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News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area.



A bird was captured atop a utility pole, with a November moon (but not a super moon) in the sky as a backdrop.

A big crowd was on hand to see last Friday afternoon's Veterans Day parade in Anna.

Scouting for Food bags were distributed to homes in Cobden last week. Donations of food items can be placed in the bags, which will be collected on Nov. 19.

The Anna Kiwanis Club plans to have a barbeque sale Nov. 18-19.

The Auxiliary to the VFW's Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 in Anna is planning to host its annual crafter/vendor/business expo on Nov. 26 in the lower gymnasium at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.



Veterans Day parade held Friday in Anna

A Veterans Day parade was held Friday afternoon, Nov. 11, in Anna. The parade again was sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna. The main part of the parade route was through the downtown Anna area. Hundreds of people were on hand to watch the parade, which took place on a sunny and mild November afternoon. An honor guard from the Anna VFW post led the way in the parade. Many people applauded when the honor guard passed by.

Union County commemorates Veterans Day

Parade, wreath-laying ceremony, program at Anna school among local events held to honor those who have served.



Anna school honors veterans

Lincoln Elementary School in Anna hosted a Veterans Day assembly on Thursday, Nov. 10. The kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students waved American flags to patriotic songs, were introduced to a number of local veterans and watched a demonstration of a flag folding ceremony conducted by members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455. Visiting veteran Abbey Earnhart read the book titled "America the Beautiful" and the 2nd grade classes presented an American Sign Language performance of "The Star-Spangled Banner" led by music teacher Anna Rodriguez. Photos by Amber Skelton.



Veterans Day ceremony in Cobden

A wreath-laying ceremony was held on Veterans Day in Cobden. Veterans Day was Friday, Nov. 11. The ceremony was sponsored by the Village of Cobden and Cobden American Legion Post No. 259. The event was held at the veterans memorial at the Cobden Community Park.

Tentative county budget approved

Union County's proposed tentative budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year has been posted for public viewing.

The tentative, and balanced, budget was approved at a special meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners which was held first thing Monday morning, Nov. 14. The meeting was at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

The county's new fiscal year begins on Dec. 1 and continues through Nov. 30, 2017.

The deadline to have the tentative budget on display was Nov. 15.

The tentative budget can be viewed online at http://assets.unioncountyil.gov/pdfs/budgets/2017_Tentative_Budget.pdf.

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Supermoon on Sunday night

These images of the November supermoon were captured Sunday night in the nighttime sky over Union County.

Supermoon seen Sunday, Monday nights

Union County residents had a chance to see a supermoon in the nighttime sky last Saturday and Sunday.

The NASA website posted information about the supermoon.

NASA explained that the supermoon which could be seen Monday night, Nov. 14, was "especially 'super' because it's the closest full moon to Earth since 1948. We won't see

another supermoon like this until 2034.

"The moon's orbit around Earth is slightly elliptical so sometimes it is closer and sometimes it's farther away.

"When the moon is full as it makes its closest pass to Earth it is known as a supermoon.

"At perigee, the point at which the moon is closest to Earth, the moon can be as

much as 14 percent closer to Earth than at apogee, when the moon is farthest from our planet.

"The full moon appears that much larger in diameter and because it is larger shines 30 percent more moonlight onto the Earth."

NASA explained that the "biggest and brightest moon for observers in the United States" was on Monday morning, just before dawn.

On Monday, Nov. 14, the moon was at perigee at 6:22 a.m. EST and "opposite" the sun for the full moon at 8:52 a.m. EST (after moonset for most of the United States).

NASA explained November's supermoon was actually the second of three supermoons in a row.

The last supermoon of 2016 will be seen on Dec. 14.

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The Mainstreet Players and Family are planning to host an evening of Christmas and gospel favorites starting at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 26, at St. Anne's Church in Anna.

PAST is planning to host its annual Carols at Candlelight event from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at St. Anne's Church in Anna.

Skyline Drive, from Alto Pass to near the Jamestown Road, is look-

ing nice, thanks to a new surface.

Record voter turnout was reported for the Anna 5 and 6 precincts in the Nov. 8 general election.

This week's paper has an assumed name notice for Main Street Market & Books in Anna.

The editor of this publication once again voices his appreciation to the folks at the Union County clerk's office for allowing him to occupy space on election night.

County budget

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The county board of commissioners had conducted nearly half a dozen meetings and worked for more than 40 hours to draft the budget.

The overall budget includes projected expenditures and revenues in the

amount of \$4,798,885 for the general fund. The general fund is just one part of the overall budget.

The budget also was discussed at a regular meeting of the county board which was held Thursday morning, Nov. 10, at the courthouse.

County board chairman Richard Cunningham voiced disappointment and frustration because nobody from the public had attended any of the numerous meetings which had been held to work on the new budget.

During discussion with Union County Treasurer Darren Bailey about finances, Cunningham also noted that most of the property tax revenue which is collected goes to the county's public schools.

Approximately \$13 million in property tax funds were collected during the most recent taxing cycle. Of that total, about \$2.5 million goes to the county. The board chairman also noted that the county's portion on this year's property tax bills went down.

Economic development corporation meeting held at courthouse

The Union County Economic Development Corporation, UCEDC, met Wednesday, Nov. 9, at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

High school students from the Union County CEO program gave a presentation regarding their plans to produce a publication called "Hearing Our Hometown Heartbeat," which will appear in a future edition of The Gazette-Democrat.

The students explained that businesses could contribute information for content in the insert and they have the opportunity to buy advertisements.

It was announced that several businesses, including Anna State Bank and Stegle Plumbing, have offered to underwrite the costs of Pumpkin Town.

The fundraising committee plans to meet once before the end of the year to plan for 2017.

The organization is looking to meet with Steve Hornbeak regarding Downtown Anna and an After Hours event.

Candy Eastwood, coordinator of the Shawnee Community College Center for Community and Economic Development,

Cindy Cain, executive director of the Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau and Tabitha Smith, executive director of the Southernmost Illinois Delta Empowerment Zone, gave information about preparing Union County for the August 2017 solar eclipse.

