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## News

### Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area.



A bluebird found a perch near an American flag in Cobden on Thanksgiving Day.

Details, including an image from a security video, related to a robbery which happened Monday in Anna, can be found on page 2 of Section A.

Lots will be going on in Cobden this Saturday for the 2016 Christmas in the Village celebration.

Holiday season decorations are on display in the City of Anna.

Shawnee Community College continues to promote the availability of an online survey which is related to the search for the college's next president. The survey can be found at <http://pres-search.shawneec.edu>.

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## Church alliance bell-ringing campaign begins

A Union County holiday season tradition which is designed to help those in need is continuing this year.

The Union County Alliance of Churches again is sponsoring a bell-ringing campaign which helps to raise funds for local families.

"Even though the economic recovery in Southern Illinois seems to lag behind the rest of the nation, the residents of Union County are some of the most generous people anywhere," Union County Alliance of Churches president Dee Armes said. Armes is senior minister at the First Christian Church in Anna.

Every Christmas season volunteers stand at the entrance of the Kroger and Walmart stores in Anna, often in inclement weather, ringing a bell to draw attention to the buckets that receive donations used to provide assistance to local families.

Utilities, rent, food, temporary housing and other emergency needs are funded by these donations.

The volunteer "bell ringers" come from several area churches, as well as from the Knights of Columbus, the Anna-Jonesboro Rotary Club and the local Christian Motorcyclist Association chapter, The Blood Bought Bikers.

Over the past several years there has been a grad-

ual increase in the amount contributed to the Union County Alliance of Churches, with 100 percent of the funds which are donated staying in Union County.

"Therefore, when you see the Union County Alliance of Churches sign at the donation booth, you can be certain that your gifts will be helping those in our own neighborhoods and towns," Armes said.

Collection times began on Black Friday and are scheduled to continue each weekend through the month of December, concluding just before Christmas Eve.

"Does your handful of change or the one or two \$1 bills dropped into the white bucket really make a difference? Just ask the single mom with two children who is now able to keep the heat on in her home or the homeless man who is given shelter for a few nights," Armes added.

"Does it make a difference to them? It most certainly does. Jesus encouraged our generosity when he told the crowd, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me,'" he shared, citing scripture from the Gospel of Matthew.

"During this season of giving and sharing, a special thank you to all who help and to all who generously give," Armes said.

## Weather

### More than 4 inches of rain since Nov. 15

More than 4 inches of rain fell on the Union County area during the period of Nov. 15-28.

Precipitation included .39 of an inch on Nov. 18, .05 of an inch Nov. 22, 1.07 inches Nov. 23 and 2.62 inches on Nov. 28.

Temperatures during the period ranged from a high of 78 to a low of 24.

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

	H	L
Tuesday, Nov. 15	65	39
Wednesday, Nov. 16	73	38
Thursday, Nov. 17	78	52
Friday, Nov. 18	73	44
Saturday, Nov. 19	49	32
Sunday, Nov. 20	47	26
Monday, Nov. 21	51	24
Tuesday, Nov. 22	57	33
Wednesday, Nov. 23	55	41
Thursday, Nov. 24	47	44
Friday, Nov. 25	51	37
Saturday, Nov. 26	48	27
Sunday, Nov. 27	49	28
Monday, Nov. 28	54	45

## Las Posadas celebration held at Anna Arts Center



The Shawnee Hills Arts Council/Anna Arts Center in Anna hosted a Las Posadas celebration on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 20. The celebration recalled the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus. Cast members in the program included Caroline Hansen, Jadden Brimm, Tess Brummer, Leslie Morales, Yovani Carillo, Luke Vaughn, Madilyn Hawk, Sophia Vaughn, Lupita Zamora, Leslie Morales, Mayrell Morales, Madelyn Hansen, Alfredo Vaca, Jesus Zamora, Alejandro Zamora, Francisco Vaca, Pete Housman, Anthony Jimenez, Mya Laster, Efrain Charicata, Sam Allen, Victor Zamora and Jesus Amezcua.



## Meeting Santa at Christmas in Downtown Anna

The annual Christmas in Downtown Anna celebration took place on Saturday, Nov. 26, which was also Small Business Saturday. A wide range of special events were held on Saturday in the Downtown Anna area. Rachel Kaufman, Jet Newman and Easton Kaufman visited with Santa Claus while he was at Anna-Jonesboro National Bank. Photo by Lindsey Rae Vaughn. (For more pictures from Saturday's activities, please see page 3 of Section A and this week's Anna News in Section B.)

## Christmas in Village set

Cobden plans to welcome the holiday season with the eighth annual Christmas in the Village holiday celebration on Saturday, Dec. 3.

Bazaars and open houses highlight a variety of events that climax with the presentation of the Christmas lights in the village's downtown park.

The Old Feed Store on Appleknocker Street is scheduled to host an open house, with a hospitality table featuring Christmas treats.

A pancake breakfast is planned from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Craft and art vendors will be set up.

Santa Claus is scheduled to visit from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and will have goody bags for children.

The Union Congregational Church at 115 W. Ash St., with assistance from the Union County Historical Society, plans to have an open house and exhibit of nativity scenes and angels from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bazaars featuring holiday decorations, gifts, crafts and homemade treats are planned at the Union County Museum's Christmas Shop, the St. Joseph Catho-

lic Church parish hall and the Apostolic Lighthouse Church.

St. Joseph Catholic Church plans to serve a variety of soups for lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cobden is home to a variety of unique shops and restaurants that will be open and celebrating the holiday season.

Southern Illinois author Pamela Hearon plans to have a book signing from 4

p.m. to 7 p.m. at the anthill gallery.

The First Baptist Church in Cobden plans to have a live nativity scene during the afternoon in the downtown Cobden area.

The celebration is scheduled to conclude at 5 p.m. when Santa Claus will lead a walk from The Old Feed Store to the downtown park for the presentation of the Christmas lights.

## Angel collection featured

Paula Stairs of Cobden received an angel from a friend when her husband, Bill, died three years ago. She now has 700.

Stairs, the Union County coordinator for the Shawnee Development Council, said something about that first angel was so inspiring that she feels she has to get everyone she comes across. Most of the collection is on display in her home.

Stairs buys angels at auctions, group shops, the Goodwill, on travels and, of course, family and friends know what to get her for birthdays and Christmas.

The angels, from one and a half inches to 18 inches

tall, are made of every kind of material.

A small portion of her collection is scheduled to be exhibited Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the historic Union Congregational Church on West Ash Street in Cobden during Christmas in the Village.

Nativities from various individuals are also going to be on exhibit.

Norma and Danny Weaver are providing music throughout the day.

The event, cosponsored by the Union County Historical Society and members of the church, is free and open to the public.

## PAST plans carols event

The PAST organization of Union County plans to host the annual Carols at Candlelight from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at the historic St. Anne's Church in Anna.

The church is located along South Main Street in Anna. Parking will be available at the nearby Stinson Memorial Library, which is located about half a block from the church.

Special music will be presented by The Back Porch Company, whose members include Warren and Carla Anderson, Stuart Anderson and Richard Johnson.

Following the special music, group caroling is planned. Refreshments will be served.

Those who attend the event will have an opportunity to see a baptismal font and several other items which recently were returned to the church.



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# County administrator leaving for new job

## Quick action taken to fill position

The Union County Board of Commissioners moved quickly to hire a new administrator.

County administrator Kelly Carter is leaving the post to become the new executive director of the Union County Housing Authority.

Union County Board of Commissioners chairman Richard Cunningham announced Carter's plans to leave the administrator's post. The announcement was made at a regular meeting of the county board which was held Wednesday morning, Nov. 23. The meeting was at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Carter has served as the county administrator for about four years.

He will be succeeding Rich Kerns as the executive director of the housing authority.

Kerns is planning to retire on Jan. 31, 2017. He has served as executive director of the housing authority since April of 2013.

The housing authority operates facilities in five Union County communities, including Anna, Cobden, Dongola, Jonesboro and Wolf Lake. The communities are home to 394 housing authority apartments.

The housing authority has 16 full-time and three part-time employees. The authority has a seven-member board.

Carter is slated to become the new executive director of the housing authority on Dec. 15.

Board of commissioners chairman Cunningham said that Carter's career move represented a major loss for Union County.

"I can't tell you how much you've helped us," Cunningham told Carter

### Antibiotics misuse cause for concern

The Illinois Department of Public Health encourages everyone to learn how to help prevent the misuse of life saving medications.

Antibiotics are medicines that treat bacterial infections. They do not cure infections caused by viruses, such as the common cold or flu.

Taking antibiotics when you do not need them can prevent them from working when you do need them.

Antibiotic resistance happens when bacteria change and become resistant to the antibiotics used to treat the infections they cause.

during the Nov. 23 board meeting.

"Kelly's done a lot of things for a lot of different offices," the county board chairman added.

Cunningham said at last week's meeting that the board planned to move quickly to fill the county administrator's post. The board chairman also noted that the commissioners plan to establish a human resources administrative post.

The new post is in the Fiscal Year 2016-2107 budget, which was approved by the commissioners at their Nov. 23 meeting.

During a public comment session which was part of last week's meeting, a Union County resident suggested that the county administrator's job be posted.

### New Administrator Hired Monday

The county did move quickly to name a new administrator.

Action was taken by the commissioners at a special meeting which was held Monday morning, Nov. 28, at the courthouse. The meeting started at 8 a.m.

Angela Coke, an accountant who works as an internal auditor in the Union County treasurer's office, was hired at Monday's meeting.

The hiring of the new administrator actually came following two votes.

An initial motion which was made to hire the new administrator ended in a 2-2 deadlock.

After the motion was made, county commissioner Bobby Toler Jr. said he was concerned that other persons may have been interested in seeking the job. Toler said that by taking a vote on Monday, others who may have been interested in the job would not be able to apply.

Commissioners Cunningham and Max Miller voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Toler and Danny Hartline voted no.

At the time of the first motion and vote, county commissioner Dale Russell had not arrived at the meeting. He arrived moments after the first motion and vote.

The motion then was restated and another vote was taken. The motion passed by a 3-2 margin. Commissioners Cunningham, Miller and Russell voted yes. Commissioners Toler and Hartline again voted no.

Board chairman Cunningham said that he was confident of the skills and experience the new administrator will bring to the job.



**Scene of robbery**  
 Vehicles from area law enforcement agencies were parked behind Capaha Bank in Anna Monday afternoon as authorities investigated a robbery at the bank.



**Image from security video**  
 The Anna Police Department released this image from a security video which was taken during Monday's robbery.

# Anna bank robbed

An Anna business was the scene of a robbery Monday afternoon.

The Anna Police Department posted the following statement about the incident Monday on Facebook:

"At approximately 1:46 PM, the Anna Police Department responded to the report of an armed robbery at Capaha Bank, located at 358 South Main Street. Bank employees reported an unknown male subject entered into the building, wearing a red hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans, and a mask covering his face. The subject demanded money then left the bank with an undisclosed amount of money. A firearm was inferred, but not displayed. No injuries were reported."

Numerous law enforcement personnel were patrolling Anna streets in the vicinity of the bank following the robbery.

Capaha Bank, Hardee's and the Farm Fresh store, all in Anna, have been robbed in the last two weeks. In light of the incidents, the Anna Police Department encouraged the public to be vigilant, and to report any suspicious activity.

# Olive Branch man sentenced

Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds reported Nov. 23

that Thomas Keith Gowin, 59, of 21384 Center St. in Olive Branch has been sentenced in the Circuit Court of Union County to 20 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections after pleading guilty to one count of child pornography, which is a Class X felony.

Gowin will also serve a term of mandatory supervised release, formerly known as parole, of three years to life and be required to register as a sex offender for life.

Gowin was arrested in March after an investigation by the Union County Sheriff's Office and Illinois State Police showed that the suspect had created a pornographic film of a child at a rural Union County

residence between March 2015 and March 2016.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation provided assistance to investigators and the Two Rivers Child Advocacy Center in Anna facilitated the interview of the victim.

# Clemency granted

Eight clemency petitions were granted Nov. 23 by Gov. Bruce Rauner.

The governor also denied 208 clemency petitions. Less than 15 petitions remain from previous administrations.

The 216 clemency petitions Rauner acted upon today were part of dockets dating back to January 2014.

This was the 13th set of petitions the governor has reviewed since taking office.

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Thank you to Richard Cunningham for his service as a Union County commissioner.

The Union County tourism board has cancelled a meeting which was scheduled for Dec. 15. The board's next meeting is planned on Jan. 12, 2017.

The First Baptist Church in Cobden plans to host its Night in Bethlehem holiday season event Dec. 9-11. The church also is planning to present a live nativity scene this Saturday during Christmas in the Village in downtown Cobden.

Sharpen your pencils, or some other method of communication: the deadline is Dec. 2 to submit a letter to Santa Claus to the paper.

# Fire destroys Anna residence

Fire destroyed an Anna residence late last Friday night. No injuries were reported.

Anna Fire Chief Gary Rider said the blaze occurred at a one-story frame residence at 513 South St.

Two persons were inside the residence when the fire began. They smelled smoke and called 911. The two got out of the house safely.

The Anna, Jonesboro and Cobden fire departments responded to the call. Firefighters were at the scene for about five and a half hours.

The cause of the fire may have been electrical in nature.

# Officials set to take oaths of office

Oaths of office will be administered Thursday, today, for Union County officials who were elected, or reelected, in November.

A ceremony is planned at 8:30 a.m. today at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

The oaths will be administered by Union County Presiding Judge Mark M. Boie.

County officials who will take their oaths of office include:

Union County Circuit Clerk Tiffany Busby, Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds, Union County Coroner Phil Hileman, and Union County commissioners Dale Foster and Dale Russell.

# Farm Economics Summit slated

University of Illinois Extension and members of the farmdoc team from the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics in the College of ACES plan to offer a series of five Farm Economics Summit meetings to help producers navigate these difficult times.

One of the summit meetings is planned Friday, Dec. 16, at the Mt. Vernon Holiday Inn.

The session is scheduled to begin at 7:45 a.m. and conclude at 1:30 p.m.

