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News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area



'Tis the season...for crocuses. These bright yellow flowers were seen last Saturday afternoon in Cobden. And other flowers, too – daffodils were seen in bloom Tuesday along Skyline Drive between Cobden and Alto Pass.

An American Red Cross blood drive is planned from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, today, at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

American Red Cross blood drives also are planned March 11 at Don-gola School and March 15 at Anna Junior High/Davie School.

A Palm Sunday service is scheduled March 20 at Kornthal Church near Jonesboro.

An Easter sunrise service is planned March 27 at the Cross of Peace on Bald Knob Mountain near Alto Pass.

Early voting for the primary election is available daily at the Union County clerk's office in Jonesboro.

The Union County Museum in downtown Cobden plans to open for the season Saturday and Sunday, March 5-6.

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Crystal Davis, Anna, gives presentation at Rend Lake College

Miss Illinois addresses distracted driving

Students at Rend Lake College in Ina packed the college's theatre Thursday, Feb. 18, to learn all about distracted driving from Miss Illinois, Crystal Davis of Anna, and Illinois State Police, ISP, Trooper Christopher Watson.

Approximately 175 students attended the presentation to hear from the speakers, both of whom shared personal experiences with the issue.

Both Davis and Watson spoke passionately about the topic and provided several different statistics to drive their points home.

Davis, who was involved in a car accident several years ago, addressed the audience first and focused on her experiences as well as the platform she is promot-

ing as Miss Illinois: Crystal Clear Driving – Eyes on the Road.

"If you're distracted driving, or the other person is distracted driving, and you're involved in a crash, it's not an accident. It's 100 percent preventable," Davis said.

"There is no need to be responsible for someone else's life. You're not a professional multi-tasker. If you look away, only for five seconds, at 55 miles per hour, you've crossed a football field. You always need to be very alert and looking ahead."

Davis also spoke about a close friend of hers who passed away last year because another driver, who was distracted behind the wheel, caused an accident.

Watson then took the stage to speak from the law enforcement side of distracted driving, sharing times when community members would contact the ISP because of a dangerous driver.

"The number one, most-dangerous things we do is get in a car," Watson said.

"Last year, on U.S. roadways, about 33,100 people died. My presentation isn't about me catching you, and you shouldn't think of it that way. It's about being in the vehicle and making good choices. This is a huge issue in our society. It's about you thinking how these decisions are going to impact your life."

During his presentation, Watson said an individual who is driving distracted is 23 times more likely to be involved in a crash. Commonly confused with driving under the influence, distracted drivers act as though they have a blood alcohol content of .16 – double the legal limit.

"Are there dumb things we can do in our cars that aren't against the law? Yes. But it's all about a choice. Eighty-one percent of drivers admit to texting and



Promoting safe driving

Miss Illinois, Crystal Davis of Anna, shared her story with Rend Lake College students to convince them to stop driving distracted. Photo provided.

Trail of Tears project focus of local event

The U.S. Forest Service/Shawnee National Forest and the National Trails Intermountain Region of the National Park Service are planning to co-host a public Trail of Tears Charrette for local stakeholders and interested community members.

A charrette is a meeting where members of the public come together to discuss and plan projects such as a new hiking trail.

The Trail of Tears Charrette will give the public an opportunity to listen to proposals and other participant's ideas, as well as share their own ideas or designs with the rest of the group.

The Trail of Tears Charrette is scheduled to take place at 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 1, at Jonesboro City Hall in Jonesboro.

Organizers said in a news release that the goal of the public meeting is to create one or more potential alternatives for an inclusive development and public interpretation of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail routes and resources in the project area.

In 1838, after much political wrangling, the Cherokee Tribe were forcibly

and cruelly removed from their homes in the Smoky Mountains.

They were relocated to northeastern Oklahoma, where the Cherokee Nation lives today.

In order to reach their new assigned homeland, they were forced to travel overland from Georgia and eastern Tennessee across Kentucky, Southern Illinois, Missouri and Arkansas before reaching Oklahoma during the spring of 1839.

Organizers said that for this trail development and interpretation project, the area includes the two routes taken by the Cherokee when they left Jonesboro for the ferries on the Mississippi River.

One route follows State Highway 146 through Dug Hill and Ware, while the other extends in a south-westerly direction through Hamburg Hill and the Union County Refuge.

For more information or to download the Charrette Feedback Form, visit the Shawnee National Forest website at www.fs.usda.gov/shawnee or contact the Shawnee National Forest at 618-253-7114.

driving. And the other 19 percent? They're not telling the truth. We all do this," Watson said. "Make good choices because it will change your life."

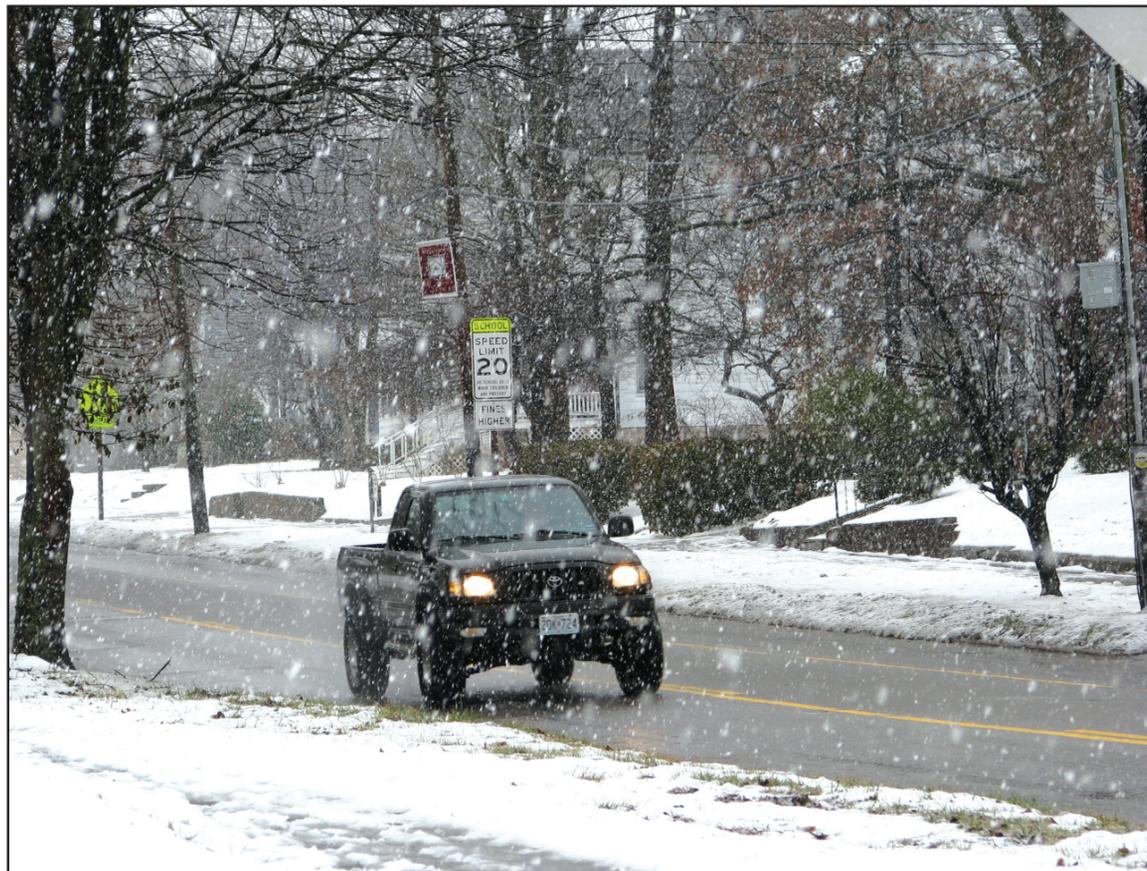
annually in North America. The result of these accidents is nearly \$40 billion per year in an economic impact.

(Editor's note: The accompanying article and photograph were provided by Rend Lake College public information specialist ReAnne Palmer.)



State's attorney honored

Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds recently received an award from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Conservation Police. The state agency voiced appreciation to the state's attorney for his "aggressive approach in prosecuting violators who knowingly violate fish and wildlife laws in Union County." The award was presented Feb. 10 at a Conservation Police regional meeting in Benton. From left are Conservation Police Officer Steve Vasicek, Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds and Conservation Police Capt. Tim Daiber. Photo provided.



Snow falling on South Main Street

Heavy snow – with very large snowflakes – was falling along South Main Street in Anna Tuesday, Feb. 16. The picture was taken early in the afternoon. The snowy weather was followed during the past week by a warm up, with high temperatures climbing into the 60s.

Weather

Snow on the way?

Wintry precipitation was possible in the area Wednesday, Feb. 24. A forecast posted early this week on the website for the National Weather Service office in Paducah called for the possibility of snow in the region on Wednesday.

Winter weather advisories were in effect for some areas for Wednesday, with accumulating snow and strong winds possible.

The return of winter came after a high temperature of 75 degrees was recorded in Union County during the period of Feb. 16-22.

Precipitation for the period amounted only to a trace, which was measured Feb. 19.

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

	H L
Tuesday, Feb. 16	36 29
Wednesday, Feb. 17	48 34
Thursday, Feb. 18	59 31
Friday, Feb. 19	64 54
Saturday, Feb. 20	75 47
Sunday, Feb. 21	64 45
Monday, Feb. 22	52 37





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State's attorney's report shows 3,858 cases filed in 2015

Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds this week announced the release of his office's annual report for 2015.

Highlights of the report include:

•3,858 total cases filed; 265 felonies filed; 58 sentenced to prison

•Collected over \$388,000 in fines and fees from criminal defendants including over \$72,000 in restitution to crime victims.