The presentation focused on the opportunities the eclipse provides for local businesses. Some of the tips that were given include keeping prices low, expanding business hours and services, not starting a new business specifically for the eclipse, carrying promotional items, stressing customer service and more.

A regional website is intended to launch in the coming weeks that will promote 16 Southern Illinois counties for the eclipse.

The site, funded through the Delta Regional Authority, is slated to list all businesses in the area, including lodging, restaurants, attractions and shops. Business owners will be able to request a password to gain access to their portion of the site, allowing them to add more information and advertisements.

It is anticipated that use of the website will continue with modifications beyond the August 2017 eclipse.

What Is The Value Of A Community Newspaper?

What is the value of a community newspaper?

What does it bring to that community that no other institution can provide?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

— from Publishers Auxiliary, a publication of the National Newspaper Association



Mock debate held prior to general election

Shawnee High School senior government students who worked on teams for presidential candidates Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton gathered for a photograph following a mock debate. The debate was held Friday afternoon, Nov. 4, in the gymnasium at Shawnee Junior-Senior High School in Wolf Lake. The event involved 27 high school government students taught by Jamie Nash-Mayberry. The students spent a month preparing for the mock debate. Nick Baltzell filled the role of Democratic Party presidential candidate Hillary Clinton in the mock debate. Wyatt Hassebrock portrayed Republican Party candidate Donald Trump.

Holiday shop slated to open

The Union County Historical Society's annual Christmas Shop is scheduled to open Saturday, Nov. 19, at 8 a.m.

The shop is next door to the Union County Museum in Cobden at 117 S. Appleknocker. This will be the 14th year for the shop.

The shop is scheduled to be open through Dec. 17, every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and on Black Friday, Nov. 25, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The shop will offer a variety of trees, trim, crystal, garland, lights, wreaths, dinnerware and gift items. The new and gently used merchandise is priced below retail value.

This is the primary fundraiser for the Union County Museum. For more information, call 893-2567 or the museum at 893-2865.

Alliance plans Thanksgiving service Nov. 22

The Union County Alliance of Churches plans to have its annual Thanksgiving worship service on Tuesday, Nov. 22.

The interdenominational service is set for 7 p.m. at Kornthal Church.

The church is located south of Jonesboro, just off Illinois Route 127.

The community is invited to attend the service.

Thanksgiving service planned

A Thanksgiving worship service is planned Thursday, today, at Kornthal Church near Jonesboro. The service begins at 7 p.m.

Those who plan to attend the service are asked to bring canned food items to donate. The items will go to a local food pantry.

The church is located 2 1/2 miles south of Jonesboro, just off Illinois Route 127.

Kohler memorial service planned

A memorial service for Mildred Davis Kohler is planned at 10 a.m. on Nov. 26 at Kornthal Church near Jonesboro.

Bill Littrell will be officiating at the ceremony. Family and friends are welcome.

Las Posadas celebration set

A Las Posadas celebration is planned Sunday, Nov. 20, at the Shawnee Hills Arts Council/Anna Arts Center in Anna.

The celebration begins at 2 p.m. The arts center is located at 125 W. Davie St.

Las Posadas is a celebration of Joseph and Mary's journey to Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus.

A skit and procession are planned, along with pinatas and refreshments.

Laymen's breakfast set Monday in Anna

The 96th interdenominational laymen's breakfast is planned Monday, Nov. 21, in Anna.

The breakfast is scheduled to begin at 7 a.m. at the Main Street Center.

The center (the former Sunshine Inn building) is located across the street from the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Laymen's breakfasts are planned twice each year: on the Monday before Thanksgiving and on the Monday before Easter.

Laymen from churches throughout Union County participate in the breakfasts.

The program for Monday's breakfast follows:

Welcome and introductions: Dr. Steven Beatty, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Anna.

Hymn: led by Lane Rhodes.

Invocation: Rollie Hawk, First Christian Church, Anna.

Breakfast and fellowship.

Scripture: Wesley Wilkins, First Baptist

Church, Cobden.

Prayer: Norman Bauer, Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna.

Music: led by Lane Rhodes.

Meditation: John Schneider, Christ Church of the Heartland, Cape Girardeau.

Hymn: led by Lane Rhodes.

Benediction: David Parks, Harvest Church, Anna.

The pianist for the program will be Greg Randles from the Methodist Church in Wolf Lake.

The men of the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church will prepare the breakfast.

From the Heart Flowers & Gifts will provide a floral centerpiece.

Programs for the laymen's breakfasts are provided by The Gazette-Democrat.

Laymen's breakfast committee members include Bobby Toler Jr., Jerry L. Reppert, Greg George, Don Denny, Larry Vaughn, Kenny Swink and Steve Etter.

Anna church again plans to serve Thanksgiving dinner

A deadline is approaching for those who might want to have a Thanksgiving dinner offered through the ministry of a Union County church.

Again this year, the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna plans to provide a free Thanksgiving dinner for anyone who would like to participate.

Delivery is planned between 11 a.m. and noon on Thanksgiving Day, which is Thursday, Nov. 24.

The church notes that for each year the special ministry has provided a meal, the response has increased.

There is no limit to the

number the church can serve. Those who would like a meal are asked to call as early as possible to insure that their name is placed on a list of those who will be served.

The church is asking two things of those who would like to receive a meal:

- Call the church at 833-5225 by noon on Monday, Nov. 21. Give your name, address, phone number and the number of meals you will need.

- When the meals arrive, please take a moment to "give thanks" for all of your blessings during the past year.

Dongola community Thanksgiving service set

A Dongola area community Thanksgiving service is planned on Nov. 20.

The service will be at 6 p.m. at Mt. Zion Cumberland Presbyterian Church in rural Dongola.

Local churches come together for the annual Thanksgiving service.

Churches rotate hosting the event and all share in the service.