Advance registration fee is \$70 per person and includes lunch, refreshments, and all meeting materials.

The online preregistration deadline is Dec. 5, which includes a \$5 discount. Registration at the door is \$75 per person as space permits.

For questions about registration, contact Nancy Simpson at [nsimp1@illinois.edu](mailto:nsimp1@illinois.edu) or 217-244-9687.

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December 24 at 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve at Salem  
 December 24 at 9 p.m. Christmas Eve at Mount Moriah (with Holy Communion)  
 December 25 at 9 a.m.  
 One worship service at Salem

# Celebrating the season in Anna

The annual Christmas in Downtown Anna celebration held on Saturday, Nov. 26, featured many special activities. Activities included craft shows, a 5K run/walk, music, shopping, visits from Santa and more. Photos by Lindsey Rae Vaughn.



Runners participated in the third annual Reindeer 5K Run/Walk sponsored by the Shawnee Hills Arts Council/Anna Arts Center.



Kids, adults and dogs participated in the Fun Run with Rudolph and Santa after the Reindeer Run.



A business expo featuring crafters and vendors took place in the lower gym at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. The event was sponsored by the Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna.



The Anna Arts Center hosted a holiday bazaar, which featured Christmas-themed crafts and other items.



Young people had an opportunity to make ornaments after the Fun Run at the Anna Arts Center.

## Small Town Documentary Class

# Several area communities featured in SIU project

The work of Southern Illinois University Carbondale students to photograph and document residents in local communities is on display.

Twenty students in a biennial Small Town Documentary Class in the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts have spent the fall semester each chronicling a separate community.

The exhibit was scheduled to begin Tuesday, Nov. 29, and runs through Dec. 5, with the work on display in the north wing of the Communications Building, between the School of Journalism and cinema and photography departments on the SIU campus.

The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

Some of the students who participated in the project were from the Union County area. Several area communities were part of the project.

Daniel Overturf, a professor in the SIU Department of Cinema and Photography, teaches the biennial class.

This is the 10th edition of the class since it began in 1996.

Students blend geography, sociology, history, contemporary issues, education, art, individual curiosity and photographic skill.

The work can be a mix of portraits, every day and unique events, and other notable features of the students' selected community.

The students also research their communities and form attachments to them. They closely monitor community events, including festivals, school and church gatherings, and this year, election day activities.

Yet organized events are not the only areas students look for. The "casual random experiences," such as men splitting wood in a yard in Karnak to help a neighbor are "almost more fundamental to the education part of class because it reinforces the idea that you simply need to be there, and quite often, that is the difference," Overturf said.

"Some of the most memorable photographs will come from an informal opportunity. Those photographs are sometimes the most telling about the community, and it is an opportunity for students to do their best work."

Overturf said he likes students to pursue new communities and unincorporated areas, when possible.

Since this is among the largest of the 10 classes, that became even more necessary this year.

Some of the 14 new communities featured include Carrier Mills, Freeman Spur, Grand Chain, Jonesboro, Karnak, Maestown, New Burnside, Oakdale, Olmsted, Thompsonville and Wamac.

Prior to 2016, 70 communities and areas within Southern Illinois have been photographed.

"One of the most satisfying elements of teaching the course is watching students go through the process of putting themselves out there and taking themselves from

the comfort and familiarity of university life and being somewhat forced to activate an aspect of their curiosity that might not have been as used in the past," Overturf said. "Over the course of four months, it's almost involuntary."

Overturf has said that one of the joys in the twice-weekly class is hearing the students' stories from their journeys.

Overturf and invited guests review students' prints in class. Students are also required to keep journals documenting their experiences as part of their overall course portfolio.

Students from the area who participated in the project follow, by their hometowns, their year in school, their major and their chosen communities:

Carbondale: Jenny Johnson, master's student, mass communications and media arts, Makanda.

Chicago Heights: Anna Petrelli, senior, cinema and photography, Grand Chain.

Ellsworth: Zach Gully, junior, cinema and photography, New Burnside.

Frankfort: Melissa Wortel, junior, cinema and photography, Jonesboro.

Makanda: Ellen Esling, master's student, mass communication and media arts, Boskeydell.

Metropolis: Jay Holland, senior, journalism, Brookport.

Rockford: Aidan Osborne, communication disorders and sciences, Karnak.

West Frankfort: Jacob Wiegand, senior, journalism, Joppa.

Brisbane, Australia: Morgan Timms, senior, journalism, Olmsted.

## College plans holiday reception

Shawnee Community College is planning to host a holiday reception on Dec. 7.

The reception is planned from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the K atrium on the college's main campus near Ullin.

The holiday season event will feature shopping opportunities with a number of vendors who will be on hand, refreshments, door prizes and a 50/50 raffle.

The Shawnee Community College wellness and cultural events committee is sponsoring the event.

For more information, contact Lisa Meyer at 618-634-3246 or lisam@shawneecc.edu.

## Holocaust survivor plans talks at school, arts center

Holocaust survivor Marion Blumenthal Lazan is scheduled to speak next week at two locations in Union County.

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council's Anna Arts Center and Shawnee High School in Wolf Lake both are planning to host Lazan on Monday, Dec. 5.

Lazan is scheduled to speak at 9 a.m. Monday at Shawnee High School in Wolf Lake.

The presentation at the

arts center in Anna is set for 7 p.m. Monday.

Admission is free. Tickets for free admission were being made available Nov. 26 at the arts center, which is located at 125 W. Davie St. in Anna.

The arts center noted that donations will be accepted to help defray speaker fees.

For more information, contact Lee at 904-625-1109 or by email at vabchlee@gmail.com.



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# SPORTS

## Seip takes reins as A-J softball coach

Rodney Seip will take over as the new Anna-Jonesboro Community High School softball coach for the 2017 season.

Seip, a former outstanding Egyptian High School baseball player, was named to the post at a regular meeting of the A-JCHS District No. 81 Board of Education on Nov. 21.

He succeeds Pat Pitts as the Lady Wildcats head softball coach.

"This is the right opportunity for me," Seip said. "I'm banking on five or six seniors to come out and play."

Out of high school, Seip played minor league baseball in the Texas Rangers organization for five seasons.

He has also coached the Southern Express softball team for the past five seasons. Southern Express is a traveling fast-pitch softball team.

Seip will become the

third head coach at A-J in the last four years.

"They haven't had much stability," he said. "Hopefully, this will work out and it's something I've always wanted to do."

He does know about the competition in the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division in which the Lady Wildcats play.

"They play a tough schedule," he said.

Seip hasn't named his assistant coaches yet and they will be announced at a later date.

In other spring 2017 coaching assignments at A-J, the track coach is Michael Eudy with assistants Mike Chamness and Kyle Kueker; the baseball coach is Aaron Roberts with assistants Joel Dallas, Nathan Guined and Brandon Craig; and the girls' soccer coach is Sarah Konecek and assistant is David Galvin.

## Dongola goes winless in tournament action

The Dongola High School boys' basketball team lost five times at the Crab Orchard Tournament last week.

**Crab Orchard 69, Dongola 35:** The Trojans led 30-4 after one quarter and 49-8 at the half in the loss Saturday, Nov. 24.

Joey Thomas had 8 points to lead Dongola. Evan Treat added 7 points, Andrew Tarpley 5, Jordan Thompson, Charlie Duty and Jordan Hatton 4 apiece and Jose Zazala, Nathan Williams, Jacob Brown and Kennan Stokes 2 each.

**Pope County 48, Dongola 21:** The Pirates led 17-6 after one quarter and 31-11 at the half Friday, Nov. 23.

Jordan Thompson had 12 points to lead the Demons. Duty added 4 points, Clayton Smith 3 and Williams 2.

**Egyptian 68, Dongola 54:** The Pharaohs pulled ahead 24-8 after one quar-

ter and 34-26 at the half in the tourney loss on Wednesday, Nov. 23.

Jordan Thompson led Dongola with 16 points, Hatton added 15, Smith 10, Stokes 6, Tarpley and Duty 3 apiece and Treat 1.

**Elverado 57, Dongola 28:** The Falcons led 9-6 after one quarter and 31-14 at the half.

Hatton had 7 points to lead the Demons. Jordan Thompson and Zarala had 5 apiece, Smith 4, Williams, Stokes and Duty 2 apiece and Tarpley 1.

**Joppa 84, Dongola 34:** The Rangers led 20-6 after one quarter and 39-19 at the half in the season-opening tourney loss for the Demons Monday, Nov. 21.

Hatton had 10 points to lead Dongola. Jordan Thompson added 9 points, Smith and Zazala 6 apiece, Brown 2 and Joey Thompson 1.

Dongola is scheduled to play Saturday at Fulton, Ky.

## A-J's Basler honored as volleyball player of year

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School's Elle Basler has been honored as The Southern newspaper's volleyball player of the year.

Basler's recognition for the honor was featured in Carbondale newspaper's issue on Friday, Nov. 25.

The Southern sports-writer Scott Mees wrote that "Elle Basler has been one of the most versatile players in Southern Illinois for the past four years.

"The Anna-Jonesboro outside hitter contributed 228 kills, 341 digs and 29 aces for the Wildcats this year."

The newspaper noted

## Gallatin County outscores Dongola

Dongola fell behind early and couldn't catch up in a 76-39 loss to Gallatin County in the Crab Orchard Tournament in high school girls' basketball Monday, Nov. 21.

Mackenzie Prout had 14 points to lead the Lady Demons. Tiffany Shirkey added 13 points, followed by Delaney Cummings 5, Kailie Eddleman 3 and Barb Gorst and Cheyenne Lingle 2 apiece.

## First firearm season results

# Hunters in county harvest 1,060 deer

Harvest totals for hunters in Illinois were down significantly during the first weekend of this year's firearm deer season, which was Nov. 18-20.

The second part of the season is scheduled for Dec. 1-4.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources reports that hunters in Illinois harvested a preliminary

total of 54,452 deer during the first weekend of the 2016 season.

The harvest total was down from 57,870 deer which were taken during the first weekend of the 2015 firearm season.

Hunters in Union County harvested 1,060 deer during the first weekend of the 2016 season.

That total compares to

1,281 deer which were harvested during the first weekend of the 2015 season.

Harvest totals for other counties during the first weekend of the 2016 season, as compared to 2015, follow:

Alexander County: 283 in 2016, compared to 335 in 2015. Jackson County:

1,562, 1,586. Johnson County: 1,166, 1,213.

Massac County: 367, 418. Pulaski County: 281, 358. Williamson County: 1,060, 1,203.

IDNR notes that other deer hunting opportunities in the weeks ahead include:

Muzzleloader-only deer season, which is Dec. 9-11.

Late-winter antlerless-only and CWD deer seasons (first segment) in select counties only, Dec. 29, 2016, through Jan. 1, 2017.

Late-winter antlerless-only and CWD deer seasons (second segment) in select counties only, Jan. 13-15, 2017.

Archery deer season continues through Jan. 15, 2017. Archery hunting is closed Dec. 1-4 in counties which are open for the firearm deer season.

IDNR adds that a new rule allows hunters with a valid Illinois firearm deer permit to use archery equipment during firearm season on private land only. Archery permits are not valid during the firearm season, except in those counties closed to firearm deer hunting.

## Cobden falls to Eldorado

Cobden fell behind early and couldn't catch up in a 71-39 loss to Eldorado in the Vienna Tournament Wednesday, Nov. 23.

John Russell had 12 points to lead the Appleknockers. Austin Lewey added 11 points, Dylan Lewey 9, Joe Brumleve 3 and Dyan Duty and Clayton Eck 2 apiece.

## Lady Wildcats rally to earn second place at Harrisburg Tournament

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' basketball team trailed at every break before bouncing back in the final quarter for a 52-50 win over Carmi to take second place in the Harrisburg Tournament Saturday, Nov. 26.

"Our kids showed resilience and were down by 14 in the third quarter and came back," A-J coach Matt

Denny said. "They are learning how to win."

Carmi led 14-10 after one quarter and 25-20 at the half. The Lady Wildcats trailed 38-30 going into the final quarter.

A-J was 6 of 8 from the free throw line and won the rebounding battle, 23-14. Angel Helm was 2 for 2 from 3-point range.

Elle Basler led the way

for the Lady Wildcats with 17 points, 6 steals, 3 rebounds and a block.

Jasmin Foster had 12 points, 3 rebounds and steals and a block.

Helm had 8 points, 5 rebounds and a steal and block.

Connar Hadley had 7 points, 6 rebounds and a steal. Lexi Smith had 6 points, 2 rebounds and a block. Jaycee Woodward had 2 points and 2 rebounds.

Basler and Helm were both named to the all-tournament team.

**Harrisburg 42, A-J 21:** The Lady Wildcats fell behind early and couldn't catch up in the tourney loss Friday, Nov. 25.

"We just couldn't buy a basket," Denny said. "That was the best defense I've seen since I've been coaching."

A-J trailed 8-0 after one quarter and 23-7 at the half.

Basler had 4 points, 3 rebounds, steals and blocks. Helm had 4 points, 4 rebounds and a steal.

Foster had 4 points and 4 rebounds. Sydney Heath had 4 points and 2 rebounds.

Hunter Denny had 3 points and 2 steals. Sharp had 2 points and 3 rebounds.

The Lady Wildcats were out rebounded, 30-20.

A-J, 3-1, is set to play Thursday, today, at Marion.

## A-J girls open season with two tourney wins

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' basketball team opened the season with a pair of wins at the Harrisburg Tournament.

**A-J 63, Eldorado 28:** Elle Basler scored 16 points with 5 rebounds and 2 steals to lead the Lady Wildcats to the opening game win Tuesday, Nov. 22.

Lexa Sharp added 9 points. Jasmin Foster had 7 points, 2 rebounds, assists and steals. Julia Ellis had 6 points, 2 rebounds and steals.

Atarah Hart had 6 points. Connar Hadley added 5 points, 7 rebounds and a steal. Angel Helm had 3 points and 5 rebounds.

Lexi Smith had 3 points and rebounds. Jaycee Woodward had 2 points, 3 rebounds and 2 steals.

