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Plans moving forward on new computer aided dispatch software

Plans for a new computer aided dispatch, CAD, software system to serve Union and Alexander counties are moving forward. In a related development, new radio consoles have been installed at the Union County Sheriff's Office in Jonesboro.

The CAD software system was on the agenda at a regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners which was held Friday, June 12. The meeting was at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Two bids for the replacement of the CAD system were received. The county board approved a proposal from ID Networks Inc., which is located in Ashtabula, Ohio. The proposal from the Ohio firm also has been approved by the Union/Alexander County 9-1-1 board.

The initial cost to purchase and set up the new system is \$373,000, which is being shared by the county and the joint 9-1-1 board in a five-year contract. Each governing body will be paying annual maintenance fee. Municipalities in Union County also will be sharing in the cost of the new system.

ID Networks Inc. outlined details of its proposal in a cover letter addressed to the 9-1-1 board and the Union County Sheriff's Office. The proposal included the software and professional services necessary to deliver a replacement of an aging Lawman/IDS Applications system that supports CAD, records management, civil process and jail management operations across Union County and municipal police departments in Anna, Jonesboro, Dongola and Cobden. The system now being used in the county is about 15 years old.

ID Networks has provided software and services to the public safety industry

for more than 30 years. The privately held company has installed its services at approximately 2,500 agencies in 14 states.

The company's proposal includes everything to operate a modern, multi-agency public safety software system, including three full dispatch CAD positions, six administrative CAD positions, 25 mobile CAD/MDT (Mobile Data Terminal) licenses, full records management with integrated field-based reporting, evidence and property management, civil process, jail management and Livescan (digital fingerprinting) integration and CAD Companion smartphone application. The system also would include technology that connects securely back to the sheriff's office's application server. The proposal also includes conversion of all existing Lawman/IDS data, on-site training, on-site go-live support and a project management team.

ID Networks was selected to serve the Marion Police Department in Williamson County more than 10 years ago.

New radios

Union/Alexander County 9-1-1 director Crystal Gurley said at the June 12 county board meeting that replacement of the CAD system which is currently being used has been needed for some time. The action taken at the meeting is seen as part of what is expected to be a year-long process to replace the existing system.

Gurley also reported that three aging 9-1-1 radio consoles have been replaced with upgraded equipment at a cost of \$148,799.99. The consoles were described as the hub of the emergency dispatch system. The new equipment replaces consoles which dated to 2012.

Independence Day fireworks light up Anna City Park



The City of Anna's 4th of July and America 250 Celebration ended with an Independence Day fireworks display at the Anna City Park. Thunderstorms which occurred during the afternoon and early evening hours in the area on Saturday, July 4th, came to end in time for the fireworks to take place. The stormy weather brought cooler temperatures and a nice breeze for the night time hours. A big crowd was on hand to see the fireworks.

Flash flooding reported around region

Multiple rounds of heavy rain associated with thunderstorm complexes and training thunderstorms moved across the southern Illinois, southeast Missouri and western Kentucky region from the afternoon of June 25 through the morning of June 28.

The National Weather

Service office in Paducah reported that rainfall totals of 3 to 12 inches were observed, which resulted in considerable to major flash flooding in many communities, including Cape Girardeau and Paducah. Nearly everywhere in the 58-county area served by the Paducah office received

at least 1 to 2 inches of rain.

Swaths of higher amounts were focused from around Cape Girardeau into extreme southern Illinois and southeast into Paducah, which received 3 to 5 inches.

Local weather observer Dana Cross recorded 2.80 inches of rain near Jonesboro.

News Notes

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

The Union County Sheriff's Office posted an alert shortly after 2 p.m. last Friday reporting that State Route 146 East at Hess School Lane in Anna was closed due to a vehicle accident. Law enforcement was asking motorists to seek at alternate route.

In the midst of last week's ongoing extreme heat and humidity, a post on social media reported that a cooling center was to have been available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day from Monday, June 29 through Friday, July 3 at the Alto Pass Community Center.

The Union County Sheriff's Office shared some tips on social media from the Illinois State Fire Marshal on helping to keep pets safe during extreme summer heat and humidity. The tips included always providing fresh, clean water (with frequent refills); noting that hot surfaces can burn paws; never leave pets in cars; limit exercise in the heat; provide shade and cool spaces; and know the signs of heat stroke, which include heavy panting, drooling, weakness, vomiting or collapse, and can mean it's time to contact a veterinarian.

The sheriff's office also is reminding those who are planning summer vacation travels to "Remember to do your part to keep everyone safe on the road. If you see emergency vehicles, tow trucks, maintenance crews or any vehicle stopped on the roadside, Slow Down and Move Over when it is safe to do so. A simple

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Jonesboro Beta Clubs compete at National Beta Conventions

Beta members from Jonesboro School recently participated in the 2026 National Beta Convention held at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center in Nashville, Tenn.

Students joined thousands of Beta members from across the United States to celebrate academic achievement, leadership, character and service while competing in a variety of national competitions. "Wired for Success" was this year's theme.

National Beta Convention provides opportunities for students in grades 4 and 5 for Elementary Beta and 6 to 8 in Junior High Beta to showcase their talents through individual and team competitions, leadership experiences, service initiatives, networking opportunities and educational programming. The annual event

brings together top-performing students who have advanced through state conventions and earned the opportunity to compete on the national stage.

During the convention, members from the Jonesboro Elementary Beta Club and Jonesboro Junior Beta Club received several national awards. Placing from the elementary club were fourth place in Book Battle (Ella Bailey, Margaret Bailey, Kate Cohen and Lily Dallas); ninth place in Convention Invention (Lily Dallas, Cooper Dallas, Kate Cohen and Cali Pind); 10th place in fifth-grade Language Arts (Ella Bailey); and seventh place in Technology (all 5th grade Beta members, led by Lily Dallas). Placing from the junior high club were third place in 7th Grade U.S. History (Jonah Miller); and fifth place in All the



Junior Beta National Convention Attendees are (left to right, starting in back) Kaitlyn Zimmerman, Arianna Black, Ryley Nance, Hank Goss, Addison Ebberts, Reagan Cheek, Gavin McFadden, Colton Barnhart, Charlie Burton, Creighton Todd, (middle row) Knox Harris, Blake Edwards, RJ Turner, Conner Pind, Collin Staples, Jayden Benefield, (front row) Lawson Ury, Jaycee Clutts, Eli Fehrenbacher, Ethan Jiter, Eli Cohen, Camden Knueven and Jonah Miller.

World's a Stage (eighth-graders Eli Fehrenbacher, Addison Ebberts, Gavin McFadden,

Camden Knueven, Hank Goss, Colton Barnhart, Ryley Nance, Reagan Cheek, Jaycee Clutts

and Arianna Black.) Mrs. Pamela Turner is the Beta Sponsor at Jonesboro School.

NEWS BRIEFS

Pavement buckles in extreme heat

With high temperatures and humidity impacting the entire state at the end of June and start of July, the Illinois Department of Transportation is cautioning the public to be on the lookout for pavement failures on roads and to stay alert for crews making emergency repairs.

Pavement failures, buckling and blowouts occur with little warning during periods of prolonged heat and humidity, resulting in uneven driving surfaces, IDOT advised. While it’s impossible to predict where or when these failures might occur, maintenance personnel will be monitoring road conditions and on standby to make repairs as quickly as possible when they are observed and reported.

Pavement failures can be reported to IDOT by calling 800-452-4368 or by reaching out to law enforcement on 911.

IDOT said the public is advised to anticipate slowing traffic and move over for workers and other emergency personnel when repairs are being made.

Additionally, those who are traveling during extreme heat are advised to pack extra water. Becoming stranded could be dangerous without proper hydration, as dehydration can happen quickly, IDOT cautioned.

Summer Splash Day planned in Cobden

A Summer Splash Day is planned in Cobden. The celebration of the spirit of summer will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 11 at the Cobden Community Park. The family event will feature water slides, games, bounce houses, a balloon artist, Baked Krazy baked goods, The Green Mug coffee, sno cones and fire trucks. The community is invited to come and be a part of the day.

Drought update shows improvement around region

A July 2 update from the U.S. Drought Monitor showed that drought conditions had improved in the southern Illinois area. Rain had fallen in the region prior to the update. The update showed that Union County was experiencing abnormally dry conditions. Similar conditions were reported for all of Jackson and Williamson counties, for western Johnson County and for a small area in northwestern Alexander County.

No drought conditions were reported in eastern Johnson County, most of Alexander County and all of Pulaski and Massac counties.

Heat index readings top 100 degrees

Heat index readings in the southern Illinois area topped 100 degrees each day for much of last week. The heat index is how a combination of the temperature and humidity is felt by a person. The region was under either an extreme heat warning or a heat advisory last week.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported that in the midst of an ongoing dangerous heat wave, the following heat index readings were recorded last week at the Southern Illinois Airport near Murphysboro:

Monday, June 29, 2:52 p.m. Air temperature 91 degrees. Heat index 105 degrees.

Tuesday, June 30, 1:52 p.m. Air temperature 92 degrees. Heat index 106 degrees.

Wednesday, July 1, 3:52 p.m. Air temperature 93 degrees. Heat index 103 degrees.

Thursday, July 2, 12:52 p.m. Air temperature 93 degrees. Heat index 105 degrees.

Friday, July 3, 12:52 p.m. Air temperature 93 degrees.

Heat index 103 degrees.

Tornado occurs near Brookport

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported that an EF1 tornado occurred during the evening of June 27 near Brookport, which is in Massac County. The tornado lasted from 6:14 p.m. to 6:16 p.m. No injuries were reported.

The tornado had a track length of 1.5 miles and a maximum width of 75 yards. The tornado touched down 1 mile northwest of Brookport. The twister damaged a front awning on a house and snapped several tree trunks.

Artists invited to submit works for exhibition

The Ella Elizabeth Hise Museum of Regional Art at Southeastern Illinois College in Harrisburg is accepting submissions for “Seven Years of Regional Artistry: A Commemorative Regional Artists Exhibition.” The exhibition is celebrating the museum’s seventh anniversary.

The exhibition will honor the museum’s mission of fostering an appreciation for visual art while celebrating the creativity, culture and artistic talent of southern Illinois and the surrounding region. Regional artists are invited to share their work and be part of the milestone celebration.

An Aug. 24 deadline has been set for artists to submit entries. The museum shared on social media that artwork can be submitted at sic.edu/hise-submissions.

Sunup hikes set at Giant City

Summer time sunup hikes are planned on Friday, July 10 and July 24, at Giant City State Park near Makanda. Each hike is scheduled to begin at 6:30 a.m.

The park naturalist will lead a hike on one of the eight trails at the park. Trails will vary in length from one to three miles. Hikes will be moderately difficult with some steep stair climbing.

The hikes are free and open to the public. Registration is required. More information and registration are available by contacting the visitors center at the park at 618-457-4836.

Wetlands center plans events during July

A kids’ free fishing clinic, programs about bats and moths, and a Coffee on the Cache Roundtable event are planned during July at the Cache River Wetlands Center near Cypress.

The center is located at 8885 State Route 37 South. Information about the upcoming programs is available by contacting natural resources coordinator Sydney Waters at 618-657-2064. The schedule for July includes:

July 10, 9 a.m. to noon. Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, Division of Fisheries Kids’ Free Fishing Clinic. Presented by IDNR conservation education representative Ethan Stephenson.

July 17, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Discovering Bats - Nighttime Superheroes! Presented by University of Illinois Extension Master Naturalists.

July 24, 10 a.m. to noon. Magnificent Moths Family Event. Presented by U of I Extension and IDNR.

July 31, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Coffee on the Cache Roundtable. Presented by Sydney Waters with IDNR.

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Public Auction On Site

Saturday July 11th, 10 AM

7550 US Hwy. 45N Vienna

Location: Hwy 45N just past the New Simpson Hill School and Cedar Lake turn off. Going North the Auction is on the left side of the Hwy, the Log Home on the hill. Signs posted.

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Permittee

Dyno Nobel, Inc.

6640 South Millrock Drive, Suite 150

Salt Lake City, Utah 84121

Comment Period

Begin Date

July 9, 2026

Comment Period

End Date

August 24, 2026

Facility Information

Dyno Nobel, Inc.

P.O. Box 134

5770 State Route 3 North

Wolf Lake, Illinois 62998

Available Documents

<https://epa.illinois.gov/public-notices/bol-permit-public-notice.html>

For More Information

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sarah.brubaker@illinois.gov

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) hereby gives notice of its intent to approve a renewed Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) permit for Dyno Nobel, Inc., an explosive products manufacturing plant. The facility is located at 5770 State Route 3 North in Wolf Lake. The draft renewed RCRA permit will require Dyno Nobel to complete closure for two miscellaneous former burning units and continue corrective action at three solid waste management units (SWMU) to address past releases. It also requires post-closure care and a groundwater monitoring program at the former surface impoundments.

The Illinois EPA is accepting written public comments on the draft renewal permit. After consideration of any comments received, the Illinois EPA will make a final decision on the permit.

Public Comment Period

Written comments must be received by 11:59 PM on August 24, 2026. If a significant degree of public interest is expressed in the draft permit, a public hearing or other information meeting may be held.

