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## News Notes

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



A bird (perhaps a mockingbird) was doing quite a balancing act at the tip top of an evergreen tree in Cobden last Friday...

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Spring begins on Monday, March 20...

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...and a sign that it's still winter...the National Weather Service office in Paducah posted the following message on its website on Saturday: "Those with early season agricultural interests should prepare for widespread hard freezes Monday night and again Tuesday night."

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The U.S. Forest Service on Monday announced that Snake Road in the LaRue-Pine Hills area near Wolf Lake would be closed starting March 15 and continuing through May 15. The road is closed twice each year to allow for the migration of snakes and amphibians.

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Mike Dammerman of Union County was selected to be a member of the officiating crew at last weekend's Illinois High School Association boys' state basketball tournament in Champaign. Dammerman, who has worked as an official for 35 years, earned the state tournament assignment for the first time in his officiating career.

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### Union County Board of Commissioners meet Friday, March 10

## Choate Center concerns addressed at meeting

The future of the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna was addressed at last week's regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners.

The meeting was Friday morning, March 10, at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

The future of one of Union County's largest employers came after state officials announced plans to relocate more than 120 residents from the Anna facility.

Capitol News Illinois and Lee Enterprises Midwest, reported that in addition to beginning the process of moving 123 residents, "the state will work with the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine to determine a plan for another 112 individuals who live in 'specialty' units. The state expects to keep a 49-bed psychiatric hospital on the

grounds open, and may expand it."

Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center is an Illinois Department of Human Services, IDHS, facility. A profile of the center posted on the IDHS website showed the following statistics, as of March 1: Current census: 233.

\$49,799,100 budget in Fiscal Year 2023 for the entire campus (mental health center and developmental center).

Six living units on campus that serve 270 individuals and patients: 227 with intellectual/developmental disabilities and 43 mental health patients.

593.6 budgeted staff and the facility currently has 523.7 staff. Of those 523.7: 468 staff are represented by AFSCME.

31 staff are represented by Illinois Nurses Association.

Five staff are represented

by Illinois Federation of Public Employees.

19 staff are represented by trades union.

Population served: Adults between the ages of 18 and 75 years old with developmental and intellectual disabilities, mental health and forensic diagnoses.

Union County Board of Commissioners chairman Max Miller said at Friday morning's meeting that he had participated in a conference call just days before (on Tuesday) which also involved state and local officials, legislators and others.

Miller said the purpose of the call was to share and update about the Choate Center and to "put to bed all the talk of it closing."

While that came as good news, what followed may have put a damper on the outlook for the future of those who work at the fa-

cility and live in Union County.

The call came a day before state officials announced their plans to move more than 120 Choate Center residents to other facilities in Illinois...a move which Miller said "kind of blindsided me."

Miller voiced concerns about the impact on the number of employees at Choate when residents are moved out of the facility.

State officials are reported to have said that no employees will lose jobs. Some, however, could be offered jobs at other state-run facilities in Illinois. That scenario could mean that people who have jobs at Choate and live in Union County may have to move to hold on to those positions.

"It will take jobs away from Choate...there's no doubt," Miller said. "I found it pretty disturbing."

"It could be rather devastating to Union County" economically the board chairman said.

Miller urged his fellow commissioners to reach out to state legislators and officials to voice their concerns about the situation and to "emphasize what a blow this will be to Union County."

"We need to really emphasize that we don't want Choate to leave," he said.

The bottom line, he said, is that "it gets down to pure politics...unfortunately."

Commissioner Darryl Harvell asked if the board could draft and pass a resolution in support of the Choate Center. Miller said that such action is possible.

**For more coverage about the Choate Center, please see pages 4 and 5**

## Numerous snow events may lead to spring floods along Mississippi River

Flood potential is average or normal this spring for much of the Mississippi and Ohio river valleys and their tributaries in Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah issued its latest flood outlook Thursday, March 9.

The weather service noted that the update will be the last flood outlook for 2023, unless otherwise needed. The outlook is for the period through mid-June.

The weather service cautioned there is "an increasing chance for flooding along the Mississippi River due to the numerous snow events in the upper part of the basin with increased snow depths and water equivalents." Union County is bordered on the west by the Mississippi River.

An increased risk for flooding also exists in

Southeast Missouri due to recent heavy rain events.

The weather service stated that recent heavy rainfall had caused increased stream flow in many rivers in the Ohio River basin and across southern Missouri.

"Flooding in this region occurs mainly due to conditions of ground moisture, river flows and expected precipitation," the weather service reported.

As of March 9, minor flooding was occurring across parts of Southern Illinois and along the Ohio River.

Two to five inches of rain had fallen in the region in the previous week. That was up to 300 percent above normal for the region, the weather service said.

Smaller rivers in Southeast Missouri were running 100 to 150 percent above normal due to recent heavy rainfall.

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### Businesses host Princess Day

A royal procession of princesses held court at local businesses on Saturday, March 11, for Princess Day. Performers from Enchanted Characters of Southern Illinois portrayed a dozen of Disney's most famous characters at various locations in Anna and Jonesboro. Other familiar faces from pop culture fame were in attendance as well, including characters from video games and comic books. Elsa and Anna from the 2013 Disney film "Frozen" met with visiting princesses at Annabelle Market. Pictured, from left, Princess Bryn, Princess Anna, Princess Laetyn, Princess Elsa and Princess Caroline. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.



### World Kidney Day commemorated in Anna

World Kidney Day was commemorated Thursday, March 9. The Illinois Public Health Association, IHPA, hosted community health fair activities which included events at Shawnee Community College's extension center in Anna and at Union County Hospital in Anna. Community health workers supported by IHPA worked with the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois to bring their World Kidney Day to Southern Illinois for the first time. Visitors to the college extension center were greeted by an arch made of balloons in World Kidney Day colors.

Organizers reported that the event was slated to include health screenings for Alzheimer's disease, diabetes, vision and hearing and much more. World Kidney Day was held to celebrate kidney health and to promote awareness about kidney disease across the globe. Nearly 20 vendors planned to be in attendance for the event. Volunteers from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois were on hand to distribute food and produce boxes. Many of the items in the boxes could be used to prepare a dinner recipe provided by the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois.



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# Opinion and Commentary

## Letter to the editor

### AEEA grateful for support from parents, community

To the editor,

The Anna CCSD 37 Faculty and Staff Association, also known as the Anna Elementary Education Association, would like to thank all parents and individuals from our community for their continued support. In the past few months, there has been an increased level of attendance and a tremendous show of support at our School Board meetings.

In addition to the routine agenda of the Anna 37 School Board, there have recently been discussions regarding ongoing struggles faced by teachers and support staff as we work to negotiate a fair contract. Negotiations have been ongoing with the Anna 37 School Board since the spring of 2022. Teachers and support staff have worked without a contract all year, which in addition to other issues, has led to a significant decrease in staff morale throughout the District.

The Anna Elementary Education Association has been persistently working to make our District better for our students and community. Our dedication has not and will not waiver during times of unrest, and your continued support reminds each of us to hold our heads high, and continue to focus on the future.

During the April 4th election, community members will be presented with the opportunity to vote for school board members. The Anna Elementary Education Association would like the Anna community to know that with over 90 percent membership support, we have recently taken a Vote of No Confidence against the District Superintendent, Dr. Julie Bullard.

Many of you have heard through other means and have inquired with members, and we would like to take this opportunity to confirm the truth. Under Dr. Julie Bullard’s administration, our District’s faculty, staff and students have experienced ongoing unfair and divisive rule that has had a significant, negative impact on our school. Simply put, we do not have the confidence in our current District Superintendent, Dr. Julie Bullard.

Although the Association and Board have finally agreed on a contract, it was only after the Board excused Dr. Bullard from the negotiating process and a federal mediator became involved.

Our next School Board meeting is Monday, March 20, at 5:30 p.m. We invite you, your friends, and family to attend and help us continue to provide our youth with a safe, positive, and productive learning environment that will benefit our community for many years to come.

Signed, Jenny Hall, AEEA president

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## Jonesboro Grade School sets kindergarten screening

Jonesboro Grade School is planning to have kindergarten screening. The school shared an announcement about screening:

Jonesboro School has prepared a day of screening for the 2023-2024 incoming kindergarten students.

If you have a child who will be 5 years of age prior to Sept. 1, 2023, and lives in the Jonesboro School district, your child is eligible to enter kindergarten.

The screening date is Monday, April 17, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

This kindergarten screening is for incoming kindergarten students who do not currently attend Jonesboro pre-K or Jonesboro Head Start.

Students currently attending pre-K or Head Start at Jonesboro School will be screened during their school day.

The parents of these students will also need to register their child prior to beginning the 2023-2024 school year.

Please call the school office to schedule an appointment with secretaries Nancy Pind or Sara Poole. The school’s phone number is 833-5148.

Please make an appointment as soon as possible, to better accommodate your schedule. The entire process will take about one hour.

Please bring a copy of your child’s birth certificate. Further information regarding kindergarten screening can be found by contacting kindergarten teacher Susan Ramsey at sramsey@jonesboro43.com.

Please note that this process does not register your child for kindergarten at Jonesboro School.

You must return to register your child for the 2023-2024 school year.

Registration takes place over the summer break. At registration, you will need to provide two proofs of residency for your child to be enrolled at Jonesboro School.

Further information regarding valid proofs of residency will be available at registration.

Registration dates are to be determined, and will be posted on Jonesboro School’s Facebook page, and on the school’s website: jonesboro43.com. Children need not attend registration.

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## Corn hole, other events set at Anna VFW

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

A corn hole tournament is scheduled Thursday, today. Sign up starts at 6 p.m. Play begins at 6:30 p.m. Food will be available. No outside food or drinks are allowed. A Queen of Hearts drawing is planned at 7 p.m.

Star Karaoke is scheduled to be at the post to host a St. Patrick’s Day party from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, March 17.

The Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 and its Auxiliary plan to have monthly business meetings on Monday, March 20.

The Auxiliary is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m. A VFW post meeting is planned at 7 p.m. The VFW will have nomination of officers at the meeting.

# Please read this...

## Mother Nature is playing tricks on us...

By Geof Skinner

After getting home from another exciting day of editing copy, generating a couple of actual stories and taking a few photographs, I suggested to The Other Half on Monday evening that it might be good to check the calendar.

Given how some of the events of the day had unfolded, I was starting to think that April 1, also known as April Fool’s Day, had arrived a couple of weeks early.

She assured me that it’s still March...

...but I’m still a few doubts about that...

After all, Daylight Saving Time is here. That means it’s time for summer. Warm breezes while I’m sitting on the front porch. Humidity. Mosquitoes and other buzzing, irritating winged insects.

And there was another sign this week that it’s supposed to “warm.”

The U.S. Forest Service announced Monday that Snake Road near Wolf Lake would be closed starting March 15. The closing is scheduled to continue through May 15.

The road has been closed to allow snakes and amphibians to migrate from their winter habitat in limestone bluffs in the LaRue-Pine Hills area to their summer homes in the nearby LaRue Swamp. See. Snakes and amphibians think its supposed to be warm, too.

After finishing up at The Paragraph Factory on Monday, I headed home by way of the Anna City Park.

A high school baseball game was scheduled at the park Monday afternoon. I figured that since it felt like January, the game might not have been played.

Wrong.

The boys of summer were indeed playing some ball. I got out of the car and headed in the direction of Kiwanis Field, where the game was underway, with a goal of taking a few photographs of the action.

I immediately noticed a couple of things. The game was being played on a rather “brisk” March



Until spring “officially” arrives, maybe it will just be better to deal with the weather like these two Canada geese were doing in light rain which was falling Thursday afternoon, March 9, at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro.

afternoon, under a cloudy sky. Actually, it was just plain, old c-o-l-d.

Most noticeable, however, was the wind. Our new and ever-present friend. The wind blowing Monday afternoon was just gosh darn c-o-l-d, too. Hurt the photographer’s fingers while he’s trying to use his camera c-o-l-d. Why am I out here c-o-l-d?

Coats appeared to be much in fashion among the hardy fans who were brave enough to watch the game. Coats. Baseball. Just didn’t seem right.

Well, I took photographs until my fingers stopped functioning. I headed back to the car and plugged frozen digits into the defrost.

By the time I got home, all of my finger seemed to be functioning properly once again. I used them to check out weather conditions with a search on my trusty, but aging, laptop.

The website for the National Weather Service office in Paducah showed that at about the time I was at the ball game at the park in Anna, the temperature was a balmy 34 degrees. And with the March breeze that was blowing, the wind chill was 26 degrees.

Baseball. 34 degrees. Wind chill of 26 degrees.

You see why I thought Mother Nature might have been playing an April Fool’s Day trick on us.

And to make matters a bit more confusing, there are flowers everywhere.

Mother Nature might not be done with us, either.

Widespread frost and a low temperature around 26 were in the forecast for Tuesday night.

We get a bit of a break today, when the high is expected to be around 61, which will seem almost hot.

Come Friday, and it gets cold again, with a low around 26. Things get even “funner” Saturday night,

when the low is going to be around 23, followed by a low around 25 Sunday.

Oh, almost forgot to mention the winds...

Gusts up to around 39 miles per hour today, 33 miles per hour on Friday, 31 miles per hour on Saturday and just 20 miles per hour on Sunday.