**A-J 66, West Frankfort 65:** Basler led the way with

29 points, 10 rebounds and 4 steals and blocks in the tourney win Wednesday, Nov. 23.

Sharp added 12 points and 4 rebounds. Helm had 11 points, 6 rebounds, 4 blocks and 2 steals. Foster had 6 points and 2 rebounds and steals.

Hadley had 4 points and rebounds. Woodward had a point, 6 rebounds and 2 blocks.

The Lady Redbirds led 22-17 after one quarter and 40-28 at the half.

"West Frankfort shot the daylights out of the ball the first half," A-J coach Matt Denny said. "We had a heart to heart talk at halftime. The girls came out the second half and stepped up big time."

A-J pulled to 54-50 after three quarters before outscoring West Frankfort 16-11 in the final quarter to eke out the win.

## Shawnee outscored in action against Century, Egyptian

The Shawnee High School girls' basketball team lost twice in recent action.

**Century 69, Shawnee 32:** The visiting Lady Reds fell behind 24-6 after one quarter and couldn't catch up in the opening South Egyptian Conference loss Monday, Nov. 21.

Katie Charles and Abbeey Livesay led Shawnee with 10 points apiece. Autumn McMahan added 7 points, Kirsten Pitts 3 and Kylie Holloway 2.

**Egyptian 41, Shawnee 27:** Egyptian had a big third quarter on its way to the win over Shawnee in

the Meridian Tournament Saturday, Nov. 19.

The Lady Pharaohs led 12-10 after one quarter and 18-16 at the half. Egyptian ignited in the third quarter to outscore the Lady Reds 16-2 for a 35-18 advantage headed into the final period.

Livesay led Shawnee with 10 points. McMahan added 8 points, Holloway 4 and Katie Charles and Pitts 2 apiece.

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# A-J Goal Club honors players, coaches, families

A-J Goal Club honored Anna-Jonesboro/Cobden/Dongola high school boys soccer players, coaches and families at a banquet which was held on Monday, Nov. 14.

Coach Mark Boomer and assistant coach David Stoner recognized outstanding players with special awards.

Forward Jaryt Tripp, a junior, was named offensive player of the year.

Defenders Diego Godinez, a senior, and Sheldon McGrath, a junior, were named as co-defensive players of the year.

Goalie Jake Parr, a junior, was named most valuable player.

Jesus Olvera, a senior, received the most improved player award.

The Wildcat soccer team, which is made up of players from Anna-Jonesboro, Cobden and Dongola high schools, finished the season with a record of 12-7-2.

During the season, Coach Mark Boomer recorded his 100th career win.

The A-J Goal Club congratulated Coach Boomer and the Wildcat soccer team on a great season.

The club also voiced appreciation to all of the businesses, individuals and fans who support Wildcat soccer.

# A-J opens with victory

Trailing after one quarter, the Anna-Jonesboro High School boys' basketball team fought back to defeat host Goreville 74-69 in overtime in a season-opening win in first round action of the Goreville Invitational Monday, Nov. 28.

Jacob Zimmerman, Logan Sawyer, Izzy Markovic and Sheldon McGrath each made crucial free throws in overtime to lead the Wildcats to the win.

The Blackcats led 16-10 after one quarter. A-J fought

back to pull ahead 30-24 at the half. The Wildcats led 46-43 going into the final quarter.

A-J attempted a 3-pointer at the buzzer in regulation play that missed, sending the game into the overtime session tied at 60-60.

Jake Parr scored 19 points to lead the Wildcats. Zimmerman added 18 points, McGrath 12, Markovic and Sawyer 11 apiece and Carson Reynolds 3.

The tournament runs through Saturday.

# High school archery, shooting, fishing teams receive foundation support

High school outdoors sports programs throughout the 118th Illinois House District will be receiving some much needed support through a donation from State Rep. Brandon Phelps, D-Harrisburg, and the Illinois Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus.

The funds will be used to promote greater immersion in outdoor activities by engaging children in archery, shooting and fishing clubs.

"Hunting and fishing are cornerstones to Southern Illinoisan traditions," Phelps said in a news release.

"For many of us, these activities have been our way of life since a young age and I will do anything I can to make sure our children have the same access to these traditions that I had growing up."

Phelps said that given the state's ongoing fiscal situation, it is becoming increasingly difficult for Illinois schools to maintain functional programs for such activities.

The added funds, donated by the Illinois Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus,

which is a bipartisan group of legislators chaired by Phelps, will act as a financial stimulus to these programs and will be able to encourage more students to participate in outdoor activities.

"As times change, not as many kids are willing to detach from the indoors and go outside to see the real world around them," Phelps said.

"We need our kids to appreciate nature as much as our parents and grandparents did, and this donation should help do just that."

# 'Lion, Witch, Wardrobe' set

The Southern Illinois University Carbondale theater program plans to present C.S. Lewis' classic tale, "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," dramatized for the stage by SIU alumnus Joseph Robinette, Dec. 1-4 in the McLeod Theater on the SIU campus.

Performance times are Thursday to Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. in McLeod Theater. For ticket information, call 618-453-6000.



## Ribbon cutting

Union County Chamber of Commerce sponsored a ribbon cutting at Jus10s Frozen Yogurt & Dessert Shoppe on Friday, Nov. 25, during the business's grand opening. Mary K Harris and Bryan Miller are the owners of the new business. Jus10s is located at 334 S. Main St. in downtown Anna and is open from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Photo by Amber Skelton.

# New resort welcomes man's best friends

By Lindsey Rae Vaughn

Peaceful Pet Resort has been in business since March of this year. Becky Duty is the owner.

The business is located 2 miles south of Makanda and 5 miles north of Cobden at 300 Bee Tree Ln.

Peaceful Pet Resort provides boarding and grooming to dogs and is a self-proclaimed "home away from home."

Duty said the business has been a lifelong dream of hers.

"When I would board my dog, I wasn't comfortable," she said.

To her, dogs are a member of the family and deserve to be treated like one when they are away from their owners.

The dogs are not kept in crates and have their own runs.

Little dogs are usually kept inside, but it all depends on an initial questionnaire that the dog owners fills out.

This questionnaire helps

Duty make the dogs' experience as close to home as possible.

"If a dog typically sleeps in their owner's bed, they get to sleep in my bed," she said.

She offers a playground that looks similar to what you might see at a child day care, but this one is designed specifically for dogs.

The playground measures about 4,200 square feet and has a wooden play set with ramps, a sandbox,

a ball pit and a sunken swimming pool in the summer.

Duty said this is a rare luxury that can't be found anywhere else in Union County.

Duty did a lot of research on what doggie day care centers in large cities provided and modeled her business after them as much as she could.

For more information about Peaceful Pet Resort, call 618-534-3003 or visit their Facebook page.

# Television Listing

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# Obituaries

## Gerald L. Halterman

Gerald L. Halterman, 95, died Friday, Nov. 18, 2016, following a period of declining health.

He was born in Carbondale on March 13, 1921, the son of Thomas M. Halterman and Lois McSparin Halterman.

He is survived by his wife, Domenica Florence (Bianco) Halterman of Sudbury, Mass. He was the father of David L. Halterman and his wife Maryann of Westborough, Mass., Ronald F. Halterman and his wife Linda of Uxbridge, Mass., and Glenn E. Halterman of Northborough, Mass.

He was the brother of Edward E. Halterman of Columbus, Ohio, Dr. Charles T. Halterman of Anna, the Rev. Ruth E. Milgate of Indianapolis, Ind., and the late Dr. Harold G. Halterman, Earl F. Halterman and Cyrus Halterman.

His first wife, Rosalie H. Sharpe Halterman, died on Dec. 14, 2005.

He is also survived by five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Halterman had been a resident of Framingham, Mass., for over 65 years and recently resided in Sudbury. He was a graduate of Amherst College with the class of 1947 and was class secretary.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in September 1939 and did his recruit training in San Diego aboard the USS Oklahoma for 18 months in the 4th and C Division.

As a Yeoman 3rd Class, he transferred to NYD Pearl Harbor 14th NavDist Communications Office and witnessed, on Dec. 7, 1941, the Japanese attack from the top floor of the USN Receiving Station near fleet landing.

He retired after more than 35 years of dedicated service from the Missile Systems Division at Raytheon, where he retained various administrative and engineering positions. He received a letter from President Reagan upon his retirement from working for decades at Raytheon.

He served as vice president of SMARC for several years. He was a Pearl Harbor historian and his passion was educating others about the importance of protecting our freedom through public speaking events. He always shared with family and friends that his life was spared at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, to enjoy a wonderful family and a special son, Glenn. In his free time, he enjoyed golfing with family and friends.

After being widowed, he found love again and married Florence on Oct. 2, 2008. They resided at Orchard Hill at Sudbury.

Funeral services were at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22, at the John C. Bryant Funeral Home in Wayland, Mass. Interment, with military honors, was in the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 28.

Memorials can be made to The Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kan. 66675.

This announcement is courtesy of Crain Funeral Home Anna-Jonesboro. To view the full obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family, visit [www.crainsonline.com](http://www.crainsonline.com).

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## Bell Warren

Bell Warren, 76, of Miller City, died at 2:35 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016, at Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

She was born on Aug. 4, 1940, in Elco, the daughter of Joseph and Mable Sharp Lessar.

She married Sylvester "Buddy" Warren on Aug. 7, 1957.

She worked with her husband at Patton Farm in Miller City and also worked at Worthington Motel and Blakemore's Restaurant. She could file a crappie faster than anyone. She was a member of Lake Milligan Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Buddy Warren of Miller City; a sister, Gladys Ramage of Olive Branch; nieces and nephews; many sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law; and many who called her Mama Bell.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Carrie Dickerson and Sherry Dickerson; four brothers, Edward, Joseph Jr., Orville and Arthur Lessar.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, at Crain Funeral Home in Tamms, with Ken Wilson officiating. Interment was in Meisenheimer Cemetery near Dongola.

To view the full obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family, visit [www.crainsonline.com](http://www.crainsonline.com).

Crain Funeral Home in Tamms was in charge of arrangements.

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## Charlie D. Sisk

Charlie D. Sisk, 80, died at Carbondale Memorial Hospital on Sunday, Nov. 27, after a long and courageous battle with Parkinson's, dementia and Retinitis Pigmentosa.

He was born in Anna, the son of Helen Imogene Ingersoll and Roy Reynolds Sisk.

His education included grade school in Anna and Dongola, Lincoln Junior High and University High in Carbondale and college at Southern Illinois University. He enlisted in the National Guard Reserves in Carbondale in 1957, transferred to Litchfield Unit in 1958 and was honorably discharged in 1960.

He moved to Greenville, with his parents in 1958, where he met and married Dorothy J. Thompson (Dot) on Aug. 16, 1959.

He worked as a grocery store clerk and then took a job as a salesman for DeMoulin Bros. in Greenville, selling band uniforms throughout the area and traveling from state to state.

In 1964 he took a job with Balfour Co. and Taylor Publishing Co. working with Asher and Bill Blewett. He loved his work, traveling from Mounds to Lawrenceville and working with schools in this territory. He loved what he did and the friendships he developed over the 30 years in this successful career.

He was member of Western Heights Christian Church and served as deacon, elder and song leader. He was best known for the way he sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Ring the Bells." Once vacationing in Hawaii, that song was heard coming from a church there. A lone Japanese man was singing from his heart, with tears running down his cheeks. Mr. Sisk joined him and they finished the song together.

Survivors include his wife, Dot Sisk; three sons and their wives. Gary (Kathleen Herron) of Makanda, Stephen (Debbie Griffin) of Clarkston, Mich., and Stacey (Lisa Tarantino) of Carbondale; four grandchildren, Cameron, Rachel, Mitch and Bria; his sister, Linda (Kent) Merry of Vandalia; nieces Cathy (Scott) Hagler of Prescott Valley, Ariz., Cindy (Jim) Andrew of Corinth, Texas, and Carolyn Sisk of DeSoto; and a nephew, Carl (Dawn) Sisk of Carterville.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Roy and Helen Ingersoll Sisk; a brother, Carlton and his wife, Shirley Love Sisk; in-laws Milton and Hazel (Faudi) Thompson; a brother-in-law, Paul C. Young; and a sister-in-law, Sandy Friedenmaker Thompson.

Funeral services for Mr. Sisk were Wednesday, Nov. 30, at 11 a.m. at Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home. Interment was in Pleasant Grove Memorial Park.

Memorials can be made to the Foundation for Fighting Blindness.

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

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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## Barbara Kathleen Aldridge

Barbara Kathleen Aldridge, 85, of Troy, and formerly of Wolf Lake, died Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2016, at Aspen Creek, surrounded by her immediate family and special friends.

She was born on Dec. 27, 1930, in Reynoldsville, the daughter of William Curtis and Dorothy May Randall Forrest.

She married Bill Aldridge on Jan. 31, 1953, in Corinth, Miss.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Bill Aldridge of Aspen Creek in Troy; a daughter and son-in-law, LaDonna and Donnie Chandler of Collinsville; a granddaughter, Whitney (Aaron) Baker of Troy; a great-granddaughter, Nora Lee Baker; numerous nieces and nephews; extended family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, John, Harold and Bill Forrest; and two sisters, Velma Hayes and Roberta Rendleman.

She was a member of Galilee Baptist Church in Wolf Lake for many years.

Graveside funeral services for Mrs. Aldridge were at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 25, at the Jonesboro Cemetery, with Deacon Donnie Chandler officiating. Interment was in the Jonesboro Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Heartland Hospice in Fairview Heights.

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

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

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## George Gerald 'Jerry' Lacy

George Gerald "Jerry" Lacy, 72, of Memphis, Tenn., and formerly of Union County, died on Nov. 15, 2016, at his home.

Mr. Lacy attended First United Methodist Church of Martin, Tenn., until he moved to Memphis in 2012. He played basketball at the University of Tennessee at Martin and shared his love for basketball by being a high school basketball coach. He worked at UT-Martin as a director of admissions and development and was a co-owner of Ken-Tenn Sports in Martin until his retirement in 2006.