Written comments should be submitted to:

Sarah Brubaker, Office of Community Relations #5

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

2520 West Iles Avenue, P.O. Box 19276

Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

sarah.brubaker@illinois.gov

Additional guidance on submitting a comment is available at:

<https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/community-relations/public-notices/public-comment.html>

In response to public requests or at the discretion of the Illinois EPA, a public hearing may be held. A public hearing request must be made in writing, express opposition to the draft permit and state the nature of the issue(s) to be raised during the hearing. Written hearing requests should be sent to the Illinois EPA contact listed above by the end of the comment period. If applicable, public notice of a public hearing will be given at least 30 days in advance of a hearing.

All comments received will become part of the Administrative Record (AR) and will be evaluated by the Illinois EPA in making the final permit decision. The Illinois EPA will respond to comments on the draft renewal permit and indicate whether additional documents have been included in the AR. Commenters will be notified of the final renewal permit decision and the permit decision appeal process.

The interested public is invited to review copies of the renewal permit application, draft renewal permit, and facility fact sheet at the Stinson Memorial Library, 409 S. Main Street, Anna, Illinois 62998. The AR, including the renewal permit application, draft renewal permit, related information and all data submitted by the applicant, is now available for public inspection. Please call the Illinois EPA contact above for an appointment to view the documents at Illinois EPA office in Springfield. Copies of the draft permit and fact sheet are available at <https://epa.illinois.gov/public-notices/bol-permit-public-notice.html>.

Those interested in being added to the facility mailing list should contact the Illinois EPA contact identified above.

To request a translation of this letter, please email epa.contactus@illinois.gov. For further RCRA information, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/rcra>.

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OBITUARIES



Cynthia G. 'Cindy' Clover

Cynthia G. “Cindy” (Brumley) Clover, 66, a resident of rural Vienna, passed away Monday morning, June 29, 2026, at 6:27 a.m. at Baptist Health in Paducah, Ky. At the time of her passing, Cindy was surrounded by members of her loving family.

Cindy, as she was known to family and friends, was born March 4, 1960, at the Union County Hospital in Anna. She was the youngest of four children born to Ado and Catherine (Taylor) Brumley.

On July 4, 2013, Cindy was united in marriage to Allen F. “Pete” Vinson in Anna. He preceded her in death on Oct. 28, 2022. On May 4, 2024, Cindy was united in marriage to Kevin M. Clover in Anna. He survives.

In addition to her husband, Cindy is survived by her mother, Catherine Brumley of Vienna; her children, Scott E.Rheume of Cypress and Rachel Cooper of Columbus, Ind.; a stepdaughter, Megan (Clayton) McClellan of Pulaski; three grandchildren, Noah Donaldson, Claire Cooper and Lily Cooper; her siblings, Roger Brumley of Vienna, Bob (Karen) Brumley of Joliet and Donna (Chuck) Girtman of Metropolis; nieces and nephews Sam Girtman, Alex Brumley, Juanita Baker, Heather Baker and Ruthie Baker; as well as cousins and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives on Kevin’s side of the family.

In addition to her father, Ado, and husband, Pete, Cindy was preceded in death by an infant grandson, Ethan

Rheume; a niece, Annie Brumley; and a nephew, Travis Girtman.

Cindy attended Vienna High School and later graduated from Shawnee Community College with an associate degree. Cindy’s working career, which spanned more than 40 years, was in banking and finance. She was last employed by the Anna-Jonesboro National Bank, where she served as an Assistant Vice-President and Loan Officer, prior to her retirement on March 15, 2024.

Cindy was a member of the Union County Women in Business organization.

She enjoyed many hobbies and activities, including kayaking, bicycle riding and crafting. She particularly enjoyed working in her flower garden. Cindy found great joy in reading God’s word and Christian devotionals. She drew great strength from her faith each day.

Cindy was a member of the United Missionary Baptist Church near Buncombe (in the Lick Creek community) and also attended Eagle House Ministries at Buncombe. Cindy and Kevin faithfully attended and supported both congregations.

A service honoring the life of Cindy Clover was conducted Thursday afternoon, July 2, 2026, at 1 p.m. at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Wes Johnson and Pastor Alan Milligan officiated.

Burial was in the Graves Cemetery, north of Vienna.

Visitation was held Wednesday evening, July 1, 2026, from 5 until 8 p.m. at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. There was also a time of visitation from 11 a.m. until the service hour at 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 2, 2026, also at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the United Missionary Baptist Church, 125 United Missionary Lane, Buncombe, IL 62912, or to Eagle House Ministries, P.O. Box 97, Buncombe, IL 62912.

To share a memory of Cindy or to leave an online message of condolence for her family, visit baileyfh.com.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.



Ronald “Ronnie” Lee Stadelbacher

Ronald “Ronnie” Lee Stadelbacher, 65, of Winter Haven, Fla., formerly of Greenville, Miss., passed away on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at his home.

Ronnie was born on Oct. 23, 1960, in Champaign to the late Earl Alfred and Anita Jeanne Stadelbacher. Ronnie graduated from St. Joseph Catholic School in Greenville in 1978. He graduated from Mississippi State University with a bachelor’s degree in biology. Ronnie worked for the Mississippi Department of Health in Washington County, Miss., for close to 10 years before transferring to the Florida Department of Environmental Health Division in Pike County, Fla., where he retired as an Environmental Supervisor after nearly 30 years.

Ronnie was full of life and

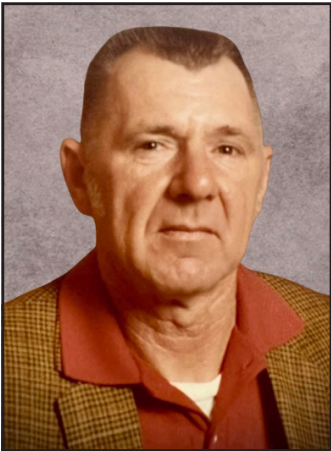
loved visiting with family and friends. He enjoyed the outdoors, music, tennis, cooking, watching football and working in his yard.

Above all, Ronnie will always be remembered for his unwavering dedication and love for his son, Eric. His greatest joy was seeing Eric happy and spending time with him playing basketball, video games, fishing and going on evening walks together.

In addition to his parents, Ronnie was preceded in death by his two sisters, Terry Lynn and Carol Sue Stadelbaher, and two brothers, Earl Ray and Richard “Ricky” Stadelbacher.

Ronnie is survived by his cherished son, Eric Stadelbacher of Winter Haven, Fla.; two sisters, Mary Ann (Odis) Hill and Lisa Cain, both of Greenville, Miss.; and a host of nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 3, 2026, at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Cobden with Father Uriel Salamanca as celebrant. Interment followed at St. Joseph Cemetery in Cobden. Visitation was from 9:30 a.m. until the service time at 10 a.m. at the church. Rendleman and Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden is in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cobden. Envelopes will be available at the church and at Rendleman and Hileman Funeral Home



Langley West

Langley West, 97, a resident of Grand Chain and a former resident of rural Vienna, passed away Friday morning, June 26, 2026, at 1:20 a.m. at the Deaconess Illinois Medical Center in Marion.

Langley was born Nov. 5, 1928, in the Hells Neck community (rural Cypress, Illinois). He was the son of Joshua West and Daisy (Fisher) West.

On June 15, 1948, Langley was united in marriage to Donna Sichling. She preceded him in death on April 30, 2011. On March 20, 2013, he was united in marriage to Wanda (Brunschon) Lanfear at the Oak Grove Baptist Church, southwest of Vienna. She survives.

In addition to his wife, Langley is survived by his children, Mike (Sharon) West of Milan, Mo., LaDonna (Russell) McDowell of Dongola and Langley Joseph West of Fernwood, Wash.; and three stepdaughters, Phyllis Loos, Colleen Bogart and Renee DeGrush, along with their families. Langley is also survived by nine grandchildren, Shad West, Heather Graves, Shanna Graves, Shiloh Graves, Jessie Graves, Trampas Smith,



Ray Holshouser

Ray Holshouser, age 80, passed away peacefully at his home in Jonesboro on Monday, June 29, 2026, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on April 21, 1946, to Victor Holshouser and Ruby Holshouser (Hargrove) in Alexander County.

He graduated from Tamms High School in 1964 and moved to Chicago, where he worked different jobs before being drafted into the Army. After two years of service in Germany, he returned to Chicago. It wasn’t long after that he married Donna Huffman, and they were blessed with 55 years together.

After attending Tulsa School of Aeronautics, Ray and Donna moved to Centralia, where Ray became a private flight instructor and then was hired as a pilot for a major motel chain. Not long after, Ray accepted a job with the State of Illinois and moved his family to Springfield.

In 1984, Ray moved his family to Jonesboro after

Jake Smith, Benjamin Smith and Langley West; several great-grandchildren; three sisters, Luella Thomason, Jane Winterbottom and Patsy Stetter; his beloved Yorkie, Cricket; as well as a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

In addition to his parents, Langley was preceded in death by his first wife, Donna (Sichling) West; a daughter, Sandy Smith; two grandsons, Josh Graves and Zane Smith; brothers Bruce, Gene and Jack West; and sisters Sue Denton, Gail Rigby and Joann West.

Langley spent his career as a skilled electrician in the construction trade and was a proud member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 19 in Aurora for more than 60 years. In his free time, he found enjoyment in woodworking and creating handcrafted items. He was an avid dog lover with a special passion for French Bulldogs, which he took pride in raising and selling.

Langley was of the Baptist faith.

A graveside service honoring the life of Langley West was conducted Sunday, June 28, 2026, at Friendship Cemetery near Dongola. Lonnie West officiated.

Those attending were invited to gather at the cemetery at 1:45 p.m. There was no public visitation.

In recognition of Langley’s love of dogs, contributions may be made to Project Hope Humane Society, 1698 W. 10th St., Metropolis, IL 62960.

To share a memory of Langley or to leave an online message of condolence for his family, visit baileyfh.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

acquiring a job with the US Postal Service in Anna. After 27 years of service, he retired in 2011.

Ray enjoyed walking, fishing, hunting, gardening and most of all spending time with his wife and son.

Survivors include his loving wife Donna; devoted son Chad; siblings Evelyn Caldwell, Bob Holshouser, David Holshouser and Ron Holshouser, Jerri Partridge (Sister-in-law) and Tom Huffman (brother-in-law); along with nephews, nieces and cousins.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by siblings Ann Houser and Jack Holshouser.

Ray was a kind and loving husband, a good father who was always strong, affectionate, honest and dependable. He will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by all who knew him.

A memorial visitation will be held on Friday, July 10 from 11 a.m. to noon at Crain Funeral Home, 135 W. Vienna St., Anna, with a service to gather and celebrate Ray’s life to follow at the funeral home.

Interment will be held at Anna City Cemetery following the service with full military honors by the Carroll P. Foster Post #3455 Ritual Team.

The family requests, with gratitude, that memorial contributions may be made to PAWS, 52 Dog Walk Road, Anna, IL 62906.

Cremation was handled by Crain Funeral Home as well as all other arrangements.



Joanie Myers

Joanie Myers, age 72 of Anna, died Saturday, June 27, 2026. She was born March 2, 1954 in Murphysboro, the daughter of Paul and Lillian (Burke) Self. She married Dennis Myers on Jan. 18, 1971, in Murphysboro.

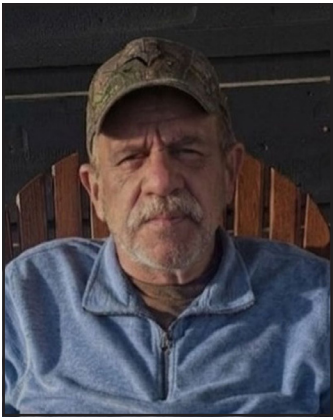
Joanie is survived by her loving husband, Dennis Myers; son Christopher Myers; grandchildren Dustin Dillow, Austin Myers, Kyleigh Myers, Shadow Kerley and Harley Myers; great-grandchildren Hunter, Meadow, Willow and

Caspian; sister Leslie Kay (Mark) Nimmo; fur baby Elle; nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son James Eric Myers; grandson Dylan Myers; great-grandson Killian; and three sisters.

Joanie loved to be outdoors. She enjoyed tending to the lawn and her flowers, going fishing and rock collecting. In earlier years, Joanie and Dennis enjoyed riding motorcycles. When Dennis was a member of the motorcycle club, she was there by his side enjoying every minute of their ride together.

Funeral services for Joanie Myers were at noon Wednesday, July 1, 2026, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna with Elvis Cameron officiating. Interment followed at the Alto Pass Cemetery. Visitation was after 11 a.m. and until the service hour at noon on Wednesday, July 1, 2026, at the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home.



Scott Michael Treece

Scott Michael Treece, age 55, of Wolf Lake died on June 17, 2026, at his home.

He was born July 4, 1970, in Hayti, Mo., the son of Dewey Michael and Barbara Sue (Simpson) Treece. He married the love of his life, Jodi Rosenthal, on June 3, 1995, at Galilee Baptist Church in Wolf Lake. This year they celebrated their 31st anniversary.

Scott was a graduate of Cape Central High School Class of 1988. Scott was a member of Galilee Baptist Church until its closing and then became a member of Beech Grove Church. Scott worked for Chamness Care, Inc. for 13 years where they treated him like family. In 2021 he helped get MAP CDS ready to open. He had a special bond with each of his clients, he also made a lifetime friendship with Beverly, Tasha and his coworkers. They all held a special place in his heart.