I know...it’s pretty much pointless to whine about the weather. At least we’re not having to deal with 12 feet of snow and atmospheric rivers.

I’m going to take heart. Spring starts next week. Things will be better. Right?



Yup...another pic of a pileated woodpecker. The photographer just finds them to be fascinating birds. This one was seen last week in Union County.

## Infestations of invasive garlic mustard take away light, water, nutrients from native plants

URBANA – Every spring, early blooming ephemeral flowers are a welcome sign from nature that winter is almost over.

But Virginia bluebells, mayapples, spring beauties and other native plants are fighting invasive species for a place in Illinois forests.

Forest owners, land managers and natural area visitors can help. Now is the time to scout for and remove garlic mustard.

“Garlic mustard is a high-priority invasive species for Illinois,” says Christopher Evans, a research and forest specialist with University of Illinois Extension. “Large infestations limit the growth and productivity of native plants and threaten the long-term health of forests.”

Garlic mustard’s early spring growth can quickly take over the forest understory becoming a monoculture in a few years.

Infestations take away light, water and nutrients from native plants, which threatens the insects and wildlife that rely on them.

Large populations reduce the ability to experience wildflowers, watch birds, harvest timber, hunt and spend time in healthy forests now and in the future.

“The best way to manage garlic mustard is to keep it out of your forest,” Evans says. “Large infestations take a lot of time and effort to control but catching plants before they spread is the easiest way to keep your forest healthy.”

Prevention methods include cleaning boots, tires and horse hooves to remove seeds after visiting an area.

Monitor for garlic mustard plants every spring along forest edges, creeks, trails and in disturbed areas.

Mark the location with a flag or mapping app to relocate it later.

Landowners can discuss their concerns about invasives with neighbors and plan to work together to manage them.

Garlic mustard plants are easiest to identify and remove when they flower, which starts in late February downstate and in mid-

April in Northern Illinois.

The flowering stalk is one to four feet tall with triangular, toothed-edged leaves and its small flowers have four white petals.

Those visiting recreational nature areas are asked to report sightings to staff and with the EDDMaps app or online at [www.eddmaps.org](http://www.eddmaps.org).

For those who have garlic mustard, Evans says there is a six- to eight-week window in spring to remove plants before they produce seeds

and spread further.

Removing garlic mustard is a multi-year process and control options include mowing, cutting, hand pulling, prescribed burns and herbicides.

An Extension educator can be consulted before starting to develop a strategic plan.

Help with garlic mustard identification, removal options and consultation with an Extension educator are available online at [go.illinois.edu/GarlicMustard](http://go.illinois.edu/GarlicMustard).

## Cobden church serves fish fries

Fish fries are planned during Lent at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cobden.

The church is located at 101 Centennial St. Fish fries will be served in the church’s parish hall.

Fish fries are scheduled to be served on the following Fridays: March 17, March 24, March 31. Serving is planned from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. each week.

The menu will feature fried fish, baked fish, baked beans, french fries, fried squash, cucumber salad, cole slaw, dessert and a drink. Carry outs will be

available.

Costs are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children ages 5 to 10. Children 4 and under are free.

Raffles are planned in conjunction with the fish fries.

A 50/50 raffle will be held each week. The winner will be drawn at 7 p.m.

A raffle for a spring time basket also is planned. The winner will be drawn on March 31.

Tickets for each raffle are \$1 apiece, or six for \$5. Ticket buyers do not need to be present to win.

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




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## Strep cases increasing

The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, on Friday, March 10, announced the CDC was reporting 26 counties in the state were at medium community level for COVID-19 last week, compared to 14 a week earlier.

No counties were reported at high level, compared to four the previous week.

Union, Alexander and Pulaski counties each were at a low community level.

Jackson, Williamson, Johnson and Massac counties each were at a medium level.

## Weather

Chilly temperatures, light rain and even some sleet highlighted weather in the Union County area during the period of March 7-13.

High temperatures during the period ranged from 38 to 53 degrees. The low was 31.

Precipitation included a trace of rain on March 8, .05 of an inch of rain on March 9, .13 of an inch of rain on March 11 and .01 of an inch of rain on March 12. Sleet was recorded on March 11.

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

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Tuesday, March 7	53	43
Wednesday, March 8	52	44
Thursday, March 9	52	44
Friday, March 10	51	32
Saturday, March 11	48	32
Sunday, March 12	49	34
Monday, March 13	38	31

An IDPH update last week showed that Union County had one new COVID-19-related death. The county has had 70 total deaths since the start of the pandemic. The last time a new death was reported was in early January.

As of March 8, IDPH statistics showed that Union County had recorded a total of 6,858 COVID-19 cases since the start of the pandemic.

As of Friday, IDPH had recorded a total of 4,083,292 cases and 36,431 deaths, in 102 counties in Illinois since the beginning of the pandemic.

The department reported 10,320 new confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in Illinois in the week ending March 5, and 45 deaths.

IDPH director Dr. Sameer Vohra warned that cases of group A strep throat leading to severe complications are on the rise in Illinois, with more cases reported in 2023 than in any of the past five years.

**Union County COVID Update**  
**March 8: 6,858 total cases. 70 deaths.**  
**March 1: 6,852 total cases. 69 deaths.**  
**Feb. 9: 6,826 total cases. 69 deaths.**  
**Jan. 29: 6,813 total cases. 69 deaths.**  
**Jan. 4, 2023: 6,712 total cases. 69 deaths.**  
**Source: Illinois Department of Public Health website. Numbers represent statistics since the start of the pandemic.**

## News Notes

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Jacob Stamp of Anna had an appearance as “Zaago Von-Schlitz” Saturday, March 4, on MeTV’s “Svengoolie” show. Stamp submitted a video as part of a “Spawn of Svengoolie” promotion.

Due to scheduling issues, the City of Anna’s Independence Day celebration, including fireworks, is planned on Saturday, July 1.

The Anna Kiwanis Club’s annual Easter egg hunt at the Anna City Park is set for April 1. The rain date is April 8.

Planning is in process for relocation of a helicopter landing pad now located in the vicinity of Union County Hospital and Rural Health Inc. in Anna. The process will include a public hearing.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School is proud of its three state math team qualifiers: TJ Taylor in Algebra 1, Eric Chen in Algebra 2 and junior/senior two man competition and Jessi Sartin in junior/senior two man competition. State competition is scheduled in late April.

A meet the candidates for the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School District No. 81 Board of Education public forum is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, today. The event will be in the media center at A-JCHS.

An annual Union County Proclamation Day event is planned in commemoration of April’s observance of Child Abuse Prevention Month. Proclamation Day is set for 9 a.m. on April 3 at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Reminder: PAST is plan-

ning to host a soup and chili supper and dessert auction starting at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, March 17, at historic St. Anne’s Church in Anna. March 17 is St. Patrick’s Day.

Make plans to attend “The Wizard of Oz” at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. Performances are set for 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

An “interactive night” event with a movies theme is planned in support of the Cobden High School Marching Appleknockers band Saturday, March 18, in Cobden. The event is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.

Youth Arts Month is being celebrated in March in the Cobden School District through an after-school art program which is part of a Foreground Rural Arts Initiative through the Illinois Humanities Council in partnership with Artspace 304 in Carbondale.

On March 6-7, Shawnee Community College held NARCAN training for its staff at its Ullin Campus. The training was conducted by Bobi Cavins, emergency preparedness coordinator at Southern 7 Health Department.

The Shawnee School District is hosting junior high volleyball regionals this week.

Clean up work is scheduled to begin March 27 at the Jonesboro Cemetery. The city notes that arrangements, grave blankets and miscellaneous items left on the ground will be picked up.

## Legislation addresses food deserts in Illinois rural areas

A Southern Illinois legislator has advanced a new bill which he said is aimed at improving access to nutritious foods in rural food deserts.

“Well-stocked grocery stores can be hard to find in parts of Southern Illinois due to the rural nature of the region,” State Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg, said in a news release.

“It’s important we address the issue so residents don’t have to drive hours to the nearest supermarket to find nutritious foods.”

Senate Bill 1360 would create a program in which the Illinois Department of Agriculture would establish and operate projects

and strategies that focus on the distribution of fresh and nutritious food while providing education in food preparation and nutrition in food deserts.

“This bill is critical to rural communities especially across the 59th District and as a state legislator it’s my duty to provide and promote access to state resources like the Department of Ag to serve as a tool in this case for food deserts across the state and Southern Illinois.”

The bill passed the Senate Agriculture Committee on Thursday, March 9, and headed to the full Senate for consideration.

## Spring flood update

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The Ohio River was running 150 to 180 percent above normal.

Mississippi River flows had increased significantly and were above normal.

Soil moisture conditions were near normal across Southern Illinois and Western Kentucky and were above normal across Southeast Missouri.

Numerous winter storm systems have affected the upper portions of the Mississippi River basin over the past few weeks. Snow water amounts of 4 to 6 inches exist. Minimal melt is expected in the coming weeks.

There was no significant snow in the Ohio River Valley.

## Property taxes, animal control discussed at board meeting

An update about property taxes and an animal control project were shared at last Friday morning’s regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners.

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

The county is planning to advertise a request for qualifications for architectural/engineering services in conjunction with plans for the development of a new animal control shelter.

Qualifications are to be submitted by 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, to the Union County clerk. The county’s current animal control shelter is located along Kaolin Road, between Anna and Cobden.

The county’s animal control program administrator, Katelan Webb, was praised at Friday morning’s meeting for work she had done to round up and return three horses which had gotten loose recently in the Buncombe area. Webb rode one of the horses bareback as part of the effort.

“We’ve got a good staff,”

“Given all these factors, flood risk is normal across the region,” the weather service stated on March 9.

“Flooding through the spring for most of the area will be mainly dependent on the track of spring storm systems. Flooding along the Mississippi River will also be affected by snow melt from the upper parts of the basin during the outlook period.”

The outlook for March calls for above normal chances for precipitation across the region, the weather service reported. Normal precipitation for March is between 4 and 4 1/2 inches.

The outlook for March through May calls for above normal precipitation.

commissioner Kent Pitts said about the animal control program.

Union County Clerk Lance Meisenheimer said it is hoped that this year’s property tax bills will be ready for mailing by June.

Reappointments of Larry Hale, Rick Lingle and Greg Robertson to the Alto Pass Water District Board were approved at Friday’s meeting.

## Genealogical society to meet

The Johnson County Genealogical and Historical Society plans to meet Sunday afternoon, March 19, in Vienna. The meeting is set to begin at 2:30 p.m. in the meeting room at the Vienna Public Library. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Ed Annable is scheduled to present the program. Annable will share information from his new book, “Paradise.” He plans to talk about how people can write their own history.

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**Over the rainbow...**  
The cast and crew are busy at work preparing for this year's Anna-Jonesboro Community High School spring musical, "The Wizard of Oz," with performances set for this weekend. A-J student Sophia Dudley, who will star as Dorothy, is pictured at rehearsal on Monday with her Toto stand in. Three performances of the show are planned, with evening shows on Friday, March 17, and Saturday, March 18, at 7 p.m., as well as an afternoon performance on Sunday, March 19, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students.

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# Warm Soles, New Hope Campaign will provide shoes for children

For more than a decade, WIBH Radio in Anna has raised awareness of child abuse and neglect in the Southern Illinois region.

Since 2011, the local radio station has partnered with area child service agencies to raise funds to buy new coats through its New Coats, New Hope Campaign.

In April 2022, as part of Child Abuse Prevention Month, the station continued its mission with the then newly formed WIBH Warm Soles, New Hope Campaign to provide new shoes for children in need. The station is planning for this effort again in 2023.

Like the coats, the shoes, sizes 6 toddler to 4 kids, will be purchased through the nonprofit organization Operation Warm, through its Warm Soles program.

Since the program began in 2020, more than 30,000 pairs of shoes have been distributed in the United States

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

As with the coat campaign, shoes will be distributed through the Children's Medical and Mental Health Resource Network, CMMHRN, in Anna, Arrowleaf in Vienna and all Southern 7 Head Start locations to kids affected by abuse, neglect, disaster and family need. No paperwork or proof of income is required to receive a pair of shoes.

Nearly 20 percent of Southern Illinois children live in poverty and shoes that fit well are an essential item every day.

"We are fortunate to live in a community that cares about the needs of others," said Moury Bass, co-owner of WIBH, in a news release. "That's why we are using the voice of WIBH radio to let our listeners know that there are children in Southern Illinois who need new shoes."

The campaign's goal for 2023 is 500 pairs of shoes. Last year, 480 pairs of shoes were purchased.

Sponsorship of a pair of shoes is \$15, but any monetary contribution is appreciated.

Donations by check or money order must be made payable to Operation Warm. Donations can be sent to WIBH Radio, 330 S. Main St., Anna, Ill. 62906 or made online at [www.operationwarm.org/wibh](http://www.operationwarm.org/wibh). The deadline to donate is May 12.

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# Shawnee Hills Arts Council, PAST plan to present Civil War Weekend

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council and the PAST organization of Union County are announcing plans for an upcoming Civil War Weekend.

Activities are planned March 24-26 in Anna and Jonesboro.

Civil War Weekend events are scheduled at the Anna Arts Center and at PAST's Heritage House in Jonesboro.

**Blue and Gray Dinner**  
A Blue and Gray Dinner is planned Friday, March 24. The dinner begins at 6 p.m.

The guest speaker is scheduled to be Seth Graves, who will portray D.L. Moody, a member of the United States Christian Commission during the Civil War.