•Provided services and assistance to over 500 crime victims.

•Office expenditures almost \$7,000 under budget.

The report also includes a variety of information regarding case filings and outlines the structure, staffing and funding of the state's attorney's office.

The annual report can be accessed in PDF format on the Union County state's attorney website at www.unioncountyil.gov/sa.

Anna city pool's status under review

A resignation for retirement purposes, the status of the municipal swimming pool and the display of signs in the community were on the agenda at last week's regular meeting of the Anna City Council.

The meeting was Tuesday evening, Feb. 16, at Anna City Hall.

Police Chief to Retire

The city council acted to accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Anna Police Chief Scott Rice.

Rice became Anna's police chief on March 1, 2014. Prior to accepting the post, Rice had served with the Illinois State Police for 24 years.

The date for his retirement has not yet been finalized. Rice said he hopes to be able to spend more time with his children and grandchildren.

Anna Mayor Steve Hartline said the city would be working on a process to name a new police chief.

Hartline praised the work Rice has done as police chief. "You've been very good for the police department," Hartline said at last week's city council meeting.

Anna City Pool

In other business at last week's meeting, the status of the city's swimming pool

was updated and discussed. The pool is located at the Anna City Park.

City public works manager Gene Sullivan reported that repair work has been underway at the pool. Nearly \$2,500 has been spent on the work.

Concerns arose last year, when it was reported that the aging pool was leaking about 10,000 gallons of water a day. With the repair work that has been done, that rate has dropped to about 3,200 gallons, Sullivan said.

Sullivan said that work will continue to get the pool ready for the 2016 summer season. He acknowledged, however, that the status of the pool is "day to day." He told the city council that there is no guarantee that the pool will be able to operate for an entire season.

"Sooner or later, there's going to have to be a decision made" regarding the future of the pool, Sullivan said.

Council member Brandon Bierstedt suggested that the city may want to take a look at the overall use of the pool and those who could be affected by uncertainty surrounding its future.

The pool is used by the local Blue Dolphins swim team for its home meets during the summer.



Anna City Pool

The future of the municipal swimming pool was discussed at last week's Anna City Council meeting. The pool is located at the Anna City Park.

Display of Signs

The city council also revisited guidelines which govern the regulation of signs in the Union County community.

Attention has been focused at numerous recent council meetings regarding the display of off-premises signs by businesses. Concerns about the guidelines had been voiced by local business person Steve Landreth.

Possible changes in the guidelines has been presented to the council at a previous meeting. The majority of the council had decided to leave the guidelines, which do not allow for off-premises signs by businesses, as they stand.

Landreth attended the Feb. 16 council meeting and again addressed the matter. At one point, he asked the council to make a decision specifically about his plan to place an off-premises sign. "I want my sign approved or disapproved," he said.

Several council members indicated that they had already made a decision by leaving the city's guidelines the way they are.

Landreth contended that there are signs in Anna which violate the city's guidelines. He said he would present a list of those in violation of the guidelines to the city administrator. Mayor Steve Hartline said the city would review possible violations.

County commissioners asked to support measure

Bill seen as solution to state budget crisis

Union County officials have been asked to consider supporting proposed state legislation that a proponent says will offer a solution to Illinois' budget crisis.

Information about the proposed legislation has been shared with the Union County Board of Commissioners.

The information was presented by Daniel Silver of Alto Pass. Silver is an attorney and teaches paralegal studies at Southern Illinois University.

Silver read a prepared statement for those in attendance at a regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners which was held Thursday morning, Feb. 11. The meeting was at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Silver's statement opened with a question: "Have you finally had enough of Illinois' budget crisis so that you are motivated to act?"

"There is a solution, but the solution requires unity and your willingness to act.

"Fear not. Individuals who join together on a single issue can instruct politicians by our sheer numbers to take specific actions."

Silver called for "fast-track" passage the LaSalle Street Tax, or Illinois House Bill 106, which supporters see as "the real solution to the state's revenue problem."

In his statement, Silver explained that: "Right now, the use tax in Illinois is right at 6.25 percent on most transactions you engage in. You pay at least 6.25 percent for general merchandise transactions in Illinois. There are exceptions. For example, the tax

is only 1 percent in Illinois for qualifying food, drugs and medical appliances. Taxes in Illinois for wagering start at 15 percent.

"Nevertheless, those financially able to gamble at the Chicago Board Options Exchange and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, while utilizing a wide variety of Illinois services, pay no tax on their daily transactions.

"Each year, the value of products traded on these two exchanges totals more than \$800 trillion."

With those exchange numbers in mind, Silver said that Illinois Rep. Mary Flowers has proposed House Bill 106, "sometimes referred to as the 'LaSalle Street Tax'."

Silver said that HB 106, if approved, would "require buyers and sellers to pay only a single dollar contract fee on agricultural futures and futures options traded, and a \$2/contract fee on all other trades. The low average contract size at these exchanges exceeds \$225,000, so the tax amounts to less than 0.001 percent of average contract value.

He said that "given the volume of trading on these two exchanges, the tax would generate an estimated \$10 billion to \$12 billion in revenue annually, roughly one-third the value of our state's current operating budget. That would be enough to avoid the current projected cutbacks and start paying down the pension deficit."

"Most Illinois politicians are ignoring" the proposed legislation, Silver said, "while promoting instead an ever increasing financial burden placed squarely on the financially weak, on

public employees, retirees, students, educators, the disabled and infirm, the homeless, and the rest of us who desire, or depend upon, a state government capable of serving its core functions.

Even though a tiny tax on the Chicago exchanges will raise in excess of ten billion dollars a year hereafter, even though that tiny tax will eliminate Illinois' financial crisis and save thousands of livelihoods and lives, politicians and citizens have failed to act on making fast-track passage of House Bill 106 our single greatest imminent priority."

Silver called for action to support the proposed legislation. "We each must mail letters to our state representatives and senators," he said.

He acknowledged that there will be opposition to the legislation. He said that

opponents "will tell you that these exchanges will pick up and move out of Illinois."

"Taxes of this type have already been successfully implemented in more than 25 countries without causing any exchanges, or significant volume of traders, to trade elsewhere," he said.

Silver contended that "arguments made against passage of H.B. 106 are not worth a hill of beans when compared to the benefits of every citizen of the State of Illinois."

After concluding his presentation, Silver asked the county commissioners to consider a resolution which would support the proposed legislation.

County board chairman Richard Cunningham said that the commissioners would review the proposal.

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The Diabetes Today Resource Team is partnering with Southern Seven Health Department and Community Health & Emergency Services in Cairo and Union County Hospital in Anna to implement Chronic Disease Self-Management and Diabetes Self-Management sessions in Anna and Cairo starting in March.

A meeting was planned Feb. 24 at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School to discuss prom themes.

The A-JCHS cheerleaders are sponsoring an activity which will lead to a pie in the face for a teacher at the school.

An item in the online daily announcements at A-JCHS noted that the U.S. Forest Service/Shawnee National Forest, Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District, is recruiting young people to participate in the Youth Conservation Corps program. YCC is a summer employment program for young males and females to work in the area of natural resources.

Paul Duda of Cobden, a senior in information systems technologies, is one of the members of the Southern Illinois University Carbondale Security Dawgs team. The team was slated to be a part of a Cyber Defense Competition scheduled last weekend at SIUC.

A new car wash has opened in Cobden. The new business includes a pet wash.

Fellowship Baptist

Church has called the Rev. Thomas Gray as pastor.

Mill Creek Baptist Church is seeking a youth leader.

Matsuki Amari of Tokyo, Japan, is planning a two-week visit with Bruce and Jill Bell of Anna starting Feb. 27. The Bells were Matsuki's hosts during a visit as an exchange student in 2008-2009.

Golfers took advantage of last weekend's unusually warm February weather to enjoy a round at the Union County Country Club in Anna.

The Jackson County Courthouse in Murphysboro and the Thompson brothers rock art site near Makanda are among a dozen sites in Illinois which have been added to the National Register of Historic Places.

Republican U.S. Rep. Mike Bost of Murphysboro reported a "tremendous and enthusiastic" response last week when he kicked off his reelection campaign with visits to communities throughout Southern Illinois.

Bats will be featured at a movie night program which is planned Thursday evening, March 3, at the Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands Center near Cypress.

Waterfowl and butterfly conservation programs are scheduled Saturday, March 5, at the Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands Center.

Illinois community colleges are joining in the commemoration of Career and Technical Education Month during February.

County plans to dismiss lawsuit against state

Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds this week shared an update on legal action which had been taken by the county against the State of Illinois.

The county filed suit in December against the State of Illinois seeking payment of salary reimbursement by the state to the county.

The funds are paid by the state to the county on a monthly basis to offset the county's cost in employing the state's attorney, public

defender and supervisor of assessments.

The state had failed to pay these reimbursements since July 2015.

Edmonds said that as of last week, the state had paid the county \$87,646 to cover the period of July 2015 through December 2015 and is now "caught up" with payments to the county.

"As a result we are filing paperwork this week to dismiss the lawsuit," Edmonds reported.

What Is The Value Of A Community Newspaper?

What is the value of a community newspaper?
What does it bring to that community that no other institution can provide?

The local newspaper is a basic institution in any community, like the post office, the schools and the churches.

The local community newspaper, whether it be a 2,000 circulation weekly or a 50,000 circulation daily, serves to keep people connected to their community, by telling them what's happening with their neighbors, as well as the institution serving the community.

The publication of obituaries, birth announcements, weddings and other significant events in our lives remind us of poet John Donne's words, "no man is an island."

Community newspapers alert members of the community to problems needing attention.

The community newspaper facilitates the exchange of ideas and opinions through its editorial page and letters to the editor.