He was preceded in death by his sisters, Dorothy Williams of Anna and Patti Shuler of Fort Collins, Colo.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Martha Lee Woods; his daughters, Jenny Graves (Mitch) of Jackson, Tenn., and Julie Ashby (Bryce) of Memphis, Tenn.; his son, Mike Lacy (Susan) of Memphis, Tenn.; his grandchildren, Jake, Nick, Drew and Ben Lacy, Abby, Riley, Connor and Lacy Graves, Kate, Woods and Miles Ashby.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, at the First United Methodist Church in Martin. Memorials can be made to Le Bonheur Children's Hospital or to The Michael J. Fox Foundation.



## William Vancil "Van" Penrod

William Vancil "Van" Penrod, 84, died on Nov. 18, 2016. He was born on May 23, 1932, the son of William and Roxie Penrod, and he grew up near Dongola. He accepted Christ as his personal savior as a teenager at Friendship Baptist Church.

He attended the University of Illinois from 1950 to 1955, receiving a degree in electrical engineering. While president of the Baptist Student Union at the University of Illinois, he met Ruth Ann Parkhill and they married in 1954.

Upon graduation, he began employment with Union Carbide Chemical Company in Charleston, W. Va. Then came two years of active duty as an officer of the 70th Engr. Bn, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Germany.

Returning to Union Carbide, he was an instrument engineer at the Taft Plant in Hahnville, La. Moving to Houston in 1972, he joined Biles and Associates. In 1977 he and friends formed Setpoint Inc. From 1984 to 1988 he served as vice president for Setpoint-Japan in Tokyo.

Throughout his life, Mr. Penrod was a devoted Baptist church member. He served as a deacon at Southside Baptist Church in Charleston, W. Va., First Baptist Church in Luling, La., Tallowood Baptist Church in Houston, Texas, Tokyo Baptist Church in Tokyo, Japan, and Second Baptist Church in Houston, Texas.

Along with hunting and fishing, he enjoyed travel and meeting people. He traveled to every state, every continent and 54 countries.

His special interest was missions. He and Ruth ministered in Germany, Japan, Brazil, Venezuela, China, Singapore and Russia. In recent years they felt led to work at the West Houston Assistance Ministry in Houston, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his son, John Penrod.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Ruth Parkhill Penrod and his sisters Myra Gore Holderfield and Ruth Unland; his four daughters and their husbands, Judy and Dale Troutt, Laura and Bill Samuel, Linda and Brad Brock, Barbie and Andy Smith, and former daughter-in-law Iris Williams Arnold.

Grandchildren are Joshua and Kimmie Troutt, Will, Kate (and Cody Vasut) and Kris Samuel, Trevor (and Kathryn) Brock, Chaiss (and Kevin McConnell), Logan (and Spencer) Brock, Gentry (and Pravin Kanneganti), and Walker, Chloe and Cooper Smith. Great-grandchildren are Staples, Truett and Charlotte Brock, Ivy, Eli and Andie McConnell, Reagan Brock, and Esther, Olive, Leo and Iris Kanneganti.

A memorial service was held Monday, Nov. 28, at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary at Second Baptist Church in Houston, Texas. Immediately following the service, the family received friends during a reception in the Deacon's Parlor at the church.

Memorials can be made to Second Baptist Church missions department, 6400 Woodway Dr., Houston, Texas.

Local services will be Monday, Dec. 5, at 11 a.m. at Bethany Baptist Church in Cypress. Burial will be in the Friendship Church Cemetery near Dongola. Military rites will be conducted by the VFW's Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna.

## Iretha 'Rease' (Carmack) Bible

Iretha "Rease" Carmack Bible, 55, of Olmsted, died Monday, Nov. 21, 2016, at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

She was born on March 16, 1961, in Kansas City, Mo., the daughter of William Albert and Annie Gosling Turner.

She married Mark Bible in Wickliffe, Ky. He preceded her in death.

She is survived by her mother, Annie Turner of Grand Chain; four children, Ralph Carmack of Cobden, Bobby Carmack of Anna, Arica Carmack of Olmsted and Melissa Carmack of Metropolis; one brother, Albert Carmack of Edwards, Mo.; one sister, Tammy Carmack of Arkansas; 11 grandchildren; many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services for Ms. Bible were at noon Monday, Nov. 28, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with the Rev. Bobby Richardson officiating. Interment was in the Jonesboro Cemetery.

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

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

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## Eugene H. Kohler

Eugene H. Kohler, 83, of Anna, and formerly of Jonesboro, died at 10:45 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28, at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna.

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

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

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

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## Rainy Monday in Union County

Heavy rain fell on Monday in Union County. Headlights on cars were reflected on wet streets in Anna Monday morning.



**Diabetes Awareness Month**  
November was National Diabetes Awareness Month. Three students at Jonesboro Grade School have Type 1 diabetes. Through fun activities, Jonesboro Grade School raised funds and awareness for the Junior Diabetes Research Foundation. Third grade student Chloe Biggerstaff, educated other students about how she cares for herself having Type 1 diabetes. In the first row are, from left, Smith Wilson, Corinne Lyles and Jaidyn Weidman. In the second row are Jayci Needling, Chloe Biggerstaff and Kynlee Needling. Photo provided.

## School Menu

### Jonesboro School Menu

**Monday, Dec. 5:** Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fresh fruit, orange juice, choice of low fat milk. Lunch: Elementary: Brooklyn style pepperoni pizza or peach parfait with granola, hash brown patty, broccoli ranch salad, celery sticks, fresh or chilled fruit. Middle: Brooklyn style pizza; peach parfait with granola; hash brown patty; ham and cheese chef salad with croutons and dinner roll; pepperoni pizza; cheese pizza; crispy chicken sandwich; spinach vegetable salad, broccoli ranch salad, celery sticks, fresh whole fruit, assorted chilled fruit.

**Tuesday, Dec. 6:** Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, fresh fruit, orange juice, choice of low fat milk. Lunch: El-

ementary: Soft shell tacos or ham and cheese chef salad with dinner roll, seasoned corn, refried beans, sliced cucumbers, fresh or chilled fruit. Middle: Soft shell tacos; ham and cheese chef salad with roll; seasoned corn; ham and cheese chef salad with croutons and dinner roll; Italian sausage flatbread; cheese pizza; spicy chicken patty sandwich; spinach vegetable salad, refried beans, sliced cucumbers, fresh whole fruit, assorted chilled fruit.

**Wednesday, Dec. 7:** Breakfast: Bagel with strawberry cream cheese, fresh fruit, fruit punch juice, choice of low fat milk. Lunch: Elementary: Crispy chicken patty or turkey and cheese sandwich, baked fries, spinach and vegetable

salad, cherry tomatoes, fresh or chilled fruit. Middle: Crispy chicken patty sandwich; turkey and cheese sandwich; baked oven fries; ham and cheese chef salad with croutons and dinner roll; aloha pizza; cheese pizza; American cheese burger; spinach vegetable salad, power peas, cherry tomatoes, fresh whole fruit, assorted chilled fruit.

**Thursday, Dec. 8:** Breakfast: Warm pancakes with maple syrup, fresh fruit, apple juice, choice of low fat milk. Lunch: Elementary: Salisbury steak with dinner roll or Sunbutter and jelly sandwich, mashed potatoes, broccoli florets, marinated cool cucumbers, fresh or chilled fruit. Middle: French toast sticks with turkey sausage patties with strawberry topping; Sunbutter and grape jelly sandwich; mashed potatoes; chicken and cheese salad with croutons and dinner roll; meat lovers flatbread; cheese pizza; spicy chicken patty and cheese sandwich; spinach vegetable salad, broccoli florets, marinated cucumbers, fresh whole fruit, assorted chilled fruit.

**Friday, Dec. 9:** Breakfast: Ham and cheese biscuit, fresh fruit, grape juice, choice of low fat milk. Lunch: Elementary: Cheese stuffed breadsticks with sauce or nacho fun lunch, savory green beans, corn salad, baby carrots, fresh or chilled fruit. Middle: Cheese stuffed bread sticks with pizza sauce; nacho fun lunch; savory green beans; ham and cheese chef salad with croutons and dinner roll; pepperoni pizza; cheese pizza; crispy chicken sandwich; spinach vegetable salad, sweet corn salad, fresh baby carrots, fresh whole fruit, assorted chilled fruit.

## News from First Baptist Church, Cobden

Pastor Ed Falgout brought a message from Genesis on Sunday. Cadance Pind, accompanied by her parents, Billy and Melissa Pind, provided special music. Night in Bethlehem is planned from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 9-11. The church shared the following information about the event:

"As you wind through the streets of Bethlehem, you will hear the exciting story of what has happened there. Follow the awestruck shepherds to the manger where Mary, Joseph, and the Christ Child are, 'because there was no room for them in the inn.' This will be a 'living' nativity like you have never before experienced. This could be the blessing of the season for you and your family. There is no charge. This is our gift to you and your family. Preregistration is not a requirement, just a suggestion. Reservations will also be taken that evening. You may register on line at cobdenfbc.com or by calling 618-697-1051 or 618-893-2261."

Sunday service times include Bible study at 9 a.m., morning worship service at 10 a.m., evening service and youth group at 6 p.m. Bible study is planned at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

### Intended for Last Week

On Sunday, Nov. 20, the guest speaker was the Rev. Jody Pittman, who brought a message from Jeremiah. Clare Bunyan and Hannah Dover, accompanied by Jacob Staley, provided special music. The church plans to have a "Thank Christ" banquet at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4.

### 'Christmas at Cross' planned

"Christmas at the Cross" events are underway at the Cross of Peace at Bald Knob Mountain near Alto Pass. Music by members from the Tomcat Hill Social Club (Jerry Griffin, Roy Davis, Joe Stafford, Bill Fusion) is planned from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 3. At 4 p.m., a Christmas story time for children is planned.

## Information technology firm donates advertising for Union County CEO program

Local IT firm Union County Technology Solutions has announced it was donating advertising time to the Union County CEO program on WIBH Radio for the latter part of November and the month of December. The first two of these ads were featured on the "A Thankful People" program on WIBH on Thanksgiving morning. The ads are being used to promote the 2016-2017 CEO class business Hearing our Hometown Heartbeat. This class business will be used to raise funds for the students to use in start-

ing their individual businesses during the spring semester. Union County Technology Solutions owner Rollie Hawk has been a longtime supporter and investor in the CEO program and was quick to credit WIBH for their additional support. "When I spoke to Shawna Rhine, I was purchasing the two Thanksgiving spots and fifteen additional spots," Hawk said in a news release. Rhine is sales manager at WIBH. "But once she heard this was for the CEO program, she offered to double the

number of ads at no additional cost. This is yet another example of how the business community has embraced the CEO program in our county." CEO students had the opportunity to record the ads at the WIBH studios in the days before their Thanksgiving break from school. "This is a great opportunity to not only promote the program and their class business but to get to learn about radio marketing," Hawk said. "This is the great thing about CEO. You don't just read or talk about it; you learn by doing."

## Reynoldsville News By Sue Eudy

Thanksgiving Day guests of Sue and Steve Eudy were Brian and Megan Eudy of Jackson, Mo., Kevin, Jennifer and Emma Eudy and Ryan Driscoll, Breanna and Jade, all of Cape Girardeau. Barb and Wayne Livesay of Ware visited with Dorothy Smiddy of Reynoldsville.

Visiting with Dolores and Jack Reynolds of Reynoldsville on Thanksgiving were Jackie and Jay Jennings, Hunter and Gracie Wilson, Jessie and Andrew Livesay, Joseph Kelley and friend Julie, Valley Reynolds, Betsy, Jonathan, Brylee, Nash and Kyndal Oxford and Greg and Amy Reynolds.

Those enjoying the Parade of Lights in Cape Girardeau on Sunday night were Dolores and Jack Reynolds, Jackie Jennings, Hunter and Gracie Wilson, River Kelley, and Jonathan, Betsy, Brylee, Nash and Kyndal Oxford. Spending Thanksgiving with Maxine and Fred Pender of Fair City were Brad and Lori Pender of Jonesboro, Austin Pender and fiancée Allison of Anna and Tony, Bailey, Richard and Toni Mae Pender of Metropolis. Get-well wishes to Stan Eudy of Cape Girardeau, who is in Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau. Shirley Miller of McClure enjoyed lunch Mon-

day at Wok N' Roll in Anna with the Senior Health group from Union County Hospital. Enjoying pizza at Pizza Hut in Anna on Thursday were Deanie and Jerry Hinkle of Jonesboro, Ermadell Elkins of Anna, Kerry and Penny Hill, Vivian Bennett, Jay Eudy and Shirley Miller, all of McClure. Thanksgiving evening Deanie and Jerry Hinkle, Ermadell Elkins and Shirley Miller enjoyed eating at Cracker Barrel in Cape Girardeau.

David and Kristy Miller of St. Charles, Mo., Penny and Kerry Hill were supper guests of Shirley Miller on Friday. Those going to St. Louis on Saturday for the funeral of their uncle Howard Steinborn were Shirley Miller, Ermadell Elkins and Deanie and Jerry Hinkle.

Reynoldsville Missionary Baptist Church will be having a Thanksgiving/Christmas dinner on Sunday evening, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m. The church will provide meat and drinks. Please bring a dish or dessert and join us for good fellowship. You are invited to attend services at Reynoldsville Missionary Baptist Church. Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship is at 10:30 a.m. Sunday evening service is at 6 p.m. Rev. Jamie Bridgeman is pastor.

## Christmas bazaar, raffle, soup lunch planned at Cobden church

A Christmas bazaar, raffle and soup lunch are planned Saturday, Dec. 3, in the parish hall at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cobden. The bazaar and raffle are a holiday season tradition presented by the Ladies Sodality at the Cobden church. The activities are being held in conjunction with Cobden's Christmas in the Village celebration on Dec. 3. The bazaar is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Crafts, baked goods and other food items will be featured. A soup lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The raffle will feature a quilt set by Betty Cerny,

earrings by Marilyn Boyesen, a peach wood pen and necklace set by Ray Flamm, art by Paulette Aronson, and candlesticks and wine glasses. Raffle tickets are \$1 each, or six for \$5.