The churches involved

are Mt. Zion Cumberland Presbyterian, Cypress Grove Missionary Baptist, First Baptist Church of Dongola, Big Creek Baptist, Bethany Baptist, First Lutheran and St. John Lutheran of Dongola, Mt. Olive Baptist, Maple Grove Baptist, Friendship Baptist, and Mill Creek Baptist.

All are welcome to attend the service.

Cobden Elementary honors readers

Cobden Elementary School has recognized students who reached their goals in October in the schoolwide Accelerated Reading program. Students were required to read books and to take comprehension tests on a computer to achieve their points. Photos provided.



50 Point Club: From left are Beatrix Genung, Mya Morse and Grant Miller.



25 Point Club: In the first row are Autumn Ebersohl, Alyssa Fabian and Zaira Uribe. In the second row are Ramsie Sauerbrunn, Clarence Royster, Amelia Long, Wyatt Fisher, Ana Olvera and Dash Garrison. In the third row are Tradon Stroehlein, Sophie Barnhart, Garrett Basler, Emma Roberts, Brianna Flick, Daniel Tomas and Camden Smith. In the fourth row are Grace Hawkins, Kevin Hernandez, Chauncy Hilliard, Mackenzie Jackson, Emma Kilpatrick and Omar Martinez. In the fifth row are Natalie Franklin, Madison Moreland, Benny Poirier, Tess Brummer and Jack Eagle.

Motorists in Illinois urged to watch for deer

The Illinois Department of Transportation, IDOT, and Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, are reminding motorists that during fall, they need to be especially vigilant and watch for deer on roads and highways throughout the state.

Autumn coincides with the mating season and increased deer movement, especially at dusk and dawn.

Approximately 40 to 45 percent of crashes in Illinois involving deer in 2015 occurred in October, November and December, with November being the highest-risk month.

Almost 80 percent happened in rural environments, with nearly 75 percent of all crashes taking

place at twilight or nighttime.

Last year, there were 15,754 vehicle-deer crashes in Illinois, an increase of 2.5 percent from 2014.

A total of 15,206 crashes resulted in damage to property or vehicles, up from 14,854 in 2014.

Injuries resulting from such crashes totalled 628 in 2015, compared to 505 in 2014.

The number of fatalities doubled, from four in 2014 to eight in 2015.

State officials said that motorists at this time of year are urged to be aware of their surroundings, pay attention to deer crossing signs and scan the sides of the road for eye shine: the reflection of headlights in the eyes.

Deer can stop in the middle of the road or double back, so be prepared for the unexpected.

Slow down if you see deer; more are likely in the area.

If a collision is inevitable, try to glance the vehicle off the deer and avoid swerving into the opposite lanes of traffic.

If you do hit a deer, pull off to the shoulder and turn on the hazard lights.

Call 911 to report the accident so the appropriate law enforcement can assist.

Do not get out of the vehicle to check on an injured deer or pull it from the road.

Visit the IDNR website for information on how to claim a deer that has been involved in a crash.

To all the friends of Sarah (Russell) Mann

Your prayers, thoughts, concerns and cards have overwhelmed us with love. The outpouring of support over these last few months is a testament to the wonderful people we have grown up with in Southern Illinois.

We especially want to thank everyone who attended the dinner at St. Joseph Church in Cobden. The support we got out of that night took us through the operation and recuperation the next couple of weeks.

We are home now and thank God every day for our blessings and for friends like all of you!

Thank you,
Sarah & Michael Mann and Abigail

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SPORTS

All of A-J girls' starters to return for basketball season

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' basketball coach Matt Denny looks for the 2016-2017 team to continue its winning ways after a productive offseason.

"We had a really good summer," Denny said.

A lot of Denny's confidence comes from the return of all of the team's starters from last year's 12-18 team.

"We were there and so close last year," Denny said. "We could have easily been 18-12."

The top scorer from last year, 5-11 senior forward Elle Basler, returns to build a winning team around.

The rest of the starters returning are 5-6 senior guard Lexa Sharp; 5-11 junior center Connor Had-

ley; 5-5 junior guard Jasmin Foster and 5-10 sophomore forward Angel Helm.

The coach's daughter, 5-6 junior guard Hunter Denny, also returns after a season-ending injury last year.

Other players in the mix are 5-6 senior forward Caitlin Sawyer; 5-7 junior guard Lexi Smith; 5-5 sophomore guard Julia Ellis; 5-6 sophomore guard Morgan Wendling; 5-8 sophomore guard Sydney Heath; 6-0 sophomore center Jaycee Woodward; and sophomore 4-10 guard Atarah Hart.

Denny said there are also three freshmen who could make contributions as well at the varsity level.

A lot has changed this season.

"We struggled last year making adjustments," Den-

ny said. "We've made a lot more emphasis on our defense and they understand when to fast break. Everybody knows where we are."

Denny looks for the team to be competitive as well in the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division as well.

Denny looks for a competitive conference race, with Nashville, Carterville, Sparta and Du Quoin each coming into the season with competitive teams.

"I think we'll turn it around this year," Denny said. "I'm excited and nervous about the season."

The Lady Wildcats open their season against Eldorado Tuesday, Nov. 22, at the Harrisburg Tournament. The tournament runs through Saturday, Nov. 26.

A-J wrestling coach optimistic as new season gets underway

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School wrestling coach Eric Massey looks for a successful season barring injuries.

"If we can remain healthy, we're looking to be very competitive," Massey said.

Massey said he's hoping that A-J can claim a Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division title this season.

The team was plagued by injuries last season.

"Right now, we're really looking strong at 120 (pounds) through 145," he said. "And, 195 and heavy-weight look good."

The Wildcats return 10 grapplers from last season and 8 who started at the varsity level.

Competitors in various weight categories for the Wildcats include:

106 pounds: Senior Ryan Cast.

113 pounds: Juniors Jacob Teller and Dawson Pearl.

120 pounds: Sophomore Catie Mays and senior Aiden Frick.

126 pounds: Sophomores Clayton Ramage and Tristan Steward.

