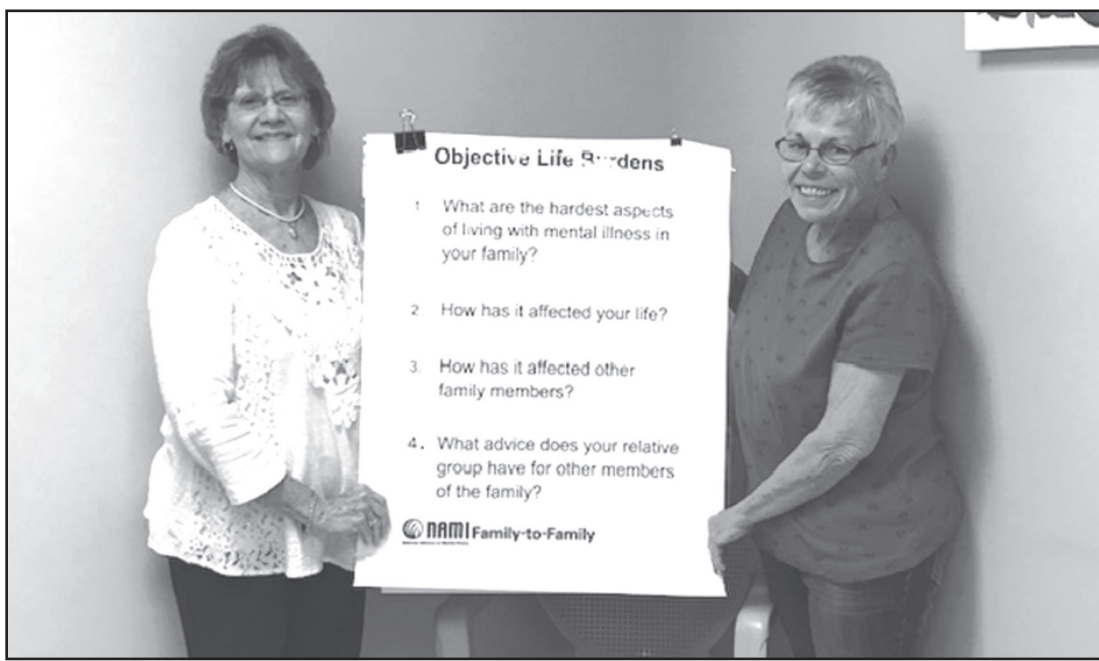


# NAMI Family-to-Family offering free eight-session class in Sullivan

NAMI Champaign is offering their free 8-session family class in Sullivan, IL. Facilitated by local community area members, the classes will start Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

NAMI's signature Family-to-Family education program is for family members, caregivers, and significant others of people with mental health conditions such as Bipolar disorder, Schizophrenia, or Depression. This program includes a crisis plan, information on various serious mental illnesses, discussions on communication with a loved one, and finding and using local support and services. Time is given for discussion and interactive exercises. You will experi-



Sue Yarnell and Donna Mayer are trained by the National Alliance on Mental Illness to be facilitators of the NAMI Family-to-Family program.

ence compassion and reinforcement from people who understand your situation.

Family to Family is facilitated by two NAMI-trained family members, Donna Mayer and Sue Yarnell. The 8-week program is open to adults and those 14-17 when attending as a participant and accompanied by a parent or guardian. Sessions will be held Tuesday evenings from 6:00-8:30 p.m., September 7 - October 26 at First Christian Church, Sullivan. This is an in-person program. We will discuss wearing masks as the time gets closer. We want to make everyone as comfortable as possible and follow suggested or mandated COVID-19 guidelines. The number of participants

will be limited to 10-12.

To register for Family-to-Family in Sullivan: Call Sue Yarnell at 217-259-2550 or Donna Mayer at 217-273-9934 or email [info@namichampaign.org](mailto:info@namichampaign.org).

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Champaign affiliate advocates for access to services, treatment, supports and research and is steadfast in its commitment to raising awareness and building a community of hope for all of those in need.

See our website at [namichampaign.org](http://namichampaign.org) or email us at [info@namichampaign.org](mailto:info@namichampaign.org) for more information regarding NAMI, Mental Illness, or Mental Health Awareness.

# Joint meeting of the Building and Grounds and Budget and Finance

By Jim Allen

A combined meeting of the Building and Grounds and Budget and Finance committees was convened at 9:13 a.m. on August 13, 2021. The main item on the agenda for the Building and Grounds was a proposal by Midwest Restorations of Paris, IL for maintenance work on the Courthouse. At this time the caulk on the lower portion of the Courthouse is failing and letting moisture into the joints between the limestone blocks.

Midwest's proposal includes the removal of the caulking from the joints on the lower five feet of the perimeter of the building including the base joints in

the window wells. The joints will then be recalled with Tremco Dynamic FC caulking. Midwest will also prepare and repaint the exposed concrete foundation.

The main body of work will include applying Proso-co Natural Stone Treatment VOC to the entire exterior masonry of the Courthouse. Since limestone is a pompous material, this will seal the exterior and prevent absorption of moisture. Any exterior surface that is not limestone will be covered during the treatment of the limestone. Therefore only one side of the Courthouse will be treated at a time. The caulking and the treatment of the limestone should last

for at least ten years. The committee approved submission of the proposal to the full County Board for the sum of eighty five thousand five hundred ten dollars (\$85,510.00).