There are so many things of value community newspapers provide: the recording of local history and helping to maintain a healthy local economy through effective advertising for local businesses are just a few areas of value.

The community newspaper's value to its community is unquestioned.

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Union County Hospital Auxiliary recalls Ernest Ryberg, Edith Murrie



Ernest Ryberg



Edith Murrie

Editor's note: The Anna City Hospital, now known as Union County Hospital, opened 65 years ago, on March 1, 1951. In conjunction with this special anniversary, the Union County Hospital Auxiliary is sharing information and photographs in commemoration of the opening of the facility. Look for other stories and photographs to follow.

The headline of the February 22, 1951, issue of The Gazette-Democrat read "Open House At New City Hospital February 24-25."

The newly constructed hospital was to be opened to the public for tours of the facility on Saturday and Sunday with the hospital officially opening for business on March 1.

John H. Ligon, president of the hospital board is quoted as saying "In the City Hospital, visitors will find expression of the best thinking of reputable architects' expression of contractors who believe in honest, sturdy construction and expression of workmen with skill and a desire for a job well done.

"Seldom does any community have a chance to go through an entire hospital. Make a date to see the unusual at the City Hospital this week-end.

"After the open house, no such opportunity can be given again. Visitors then must be restricted to limited

parts of the building."

Mr. Ligon explained that after the open house, the building will be thoroughly cleaned and made ready to receive patients on March 1.

The Union County-City Hospital Auxiliary, formed only two short weeks before the open house, had sewed curtains, bed sheets, patient gowns; gathered together canned foods and cleaning supplies to stock the hospital kitchen; and on Saturday and Sunday, stood ready with the hospital staff to conduct guided tours throughout the new building.

Visitors were instructed to enter only at the front door where they would have an opportunity to register and an auxiliary member would begin the tour.

On the first floor, the visitor saw the public lobby, general administrative offices, medical staff library, laboratory, X-ray department, emergency operating room, out-patient and physical therapy departments, and a separate wing for patients.

Located on the second floor of the hospital were two delivery rooms, two nursery units containing 19 bassinets, 11 patient rooms, special diet kitchen for the preparation of formula, plus a waiting room and utility rooms.

The surgical department was located on the third floor and consisted of two major and one minor operating room, a dental unit, a solarium and 10 patient rooms, plus rooms for anesthesia, storage and central supply.

During the open house weekend, visitors were even allowed to visit the basement of the hospital which housed the dietary department, cafeteria, maintenance departments, lounges for personnel, engineering department, the laundry, and the morgue.

It was noted in the 1951 newspaper that the operating rooms, labor and delivery rooms at the new hospital were "air-conditioned"; that the hospital contained "67 adult beds"; that the "modern laboratory was staffed by a trained laboratory technician, under the supervision of a certified pathologist"; that the "X-

ray department staffed by a trained X-ray technician under the supervision of a certified radiologist"; and that the "operating rooms were equipped with every innovation to be found in any modern hospital."

The Open House was declared a huge success with estimates of hundreds of people coming to see the new hospital.

Ernest A. Ryberg was hired as the first hospital administrator of the Anna City Hospital on June 15, 1950.

He had held similar positions in Northern Illinois and came highly recommended to the Anna City Hospital Board.

Mr. Ryberg spent the eight months preceding the open house hiring personnel, purchasing equipment, helping to organize the Auxiliary, and making preparations for the hospital dedication and grand opening scheduled for March 1st.

The hospital open house was held on Saturday and Sunday, February 24th and 25th, and Mr. Ryberg suffered a cerebral hemorrhage on Tuesday, February 27th, and died after being taken to Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. Mr. Ryberg was 36 years old.

Mrs. Edith Cain Murrie had been hired by Mr. Ryberg as Director of Nursing.

The hospital board appointed Mrs. Murrie as acting superintendent of the Anna City Hospital with Mr. George Rollo, administrator of the Du Quoin Hospital, acting as temporary administrator until the hospital board could find a new administrator.

Mrs. Murrie, the hospital board, staff, employees and Auxiliary continued with plans to open the new hospital on March 1st, 1951.

The Union County Hospital Auxiliary voices appreciation to its historians, who have worked over the years to meticulously archive newspaper articles in the Auxiliary's scrapbook. Those archives made the writing of these articles possible. The Auxiliary also is grateful to The Gazette-Democrat for allowing the paper to share its history.



Jonesboro honors longtime employee

The City of Jonesboro honored longtime employee Will Bracken, right, during a reception and luncheon held last Friday. The event was held during the noon hour at Jonesboro City Hall. Bracken is retiring after 26 years of service with the city. Bracken has worked for the city as a general laborer whose main job has been to take care of the Jonesboro Cemetery. Jonesboro Mayor Ken Blandford presented Bracken with a plaque and a gift certificate in recognition of his service to the Union County community. Family, friends, coworkers and city officials were on hand to join in honoring Bracken.

Alzheimer's Association webinars set

The Alzheimer's Association's Greater Illinois Chapter is planning to conduct live webinar programs on Saturday, Feb. 27, and Thursday, March 3.

Feb. 27 Webinar

A live webinar titled "Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body: Tips from the Latest Research" is planned at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27.

The Alzheimer's Association notes that for centuries, people have known that the health of the brain and the body are connected.

Now, science is able to

provide insights into how to optimize physical and cognitive health as people age.

Those who participate in the webinar will learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement.

They also will have an opportunity to use hands-on tools to help them incorporate the recommendations into a plan for healthy aging.

March 3 Webinars

Live webinar presentations titled "Paying for Alzheimer's Care: Resources to Provide Relief" are

planned Thursday, March 3.

The 45-minute webinar will be offered twice: at 10 a.m. and again at 2 p.m.

The Union County Alzheimer's Support Group has reserved a meeting room at Shawnee Community College's extension center in Anna for the 2 p.m. webinar.

The college has offered to set up the meeting for all interested persons. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Caring for someone with Alzheimer's disease is a huge financial burden.

The March 3 webinar program will introduce participants to resources which are available.

An opportunity also will be available to ask an expert in the field of dementia care questions.

Computer Access

Anyone with a computer can participate in the webinars by clicking on a link that is emailed to them.

They are then able to see and hear the presenter, along with the presentation, live.

Participants are also able to ask questions by typing them into the "chat window" of the webinar.

To register for the program, which will be offered at no cost, call 618-985-1095 or register online at www.alz.org/illinois/.

Flood fight volunteers to be honored

Friday, Feb. 26, has been set as the deadline to make a reservation for an event which is being planned to honor the efforts of volunteers who helped during recent major flooding in the area.

The employees of Shawnee Community Unit School District No. 84 are planning to have a flood fighters feast to recognize those who volunteered during the flood which impacted the area at the end of December and early January.

The feast is planned Saturday, March 5, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the multipurpose room at Shawnee High School in Wolf Lake.

The meal is a come-and-go event, with a ceremony planned at 5 p.m.

Shawnee alumni Evan Webb will perform his song "Dry Up or Drown," which is about the flooding in this area. The music video was shot locally.

Those who plan to attend are asked to make a reservation by Friday, Feb. 26, by calling 833-5709 or emailing sclover-hill@shawneedistrict84.com.

Community Bankers Association of Illinois, Foundation for Community Banking, sponsors a statewide essay-writing contest. Monetary awards in the amount of \$1,000.00 a year for up to four years of higher education will be awarded to the authors of the best essays. The essay theme was, The Importance of Community Banking.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School and Shawnee High School both had seniors who submitted essays.



Shawnee High School students who recently submitted essays for the CBAI Foundation scholarships are from left: Chelsea Phelps, Hunter Levan, Sierra Ramsay.



Anna-Jonesboro Community High School students who recently submitted essays for the CBAI Foundation scholarships pictured with guidance counselor Lyn Bame are Logan Mattingly and Olivia Hess.

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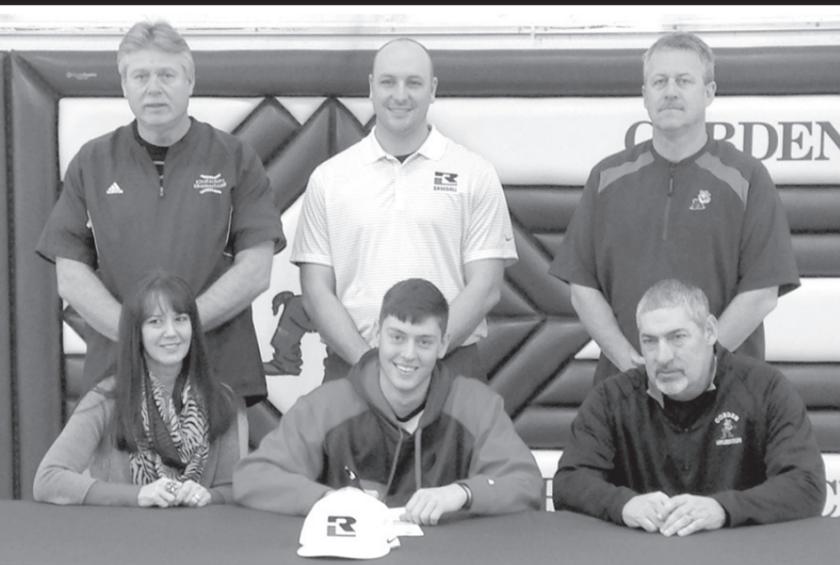
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Sports



Cobden player signs with Rend Lake College

Cobden High School standout student athlete JT Moore of Cobden signed a national letter of intent to play baseball at Rend Lake College. A signing ceremony was held Wednesday, Feb. 10, at the Union County school. Moore's current statistics for his senior year include a .428 batting average, 12 doubles and leading the team in runs scored. On the pitching mound, he has a 4-0 record with a save. He has earned first team all-state honors and All-South Egyptian Conference recognition. Moore was the winning pitcher in Cobden state championship game victory last spring. Cobden plays baseball in the fall and the spring. Those who attended Moore's signing ceremony included, in the first row, from left, Missy Naas, JT's mom; JT Moore; and Greg Moore, JT's dad. In the second row are Cobden baseball assistant coach Dana Pearson, Rend Lake College baseball coach Tony Etnier and Cobden baseball head coach Craig Partridge. Photo provided.