The arts council shared that "Seth has always had a passion for history since a young age. It was instilled in him from his parents when he was a young boy by visiting famous battlefields and historic homes on family vacations."

Graves taught junior high school social studies at Pope County Elementary School, where he won the 2012 Charles Schweizer Illinois History Teacher of the Year award that was presented by the Sons of the American Revolution.

He has served for the past three years as principal at Pope County High School.

When he is not at work, Graves enjoys recreating historical personas from the 1750s on up into the American Civil War.

The Kitchen on Lafayette is catering the Blue and Gray Dinner. Tickets are \$25. Those who want to attend are asked to RSVP no later than March 21 by emailing [vabchlee@gmail.com](mailto:vabchlee@gmail.com) or calling Lee's cell 1-904-625-1109.

**Saturday Events**  
Speakers and exhibits are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at the arts center, which is located at 125 W. Davie St. in Anna. All of the day's activities are free.

Exhibits are scheduled to include Civil War era guns and memorabilia. Children's activities also are planned.

The schedule for guest speakers includes:

9 a.m. Robert Weeks, retired Southern Illinois University Carbondale professor and founding member of the Cape Civil War Roundtable. His presentation is titled "Ride, Forrest, Ride," which will be about the life of Confederate Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest.

10:15 a.m. Tony Fleege, program director and professor of mortuary science and funeral services. His presentation is titled "The Funerals of Lincoln and Jefferson Davis."

11:30 a.m. Dr. Larry Peterson, who currently serves on the Illinois Community College Board and was the sixth president of Shawnee Community College. His presentation is titled "Lincoln Visits Richmond."

12:45 p.m. Darrel Dex-

delivery or pickup.

Operation Warm is a national nonprofit that creates new, high-quality coats and shoes for children in need that partners with individuals and organizations across the United States to give a gift of warmth, confidence and hope to millions of children in need.

For more information about this year's WIBH Warm Soles, New Hope Campaign, contact Moury Bass at WIBH at 833-9424 or Shawna Rhine at Southern 7 Head Start at 618-634-2297, extension 9161, or visit the WIBH Warm Soles, New Hope Campaign on Facebook. To learn more about Operation Warm, visit [operationwarm.org](http://operationwarm.org).

ter, Southern Illinois historian and author. His presentation is titled ""Stephen A. Douglas's Forgotten Visit to Jonesboro."

**PAST Open House**  
PAST plans to host an open house from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 26, at its Heritage House in Jonesboro. Heritage House is located at 102 S. Main St.

Local historian Pat Brumleve is scheduled to speak at 2 p.m. about John A. Logan's story and will show memorabilia he has collected.

Doors are scheduled to open at 1:30 p.m. for tours of Heritage House. Admission is free, but donations are welcome.

For more information about the Civil War Weekend, contact Lee Hackney by email at [vabchlee@gmail.com](mailto:vabchlee@gmail.com) or by cell phone at 1-904-625-1109.

# Lawyer in Library program set at Stinson

Stinson Memorial Public Library plans to offer a Lawyer in the Library program from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 18. The library is located at 409 S. Main St. in Anna.

The Lawyer in the Library program offers an opportunity for self-represented litigants to sit down with attorney Gene Turk for a private, one-on-one, 20-minute question and answer session about their legal situation. There is no fee.

Those who want to participate in the program are asked to preregister with a library staff member at the main floor circulation desk.

Litigants are asked to bring any paperwork pertaining to their legal question or situation, if applicable.

For more information about the program, or to preregister, call library director Sarah Watkins or any staff member at the Stinson Memorial Public Library at 833-2521.

Organizers voiced appreciation to the following people:

First Judicial Circuit Chief Judge William J. Thurston and Union County Presiding Judge Timothy D. Denny for their support of the program.

Attorney Gene Turk for his local coordination of the service to the community and offering services without fees.

Library director Sarah Watkins for her support of the program which is aimed at helping patrons with legal situations.

Daniel Droge and additional library staff members for their help in making the program run smoothly and successfully.

The Lawyer in the Library was initially launched with a Self-Represented Litigant Coordinator Grant through Access to Justice Division, Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, Brenda Sprague, coordinator, Office of the Chief Judge, First Judicial Circuit.

The program continues with attorney Gene Turk volunteering his services to coordinate with the library.

# Lawyer in Courthouse session set

Those in need of help with answering legal questions are invited to attend a free Lawyer in the Courthouse event which is planned March 24 at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

The event is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon in the community room at the courthouse, which is located at 309 W. Market St.

Lawyer in the Courthouse is being presented by the Union County circuit clerk's office in coordination with the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Access to Justice.

To reserve a spot, call 833-5913, option 3, or email [circuitclerk@union-countyil.gov](mailto:circuitclerk@union-countyil.gov).

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# Illinois to relocate at least half of current residents at Choate

Officials acknowledged that news reporting had put a spotlight on conditions at facility plagued by abuse, cover-ups

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The Illinois Department of Human Services plans to dramatically reduce the number of patients with developmental disabilities who live at the embattled state-run Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center.

In an exclusive interview before an expected Wednesday announcement, IDHS Secretary Grace Hou outlined a “repurposing and restructuring” of Choate, located in rural Anna, about 120 miles southeast of St. Louis. That process will start with the relocation of 123 residents with developmental disabilities who entered the facility voluntarily – roughly half the current population.

In a separate interview with reporters, Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker said that IDHS has been working on improvements at Choate since he first took office in January 2019. But he said “it became clear, I would say certainly over the last year – and, in part, because of your reporting – that there were more significant changes that needed to be made.”

The announcement – which the governor’s office billed as a “transformational” behavioral health initiative in southern Illinois – comes after months of reporting by Capitol News Illinois, Lee Enterprises and ProPublica that detailed the beatings of patients, a concerted effort by some staff members to cover up abuse and serious neglect, the intimidation of employees who reported it and the attempt to coerce new employees into participating in the abuse or being silent about it. Local prosecutors have filed felony charges against at least 49 people, both residents and employees, since 2015, a review of court records by reporters showed.

Hou also said the reporting played into the timing of the announcement because it has “brought a lot of this to light and I think forced the conversation into the public discourse.”

The agency will help residents relocate from Choate, and it will give them two to three years to move, Hou said. She said some will likely move into state-supported centers and others will go to community settings.

IDHS will also develop a plan for an additional 112 residents with developmental disabilities who currently live in its so-called specialty units, Hou said. The group includes some people who were sent to Choate by a criminal court judge after they were found unfit to stand trial or not guilty by reason of insanity. Hou said that the state is likely to move a “significant portion” of those residents, but that the agency does not want to rush the decision before it is able to determine “what capacity we have to serve those individuals in a different setting.”

In the interviews and news release, Hou, IDHS

and the governor’s office did not label their plans for Choate as a closure, and no layoffs were included in the announcement. The facility’s 49-bed psychiatric hospital will remain open and may expand, Hou said. They’ve tapped the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine to determine the best path forward for the institution.

The restructuring of Choate, she said, is part of a broader goal for Illinois to expand services for people with developmental disabilities who are receiving state funding and want to live in the community; the aim is ultimately to reduce the number of people living at its seven developmental centers.

Advocacy and legal organizations that represent people with disabilities have long criticized the state for its heavy reliance on large public and private institutions to house people with disabilities, and for its lack of adequate funding for community-based options such as group homes or supports to keep people at home with loved ones.

Spurred by a slew of lawsuits across the country, states have reduced the number of people with developmental disabilities in state-operated institutions by more than 90% over the past half century, according to a 2022 study by the University of Minnesota. As of 2018, only four states – Illinois, Texas, North Carolina and New Jersey – had 1,000 or more state-operated beds open, the Minnesota study found.

Closures of large institutions accelerated with the U.S. Supreme Court’s 1999 Olmstead decision, which found it unconstitutional to segregate people with disabilities from the rest of society. Seventeen states no longer operate developmental centers at all, and others have dramatically reduced the number of beds they operate.

Illinois has shuttered some of its large institutions over the past two decades, but it has been slow to transition compared with other states. It houses more people with developmental disabilities in large institutions and spends more to operate those institutions relative to statewide personal income than almost every other state in the nation, according to a review of data compiled by researchers with the University of Kansas. The number of people, nearly 15,000, on its waitlist for community-based services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities is one of the largest in the country.

In addition, a 2005 lawsuit brought on behalf of residents living in large privately operated state-funded centers argued the state had failed to live up to the mandates of Olmstead. As a result, Illinois currently operates under the terms of a federal consent decree to ensure that people with developmental disabilities get sufficient support from the state in their homes and community settings.

Hou said this week that when Pritzker appointed her to lead IDHS after he took office in 2019, the state’s poor record was common knowledge. “I think all of us leaders knew that Illinois was a laggard as it relates to prioritizing community-based care,”

she said.

But Hou said that back then, the provider network that serves people in the community was not in a place to handle a large influx of people. Then COVID-19 hit the following year, putting significant changes on hold. “We’ve taken the opportunity over the course of the past four years to build up the community-based system,” she said, including increasing pay for direct service professionals, the front-line caretakers.

Hou said the state has made significant new investments in its community-based system since Pritzker took office, but it has so far failed to make the improvements needed to bring the consent decree to a close.

Pritzker, who just won a second term, has faced numerous challenges with the large state agencies that provide social and human services. Advocates for people with disabilities have praised the administration’s expansion of services, but they argued it hasn’t been enough to correct decades-old problems. Pritzker said the budget crisis under his predecessor “hollowed out” social service agencies; the pandemic further caused a labor shortage, he said.

“Rebuilding takes time, and we’re proud of the progress that we’ve made so far,” he said.

The plan Hou put forth also signaled changes for all state-operated developmental centers, including safety enhancements, and expanding support for community-based living.

The agency also created a new position of chief resident safety officer to oversee security at all residential centers. Ryan Thomas, a former compliance officer for a Chicago community health organization, will fill that role. In addition, the agency announced it would be adding 10 investigators to its Office of Inspector General, which investigates allegations of patient maltreatment.

This week’s decision to repurpose Choate “advances the State’s commitment to equity and the civil rights of people with disabilities,” IDHS said in its news release about its planned announcement. “It also reflects the State’s legal duty to ensure residents with disabilities have a full opportunity to live in the least restrictive environment of their choosing.”

In its news release, IDHS noted that Choate had been heavily scrutinized by state and federal overseers, as well as Equip for Equality, a legal advocacy organization appointed to monitor conditions inside Choate, for at least the past 20 years.

In a 2005 report, Equip for Equality detailed cases of patient abuse and neglect, poor medical and mental health care and an excessive use of restraints; it said that an “archaic system” had resulted in “tragic consequences for people with disabilities.” A U.S. Justice Department investigation had similar findings in a report four years later. At the time, IDHS promised to improve conditions, but the news organizations’ reporting uncovered that strikingly similar patient mistreatment and poor care persisted long after the Justice Department closed its case in 2013.

Past governors have closed facilities, but Illinois has a poor record when it comes to ensuring that the community-based system has the proper oversight and staffing to provide safe care for those who move. In 2011, then-Gov. Pat Quinn, a Democrat, announced plans to close several state-operated facilities under a plan he called a “rebalancing initiative.” Those included Jacksonville Developmental Center, about 35 miles southwest of the capital, Springfield, and the Warren G. Murray Developmental Center in the southern Illinois city of Centralia.

Some residents moved out of Murray, but ultimately it was not closed after parents, the union and local leaders opposed the plan

and Quinn lost his reelection bid. Jacksonville was. Four years later, a Chicago Tribune investigation documented the state’s botched transition efforts, resulting in horrifying mistreatment and tragic deaths across the state.

Hou, in the interview, acknowledged the difficulty of closing facilities. “The one thing that is common throughout those closures is that it tears communities apart. And it pits people against each other,” she said, adding that it was her hope to avoid past mistakes.

Hou also said there would be no change in the administration at Choate. Bryant Davis, the facility manager, and Gary Goins, the quality manager, were both indicted by a Union County grand jury in 2021

## Surprise, unanswered questions after Choate changes announced

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SPRINGFIELD – Families of patients at Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna, along with workers and community leaders, reacted with concern after the state’s announcement last week that it plans to relocate more than 120 residents from the troubled state-run facility in Southern Illinois.

Rita Burke, whose 53-year-old son has lived at Choate for more than 30 years, said Illinois Department of Human Services Secretary Grace Hou and two other senior state officials called her on Saturday, evening, March 4, to inform her of their plans.

Burke said she was shocked because Ryan Croke, a senior official in Gov. J.B. Pritzker’s office who was on the call, had previously given her assurances that Choate would not close, and never suggested that large numbers of residents would be forced to leave, she said.

“We are devastated and so disappointed. It seems to us that DHS and the governor’s office are pushing our loved ones out of their homes of many, many years,” said Burke, who is also president of the Friends of Choate parents association.

(Asked about Croke’s prior characterization of the administration’s plans, a spokesperson for the governor’s office reiterated that Choate is “not closing” and said it expects to continue a “productive relationship” with families and guardians during the transition.)

She moved to Southern Illinois from Georgia with her husband and other children in 1990 because her son was unable to access adequate adult disability services in their home state. Now, she’s again left wondering about the future of his care.