132 pounds: Sophomore Nate Kisat and junior Robbie Spencer.

138 pounds: Senior Dylan Fox.

145 pounds: Junior Arie Hart.

152 pounds: Freshman Wyatt Dowdy.

160 pounds: Sophomores Chris Johnson and Nick Sanders.

170 pounds: Junior Ethan Krumery.

182 pounds: Sophomore Kevin Wright.

195 pounds: Junior Jayce Turner.

220 pounds: Seniors Chad Turner and Nick Harvel.

285 pounds: Senior Nick Jimenez and sophomore Garrett Fabec.

Massey said the team should be bolstered by the transfer of state qualifier Hart from Murphysboro and sectional qualifier Krumery from Carterville.

"Murphysboro is still the team to beat this year," Massey said. "They finished third in the state last year."

"I think we will be decent, but I would like to make a run at the regional with this team."

The Wildcats are scheduled to open their season against Carterville and Benton at Carterville on Tuesday, Nov. 29.

The Wildcats' first home match is scheduled Dec. 6 against Harrisburg and Pinckneyville.

A-J football players earn recognition

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team had 11 players selected to the 2016 Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division team.

A-J's first team selections on offense were running back Jayce Turner and lineman Kris Potter.

First team defensive honors went to lineman Nick Jimenez and linebackers both Jayce and Trenton Turner and defensive back Caleb Clover.

Second team honors on offense went to running back Clover, wide receiver Arie Hart and lineman Shad Turner.

Second team defensive honors went to end Austin Dillow and lineman D.J. Latham.

Firearm deer season slated

The first part of the 2016 firearm deer hunting season in Illinois is scheduled Nov. 18-20.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources notes that hunting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset each day.

Bands march in parade

Bands representing area schools marched in the 2016 Veterans Day parade in Anna. The parade was Friday afternoon, Nov. 11. The parade was sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna. Bands which were among the parade participants are featured in the accompanying pictures.



Dongola marching band.



Anna-Jonesboro Community High School marching band.



Anna Junior High School marching band.



Cobden High School marching band.



Shawnee Junior-Senior High School marching band.

Four starters return for Dongola girls' basketball

Dongola High School girls' basketball coach Rob Shepard is pointing to a team effort for success this season.

"If I can get them all working together as a team we'll do all right," Shepard said.

The Lady Demons finished 11-13 last year and four starters return from that squad.

The four returning players include three seniors and a junior. The seniors are 6-0 center Tiffany Shirkey, 5-5 guard Barb Gorst and 6-0 forward Cheyenne Lingle and 5-10 junior forward Delaney Cummings.

Juniors on the team are 5-8 guard/forward Mackenzie Prout and 5-6 guard Kailie Eddleman.

Others who could con-

tribute are 5-2 sophomore guard Shaylee Cummings and three freshmen: 5-6 guard Dailee Cummings, 5-10 forward Alyssa Flores, and 5-9 guard/forward Brianna Cortwood.

"If we can control the tempo and pound it inside we'll do okay," Shepard said.

Shepard said he sees Meridian as the top team in the South Egyptian Conference race. He said Cobden could be a team to contend with as well.

The Lady Demons dropped out of the Meridian Tournament this week because players had other commitments and would be short handed. They will now open their season at home against Gallatin County on Monday, Nov. 21.



Former Laker speaks at assembly

Former Los Angeles Lakers basketball player Adrian Branch was a guest speaker at an assembly on Friday, Nov. 4, at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. Branch talked with the students about decisions, reminding them that they were not "born winners or losers, but choosers." Students helped him demonstrate the choices he made that got him kicked off a high school basketball team and how he overcame it to be a better person and player. He said that "the difference between being a champ and chump is 'u'." Photo by Amber Skelton.



Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Football
 First row, from left, Keaton Busby, Dylan Fox, Aaron Lence, Austin Dillow, Jade Gillis, Nick Harvel, Kris Potter, Shad Turner, Nick Jimenez, Austin Beszczynski, Trenton Turner and Caleb Clover. Second row, Clay Schultz, Austin Filson, DJ Latham, Noah Smith, ArieH Hart, Jayce Turner, Jackson Boyd, Nate Frankell, Kyle McMahan, Wyatt Johnston, Hayden Carter, Nick Sanders, Shawn Wells, Bryce Osman and Conner Jerolds. Third row, Colyn Girtman, Dylan Cunningham, Chris Johnson, Nick Proctor, Nate Kisat, Dalton Seip, Noah Craig, Reid Morrison, Garrett Fabec, Kevin Wright, Zach Griffin, Carsten Christy, Damian Chrisp and Jackson Laster. Sheldon McGrath was not present for the picture. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.

A look back at A-J's 2016 run to postseason action

The host Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team ended its season with a 10-7 loss to North Mac in the second round of the Class 3A playoffs Saturday, Nov. 5, at The Pit.

"I'm really proud of them," A-J football coach Brett Detering said. "They wanted to get back in the playoffs and get a home game – and they got both."

The Wildcats finished their season with an 8-3 record after missing the playoffs last year for the first time in 15 seasons.

"I hope this is the first of another 15-year run," Detering said.

Here's a look back at A-J's season:

North Mac 10, A-J 7: Fullback Jayce Turner scored the lone touchdown for the Wildcats on a 16-yard run in the season-ending loss Nov. 5.

Sheldon McGrath booted the extra point.

Turner led A-J's rushing attack with 88 yards on 21 carries.

Quarterback Bryce Osman was 4 of 11 passing for

66 yards.

A-J 9, Fairfield 6: McGrath kicked the game-winning 24-yard field goal with 1.8 seconds remaining in the game hosted by Fairfield Oct. 29.

Jayce Turner scored the lone TD on a 3-yard run.

Osman was 2 of 6 passing for 42 yards and led the rushing attack with 99 yards on 7 carries.

Jayce Turner rushed for 82 yards on 28 carries and Trenton Turner added 43 yards on 11 carries.