Wildcats close out regular season play with win over Sparta

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' basketball team closed out regular season play with a 64-52 win over Sparta in Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division play Friday, Feb. 19.

It was a big win on A-J's Senior Night and all nine seniors were honored prior to the game with a bouquet of flowers from head coach Mike Chamness.

The Wildcats pulled

Shawnee 61, Century 59

Lucas Matlock scored 24 points to lead Shawnee to a 61-59 overtime win over host Century in the Class 1A regional in high school boys' basketball Monday, Feb. 22.

Nick Crane added 16 points for the Redskins. Brady Reynolds had 12 points, Hunter Smithey 5, Dylan Boston 3 and Eli Baltzell 2.

The Redskins were ahead 42-39 going into the final quarter, when the Centurions came on to tie the game 55-55 at the end of regulation play. Shawnee outscored Century 6-4 in the overtime session.

Shawnee, 12-11, is scheduled to play Thursday, today, against Cairo in the regional semifinals. The championship is scheduled for Friday.

Cobden 67, Pope County 42

Logan Spalt scored 26 points to lead Cobden to a 67-42 win over Pope County in the Goreville Class 1A regional in high school boys' basketball Monday, Feb. 22.

J.T. Moore added 13 points for the Appleknockers. John Russell had 12 points, Clayton Eck, Austin Lewey and Hayden Young 4 each and Dylan Duty and Jacob Furlow 2 apiece.

Carrier-Mills-Stonefort defeated Hardin County 61-50 in other regional action.

Cobden, 15-11, was to have played Gallatin County on Wednesday in the regional semifinals.

ahead 4-0 early on a pair of baskets by Jake Parr and Dakota Earnhart.

The Bulldogs made a pair of 3-pointers and pulled ahead early to a 14-10 advantage. Wyatt Smith, Earnhart and Garrett Nimmo countered with three unanswered baskets to close out the quarter for a 16-14 A-J lead.

Sparta outscored A-J 10-8 in the second quarter for a 24-24 tie at the half.

"We came in at halftime and we were 0-6 from 3-point range and 0-3 from the free throw line," A-J coach Mike Chamness said. "We just needed to make some shots. We made some big shots the third quarter."

Fueled around 3-pointers by Hunter Garver and Nimmo, the Wildcats made a 27-12 scoring run in the third quarter to build a 51-36 lead headed into the final period.

Nimmo and Ryan Stark added a 3-pointer apiece in the final quarter to help hold off Sparta.

The Wildcats connected on 6 3-pointers with Garver making three, Nimmo two and Ryan Stark 1.

Cobden scores wins over Egyptian, Century

The Cobden High School boys' basketball team posted a 2-1 record in recent action.

Cobden 104, Egyptian 60: J.T. Moore, Austin Lewey and Logan Spalt scored 20 points apiece and pulled down 4 rebounds each to lead host Cobden to the South Egyptian Conference win on senior night Thursday, Feb. 18. Spalt also had 9 assists.

John Russell added 17 points and 5 rebounds. Jacob Furlow had 9 points and 4 rebounds. Clayton Eck had 8 points and 2 rebounds. Dylan Duty had 6 points and 2 rebounds. Hayden Young had a rebound.

Earnhart led the way for the Wildcats with a double-double with 16 points and 10 rebounds.

Garver and Nimmo both had 13 points and 3 rebounds apiece.

Parr added 10 points and 7 rebounds. Sheldon McGrath had 6 points and 2 rebounds. Ryan Stark had 3 points and 4 rebounds. Smith had 2 points and a rebound and Logan Mattingly had a point and a rebound.

The Wildcats were 17 of 33 in shot attempts from the floor, 6 of 13 from 3-point range and 10 of 22 from the free throw line.

The Bulldogs were 15 of 36 in shot attempts from the floor, 4 of 16 from 3-point range and 6 of 9 from the charity stripe.

A-J finished the regular season with a 16-13 overall mark and was 3-7 in the conference.

The Wildcats play this week against the host Eagles at the Vienna Class 2A regional.

"We've just got to go out and execute against Vienna. We know they're scrappy and play extra hard," Chamness said.

Crab Orchard 75, Cobden 59: The visiting Appleknockers fell behind in the non-conference game and couldn't catch up in the loss Tuesday, Feb. 16.

Spalt had 18 points to lead Cobden. Moore added 14 points, Lewey 13, Duty 8, Eck 4 and Russell 2.

Cobden 82, Century 69: Russell scored 22 points to lead visiting Cobden to the win Friday, Feb. 12.

Spalt added 18 points, Lewey 17, Moore 14, Eck 6, Duty 4 and Chandler Edwards 1.

Cobden, 14-11 overall, plays in the Goreville Class 1A regional this week.



Searching the sky

Wounded Warriors hunters LeRoy White of Savannah, Tenn., bottom, and Adam Peacock of Skyline, Ala., top, search the sky for snow geese at the Snows Unlimited hunt at the North Club at the Grassy Lake Hunting Club near Ware Thursday, Feb. 18.

Wounded Warriors goose hunt held

By Mike Estel

The lone snow goose broke away from the pack and came close enough to the pit before several shotgun blasts brought the bird down.

James Frerking sent out his retriever and brought the bird back to the pit.

The hunt was taking place in what is known as the North Club at the Grassy Lake Hunting Club near Ware Thursday, Feb. 18.

Hunting in the pit were three military disabled veterans from the Warrior in Transition Battalion from Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

The Wounded Warriors were in the area enjoying a two-day snow goose hunt sponsored by the Snows Unlimited organization of Marion.

Hunter safety course set March 18-19 in Anna

Area residents will have an opportunity to learn basic principles of safe hunting at an Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, hunter safety course which is scheduled in Union County.

The course is planned March 18-19 at the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna. The church is located at 315 South St.

Hours for the course are from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. March 18 and from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 19. Organizers note that students must attend both classes.

The course includes in-

Meridian 60, Shawnee 50

Shawnee couldn't hold a first quarter lead in a 60-50 loss to visiting Meridian in high school boys' basketball on senior night for the host Redskins Friday, Feb. 19.

The Redskins were ahead 13-7 after one quarter. The Bobcats came back for a 22-19 first half lead.

Lucas Matlock led the way for Shawnee with a season-high 29 points. Nick Crane added 14 points, Dylan Boston 3 and Brady Reynolds and Eli Baltzell 2 apiece.

Shawnee is 11-11 overall and finished the South Egyptian Conference with a 5-3 record.

The Redskins play this week in the Century Class 1A regional.

"These veterans have had all that stress fighting overseas and any way we can help them out to get their mind off of that... we try to do that," said Frerking, of Marion, who is co-owner of the Snows Unlimited organization along with Rex Smoot.

"They had a ball. We missed some birds, but this really breaks the monotony of what they go through."

The hunters were able to relate to each other.

"I think it's really good coming out here and hunting with other wounded warriors," said Wounded Warrior Jonathan Thomas of Nashville, Tennessee. "It's a great relief and a great healing process."

The hunters all enjoyed the hunt.

"This hunting helps with

the healing process," said another Wounded Warrior, LeRoy White of Savannah, Tennessee. "This is one of the best things they have going for us soldiers. We've all been around weapons. All of us have suffered physical, mental and psychological things and this is great therapy."

The hunters were able to relax and enjoy the atmosphere.

"There's no pressure involved," said Adam Peacock of Skyline, Alabama. "This is no clinical environment. It's just us out here shooting the fat. There's no pressure on us at all."

The three hunters bagged 13 snow geese during the two-day hunt.

They were hunting on the North Club with 4,500 snow goose decoys, that the Snows Unlimited organization makes.

Frerking said the organization leases five fields, with two in Union County, two in Alexander County and one in Pulaski County, for the snow and blue goose season, which began Feb. 1 and continues through March 31. The three Wounded Warriors were the only ones hunting on the North Club.

Frerking said that they do a Wounded Warrior hunt every year. "Usually we hunt with them the first part of February," he said.

Frerking said the snow and blue goose hunt normally ends with the migration north around the middle of March.

"We started hunting in 2002," said Frerking about his Snow Goose hunting organization. "The word got out and we've really grown a lot since then."

The Southern Illinois Baseball & Softball Association (SIBSA)

will be having registration for all participants (T-ball, baseball & softball) for the 2016 season at the Anna Jr. High on the following dates:

Registration Dates:
 Monday, March 7 • 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, March 9 • 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 Saturday, March 12 • 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

- Every child must have a birth certificate for age verification
- First year t-ball must be (kindergarten) age 5 by Sept. 1st
- The individual registration fee is \$45 for the first child, \$40 for the second and \$35 for each additional child.

Registration fee is non-refundable unless the child is unable to be placed on a team. A coaches meeting for all interested coaches will be held on March 9, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at the Anna Jr. High.

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Union County HCE hosts annual International Day event Feb. 18



Guest speaker

Monty Webb of Anna shared a slide presentation of his recent visit to the Baltic States for the HCE International Day. Barbara Bauer points out the location in northern Europe of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.



Viewing exhibits

HCE members Lola Edmonds, Judy Smith and Pat Fahlberg enjoyed exhibits of articles, maps and flags of the Baltic countries during the HCE International Day event Feb. 18.