For people like her son, changes in routine can be extremely disruptive and affect their ability to function, she said. “They can’t be moved like puzzle pieces,” she said. “They’re human beings. I think we need to put the ‘human’ back into the Department of Human Services.”

Burke, a former chair of an IDHS board that reviews internal abuse and neglect investigative reports, said she visits the facility often and maintains that it is safe.

In 2017, a Choate employee punched her son so hard that it broke two

of his ribs. But Burke said the fact that the employee was swiftly arrested and charged, and later pleaded guilty to misdemeanor battery, showed that the oversight system worked. The employee was fired and barred from working in a health care setting.

In interviews with reporters in advance of the Wednesday, March 8, announcement, Pritzker and Hou stressed that they are not closing Choate, instead billing the change as a “repurposing and restructuring” of the facility that opened in rural Anna in 1873.

In addition to immediate plans to begin the process of moving 123 residents out, the state will work with the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine to determine a plan for another 112 individuals who live in “specialty” units. The state expects to keep a 49-bed psychiatric hospital on the grounds open, and may expand it, Hou said.

Pritzker and Hou were not specific about where residents would go, other than to say they’d have the option to move into other state-operated developmental centers or community settings.

Hou and Pritzker said the changes reflect the administration’s desire to reduce the population at its state-operated centers and invest more heavily in community living options. The changes, they said, were also spurred in part by reporting on egregious cases of abuse, neglect and attempts to cover up mistreatment by staff. Those revelations were brought to light by an ongoing news investigation by Lee Enterprises, Capitol News Illinois and ProPublica.

Terri Bryant, a Republican from Murphysboro whose district neighbors Choate, said she believed the Pritzker administration’s plan is shortsighted and lacking in concrete details. In a call with reporters on Wednesday, March 8, she accused the governor of taking the “lazy-man’s route” to fixing safety and workforce issues raised in news reports.

“They’ve wrapped this in a pretty red ribbon so the locals don’t throw a fight about closure when in reality they’re moving the most vulnerable members of our society two hours away, at a minimum,” Bryant said.

During a Wednesday, March 8, news conference, Pritzker told reporters IDHS was making reforms to ensure patient safety, but “this is something that you can’t snap your fingers and fix.”

In time, Pritzker said, it

on charges of felony official misconduct in connection with a patient abuse case. After the charges were issued, they were relieved of their duties at the facility. They pleaded not guilty, the charges were later dismissed and they returned to work.

“We’ve weighed a lot of different perspectives, but I think we need a leader who knows Choate inside and out, who has relationships with the residents and the parents and the staff to lead us through this challenging transition. I think to put someone new in there, I think would be very disruptive and even further unsettling,” Hou said.

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(Editor’s note: this article was received on Tuesday, March 7.)

became clear that efforts to change the conditions at Choate weren’t enough.

“We are at a point today where all of those things weren’t working to the degree we wanted them to, so today we are making transformational changes,” he said.

Other Southern Illinois lawmakers are taking a wait-and-see approach.

Rep. Paul Jacobs, a Republican from Pomona, a small town 15 miles north of Anna, said his primary worry was that the governor would seek a full closure of the facility. Jacobs and Bryant joined their 57 GOP colleagues in the House and Senate in calling for legislative hearings on Choate late last month. At the time, he and others demanded that IDHS take steps to fix issues while ensuring that the facility remained open.

“They’ve come up with a plan that will transform it, and I think it might be a good plan,” Jacobs said.

Likewise, Sen. Julie Morrison, a Democrat from upstate Lake Forest who chairs the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, called it a “good start.” She added that it is “vital immediate action is taken to double down on safety precautions” at the same time people are transitioning out of the facility.

Advocates for people with disabilities applauded the governor’s decision.

Stacey Aschemann, a vice president with Equip for Equality, a legal aid organization that is appointed to monitor conditions at Choate, said the organization is “thrilled” that the majority of residents with developmental disabilities will no longer live there. But she said she is concerned about the safety of people who will remain there in units kept open or while awaiting a transition.

“Many of the recent news stories are about incidents that happened a year or more ago,” Aschemann said. “Based on our recent monitoring, we can say without a doubt that these continue to be ongoing issues.”

Union groups expressed alarm about what the decision means for workers. Pritzker told reporters on Tuesday that no layoffs are included in the plan.

But AFSCME Council 31 president Roberta Lynch, whose union represents many of the rank-and-file Choate employees, said in a statement that the union is “extremely concerned” about the fate of Choate residents and employees.

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## Choate Center reaction

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Rick Loza, a specialist with the Illinois Nurses Association which represents nurses employed by IDHS and at Choate, said in an interview that “a few bad apples” were to blame for the abuse cases at Choate that have drawn headlines. The union on Wednesday, March 8, filed a “demand to negotiate” with

the administration based on concerns about future job losses, Loza said.

Local elected officials in and near Anna also were critical of the plan.

“I am encouraged that the closure rumors had been put to rest, but I remain concerned about the future of the facility,” said Union County Board of Commissioners chairman Max

Miller.

The stories of abuse and neglect detailed in the news accounts weren’t a surprise to him, Miller said. He blamed the abuse on employees from outside of Union County.

“There are so many people working there now that aren’t local. That job is just a paycheck to them,” Miller said.

Anna Mayor Steve Hartline, the former chief of security at Choate for 20 years, declined to comment.

Some with close ties to Choate said they didn’t think the governor’s plan goes far enough to keep residents safe.

Lutrice Williams, who lived at Choate for about four years until her discharge in 2020, said she

was abused during her time there and didn’t get the level of care she needed. In February, an employee pleaded guilty to whipping her repeatedly with a belt in 2020.

“It’s not happening in just one unit,” she said of the abuse of patients. “You know the saying, ‘no child left behind’ – if you go, we all go. That’s how it should

be.”

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# The Big Eight

The director of two community economic development associations in Utah compiled the following tongue-in-cheek list of sure fire ways to "Ruin Your Town":

1. Stay away from town meetings and be sure to criticize the way things run. You don't have to be there to know that somebody else is not doing it right.

2. Complain bitterly about the climate. Dwell on cold winters, the hot summers and the generally tough conditions for the people who live here. Let the world know that this is the last place anybody would want to live and work.

3. Knock your city and county governments. Spread the word about the stupidity of your elected officials. After all, they are all just out to get you anyway.

4. Don't buy anything locally. Use discount stores in the city and direct mail catalogs for all of your purchases. It's a lot more important to save a buck than to save your local merchant.

5. Snipe at the local newspaper. Tell anyone who will listen that those media people are just no good and that they never print the news you want to read.

6. Boycott community events. Tell yourself and anyone else that it's not your job to show up for ball games, concerts and school programs. Who really cares if anyone participates in those things?

7. Be more negative. Everybody knows that all kids are delinquents, all business people are crooks and all public officials are just looking out for themselves. Try to get in as many bad remarks about the town as possible.

8. Be skeptical, cynical and critical about anything designed for the community's progress and betterment and do it as loudly as possible. Blame progress for every difficulty, economic development for changing things from the way they were in the good old days, and disagree with anything that makes things different in your town.

Most people interact with 10 or more people every day of their lives. That's 310 individuals this month alone. Think of the good you could do by keeping a more positive attitude when talking about your community.

# Sports

## A-J/Cobden girls' soccer team set to open season

Anna-Jonesboro/Cobden co-op high school girls' soccer team head coach Mark Boomer has a mix of experienced and younger players on his squad for this spring's season.

"We have a lot of returning players coming back from last year's 10-9 team," Boomer said. "They are helping out with our younger girls."

The starters who are returning include defender Madre Robinson, the lone senior, and juniors midfielder Alex Keller, goal keeper Hannah Webb and forward Riley Cruse.

Other juniors are midfielders Torie Ralls and Alyson Hasty, forward Payton Brust and defender Lakelyn

Carter.

Sophomores include defenders Savanah Smith and Brooklynn Eastman, midfielder Kenzie Stover, midfielder/forward Katelynne Heinrichs and forward Zoe Sadler.

Freshmen are defender/goal keeper Ana Kerr and defender Alyssa Fabian.

A-J/Cobden is scheduled to open its season Thursday, today, at Mt. Carmel.

A-J/Cobden is set to play its first home game of the season on Monday, March 20, against Sikeston, Mo.

Home games for the team will be played at the Derek Harvell Memorial Field along Brady Mill Road in Anna.

## Youth soccer team created for special needs athletes

A new youth soccer program in Union County has been created to accommodate children with physical and developmental abilities, as well as players who are more comfortable participating on a less com-

## Basketball players honored

Players from Union County high school boys' and girls' basketball teams have earned postseason honors.

Cobden High School's Tyler Franklin earned South Egyptian Conference first team all-conference honors.

Franklin finished the 2022-2023 season scoring 903 points, averaging 29.1 points and 12.2 rebounds a game for the Appleknockers. He also was named to the Class 1A Illinois All-State basketball first team.

Also in the South Egyptian Conference, Shawnee High School's Brody Wills was named to the boys' second team.

Cobden High School's Natalie Franklin made the girls' first team.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School's Dylan Harvel was named to the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division all-conference boys' basketball team.

## A-J softball team opens with win

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School softball team kicked off its season with a big win at home against Egyptian High School on Monday, March 13. The Lady Wildcats shut out Egyptian 16-0 in a non-conference game.

A-J freshman Kansas Craig led the team in batting, going 3 for 3 with a home run. Avery Osman also contributed a home run, going 1 for 4 at the plate.

Jayda Shepard and Hallie Plott each went 2 for 2 for the Lady Wildcats. Ariana Turner went 2 for 3. Shea Thorn and Olivia Schaefer both earned a hit a piece.

Pitchers Ruby Yates and Chesnee Marks each pitched 2 shutout innings, with Yates earning the win. Marks gave up only 1 hit with no walks and 2 strikeouts. Yates kept the bases clear both innings, allowing no hits, no runs and no walks to go with 6 strikeouts.

The Lady Wildcats are scheduled to play next at home Thursday, today, against Johnston City at 4:30 p.m.

## River-to-River Trail Society plans hike

The River-to-River Trail Society plans to sponsor a hike on March 25.

The hike is planned on the Benham Hill Trailhead to One Horse Gap in Pope County. The hike is free and open to the public.

The trail society said the hike will be one of moderate difficulty, 5.6 miles in length, with four hours of hiking time. This will be a loop hike.

The trail society advised that the leader of the hike can be contacted by phone at 618-694-7034 for more information.

Hikers are advised to meet at 10 a.m. at the Benham Hill Trailhead.

The hike is intended for people in good health who have done some hiking. Hiking sticks and boots or sturdy shoes are recommended.

Hikers are advised to bring their own water and snacks. Hikers are asked to not bring dogs.

Information, including driving directions to the meeting area for the hike, can be found on the River-to-River Trail Society's website at [www.rivertorivertail.net](http://www.rivertorivertail.net).



**High school baseball action...in the cold**  
Egyptian was at bat against host Anna-Jonesboro in a high school baseball game which was played Monday afternoon, March 13, in Anna. The game was played at Kiwanis Field at the Anna City Park. At the time the game was being played, the temperature was in the 30s, with a wind chill in the upper 20s.

## Self-defense training course set at martial arts academy



**Course teacher**  
Grandmaster Robert Cutrell will be teaching a self-defense training course at Coffman's Martial Arts Academy in Anna. Photo provided.

A public self-defense training course is planned at Coffman's Martial Arts Academy in Anna.

Taught by self-defense expert, Grandmaster Robert Cutrell, the upcoming six-week course is for men

and women 18 years of age and older of any skill level.

Training is open to the public. Registration will close March 30.

Classes are scheduled to begin April 4 and will meet every Tuesday for six weeks from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. The cost is \$55, with a 10 percent discount for couples.

For more information, call 618-521-3323 for more information.

"Everyone needs to know how to protect themselves and their loved ones. Not every situation is avoidable and controllable, even if you carry," Coffman's Martial Arts Academy owner and instructor Heather Coffman said.

"Training will consist of empty hand self-defense, Kali stick training, gun and knife defense and so much more," she added.

## Hunter safety course planned

An Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, hunter safety education course is planned Friday and Saturday, March 17-18, at the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna. The course will be in the basement at the church.

Hours for the course are scheduled from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on March 17 and from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 18. Students must attend both classes.

Those who complete the course will receive a hunter education certification card.

More information about the course is available by contacting the coordinating instructor at 618-697-0286.

## Clean up campaign set in Cobden

A spring clean up campaign is scheduled to start Sunday, March 26, in Cobden.

Event organizer Shane Bruce said in an email that a minimum of six volunteers are invited to help out over six weeks starting on March 26.

Bruce can be contacted by email at [shanebruceoffice@gmail.com](mailto:shanebruceoffice@gmail.com) or by phone at 323-610-5802.

Volunteers will work to clean up streets in the Union County village.

Clean up campaign activities are planned from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The afternoon will begin at Colors & Spices Cafe, with lunch provided from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch will be prepared by Color & Spices Cafe owner Danielle Murray.

Live music presented by The Free Range Chicks is planned.

At 2 p.m., volunteers will begin clean up work by covering the first of six sections of town. Work is planned until 4 p.m.

After the clean up work is done, volunteers are invited to return to Colors & Spices Cafe for hot chocolate and fresh baked goodies.