Scott served on the Ware-Wolf Lake Fire Department for 19 years, where he served as Captain. Scott loved life to the fullest. He loved his family with everything he had. He would drop anything at the drop of a hat to be there for them. Scott took the title Poppy wholeheartedly, his grandbabies were his pride and joys. He loved them and they loved every ounce of him back.

Scott will greatly be missed by his surviving wife Jodi; his children who were his world: Austin (Maggie) Treece, Kayla (Michael) Calhoun, and Braeden (Carlie) Treece all of Wolf Lake; grandchildren who were his pride and joys and that love their Poppy: Waylon Lake Treece, Braxten Michael Calhoun, Wrenley Jean Treece, Landreigh Marie Calhoun, Kaisen Robert Calhoun, Sutton June Treece, Huxley Rae Calhoun, and Lennon Ann Calhoun; a very special niece, Ava Rosenthal (Owen Tate); mother-in-law and father-in-law Pam and Ron Rosenthal; brother-in-law, Tim Rosenthal; uncle Vaughn (Morgan) Treece of Caruthersville MO; aunt, Paula (Rob) Thomson of Ft. Lauderdale FL; bonus aunt, Sondra (Karry) Pender; bonus uncle, David (Mindy) Livesay; step-brother, Derek (Veronica) Ogborn; a forever childhood best friend, Paxton Ayers; a special friend and coworker, Jeremiah Nichols, and all his brothers at the Ware-Wolf Lake Fire Department; numerous other family and friends.

Scott was preceded in death by his father and mother; grandmother, Joye Treece; grandfather, Dewey Treece; grandfather, Rusty Simpson; cousin, GiGi Thomson and the original ICare Crew; Mickey, Terry J, Willy and Shawn. Scott’s family would like to thank everyone who followed Scott’s Journey and those who walked the journey along with them.

Visitation for Scott Treece will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 11, 2026, at the Wolf Lake Community Church (273 West St, Wolf Lake, IL 62998), services to follow with Jack Thornton and Kenny Verble officiating. Memorial donations may be made directly to the Family of Scott Treece. Envelopes will be available at the church or the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home.

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- Foam Party: Wednesday, July 15th at 6:00 PM
- Vacation Bible School: Sunday, July 19th – Tuesday, July 21st from 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

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1.1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, 2 who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

The Christian's Hope and Salvation
3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

6 In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith-of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire-may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, 11 trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow. 12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

A Call to Holy Living
13 Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. 14 As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. 15 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16 for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." [1] 17 Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. 18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. 20 He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. 21 Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. 22 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. [2] 23 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. 24 For, "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, 25 but the word of the Lord endures forever." [3] And this is the word that was preached to you.



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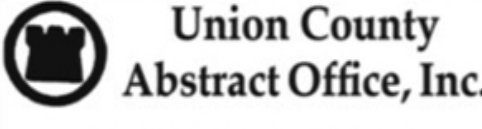
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Remembering the 1926 sesquicentennial celebration at the Old Courthouse

It may be difficult to imagine our own small world in 1926 Johnson County. In June 1926, the city of Vienna was grading its streets and making it known that these dirt streets were in the best shape that they had been in a long time. The post offices were selling the sesquicentennial stamp when it only cost 2 cents to mail a standard letter. Centered around the Old Courthouse, which was more than 50 years old at the time, the citizens of Johnson County were actively participating in the 150-year celebration of this great nation. The June 24, 1926, edition of the Vienna Times featured this article:

"To All Patriotic Americans – By an act of

Congress a commission was established to make plans for the fitting observation of the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the 100th anniversary of the death of Thomas Jefferson.

The week of June 28th to July 4th was established by the Commission as ‘American Independence Week.’

We cannot pay too great a tribute to the memory of Thomas Jefferson and certainly the anniversary of the drafting of the Declaration of Indepence should claim our first attention at this time.

"The dramatic opening will be at 11:11 o'clock on Monday June 28th when the Mayor of Philadelphia will

ring the Liberty Bell. That will be the signal for the ringing of the bells in schools, churches and all public buildings throughout the land as the patriotic echoes of the voice of our own ‘Liberty Bell.’

"All our citizens are earnestly requested to put aside their duties for this half hour program on Monday June 28, and meet at the court yard at the ringing of the bells at 11:11 a.m., to pay honor to the author of the , Declaration of Independence, and express their appreciation for this, our great United States of America, and the signing of the Declaration of Independence.”

This is a weekly feature written by Ed Annable.

Vienna Beta Club sets new school record at national convention

Members of the National Beta Club from Vienna High School recently returned from the National Beta Convention after achieving a record-setting performance on the national stage.

A total of 42 Vienna Beta members attended the convention, with every student participating in at least one competitive event. The club earned 11 national awards, surpassing the previous school record of nine national awards set in 2024.

Competition at the national level featured students from across the country, with many events including between 20 and 60 competitors. Vienna earned more national awards than any other Illinois school in attendance.

National award recipients included:

3rd Place: Beta Blitz: Tiffany Richardson, Gabrielle Buretz, Grace Laubsche and Ruby Richardson

5th Place: Club Trading Pin: Tiffany Richardson, Olivia Quertermous, Bailey

White, Kamryn Hunsaker, Bonnie Russell, Adde Steinmann, Abelina Allen, Ruby Richardson, Grace Laubscher, Sabrina Seals, Nevaeh Nagy, Cadence Hennessy, Sydnie Kerley and Miley Dalton

5th Place - Social Studies (12th Grade) Heather Aldrich

5th Place - Agriscience (10th Grade) Olivia Quertermous

7th Place - All the World's a Stage, Bonnie Russell, Brianna Dailey, Carmen Simpson, Destiny Graham, Gabrielle Buretz, John Cunningham, Kassidy Baker, Kyran Thorne, Tiffany Richardson and Grace Laubscher

7th Place - Mixed Media (Division I), Brianna Dailey

7th Place - Health and Physical Science (10th Grade), Jasper Glass

7th Place - Psychology (9th Grade), Shelby Jenkins

7th Place - Language Arts (12th Grade), Nella Billingsley

7th Place-Speech (Division I), Olivia Quertermous

8th Place - Being Better Betas, Olivia Quertermous, Tiffany Richardson and Bonnie Russell

Additional students earning Top 20 National Finishes included:

Lee Baker - U.S. History (11th Grade)

Caleb Gaddis - Spanish (11th Grade)

Cadence Hennessy - Spelling (12th Grade)

Camden Hupe - Science (9th Grade)

Sabrina Seals - Biomedical Science (11th Grade)

Beta Club sponsor, Mrs. Leslie Bradley, shared, “To break our school's national award record while competing against some of the best students in the country is a testament to the talent, determination, and character of our Beta members. These students dedicated countless hours to preparing for competition, and they represented Vienna High School with excellence throughout the convention. We couldn't be more proud of what they accomplished.”

Jonesboro First Baptist Church news

On June 28, Pastor Perry Williams spoke in our morning service. His message addressed freedom and the story of our independence. Two hundred and fifty years ago, revolution started by preachers encouraging people to stand up, fight for righteousness and your God-given rights of liberty. Then he spoke of the Parable of Soils which talks about what condition our heart is for the good word to sprout. Are our hearts hard or stony or choked with the cares of this world? Or are they good ground for God’s word? His text was found in the thirteenth chapter of Matthew, one of the gospels found in the New Testament.

Dee Rose led in worship accompanied by Debbie York on the piano. The Celebration Choir presented a program of patriotic music.

Our service was sent via transmitter station 87.9 FM for those who want to listen via the radio. The service was also live streamed on Facebook, so if you missed it, you still have an opportunity to view it check our Facebook page, Jonesboro FBC, for the latest videos and info on church events.

We would like to invite children ages 3 years old up to the sixth grade to our upcoming Vacation Bible School. Our theme is "Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God." We will have Bible study, music, science, games and crafts. Join us here at the church,

Jonesboro First Baptist Church, 201 W. Walnut, Jonesboro, July 6 to 10 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Our bus will be available; text Dee at 618-697-1499, or call the church at 618-833-7981, for a ride.

Currently, our regular schedule for worship at Jonesboro First Baptist includes Sunday School

classes on Sundays at 9 a.m.; Sunday morning worship at 10 a.m.; and Sunday evening worship at 6 p.m. Youth for 6th-12th grades meet also on Sundays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. Our Adult Prayer meeting and Bible Study also meets on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. All are invited to attend.

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Dachshunds dash at Anna City Park
A Stars & Stripes Dachshund Dash was one of the events held at the Anna City Park last Saturday for the City of Anna’s 4th of July and America 250 Celebration. Thirteen dogs braved the summer heat and humidity to compete in the Independence Day event. A dashing dachshund named Liberty was crowned as the overall champion. The city voiced its appreciation to Anna-Jonesboro National Bank for helping with the event. The bank provided a water station, treats and supplies for the racers.

Independence Day car, tractor showheld at park
A Celebrating American Heritage Tractor and Car Show was presented Saturday, July 4 at the Anna City Park. The event was part of the City of Anna’s 4th of July and America 250 Celebration. The show was hosted by the Union County Farm Bureau to celebrate 250 years of American agriculture and industry and to showcase antique tractors and classic vehicles.

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County Line News - News for July 9

by Suzan Harvel

Well, the youngest child is back in Canada. Her husband and cat are glad to have her back and we're sad, but that's the way life goes. She made the rounds of visiting with friends and family, going on outings, and wrapped up with a trip to Poplar Bluff, Mo., to visit her aunts and uncles over there. A stop at Boomland on the way back was a MUST, according to her ... gotta have those souvenirs! We were blessed to have her here since the first of April and will look forward to the next trip, this one with her husband, too.

Father's Day was spent with family, as it should be, and remembering the fathers that have passed on. It's been 10 years for both of ours.

Summer is now officially here. Oh boy, is it ever! I could do without the triple-digit heat indexes for sure. Heat indexes are bad in a great portion of this nation. Along with that summer heat comes the summer storms. Storms created havoc recently with flash flooding and tree debris. Now hurricane season is starting up, too, and we are NOT immune to getting hit by some of that mess should it come inland. More troubling are all the catastrophic events of late: flooding from heavy rains made the news out in Kentucky and locally in Missouri; tornadoes struck Kansas, Illinois and Indiana; fires are burning heavily in

Utah, Alaska and other places; earthquakes have struck in California, Mexico, Japan, Venezuela and even close to us in southeast Missouri lately. However, Venezuela was hit worse. They had two major ones hit, one right after the other. The devastation is simply mind boggling. There have also been volcano eruptions in Guatemala, Philippines and Hawaii. Too many have died and a great many have been displaced in many of these events and we need to keep their families and communities in our prayers.

P.A.S.T. of Union County met on Tuesday, June 30 for its regular business meeting. There were 14 members and one guest in attendance. Event reports were given with highlights on June Fest, Annabelle and the America 250 changes. Events still to come are the Quilt Show at John A. Logan College on July 25 and 26, and a series of August "Sunday Talks" will host discussions with guest speakers on how we have progressed in transportation usage in Union County, from wagon trains to airplanes. Other committees gave reports such as: St. Anne's past and upcoming activities; the Archivist and inventory progress; Policy and Procedure is still creating new building blocks for the organization; and fundraising efforts through the re-creation

of Juanita Heisner's wooden community building cutouts. Mike Cremeens, our guest, is re-creating these buildings, and doing a fantastic job of it. The first buildings in the series are now available: the Bunny Bread building, St. Anne's Historic Church, Stinson Library and the Davie School building. They are each \$25, and the funds will be used for needed repairs, painting and updates to the Heritage House and St. Anne's. The next series will be coming out in September and will feature the Rodgers Theatre, Anna Depot, Goddard Feed and Phoenix Mill. By December, the Heritage House will also be available, so be thinking "Christmas presents." This is our primary fundraiser, but our yearly tours, book sales, Sunday Talks, Christmas Luncheons, concerts and a multitude of other small events help us promote, maintain and keep Union County's historic buildings viable for future generations. Our website: pastofunionco.org, will have our calendar of events updated soon, as well as a pdf of the order form for the houses. You may also contact us through email at pastunionco@gmail.com.

Mill Creek Baptist Church's bulletin for church recently reminded us that God is the "God of our Fathers" and he should be our ruler. The flaws of our country and

in ourselves don't mean we shouldn't strive to do better. It shouldn't take disasters to prompt us into caring for others in their losses, giving to others out of compassion, loving our neighbors no matter our differences and always praying for one another. Colossians 3:12-13, Philippians 2:3, Ephesians 4:32, Micah 6:8, Matthew 5: 44 and 22: 37-39 all tell us just how to do that.

Mill Creek Baptist will be holding a VBS meeting after Sunday services on July 12. Helpers are always needed and appreciated. VBS will be held Aug. 3 to 7 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The theme this year is Snowball Mountain Challenge. Come join in on the winter fun in the hot, hot summer time and learn more about Joseph Interpreting Dreams, Esther Showing Courage, the Widow's Offering, Jesus praying in the Garden, and Peter and John at the Temple!

Those added to our prayer list at Mill Creek Baptist are Janice Murray, John David French and Marla Woods. Also remember the families of Larry Busby, Sandy Kaufman, Gary Meyer, Wayne Whiteside and James Alen Smith, Jr. in their passing. Also, please keep our first responders here and those working all the disaster sites in your prayers. They are vital and so appreciated.