Buffet dinner

Union County HCE members enjoyed a buffet assortment of traditional dishes from the Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania at the organization's annual International Day. Photos provided.

Flamingo Fling reception set

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council/Anna Arts Center in Anna invites the community to be a part of a Flamingo Fling reception this weekend.

The event, featuring "well-dressed" flamingoes, is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27.

Those who participated received a naked flamingo

and had to dress it up for the auction.

The reception is free. Refreshments will be served.

The flamingoes will find new homes during an auction which begins at 7 p.m.

All proceeds from the event will go to renovating bathrooms in the performing arts building at the arts center.

The Union County Association of Home and Community Education, known as HCE, hosted an annual International Day on Thursday, Feb. 18.

The midday event was held at the University of Illinois Extension Center in Anna.

Each year a different part of the world is featured in HCE country study lessons about history, culture and life of the people.

This year's feature was the north European Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

Since food is a large part of each country's culture, recipes were researched and shared to provide interesting dishes for a buffet.

The luncheon tables were decorated with flowers and fruit such as is the custom in those countries.

There were also items representing countries which have occupied the tiny Baltic States throughout their political history.

Guest presenter Monty Webb of Anna showed slides and spoke about the recent visit of his family to Estonia, and other countries in northern Europe.

Most popular scenes were historical buildings and local scenery.

HCE International chairperson Barbara Bauer related historical facts about Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

The most interesting story seemed to be about the "Singing Revolution" in those countries.

Large gatherings of people sang folk and national songs that strengthened their resolve to fight for freedom.

Additionally, people formed human chains for many miles, to protect public places and demonstrate their determination that helped to win their liberty.

The Union County HCE is a part of the Illinois HCE Association with county and state boards of directors.

On the national level, HCE is a counterpart of the National Volunteer Outreach Network and the Country Women's Council.

On the international level, HCE is affiliated with the Associated Country Women of the World with United Nations consultative status.

For more information about HCE call the University of Illinois Extension Center at 833-6363.

Mueller elected

Tom Mueller has been elected by the Illinois Corn Marketing Board to serve the unfulfilled term of Jim Raben, who resigned his seat as chairman due to health reasons.

Raben, of Ridgway, was elected to serve as chairman in August 2015.

His successor, Tom Mueller, of Taylor Ridge, was elected at that same time as vice chairman.



Waiters

Waiters, from left, Bob Caraker, Keith Livesay, Lowell Huckleberry, Darrel Duke and Terry Clark. Photos provided.



Queen, king

Queen Sherry Upchurch and king Don Laster.

Hess News

By Glenn Heisner

Anna Heights Baptist Church seniors enjoyed a special Valentine meal last week.

They didn't have to cook or stand in line in order to get their meal.

Handsome male waiters in white shirts and red bowties served them in grand style.

Special guest Mike Scott played old time music on the keyboard.

Sherry Upchurch was selected to be the queen and Don Laster the king.

Bon and Jean Kohler hosted the monthly Union County Saddle Club meeting Saturday. The next meeting will be a potluck

meal and music by Tom Hubbs and Friends March 19 at the Dongola Community Building. Guests are welcome.

Our son Danny from Nashville, Tennessee, visited over the weekend. He was enjoying the weather and a chance to fish.

Those celebrating birthdays include Alan Morgan on the 2nd, Jean Kohler on the 7th, Ernie Rhodes on the 10th, Fred Pitts on the 14th, Judy Halter on the 16th and Bruce Williams on the 22nd.

Bruce's family celebrated his birthday at their home Monday evening with cake and ice cream.

School Menu

Jonesboro School Menu

Monday, Feb. 29: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, assorted fresh fruit, fruit punch juice, choice of low fat milk. Lunch: Popcorn chicken, dinner roll or corn dog, mashed potatoes, fresh broccoli florets, chilled peaches, choice of low fat milk.

Tuesday, March 1: Breakfast: French toast sticks with maple syrup, assorted fresh fruit, apple juice, choice of low fat milk. Lunch: Soft shell taco or cheeseburger, Mexican refried beans, fresh baby carrots, salsa, grape juice, choice of low fat milk.

Wednesday, March 2: Breakfast: Pancakes with maple syrup, assorted fresh fruit, orange juice, choice of low fat milk. Lunch: Herb roasted chicken, dinner roll or Sun-butter sandwich, mashed potatoes, fresh cauliflower, chilled peaches, cherry crisp, choice of low fat milk.

Thursday, March 3: Dr. Seuss breakfast: Green eggs and ham, cinnamon toast, assorted fresh fruit, grape juice, choice of low fat milk. Lunch: Home-style beef chili, dinner roll or ham and cheese wrap, green beans, cherry tomatoes, mixed fruit cocktail, choice of low fat milk.

Friday, March 4: Breakfast: Sausage biscuit, assorted fresh fruit, apple juice, choice of low fat milk. Lunch: Classic cheese pizza or crispy chicken patty, mixed vegetables, Caesar salad, chilled peaches, choice of low fat milk.

Other breakfast options: Choice of assorted cereal with toast, 100 percent juice, fresh fruit or fruit cup, choice of low fat milk.

Milk choices: 1 percent white or skim chocolate.

Middle school alternative entrees: Monday: Cheese pizza, buffalo flatbread, chef salad with croutons and crackers, chicken wrap basket. Tuesday: Cheese pizza, pepperoni pizza, chef salad with croutons and crackers, cheeseburger basket. Wednesday: Pepperoni pizza, meat lovers pizza, chef salad with croutons and crackers, corn dog basket. Thursday: Cheese pizza, pepperoni pizza, chef salad with croutons and crackers, rib basket. Friday: Cheese pizza, chef salad with croutons and crackers, chicken patty basket.

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HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III, Plaintiff(s), vs. ANGELA FAYE GORDON, BRENT STEPHEN GORDON A/K/A BRENT GORDON, Defendant(s). Case No. 13 CH 34

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Union County, Illinois, will on March 30, 2016, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. MARKET STREET, JONESBORO, IL 62952, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Union, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit:

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PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE 1ST
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
UNION COUNTY

IN RE THE
MATTER OF:
Tammy Lynn Musgraves
CHANGE OF NAME TO:
Tammy Lynn Parmly
No. 2016-MR-22

NOTICE OF FILING
OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME

Notice is given you, the public, that on March 16, 2016, a hearing will be held on a Petition for Change of Name asking the Court to change my present name of Tammy Lynn Musgraves to the name of Tammy Lynn Parmly. The hearing will take place at 1 p.m. at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro, Illinois.

DATE: February 3, 2016
 PLAINTIFF:
 Tammy Lynn Musgraves
 8-10g

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

MURPHY-WALL STATE
BANK AND TRUST
COMPANY,
a state chartered bank,
v.
ADAM J. WYATT,
et al.,
Defendants,
No. 16-CH-3

NOTICE OF
PENDENCY OF
ACTION

NOTICE is hereby given to unknown owners and non-record claimants of the real estate described in the Complaint for Foreclosure filed in the above entitled case, defendants in the above entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of 735 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/2-206, 5/15-1218, and 5/15-1502, that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said Court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said Defendants is March 17, 2016, and that the following information applies to said foreclosure proceeding:

1. The names of all Plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.
2. The court in which said action was brought is identified above.
3. The names of the titleholders of record: Adam J. Wyatt a/k/a Adam Wyatt and Cheyenne A. Wyatt a/k/a Cheyenne Wyatt
4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:
 PART OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN,

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UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SAID SOUTH HALF; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 27'33" WEST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE SAID SOUTH HALF A DISTANCE OF 271.05 FEET; THENCE NORTH 90 DEGREES 00' WEST A DISTANCE OF 342.89 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 41' 39" WEST A DISTANCE OF 420.21 FEET; THENCE NORTH 49 DEGREES 20' 49" WEST A DISTANCE OF 97.84 FEET; THENCE NORTH 10 DEGREES 15' 45" EAST A DISTANCE OF 178.11

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SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS, RECORDED OR OTHERWISE, IF ANY.
 5. A common address or description or the location of the real estate is as follows: 195 Eck Lane, Cobden, Illinois.
 6. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:
 Names of mortgagors: Adam J. Wyatt a/k/a Adam Wyatt and Cheyenne A. Wyatt a/k/a Cheyenne Wyatt
 Name of mortgagee: Murphy-Wall State Bank and Trust Company
 Date of mortgage: March 23, 2011
 Date of recording: March 24, 2011
 County where recorded: Union County
 Recording document identification: Book 340, Page 368-378.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT BY A DEBT COLLECTOR AND ANY INFORMA-

TION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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 Union County, Illinois
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TAX DEED NO.
16-TX-4
FILED February 9, 2016

TAKE NOTICE

TO: TERRY BARTRUFF,
UNION COUNTY
CLERK;
Frank M. Rochester;
Estate of
Frank M. Rochester;
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND
DEVEISEES OF
Frank M. Rochester;
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:

Lots 55 and 82 in Block 1 located in Wilderness Trail Acres, Subdivision of the Northwest Quarter of Section 24 in Township 11 South, Range 1 East of the 3rd P.M., in Union County, Illinois, as shown in recorded Plat Book 5 Page 57 in the Office of Recorder of Union County, Illinois.

Property Index Number 14-00-12-062 and 14-00-12-089

On June 22, 2016 at 1:00 p.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 11, 2014 for general taxes of the year 2012. The period of redemption will expire June 10, 2016.