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- 2) The resurrection message was believed from the very beginning. The book of Acts records that some 3,000 souls responded to the Gospel the very first time it was preached (Acts 2:41). As the Gospel spread over time, the number of disciples grew to 5,000 (Acts 4:4).
- 3) The conversion of Saul supports the truth of the resurrection. Saul of Tarsus, in his own words in Acts 22:4, said of himself, "and I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women." What, then, changed the convictions of this rebellious unbeliever? Again, his own words provide the answer (Acts 22:6-8): "And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me. And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest." Paul believed in the risen Savior, and the history of Christianity changed dramatically!
- 4) The establishment and continuation of the church declares the reality of the resurrection. Recall the words of Gamaliel, an ancient doctor of the law (Acts 5:38-39): "And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought: But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God."

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R.W. McAlister, Minister  
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 Commonly known as 380 West Street, Wolf Lake, IL 62998  
 Permanent Index No.: 14-00-11-317  
 Improvements: SINGLE FAMILY Residential

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For Bid Amount contact: Sale Clerk  
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Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 14th day of November, 2016, under the Assumed Name of Main Street Market & Books with the place of business located at 300 S. Main Street, Anna, Illinois 62906 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the Sole Owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

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**CENTURY CUSD #100 Pulaski, Johnson, Alexander and Massac Co. NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE**

The Board of Education of the Century School District #100 will hold their next regular board meeting on Monday, December 12, 2016, 6:00 p.m. in the board room at Century School District #100 located at 4721 Shawnee College Road, Ullin, IL. This is a change from their previously announced December date.

Keith Clark, President  
 Board of Education  
 Century CUSD #100  
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**NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATIONS NOTICE**

To all persons of legal voting age who own or reside on land located within the boundaries of the Union County Soil and Water Conservation District. Beginning on 12/15/2016 nominations will be accepted for the two year term of the office of Director of the Union County Soil and Water Conservation District at the District's Office at the USDA Building, 201 Springfield Ave., Anna, IL 62906, during our normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. To be considered for nomination as a candidate for the office of Director, nominees must provide proof of residency or ownership of land located within the boundaries of the District. Interested persons must respond by 4:00 p.m. on January 30, 2017.  
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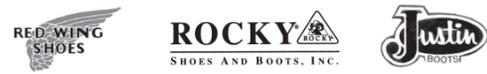
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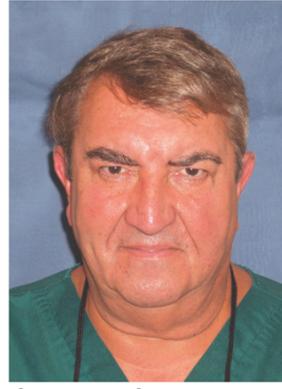
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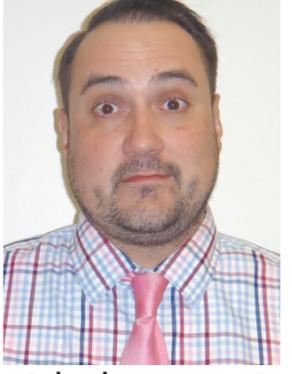
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Section B

## Union County Farm Bureau has 99th annual meeting

The Union County Farm Bureau had its 99th annual meeting in November.

The meeting was Thursday, Nov. 3, at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

More than 100 members gathered to share a meal from Our Place and to conduct business.

Members received "thank you" gift bags for attending and supporting the organization. Other door prizes were awarded at the end of the meeting.

During the meeting, members elected Charlie Braden of Cobden to serve as District 1 director and Paul Rich of Anna to serve as at-large Director, both for

two-year terms.

Special awards and recognition were given. Ken Trimble, Country Financial agent, was awarded with the traveling plaque for signing the most new members for the year.

Directors Charlie Braden and Don Rich were recognized for many years of service on the Union County Farm Bureau Board.

President Mark Eddleman presented both Rich and Braden with past director pins and copies of "A Voice for Agriculture," a book about the Centennial History of Illinois Farm Bureau.

The Farm Bureau noted that the evening would not

have been possible without the help of several members and local ag students.

Bill Littrell of Jonesboro gave the invocation. Kenzie Stover, daughter of Paula and Aaron Stover of Lick Creek, sang the National Anthem for guests.

Members of the Shawnee, Dongola and A-JCHS FFA chapters assisted with meeting room setup, registration, and served as ushers for the evening to assist members to their seats with food and drink. They also led the pledge and handed out door prizes at the end of the meeting.

Appreciation was voiced to affiliates and local businesses for generous dona-

tions of door prizes and decorations.

Those businesses include local Country Financial representatives Charlotte Clover, Mike Meisenheimer, Danielle Stevens and Ken Trimble; also, Southern FS, McCarver's Repair Shop, Rendleman Orchards and

Flamm Orchards.

Appreciation also was voiced to members of the executive committee, the nominating committee and the annual meeting planning committee, who were all very involved in planning and conducting the meeting.

## Heritage House luncheons underway

PAST's Heritage House luncheons and Christmas quilt show are underway.

The decor of the house and the quilt exhibits center around a Christmas carol theme and invite guests to reflect on familiar music of the past.

Luncheon dates are scheduled for Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 1-3; and Wednesday through Saturday, Dec. 7-10.

Heritage House is located at 102 S. Main St. in Jonesboro.

Doors open at 11:30 and luncheons are served at noon.

Following the lunch, guests are invited to browse the quilt show, museum displays and the gift shop.

Reservations are necessary and seating is limited, but some seats are still available.

For more information, or to make a reservation, call 833-3347.

## Meal, silent auction planned for Pengress

A benefit for Jon Pengress is planned from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at the Great Boars of Fire, between Anna and Cobden.

Pengress has been battling leukemia for the last eight months. He is a Jonesboro native and the son of Robin and Kathy Pengress.

He is a graduate of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, Shawnee Community College and Southeast Missouri State University. Pengress is working as a Missouri State Trooper.

The event will feature a pulled pork barbecue meal and a silent auction. Costs are \$13 per plate, two for \$25 and \$8 for children under 10; children under 5 are free.

## Bethany Village Home for Holidays event scheduled

Home for the Holidays V is planned in December to help support the Bethany Village Family Resource Center in Anna.

The event is scheduled from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 11 at the Great Boars of Fire between Anna and Cobden.

The evening will feature live music by B.J. Reach, a meal, a silent auction, a raffle and other activities.

Tickets, which cost \$25, are available at Bethany Village in Anna. Tickets also will be available at the door. For more information, call 833-1777.

## 'Soldier' auditions set at arts center

The Anna Arts Center plans to have auditions for the play "Soldier Come Home" by Frank W. Wicks.

Auditions are set for Sunday, Dec. 4, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Monday, Dec. 5, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the arts center building at 117 W. Davie St. in Anna.

Those who want to audition should be prepared to read from the script. Roles to be filled include five adult and two teenage parts.

Performance dates for "Soldier Come Home" are set for Feb. 15-18, 2017, at 7 p.m. and Feb. 19, 2017, at 3 p.m. For more information, call 833-7083.



### Board of directors

The 2017 Board of Directors for the Union County Farm Bureau include, in the first row, from left, Paul Rich, Sonny Eddleman, Dale Moreland, Larry Hale, Bill Davis and Jim Meller. In the second row are Jason Lingle, Mark Eddleman, Charlie Braden, Myron Albers and Alex Belcher. Halford Dillow also served on the board of directors. Photo provided.



### Meal, fellowship

Members shared a meal and fellowship before the 99th annual meeting at Anna-Jonesboro Community High High School. Photo provided.



### Honored for service

At-large director Don Rich, left, and District 1 director Charlie Braden, right, were recognized for many years of service to the board of directors. Both are pictured with Mark Eddleman, center, president, of the board of directors. Photo provided.



### Agent honored

Country Financial agent Ken Trimble, left, was recognized by Mark Eddleman, president, at the Union County Farm Bureau annual meeting for signing the most Farm Bureau members this year.

## Brianna Flick, Cobden, named as top seller in Girl Scout program

The Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois, GSSI, report that their 2016 nut, candy and magazine program was a great success.

GSSI reported that 3,892 girls sold nearly \$603,000 in nuts, candies and magazines.

Brianna Flick of Cobden was recognized as the top seller for the Union/Pulaski/Alexander county area.

GSSI noted that girls who participated in the nut, candy and magazine program benefited from "learning by earning."

The girls developed five life skills: goal setting, deci-

sion making, money management, people skills and business ethics.

Proceeds generated by the program help GSSI to develop leadership programs for girls, to recruit and train adult volunteers, to improve and maintain camp properties and to provide financial assistance so Girl Scouting is available to all girls.

One of the successful components of the program was the Gift of Caring option.

Customers could purchase a can of honey roasted peanuts that would be donated to U.S. military troops.

Through the Gift of Caring, more than 2,000 cans of honey roasted peanuts were purchased for the military.

GSSI director of product program Kelly Jansen said that the success of the program "wouldn't be possible if it were not for the great work of our amazing girls,

their supportive parents and our fantastic volunteers.

"Not only does this program generate proceeds to benefit Girl Scouts right here in Southern Illinois, but it also allows girls to gain valuable skills that will last a lifetime."

GSSI serves approximately 13,000 girls and over 4,800 adult volunteers throughout Southern Illinois.

### 'Godspell' to be staged

The Varsity Center in downtown Carbondale plans to present the musical "Godspell" Dec. 2-4 and Dec. 9-11.

Friday and Saturday shows begin at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees begin at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for students. For ticket information call 618-549-5466 or visit [www.stagecompany.org](http://www.stagecompany.org).

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# Anna United Methodist Church plans to present Christmas dinner theatre

The Anna United Methodist Church is planning to present a Christmas dinner theatre on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9-10.

Both performances are scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. and will be in the church's Family Life Center. All seats are \$10. The public is invited.

The title of this year's play is "Harold the Angel has Landed." The play was written by Dr. Lynn Steve-

son of rural Anna, assisted by Cody Acklin of Cobden. The play is about a young child who fell off a creek bank near Jerusalem to an untimely early demise. God singles him out for the special task of assisting with the birth of Jesus. The role of Harold is played by Brinley Corbit. St. Peter is portrayed by Pastor Carl Johnston. The role of Angel Gabriel is portrayed by Terry Riley.

There are several other adult angels and a group of eight small angels. The presentation includes both live and recorded music. This is the first dinner theater performed at the church since 2011. The cast and crews are

busy working on learning lines, painting cubes with clouds and getting fitted for angel robes and halos. Seating is limited and is by reservation only. To make a reservation, contact church member Pat Fahlberg at 697-0669.

## News from Camp Ground Church, Community

Sunday was the first day of Advent. The Advent reading and lighting of the first candle, which represents hope, were given by Landon Roach. Tanner Roach held the hope candle poster.

Bridging from the season of Thanksgiving to the anticipation of the celebration of the birth of Christ, Rev. Lance's sermon was titled "Praise, Even From the Pressure Cooker," with scripture from 2 Corinthians and 1 Thessalonians.

The message shared that "the Apostle Paul was experiencing immense pressure on every side as he ministered to the gentile world. But through it all, he did not give up hope but praised God for what he had."

Receiving the offering Sunday were Aldi and Vodra Gerard, assisted by their father Tony.

The elder for December is David Miller. Birthday: Rodney Mill-

er, Nov. 30. Anniversary: Wayne and Maudie Miller, Nov. 29.

Camp Ground will be ringing the bells at Kroger Friday evening during the Union County Alliance of Churches' fundraising campaign.

Sunday School will be dismissed Dec. 25, with morning worship beginning at 10:30 a.m.

## News from First Baptist Church, Anna

In the Sunday morning service, Pastor Sinks' sermon was titled "Even After Thanksgiving," with scripture from the Psalms. Soup and Serve is planned from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, in the fellowship hall.

Free soup and sandwiches will be served, along with coffee, tea and lemonade.

## News from First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

Sunday, Nov. 27, the pastor continued his new series, "Colossians: Christ Before All Else," with the sermon, "The Savior, The Saved and Starbucks," based on the first chapter of the Book of Colossians.

Music was directed by associate pastor of worship Paul Lemon. Special music was provided by Gerry and Cynthia Boehne.

In the evening service, the church had their annual Hanging of the Green service followed by cookies and hot chocolate.

A River to River Sunday School Class taught by Ann Landis is planned in the Family Room at the center at 9:45 a.m. Thursday, today.

A school ministry meeting is planned at 9 a.m. Friday.

The Titus 2 ladies plan to meet at 9 a.m. Saturday.

The annual Gift to the Community is planned Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 3-4. Both evenings will begin with a meal at 5:30 p.m. and a musical presentation by the choir at 6:15 p.m. The community is invited. Those who plan to attend

are asked to call the church office to obtain a free ticket by 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2.

Birthdays: Mark Mosby, Nov. 27; Lucas Tehandón, Nov. 28; and Jerry Land, Dec. 2.

Anniversaries: Gary and Judy Fuller, married 58 years on Nov. 27; and Charlie and Kim Smithey, married 31 years on Nov. 30.

The schedule for worship at Jonesboro First Baptist includes three services on Sunday at 8:15 a.m., 10:35 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Youth meet on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. Awana for children age 4 through 6th grade is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays.

An adult Bible study/prayer meeting is planned on Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

## Gospel singing set

The Gloryroad Travelers of Mounds plan to sing at Shiloh Baptist Church in Villa Ridge on Saturday, Dec. 3.

Singing is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., following a potluck at 6 p.m.

## News from Anna Nazarene Church

Music for the Nov. 27 worship service was led by Larry Fuller and Johnathon Cauble.

The reading and lighting of the Advent candle were done by Stanley and Marilyn Elkins.

The offertory was provided by Joseph Brooks.

Mark Smith, Heath Brooks, Curly Ralls and Darrell Mowell served as ushers.

The morning message, titled "Experiencing the Miracle of Christmas," was brought by Pastor McBride from Galatians.

