they) are ripening.

From the Casper Church news: Come see what a good job the people did in redecorating the house, also in fixing the piano. It is in fairly good tune. What we are in need of is some one who can and will play for us.

Someone,
somewhere
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