The budget and financed portion of the meeting began with consideration of the County Engineers salary. The County Engineer's salary does not come from the general fund but is paid in parts by the State and the Motor Fuel Tax. The State recommends a base sum for each county and the county then works from that base for each County Engineer. Previously the salary for Douglas County Engineer was set at 115 percent of

the state base. A motion was made to increase the percentage to 118 percent for the coming year starting 10-1-21. The motion to recommend this to the County Board was passed. It should be noted that a percentage of the base salary is common. The Champaign County Engineer's salary is 124 percent above the State base.

Don Munson then gave an update on possible programs that would qualify for ARPA (American Recovery Plan Act). Although there is no definitive answer on suggestions submitted to Bellwether, it is indicated that ARPA funds may be used for a number of projects that would qualify under a "lost

revenue" portion of ARPA. The look back year is 2016, before the current positive increase in revenues for the County stemming from tax increases not associated with the Industrial Wind Complex in the County. The revenue stems from local businesses throughout the County.

Mr. Munson has been contacting Municipalities in the County to see if ARPA funds could be used to help them with projects in their towns. At this time Munson has received contact from two towns who could use help with costs concerning water projects in their communities. Bellwether is expected to be in touch with the County soon to advise

on the appropriateness of the projects that have been submitted.

The Committee is also considering establishing a new position for a Building Maintenance Supervisor. This person would be in charge of all County Buildings except for the Health Department. This person would have the knowledge to analyze needs, prioritize them, and procure estimates of repairs. This is only in consideration, and the position has not been determined as to whether it would be a full time or part time position. The motion for adjournment was then made and the meeting adjourned.

## Obituaries Cont.

### Verna M. Plank

Verna M. Plank, 84 of Arthur, IL went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, August 17, 2021. She was surrounded by her family.

Funeral services were held at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 21, 2021 at the Arthur Mennonite Church, 710 East Park Street, Arthur, IL. Rev. Larry Roche officiated. Burial was in the Sunnyside Mennonite Church Cemetery in rural Arcola, IL. Visitation was held from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, August 20, 2021 at the Arthur Mennonite Church. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Verna was born on January 30, 1937 in Lovington, IL. She was a daughter of Moses and Ella (Yoder) Schrock.

She leaves to mourn in her departure, Lonnie of Arthur, IL, two daughters, Linda Schrock and her husband Ezra of Lovington, IL, and Sharon Miller and her husband Leonard of Sullivan, IL, nine grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and one brother, Omer Schrock and his wife Barbara Ann of Lovington, IL.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sons, and twin sisters.

Verna worked at Masterbrand Cabinets for many years and after retiring she worked at Yoder's Kitchen. The last few years she has been very busy helping people get to appointments as a taxi driver.

Verna was a member of the Sunnyside Mennonite Church and will be greatly missed by all her friends and family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Sunnyside Mennonite Church.



### Glendal F. Jackson Jr

Glendal Franklin "Frank" Jackson Jr., 61 of Teutopolis, IL passed away at 1:07 P.M. on Sunday, August 8, 2021, in Ramsey, IL.

Private services will be held at a later date.

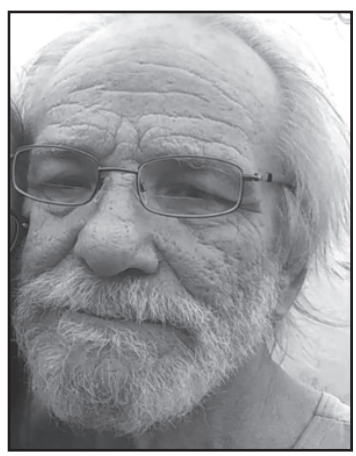
Frank was born on March 4, 1960, in Flint, MI. He was a son of Glendal Franklin and Anita (Miller) Jackson. He married Natasha Stanton on June 18, 2021, in Teutopolis, IL.

He is survived by his wife Natasha; seven children, Cody Gray, William Burney and Richard Burney all of Granite City, IL, Rodger Burney of Sikeston, MO, Patricia Ellis, and Franklin Jackson both of Newton, IL and Matthew Jackson of Teutopolis, IL; 19 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren; three siblings, Doug Jackson and his wife Leslie of Coffeen, IL, Bobbie Beshears and her husband Tommy of Brownstown, IL and Kelly Climaco and her husband Robert of Fairmont City, IL and a sister-in-law, Suzanne Jackson of St. Elmo, IL.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, a wife, Betty Jackson, one brother, Mark Jackson, one sister, Anita Sellers, a niece Abigail Burney and a nephew, Christopher Burney.

Frank enjoyed fishing, listening to music; usually a little too loud and riding Harley Davidson Motorcycles; usually a little too fast.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the funeral home to help pay for funeral expenses.



### Joye M. Dutton

Joye M. Dutton, 100, of Champaign, IL passed away at 11:05 a.m. on Monday, August 16, 2021, at Country Health and Rehab in Gifford, IL.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 20, 2021, in the Arcola Cemetery. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Joye was born on October 23, 1920, on the family farm in Arcola, IL. She was a daughter of Guy "Fred" and Jocelyn (Gamble) Munson. She married James S. Dutton on February 9, 1943, in St. Charles, MO. He passed away on June 24, 1995.

She is survived by her daughter, Vickie Reep of Rantoul, IL, two grandchildren, Melissa Reep and her special friend, Garrett Bruns, of Thomasboro, IL and Sara Roy and her husband Damon of Paxton, IL, two great-grandchildren, Colton, and Riley Roy.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and one sister, Alyse V. Porter.

Joye graduated from Arcola High School in 1938.

Joye retired after 30 years of employment at the Illinois State Water Survey.

She was a member of the Faith United Methodist Church in Champaign and the Champaign County Farm Bureau.

Joye enjoyed reading, traveling, walking and time with her family.



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