Glenn R. Tetzlaff,
 Attorney for Petitioner
 (618) 997-1943
 8-10gc

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

ESTATE OF
HARVEY M. WEAVER,
DECEASED.
IN PROBATE
NO. 2016-P-8

NOTICE OF DEATH
INDEPENDENT
ADMINISTRATION,
AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Harvey M. Weaver, of Dongola, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 16, 2016, to Glen R. Weaver, 735 Burns Rd., Dongola, Illinois 62926, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of admission, you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses in open Court or other evidence, as provided by Section 5/6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21.)

You also have the right, under Section 5/8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1), to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within six (6) months after admission of the Will to probate.

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

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 311 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before August 25, 2016, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any

claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: February 18, 2016.

GLEN R. WEAVER
 CAMERON LAW
 FIRM, LLC
 ELVIS C. CAMERON
 ATTORNEY FOR
 INDEPENDENT
 EXECUTOR
 205B N. MAIN ST.
 ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906
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 ARDC# 6244394
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IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE FIRST
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF UNION,
STATE OF ILLINOIS

HOUSEHOLD FINANCE
CORPORATION III,
Plaintiff(s),
vs.
ANGELA FAYE
GORDON,
BRENT STEPHEN
GORDON
A/K/A BRENT
GORDON,
Defendant(s).
Case No. 13 CH 34

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S
SALE

OF REAL ESTATE
MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of Union County, Illinois, will on March 30, 2016, at the hour of 9:00 AM, at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. MARKET STREET, JONESBORO, IL 62952, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Union, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, to wit:

LOT 1 IN J.H. SPANN'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ANNA, ILLINOIS, EXCEPT THEREFROM THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT, TO-WIT: A STRIP 66 FEET IN WIDTH OFF OF THE WESTERLY SIDE THEREOF, SAID STRIP FRONTING ON MAIN STREET IN SAID CITY, 66 FEET AND EXTENDING THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF SAID LOT AND OF SAME WIDTH THROUGHOUT SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Common Address: 603 SOUTH MAIN ST., ANNA, IL 62906
 P.I.N. 14-00-08-505

Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information.

The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

The property is improved by a Single family residence, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging and will not be available for inspection prior to sale.

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 this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee

shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE FIRST
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UNION COUNTY,
ILLINOIS

STATE BANK OF
LINCOLN,
an Illinois banking
corporation,
as assignee of First
National Bank,
Plaintiff,
v.

ZACHARY S. SIMS,
ELISSIA M. SIMS, FIRST
NATIONAL BANK,
FIRST MUTUAL BANK,
UNKNOWN OWN-
ERS AND NONRECORD
CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
No.: 2015-CH-19

NOTICE OF COURT
SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the Court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder. The sale shall be subject to Court approval. Buyer will be entitled to possession 30 days after the sale is confirmed by the Court.

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

Timothy J. Rigby Hart, Southworth & Witsman Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 753-0055

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

312 South Jefferson, Cobden, Illinois

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

Lot Number Six (6) in Charles W. Bigler's First Addition to the Village of South Pass, now Village of Cobden. Situated in Union County, Illinois.

Tax Identification Number: 14-00-10-251

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

One story, 2 bedroom, 1 bath home with a basement (no garage) on a 100' X 100' lot. The square footage of the house is 936.

(E) No times have been specified in the judgment of foreclosure for inspection of the real estate prior to sale.

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

Time: 1:00 p.m. on April 13, 2016.

Place:

Union County Courthouse
 309 West Market Street
 Jonesboro, Illinois 62952

(G) The terms of the sale are:

Cash at the time of sale.

(H) Title will be conveyed subject to any liens or encumbrances prior to the mortgage of State Bank of Lincoln, all general real estate taxes, special assessments if any, easements and restrictions of record, and all encroachments, if any.

STATE BANK OF LINCOLN,
 an Illinois banking corporation, as assignee of First National Bank

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KAREN L.
CUNNINGHAM,
UNION COUNTY
CLERK,
UNKNOWN OWNERS
OR PARTIES
INTERESTED,
AND NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS,
PROPERTY HAS BEEN
SOLD FOR
DELINQUENT TAXES

Notice is filing of Petition for Tax Deed on the following property: LEGAL DESCRIPTION and/or PROPERTY INDEX NUMBER 05-18-328 S18 T12R1W PT NW SE. On June 22, 2016 at 1 p.m., Petitioner intends to make application for TAX DEED. Real Estate was sold June 11, 2013 for general taxes of 2011. Period of Redemption expires June 11, 2016 at 4 p.m.

Stephen R. Castleman
 10-12g

TAKE NOTICE, all known and unknown Owners and Lienholders that Sling Blade Performance has a storage/warehousemen lien in the amount of \$4,950 for storage services provided on a 2001 Chevrolet Corvette VIN# 1G1YY32G215128535. Last known owner is Joseph Liles (deceased)/Estate of Joseph Liles and last known lienholder is AJ National Bank. It is the intent of Sling Blade Performance to pursue its lien, if not paid within the next 30 days, pursuant to 770 ILCS 45/1 et. seq. and 770 ILCS 90/1 et. seq. THEREFORE unless payment is received there will be a sale of said vehicle on March 25, at 8:00 a.m. at the Sling Blade garage, located at 905 U.S. Hwy 51 S., Anna, Illinois

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Judicial candidate hosts meet and greet

Judge Brad Bleyer held a meet and greet at the Brickhouse Grill in Anna on Thursday, Feb. 18. Bleyer is a candidate for the Fifth District Appellate Court in the upcoming March primary election. Numerous supporters, including local candidates, came to the meet and greet event.



From left are Dale Foster, candidate for Union County commissioner; Judge Brad Bleyer; Tiffany Busby, candidate for Union County circuit clerk; and Marsha Griffin, candidate for state representative.



From left are Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds, Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel, Judge Brad Bleyer and former Union County Sheriff Jim Nash. Photo provided.



Students of the quarter

The Shawnee School District No. 84 Board of Education recognized the most recent students of the quarter. The students were honored at the board's February meeting. The students of the quarter were selected for the honor in recognition of their academic achievement, citizenship and attendance. They received a certificate and \$25 courtesy of First Southern Bank of Grand Tower. In the first row are, from left, Mallory Follis and Nakyiah Brown. In the second row are Kylie Holloway, board president LaRae Verble-Whitaker, Payton Trammel and Olivia Jackson. T.J. Foeste could not be present for the picture. Photo provided.



Anna-Jonesboro Rotary students of the quarter

The Anna-Jonesboro Rotary Club has recognized students of the quarter from Cobden High School, Shawnee High School at Wolf Lake, Dongola High School and Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. The students were recognized at a club meeting which was held Feb. 18. From left are Logan Wiseman and Austin Rider from Dongola High School, Nick Crane and Dylan Boston from Shawnee High School, Mary Nash-Swink (Rotary youth chairperson), Sydney Heern from A-JCHS and Samantha Smith from Cobden High School. The Rotary club noted that students of the quarter are outstanding high school seniors who exemplify the principal of Rotary, "Service Above Self," in their communities. Students were presented with a certificate and a gift card for their community service activities. Photo provided.



Wind damage

Strong winds last Friday were blamed for bringing down a large tree limb along West Market Street in Jonesboro. Wires also came down when the limb fell Friday morning. Strong winds were possible again on Wednesday, Feb. 24, in the region.

National FFA Week celebrated

Agriculture plays a key role in our daily lives and in a variety of ways. This week, more than half a million FFA members will celebrate the role agriculture plays in our lives while sharing their message of agriculture and agricultural education throughout the country.

Union County high schools are home to a rich and longstanding FFA heritage.

During National FFA Week, a host of activities are planned to raise awareness about the role the National FFA Organization plays in the development of agriculture's future leaders and the importance of agricultural education.

FFA Week always runs Saturday to Saturday and encompasses Feb. 22, George Washington's birthday. This year, the week kicked off on Feb. 20 and culminates on Feb. 27.

The weeklong tradition, which began in 1948, was designated by the National FFA Board of Directors in recognition of Washington's legacy as an agriculturalist and farmer.

FFA was founded by a group of young farmers back in 1928.

Its mission is to prepare future generations for the challenges of feeding a growing population.

Founding members of

Special Olympics Illinois Lottery game unveiled

The Illinois Lottery, along with Special Olympics Illinois and Special Children's Charities, recently unveiled the newest version of The Special Olympics Ticket.

The lottery instant game to benefit Special Olympics sports training programs across Illinois.

The first-in-the-nation Special Olympics Ticket costs \$3 and is expected to raise about \$1 million to benefit programs that serve over 40,000 Special Olympics athletes in Illinois.

The game also offers four top instant prizes of \$50,000.

All net proceeds, after prize payouts and expenses, benefit Special Olympics sports training programs statewide.

the organization taught generations that agriculture is more than planting and harvesting – it involves science, business and more.

Today, FFA continues to help the next generation rise up to meet new agricultural challenges by helping members develop their own unique talents and explore their interests in a broad range of career pathways.

Members progress to enjoy careers as biologists, chemists, veterinarians, engineers and entrepreneurs.

FFA chapters use this week to help share the message of agriculture with their fellow students as well as with their community.

It's an opportunity to give back to their community through service projects and is also a perfect time for members to recruit students to become FFA members.

FFA Week is also a time for alumni and sponsors to advocate for agricultural education and FFA.

On Tuesday, Feb. 23, the National FFA Foundation planned to celebrate Give FFA Day, a daylong campaign that will encourage the public to support the various needs impacting FFA members.

Every gift will count toward achieving the FFA mission. To learn how to help, visit FFA.org/giveFFADay.

Sponsored by Tractor Supply Company, National FFA Week will be all over social media: the #FFAweek hashtag on Facebook, Twit-

ter and Instagram and @NationalFFA Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat posts, including posts from the national FFA officer team.