The message said "at just the right time in history, Jesus was born. The coming

of Christ into the world was not a matter of chance or coincidence. His coming was part of God's divine plan established before the foundation of the world."

Music for the Sunday evening worship service was led by Larry Fuller and Randy Wright and accompanied by Johnathon Cauble. The offertory was provided by Curt Lyerla.

Evening service ushers were Drake Wiseman, Dorris Johnson, Stanley Elkins and Noah Wiseman.

A song, "O Holy Night," was presented by Abby Barlow and Jessica Elkins. The evening message, "Carols: O Holy Night," was brought by Pastor McBride from Lamentations, sharing that the song says "a thrill of hope the weary world rejoices. For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn."

Pastor McBride shared that "hope is being able to see there is light despite all the darkness. The challenge today is that there are too many that are letting go of the hope that we profess and we're grabbing onto all of the fear and anxiety of the darkness of the night."

An all-church Thanksgiving/Christmas potluck is planned for Dec. 4.

Dec. 17 is the open house at the parsonage.

The children's Christmas program is set Dec. 18 at 10:35 a.m.

Birthdays: Betty Odum, Nov. 27; Isaac Brooks, Nov. 28.

Anniversary: Heath and Lindsey Brooks, Dec. 2.

Sunday School for all ages is at 9:30 a.m. Worship services are Sunday at 10:35 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

### ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016

The summary must be published in the local newspaper.

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by December 1, 2016. Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact:

DONGOLA UNIT SCHOOL DIST 66 PO BOX 190 DONGOLA IL 62926 618-827-3841 7:30-3:30 P.M.  
School District/Joint Agreement Name Address Telephone Office Hours

Also by January 15, 2017 the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016, will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website@ www.isbe.net.

SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

#### Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2016

		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	470,688	123,898	82,368	31,506	123,685	0	6,092	60,959	0
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0		0	0				
State Sources	3000	1,341,495	163,930	0	110,642	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	201,637	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Direct Receipts/Revenues</b>		<b>2,013,820</b>	<b>287,828</b>	<b>82,368</b>	<b>142,148</b>	<b>123,685</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,092</b>	<b>60,959</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures</b>		<b>2,058,715</b>	<b>264,166</b>	<b>81,882</b>	<b>176,057</b>	<b>109,007</b>	<b>14,868</b>	<b>400,402</b>	<b>74,480</b>	<b>0</b>
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	0	0	0	0	0	400,000	0	0
<b>Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2015</b>		<b>71,539</b>	<b>8,246</b>	<b>51,067</b>	<b>77,869</b>	<b>48,277</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14,567</b>	<b>24,624</b>	<b>0</b>
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2016</b>		<b>26,644</b>	<b>31,908</b>	<b>51,553</b>	<b>43,960</b>	<b>62,955</b>	<b>385,534</b>	<b>420,659</b>	<b>11,103</b>	<b>0</b>

#### SALARY SCHEDULE OF GROSS PAYMENTS FOR CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL AND NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

This listing must be published in the local newspaper, sent to ISBE, and retained within your district/joint agreement administrative office for public inspection.

Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000	Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999	Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999	Salary Range: \$60,000 - \$89,999	Salary Range: \$90,000 and over
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#### GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000	Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999	Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999	Salary Range: \$60,000 and over
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#### Payments over \$2,500, excluding wages and salaries.

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AMEREN ILLINOIS	38,921
AMSN	14,767
ANNA STATE BANK	81,882
BEAVER JANITOR SUPPLY	4,062
BEUSSKINK AND HICKAM	9,560
BMO MASTERCARD	39,968
BREHM PREPARATORY SCHOOL	95,132
CAIRO PUBLIC UTILITY	22,958
CHALKABLE	5,160
CHESTER DAIRY	13,434
CLEARWAVE	9,291
COMMON GOAL	4,388
CRS ONE SOURCE	57,788
CHRIS CUNDIFF	9,605
DONGOLA REVOLVING FUND	17,043
JULIE DRAPER	46,375
EARTH NETWORKS	23,265
GAZETTE DEMOCRAT	2,740
GERHONDA WOOD	15,877
HOUGHTON MIFFLIN	5,478
IASB PUBLICATIONS	3,175
IDES	13,945
JEFFS AUTOMOTIVES	6,848
MCCANN AND SONS	5,960
MCGRAW HILL COMPANY	3,087
MILLER TRACY AND BRAUN	15932.95
NANCY RIGGIN	3596.37
OSBORNE OFFICE EQUIPMENT	16290
PEARSON EDUCATION	3629.62
PRAIRIE STATE INSURANCE	45043
RABEN TIRE COMPANY	2518.56
REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SYSTEM	7852.6
RENAISSANCE LEARNING	4283
REPERT PUBLICATIONS	3045.44
REPUBLIC SERVICES	4604.6
JENNIFER RIDER	13840.96
SCHOOL BOOKKEEPING SOLUTIONS	5220
SOUTHERN FS	10881.56
TECH GUY CONSULTING	23782.83
TRI COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION	189154.58
ASHLEY TUCKER	2723.84
VERIZON WIRELESS	3824.77
VILLAGE OF DONGOLA	7931.78
WHITE AND BOROGGNONI ARCH.	14867.35
WRIGHTWAY TRANSPORTATION	31601.56
TRS	102815.53
IMRF	70118.19
IRS	21249.27
IL DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	45320.8

News from

# Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

On the first Sunday in Advent, Pastor Mark gave noise makers to the children and to the surprise of everyone, he shouted out "Happy New Year."

He explained that Sunday marked the beginning of the new church calendar year.

But, he said, "even more important is this 'time between Thanksgiving and Christmas' that we call 'Advent' when we prepare for the coming of Christ."

The prayer list for healing included Mike Chase, Glenna Tripp, Daniel Sedden, Ann Shaw, Jack Johnson, Shirley Earnhart, Hadley Ashby, Linda Clark, Urs Becker, Todd Breiner, Pat Martin, Mort Wright, Joe Frick, Carolyn Frick, Elizabeth Corbit, Max Casey, Pam Wheaton, Shawn Knupp, Silas Jones, Linda Mayo and Al Dammann.

The families of Joe Lyerla, Mildred Kohler, Bill Hensch and Tyler Iubelt were remembered in prayer for loss of their loved one.

The sanctuary is decorated for Christmas and a special collection of nativity scenes are on display.

A Christmon tree is decorated with mostly white and gold symbols of Christian meaning. Even the smallest children helped to decorate the tree.

The Hands of Faith ladies reported a good day

at the Gingerbread House Bazaar. Many guests took advantage of the church open house, the offerings of the bazaar and the crafts for kids. Proceeds from the bazaar will be used for caring and sharing outreach missions. Advent services continued on Wednesday, Nov. 30, at 7 p.m. at Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro, preceded by supper at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 7, the service is at 7 p.m. at Mt. Moriah in Anna, preceded by supper at 6 p.m. Dec. 14 is at Salem and Dec. 21 is at Mt. Moriah.

A Christmas program including the children is planned Sunday, Dec. 18, at Mt. Moriah at 9 a.m. and again at Salem at 10:30 a.m. Combined adult and children's choirs will participate in the services.

Christmas Eve services are planned Dec. 24 at Salem at 6:30 p.m. and at Mt. Moriah at 9 p.m. with Holy Communion.

One Christmas Day service is planned at 9 a.m. at Salem.

A Ladies Night Out Christmas gathering is planned at 5 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Brick House.

Mt. Moriah members are being recruited to be Bell Ringers for area charities on Dec. 10.

Regular Sunday worship is held at Mt. Moriah at 9 a.m.



### Community project

One of the community projects of the Hands of Faith women's group at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church was to help the residents of the River to River assisted living facility. Carrie Davis, right, social director at River to River, received \$50 Walmart gift cards totaling \$500 from Kathy Stegle, left, a member of the Hands of Faith group. This is part of the proceeds from the group's annual Gingerbread Bazaar designated for community projects. Photo provided.



### Christian symbols

Christian symbols called Christmons were displayed by Jaelyn Stroehlein, Katie Stegle and Rowan LeFevre before they were placed on the Christmon tree at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church. In the back is helper Allison Hasty. Photo provided.



### Choosing a spot

Dallas Keller chose a spot for his Christmon on Mt. Moriah's Christmon tree. Photo provided.



### Decorating tree

Emily Bussey, Addilyn Stroehlein and Katie Stegle decorate the Christmon tree at Mt. Moriah. Photo provided.

News from

# Walnut Grove Church

On Nov. 27, the first Sunday of Advent, Kathy Wills and Diana Ward read the Advent liturgy and lit the Advent candle at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church.

Next Sunday, Sandy and Gary Hartline will read the Advent liturgy.

Rev. Robert Fear talked about scripture from Proverbs and called his message, "Things God Hates." He said "God hates the sins but not the sinner. He sent his only begotten son to be crucified in order to offer salvation to us, as sinners."

The congregation plans to decorate the church Christmas tree at 5 p.m.

Thursday, today. A chili supper will follow the decorating of the church. Those who plan to help with decorating are asked to bring finger foods. Barb Norton plans to bring a pot of chili.

The next ladies' lunch is planned at Diana Ward's home on Friday, Dec. 2, at 11:30 a.m.

Sunday services start at 9:30 a.m. at 3195 Mountain Glen Rd. near Cobden, and near Route 127.

News from

# Trinity Lutheran Church, Anna

Nov. 27 was the first Sunday in Advent. The sermon on Sunday was based on scripture from Matthew and instructed the congregation "to repent and prepare to receive Jesus as their king."

Mike Bryant led a Matins Service.

Vesper services are planned at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays during Advent.

The church is scheduled to be decorated for Christmas at 8 a.m. on Dec. 3.

A Saturday service is planned at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 3.

The OFL group plans to go by bus to Kentucky on Dec. 5.

Hank Neumann will be baptized at the Divine Service on Dec. 11. Officers will be installed for 2017.

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Daily Devotional Reading

Matthew 24:1-28	Matthew 24:29-51	Matthew 25:1-30	Matthew 25:31-46	Daniel 9:1-27	Nehemiah 8:1-18	Esther 9:20-10:3
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# Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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



**Congratulations to Jericha Carter, who killed her first buck.**

## Wonderful Day

It was a wonderful day for Christmas in Downtown Anna last Saturday.

It included the Reindeer Run, breakfast with the Girl Scouts, crafts at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, crafts at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, crafts at the Anna Arts Center and shopping in the stores, lighting of the Christmas tree by Santa and ending with singing at St. Anne's.

Thanks to everyone who came, the vendors, VFW Auxiliary and those who volunteered their time to help make this day a success.

## Chicken People

Brian Caraker starred in the movie "Chicken People." It was very interesting to see all the different breeds of chickens and all the work that goes into raising them and preparing them for the big shows.

Brian's parents Bob and Betty also were stars in the movie.

We got to see yet more people from Anna getting off the bus to see Brian at one of his shows. It also showed traveling down Main Street in Anna.

## Good Luck

Good luck to the A-JCHS bowling teams.

## Thanksgiving

Norm and Barbara Bauer were Thanksgiving celebration guests of their son, Lou and Debbie Bauer in Chesterfield, Mo.

Also sharing in the family get-together were sons Tim Bauer, David and Ursula Bauer, all of Brookfield, Wis. Their daughter Beth and Doug Hileman were there from Anna.

Bauer grandchildren present were Matthew Bauer, Chesterfield; Chris and Katie Bauer, Maryland Heights, Mo.; Jacob and Nadia Hileman, St. Louis,

Mo.; and Lucas Hileman, Fort Branch, Ind.

The "show stealers" were Barb and Norm's great-grandchildren, Finlay and Emmie Hileman and Owen Louis Bauer, 6-week-old son of Chris and Katie.

Together, the family celebrated and gave thanks for their many blessings, not the least of which was one another.

## Alabama Trip

Bob and Betty Caraker traveled to Roberts-dale, Ala., for weekend visit with their daughter Lori, and grandkids Sierra and Gage. They had Thanksgiving dinner on Saturday and did a little shopping for great bargains.

They enjoyed having all their family come for Thanksgiving dinner. There were 10 of them giving thanks for their health, their family, God and their four-legged fur babies.

They would like to thank everyone for all the nice, supportive comments regarding their son's documentary "Chicken People." It was a very interesting, sometimes frustrating, endeavor.

Brian has moved to his new farm in Arkansas, and is in process of filling it with poultry, Jersey calves and Nubian goats.

He will be performing in Branson next year beginning March 19 in the show "No. 1 Hits of the '60's and '50's" which will perform at The Clay Cooper Theater.

## Thanksgiving

Brenda Kelley spent Thanksgiving at Peggy and Jim Rains' in Alto Pass with Ruth Wood, Xoua and Ethan Rains. Dinner was fantastic.

On Friday, Brenda had Thanksgiving dinner at her home with her daughter Michelle Myers, Kevin Neighbors and Kobe and Kooper from Springfield,

Mo. and her son Joey and Stacy Smith, Carmin and Tytan from Dongola. They also exchanged Christmas presents with Michelle's family.

## Trip

Judy and Weldon Brown were out of town for a couple days. They went to Justice for the wake and funeral service of Judy's brother-in-law Fred Hack.

After arriving back home they knew they would be home alone for Thanksgiving day.

They remembered seeing an invitation to a Thanksgiving dinner at the Southern Baptist Church in Sullivan.

They decided to go there and were very warmly invited to join them. It was a good turkey dinner with all the trimmings and dessert.

They were so thankful to join the group and Judy enjoyed not having to cook. It was much better than a restaurant dinner also they thought.

Then they went home to watch Illinois lose in a basketball game.

## Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving dinner guests at the home of Audrey Davis were Gayle and Jack Yarbrough and her oldest son David and John Davis, JD.

They had a blast and got a call from Jesse and Kaden Webb from Champaign. Kaden misses Nana Gayle. They will be in some time before Christmas. Audrey hoped everyone had as good a day as their's was.

## Guest

Guest of Clara and Gaylon Cates was their son Gaylon Wayne from Chicago. He came to hunt for a week and enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner with his parents.