A-J 63, Benton 33: Jayce Turner scored five rushing TDs to lead the way for the Wildcats at Benton Oct. 21.

Osman added a 35-yard TD pass to ArieH Hart and a 53-yard strike to Caleb Clover.

Jayce Turner had 244 yards rushing on 16 carries to lead the Wildcats' offense. Osman was 4 of 4 passing for 141 yards.

A-J 51, Sparta 6: Fox led the way with three TDs in the win on the road Oct. 14.

Fox scored on a 4-yard run and a pair of 9-yard

runs.

Jayce Turner added a score on a 5-yard run, Trenton Turner on a 20-yard run and Keaton Busby on a 2-yard run. Osman passed to Clover for a 15-yard TD strike.

Clover led the rushing attack with 95 yards on 5 carries. Osman had 75 yards rushing on 3 carries.

Du Quoin 14, A-J 13: Jayce Turner had a 11-yard TD run to lead the visiting Wildcats in the loss Oct. 7.

Trenton Turner led the rushing attack with 160 yards in 15 carries. Osman was 3 of 6 passing for 37 yards and had 43 yards rushing on 11 carries.

A-J 50, Pinckeyville 7: Jayce Turner and Osman scored two TDs apiece to lead the host Wildcats Sept. 30.

Jayce Turner scored on 1- and 2-yard runs and Osman on a 12-yard run and a 19-yard pass to Clover.

Clover also scored on a 95 yard run, Trenton Turner on a 4-yard run and reserve quarterback Noah Smith on a 19-yard pass to Kyle McMahan.

Trenton Turner had 68 yards rushing on 13 carries to lead the Wildcats.

Carterville 35, A-J 7: Osman had a 5-yard pass to Damian Chrisp for the only score for the visitors Sept. 23.

Osman led the rushing with 99 yards on 20 carries. Jayce Turner had 64 yards on 16 carries.

A-J 26, Nashville 20: Jayce Turner and Osman each scored twice to lead the host team to the win Sept. 16.

Jayce Turner scored on a 10- and 22-yard runs and Osman on 18- and 6-yard runs.

Osman led the rushing with 125 yards on 21 carries. Jayce Turner had 102 yards on 19 carries.

A-J 34, Massac County 7: Jayce Turner scored three TDs to lead the visitors to the win Sept. 9.

He scored on runs of 2-, 5- and 24-yards.

Osman scored on a 11 yard run and Fox on a 6 yard run.

Jayce Turner had 165 yards on 28 carries. Osman added 60 yards on 10 carries.

A-J 22, Murphysboro 15: Jayce Turner led visiting A-Js rushing attack with 125 yards on 16 carries Sept. 2.

He also scored on a 20-yard run.

Fox added a 14-yard TD run.

Osman rushed for 65 yards on 11 carries.

A-J 12, West Frankfort 6: Osman led the way with two TD passes for the host Wildcats in the season-opener Aug. 27.

Osman connected with Hart for a 30-yard strike and to Clover for a 21 yard TD pass.

Osman finished 3 of 7 passing for 59 yards.

Commentary

Enjoyable season for A-J football team

By Mike Estel

I really thought a long season was in store for the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team.

The top rusher from last season, Alec Gold, transferred to Paducah and two of the bigger players decided not to come out.

To top that off, A-J didn't appear to look like any type of team that would make much noise in a 12-6 season opening win over West Frankfort.

However, quarterback Bryce Osman proved as the season progressed, and Jayce Turner, Trenton Turner, Caleb Clover, ArieH Hart and Dylan Fox came on to make a lot of noise running out of the Wildcats' backfield.

To top that, Jayce Turner made first team honors in the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division and a lineman in front of him, senior Kris Potter, made first team offense as well.

The defense and special teams made their share of noise as well and made some impressive plays throughout the season.

First team all-conference defensive honors went to lineman Nick Jimenez and linebackers both Jayce and Trenton Turner and defensive back Caleb Clover.

Hart, who was named to the conference team as a second team wide receiver, was quite an addition to the kick return team as well with his quickness.

Second team offensive honors also went to running back Clover and lineman Shad Turner. On the defensive side of the ball, end Austin Dillow and lineman D.J. Lathan were selected.

It was a good conference representation for the team.

West Frankfort proved to be a formidable opponent as well and finished the season advancing to the playoffs. The A-J coaching staff did an excellent job after that game of correcting a lot of miscues as well.

A lot of credit for the outstanding season should also go to those other seniors, including Keaton Busby, Damian Parks, Jade Gillis, Austin Beszczyn-

ski and Aaron Lence. They knew it was their last hurrah and they wanted to put A-J back in the playoffs to end their high school careers on a high note and they succeeded.

The team made it to the second round of the playoffs and came a couple plays shy from advancing to the third round in a very memorable game.

The 8-3 record to finish the season was very impressive and something they can all be very proud of. It was also the first home playoff game at The Pit since 2011.

Let's hope the start of another 15-straight playoff appearance continues.

It was a very enjoyable year for both the players and fans as well.

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Underclass players seen as key to success for Cobden girls' basketball

The Cobden High School girls' basketball team will rely on underclass players for success this season.

"We have a lot of inexperience," Cobden coach Richard Howell said. "Our freshmen should get a lot of minutes and we will see how they do."

The Appleknockers finished 13-9 overall last year and have three returning starters from last year.

Two of the starters re-

turning are both juniors: 5-9 forward Meredith Flamm and 5-9 forward Alaina Hartline.

But the third starter, 5-4, Makynzie Peterman, the lone senior on the team, is still recovering from a knee injury from the softball season. She is expected to return in a couple of weeks.

The other two juniors on the team are 5-6 guard Amber Clark and 5-5 guard Bridget Clark.

There are no sopho-

mores on the squad.

Five freshmen who could see varsity action are 5-6 guard Olivia Schroeder, 5-7 guard Grace Rhodes, 5-6 guard Katie Eck, 5-9 center Jenna Hartline and 5-6 forward Maddie Shoemate.