Happy Birthday, America!

Teddy Bear Health Clinic set in Anna

Rural Health Inc. is planning a Teddy Bear Health Clinic: Play, Learn & Get Ready for School, for children ages 2 through eighth grade. The free event is scheduled for 3 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 14 in the lower gymnasium at the Davie Elementary/Anna Junior High School building in Anna. The school is located at 301 S. Green St.

The purpose of the event is to familiarize young children with getting a medical and dental exam in a stress-free setting, while allowing their families to meet with local healthcare providers, agencies, organizations and personnel from Union County school districts.

The first 300 kids who attend will receive a small Teddy Bear to take through a series of "check-up" stations which will be designed to help ease medical fears through hands-on activities.

During their visit, kids will also receive free first aid, dental and hygiene kits and a school backpack with supplies for their classroom. Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be provided.

Families will have an opportunity to create memories with their child at the Photo Booth, to participate in a Story-Time Reading Corner with Stinson Memorial Library District and plan their child's back-to-school physicals,

dental and vaccination appointments with Rural Health Inc. providers if needed. No medical or insurance information will be required to attend the event.

The Teddy Bear Health Clinic: Play, Learn & Get Ready for School event is being coordinated by Rural Health Inc. in partnership with the Rural Health Opioid Response Team of Southern Illinois and Davie Elementary/Anna Junior High School and is being presented in cooperation with Union County schools.

Funding for the event is provided to RHI through a Rural Communities Opioid Response Program,

RCORP, grant; a multi-year, federal initiative funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration, HRSA, within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

More information about the Teddy Bear Health Clinic: Play, Learn & Get Ready for School event is available by contacting Shawwna Rhine, director of public relations for Rural Health Inc., at 618-833-4471 ext. 1036, or by visiting Rural Health Inc. on Facebook and at ruralhealthinc.org.

Rural Health Inc. is a not-for-profit organization serving Union, Johnson and Massac counties in southern Illinois.

Universal childhood blood lead testing takes effect in Illinois

Universal childhood blood lead testing in Illinois took effect July 1, the Illinois Department of Public Health has announced. Universal availability marks the culmination of a years-long effort to expand the number of children who receive such testing.

Through the Childhood Lead Program, IDPH identifies children who have been exposed to lead and who may need health interventions to address its effects.

"There is no safe level of lead in the blood," IDPH director Dr. Sameer Vohra said in a news release. "Through our Childhood Lead Program, IDPH has identified thousands of children who have been exposed to lead, allowing for

early intervention to address negative health effects and implementation of efforts to limit further exposure. With this move to universal childhood blood lead testing, IDPH is taking another step towards protecting the health and safety of Illinois' youngest residents."

Previously, Illinois lead testing requirements applied to children living in "high-risk ZIP codes." Under the new standard that took effect July 1, all Illinois children are to be tested automatically at 12 and 24 months.

All children 6 years of age and younger are required to be assessed for lead exposure through the use of a questionnaire administered by a health care provider.

Under Illinois law, blood tests that come back with confirmed lead levels in excess of 3.5 micrograms per deciliter require a public health intervention. This includes a home inspection to determine the source of the lead contamination.

If lead is found, the inspector works with the resident to remove the sources of lead. In addition, a public health nurse will visit and educate the family on ways to protect children from the harmful effects of lead.

Lead exposure can lead to damage to the brain and nervous system, slowed growth and developmental, behavioral and learning difficulties, among other challenges.

Field Day set at Dixon Springs Agriculture Center

The inaugural Dixon Springs Agricultural Center Field Day is scheduled for July 14. The event is set to begin at 5 p.m. and will include a farm-to-table meal featuring food grown and produced at the ag center. The center is located at 354 Illinois Route 145N near Simpson.

Extension advised that the field day does not replace the annual Dixon Springs Beef Day, which is scheduled for

Thursday, July 23. Beef Day is set to cover least cost rations, the beef market, updates on research at the ag center and the the Asian longhorned tick, and a meal.

The field day is scheduled to last until 8 p.m. A \$5 registration fee covers the cost of the program and the farm-to-table meal. Registration is available online at go.illinois.edu/dsacfieldday26 or by calling 618-695-2441.

The field day will feature presentation stations covering a wide range of topics including forest management, invasive species identification and management, pollinator prairie establishment, ongoing animal science research projects, ticks of Illinois bite prevention and identification, high tunnel vegetable production, biological insect control and managing heat stress in tomatoes.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

On July 21, 2026, at 4:30 p.m., the Pulaski County Farmland Assessment Review Committee will hold a public hearing at the county courthouse in the Supervisor of Assessments office, located at 500 Illinois Avenue, Mound City, IL 62963. For more information, you may call 618-748-9321.

The subject of which shall be the equalized assessed values of farmland for the 2027 assessment year. This hearing is held in accordance with Section 10-120 of the property tax code.

Travis Rose CIAO

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Meridian CUSD 101 Board of Education has by Resolution made a determination of the prevailing rate of wages, which is available for review by interested persons during regular business hours at the District's Business Office, 1401 Mounds Road, Mounds, Illinois 62964.

Such publication shall constitute notice of the determination of the prevailing wage rates by this public body and that the determination is in effect.

Section 6: The Secretary of the Board shall mail a copy of this determination to any employer and to any association of employers and to any person or association of employees who have filed their names and addresses requesting copies of any determination stating the particular rates and the particular class of workers whose wages will be affected by such rates.

Section 7: The Board shall specify in any resolution or call for bids for a contract for construction of public works the prevailing rate of wages, as ascertained by the Board, for each craft or type of laborer, worker, or mechanic needed to execute the contract.

Section 8: The Board shall include in any contract for the construction of public works a stipulation that not less than the prevailing rate of wages, as ascertained by the Board, shall be paid to all laborers, workers, and mechanics performing work under the contract and shall also be required that all contractor's bonds pursuant to such contract include such provision as will guarantee the faithful performance of the prevailing wage clause in the contract.

Section 9: This Resolution shall be in effect forthwith upon its passage.

ADOPTED this 29th day of June, 2026, by the following vote:
AYES: 6 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0
Meridian CUSD 101 Board of Education
BY: Connie Young-Hunt, President

ATTEST:
Kristin Kaufman, Secretary

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY- JONESBORO, ILLINOIS U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust PLAINTIFF

Vs.
Mary M. Hanks; et al. DEFENDANTS
No. 2025FC16

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 03/04/2026, the Sheriff of Union County, Illinois will on August 19, 2026 at the hour of 9:00 AM at Union County Courthouse 309 West Market Jonesboro, IL 62952, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Union and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 17; THENCE SOUTH 86 DEGREES 02' WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 17 A DISTANCE OF 2244.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 86 DEGREES 02' WEST ALONG THE SAID SOUTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 252.20 FEET TO THE EAST-ERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE OLD CAPE ROAD; THENCE NORTH 19 DEGREES 15' EAST ALONG THE SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 296.29 FEET; THENCE NORTH 86 DEGREES 02' EAST A DISTANCE OF 131.21 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 4 DEGREES 51' EAST A DISTANCE OF 272.33 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THE TRACT CONTAINING 1.198 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. ALSO, THAT PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SAID TRACT NORTH 86 1/2 DEGREES EAST 400 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE SOUTH AND PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID QUARTER QUARTER 217.8 FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 86 1/2 DEGREES WEST 400 FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE RUNNING NORTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID TRACT 217.8 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, AND CONTAINING TWO ACRES, MORE OR LESS, EXCEPT ALL THAT PART OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TRACT LYING WEST OF THE PUBLIC ROAD RUNNING FROM JONESBORO TO REYNOLDSVILLE AS NOW LOCATED, AND CONVEYED BY JOHN CASPER AND RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN DEED RECORD #67 PAGE 271, (THAT PART CONVEYED BY THIS DEED BEING AL THAT PART OF THE ABOVE TRACT LYING EAST OF THE SAID JONESBORO-REYNOLDSVILLE ROAD.)

PIN 09-17-06-419; 09-20-06-424

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If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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 successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

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

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-25-05710. 13290168 8221-966685

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS FARMERS STATE BANK OF ALTO PASS, a State Chartered Bank, Plaintiff,
v.
HUDSON & HUDSON LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Company; LINDSEY FISHER HUDSON a/k/a LINDSEY FISHER; PRIME CAPITAL VENTURES, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company; UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
Case No.: 2025FC7 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above court entered in the above entitled cause on May 6, 2026, the following described real estate will on the 12th day of August, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., at the Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, IL 62952, be offered for sale and sold at public venue.

A. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Lawler Brown Law Firm, 1600 West Main Street, PO Box 1148, Marion, IL 62959, telephone (618) 993-2222.

B. The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is 108 Denny Drive, Anna, IL 62906.

C. The legal description of the real estate is as follows:

A parcel of land being a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 21, Township 12 South, Range 1 West of the Third Principal Meridian. Said parcel is also a part of property described and recorded in Book 118, Page 103 in the Union County Courthouse in the name of Juanita Denny, as Trustee under the provisions of a trust agreement dated March 15, 1973, identified as Trust No. 4056-73-1, and also known as Tri

D Development Land Trust. Said Parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at an iron pipe found at the Southeast Corner of said Quarter-Quarter Section, said corner being established per survey of J.T. Blankenship, IPLS No. 699, for Dale Denny, dated June 6, 1966; thence N 0 degrees 33' 33" W 1007.81 feet along the East line of said Quarter-Quarter Section to the Southeast corner of an existing utility easement; thence N 88 degrees 41' 32" W 278.65 feet along the South line of said utility easement to an iron rod set, this being the point of beginning; thence along new lines the following two (2) calls: thence S 1 degree 55' 21" E 213.36 feet to an iron rod set; thence N 88 degrees 41' 15" W 190.60 feet to an iron rod set in the East line of a new 50' access and utility easement; thence along said new easement the following two (2) calls: thence N 1 degree 55' 21" W 18.31 feet to an iron rod set; thence along a curve to the left with chord bearing N 22 degrees 03' 40" W 144.07 feet, a radius of 209.22 feet, and an arc of 147.08 feet to an iron rod set in the South line of said existing utility easement; thence along said existing utility easement, the following two (2) calls: thence N 47 degrees 47' 54" E 90.74 feet to an iron rod set; thence S 88 degrees 41' 32" E 170.94 feet to the point of beginning.

Permanent Index Number: 05-21-03-711-K;

Commonly known as: 108 Denny Drive, Anna, IL 62906.

D. A description of the improvements on the real estate is commercial property.

E. The time and place of the sale are: Public sale at 9:00 a.m. on August 12, 2026, at the Courthouse in Jonesboro, Union County, Illinois.

F. The terms of the sale are: Cash or certified check or the equivalent thereof at the time of sale. This property 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. Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

G. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate.

H. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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

Dated: June 29, 2026
LAWLER BROWN LAW FIRM

By: /s/ Adam B. Lawler
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT JOHNSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MARILYN A. HERING, DECEASED
CASE NO. 2026-PR-11 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

To: Heirs, Possible Heirs Tony Kish, John Kish, Daniel Schaumleffel and Donald Schaumleffel, Unknown Heirs, and Creditors

NOTICE is given of the death of MARILYN A. HERING who died May 22, 2026. Letters of Office were issued on the 26th day of June, 2026 to Lonnie Ross as Independent Executor with an address of 205 Whittenburg Lane, Tunnel Hill, IL 62972, whose attorney is Robert C. Wilson, P.O. Box 544, Harrisburg, Illinois 62946.

NOTICE is given to possible heirs Tony Kish, John Kish, Daniel Schaumleffel and Donald Schaumleffel and to heirs named in the Petition for Probate and named in the Order Finding Heirship entered by the Court on June 26, 2026 and to those unknown heirs who were not named in the Petition for Probate filed June 23, 2026 that an Order Finding Heirship was entered by the Court on June 26, 2026 and that an Order Admitting Will to Probate and Appointing Independent Representative was entered by the Court on June 26, 2026 with Letters of Office-Decedent's Estate issued by the Clerk of the Court on June 26, 2026. Within 42 days after the effective date of the Order Admitting Will to Probate, you may file a Petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by Testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act (Il. Compiled Stat., Ch. 755, Sec. 5/6-21.). You also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (Il. Compiled Stat., Ch. 755, Sec. 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a Petition with the Court within 6 months after admission of the Will to probate.

The Estate will be administered without Court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 (Il. Compiled Stat., Ch. 755, Sec. 5/28-4) of the Probate Act any interested person terminates Independent Administration at any time by mailing or delivering a Petition to Terminate to the Clerk.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exceptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/serviceproviders.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.aspx or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Johnson County Clerk of this Court at Vienna, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of July 9, 2026, or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representative is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act (Il. Compiled Stat., Ch. 755, Sec. 5/18-3), within the period stated in that notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Lonnie Ross
Independent Executor
By: /s/Robert C. Wilson
Attorney for Independent Executor

PREPARED BY: ROBERT C. WILSON IARDC #3128411
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TAX DEED NO. 2026TX10 FILED June 30, 2026

TAKE NOTICE
TO: STEPHANIE L. COX, UNION COUNTY CLERK; MICHAEL P. BLANK; DU QUOIN STATE BANK; CYNTHIA LYNN LUCAS; JIM BURKE; OCCUPANT; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED; AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THENCE NORTH ON AN AZIMUTH OF 3 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 7 SECONDS FOR A DISTANCE OF 594.69 FEET; THENCE NORTHEAST ON AN AZIMUTH OF 32 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 14 SECONDS FOR A DISTANCE OF 2.86 FEET; THENCE ALONG A CURVE TO THE LEFT WITH A RADIUS OF 502.47 FEET FOR A DISTANCE OF 63.29 FEET; THENCE EAST ON AN AZIMUTH OF 89 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 80 SECONDS FOR A DISTANCE OF 1339.69 FEET; THENCE SOUTH ON AN AZIMUTH OF 180 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 35 SECONDS FOR A DISTANCE OF 649.09 FEET; THENCE WEST ON AN AZIMUTH OF 269 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 7 SECONDS FOR A DISTANCE OF 1367.96 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Property Index Number 07-10-05-239
On November 18, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on February 7, 2024 for general taxes of the year 2022. The period of redemption will expire November 4, 2026.