## Thanksgiving Trip

Rich, Deborah, Samantha and Damon spent thanksgiving with family in Metropolis. They ate too much and had a great time.

## Thanksgiving

I enjoyed Thanksgiving at my daughter Bessie's home with my son-in-law Curt, grandson Elijah, Earl Miller, Saydee Rose, Sookie Eve, Chuck and Norris.

We had a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner and have a lot to be thankful for. We loved watching the Thanksgiving parades.



**Mary Belle Morgan will celebrate her birthday Dec. 7.**

## Guests

Lisa Spiess's sister and husband Mike and Mary Anne Finefield were here from Chicago for Thanksgiving. They enjoyed visiting with family members and shopping.

## Congratulations

Jericha Carter got her first deer, a young buck, Sunday, Nov. 20.

## Springfield Guest

Guest of Brenda Allen and her mother Barbara File was a friend from Springfield.

They enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner at Brenda's cousin Charlotte Clover's home. Enjoyed visiting with a lot of family members. Brenda said they would be shopping local all weekend. Union County has all they need.

## Indiana Trip

Marie Samuel went with the Senior Circle in Marion to a German town in Indiana Saturday.

Food and crafts and a tour of the monastery were highlights. Christkindmarkt was the event in several places and schools.

## Christmas Bazaar

Held by United Missionary Baptist Church at the Clear Creek Association office in Anna Saturday, Dec. 3, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All proceeds will go to the Lottie Moon Foreign Missions Christmas Offering.

They will have gift baskets, handmade jewelry, handcrafted wooden signs, ornaments, wreaths, baked

goods and several other items.

## Thanksgiving Guests

John, Jason and Angie Bryant were dinner guests of Toni and Kim Capel.

Others there were Tim, Andrea and Miss Page Goodman. They were missing some, Jeremy and his family from Tennessee were not able to join them. His son Ben was sick with pneumonia. Toni got a text from Jeremy, before they left to go home saying, "Ben was feeling better."

They talked with their Florida sister. They always miss her and their other Florida sister and her husband David, at family dinners. They know they live too far, but always have them in their thoughts and prayers and love them both. Toni prepared a delicious dinner.

## Wedding Anniversaries

Nov. 21 Steve and Dee Guined 35 years, Nov. 21 Matt and Paula Wettig 35 years.

## Birthdays

Nov. 21 Michael Sitter, 23 J.D. Adams, 25 Janet Harner, Rachel Cobb, 27 Mark Chamness, Dec. 5 Patty Weatherington, 8 Maranda Hartline.

## State Retirees

AFSCME Retirees met in November at the Anna Heights Baptist Church. Congratulations to Jim Wright who won the door prize.

## Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club

The Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club's next meeting will be Dec. 5 at 11 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Anna.

Guests will be the Jonesboro School Choir. Everyone is welcome to come hear the choir. The club always welcomes new members.

## Loaves and Fishes

The free community meal is on the third Tuesday of each month from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at United



**Emily, Zack, Lee and Ashley Massey visited with Santa at Kiki's Coffee Shop at Christmas in Downtown Anna.**



**Kathleen Wright, Patty Simpson and Kay Rothchild represented the Hands of Faith volunteers at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church's Gingerbread House Bazaar. Proceeds from the bazaar will be used for outreach mission projects.**



**Children gathered around Santa to sing Jingle Bells after he lit the Christmas tree in beautiful Downtown Anna Saturday night.**



**Rev. Steve Guined and Connect Point Church outreach team delivered Thanksgiving dinners to 30 families.**



**Girl Scout Troop No. 8552 had a superhero all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast to start off Christmas in Downtown Anna at the United Methodist Church Saturday morning. The troop is working on their Silver Award Community Service projects benefiting a local pediatric unit, animal shelter and women's shelter. Kids could get their picture taken with a superhero also.**



**Terry, Billie, Rage and Titan Henderson celebrated Thanksgiving dinner at Terry's sister Brenda Sadler's home. Others attending the Thanksgiving dinner hosted by Brenda and Paul Sadler included Larry and Cheryl Jaymes, Paige Gee, Tim, Michele, Elijah, Allie, Mia and Ella Sadler. Chad, Dax and Bella Deaton visited Thanksgiving morning. Terry and Billie hosted an evening Thanksgiving and birthday dinner for T.J. Henderson. Celebrating with Terry and Billie were T.J., Tanette, Rage and Titan Henderson and Billie's parents Joe and Joyce Sullivan. Pictured are cousins at the Sadler celebration Rage Henderson, Titan Henderson, Elijah Sadler, Dax Deaton, Ella Sadler, Paige Gee, Bella Deaton, Mia Sadler and Allie Sadler.**

# Anna News

(Continued from previous page)

Methodist Church fellowship hall.

## Free Soup and Serve

First Baptist Church Anna serves a free soup and sandwich meal the second Monday of each month from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

## Harvest Church

Serving free hot meals every Thursday to the community at Harvest Church from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

## Get Well List

David Veldhouse, Monica Russell, Jack Lewellyn, Lori Ray, Rev. Ray Long, Roger and Lana Kay Glasco, Terry House, Billy Hutcheson, George Griffin, Connie Boyd, Anna Ferneti, Al and Carolyn Dammann, Jackson Boyd, Turner family, Sarah Russell Mann, Terry Jackson, Betty Tutt, Connie Wills, Sheilah Whittington, Sondra Bradford, Carrie Gibson, Elizabeth Corbit, Robert Andrews.

## United Methodist Church Anna

Sunday was the first Sunday of Advent. After the acolytes brought in the light of Jesus Christ the lighting of the Advent wreath was by Shirley West, Sue Ann Zimmerman and Jean Lamzsus.

The children's message was by Maggie Johnston. She asked them what they were thankful for and told them that Advent meant the coming of our Lord and asked them to make a Christmas wish list for next Sunday.

Special music was an arrangement of Lord of the Dance sung by Carla Anderson.

Rev. Carl Johnston's message was "Only the Father Knows," with scripture from Matthew.

Christmas dinner theatre

will be Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9-10, at the church fellowship hall at 6 p.m.

The youth group will meet at the church Sunday, Dec. 11, and attend "A Night in Bethlehem" at the Cobden Baptist Church.

The church will be ringing the bells to raise money for the Union County Alliance of Churches on Saturday at Walmart.

## Pow Wow

Barbara House visited her family in Atmore, Ala., and attended the 46th annual Poarch Creek Indian Pow Wow Nov. 24-25.

## Christmas Parade

A-JCHS Marching Wildcats band will be in the Lighted Christmas Parade in Carbondale Saturday. Please keep them and everyone in the parade in your prayers and for nice weather.

## Union County Visit

Steven Burns from Chicago stopped in Murphysboro for a visit to the Jackson County History and Genealogy Center.

When Steven completed his work there, he spent the afternoon at The Union County Courthouse furthering the study of his families history in the Illinois Country.

When he was told it was closing time at the courthouse, he stopped by the home of his partner in genealogy, Barbara Bauer, to return a few books she had loaned Steven.

While near the Anna City Cemetery, he placed some seasonal flowers on the graves of the family of his cousin Aaron James Hart.

Aaron asked Steven if he could do this for him since he is now in Florida. It was a privilege to do this for him as his late mother,

Betty Coffman, tended the graves of Terri's grandpa's family, who have also been buried in the Anna City Cemetery for nearly 60 years.

Remembering to "Keep it in the County," he had dinner at Jordo's Pizza in downtown Anna. To cap off a busy day Steven attended the Thanksgiving prayer service at the Korntal Church near Jonesboro.

## Guests

Betty Eagle and friends Mary Ann Evetts of Vienna and Kathy Camden went to the Craft, Vendor and Business Expo at the high school Saturday at Christmas in Anna. They then enjoyed lunch and shopping in downtown Anna.

## Thanksgiving Guest

Sheryl Netherton was home from St. Joseph for the Thanksgiving holiday. She stayed with her mother, Geneva Elkins of Jonesboro. She visited with her aunt Valarine Thomas and her sister Cathy Freeman.

## VFW News

Thank you to all who came to the craft expo at the high school. Everyone had a good time seeing friends and checking out the many

products available.

Friday, Dec. 2, the post will have its monthly fish fry from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The public is welcome. Star Karaoke will be there from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The Auxiliary meets Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m. and the post meeting is Thursday at 7 p.m.

## Military Prayer List

Please send me a name if you want them in the military prayer list please. If you have a loved one in the service, email, call or mail their name to me. Also if they are not in the service anymore, please let me know.

Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, CJ Youngerman, Freddy Morse, Reagan Morrison, Josh Steveson, Josh Williams, Lukas W. Davis, Faith Odom, Tommy Goff and family Janette, Jamison and Kaylynn, Creighton Laster, Brandon Eaker, Jim Bonner, Jacob Schaefer, Jerod Schaefer, Jennifer Ann Bishop, Robert Jr. McMeely, James McWhorter, Arin Whitemountain. Please keep them in your prayers.

## SIU chancellor search advisory committee to review applications in January 2017

The chancellor search advisory committee at Southern Illinois University Carbondale plans to begin reviewing applications on Jan. 15, 2017.

Ads soliciting applications and nominations were placed earlier in November in both print and online editions of The Chronicle of Higher Education, Diverse Issues in Higher Education, the Journal of Blacks in Higher Education, Hispanic Outlook, Women in Higher Education, and other venues.

SIU system president Randy Dunn announced the formation of the search committee in October.

Dunn's charge to the advisory committee was "to work as expeditiously as possible."

"I would really like to have this decided by late March if possible for big decisions that potentially will need to be made later

in the spring," he said, referring to the ongoing state budget crisis.

He also asked the committee to make special efforts to attract candidates from under-represented groups.

Laurie Achenbach, dean of the SIU College of Science and chairperson of the advisory committee, said the group decided not to use an outside consultant for the search.

That decision led the committee to expand the number of advertising venues, especially those online.

The complete position description, which includes information about submitting nominations and applications, and other materials are available on the chancellor search website at [www.chancellor.siu.edu/search/](http://www.chancellor.siu.edu/search/).



Chairperson Suzie Kessler and public relations chairperson Jane Bauer presented a box of apples grown by a local orchard to Nikki Fehrenbacher, the activity director at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna, to promote shopping locally at their Union County HCE meeting.



Brenda Allen and her mother Barbara File, with Thanksgiving guest from Springfield. Brenda says they will be shopping local all weekend. Union County has all they need.

## Jonesboro

### Masons

#### to serve supper

Jonesboro Masonic Lodge No. 111 plans to serve a chili supper on Saturday, Dec. 3.

The supper is planned from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Oasis Shrine Club at the Anna City Park in Anna.

The cost will be \$6 for the all-you-can-eat supper.

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# Dongola School names first quarter honor roll students

Dongola Unit School District No. 66 has announced first quarter honor roll students:

## Superintendent's Honor Roll

1st grade: Emma Charles, Ashton Duke, Benjamin Flores, Natalee Gaddis, Natoma Gaddis, Kyle Holderfield, Allyson Keeley, Eli Laminack, Carleigh Lewis, Serenity Miller, Madalyn Moss, Noah Rodriquez, Reaslyn Shepard, Honor Sheppard, Hunter Waid, Jesse Welch.

2nd grade: Nevaeh Alaniz, Philip Bracken, Jaydn Cameron, Joseph Conkle, Caleb Gaddis, Bailey Griffin, Henry Maginel, Khloe Moutria, Lennon Shimkus, Shelby Stanley, Daisy Urban, Ashlynn Welch, Caronline Wright.

3rd grade: Antonio Altamirano, Sadie Cross, Seth Eddleman, Drake Hilliard, Dakota Merydith, Korina Mize, Kurt Petrich, Jayda Shepard, Jersey Wright.

4th grade: Kiara Aden, Natalie Aldrich, Kinley Lingle, Katie Theis.

5th grade: Blake Herren, Payton Hilliard, Isaiah Pitts, Ryan Whitney.

6th grade: Emele Halphen, Presley Hoffman, Mackenzie Kelley, Peyton Lingle, Madyson Mead, Carmin Smith, Julian Westbrooks, Noah Wiseman.

7th grade: Melanie Altamirano, Jamie Anderson, Connor Crider, Madison Delgadillo, Cameron Halphen, Brooklyn Hogue, Liberty McGill, Halle Short, Thorne Wright.

8th grade: Emily Aldrich, Madeline Keller, Michelle Woolford.

Freshmen: Dailee Cummins, Alyssa Flores, Colin Hall, Brianna Portwood, Megan Theis, Evan Treat, Jayden Westbrooks, Erin Wyant, Jose Zavala.

Sophomores: Sydni Haynes, Hailey O'Dea, Zachary O'Neal, Journee Rushing.

Juniors: Natalee Chauvin, Delaney Cummins, Mackenzie Prout.

Seniors: Kaysee Johnston, Karlie Kelley, Megan Micheal, Kellee Laminack, Jordan Thompson, Alexis Woodworth, Terry Wyant.

## Second Honor Roll

1st grade: Mason Kissiar, Reagen Quinn.

2nd grade: Joseph Edging, Mariah Gibson, Brayden Morehead, Kar-

ter Porter, Eyen Sheppard, Alexis Smith, Tyannah Villagoma-Spencer.

3rd grade: Dusti Bracken, Daniel Holderfield, Lauren Jackson, Kinsey Kahl, Alivia Mead, Jessie Quinn, Braedon Smalley, Hunter Wasuleski, Aaron Wiseman.

4th grade: Cheyenne Bracken, Westin George, Dixie Kaufman, Jayde Miller, Scotti Murray, Aide Phipps.

5th grade: Cheyenne Felder, Elias Jackson, Bruce Morehead, Hector Perez, Makayla Shipley, Catherine Thomas.

6th grade: Charlie Aden, Mackenna Prout, Dawson Short, Katlyn Smith, Noah Wiseman, Hailey Wright.

7th grade: Autumn Dixon, Hannah Foster, Sam Lipe, Elijah Pecord, Abigail Simmons.

8th grade: Alex Ames, Jacob Whitney.