The National FFA Organization provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to 629,367 student members who belong to one of 7,757 local FFA chapters throughout the United States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Mountain biking event set in Du Quoin

Local advocates for the establishment of an Illinois League of the National Interscholastic Cycling Association, NICA, plan to have a screening of the film "Single Track High" in Du Quoin.

The screening is set for 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 29, at the St. Nicholas Brewing Company.

The group Friends of Illinois Interscholastic Mountain Biking invites local cyclists, parents and students who may be interested in learning more about what it would take to launch a league in Illinois to attend the event.

Organizers said that online prepurchase of tickets in advance is encouraged at Eventbrite (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/single-track-high-movie-screening-supporting-nica-tickets-20823667149>).



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Lynn Evans

Lynn Evans, 85, of Cartersville, and formerly of Anna, died at 9:48 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2016, at Parkway Manor in Marion.



He was born on March 15, 1930, in Anna, the son of Floyd Harold and Elsie Tillman Evans.

He married Virginia Clark on June 6, 1954, in Corinth, Mississippi. She preceded him in death on Oct. 24, 2002.

He served in the U.S. Army, and was active during the Korean War era.



He owned many service stations in his lifetime, as well as bowling alleys. He worked as a service manager at the Ryland Pearl Dealership in Anna, which later became known as Coad Chevrolet. He also worked in sales for Sherlock Holmes in his later working career.

He first and foremost loved Jesus. He also loved his family, making breakfast for his children, loved his pets, enjoyed watching the Dallas Cowboys football team, loved playing cards and loved to work in his yard keeping it and his rose garden very well-manicured.

He was very active in church in the community of Cartersville, where he served as deacon at the First Christian Church and in his earlier life he also served as deacon at the First Christian Church in Anna.

He is survived by a son, Brian (Judy) Evans of Carbondale; two daughters, Valerie (Doug) Reed of Ocala, Florida and Erica (Roger) Garrison of Springfield; two sons, Mike (Monna) Watchinski of Morris and Marshall Watchinski of Perry, Florida; 11 grandchildren, including Keith (Katie) Evans of Durham, North Carolina, Melissa Evans of Nashville, Tennessee, Greg Kelley of Cartersville, Joshua (Caitlin) Reed of Wichita, Kansas, Lindsay (Jonathan) Pollock of Clermont, Florida, Sydney Garrison of Springfield, Angela (Jamie) Bastian of Galesburg, Chele (Jorge) Arana of Joliet, Seth Watchinski of Morris, Stephanie (Dave) Stacy of Ottawa, Illinois, and Colby Watchinski of Pittsburg, Kansas; 12 great-grandchildren; five siblings, Eileen Robbins of Grand Chain, Bernita Frerichs of Danforth, Geneva Sechrest of Urbana, Helen Sadoris of Urbana and Donny Evans of Marion; many nieces, nephews and other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia Evans, his parents, Floyd and Elsie Evans; and two brothers, Glenn Evans and Jerry Evans.

Services were at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, at Crain Funeral Home Egyptian Chapel in Energy, with Doug Reed officiating. Interment was in Egyptian Memorial Gardens in Energy.

Full military honors were accorded by the Illinois honor guard and the local Herrin VFW Post No. 1567 and American Legion at the graveside.

Memorials can be made to the First Christian Church in Cartersville.

To leave online condolences, visit www.crainonline.com.

Crain Funeral Home Egyptian Chapel in Energy was in charge of arrangements.

Louise V. 'Mammaw' Shelton

Louise V. "Mammaw" Shelton, 95, of Cobden, died at 9:15 a.m. Monday, Feb. 22, 2016, at Union County Hospital in Anna.



She was born on Sept. 25, 1920, in Cobden, the daughter of Fred Raymond and Minnie Mae Smoot Jackson.

She married Clarence L. Shelton in 1946. He preceded her in death.

She is survived by her son, Larry (Susan) Yates of Cobden; a daughter-in-law, Dianna Yates of Cobden; 14 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Norman Franklin (Sharon) Jackson of Granite City; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Clarence L. Shelton; one son, Jack Yates; three brothers and two sisters.

She was a member of the First United Pentecostal Church in Granite City, and she attended the Apostolic Faith Tabernacle in Jonesboro. She was known to everyone as "Mammaw." Her family and faith were very dear to her heart.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26, at the First Baptist Church in Cobden, with Pastor Ed Falgout officiating. Interment will be in the Cobden Cemetery.

Friends can call from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, today, at the First Baptist Church in Cobden.

Memorials can be made to the BMEN at the First Baptist Church in Cobden.

To leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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

Obituaries

Mary Lou Frick

Mary Lou Frick, 82, of Jonesboro, died at 10:15 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016, at the Anna Rehab and Nursing Center.



She was born on Aug. 26, 1933, in Union County, the daughter of Harry P. and Mary Bell Smith Knupp.

She married Earl N. Frick on March 27, 1954, in Anna.

He preceded her in death on Oct. 30, 2014. Together they shared 60 years of marriage.

She is survived by her son, Clifford D. Frick of Jonesboro; a daughter, Rita E. Kelley of St. Louis; three grandchildren, Amanda (David) Hannan of Metropolis, Dr. Michael (Bridget) Boyd of West Mont and Carrie (Chris) Harrell of Chesapeake, Virginia; six great-grandchildren, Katelyn, Allison and Kyle Hannan, Miles and Amos Boyd and Avenlee Harrell; one sister, Ada Kimmel of Michigan; one brother-in-law, Roy W. Frick of Anna; one niece, Lisa Jo (Scott) Lemon of Midlothian, Texas; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her husband, Earl N. Frick.

She was a member of the Jonesboro First Baptist Church for many years. She was a 1953 graduate of Shawnee High School. She started working for the International Shoe Factory in Anna, which later became the Florsheim Shoe Factory in the early 1960s. She stayed with the factory until its closing in 1993.

Funeral services for Mrs. Frick were at noon Wednesday, Feb. 24, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with Pastor Michael Turner officiating. Interment was in the Jonesboro Cemetery.

To leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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

Reynoldsville News

by Sue Eudy

Those helping Stan Eudy of Life Care Center in Cape Girardeau celebrate his birthday on Sunday, Feb. 21, were Kyle, Debbie, Grant, Alex and Drew Eudy, Kevin and Emma Eudy and friend Jonathan, all of Cape Girardeau, Ginger, Mike and Emily Welker and friend of Perryville, Mo., and Sue and Steve Eudy of Anna.

Shirley Miller of McClure visited Wednesday with Peggy St. Cin of Cape Girardeau.

Those enjoying lunch at the Golden Corral on Thursday were Jack and Dolores Reynolds of Reynoldsville, Edwin and Barb Livesay of Anna, Doris and Ernie Rhodes and Alma Linson of Jonesboro, Joe Walker of Marion and Shirley Miller.

Penny Hill and Shirley Miller of McClure attended a bridal shower and luncheon at Blue Boar on Saturday for Tammy Samuels.

Happy belated birthday to Penny Hill of McClure on Sunday, Feb. 21. Those helping her celebrate by eating out in Cape Girardeau on Saturday night were her husband, Kerry, David and Kristy Miller of St. Charles, Mo., Kacie Gollhofer of Carbondale and Shirley Miller.

Shirley Miller visited Friday with Patsy Dillon at the Lutheran Home in Cape Girardeau and with Stan Eudy at Life Care Center. Fred and Maxine Pender

of Fair City went to Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church on Saturday night to hear the bluegrass band, The Farm Hands Quartet, from Nashville.

Brad Pender of Jonesboro visited with Fred and Maxine Pender on Sunday. Gary Gibbs of Jonesboro visited with the Penders on Monday.

Happy birthday to my sister, Linda Koch of Cape Girardeau on Tuesday, March 1.

Emma Eudy and friend Jonathan of Cape Girardeau visited Monday afternoon with Sue and Steve Eudy.

News from First Baptist Church, Cobden

On Sunday, Feb. 21, Pastor Ed's message was titled "Lest We Forget."

The message shared that "we remember Him in what He has accomplished, what He is doing and what He will bring. We look within through the hope in examination, the path to restoration and the joy in reconciliation."

Denny and Judy Kilmer provided special music.

Bible study begins at 9 a.m. Sunday. Sunday morning services begin at 10 a.m. Sunday evening services begin at 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible study begins at 6:30 p.m.

Jay 'JB' Hooker

Jay "JB" Carl Hooker, 64, of Anna, and formerly of Goreville, died at 12:08 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2016, at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.



He was born on May 21, 1951, in Rosiclaire, the son of William and Velma Brown Hooker.

He married Cherry Gambrell on June 14, 1983. She preceded him in death on Sept. 28, 2014.

He owned and operated A-1 Mechanical (HVAC) in Goreville. He was a volunteer with the City of Goreville, working to make the 4th of July and Christmas seasons a special time for his town. He loved being on a boat, motorcycles, cars and pretty much anything with wheels, and he loved to attend auctions. He was a member of the Shriners in Marion.

Survivors include his sister, Linda (George) Stearns of Anna; brothers Bill (Linda) Hooker of Herrin and Don (Becky) Hooker of Carbondale; nephews Randy (Erica) Stearns of Anna, Seth Stearns of Groton, Massachusetts, Adam (Candace) Stearns of Makanda, Jonathan (Amber) Hooker of O'Fallon, Abram Hooker of Elgin and Nathan Hooker of Elgin; nieces Elizabeth (Troy) Hooker of Herrin, Ashley (Jeff) Hooker of Cartersville and Rachel Hooker of Herrin; many great-nieces, great-nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Cherry Hooker; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

As per his wishes, he was cremated.

Graveside memorial services will be at a later date at the IOOF Cemetery in Golconda.

Memorials can be made to Shriners (ShrinersHospitals.org/Donate) and will be accepted at Crain Funeral Home, 135 W. Vienna St., Anna, Illinois 62906.