Stuart E. Morgenstern, Attorney for Petitioner
(618) 357-5315
Cert. # 2022-00072
8221-966702

TAX DEED NO. 2026TX11 FILED June 30, 2026

TAKE NOTICE
TO: STEPHANIE L. COX, UNION COUNTY CLERK; SHEILA FRICK; CAROLYN BRACKEN; ESTATE OF CAROLYN BRACKEN; OCCUPANT; GLEN BRACKEN; RICK BRACKEN; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVICES OF CAROLYN BRACKEN; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED; AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: A PART OF LOT NUMBER NINETY-SEVEN (97) IN THE TOWN, (NOW VILLAGE) OF DONGOLA, AS LAID OFF AND RECORDED BY E. LEAVENSWORTH, TO WIT: FRONTING ON OAK AND CHARLES STREETS AND RUNNING BACK ON SAID LOT NO. 97 SEVENTY-FOUR (74) FEET ON CHARLES STREET, AND ONE HUNDRED (100) FEET ON OAK STREET, SITUATED IN DONGOLA, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Property Index Number 14-00-10-454
On November 18, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on February 7, 2024 for general taxes of the year 2022. The period of redemption will expire November 4, 2026.

Stuart E. Morgenstern, Attorney for Petitioner
(618) 357-5315
Cert. # 2022-00159
8221-966703

TAX DEED NO. 2026TX12 FILED June 30, 2026

TAKE NOTICE
TO: STEPHANIE L. COX, UNION COUNTY CLERK; FIRST STATE BANK OF DONGOLA; LARRY E. SIMMERMAN; ESTATE OF LARRY E. SIMMERMAN; SHIRLEY M. SIMMERMAN; OCCUPANT; RACHEL FLICK; JOSEPH FLICK; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVICES OF LARRY E. SIMMERMAN; UNKNOWN

OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED; AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.

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

Beginning at a point on Mill Street Seventy-two (72) feet Southwest from the North corner of Lot Number Thirty (30) in Lewis Meisenheimer's Second (2nd) Addition to the Town (now Village) of Dongola, and running in a Southwesterly direction on Mill Street Seventy-five (75) feet to a point; thence at a right angle in a Southeasterly direction 118 feet to a point on the L.C.R.R. right-of-way; thence at a right angle in a Northeasterly direction parallel with said right-of-way 75 feet to a point; thence at a right angle in a Westerly direction 118 feet to the point of beginning, said land being a part of Lot Number Thirty (30) in L. Meisenheimer's 2nd Addition to the Town (now Village) of Dongola, and a part being in the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section 25, in Township 13 South, Range 1 West of the 3rd Principal Meridian; situated in the County of Union in the State of Illinois.

Property Index Number 14-00-10-627

On November 18, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on February 7, 2024 for general taxes of the year 2022. The period of redemption will expire November 4, 2026.

Stuart E. Morgenstern, Attorney for Petitioner
(618) 357-5315
Cert. # 2022-00162
8221-966704

TAX DEED NO. 2026TX13 FILED June 30, 2026

TAKE NOTICE
TO: STEPHANIE L. COX, UNION COUNTY CLERK; VONDA HILL; RICHARD O. GRAHAM; YVONNE C. GRAHAM; ROBERT HILL; OCCUPANT; RICHARD O. GRAHAM, TRUSTEE OF THE GRAHAM JOINT TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 22, 2016; YVONNE C. GRAHAM, TRUSTEE OF THE GRAHAM JOINT TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 22, 2016; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVICES OF RICHARD O. GRAHAM AND YVONNE C. GRAHAM; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED; AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: The Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section Five (5), in Township Twelve (12) South, Range One (1) East of the Third Principal Meridian, Union County, Illinois.

Property Index Number 02-05-00-680
On November 18, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on February 7, 2024 for general taxes of the year 2022. The period of redemption will expire November 4, 2026.

Stuart E. Morgenstern, Attorney for Petitioner
(618) 357-5315
Cert. # 2022-00002
8221-966705

TAX DEED NO. 2026TX14 FILED June 30, 2026

TAKE NOTICE
TO: STEPHANIE L. COX, UNION COUNTY CLERK; MELISSA JOYCE BROOKER A/K/A MELISSA JOYCE ANGLIN BROOKER; CARMAN ANGLIN; VIRGINIA ANGLIN; CRAIN FUNERAL HOME; DONOVAN JOHNSON; JACKSON BROOKER; OCCUPANT; BETHANY RIDER; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVICES OF CARMAN ANGLIN AND VIRGINIA ANGLIN; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED; AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: Part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 6, Township 13 South, Range 1 East of the Third Principal Meridian, Union County, Illinois, described as follows: Commencing at the intersection of the North line of the said Quarter-Quarter with the Easterly right-of-way line of County Highway 17, thence South 0 degrees 42' East along the said Easterly right-of-way line a distance of 747.44 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 84 degrees 04' 40" West a distance of 123.18 feet to a point; thence Southerly in a line parallel to the Easterly right-of-way line of County Highway 17 for a distance of 80 feet; thence Southwesterly for a distance of 123.0 feet to a point in the Easterly right-of-way line of County Highway 17, which point is 106.0 feet South to the point of beginning for this description; Thence North 0 degrees 42' West a distance of 106.0 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Illinois.

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

On November 18, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on February 7, 2024 for general taxes of the year 2022. The period of redemption will expire November 4, 2026.

Stuart E. Morgenstern, Attorney for Petitioner
(618) 357-5315
Cert. # 2022-00008
8221-966706

TAX DEED NO. 2026TX15 FILED June 30, 2026

TAKE NOTICE
TO: STEPHANIE L. COX, UNION COUNTY CLERK; OCCUPANT; LORRAINE ANN KARRAKER; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED; AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SAID QUARTER-QUARTER A DISTANCE OF 467.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 42' WEST PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF THE SAID QUARTER-QUARTER A DISTANCE OF 467.00 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE SAID QUARTER-QUARTER; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 43' WEST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE SAID QUARTER-QUARTER A DISTANCE OF 467.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 42' WEST PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF THE SAID QUARTER-QUARTER A DISTANCE OF 467.00 FEET; THENCE EAST 90 DEGREES 42' EAST ALONG THE SAID NORTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 467.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THE TRACT CONTAINING 5.00 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING SUBJECT TO AND HAVING THE USE OF AN EXISTING INGRESS AND EGRESS EASEMENT AS RECORDED IN BOOK 68, PAGES 557-560, AND ALSO BEING SUBJECT TO EXISTING 20 FEET WIDE INGRESS AND EGRESS EASEMENTS ALONG THE NORTH AND EAST LINES OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED TRACT, PER PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY CHARLES L. GARNER, ILLINOIS LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2316, RECORDED ON MAY 17, 2004, IN RECORD BOOK 247 AT PAGE 709 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

ALSO CONVEYING TO THE GRANTEES, THEIR SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS A 20 FEET WIDE EASEMENT FOR WATER METER AND WATERLINE PURPOSES, WITH THE RIGHT TO MAINTAIN REPAIR, OR REPLACE THE SAME AS MAY BE NECESSARY, IN ITS PRESENT LOCATION, THE WATER METER BEING LOCATED NEAR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF A 28.661 ACRE TRACT CONVEYED BY WARRANTY DEED RECORDED IN RECORD BOOK 246 AT PAGES 534-536 AND NEAR CASPER CHURCH ROAD, WITH THE WATERLINE RUNNING UNDER GROUND SURFACE IN A GENERALLY EASTERLY DIRECTION TO THE RESIDENCE LOCATED ON THE HEREIN CONVEYED 5.00 ACRE M/L TRACT (SEE WARRANTY DEED RECORDED IN RECORD BOOK 246 AT PAGES 534-536 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.)

Property Index Number 05-05-02-994
On November 18, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on February 7, 2024 for general taxes of the year 2022. The period of redemption will expire November 4, 2026.

Stuart E. Morgenstern, Attorney for Petitioner
(618) 357-5315
Cert. # 2022-00016
8221-966707

TAX DEED NO. 2026TX16 FILED June 30, 2026

TAKE NOTICE
TO: STEPHANIE L. COX, UNION COUNTY CLERK; VICTOR METZGER; VICTOR METZGER II; NAR, INC D/B/A NORTH AMERICAN; OCCUPANT; KENLEE METZGER; LVNV FUNDING, LLC; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED; AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: Part of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section 19, Township 12 South, Range 1 West of the Third Principal Meridian, more particularly described as: Beginning at an iron post on the West line of Spring Street, in the City of Anna, said iron post being the Northeast corner of Miller Heights Addition to the City of Anna; thence South 85 degrees 45 minutes West along the North line of said Miller Heights Addition 132 feet to a stake (this line is also the North line of Dickinson Street in said Miller Heights Addition); thence North 7 degrees West 60 feet to a stake; thence North 85 degrees 45 minutes East 132 feet to a stake on the West line of Spring Street; thence South 7 degrees 60 feet along the said West line of Spring Street to the place of beginning; situated in Union County, Illinois.

Property Index Number 05-19-03-355
On November 18, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. the Petitioner intends to

make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on February 7, 2024 for general taxes of the year 2022. The period of redemption will expire November 4, 2026.

Stuart E. Morgenstern, Attorney for Petitioner
(618) 357-5315
Cert. # 2022-00024
8221-966708

TAX DEED NO. 2026TX17 FILED June 30, 2026

TAKE NOTICE
TO: STEPHANIE L. COX, UNION COUNTY CLERK; CAROLE L. EDDLEMAN; OCCUPANT; SUSAN M. NANCE; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED; AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.

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

BEGINNING AT A POINT 20 RODS WEST FROM THE NORTH EAST CORNER OF THE SOUTH EAST QUARTER OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE 3rd P.M. ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION; THENCE SOUTH 80 RODS; THENCE WEST 80 RODS; THENCE IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION FOLLOWING THE CREEK TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION TO A POINT 83 RODS WEST FROM THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE EAST 83 RODS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 40 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT: BEGINNING AT A POINT 20 RODS WEST FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 18, ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION; THENCE WEST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 420 FEET; THENCE IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION PARALLEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION FOR A DISTANCE OF 80 RODS; THENCE IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION FOR A DISTANCE OF 420 FEET; THENCE IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION FOR A DISTANCE OF 80 RODS TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION WHICH POINT IS THE POINT OF BEGINNING FOR THE DESCRIPTION OF THIS EXCEPTION, INTENDING HEREBY TO CONVEY 30 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

On November 18, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on February 7, 2024 for general taxes of the year 2022. The period of redemption will expire November 4, 2026.

Stuart E. Morgenstern, Attorney for Petitioner
(618) 357-5315
Cert. # 2022-00090
8221-966710

**TAX DEED NO. 2026TX19
FILED June 30, 2026
TAKE NOTICE**

TO: STEPHANIE L. COX, UNION COUNTY CLERK; DESTINY HICKAM; JOSEPH MANUEL HICKAM; JANIE LOISE HICKAM; OCCUPANT; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED; AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: A PARCEL OF LAND BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON ROD SET AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER QUARTER SECTION; THENCE N. 00 DEGREES 03'35" W., 1075.66 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID QUARTER QUARTER SECTION TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE ALONG NEW LINES THE FOLLOWING FOUR (4) CALLS: THENCE N. 33 DEGREES 47'06" E., 28.09 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE N. 77 DEGREES 44'49" E., 39.33 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE N. 03 DEGREES 53'20" W., 89.04 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE N. 01 DEGREES 07'11" W., 83.30 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET IN THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF RATTLE SNAKE FERRY ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE THE FOLLOWING TWO (2) CALLS; THENCE S. 77 DEGREES 58'51" E., 74.71 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S. 65 DEGREES 56'09" E., 58.48 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE S. 02 DEGREES 59'41" E., 1244.24 FEET ALONG A NEW LINE TO AN IRON ROD SET IN THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER SECTION; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 23'27" W, 236.73 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER SECTION TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SAID PARCEL TO CONTAIN 5.741 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PER SURVEY BY BILLY J. ABERNATHY, IL PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR NO. 3536, DATED 09/26/2007. SAID PARCEL BEING SUBJECT TO ALL RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND EASEMENTS, RECORDED OR OTHERWISE, ALL SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Property Index Number 10-01-06-636-D

On November 18, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on February 7, 2024 for general taxes of the year 2022. The period of redemption will expire November 4, 2026.