## Young wrestlers earn honors at state event

The Henderson brothers from Union County traveled to Rockford to compete at the Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation, IKWF, state championship March 10-11. The brothers wrestle for Joe Johnson of Gladiator Elite Wrestling. They are strength trained by Dawson Montfort of Rise 618 in Anna.

Rage, on the left in the photo on the left, finished first and earned an IKWF state championship title representing the Anna-Jonesboro area. He pinned all his opponents in the first round and didn't allow a single point to be scored against him. Titan, right, finished second as a first-year novice and also recognition in representing the Anna-Jonesboro area. He finished 4-1 and all his wins also came by pin.

Proud grandmother Billie Henderson shared that the young wrestlers "had an amazing weekend... Titan was one of the youngest wrestlers in his bracket. He was not projected to place at the tournament. When he beat the kid who was projected to win the bracket it was one of the biggest upsets in the entire tournament. He lost the final round and placed second. But he did a great job holding on until the final seconds of the last round." Photos provided.



## Spring clean up day at park

Anna-Jo Garden Club members had nice weather with warm temperatures when they gathered for a spring clean up day Monday, March 6, at the Anna-Jo Garden Club Park. Leaves and tree limbs were removed at the park in east Anna. Preparation work is underway for a new rock garden at the park. The rock garden will honor Virginia Housman and Pete Housman. Early spring flowers can be seen at the park. Photo provided.





News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

Bro. Easton’s sermon Sunday was titled “Hope in the God of Comfort,” with scripture from the 40th chapter of Isaiah.

The message shared that “people hope in other people, in politicians, in drugs, in healthy living, in money or material things, but the only thing we can trust in that won’t let us down is God.

“When we are waiting, we are hoping for something. Some people have no hope. As Christians, we have the ultimate hope: the promise of eternal life.

“When we rely on the Lord and the strength He can give, our strength will be renewed.

“We have to make ‘straight the way’ for the Lord by clearing away all that clutters our relationship with Him.”

Bro. Easton closed with a question: “Have we submitted to the Lord?” The question was followed by a challenge to “be the example others need to see, and lead the way to Christ.”

Reed and Kayton Crane rang the bell to begin worship. Aldi and Vodra Gerard took up the offering.

Camp Ground Church’s lead elder for the remainder of March is Rodney Miller.

Belated birthday wishes to Kayton Crane, who turned 6 on March 7.

Those having birthdays in the remainder of March are Mark Boaz, March 14; Joshua Simmons, March 17; Jeff Roach, March 19; and Travis Rogers, March 22.

Happy anniversary wishes go to Mark and Michaela Boaz, whose 18th wedding anniversary will be March 19.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Barbara Miller Swinburne, who passed away Saturday. She was a sister to Wayne Miller of the Camp Ground Church congregation.

All are welcome to services each Sunday at Camp Ground Church. A time of fellowship, with coffee and donuts for early arrivals is planned at 9:15 a.m., followed by Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:30 a.m. Worship is at 10:30 a.m.

PAST plans soup, chili, dessert event

The PAST organization of Union County is glad to announce that a special event which had been put on hold due to the pandemic once again will take place in the community.

PAST is planning to host a soup and chili supper and dessert auction starting at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, March 17, at historic St. Anne’s Church in Anna. March 17 is St. Patrick’s Day.

The church is located along South Main Street, not far from Stinson Memorial Library.

PAST is asking those who plan to attend the event to call 618-697-1311 so they have an idea of how many people to prepare for.

Auctioneer Carl Dillow and his family will be present to entertain everyone while he auctions the desserts.

PAST noted that it set the time for the event “early enough that you can attend other events that evening.”

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Daily Bible Readings

Psalm 70	Psalm 71	Psalm 75	Psalm 76	Psalm 77	Psalm 80	Psalm 84
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# Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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

## St. Patrick's Day

Wishing everyone a very happy St. Patrick's Day.

Saint Patrick's evening, March 17, at 5:30 p.m. at St. Anne's church there will be a soup and chili supper and dessert auction.

St. Patrick's Day, March 17, at 7 p.m. will be the beginning of the weekend A-JCHS play "The Wizard of Oz," Saturday will be 7 p.m. Sunday will be 2 p.m.

## Anna VFW

Star Karaoke will be at the VFW Friday night for a St. Patrick's Day party. The public is welcome.

## Home Extension Conference

University of Illinois Home Extension held the 2023 Family & Consumer Science Conference at Shawnee Community College on March 9.

Anne Parmley presented three programs. They were

Butterflies and the Plants They Need, Backyard Birds and Hummingbirds from Flowers to Feeders and Beyond. Robin Ridgley presented Addressing Ageism and Promoting Inclusivity, Don't Go It Alone: Improving Your Social Connections and Happy Hack for More Positivity and Improving Well Being.

Carol Harms presented Funny Facts About Feet. Robin Johnston presented Loving Life!

Tony Gerard was the keynote speaker. He portrayed Jean-Baptiste Le Kaskaskia, one of nine French boatmen with Lewis and Clark in 1806.

Lunch was provided by The Kitchen on Lafayette.

## World Kidney Day

Special thanks to the Shawnee Community College extension center and

Union County Hospital in Anna where World Kidney Day was hosted by the Illinois Public Health Association, IPHA.

A special thanks to all the vendors for all the giveaways. Also to Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance for the free food giveaway.

The National Kidney Foundation plans to be back at Shawnee Community College Wednesday, March 22, from noon to 4 p.m. for a free kidney and diabetes screening.

## April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

The 13th annual Union County CAP Proclamation Day will be April 3 at 9 a.m. at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

At the ceremony, you will hear the reading of the proclamation by Sheriff David Wilkins and brief presentations from representatives of Prevent Child Abuse Illinois, the Children's Medical & Mental Health Resource Network and others.

You will also be able to sign the proclamation, receive a blue ribbon, and place a blue pinwheel on the courthouse lawn. This is a community event so everyone is welcome.

## United Methodist Church, Anna

Loaves and Fishes February distribution included 104 adult bags and 37 kids treat bags.

The weekly sermons are posted on the church website, www.unitedmethodistchurchanna.org

Sunday School meets at 9 a.m. on Sunday morning and worship is at 10:45 a.m.

Darryl Parks and his team will be hosting a Passover Seder meal on the evening of Passover, April 5, at 5 p.m. to obtain a better understanding of the Passover celebration. The last plague to Egypt before pharaoh lets the children of Israel go with Passover of the angel of death to their first born child. The Israelites had been told to mark their doors with the blood of a lamb as a sign for the death angel to pass over that home, then a meal was eaten. Jesus was celebrating the Passover meal and storytelling with his disciples before his arrest and crucifixion. Please let Darryl know at 833-6475 if you plan to attend so the proper amount of food will be prepared.

Wednesday men's Bible study meets at 7 a.m. United Methodist Women meets at 1 p.m.

Happy anniversary March 1 Gary and Marcy Morris, March 25 Kristen and Speedy Nance.

Birthdays: March 10 Kami LaFoon, 14 Linda LaFoon, 20 Lindsey Pippins, 22 Thomas Corbit, 29 Sarah Foster, 31 Shirley West, Jackson Boyd.

## Anna First Baptist Church

Sunday morning 9 a.m. Cissi Cuthbertson taught the Sunday School lesson Jesus Restored My Life with scripture from John.

Sunday morning worship at 10:15 p.m. Rev. Lupe Lopez led in prayer. Dale Denny welcomed everyone and gave the announcements.

Tom Fisher told about activities that will be happening Palm Sunday, April 2, for the community to come join that day. A bounce house for the children, Easter egg hunt for 11 and under. Scavenger hunt for the teens. BBQ for the adults, shirts, lots of fellowship.

Jean Denny played the piano and led in the singing of "Heavenly Sunlight" and "I've Got Peace Like a River." Rev. Daniel R. Iliff sang "In My Father's



Ruby Brimm was honored for her 90th birthday with a party given by her children Diane Hepburn, Richard Brimm, Beverly Minto and Allen Brimm at Anna First Baptist Church Saturday.



GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club met at Anna Pizza Hut. President Jane Bauer, Susie Kessler, guest Lisa O'Neil, guest speaker Melise Oakley, BA community education coordinator for Hospice of Southern Illinois and her service dog Millie, Martha Ann Webb, Martha Schwegman and Lillian Milam. Melise spoke about life and the quality of life and discussed how some who were on hospice actually graduated and were able to come back and live a normal life.



Melise Oakley, BA community education coordinator for Hospice of Southern Illinois, was guest speaker at the GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club at Pizza Hut in Anna Monday, March 13. She brought her service dog, Millie, with her.



Angie is decorating her shop, Relaxation Facials, for spring. Angie is located to the left of the Dollar Store in Anna. She says, "Happy spring."



Anna Heights Baptist Church closed out the Upward season with a celebration event. Over 250 were in attendance. There were games and activities that evening with cake, cookies and lemonade to complete the evening.



Celebrating five generations: sitting is Emma Lou Williams. Standing, left to right, are Arlene Underwood, Dylan Ralls, Axle Ralls and Clarissa Ralls.



George Washington Dillow was born in 1858 in Springville in Union County. He married Isadora Davis. She was born in 1863 in Springville. They have many descendants. Two of these descendants are Roseanne Dillow and Martha Schwegman. George and Isadora were their great-grandparents. Isadora is reported to be a descendant of Black Hawk through his daughter Birdsong.



A March 10 reception for "Nature" at ArtSpace 304 in Carbondale found Vickie Parry, right, and Marie Samuel holding her honorable mention certificate in front of Marie's work juried by David Hammond of Goreville. The two-sided folding screen shown here is with collaged prints of scenes painted around Southern Illinois in watercolor by Marie. The Nature show is open until April 14, Tuesday through Saturday, from noon until 4 p.m., and admission is free. The theme of nature inspires many artists, poets, mixed media artists and photographers.



Shirley Ray and Jean Denny at the Annie Armstrong Tea Sunday afternoon at Anna First Baptist Church. They were admiring Shirley's unique dog mugs with her tea set that was willed to her husband Donnie from his aunt. Jean's table had Desert Rose china that was purchased as wedding gifts given to her and Dale and bought at Bean's Jewelry Store in Anna.



Laura and Brody Sadler attended the Annie Armstrong Tea at Anna First Baptist Church. They are sitting in front of the Desert Rose table decorated by Jean Denny.



Door prizes of beautiful teapots were won by Menda Cash and Joyce Plott at the Annie Armstrong Tea at Anna First Baptist Church.



A beautiful flower arrangement made by Pam Fisher was her centerpiece along with family heirlooms. Pam is pictured with her daughter Cortney Fisher. Also pictured is Kim Doublin holding Brody Sadler at the Annie Armstrong Tea at Anna First Baptist Church Sunday.

p.m. worship 40.

Youth fundraiser is Sunday, March 26. Spaghetti dinner. Serving after 11 a.m. and after 10:30 a.m. second service. All donations are welcomed.

Lad & Dad Breakfast with RA Derby is Saturday, March 25, at 8 a.m. Preschool egg hunt is Sunday, April 9, at 9:15 a.m. Momma Lou's Crafters will meet Thursday, March 30, at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel. This month's project is a sock bunny.

VBS is scheduled July 17-21, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Pastor Darryl Williams continued his sermon series on Jesus is the Center, a study through Colossians. This week: Are you qualified for entrance into God's kingdom?

Be sure to look on the church's social platforms Facebook and YouTube for up to date Bible studies, services and announcements, and at [www.Annaheights.com](http://www.Annaheights.com).



**Evelyn Gillespie, Carlene Tripp, Menda Cash, Joyce Plott at the Annie Armstrong Tea at Anna First Baptist Church.**



Cissi Cuthbertson's table at the Annie Armstrong Tea at Anna First Baptist Church had an Irish theme. Cissi read about St. Patrick. Her guests were her daughter Debbie Nally and sister Terrie Krueger, Peggy Grant, Sandy Bush and Martha Ann Webb.