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

To leave online condolences, visit www.crainonline.com.



Jim Tadlock

Jim Tadlock, 73, of Anna, and formerly of Cave-In-Rock, died on Feb. 19, 2016.



He was the third child, and only son, born to Ben "Terp" and Thelma Jennings Tadlock.

He attended Cave-In-Rock grade and high schools before moving to Manteno.

He served for two years in the Army before returning to Manteno and taking employment with the state mental hospital. Later, he transferred to, and retired from, Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna.

He resided for 72 years with his mother, Thelma, until her passing last year at the age of 97.

Survivors include two nephews, James and Randi Holbrook and Everett and LeAnn Davis; three nieces, Sandy and Tom Barnerd, Gayle and Randy Belford, and Tammy and Coy Taber; an aunt, Mildred Mayfield; many cousins, great-nieces and nephews, and great-great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ben and Thelma Jennings; two sisters, Velda Holbrook and Wanda "Tuttie" Davis; a niece, Debbie Holbrook; a great-nephew, Heath Barnerd; and all of his uncles and aunts.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, at Hardin County Funeral Services, Rose Gilbert Funeral Home. The Rev. Steve Reeves officiated. Burial was in Cave Hill Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Cave Hill Cemetery.

In Loving Memory of
Alta Barnhart
Mom, your birthday would have been here on the 27th. We miss you and dad more and more each day.

Larry and Judie
 David and Kristi & Children

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Considering Politics

Our country is once again facing a presidential election. Will we vote for a candidate who supports homosexuality and abortion? Will we vote for the candidate who will give us more taxpayer dollars while much of society sits idle & refuses to work?

Many who claim Christ have separated moral responsibility (which should be their predominant disposition) from their "politics." I find it downright unconscionable that those who claim Christ will openly align themselves with political candidates who support homosexuality, abortion, and other immoral views contrary to Bible doctrine.

A Christian is in a unique position being in the world, but is commanded not to love the world or live like the world (Col. 3:1-5; II Cor. 6:17). James said that to be a friend of the world is to be the enemy of God (James 4:4). In light of this, can it be acceptable in the sight of God for a Christian to disassociate himself from the Lord's Way and cast a vote for a candidate who is openly supportive of the ideology that is opposed to righteousness and holiness?

Some Christians whose employment involves being a member of a union or working for the state will justify their vote based upon who will be the most "friendly" in terms of future employment or financial considerations. If such a "pro-union" or "pro-state" candidate also holds to immoral views of pro-homosexuality and abortion on demand, can one who claims to be a Christian honestly separate the moral issues from the financial ones and rationalize such a vote? Jesus spoke to man's needs and He said, "seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33). The things that we need (food, shelter, clothing) will be provided for those who give the kingdom proper priority. Have some of us displaced our faith in God and His Son and trust in the union or the governor to provide what we need? God forbid! We must remember that this world is truly not our home (Luke 12:15-21). We need to store up heavenly treasure by trusting, God the Father (Matt. 6:25-34).

When a person goes in the voting booth, the only parties truly involved are not the modern day political parties, but the voter and God. We must stand before God one day and give an account for our lives (II Cor. 5:10). Included in our lives is our influence. Christians who think they can cast a ballot for a candidate whose lack of morality is the antithesis of scriptural basics, are part of the problem and not part of the solution as it pertains to the good fight of faith for the cause of Christ (I Tim. 2:2; 6:12).

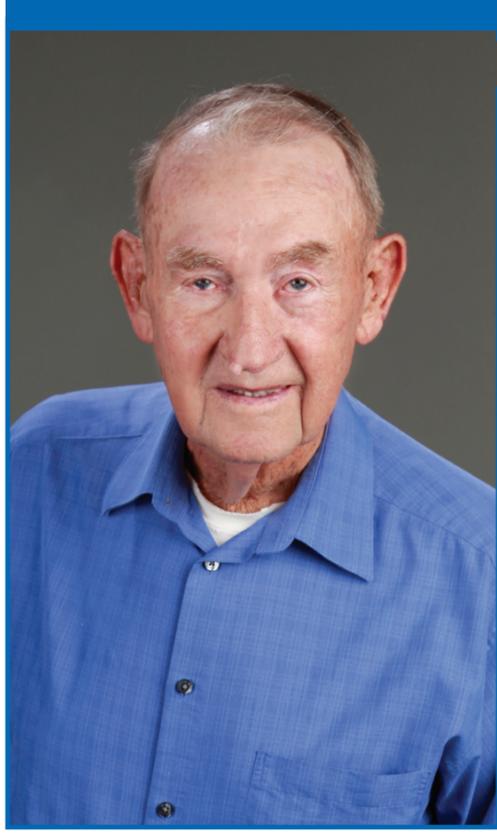
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Saint Francis Finds Right Valve for the Right Patient

Fifteen years ago, Virgle Lowe underwent a heart valve replacement. His new valve allowed his heart to pump blood through the rest of his body, and he was no longer short of breath.

The type of valve he received, however, had a limited life span. By the summer of 2015, Lowe was very weak again and needed another valve replacement at age 83. "I did not want open surgery again because I did not know whether I would come through it or not," says Lowe.

Saint Francis Healthcare System recently began performing a valve-in-valve transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR), a minimally invasive procedure in which the doctor places a new heart valve inside the old valve through very small incisions that leave the chest bone in place. It would have been a perfect option for Lowe, except that the stentless type of valve he had made the TAVR difficult for him.

But Jennifer Cotner, MSN, APRN, ACNP/AGACNP-BC, coordinator at the Saint Francis Valve Clinic, did not give up. She knew the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) was about to approve a new, repositionable valve that would work better inside a failed

stentless valve: Medtronic's Evolut R CoreValve. After the FDA did approve it, she worked tirelessly with the medical company to obtain permission to use it.

In September 2015, Saint Francis became the first hospital in Missouri to perform a successful valve-in-valve TAVR on a patient with a stentless valve.

"Our team was able to give Lowe the valve he needed without putting him through a risky open-heart procedure," says **Steven J. Joggerst, MD**, interventional cardiologist and Saint Francis Medical Partner who, with the help of his team, performed the procedure.

Lowe's wife Carolyn says she noticed a difference in him just a few days after the procedure. "He had gotten to the point where he just slept in the recliner most of the day," she says. "Now he takes walks with me around our farm. We cannot say enough good things about Dr. Joggerst and Jennifer."

For more information on TAVR procedures, visit www.sfmc.net or call 573-331-3996.



Steven J. Joggerst, MD
 Interventional Cardiologist
 Cape Cardiology Group



11th Annual Indoor Triathlon

Area residents can test their endurance at the 11th Annual Fitness Plus Indoor Triathlon on Saturday, March 5. Beginning at 8 am in the Saint Francis Health and Wellness Center, 150 S. Mount Auburn Road (Entrance 8), the triathlon includes a 300-yard swim, five-mile ride on a stationary bike and a two-mile run on the indoor track.

Awards will be given in various age groups and participation medals given to all finishers. The goal is to finish all three difficult events with the fastest time, with both individual and team competitions offered. This event will be a fun and challenging event for individuals of all interests and fitness levels.

Individual entry fees are \$25 for Fitness Plus members and \$35 for nonmembers. Team entry fees (men, women and coed) are \$40 for member teams and \$50 for nonmember teams. Teams may consist of no more than three participants. Entry fees include awards, T-shirts and postevent refreshments.

Registration forms are available at the Fitness Plus Service Desk and online at www.fitnessplus.sfmc.net. To have a registration form mailed or for more information, call Fitness Plus Assistant Manager Doug Gannon, MSA, at 573-331-5311.



Flat Head Syndrome

"Flat head syndrome," or plagiocephaly, is the term doctors use when one part of an infant's head is flattened due to continuous pressure on one spot. This condition has become more widespread in recent years, possibly because of the "Back to Sleep" campaign that urges parents to lay babies on their backs to prevent sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS). An alternative to back sleeping is side sleeping which may eliminate the constant pressure on the back of the head.

"When babies lie in the same position for the majority of the day, they are more likely to develop a flat head," says



Joy L. Ledoux Johnson, MD

Joy L. Ledoux Johnson, MD, pediatrician and internal medicine physician, Saint Francis Medical Partner. "However, the benefits of laying your baby

on his or her back or side outweigh the risk of flat head syndrome."

Treatment can be as simple as using a wedge or rolled towel to keep baby on his or her side. Frequent tummy time while the baby is awake is beneficial. Talk with your pediatrician to address any concerns.

To make an appointment with a pediatrician, call 573-331-3996.

Upcoming Events

- FEB 22** **Free Healthy Weigh Information Session**, 11:30 am-12:30 pm, Healthy Weigh Clinic
- FEB 24** **Free Heart and Health Screening** 7-10 am, Saint Martha Conference Room
- FEB 24** **Free Healthy Weigh Information Session**, 5:30-6:30 pm, Healthy Weigh Clinic
- FEB 27** **Breast-feeding Class** 9:30 am-noon, Saint Padre Pio Conference Room
- FEB 29** **Infant Massage Class** 5:30-7 pm, Saint Padre Pio Conference Room
- FEB 29** **Free Healthy Weigh Information Session**, 11:30 am-12:30 pm, Healthy Weigh Clinic
- MAR 1** **Preparation for Childbirth Class** 6-9 pm, Saint Padre Pio Conference Room
- MAR 2** **Heart and Health Screening** 7-10 am, Saint Martha Conference Room
- MAR 2** **Free Healthy Weigh Information Session**, 5:30-6:30 pm, Healthy Weigh Clinic

For more information or to register, visit www.sfmc.net or call 573-331-3996.



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