Freshmen: Josi Jerrell, Owen Kennedy, Ryleigh Laminack, Breanna Smith, Kevin Sullens, Shelby Tarpley, Joseph Thompson, Anna Williamson.

Sophomores: Shaylee Lingle.

Juniors: Karlie Eddleman, Gracen Kern.

Seniors: Desiree Evans, Barbara Gorst, Cheyenne Lingle, Brandon Shaffer, Tiffany Shirkey.

## Homeless benefit concert set

Kevin Lucas plans to perform a homeless benefit concert at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at Rustle Hill Winery near Cobden.

One hundred percent of the proceeds will be going to the Good Samaritan House of Carbondale.

Lucas said that he hopes to make the concert an annual event.

"I've played nursing home concerts for over a decade now trying to cheer up the elderly, but homelessness has always been an important issue to me and I figured that now is a good time to start," he said in a news release.

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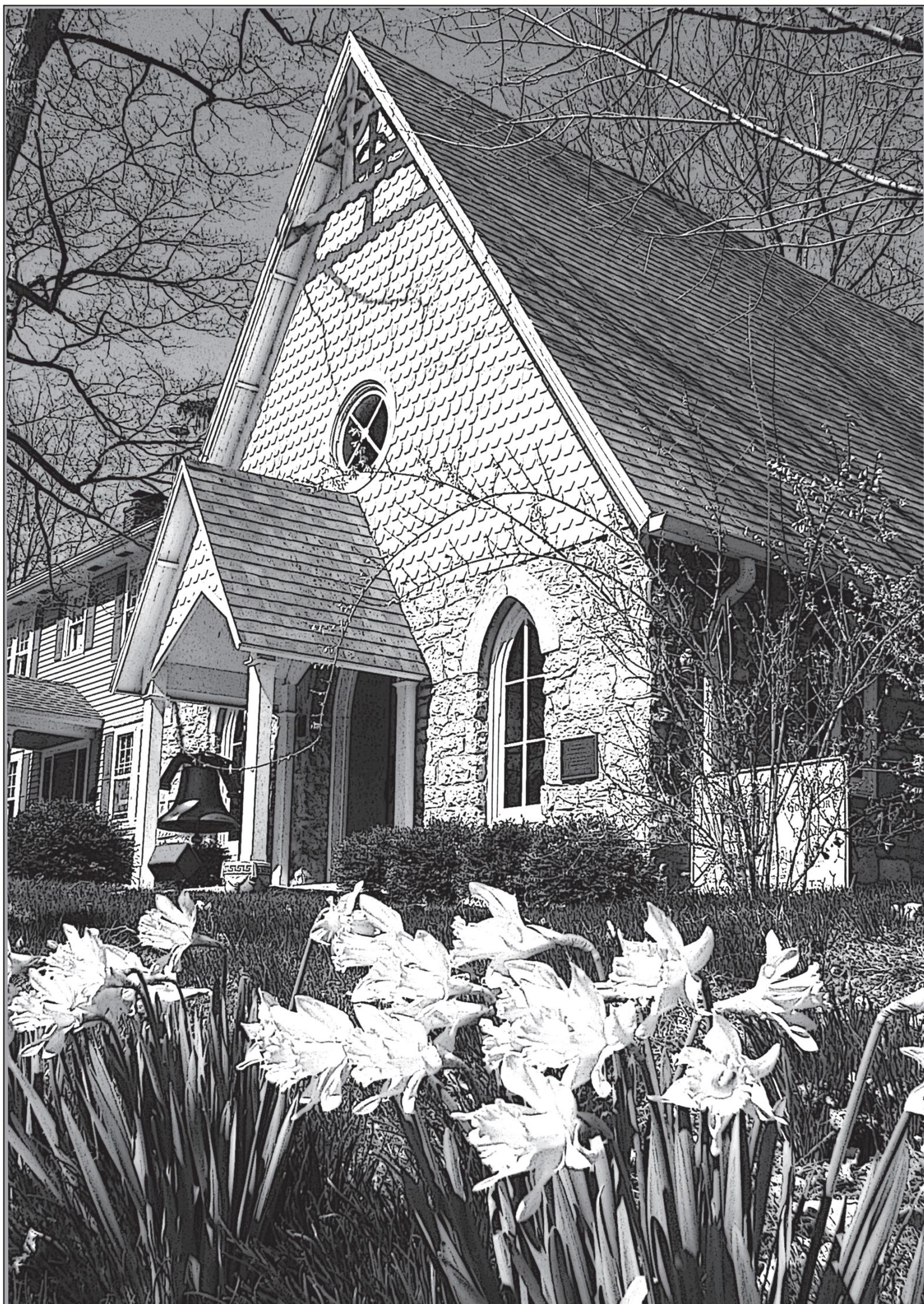
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# Opinion and Commentary

## Illinois volunteers served nearly 287 million hours last year

The Serve Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service is commending the state's more than 2.4 million volunteers who made a difference through volunteerism last year. The Chicago metropolitan area also had the highest volunteerism rate among the four largest cities.

We would also note the important roles that are played by many, many people here in Union County. The success of a wide range of projects and activities in our county would not be possible without the dedicated work and support of volunteers.

Illinois volunteers served nearly 287 million total hours, which is valued at \$7.3 billion (based on the value of volunteer time in Illinois).

"Illinoisans volunteer hundreds of millions of hours to help their neighbors," said Scott McFarland, executive director of the Serve Illinois Commission. "These volunteers make our state a great place to live. They support our veterans, give comfort to the homeless, help educate our children, respond to disasters, and so much more."

The recently released 2015 Volunteering and Civic Life in America report shows that 2.4 million Illinoisans volunteered and helped to make Illinois the top volunteering state out of the five most populated states in the country.

The Corporation for National and Community Service, CNCS, issued the annual report in partnership with the National Council on Citizenship, the U.S. Census Bureau, and the Bureau for Labor Statistics. The complete report is available at [www.VolunteeringInAmerica.gov](http://www.VolunteeringInAmerica.gov).

According to CNCS, 62.6 million Americans (or 1 in 4 adults, 24.9 percent) volunteered 7.8 billion hours last year. Based on the Independent Sector's estimate of the average value of a volunteer hour, the estimated value of this volunteer service is nearly \$184 billion.

Additionally, volunteers are almost twice as likely to donate to charity as non-volunteers. Eighty percent of volunteers donated to charity, compared to 40 percent of non-volunteers. Volunteers are 27 percent more likely to find a job. This likelihood increases for rural volunteers (55 percent) and volunteers without a high school diploma (51 percent).

## Page from the Past

From the files of **The Gazette-Democrat**  
**50 Years Ago, December 1, 1966**

John Paul Davis, first elected in 1936 as Union County State's Attorney, and having served for 30 years in that capacity, submitted his resignation to the Union County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting held Monday, Nov. 28. The resignation effective Monday, Dec. 5th, came as a complete surprise to the board, who accepted the resignation with deep regret, according to Commissioner Ned Foley.

County officials, including the newly elected Sheriff, County Clerk and County Treasurer, will take office on Monday, Dec. 5.

The annual Chamber of Commerce Ladies Night is expected to be unusually entertaining this year, according to Richard Hase, President, and R. Corydon Finch, Program Chairman. The event which has been held since 1921 will be held Monday, Dec. 12, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Seventeen Union County men left Anna on Tuesday, Nov. 22, for induction into the Armed Services at the Induction Center in St. Louis.

The four churches in Jonesboro, the Pentecost, Methodist, Baptist and Salem Lutheran, participated in a united Thanksgiving eve service with Salem Lutheran Church as the host church. Over 200 people attended the inspiring service.

The first week of December 1966 will mark the first anniversary of the War on Poverty programs throughout the five counties served by the Shawnee Development Council.

Wet, windy and wild is the description of the weather in the Union County area last week.

The 1967 student board, with each class represented by two members, has been elected by the Anna-Jonesboro Teen Town members.

The 1966-67 version of the Anna-Jonesboro Wildcats opened their hardwood season with a tough loss to a taller and more experienced squad of Vienna Eagles.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday the Rodgers Theatre will show "Battle of the Bulge," a dramatic version of one of the great moments of World War II.

From the Barringer news: This kind of weather makes us think that winter is right at hand.

The Illinois General Assembly passed the Internal Improvement Act on Feb. 27, 1837. The act called for a statewide program of public works. Roads and railroads were to be built, and rivers and streams were to be made, all at state expense. The scheme collapsed under its own weight by 1841, leaving in its wake a huge state debt.

## Please read this. . .

by Geof Skinner

### An untimely visit from Gods of Stinkiness

You may have noticed that a photograph does not accompany this week's colyum, as has become the norm. That's mainly because any photograph which might have appeared would be, well, in a word, disgusting.

As you may know, we live in an old house. We think that the original part of our humble abode dates to the 1870s. Over the years, various additions were made.

When we moved into the house, way back in the day, we quickly learned that it had what The Other Half liked to refer to as "character," which, during the first couple of months in our new home, sweet home, involved a waterfall in the kitchen. The waterfall became a veritable River Styx which ran into a giant hole under the kitchen which I am pretty sure was the entrance to gates of Hades.

I'm guessing that the Netherworld was the home of the Gods of Stinkiness who paid us a rather unanticipated, and unwelcome, visit...just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday.

As near as I can tell, the Gods of Stinkiness must have sacrificed a creature of some sort or another in the space under our house.

The result, as you might guess (or, if you have had a similar experience, you might actually know) was an odor which did not remind one's sniffer of pumpkin pie, cranberry sauce or a turkey roasting in the oven.

This was the second time in 2016 that some sort of creature had met its end under our house. Same thing happened during the summer, when we could open the windows. That's a little harder to do this time of the year.

Many years ago, as I think I've mentioned before, we had a situation which involved a rather large rodent which crawled under our house to meet its maker. This was discovered on a rather warm Father's Day. The father of the house (that would be yours truly) celebrated the special day by crawling around in the crawl space under our house to find, and remove, one of the most disgusting things that I think I've ever seen.

We did our best to find the source of the most recent malodorous odor. Our search, however, was to no avail. It seemed like the source may have been in one of the corners. Or, maybe in another one of the corners. Or,

## Presidential library, museum receives Lincoln biography

A unique, three-volume biography of Abraham Lincoln that contains 100 original manuscripts has been donated to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield.

The biography includes handwriting from Lincoln and nine other U.S. presidents.

The Abraham Lincoln Association purchased "The Life of Abraham Lincoln" at auction earlier in 2016 specifically to donate it to the presidential library.

"We are incredibly grateful to the Abraham Lincoln Association. Their generosity ensures this amazing find will be preserved for public study," said Alan Lowe, executive director of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.

The biography, by Congressman and Chicago anti-slavery leader Isaac Arnold, was first published in 1885 as a single volume.

A few special editions with additional illustrations were issued for collectors. Most of these special editions were two volumes.

A three-volume edition is extremely unusual. Only the Lincoln Financial Collection in Ft. Wayne, Ind., is known to have a similar set, and that version does not include any manuscripts.

The presidential library's three-volume version was issued with fine illustrations as well as original, handwritten documents.

They include two written by Lincoln and 17 written to him. It also contains items by Mary Lincoln, the Lincolns' son Robert, political rival Stephen A. Douglas, other politicians and high-ranking military officers.

The documents include personal letters, business correspondence, job requests and job recommendations. Some are merely autographs. The oldest is from 1788 and the newest is from 1887.

The special edition also came with manuscripts from presidents John Quincy Adams, Millard Fillmore, Franklin Pierce, James Buchanan, Andrew Johnson, Ulysses S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, James Garfield and Chester Arthur.

Endpapers in the three volumes indicate they were once owned by Illinois Gov. Frank O. Lowden, who served from 1917 to 1921.

"Thanks to generous donors who recognized the importance of this biography, a bid was submitted on behalf of the Abraham Lincoln Association. Happily, it was the winning bid. We are pleased that these volumes will be added to the presidential library's nationally recognized Lincoln Collection, where they will be accessible to the citizens of Illinois and to scholars worldwide," said Kathryn Harris, president of the ALA.

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, a division of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, holds an unparalleled collection of Lincoln documents, photographs, artifacts and art.

It uses that collection, modern technology and traditional story-telling techniques to connect visitors to the 16th president.

The Abraham Lincoln Association is a private group that celebrates the anniversary of Lincoln's birth, encourages preservation of landmarks associated with his life and helps collect and disseminate information about his life and career.

maybe, somewhere else. Who knows? I did determine that we sure have a lot of stuff in our basement, which, at least in our old house, is not so much of a basement as it is more of a storm cellar.

In order to cope with the sweet aroma, I did a bit of a search online for something along the line of "how to remove the odor of a dead mouse in a house," which came up with about a billion results, as well as a story written by Dr. Seuss which I did not know about.\* Maybe not quite that many. But there were a lot.

Turned out that lots of folks have had the same experience. Basically, I learned that we pretty much were going to have to wait for the situation to resolve itself. A week. Six weeks. The 2016 presidential election. The Other Half, who takes a much a calmer approach to such challenges, suggested that we could do something about the odor, and it would go away in a week, or, we could wait patiently, and the odor would go away on its own in a week. I am glad she is so wise.

I did go to the store and look for some "organic" cleaning products, which cost an arm and a leg. Just as an aside, I still haven't figured out why products with the words "organic" or "natural" on the label cost so much more than just plain old stuff.

One solution did arise on Thanksgiving Day itself. Turned out that the wonderful aromas of the many goodies which we cooked for the holiday feast, including cranberries, pumpkin, dressing, sweet potatoes and a turkey, did the job.

(A cranberry scented candle which we picked up during our big Black Friday shopping excursion also helped. Our shopping adventure, by the way, involved a walk downtown, where we ended up spending about fifteen bucks.)

The situation has indeed been getting better. I guess the good thing is that the sacrifice made under our house by the Gods of Stinkiness did not involve a hippopotamus or rhinoceros, 'cause that would have just been preposterous...

(\*I made this up. Dr. Seuss did not write any stories about dead mice in houses, or even dead mice in hives. Well, I don't think he wrote any stories like that.)

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