"The biggest thing will be how our girls play together," Howell said.

Howell sees Meridian as being the top team in the South Egyptian Conference race. He also notes Elverado should be decent and Century should have a stronger team.

"It's up in the air and I don't know what to expect in the conference," Howell said. "We would like to finish among the top three."

The Appleknockers were scheduled to open their season earlier this week in the Meridian Tournament.

Depth seen as concern for Shawnee girls' basketball

The Shawnee High School girls' basketball team will have concerns about depth this season.

"Depth is going to be a concern for us," first-year Shawnee coach Shanna Pender said. The depth issue will be a concern particularly if a player gets hurt.

The Lady Reds will begin the season with only six players on their roster.

The two seniors on the squad are 5-4 forward Madi Ellet and 5-5 forward Abbey Livesay.

The two sophomores are 5-3 point guard Au-

tumn McMahan and 5-6 guard Katie Charles.

Freshmen who will contribute are 5-4 guard Kylie Holloway and 5-8 center Kirsten Pitts.

"We don't have a lot of size, but we do have a lot of guts," Pender said. "They come to practice to work and they do work very well together."

The Lady Reds opened their season earlier this week in the Meridian Tournament.

"I'm expecting big things out of them," Pender said. "I'm looking forward to the season."

McClure resident sustains fatal injuries in accident

A Southern Illinois resident sustained fatal injuries in a traffic accident which occurred early Saturday, Nov. 12, in Alexander County.

Illinois State Police District 22 identified the victim as Edith R. Heise, 34, of McClure.

The single-vehicle accident happened at approximately 6:23 a.m. Saturday on South Cape Road, half a mile south of Illinois Route 146.

State police said that Heise was driving a 2003 GMC Envoy.

State police reported that the vehicle was traveling north on South Cape

Road.

The driver lost control of the vehicle in loose gravel. The vehicle swerved off the road to the right.

The vehicle slid completely sideways into a field before overturning and then rolling over several times.

State police reported that the driver was unrestrained and was totally ejected from the vehicle before the unit came to rest on its passenger side.

The driver was pronounced dead at the scene by EMS personnel and the Alexander County coroner.

An investigation was continuing.

Trail of Tears event planned at SIU

The Illinois Chapter Trail of Tears Association, the SIU Center for Archaeological Investigations and Morris Library are planning to present a program about the Trail of Tears.

The program is planned in conjunction with the Native American Heritage Month celebration and other programs at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

The event is scheduled to feature a viewing of the National Park Service's "Trail of Tears" movie.

The movie is scheduled to be shown at 3 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 19, at Guyon Auditorium in Morris Library on the SIU campus.

Following the movie, a question-and-answer session is planned.

The program is open to the public and light refreshments will be served.



Crain Funeral Home sends shipment in Cell Phones for Soldiers program

During the holidays we all want to spend time with the ones we love. The men and women serving our country overseas sacrifice that time to keep us and our nation safe. For many, a phone call is all that they have to hold on to through the holidays.

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Crain Funeral Home says that "the fact that we are able to participate in this program year after year is amazing. It is all made possible by the generosity of people in the community donating their old cell phones. The overwhelming response that we have seen has allowed for thousands of old phones to be donated to help our service men and women. Donating your cell phone is easy, safe, and secure. People don't have to worry about information on their phone, as it is all erased." Photo provided.

2016 Holiday Card Drive for Military underway in Illinois

The 2016 Holiday Card Drive for the Military is underway in Illinois.

The drive will again be conducted in partnership with the United Service Organizations, USO, of Illinois.

"It is important we remember our American heroes who continue to serve in harm's way and are unable to be with their loved ones this holiday season," Gov. Bruce Rauner said in announcing the start of the card drive.

"We are proud to be partnering with USO of

Illinois again this year to help spread holiday cheer to our brave men and women overseas.

"A card is a simple gift that can lift spirits and remind our service members that we're thinking of them even while they're far from home. I encourage all Illinoisans to send holiday cards to express their gratitude and admiration for the service of Illinois' heroes."

Illinois citizens should send holiday cards for U.S. service members to the USO of Illinois as early as possible to ensure distribu-

tion of the holiday cards to troops.

Holiday cards will be accepted through mail delivery only through November at the following address:

USO of Illinois, 333 S. Wabash Ave., 16th Floor, Chicago, Ill. 60604.

Maj. Gen. Richard J. Hayes Jr., the adjutant general of the Illinois National Guard and director of the Illinois Department of Military Affairs, thanked the USO of Illinois for its support of soldiers and airmen.

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The Gazette-Democrat will be required to make major changes in our production schedule for the week.

The deadline to submit classified and display advertisements will be 10 a.m. Monday, November 21.

The deadline to submit news and sports items for that week's paper will be 1 p.m. on Friday, November 18.

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GRAND RIVERS COMMUNITY BANK, Plaintiff,
 vs.
ZACHARY T. SHORT, JASON SHORT, LARRY D. SHORT, KEVIN L. HOLDERBY, MARY M. HOLDERBY, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. No. 2016-CH-19

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
 (735 ILCS 5/2-206, 5/2-413, 5/15-1501(c) and 5/15-1501)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO: Unknown owners and Non-record Claimants, defendants in the above entitled case, of the real estate described in the Complaint for Foreclosure filed in the above-entitled case.

A legal description of the real estate is as follows:
 Count I:
 Lots Two (2) Three (3), and Four (4) in Meisenheimer's Addition to the Town (now Village) of Dongola, situated in the County of Union and State of Illinois, and Lots Twenty (20) and Twenty-one (21) in the Original Plat of the Village of Dongola, all situated in the County of Union and State of Illinois, EXCEPT all coal, oil, gas and other minerals;

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An identification of the mortgages sought to be foreclosed are filed for record on September 17, 2015 in the Union County Recorder's Office at 2015R1917 and 2015R1918.

Said notice is give pursuant to the provisions of 735 ILCS 5/2-206, 5/15-1218 and 5/15-1502, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said defendants is 16th day of November, 2016.