# Television Listings

**THURSDAY** **MARCH 16, 2023**

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> <b>:30</b>	Local Programs	2023 NCAA Basketball Tournament "First Round" (Live)	Local	Local Programs	College Wrestling (Live)	(:15) 2023 NCAA Basketball Tournament (Live)	Law & Order: SVU	Hamster & Big City	"Divergent" (:14) (HD)	"Night in Soho" (:21) (HD)	(5:30) "The Untouchables" (:87)
<b>7 PM</b> <b>:30</b>	Station 19 (HD)		Next Level Chef (HD)	Law & Order (HD)			★★½ "The Day After Tomorrow" (:04) Dennis Quaid. (HD)	Big City	"Lucy" (:14) Scarlett Johansson.	★ "The Fog" (:05) Tom Welling.	"Panama" (:22) Cole Hauser. (HD)
<b>8 PM</b> <b>:30</b>	Grey's Anatomy (HD)		Animal	Law & Order: SVU				Raven Home			
<b>9 PM</b> <b>:30</b>	Alaska Daily "Rush to"	2023 NCAA Basketball Tournament "First Round" (Live)	Call Me	Organized Crime (HD)	(:45) 2023 NCAA Basketball Tournament (Live)			Raven Home	Last of Us	(:40) "Mirrors" (:08, Horror) Kiefer Sutherland.	(:05) Your Honor (HD)
<b>10 PM</b> <b>:30</b>	Local		Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (Live) (HD)		★★½ "The Day After Tomorrow" (:04) Dennis Quaid. (HD)	Big City	(:20) Perry Mason		
<b>11 PM</b> <b>:30</b>	Jimmy Kimmel Live		Local	(:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)			Hamster & Miraculous	(:15) ★★½ "Captain Phillips" (:13) Tom Hanks.	(:32) "What Lies Beneath" (:00)	(:05) "Mona Lisa and the Blood Moon" (:22)
	Nightline	Late Show		Late Night		Nkd & Afrd		Bluey			

**FRIDAY** **MARCH 17, 2023**

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	2023 NCAA Basketball Tournament "First Round" (Live)	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (Live)	(1:15) 2023 NCAA Basketball Tournament (Live)	9-1-1 (HD) 9-1-1 "Parent-hood"	Big City BUNK'D	Last of Us (:50) ★★★ "Black Adam" (:22, Action) Dwayne Johnson.	"Be Kind Re-wind" (10)	"Everything Everywhere All at Once" (:22)
<b>7 PM</b> :30	Shark Tank (HD)		WWE Friday Night SmackDown (HD)	To Be Announced	College Wrestling (Live)		9-1-1 "Suspicion" (HD)	"Movie"			
<b>8 PM</b> :30	(:01) 20/20 Investigative news. (HD)			Dateline NBC Investigative news.							★★★½ "Uncut Gems" (:19) Adam Sandler. (HD)
<b>9 PM</b> :30		2023 NCAA Basketball Tournament "First Round" (Live)	Local Programs Local info.			(4:5) 2023 NCAA Basketball Tournament (Live)	9-1-1 (HD)	Moon Girl BUNK'D	Real Time Maher (HD)	"Assassination Nation" (:18) Odessa Young.	
<b>10 PM</b> :30	Local Jimmy Kimmel Live			Local (:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)		9-1-1 "Fear-o-Phobia"	Jessie	Game		ALL ACCESS
<b>11 PM</b> :30	Nightline	Local Late Show	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (Live)		9-1-1 "Dumb Luck"	Jessie Bluey	(:35) Real Time Maher	"Kick-Ass" (:10, Action)	(:45) "Bandit" (:22) Josh Duhamel.
						"Shazam"	9-1-1 (HD)	Bluey	Game		

**SATURDAY** **MARCH 18, 2023**

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW	
<b>6 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	2023 NCAA	2023 World Baseball Classic	Local Programs	College Wrestling (Live)	2023 NCAA Basketball Tournament (Live)	(3:30) IMSA Auto Racing (Live)	Hamster & Hamster &	"Empire of Light" (R)	"No Country" (07) (R)	★★ "Dead for a Dollar" (22) Christoph Waltz.	
<b>7 PM</b> :30	NHL Hockey	2023 NCAA Basketball Tournament "Second Round" (Live)		★★★½ "De-spicable Me" ('10) Steve Carell. (HD)		2023 NCAA Basketball Tournament (Live)		Moon Girl	★★★½ "El-vis" ('22. Drama) Austin Butler. (PG-13)	"Transporter 3" Jason Statham.		
<b>8 PM</b> :30	Pittsburgh Penguins at New York Rangers (Live)							Moon Girl				
<b>9 PM</b> :30								Raven Home				
<b>9 PM</b> :30		48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs	Saturday Night Live	Women's College Basketball (Live) (HD)		Chicago P.D. (HD)	Hamster & Hamster &	(-40) The Last of Us	"The Transporter Refueled" ('15) Ed Skrein.	"The Last Man-hunt" ('22) (R)	
<b>10 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Name Tune (HD)	Local			Chicago P.D. (HD)	Big City			"Agent Game" ('22) Mel Gibson.	
<b>11 PM</b> :30	Local Programs		Local Programs	Saturday Night Live (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)	NCAA Post The Cube	Chicago PD	Bluey	Mason	"Undisputed" Wesley Snipes. (R)	(-15) Your Honor (HD)	
								Bluey	"Robin Hood" ('18)			

**SUNDAY** **MARCH 19, 2023**

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> <b>:30</b>	Home Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	Simpsons Burgers	Dateline NBC <i>Investigative news.</i>	Worn Bball Women's College Basketball (Live) (HD)	2023 NCAA Basketball Tournament (Live)	Law & Order: SVU	<b>"Flora &amp; Ulysses"</b>	<b>"Don't Worry Darling"</b> ('22) Florence Pugh.	<b>"Indecent Proposal"</b>	Your Honor x (HD)
<b>7 PM</b> <b>:30</b>	American Idol <b>"604 (Auditions)"</b> (HD)	The Equalizer (HD)	Simpsons North X				Law & Order: SVU	BUNKD Villains		<b>"The Impossible"</b> ('12, Drama) Naomi Watts.	The Circus The Circus Your Honor (HD)
<b>8 PM</b> <b>:30</b>		East New York (HD)	Bob's Burgers X (HD)	Magnum P.I. (HD)	Women's College Basketball (Live) (HD)	2023 NCAA Basketball Tournament (Live)	Law & Order: SVU	Villains Moon Girl	<b>"All the Beauty and the Bloodshed"</b> ('22)		
<b>9 PM</b> <b>:30</b>	The Company <b>"All In"</b>	NCIS: L. A. (HD)	Local Programs	The Blacklist (HD)			Law & Order: SVU	Jessie		(:55) <b>"Eagle Eye"</b> ('08, Thriller) Shia LaBeouf.	Waco <b>"Operation"</b>
<b>10 PM</b> <b>:30</b>	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	SportsCenter (Live) (HD)		Law & Order: SVU	BUNKD Miraculous	Oliver	<b>"All the Beauty and the"</b> ('22)	Your Honor (HD)
<b>11 PM</b> <b>:30</b>		Local Programs	Local Programs			Pre-Game Jokers	Law & Order: SVU	Bluey Bluey		<b>★★★ "Alpha Dog"</b> ('07)	Waco <b>"Operation"</b>

**MONDAY** **MARCH 20, 2023**

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> <b>7:30</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Local	Local Programs	Women's College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Chicago Fire (HD)	"Movie" (4:5) Moon Girl	"The Hobbit: Five Armies" Martin Freeman.	(4:40) "Warrior" (11)	(4:55) "Shooter" (07)
<b>7 PM</b> <b>8:30</b>	The Bachelor (HD)	Neighbor. Bob Hearts	Fantasy Island (HD)	The Voice "The Blind Auditions, Part 5" x (HD)		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (HD)	Moon Girl		(4:40) "Day the Earth Stood Still" (08)	Your Honor (HD)
<b>8 PM</b> <b>8:30</b>		NCIS: Military crimes.	Alert (HD)		Women's College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)		Jessie Jessie	Perry Mason (HD)	(4:4) ★★	Waco "Operation" tion"
<b>9 PM</b> <b>9:30</b>	The Good Doctor	NCIS: Hawai'i (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Quantum Leap x (HD)		Dad (HD) Dad (HD)		Big City Hamster &	Rain Dogs Perry Mason (HD)	"Knock Knock" (15) Keanu Reeves.	ALL ACCESS ★★★ "Marcel the Shell" (22)
<b>10 PM</b> <b>10:30</b>	Local Jimmy Kimmel Live	Local (3:5) Late Show (HD)		Local (3:5) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)	Dad (HD) Dad (HD)	Chrisley Chrisley	Miraculous Miraculous	Rain Dogs	(2:4) "Conan the Barbarian" (11)	Your Honor (HD)
<b>11 PM</b> <b>11:30</b>	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (Live)	Dad (HD) Dad (HD)	Chrisley Chrisley	Bluey Bluey	Mason Rain Dogs		

**TUESDAY** **MARCH 21, 2023**

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	(5:00) "Movie"	★★★ "Rememory" ('17)	"JFK" Kevin Costner.	"Dead for a Dollar"
<b>7 PM</b> :30	The Rookie (HD)	FBI Protect America.	9-1-1: Lone Star (HD)	Night (HD) American		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	WWE NXT (Live) (HD)	"Movie"	"Edge of Tomorrow" ('14) Tom Cruise. (HD)	★★★ "Anna" ('19, Action) Sasha Luss. (R) (HD)	"The Last Manhunt" ('22) (HD)
<b>8 PM</b> :30	The Rookie: Feds	FBI: International	(.02) Accused (HD)	The Voice "The Blind"	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)					
<b>9 PM</b> :30	Will Trent "Manhunt"	FBI: Most Wanted	Local Programs Local info.	That's My Jam x (HD)		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	(.09) ★★½ "The Gift" ('15, Thriller) Jason Bateman. (HD)				
<b>10 PM</b> :30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (Live)	Young		Big City Hamster &	Real Sports (HD)	"The Purge: Anarchy" ('14)	Waco "Operation"
	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(.35) Late Show (HD)		(.35) Tonight (HD)		Young		Miraculous	Perry Mason		
<b>11 PM</b> :30								Miraculous	(.55)	"Hot Tub Time Machine" ('10) (R)	"Uncut Gems" Adam Sandler. (R)
	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (Live)	Young	Chrisley	Bluey	(.55) "The Heat" ('13)		

**WEDNESDAY** **MARCH 22, 2023**

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA (Live) (:45) NBA Basketball <i>Golden State vs Dallas</i> (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Moon Girl	(:05) Perry Mason	★★★ "Overboard" ('18)	"Sum Fear" ('02) (HD)
7 PM :30	Conners	Survivor (HD)	The Masked Singer	Chicago Med x (HD)		All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite	Law & Order: SVU	Big City Big City	"Captain Phillips" ('13, Drama) Tom Hanks.	★★★ "Patriot Games" ('92) Harrison Ford. (HD)	
8 PM :30	Elementary Not Dead	Lingo "Episode 9"	Farmer Wants a Wife	Chicago Fire x (HD)			Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D			
9 PM :30	A Million Little Things	True Lies (HD)	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Chicago P.D. x (HD)	(:05) NBA Basketball <i>Phoenix vs Los Angeles</i> (Live) (HD)	Young Young	Law & Order: SVU	Big City Hamster &	"All the Beauty and the Bloodshed" ('22)	(:31) "The Stepford Wives" ('04)	"The Hunt for Red October" (HD)
10 PM :30	Local Jimmy Kimmel Live	Local (:35) Late Show (HD)		Local (:35) Tonight (HD)		Young Young	Law & Order: SVU	Miraculous Miraculous		★★ "What to Expect When Expecting" ('12)	
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SC (Live)	Young	Law & Order: SVU	Bluey Bluey	Rain Dogs "Neighbors"		(:15) Your Honor (HD)

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REAL ESTATE

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

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF CSMC 2022-JR1 TRUST, PLAINTIFF VS. RALPH J. FOX, SHIRLEY ANN FOX; UNKNOWN OWNERS GENERALLY, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS. DEFENDANTS Case No.: 2022FC7 Property Address: 180 Chestnut Street Alto Pass, IL 62905

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is given that pursuant to the Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on January 3, 2023, the Union County Sheriff will on April 5, 2023, at 09:00 AM, at the Union County Courthouse, 307 W. Market, Lobby, Jonesboro, IL 62952, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

P.I.N. 14-00-10-985  
COMMON ADDRESS: 180 Chestnut Street, Alto Pass, IL 62905

Terms of all sales are Ten percent (10%) of the opening bid Failure to pay the remaining balance within the twenty-four (24) hours shall result in the forfeiture of the ten percent (10%) down payment.

No Refunds.

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

The improvement on the property consists of: Single Family Home

The judgment amount was at \$28,222.62

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever Law Group, LLC, 225 West Wash-

ington Street, Suite 1550, Chicago, IL 60606. 312-236-0077. SPS001287-22FC1

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

**ANNA STATE BANK, Plaintiff,**

**v.**

**GREAT BOARS OF FIRE, INC.**

**DAVID FOMBELLE, EAST PERRY TIMBER PROCUREMENT, LLC., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants.**

**No. 2022FC8**

**NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered by the court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder at public venue.

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

Jonathan D. Vicenzi,  
President  
Anna State Bank  
100 East Vienna  
Anna, IL 62906  
(618) 833-2151

The common address and other common descriptions, if any, of the real estate is:

820 Kratzinger Hollow Road  
Cobden, IL 62920

A description of the improvements on the real estate is:

The parcel is improved with a residential home.

The real estate may not be inspected prior to sale.

The time and place of the sale are:

Wednesday, April 12th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., inside the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market Street, Jonesboro, IL 62952

The amount due under the judgment is \$93,296.92.

The terms of the sale are: 25% down in cash or certified check and the remaining balance due within seven (7) days, also in certified funds. The bid amount shall be paid in certified funds immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The purchaser, excepting the mortgagor, shall also pay a fee to the Abandoned Residential Property Municipal Relief Fund in the amount of \$1.00 for each \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser but not more than \$300.00, if applicable. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, the prior mortgage of Plaintiff and all covenants, easement, restrictions and other matters of record or apparent, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will not be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

(I) Title will be conveyed subject to all unpaid general real estate taxes and special assessments, if any, and ordinances, easements, restrictions and covenants of record or apparent. Plaintiff's prior mortgage and all encumbrances not foreclosed herein.