Stuart E. Morgenstern, Attorney for Petitioner
(618) 357-5315
Cert. # 2022-00095
8221-966711

**TAX DEED NO. 2026TX20
FILED June 30, 2026
TAKE NOTICE**

TO: STEPHANIE L. COX, UNION COUNTY CLERK; TOWER LOAN OF ILLINOIS, L.L.C.; CHARLES STILLEY; JANIS STILLEY; OCCUPANT; THE ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED; AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: LOT NUMBER FOUR (4) IN BLOCK NUMBER TWO (2) IN MILLER HEIGHTS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ANNA, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Property Index Number 14-00-09-500

On November 18, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on February 7, 2024 for general taxes of the year 2022. The period of redemption will expire November 4, 2026.

Stuart E. Morgenstern, Attorney for Petitioner
(618) 357-5315
Cert. # 2022-00095
8221-966711

**TAX DEED NO. 2026TX20
FILED June 30, 2026
TAKE NOTICE**

TO: STEPHANIE L. COX, UNION COUNTY CLERK; TOWER LOAN OF ILLINOIS, L.L.C.; CHARLES STILLEY; JANIS STILLEY; OCCUPANT; THE ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED; AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: LOT NUMBER FOUR (4) IN BLOCK NUMBER TWO (2) IN MILLER HEIGHTS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ANNA, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Property Index Number 14-00-09-500

On November 18, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on February 7, 2024 for general taxes of the year 2022. The period of redemption will expire November 4, 2026.

Stuart E. Morgenstern, Attorney for Petitioner
(618) 357-5315
Cert. # 2022-00152
8221-966712

**TAX DEED NO. 2026TX21
FILED June 30, 2026
TAKE NOTICE**

TO: STEPHANIE L. COX, UNION COUNTY CLERK; JASON WARREN; MARY WARREN; PAULA KIRBY; LINDELL W. WARREN; THE ESTATE OF MARY WARREN; THE ESTATE OF LINDELL W. WARREN; JOSEPH WARREN; UNION COUNTY TRUSTEE; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVICES OF MARY WARREN AND LINDELL W. WARREN; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED; AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: Lot Numbered Seven (7) in Arrowhead Estates, being a subdivision of a part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 13 South, Range 1 West of the Third Prin-

cipal Meridian in the Village of Dongola, Union County, Illinois. Property Index Number 14-00-10-684-B07

On November 18, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on February 7, 2024 for general taxes of the year 2022. The period of redemption will expire November 4, 2026.

Stuart E. Morgenstern, Attorney for Petitioner
(618) 357-5315
Cert. # 2022-00164
8221-966713

**TAX DEED NO. 2026TX26
FILED June 30, 2026
TAKE NOTICE**

TO: STEPHANIE L. COX, UNION COUNTY CLERK; ROBERT HILL; RICHARD O. GRAHAM; YVONNE C. GRAHAM; OCCUPANT; RICHARD O. GRAHAM, TRUSTEE OF THE GRAHAM JOINT TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 22, 2016; YVONNE C. GRAHAM, TRUSTEE OF THE GRAHAM JOINT TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 22, 2016; VONDA HILL; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVICES OF RICHARD O. GRAHAM AND YVONNE C. GRAHAM; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED; AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: The West Half (W 1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Five (5), Township Twelve (12) South, Range One (1) East, the 3rd Principal Meridian, situated in Union County, Illinois.

Property Index Number 02-05-00-684

On November 18, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on February 7, 2024 for general taxes of the year 2022. The period of redemption will expire November 4, 2026.

Stuart E. Morgenstern, Attorney for Petitioner
(618) 357-5315
Cert. # 2022-00003
8221-966698

**TAX DEED NO. 2026TX7
FILED June 30, 2026
TAKE NOTICE**

TO: STEPHANIE L. COX, UNION COUNTY CLERK; GRACIELA QUESADA; OCCUPANT; FARMERS STATE BANK OF ALTO PASS; ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; ATTORNEY GENERAL OF ILLINOIS; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED; AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: ALL THAT PART OF LOT NUMBER 2 OF THE SUBDIVISION OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 28, IN TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LYING EAST OF U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 51 CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 4.9 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN A CERTAIN PLAT RECORDED IN SURVEYORS RECORD 2 ON PAGE 298 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

SUBJECT TO A WATER LINE EASEMENT ALONG THE SOUTHERLY 4 FEET THEREOF GRANTED BY ROBERT P. KING AND RUTH MAXINE KING, HUSBAND AND WIFE, TO BOBBY G. SHOEMAKER AND JUDY M. SHOEMAKER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, BY EASEMENT DATED JUNE 24, 1977, FILED JUNE 27, 1977, IN THE MISCELLANEOUS BOOK 33, AT PAGES 60-61 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL: A PART OF LOT 2 OF THE SUBDIVISION OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 28, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 28, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 28; THENCE NORTH 05 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 28, A DISTANCE OF 682.39 FEET TO THE GRANTOR'S NORTH-EAST CORNER; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST ALONG GRANTOR'S NORTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 648.74 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AT THE GRANTOR'S NORTHWEST CORNER ON THE EASTERLY EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF FA 322 (US 51), LOCATED 30.00 FEET EASTERLY OF THE CENTER LINE OF THE RELOCATED CENTERLINE OF US 51 AT STATION 93+47.97; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF A NONTANGENTIAL CURVE TO THE RIGHT, CONCAVE TO THE WEST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1617.58 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 7 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 03 SECONDS, A DISTANCE OF 204.71 FEET TO A POINT LOCATED 30.00 FEET EASTERLY OF SAID CENTERLINE AT STATION 95+48.88; THENCE SOUTH 12 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 147.38 FEET ALONG SAID EASTERLY EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE TO THE GRANTOR'S SOUTHWEST CORNER LOCATED 29.95 FEET EASTERLY OF SAID RE-

LOCATED CENTERLINE OF

US 51 AT STATION 96+96.53; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST ALONG GRANTOR'S SOUTH LINE A DISTANCE OF 30.98 FEET TO A POINT LOCATED 60.00 FEET EASTERLY OF SAID RELOCATED CENTERLINE OF US 51 AT STATION 97+04.31; THENCE NORTH 12 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 154.54 FEET TO A POINT LOCATED 60.00 FEET EASTERLY OF SAID RELOCATED CENTERLINE OF US 51 AT STATION 95+48.88; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG A TANGENTIAL CURVE TO THE LEFT, CONCAVE TO THE WEST, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1647.58 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 6 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 51 SECONDS, A DISTANCE OF 197.38 FEET TO A POINT ON THE GRANTOR'S NORTH LINE LOCATED 60.00 FEET EASTERLY OF SAID CENTERLINE AT STATION 93+58.69 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 18 SECONDS WEST ALONG GRANTOR'S NORTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 31.96 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALL DISTANCES AS MEASURED FROM THE LOCATED CENTERLINE OF FA 322 (US 51) ARE MEASURED NORMAL TO SAID CENTERLINE. THE BASIS FOR THE BEARINGS IN THIS DESCRIPTION IS THE ILLINOIS STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM.

Property Index Number 05-28-03-978

On November 18, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on February 7, 2024 for general taxes of the year 2022. The period of redemption will expire November 4, 2026.

Stuart E. Morgenstern, Attorney for Petitioner
(618) 357-5315
Cert. # 2022-00039
8221-966699

**TAX DEED NO. 2026TX8
FILED June 30, 2026
TAKE NOTICE**

TO: STEPHANIE L. COX, UNION COUNTY CLERK; OCCUPANT; CAROLE EDDLEMAN; SUSAN M. NANCE; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED; AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: A part of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Eight (8), in Township Thirteen (13) South, Range One (1) West of the Third (3rd) Principal Meridian, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the Southwest Corner of said quarter section; thence North along the West line of said quarter section a distance of seventy-two (72) rods to a stone; thence East and parallel to the South line of said quarter section to the East line thereof; thence South along said East line of said quarter section to the Southeast Corner of said quarter section; thence West along the South line of said quarter section to the point of beginning, containing in the aggregate seventy-two (72) acres, more or less.

Property Index Number 06-08-04-403-A

On November 18, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on February 7, 2024 for general taxes of the year 2022. The period of redemption will expire November 4, 2026.

Stuart E. Morgenstern, Attorney for Petitioner
(618) 357-5315
Cert. # 2022-00051
8221-966700

**TAX DEED NO. 2026TX9
FILED June 30, 2026
TAKE NOTICE**

TO: STEPHANIE L. COX, UNION COUNTY CLERK; GAYNE W. PECORD; OCCUPANT; SANDRA PECORD; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED; AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION TWENTY-FOUR (24), TOWNSHIP THIRTEEN (13) SOUTH, RANGE ONE (1) WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE OF DONGOLA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: BEGINNING AT A POINT 450 FEET EAST FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED QUARTER QUARTER AND CONTINUING EAST ON THE SAME LINE A DISTANCE OF 118 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION A DISTANCE OF 260 FEET (MORE OR LESS) TO THE NORTHEAST LINE OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF THE BLACK TOP ROAD FROM DONGOLA TO ST. JOHN'S; THENCE IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION ON SAID ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 85 FEET; THENCE IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION A DISTANCE OF 260 FEET (MORE OR LESS) TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Property Index Number 06-24-04-702

On November 18, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on February 7, 2024 for general taxes of the year 2022. The period of redemption will expire November 4, 2026.

Stuart E. Morgenstern, Attorney for Petitioner
(618) 357-5315
Cert. # 2022-00063
8221-966701

**TAX DEED NO. 2026TX10
FILED June 30, 2026
TAKE NOTICE**

TO: STEPHANIE L. COX, UNION COUNTY CLERK; JASON WARREN; MARY WARREN; PAULA KIRBY; LINDELL W. WARREN; THE ESTATE OF MARY WARREN; THE ESTATE OF LINDELL W. WARREN; JOSEPH WARREN; UNION COUNTY TRUSTEE; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVICES OF MARY WARREN AND LINDELL W. WARREN; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED; AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: Lot Numbered Seven (7) in Arrowhead Estates, being a subdivision of a part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 13 South, Range 1 West of the Third Prin-

cipal Meridian in the Village of Dongola, Union County, Illinois. Property Index Number 14-00-10-684-B07

On November 18, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on February 7, 2024 for general taxes of the year 2022. The period of redemption will expire November 4, 2026.

Stuart E. Morgenstern, Attorney for Petitioner
(618) 357-5315
Cert. # 2022-00063
8221-966701

21st, 2026 at 11:00 am at the Village Hall in East Cape Girardeau to review and obtain interested parties views regarding the Village's program activities and performance under the IL Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's Community Development Block Grant #19-242030. The purpose of the grant was for improvements to Iroquois Street sewer lift station and the wastewater treatment plant. Persons with disabilities or non-English speaking persons who wish to attend and need assistance should contact Lacey Reagan at Southern Five at 618-845-9000. 8221-966810

**IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE FIRST
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
ALEXANDER
COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MORTGAGE RESEARCH
CENTER, LLC D/B/A
VETERANS UNITED
HOME LOANS, A
MISSOURI LIMITED
LIABILITY COMPANY,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
GERALD NORDGREN,
SPECIAL
REPRESENTATIVE OF
TISHA BEANE, DECEASED;
UNKNOWN OWNERS
AND NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS; NAOMI R
KITCHEN; UNKNOWN
HEIRS AND LEGATEES
OF TISHA BEANE,
DEFENDANTS.
NO. 2025FC6
6 COMMANCHE DRIVE
MC CLURE, IL 62957
NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT
OF FORECLOSURE
UNDER ILLINOIS
MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE ACT**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on April 1, 2026, will on August 12, 2026, in THE HALL OF THE CIRCUIT CLERK'S OFFICE, 2000 Washington Avenue, Cairo, IL 62914, at 10:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Alexander, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment: LOT NUMBER SIX (6) IN EAST CAPE TERRACE NUMBER ONE (1) SUBDIVISION IN MCCLURE, ALEXANDER COUNTY, ILLINOIS. TAX NO. 01-13-453-006 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 6 Commanche Drive Mc Clure, IL 62957 Description of Improvements: White vinyl siding, single family home

The Judgment amount was \$114,471.58. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., 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 bid amount, 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. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g) (1) and (g)(4).

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

For Information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 333 W. Lacker Drive, Suite 1820, Chicago, IL 60606-1220. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 25-21932IL.