LORRAINE MORELAND
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 Oshel Law, P.C.
 Attorney for Plaintiff
 317 East Poplar Street,
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 Harrisburg, IL 62946
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Union County Housing Authority
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE INTEREST OF: SARENITY MCCORMICK, KAYLEA MCCORMICK, NATALIE MCCORMICK, Minors. NO. 2016-JA-13 NO. 2016-JA-14 NO. 2016-JA-15

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO 705 ILCS 405/3-18

JEREMY MCCORMICK, WENDY D. MCCORMICK and to ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

TAKE NOTICE that on Wednesday, August 17, 2016, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by Tyler R. Edmonds, Union County State's Attorney, by his assistant State's Attorney, Heather Heaslett in the Circuit Court of Union County entitled "In the interest of SARENITY MCCORMICK, KAYLEA MCCORMICK, and NATALIE MCCORMICK, minors," and that in Judge Charles Cavanaugh's courtroom at Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois on Thursday, the 10th day of November, 2016, at the hour of 1 P.M., or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a Status Hearing and on Thursday, the 8th day of December, 2016, at the hour of 1 P.M., a Adjudicatory Hearing, will

be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a youth in care under that Act. The court has authority in this proceeding to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor, (and if the petition prays for the appointment of a guardian with power to consent to adoption) and to appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption of the minor.

NOW, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.
 Dated: November 9, 2016

Lorraine Moreland
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
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Obituaries

John B. Shelton Jr.

John B. Shelton Jr., 82, of Anna, died at 5:43 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016, at Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

He was born on April 9, 1934, in Trigg County, Ky., the son of John Barnette and Clyde Elizabeth Joiner Shelton Sr.

He married Margaret Hillman on Aug. 22, 1954.

He graduated from Trigg County High School in Cadiz, Ky., in 1952. He attended Freed-Hardeman College, earned his bachelor of arts degree at David Lipscomb College and a master's degree in communications from Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

He became a minister of the Church of Christ at the age of 18, ministering to the Green's Chapel Church of Christ and the Horse Cave Church of Christ both in Hart County, Ky., and to the Cadiz Church of Christ in Trigg County, Ky.

He and his family moved to Anna, in 1965, where he ministered to the Anna Church of Christ for 30 years and to the Wetaug Church of Christ for five years, retiring in 2000 from full-time ministry. He continued to be an active member of the Anna Church of Christ after his retirement as both elder and church treasurer.

He taught school the entire time he was in the ministry. He taught at Hart County Schools and Trigg County Schools in Kentucky, and then as a graduate assistant at SIUC. He became the first faculty member hired at Shawnee Community College in Ullin, in 1969. He served as a speech and English professor and as chairman of the communications department for 25 years, retiring in 1994.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Shelton of Anna; four children, Mark (Diana) Shelton of Anna, Deborah Yates of Vienna, Rachel (Bruce) Paschall of Florissant, Mo., and Jeffrey Shelton of Normal; six grandchildren, Stacy Shelton Crunk, Alyssa Shelton, Benjamin Yates, Jordan Shelton, Jillian Shelton and Jackson Shelton; five great-grandchildren, Logan Crunk, Ian Crunk, Cayden Sawyer, Coby Sawyer and McCormick Yates; several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one granddaughter, Jacklyn Bauer; three sisters, Eunice Howell, Nancy Wilson and Edna Cathey; and two brothers, Paul and Dennis.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Anna Church of Christ, with R.W. McAlister and Bryan McAlister officiating. Interment was in the Anna City Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to New Pathways for Children, 3311 Shaw Rd., P.O. Box 10, Melber, Ky. 42069, a charity which Mr. Shelton helped found and on whose board he served for many years.

To view the full obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family, visit www.crainsonline.com.

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

Mable Aline Russell
Mable Aline Russell, 95, of Mission, Texas, and formerly of Anna, died at 3:45 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14, at Paxvilla Hospice in McAllen, Texas.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with Bill Littrell officiating. Interment will be in the Anna City Cemetery.

Friends can call after 11 a.m. and until the service hour at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna.

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

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

Wallace Roy Frick
Wallace Roy Frick, 77, of Anna, died at 3:47 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

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

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

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



Elizabeth Abernathy Lawrence

Elizabeth Abernathy Lawrence, 81, of Anna, died at 3:35 a.m. Monday, Nov. 7, 2016, in Jackson, Mo.

She was born on April 25, 1935, in Paris, Tenn., the daughter of Willie J. Rufus Abernathy and Macy Pearl Ownby Abernathy. Unusual for the time, Elizabeth and her two younger sisters were delivered at home by a female physician.

When Elizabeth was 7, the family moved to Jackson, Tenn. She graduated from Jackson High School and started working for Southern Bell as an operator.

Her sister and H.C.'s mother lived in the same duplex in Tamms. They conspired to introduce the couple. H.C. always said he would never forget Elizabeth's short-shorts at the picnic where they were introduced. H.C. and Elizabeth were married about a year later on July 23, 1954.

After they were married, Elizabeth continued to work at Southern Bell, while H.C. attended Trevecca Nazarene College. After her third child was born, Elizabeth started nursing school. She completed her classes to become a nurse but was injured in a head-on collision with a drunk driver. Elizabeth's desire to become a nurse drove her to enroll in nursing school again when her youngest son started college. She was finally able to become a registered nurse as she desired.

She enjoyed working at nursing homes. When the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna was turned over to a private company, she was instrumental in forcing the State of Illinois to regain control of the home due to the company's treatment of the veterans.

Survivors include five children, Jack (Beverly) Lawrence, Julia "Jill" (Timothy) Halterman, James Clayton "J.C." (Mary) Lawrence, Joseph Lawrence and Jonathan (Sherri) Lawrence; 10 grandchildren, Nicole, Whitney, Abraham, Jacob, Teresa, Tony, David, Julia, Christy and Leslie; 18 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Herman Clayton "H.C." Lawrence, all of her siblings and one grandchild.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, at Crain Funeral Home in Tamms, with Pastor Rob Grief officiating. Interment was in McCrite Cemetery in Tamms.