Scott P. Hendricks  
Attorney at Law  
206 W. College, Ste. 12  
Carbondale, IL 62901  
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**CITY OF ANNA, PART-TIME GENERAL LABORER**

The City of Anna, IL is accepting applications for the position of a Temporary Part-Time General Laborer for summer help. Candidates must be at least 18 years of age; position pays \$13.75 per hour. Applications will be available for interested candidates at Anna City Hall or online at [cityofanna.org](http://cityofanna.org). Please return employment application to the Human Resources Department at Anna City Hall, 103 Market Street, Anna, IL 62906 or by email to [mmcreynolds@cityofanna.org](mailto:mmcreynolds@cityofanna.org). Position will remain open until filled. EOE.

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**JOB OPENING COBDEN PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

The Village of Cobden is seeking applications for a full-time Public Works Employee. Contact the Village of Cobden, 112 E. Maple Street, P.O. Box 218, Cobden, IL 62920 (618-893-2425) or email [cobdenvillage@gmail.com](mailto:cobdenvillage@gmail.com). Applications are also available on our website: [www.cobdenil.com](http://www.cobdenil.com).

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**HELP WANTED:** Dongola Unit School District #66 is advertising for the following position:

**High School Drivers Education, Physical Education, and Health Teacher**

The successful candidate will teach drivers education, as well as physical education and health in the junior high and high school setting. Please send letter of interest, resume, and three references to: Dr. Paige Helm Maginel, Superintendent, Dongola Unit #66, P.O. Box 190, 1000 High Street, Dongola, Illinois 62926.

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**HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHER**

Dongola Unit #66 is seeking a High School English Teacher. Applicants must have IL PEL.

Please send letter of interest, resume, and three references to: Dr. Paige Helm Maginel, Superintendent, Dongola Unit #66, P.O. Box 190, 1000 High Street, Dongola, Illinois 62926.

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Anna CCSD #37 has the following position openings:

- **Custodian**

Successful applicants will complete tasks such as

painting, moving furniture, cleaning, mopping, etc. The appropriate application packet, which can be picked up at the Davie/Jr. High building or found online at [www.anna37.com](http://www.anna37.com), should be completed and returned to: Julie Bullard at 301 South Green Street, Anna, IL 62906, no later than March 27, 2023. Phone: 618-833-6812.

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**Posting Interventionist/ Junior High-High school title teacher**

Dongola Unit #66 is seeking an Interventionist to provide direct services to children as directed by Title Coordinator. Applicants must have IL PEL. Master's degree preferred.

Specifics of the position are:

- 9 month position
- Work schedule is 7:40 a.m. to 3:10 p.m.
- Benefits include sick, personal and bereavement leave
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- Board paid life insurance policy
- Applicant must be able to: work at a fast pace, possess computer skills for required paperwork, display good organizational skills,

possess a good work ethic and the ability to develop a positive rapport with students and co-workers

Applicants must submit a letter of interest, resume, valid PEL and three letters of reference to:

Dr. Paige Helm Maginel, Superintendent  
Dongola Unit #66  
1000 High Street  
Dongola, Illinois 62926  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT**

**State of Illinois SS County of Union**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 22nd day

of February, 2023, under the Assumed Name of 46 Farms with the place of business located at 215 Old Saratoga Road, Anna, Illinois 62906 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Courtney Rodrigue  
984 W. Acadian Bayou Lane  
Port Allen, LA 70767

Lance Meisenheimer  
Union County Clerk  
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Ciro Chairez  
515 E. Vienna Street  
Anna, IL 62906

Lance Meisenheimer  
Union County Clerk  
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**State of Illinois SS County of Union**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 27th day of February, 2023, under the Assumed Name of Weedz 2 Grass with the place of business located at 301-1 Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Joshua Smith  
301-1 Market Street  
Jonesboro, IL 62952

Lance Meisenheimer  
Union County Clerk  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**ESTATE OF GLEN E. MCRAVEN, DECEASED. NO. 2023-PR-4 IN PROBATE**

**NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE**

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Glen E. McRaven, of Jonesboro, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 21, 2023, to Peter McRaven, 18003 Darrington Road, Horizon City, TX 79928, 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 ad-

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

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before September 2, 2023, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: February 21, 2023.

PETER MCRAVEN

CAMERON LAW FIRM, LLC  
ELVIS C. CAMERON  
ATTORNEY FOR INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR  
205B N. MAIN ST.  
ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906  
PHONE: 618-833-2220  
ARDC# 6244394  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY - JONESBORO, ILLINOIS**

**WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF CSMC 2022-JR1 TRUST, PLAINTIFF VS. RALPH J. FOX, SHIRLEY ANN FOX; UNKNOWN OWNERS GENERALLY, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS. DEFENDANTS Case No.: 2022FC7 Property Address: 180 Chestnut Street Alto Pass, IL 62905**

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LOTS NUMBERED TWENTY-SEVEN (27) AND TWENTY-EIGHT (28) BEING IN BLOCK NUMBER TWELVE (12) IN THE VILLAGE OF ALTO PASS, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS. EXCEPT ALL COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS

P.I.N. 14-00-10-985  
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ington Street, Suite 1550,  
Chicago, IL 60606. 312-236-  
0077. SPS001287-22FC1  
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ASSUMED BUSINESS  
NAME ACT

State of Illinois  
SS  
County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 7th day of February, 2023, under the Assumed Name of Kirk & Co. with the place of business located at 85 Lingle Creek Road, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Sarah Kirk  
85 Lingle Creek Road  
Jonesboro, IL 62952

Lance Meisenheimer  
Union County Clerk  
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IN THE CIRCUIT  
COURT OF THE 1ST  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
UNION COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS

U.S. BANK NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION  
PLAINTIFF,  
v.  
MADELINE H.  
CORREA;  
ILLINOIS  
DEPARTMENT OF  
REVENUE;  
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND  
LEGATEES OF  
ROBERT BOYD,  
DECEASED;  
AMIR MOHABBAT,  
SPECIAL  
REPRESENTATIVE  
FOR THE ESTATE OF  
ROBERT BOYD,  
DECEASED;  
UNKNOWN OWNERS  
AND NON-RECORD  
CLAIMANTS;  
DEFENDANTS.  
CASE NO.: 2022FC9

PROPERTY ADDRESS:  
411 SPRINGFIELD AVE  
ANNA, IL 62906

NOTICE BY  
PUBLICATION

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ROBERT BOYD, DECEASED UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS that Plaintiff commenced this case in the Circuit Court of Union County against you and other defendants, for foreclosure of a certain mortgage lien recorded against the real estate described as follows:  
LOT NUMBER THIRTY-FOUR (34) OF THE SOUTH PLAT OF HARTLINE BROTHERS SUBDIVISION, REFERENCE BEING MADE TO PLAT RECORD 4, PAGE 67, IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Common Address:  
411 SPRINGFIELD AVE  
ANNA, IL 62906  
PIN: 14-00-11-863  
Said mortgage was executed by ROBERT W. BOYD, as mortgagor(s) and MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR U.S. BANK N.A., as mortgagee, on 1/13/2009 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Union County, Illinois as Document Number 2009R0080.

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

illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

Unless you file your Appearance and Answer/Response in this case in the office of the clerk of this court by 04/03/2023 A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED FOR IN THE PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT.

Thomas LaSalle  
6340111  
Robertson Anschutz  
Schneid Crane & Partners,  
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205 N. Michigan Suite 810  
Chicago, IL 60601  
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THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.  
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PUBLIC NOTICE IN  
THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE FIRST  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT –  
UNION COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS

In the matter of the  
Petition for the Adoption  
of Lillian Grace  
Duckworth,  
a female child.  
Adoption No. 2023-AD-2

NOTICE To — Joshua L. Miller and/or any unknown fathers and all whom it may concern: Take notice that a petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, for the adoption of a child named Lillian Grace Duckworth. Now, therefore, unless you Joshua L. Miller and/or any unknown fathers and all whom it may concern, file your answer to the Petition in the action or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of Union County, Room B, in the City of Jonesboro, Illinois, on or before the 3rd day of April 2023, a default may be entered against you at any time that day or after and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition.

DATE at Jonesboro, Illinois, this 24th day of February, 2023.

Kerri Clark,  
CLERK OF THE  
CIRCUIT COURT.

Hillary B. Hines-Holl,  
ARDC #: 6327032  
Taylor & Lynch  
216 South Center Street  
P.O. Box 478  
Clinton, IL 61727  
TEL: (217) 935-2183 FAX: (217) 935-8219  
E-MAIL: [attorneys@dewittcountylaw.com](mailto:attorneys@dewittcountylaw.com)  
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TAX DEED  
NO. 2023TX5  
FILED March 10, 2023  
Certificate No. 2019-00066

TAKE NOTICE  
TO: RENEE WELLS;  
JUDY JORDAN;  
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND  
DEVISEES OF RENEE  
WELLS;  
UNKNOWN OWNERS  
OR PARTIES  
INTERESTED;  
AND NON-RECORDED  
CLAIMANTS.

This is NOTICE of the filing of the petition for Tax Deed on the following described property:  
S3 T13 R2W PT NW SE CLARK LN. JONESBORO, IL 62952  
Property Index Number No. 09-03-06-338  
On September 6, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued in the Circuit Court of Union County, IL. The real estate was sold on March 3, 2021 for general taxes of the year 2019. The period of redemption will expire September 3, 2023.

Matthew & Kelly Bliss,  
Petitioner  
14-16gc

TAX DEED  
NO. 2023TX4  
FILED March 10, 2023

Certificate No. 2019-00038

TAKE NOTICE  
TO: JEFFREY S  
HOLSHOUSER;  
ALLISON R  
HOLSHOUSER;  
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND  
DEVISEES OF JEFFREY  
& ALLISON  
HOLSHOUSER;  
UNKNOWN OWNERS  
OR PARTIES  
INTERESTED;  
AND NON-RECORDED  
CLAIMANTS.

This is NOTICE of the filing of the petition for Tax Deed on the following described property:  
3290 DOGWALK RD.  
ANNA, IL 62906  
Property Index Number No. 05-24-03-815-D2  
On September 6, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued in the Circuit Court of Union County, IL. The real estate was sold on March 3, 2021 for general taxes of the year 2019. The period of redemption will expire September 3, 2023.

Matthew & Kelly Bliss,  
Petitioner  
14-16gc

TAX DEED  
NO. 2023TX3  
FILED March 10, 2023  
Certificate No. 2019-00025

TAKE NOTICE  
TO: VICTOR  
METZGER;  
VICTOR METZGER II;  
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND  
DEVISEES OF VICTOR  
METZGER (II);  
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:  
601 W SPRING ST.  
ANNA, IL 62906  
Property Index Number No. 05-19-03-355  
On September 6, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued in the Circuit Court of Union County, IL. The real estate was sold on March 3, 2021 for general taxes of the year 2019. The period of redemption will expire September 3, 2023.

Matthew & Kelly Bliss,  
Petitioner  
14-16gc

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

IN THE INTEREST OF:  
KYLEE F. SMITH,  
A Minor.  
NO. 2020-JA-26

NOTICE BY  
PUBLICATION  
PURSUANT TO  
705 ILCS 405/2-16

Michael Maze:  
TAKE NOTICE that on 10/18/2022 a Motion for Termination of Parental Rights was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by PATRICK D. DALY, as Special Prosecutor, in and for Union County, Illinois, in the Circuit Court of Union County entitled "In the interest of KYLEE F. SMITH, a minor", and that in Judge Tyler R. Edmonds courtroom at Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois on Thursday, the 27th day of April, 2023, at the hour of 9:00 AM, or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a Termination of Parental Rights hearing will be held upon the motion to have your parental rights termination under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PE-

TITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

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

Keri E. Clark  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Dated: March 16, 2023  
14g

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

In the Matter  
of the Estate of  
ALLIE JANE DAVIS,  
Deceased.  
Case No. 2023-PR-5

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of Allie Jane Davis. Letters of Office were issued March 7, 2023 to Richard L. Davis, Jr and Tara Davis, whose address is P.O. Box 263, Cobden, Illinois 62920, as Co-Executors, whose attorney of record is Michael R. Twomey, Barrett, Twomey, Broom, Hughes & Hoke, LLP, Attorneys at Law, 100 North Illinois Avenue, P. O. Box 3747, Carbondale, IL 6292-3747. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's office, Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois 62952, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 18th day of SEPTEMBER, 2023. 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 representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>.

Richard L. Davis, Jr.,  
Tara Davis,  
Co-Executors of the Estate  
of Allie Jane Davis,  
Deceased.

Michael R. Twomey  
BARRETT, TWOMEY,  
BROOM, HUGHES &  
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8221-930970  
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IN THE CIRCUIT  
COURT OF THE FIRST  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
UNION COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF  
JAMES D. ADAMS,  
DECEASED.  
NO. 2023-PR-6  
IN PROBATE

NOTICE OF DEATH  
INDEPENDENT  
ADMINISTRATION,  
AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of James D. Adams, of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 9, 2023, to Timothy Adams, 355 County Road 603, Jackson, MO 63755, 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 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before September 16, 2023, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: March 13, 2023.

TIMOTHY ADAMS,  
Executor

CAMERON LAW FIRM,  
LLC  
ELVIS C. CAMERON  
ATTORNEY FOR  
INDEPENDENT  
EXECUTOR  
205B N. MAIN ST.  
ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906  
PHONE: 618-833-2220  
ARDC# 6244394  
14-16g

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

ANNA STATE BANK,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
GREAT BOARS OF  
FIRE, INC.  
DAVID FOMBELLE,  
EAST PERRY TIMBER  
PROCUREMENT, LLC.,  
UNKNOWN OWNERS  
AND NON-RECORD  
CLAIMANTS  
Defendants.  
No. 2022FC8

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL  
SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered by the court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder at public venue.