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. 13284918 8221-966411

**IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE FIRST
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
JOHNSON COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
DEBRA MING,
Deceased.
NO. 2026-PR-10
CLAIM NOTICE**

Notice is given of the death of Debra Ming, deceased, a resident of Vienna, Johnson County, Illinois. A Petition for Letters of Independent Administration and for Letters of Office were filed with the Circuit Clerk on May 29, 2026. Letters of Office were issued on the 22 day of

June, 2026, to Chad Nalley, of 5495 Schneider Rd, Metropolis, IL 62960.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk at the Johnson County Courthouse, Vienna, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before January 2, 2027, at which time a hearing date will be set in Circuit Court of Johnson County. Failure to file any claim within that period does not deprive the claimant of their right to enforce their claim in any other manner provided by law. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed. Ryan O'Neal Circuit Clerk of Johnson County Alan W. McIntyre Attorney at Law 412 Court Street/P.O. Box 515 Vienna, Illinois 62995 (618) 658-9497 ARDC# 6237658 Email: alan@amcintyrelaw.com 8221-966522

**IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE FIRST
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
PULASKI COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF
ROGER MANWARING SR.,
Deceased.
NO. 2026-PR-6
CLAIM NOTICE**

Notice is given of the death of Roger Manwaring Sr., deceased, a resident of Sikeston, Scott County, Missouri. A Petition for Letters of Independent Administration and for Letters of Office were filed with the Circuit Clerk on June 16, 2026. Letters of Office were issued on the 18 day of June, to Roger Manwaring Jr., of 814 Weatherwood Dr., Manchester, MO 63021.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk at the Pulaski County Courthouse, Mound City, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before January 1, 2027, at which time a hearing date will be set in Circuit Court of Pulaski County. Failure to file any claim within that period does not deprive the claimant of their right to enforce their claim in any other manner provided by law. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Stephanie L. Crain Circuit Clerk of Pulaski County Alan W. McIntyre Attorney at Law 412 Court Street/P.O. Box 515 Vienna, Illinois 62995 (618) 658-9497 ARDC# 6237658 Email: alan@amcintyrelaw.com 8221-966497

**IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE FIRST
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
JOHNSON COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
In re the matter of
the estate of
PAMALIA D. GREEN,
Deceased.
No. 2026-PR-9
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
- CLAIMS**

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Pamalia D. Green of Cypress, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on June 17, 2025, to Deborah L. Green, of Cypress, Illinois, whose attorney is Blane Osman of Ronald E. Osman & Associates, Ltd., 1602 Kimmel, P.O. Box 939, Marion, Illinois, 62959.

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 58-1), 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 Johnson County Courthouse, 105 North 6th Street, P.O. Box 517, Vienna, 62995 Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before January 4, 2027, 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 Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: July 1, 2026.

Deborah L. Green, Independent Executor By: Blane Osman, Attorney Ronald E. Osman & Associates, Ltd. 1602 W. Kimmel/P.O. Box 939 Marion, IL 62959 (618) 997-5151 8221-966533

**ASSUMED NAME
PUBLICATION NOTICE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN THAT ON June 23, 2026
A CERTIFICATE WAS FILED
IN THE OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY CLERK/RECORDER
ROBIN HARPER-WHITE-
HEAD OF JOHNSON COUN-
TY, ILLINOIS, SETTING
FORTH THE NAMES, POST
OFFICES AND ADDRESSES
OF ALL OF THE PERSONS
OWNING, CONDUCTING
AND TRANSACTING THE
BUSINESS KNOWN AS:
Gypsy Mane Salon
LOCATED AT:
100 S Fly Ave.
Goreville, IL 62939**

Robin Harper-Whitehead Johnson County CLERK/RECORDER 8221-966475

**NOTICE OF SALE
OF PROPERTY OWNED BY
THE CITY OF CAIRO
AN INVITATION TO
BID THEREON**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT The City Council of the City of Cairo will receive sealed bids for the purchase, under the successful bid, of the fee simple interest in the following real properties sold separately:

1. Legal Description: 62 FT OFF WEND LOTS 12, 13 & 14 BLK 21 CITY OF CAIRO.

Address: 312 WASHINGTON AVE, Cairo, IL 62914

Parcel: 12-25-458-008

Zone: A (single-family dwelling) Current Use Unimproved Parcel

2. Legal Description: LOT 18 BLK 50 CITY OF CAIRO

Address: 327 9TH ST, CAIRO, IL 62914

Parcel: 12-25-379-009

Zone: A (single-family dwelling) Current Use Unimproved Parcel

3. Legal Description: LOT 15 & 6'SIDE LOT 16 BLK 29 CITY OF CAIRO.

Address: 221 12th Street, Cairo, IL 62914

Parcel: 12-25-337-008

Zone: A (single-family dwelling) Current Use Unimproved Parcel

Bids for the purchase of the aforesaid interest in the above-described properties are hereby invited. They will be received by the City Clerk at 2800 Sycamore Street, Cairo, Illinois, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., until July 14, 2026, the date of bid opening. Said bids shall be addressed to:

City of Cairo Attn: Wytomia Orr City Clerk 2800 Sycamore Cairo, IL 62914

NO BID will be accepted that is less than \$850.00.

All bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cairo on July 14, 2026.

These properties are Zoned A and shall be subject to all applicable zoning ordinances, rules, and regulations then in effect when conveyed to the purchaser.

A contract may be awarded to the highest bidder whose bid is found to

PAL MERIDIAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE EAST LINE OF THE SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER WITH THE CAVE SPRINGS PUBLIC ROAD; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED PARCEL A DISTANCE OF THREE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE FEET (325.0) TO A POINT; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG A LINE NORMAL TO THE SAID EAST LINE A DISTANCE OF TWO HUNDRED TWENTY FEET (220) TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE SAID EAST LINE TO THE SAID CAVE SPRINGS PUBLIC ROAD TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING ONE ACRE, MORE OR LESS. AND FURTHER EXCEPTING FROM THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER WHICH LIES NORTH AND EAST OF THE CAVE SPRINGS PUBLIC ROAD AS DESCRIBED HEREIN ABOVE, A PARCEL DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER AND RUNNING THENCE SOUTH PARALLEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF SAID TRACT 6.60 CHAINS, THENCE WEST WITH THE LINE 12.33 CHAINS, THENCE EAST, PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID TRACT 12.33 CHAINS TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID TRACT, THENCE NORTH WITH SAID LAST MENTIONED LINE TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. AND ALSO EXCEPT ALL THAT PART OF THE WEST EIGHT (8) ACRES OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER LYING NORTH OF THE CAVE SPRINGS ROAD. SAID PARCEL HERETOFORE DESCRIBED SITUATED IN UNION COUNTY AND CONTAINING, INCLUDING THE LAND RESERVED FOR PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY EASEMENTS FIFTY-FIVE (55) ACRES, MORE OR LESS, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE FOLLOWING TWO PARCELS:

PARCEL 1:
A PARCEL OF LAND BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 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 THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 128, PAGE 420 IN THE UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE, IN THE NAME OF DAVID FOMBELLE AND PATRICIA FOMBELLE, DATED JULY 8TH, 1977. SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT AN IRON ROD FOUND AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER SECTION; THENCE N89°50'44"E 1485.42 FEET ALONG THE SOUTHLINE OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER SECTION TO A GIN SPIKE SET IN THE CENTERLINE OF KRATZINGER HOLLOW ROAD; THENCE N64°26'31"W 204.29 FEET ALONG SAID CENTERLINE TO AGIN SPIKE SET; THENCE N40°33'38"E 171.22 FEET, PASSING AN IRON ROD SET AT 20.00 FEET, TO AN IRON ROD SET, THIS BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE ALONG PROPOSED LINES THE FOLLOWING SIX (6) CALLS: THENCE N57°18'34"W 188.60 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE N17°20'19"E 269.11 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE N53°21'55"E 106.78 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE N16°48'58"E 133.59 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE N24°03'21"E 90.97 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE N37°14'38"E 32.73 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET IN THE WEST LINE OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN BOOK 335, PAGE 210 IN THE UNION COUNTY RECORDERS OFFICE; THENCE ALONG SAID PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN BOOK 335, PAGE 210 THE FOLLOWING THREE (3) CALLS: THENCE S00°09'16"E 577.98 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE S55°31'14"W 101.57 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE S40°33'38"W 31.58 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL TO CONTAIN 2.142 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PER SURVEY BY BILLY J. ABERNATHY, ILLINOIS PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR, NO. 3536, DATED

ED 10/30/2023. SAID PARCEL BEING SUBJECT TO ALL RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND EASEMENTS, RECORDED OR OTHERWISE. ALL SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF ILLINOIS. PARCEL 2:

A PARCEL OF LAND BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER AND PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 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 THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 335, PAGE 210, MORTGAGED BY DAVID FOMBELLE, PATRICIA FOMBELLE AND BOB FOMBELLE, DATED OCTOBER 13TH, 2010 IN THE UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE. 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; THENCE N89°50'44"E 1485.42 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER TO A GIN SPIKE SET IN THE CENTERLINE OF KRATZINGER HOLLOW ROAD, THIS BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N64°26'31"W 204.29 FEET ALONG SAID CENTERLINE TO A GIN SPIKE SET AT A CORNER OF SAID PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN BOOK 335, PAGE 210; THENCE ALONG SAID PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN BOOK 335, PAGE 210 THE FOLLOWING THREE (3) CALLS: THENCE N40°33'38"E 202.80 FEET, PASSING AN IRON ROD SET AT 20 FEET AND AN IRON ROD SET AT 171.22 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE N55°31'14"E 101.57 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE N00°09'16"W 577.98 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE N89°50'44"E 348.52 FEET ALONG A PROPOSED LINE TO AN IRON ROD SET IN THE EAST LINE OF SAID PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN BOOK 335, PAGE 210; THENCE S00°09'16"E 877.60 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN BOOK 335, PG 210 TO AN IRON ROD SET IN THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE S89°50'44"W 380.62 FEET, PASSING AN IRON ROD SET AT 340.62 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL TO CONTAIN 7.859 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PER SURVEY BY BILLY J. ABERNATHY, ILLINOIS PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR, NO. 3536, DATED 10/30/2023. SAID PARCEL BEING SUBJECT TO THE 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.

Permanent Index Number: 05-18-03-295-3 formerly 05-18-03-295;
5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 820 Kratzinger Hollow Road, Cobden, IL 62920.
6. An identification of the Mortgage to be foreclosed is as follows:
a. Name of Mortgagor: David Fombelle.
b. Name of Mortgagee: First Southern Bank.
c. Date of Mortgage: January 25, 2019.
d. Date of Recording: February 4, 2019.
e. County Where Recorded: Union County, Illinois.
f. Recording Document Identification: 2019R0159.
AS TO COUNT II
3104 AND 1314 KRATZINGER HOLLOW RD., COBDEN, IL
7. The names of the titleholders of record are David Fombelle a/k/a David K. Fombelle and Bob Fombelle a/k/a Robert D. Fombelle.
8. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:
General Description
Part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 13, Township 12 South, Range 2 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Union County, Illinois.
Detailed Description
Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of said section 13; thence Northerly along the East line of the said Northeast Quarter's distance of 1,933.80 feet to a point; thence

Westerly along a line with a deflection angle to the left of 88°-16'-09" a distance of 781.44 feet to a point; thence Southerly along a line with a deflection angle to the left of 91°-43'-51" a distance of 660.00 feet to a point; thence Westerly along a line with a deflection angle to the right of 91°-43'-51" a distance of 180.19 feet to a point; thence Southerly along a line with a deflection angle to the left of 89°-02'-12" a distance of 339.55 feet to a point; thence Southwesterly along a line with a deflection angle to the beginning oint of this description; from said point of beginning thence Westerly along a line with a deflection angle to the right of 57°-25'-17" a distance of 289.15 feet to a point; thence Northeasterly along a line with a deflection angle to the right of 57°-52'-17" a distance of 289.15 feet to a point in the Easterly line of Parcel 1; thence Southwesterly along the said Easterly line with a deflection angle to the right of 122°-07'-43" a distance of 177.89 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.00 acre, more or less.

Permanent Index Number: 08-13-05-819-F1;

9. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 1304 and 1314 Kratzinger Hollow Road, Cobden, IL 62920.

10. An identification of the Mortgage to be foreclosed is as follows:

- a. Names of Mortgagors: David Fombelle a/k/a David K. Fombelle, Rob Fombelle a/k/a Robert D. Fombelle and Rose M. Fombelle.
- b. Name of Mortgagee: First Southern Bank.
- c. Date of Mortgage: July 30, 2018.
- d. Date of Recording: August 9, 2018.
- e. County Where Recorded: Union County, Illinois.
- f. Recording Document Identification: 2018R1386.

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, DAVID FOMBELLE a/k/a DAVID K. FOMBELLE, ALL UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, ALL NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS and ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS, defendants, file your answer to the complaint for foreclosure in this cause or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit, Union County, Illinois, held in the Union County Courthouse, in the City of Jonesboro, Illinois, on or before July 27, 2026, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a judgment for foreclosure entered in accordance with the prayer of the complaint for foreclosure.

/s/ Keri Clark
Circuit Clerk
PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT IT IS REQUIRED THAT WE STATE THE FOLLOWING TO YOU: THIS NOTICE IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
LAWLER BROWN LAW FIRM

Adam B. Lawler #6283341
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NOTICE OF FILING OF INTERAGENCY BANK MERGER ACT APPLICATION

Alliance Bank, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, is filing an Interagency Bank Merger Act Application with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in connection with a merger with Anna State Bank, Anna, Illinois. It is contemplated that all offices of the above-named institutions will continue to be operated. Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the regional director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at the appropriate FDIC office, 1100 Walnut Street, Suite 2100, Kansas City, Missouri 64106-2180 not later than July 25, 2026. The nonconfidential portions of the application are on file at the appropriate FDIC office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the nonconfidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.
8221-966387

REAL ESTATE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY - JONESBORO, ILLINOIS
U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Mary M. Hanks; et. al. DEFENDANTS
No. 2025FC16

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 03/04/2026, the Sheriff of Union County, Illinois will on August 19, 2026 at the hour of 9:00 AM at Union County Courthouse 309 West Market Jonesboro, IL 62952, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Union and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
PIN 09-17-06-419; 09-20-06-424
Improved with Single Family Home

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 5585 Old Cape Road Jonesboro, IL 62952
Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general 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.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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 successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

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

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates,

P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-25-05710. 13290168 8221-966685

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS FARMERS STATE BANK OF ALTO PASS, a State Chartered Bank, Plaintiff,

v.
HUDSON & HUDSON LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Company; LINDSEY FISHER HUDSON a/k/a LINDSEY FISHER; PRIME CAPITAL VENTURES, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company; UNKNOWN OWNERS, and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
Case No.: 2025FC7 NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above court entered in the above entitled cause on May 6, 2026, the following described real estate will on the 12th day of August, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., at the Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, IL 62952, be offered for sale and sold at public venue.

A. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Lawler Brown Law Firm, 1600 West Main Street, PO Box 1148, Marion, IL 62959, telephone (618) 993-2222.

B. The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is 108 Denny Drive, Anna, IL 62906.

C. The description of the real estate is as follows:

Permanent Index Number: 05-21-03-711-K;

Commonly known as: 108 Denny Drive, Anna, IL 62906.

D. A description of the improvements on the real estate is commercial property.

E. The time and place of the sale are: Public sale at 9:00 a.m. on August 12, 2026, at the Courthouse in Jonesboro, Union County, Illinois.

F. The terms of the sale are: Cash or certified check or the equivalent thereof at the time of sale. This property 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. Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

G. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate.

H. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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

Dated: June 29, 2026
LAWLER BROWN LAW FIRM

By: /s/ Adam B. Lawler
LAWLER BROWN LAW FIRM
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

ALEXANDER COUNTY, ILLINOIS MORTGAGE RESEARCH CENTER, LLC D/B/A VETERANS UNITED HOME LOANS, A MISSOURI LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PLAINTIFF,
VS.
GERALD NORDGREN, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF TISHA BEANE, DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; NAOMI R KITCHEN; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF TISHA BEANE, DEFENDANTS.
NO. 2025FC6

6 COMMANCHE DRIVE MC CLURE, IL 62957 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on April 1, 2026, will on August 12, 2026, in THE HALL OF THE CIRCUIT CLERK'S OFFICE, 2000 Washington Avenue, Cairo, IL 62914, at 10:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Alexander, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 01-13-453-006

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 6 Commanche Drive

Mc Clure, IL 62957

Description of Improvements:

White vinyl siding, single family home

The Judgment amount was \$114,471.58.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., 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.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, 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.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

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

For Information: Visit our website at http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 333 W Wacker Drive, Suite 1820, Chicago, IL 60606-1220. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file # 25-21932IL

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. 13284918 8221-966411

THAT PURPOSE. Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. 13284918 8221-966411

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY - JONESBORO, ILLINOIS Rocket Mortgage, LLC PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Dylan Shane Barker; et. al. DEFENDANTS
No. 2025FC15

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 03/04/2026, the Sheriff of Union County, Illinois will on August 5, 2026 at the hour of 9:00 AM at Union County Courthouse 309 West Market Jonesboro, IL 62952, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Union and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

PIN 05-17-03-263

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Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general 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.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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 successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

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

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-25-06508. 13289397 8221-966273

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Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

Futbol ... and a visit with Mr. Lincoln ...

OK. I did it. I hitched a ride on the bandwagon. You know ... the soccer bandwagon. Out of curiosity, last Wednesday night, I watched the end of a men’s World Cup soccer match featuring the “home team.” The USA and Bosnia and Herzegovina played at a stadium in California.

When I tuned in, the match was almost over. Sort of. Soccer has some sort of thing going on which involves extra minutes of play once regular time has expired. I do not understand it, which is fine. If I spend enough time on the bandwagon, which probably will not happen, perhaps I will come to appreciate the finer details of futbol.

The home team won the match I watched last week. After the victory, the crowd sang “Take Me Home, Country Roads.” The John Denver hit from back in the day has become the “official” song of the American team. I’ll have to admit ... it was fun to hear everyone singing that song. It brought back memories of the one time I visited West Virginia ... and the one time The Other Half and her traveling companion on The Journey Through Life got to hear John Denver sing “Take Me Home, Country Roads” at a concert in Carbondale.

My time on the bandwagon most likely lasted for as long as it took to hear the crowd at the game sing “Take Me Home, Country Roads.” We shall see. I did see another headline accompanying a story which was suggesting that we should all get a little “gaga” about the home team. I do not see that happening ...

Meanwhile ...
How ‘bout a little bit of a history lesson? Or maybe just a little bit of remembering about an often told story in the history of Union County ...

As you may recall, I pay frequent visits to the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro. Occasionally, my visit will include a chat with Abraham Lincoln. Of course, I often chat with the squirrels, bluebirds, cardinals, dragonflies, turtles and other Critters that call the little park their home. If Dr. Dolittle can talk with the animals, I figure I can, too. Especially since the Critters are so good about posing for photographs.

Mr. Lincoln and his political colleague Stephen A. Douglas have stood together at the picnic grounds in Jonesboro for a number of years. They originally paid Union County a visit for a debate that happened the afternoon of Sept. 15, 1858, at what is now the location of the picnic grounds where I go for a walk almost every week. At the time of the debate, the site was the home of the Jonesboro Fair-Grounds.

A plaque attached to large stone that has been standing since 1963 at the



A ‘visit’ with Abraham Lincoln was included during a recent walk at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro.

picnic grounds recalls that Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Douglas were “rival candidates for the United States Senatorship from the State of Illinois.” Their meeting in Jonesboro was the third in a series of seven debates which were held throughout Illinois.

“Upon the principles set forth here the Senate election was lost to Mr. Lincoln,” the wording on the plaque continues. “But he did gain much prominence nationally and was elected to the Presidency in 1860, served as Civil War President, was re-elected in 1864. He truly was Illinois’ gift: ‘The Man for the Ages.’ This debate cast a long shadow upon the pages of history.”

Of course, you already know that history. Right?

Since our nation’s 250th birthday was coming up on the Fourth of July, which happened to fall on a Saturday this year, it just seemed appropriate to spend some time with Mr. Lincoln. As is often the case, Mr. Lincoln does not have much to say in our chats.

In the short time we spent together, Mr. Lincoln did not seem to be bothered by mosquitoes, which must have been out looking for a mid-morning snack when they found me. The weather at the time was a fine example of southern Illinois heat and humidity in the summer time. Paying a visit to a nice, cool creek came to mind. Mr. Lincoln once remembered that one of his earliest recollections was about his childhood Knob Creek place in Kentucky.

He offered apologies for not being around to greet The Other Half and yours truly when we visited the family



Just hanging out ... just long enough for a photo. A hawk made a brief stop on the roof of a shelter at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro.

home of his wife, Mary Todd Lincoln, in Lexington, Ky., back in the day. No problem. His visit was in 1847. Ours came a few years later.

Given that it was so close to Independence Day, I sought some words of wisdom from Mr. Lincoln about the future of our country. I hope he doesn’t mind if I share a few words from the National Park Service’s website for the Lincoln Home National Historic Site in Springfield ... which is just up the road a bit from Union County.

Mr. Lincoln spoke the words in Milwaukee, Wis., during a visit in September 1859. He said: “Let us hope, rather, that by the best cultivation of the physical world, beneath and around us, and the intellectual and moral worlds within us, we shall secure an individual, social, and political prosperity and happiness, whose course

shall be onward and upward, and which, while the earth endures, shall not pass away.” Onward. Upward. Yes, indeed. Thank you, Mr. Lincoln, as always, for a chance to visit with you. Maybe next time we’ll talk about soccer.

Meanwhile...
Memo to self ... do not let Bob’s tail get caught, even just a little bit, in a door that is closing. That happened one evening recently when I was carrying Bob back inside after we had spent time out on the porch swing.

When Bob realized that his tail was in peril, the cat’s rather sharp claws began flailing in any and all directions which were possible. End result: shredded wrist.

Lesson learned. Don’t ever use that door again. Ever. I wonder if Bob and Mr. Lincoln would have had the same problem ...

from county quotas. More information and an application can be found online at HuntIllinois.org.

The second site-specific dove hunting and youth dove hunting lottery opened July 6, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, reported. View information about the second site-specific dove and youth dove hunting lotteries online.

First Baptist Church of Dongola, located at 203 E. Cross St., is planning a foam party set for 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, as well as Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday, July 19 through Tuesday, July 21.

COMMENTARY

Take precautions to stay safe in extreme summer heat, humidity

The Union County area experienced extreme summer heat and humidity as June came to an end and July started. When potentially dangerous summer heat and humidity are in the forecast, state officials urge everyone in Illinois to take precautions to stay safe and to check on family, friends and neighbors who may be vulnerable.

According to the National Weather Service, heat index readings in many areas of the state were expected to exceed 100 degrees for several consecutive days last week. Some locations, including the Union County area, were projected to reach as high as 110 degrees.

Prolonged periods of extreme heat significantly increase health and safety risks, particularly for vulnerable populations and those who are spending extended time outdoors.

Theodore “Ted” Berger, the director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security, urged “everyone to take these conditions seriously.” “Preparedness is key,” Berger said in a news release. “Limit time outdoors during peak heat, check in on neighbors and those who may need extra assistance and know where your local cooling centers are.”

Berger said that taking some simple steps can prevent heat related emergencies and help keep communities safe. Key steps which can be taken include:

Drink plenty of water and avoid alcohol. Beverages with electrolytes can

help protect against heat stress. Apply sunscreen (SPF 30 or higher) every two hours. Wear lightweight, loose-fitting, and light-colored clothing.

Take frequent breaks in shaded or air-conditioned locations. Never leave children, vulnerable adults or pets in a vehicle, even for a short time. Limit outdoor activity, especially during the hottest parts of the day.

“It’s important to take steps to protect yourself and your loved ones from the heat,” said Dr. Sameer Vohra, director of the Illinois Department of Public Health. “In warm weather never leave anyone, including pets, inside a closed, parked vehicle. Additionally, apply sunscreen thirty minutes before outdoor activities, drink plenty of water and call 911 immediately if you or a loved one experiences symptoms of heat stroke like confusion or hallucinations.”

Illinois offers an extensive network of cooling centers to help residents stay safe during periods of extreme heat. These locations include state facilities, local government buildings, community centers, libraries and other public spaces designated to provide air conditioning and relief for anyone who needs it. Cooling centers are open to all residents at no cost, and many operate extended hours during heat emergencies. Illinois residents can locate cooling centers and review additional safety tips online at keepcool.illinois.gov.

Peak roadside mowing season underway in state

With peak roadside mowing season underway, the Illinois Department of Transportation, IDOT, is reminding the public to slow down, proceed with caution and pay extra attention when encountering equipment and personnel. In keeping with the recent practice of timing operations to preserve and promote pollinator habitat, the heaviest mowing period is scheduled to continue until Aug. 15.

“You’ll see our mowing crews throughout the entire state so please remember to give them room to do their jobs safely,” IDOT Secretary Gia Biagi said in a news release. “Our top priorities are protecting our workers, the public and the environment.”

During the summer, IDOT conducts two primary types of mowing. Safety mowing occurs directly adjacent to the road as needed. Maintenance mowing, which lasts for approximately six weeks and starts around July 1, includes areas next to culverts, ditches, traffic control devices and other

structures, while following the Illinois Monarch Project Mowing Guidelines for Pollinators, protecting as much habitat and nectar resources as possible.

The mowing schedule helps to minimize the impact on the traveling public and encourage pollinator activity, which assists in the reproduction of flowers, fruits and vegetables that are essential to the state’s ecosystem and agricultural economy. Reducing the amount of land maintained and growing pollinator habitat also protects the endangered rusty patched bumble bee and the monarch butterfly, the official state insect of Illinois.

In 2020, IDOT joined in the launch of the Illinois Monarch Action Plan as part of the Illinois Monarch Project, a collaborative effort with local and state partners to help ensure the survival and successful migration of monarch butterflies by increasing and protecting habitat.

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change can save a life. Let’s help protect the first responders and roadside workers who are there to help others.”

Flamm Orchards near Cobden in late June announced plans for its 2026 Peach Tour, with stops scheduled in Illinois, Iowa and Indiana.

Shawnee Community College reports that every one of the medical assistant graduates from the classes of 2024, 2025 and 2026 has successfully passed the National Certified Medical Assistant exam, resulting in a 100 percent pass rate for three consecutive years. In a post

on social media, the college offered special congratulations to instructor Kayde Pender, “whose dedication to high expectations, hands-on learning, and student mentorship has helped make this achievement possible. Three straight years of perfect pass rates don’t happen by chance. They’re the result of outstanding students guided by exceptional instruction.”

A Start Strong@SCC orientation event is scheduled from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, July 9 at Shawnee Community College’s Union County Extension Center in Anna. Early registration was advised for the event.

Shawnee Community

College is welcoming Chris Shelton as the new head coach of the college’s softball team.

The U.S. Geological Survey reported that a magnitude 3.5 earthquake occurred in the early morning hours of June 29 near West Salem in Southern Illinois.

Giant City State Park centennial shirts are available. The shirts can be found at the Friends of Giant City gift shop at the visitors center at the park near Makanda.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, reports that starting July 13, residents and non-residents may apply for additional firearm or muzzleloader permits leftover