(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is:

Jonathan D. Vicenzi,  
President  
Anna State Bank  
100 East Vienna  
Anna, IL 62906  
(618) 833-2151

(B) The common address and other common descriptions, if any, of the real estate is:

820 Kratzinger Hollow  
Road  
Cobden, IL 62920

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

A PARCEL OF LAND BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. SAID PARCEL IS A PART OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AND RECORDED IN BOOK 128, PAGE 420

IN THE UNION COUNTY COURT HOUSE IN THE NAME OF DAVID FOMBELLE AND PATRICIA FOMBELLE, DATED JULY 8, 1977. SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT AN IRON ROD FOUND AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER TO A COTTON GIN SPINDLE SET IN THE CENTERLINE OF KRATZINGER HOLLOW ROAD, THIS BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N 64°26'31" W, 204.29 FEET ALONG SAID CENTERLINE TO A COTTON GIN SPINDLE SET; THENCE ALONG NEW LINES THE FOLLOWING FIVE (5) CALLS: THENCE N 40°33'38" E, 202.80 FEET, PASSING AN IRON ROD SET AT 20.00 FEET, TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE N 55°31'10" E, 101.57 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE N 00°09'16" W, 845.74 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE N 89°50'44" E, 348.52 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE S 00°09'16" E, 1145.37 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET IN THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER AND THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL TO CONTAIN 10.001 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PER SURVEY BY BILLY J. ABERNATHY, IL PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR NO. 3536, DATED 8/19/2010. SAID PARCEL BEING SUBJECT TO THE EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY OF KRATZINGER HOLLOW ROAD, AND ALL OTHER RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND EASEMENTS, RECORDED OR OTHERWISE. ALL SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

(D) A description of the improvements on the real estate is:

The parcel is improved with a residential home.

(E) The real estate may not be inspected prior to sale.

(F) The time and place of the sale are:

Wednesday, April 12th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., inside the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market Street, Jonesboro, IL 62952

(G) The amount due under the judgment is \$93,296.92.

(H) The terms of the sale are: 25% down in cash or certified check and the remaining balance due within seven (7) days, also in certified funds. The bid amount shall be paid in certified funds immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The purchaser, excepting the mortgagor, shall also pay a fee to the Abandoned Residential Property Municipal Relief Fund in the amount of \$1.00 for each \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser but not more than \$300.00, if applicable. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, the prior mortgage of Plaintiff and all covenants, easement, restrictions and other matters of record or apparent, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will not be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are ad-



## Patsy Ann Wiggs Dillon

Patsy Ann Wiggs Dillon, 86, of McClure, departed this world on March 11, 2023, at 4:30 p.m., at her residence surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on Aug. 21, 1936, in Anna, the daughter of Claude Raymond and Roberta Cerny Wiggs.

She married Jerry Lee Dillon in Lick Creek on Nov. 25, 1956. He preceded her in death on Feb. 23, 2010.

She was a 1953 Anna-Jonesboro Community High School graduate. After her union with Jerry, she became an immaculate homemaker and raised her children.

She received enjoyment from having a beautiful, manicured lawn with blooming flowers and sitting on her front porch. She loved the spring of the year, when she could watch the hummingbirds fight after the food her and Kevin provided them. She also cherished her angel collection.

She loved watching baseball and college basketball. She especially enjoyed watching the St. Louis Cardinals and the Kentucky Wildcats in her favorite chair in the living room.

She was a member of the McClure Baptist Church. She was a loving mother to her daughter, Cheryl (Scott) Miller of Tamms; and son, Kevin Dillon of McClure, whom she shared her home with; loving grandmother to Kristin (Mike) Caldwell of Tamms and Joshua (Heather) Miller of Thebes; and loving great-grandmother to Wyatt, Ethan and Kyle Caldwell of Tamms, Chesleigh and Slayton Miller of Thebes. Other survivors include sisters Mary Lou Bradley of Marion and Carolyn (Donald) Hammon of Lick Creek; along with many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; a brother, Claude Eugene Wiggs; and nephews Ralph S Bradley III, and Stephen Wiggs.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 15, at Ford & Sons Sprigg Street Chapel in Cape Girardeau, with the Rev. Donny Ford officiating.

Internment followed the funeral service at Lindsey Cemetery in McClure.

Memorials can be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital or to Lindsey Cemetery.

Online condolences can be made at [www.fordandsons-funeralhome.com](http://www.fordandsons-funeralhome.com).

Ford & Sons Funeral Home Sprigg Street Chapel is in charge of arrangements.



## Shirley Rhodes

Shirley Rhodes, 85, of Ullin, died at her residence on Tuesday evening, March 7, 2023.

She was born on July 24, 1937, in Ullin, the daughter of William E. and Edna Mae Melvin McHarry.

She married Robert L. Rhodes on April 25, 1959. He survives.

She was a dedicated homemaker, widely known for her love of family, God, and making world-class fried chicken.

Apart from her homemaking, she previously co-owned and operated The Family Affair Catering, specializing in weddings.

Later, in their retirement years, they traveled extensively with a goal to visit all 50 states, often bringing their entourage of friends and family along with them for the journey.

She was an avid crafter, reader, jigsaw-puzzler and game board enthusiast. But above all else, what she was most known for was her love of family and God. She lived and taught her own that “family comes first” and expressed her love of God and her church family by her active membership with Trinity Assembly of God, where she served as a Sunday School teacher and with the Ladies Auxiliary.

Along with her husband, Robert, she is survived by her daughters, Rhonda Cochenour, Penny (John) Wamback and Kimberly (Bret) George; her son, Roy Turner, 16 grandchildren; 56 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; her sisters, Evelyn Rarrick, Mary Wood, Terri (Chuck) Brindley and Sally (Jeff) Pe-tree; brothers Roy (Shirley) McHarry and David (Pam) McHarry; numerous nieces, nephews, extended relatives and friends.

Mrs. Rhodes was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Jake McHarry and William “Bud” (Beverly) McHarry; and her infant sister, Betty McHarry.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 13, at Crain Funeral Home in Ullin, with Pastor Steven Clardy officiating.

Interment followed the funeral services in the Ullin Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

 Crain Funeral Home in Ullin was in charge of arrangements.



## Floreine Kerr Hornback

Floreine Kerr Hornback, 90, of Phoenix, Ariz., and formerly of Mounds and Ullin died on March 8, 2023.

She was born on Feb. 15, 1933, in Wetaug, the daughter of Leo and Bonnie Kerr.

She graduated from Ullin High School in 1951. She married classmate Teddy Joe Hornback on Oct. 14, 1952.

Shortly after their marriage, she accompanied Teddy Joe when he was stationed in the U.S. Air Force in Glendale, Ariz., and Fairbanks, Alaska.

Upon completion of his service obligations, they returned to be near their families in Southern Illinois.

She graduated from Shawnee Community College near Ullin with an associate degree that helped her to fulfill her lifelong dream of teaching later in life.

She taught in the “Walk To Read” program at Adams Elementary in Mesa, Ariz., well up into her mid-80s. Being a teacher and loving her students helped her survive ovarian cancer in 2007.

Prior to teaching, she owned and operated her own Beauty Shop in Mounds and served as secretary to the Pulaski County sheriff.

She was a member of the Mounds First Baptist Church and the Longmore Road Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her sister, Barbara Kerr Corzine and her brother Mike Kerr.

She is survived by her son, Joe Hornback of Phoenix, Ariz.; her grandchildren, Kiri Nicole Hornback of Phoenix, Ariz., Jordan Paul Hornback (and spouse Kayla) of Page, Ariz., and Kendyl M’Kenzi Hornback of Cape Girardeau; her siblings, Dean Kerr of Chino, Calif., and Jeannie Kerr Byassee of Bryan, Texas. She had two great-grandchildren, Jamie Phillip Hornback and Anastasia Nevaeh Hornback.

She will be buried with her husband Teddy Joe at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona in Phoenix, Ariz. A memorial service will be conducted, but the date and location have not been determined yet.

Her family thanks the Jubilee in the Desert group home and Uplift Hospice.



## Evelyn Faye Bridgeman

Evelyn Faye Bridgeman, 85, of Anna, died Thursday, March 9, 2023, at her home.

She was born on June 24, 1937, in Anna, the daughter of George and Nellie Nimmo Childers.

She married Roy Delano Bridgeman. He preceded her in death on May 23, 2014.

She is survived by her children, Roger Bridgeman of Anna and Linda Hammond of Quincy; six grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; sisters Ann Landis and Reba Childers, both of Anna; many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Roy Delano Bridgeman; son Ross Wayne Bridgeman; daughter Lois Evelyn Brooks; and brothers Gene and Harry Childers.

She loved spending time with all of her grandchildren. She enjoyed living in the country and could be found most days outside gardening and tending to her flowers.

Graveside funeral services were at 1 p.m. Monday, March 13, at the Anna City Cemetery, with the Rev. Doug Bridgeman officiating. Interment immediately followed.

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

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



## Shawnee Hills Arts Council announces upcoming events

Shawnee Hills Arts Council announces several upcoming events.

### Art Reception

An opening reception for an art students exhibit is planned March 16.

The reception is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Shawnee Hills Arts Council’s Anna Arts Center. The center is located at 125 W. Davie St. in Anna.

The reception is free. Refreshments will be served.

The evening also will feature an opportunity to learn about men from Union County who fought in the Civil War.

The arts council and the PAST organization of Union County are planning to host a Civil War Weekend March 24-26.

### Short Story, Pizza Night

A Short Story and Pizza Night is set for 6 p.m. March 20 at the arts center. The event will be led by Tom Caldwell.

A short story titled “War Party,” written by Louis L’Amour, will be discussed.

Those who plan to attend are asked to read the story in

advance and then come ready to discuss it and to eat pizza.

Copies of the short story are available at T&I Office Equipment at 102 S. Main St. in downtown Anna, which opens at 8 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Everyone is asked to bring their favorite drink and \$3 for the pizza. Those with questions can send a text message to Caldwell at 1-217-994-3449. An RSVP is requested to Caldwell by March 18 so there is plenty of pizza.


### “Weekend Classics”

A “Weekend Classics” presentation is set for 2 p.m. April 1 at the Anderson Music Studio, which is located at 707 E. Heacock St. in Jonesboro.

Tchaikovsky’s “Violin Concerto Op. 35 in D Major” will be performed by Jessica Anderson on the piano and Dr. Sophia Han on the violin.

Admission is free, but space is limited. An RSVP is required and can be made online at [weekendclassics.splashthat.com](http://weekendclassics.splashthat.com).

Donations to benefit the Shawnee Hills Arts Council will be welcomed.



### "The Preaching Pen"

*The Old Testament Parable of The Ewe Lamb:*


**2 Samuel 12:5**

Parables are earthly stories which convey heavenly meaning. These stories relate to actual events or those which could reasonably happen. We often associate parables with Christ’s teaching but there are parables in the Old Testament. The parable of Ewe Lamb in 2 Samuel 12 can teach us many lessons.


**Lesson #1: It Just Takes 1 Sin:** The Bible is full of accounts in which one sin leads to disaster. Ananias/Sapphira in Acts 5 or Nadab/Abihu Leviticus 10. The parable speaks of a rich man who had large flocks and a poor man who had one ewe lamb (favorite, loved as his children). The rich man exercised selfish/cruel intentions to harm his fellow man. From one lust (acted upon), circumstances began to fall which separated David from God. Just like David, the rich man robbed the poor man of a loved one. Our times of idleness can be a source of temptation; temptation is ALWAYS strongest when we are alone. Temptation begins by questioning God’s word, denying it, then substituting our will in place of God’s, just like Adam and Eve Genesis 3.

**Lesson #2: Temptation approaches all men, but we make it sin:** Before 2 Samuel chapter 8, David is primarily depicted as a man of humility, fairness, courage, and righteousness. Chapter 11 depicts him in a different light; greedy, lustful, merciless, unrighteous. **Sin starts with an opportunity (man’s choice)** James 1: 14-15. Man often chooses to follow his will not God’s. David took the law into his own hands and applied only the part of the law he wanted; how often does it still occur today? In his anger, David invoked the name of the Lord to sentence the man, in the parable, to death. BUT according to God’s Law this was not a death penalty offense. David knew the Law (Psalm 19). However, in his own life, David chose to overlook God’s Laws; David broke 6 of the 10 commandments. To despise God’s commandments means to despise God.


**Lesson #3: It is Easier to See the Sin in Others than in Ourselves:** The parable speaks of a rich man who was greedy and insensitive and was willing to kill the lamb of a stranger but not without consideration for another. David’s sin was far worse than the sin of the rich man in the parable, BUT he was unwilling to see his faults. Adultery was death sentence Leviticus 20:10, Murder was a death sentence Numbers 35:16. It seems easier to find answers to the lives of others than to take care of our own business. We also try to excuse our sins because they are not as “grievous” as the sins of others. Even with all that David did, God still loved David. Even though he confessed and repented, the consequences of sin were not removed.



Ryan Thornsberry  
Anna church of Christ



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**C. Brent Keller,**  
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**Kaitlin Roslen,**  
APRN, FNP-BC