Memorials can be made to McCrite Cemetery or Teen Challenge.

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

Crain Funeral Home in Tamms was in charge of arrangements.

Anita Joyce Shafer
Anita Joyce Shafer, 77, a resident of Mulberry Manor in Anna for the past two years and a former 24-year resident of the Glenbrook Home in Vienna, died Monday, Nov. 14, 2016, at 2:30 a.m. at Mulberry Manor.

She was born on May 17, 1939, in Champaign, the daughter of Delbert and Lillian Connerly Shafer.

She is survived by her dear friend and guardian, Melissa Hill and her family, as well as the residents and staff of Mulberry Manor and Glenbrook.

A memorial service honoring the life of Anita Joyce Shafer will be conducted Thursday, today, at 10:30 a.m. at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Those attending the service are asked to gather at the funeral home at approximately 10 a.m. The service will be conducted by Jimmy Keller.

Inurnment will be at a later date in the Vienna Fraternal Cemetery.

To share a memory, visit www.baileyfh.com.

Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna is in charge of arrangements.

Charles Larry Lasley
Charles Larry Lasley, 74, of Buckeye, Ariz., and formerly of Anna, died Thursday, Nov. 10, at his home.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden, with Pastor Charles Hennings officiating.

Friends can call from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at the funeral home.

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

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

Fran White-Boes

Fran White-Boes, 86, of Sioux Falls, S.D., and formerly of Anna, died at 8:18 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2016, at Avera Hart Hospital in Sioux Falls, S.D.

She was born on Feb. 8, 1930, in Akron, Ohio, the daughter of Alva and Daisy Pitts White.

She married her true love and soul mate, Lyle Boes, on Dec. 9, 1988, in Las Vegas, Nev.

She is survived by her husband, Lyle Boes of Sioux Falls, S.D.; one daughter, Mary Gorius of La Quinta, Calif.; one son, Rick Schmidt of Madison, S.D.; four brothers, Bob (Shirley) White of Cape Girardeau, Bill (Kathy) White of Bloomington, Don (Margaret) White of Springfield and Carl (Shirley) White of Makanda; one sister, Mary Ruth (Don) Hawk of Carterville; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She worked for Eileen's Fashions in Sioux Falls for many years. After she married Lyle, she served as the CFO for their family business, Family Drug, for 25 years.

She enjoyed playing bridge, traveling, cooking, entertaining and warm weather. She and Lyle found much happiness spending time together outdoors, relaxing on their deck and making the most of each and every day. She also found happiness spending time and playing with her daughter's Shih Tzu, Daisy.

Funeral services for Mrs. White-Boes were at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with Todd Hawk officiating. Interment was in the Anna City Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the donor's choice.

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

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

Wilma Swadener
Wilma Swadener, 89, of East Peoria, and formerly of Wetaug, died Friday, Nov. 4, 2016, at Rosewood Care Center in East Peoria.

She was born on June 11, 1927, in Wetaug, the daughter of Louis and Cora Severs Gully.

She married Darrell Hacker in October 1947. He preceded her in death on Sept. 12, 1955. On Nov. 9, 1962, she married Robert Swadener.

She is survived by her husband, Robert of East Peoria; two daughters, Debra (Mark) Brown of Ullin and Cathleen (James) Powers of Peoria Heights; two sons, Tommie (Marcella Hall) Hacker of Tamms and Randall Hacker of Peoria; 12 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; two sisters, Blanche Mize of Villa Ridge and Nina Goines of Wetaug; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, four brothers and a daughter-in-law, Donna Hacker.

A memorial service was held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, at Remmert Funeral Home in East Peoria, with Rick Liggan officiating.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at Crain Funeral Home in Ullin, with Brad Goines and Brent Miller officiating. Interment was in the American Legion Cemetery in Dongola.

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

Crain Funeral Home in Ullin and Remmert Funeral Home in East Peoria were in charge of arrangements.

Reynoldsville News

by Sue Eudy

Sorry I haven't written the news for several weeks, but I injured my back and had surgery on it last week so I am not up to full par just yet. Please keep reading the Reynoldsville News as I enjoy writing it.

Dolores and Jack Reynolds of Reynoldsville and Hunter Wilson of Cape Girardeau visited recently with Lucille Choate at Lake of Egypt.

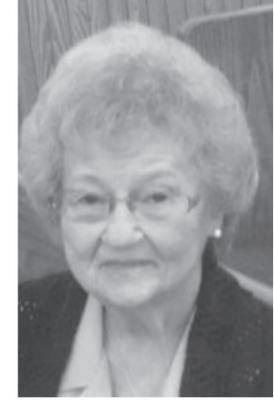
Jack and Dolores Reynolds, Jackie and Jay Jennings of Reynoldsville and Gracie Wilson of Cape Girardeau attended a basketball game at Century, where A-J was playing. Nash Oxford of Anna, grandson and great-grandson, was on the A-J team.

Jack and Dolores Reynolds, Jackie and Jay Jennings attended a basketball game at Cobden between A-J and Cobden. Brock Reynolds plays for Cobden and Nash Oxford plays for A-J.

Hunter Wilson of Cape Girardeau spent the night with his grandfather, Jerry Wilson of Vienna, and they



Portrait of Fran White-Boes.



Portrait of Wilma Swadener.

went deer hunting.

Recent visitors of Maxine and Fred Pender of Fair City were Gary Gibbs and Brad and Lori Pender of Jonesboro, Vince Gibbs of Chester and Russ and Patsy Pender of Olive Branch.

Shirley Miller of McClure attended a class reunion at the Golden Corral in Carterville on Thursday.

Shirley Miller and Penny Hill of McClure visited Saturday with Peggy St. Cin of Cape Girardeau.

Shirley Miller and Penny Hill visited Sunday with Pam and Mark Eisentrout of McClure.

Sunday dinner guests of Sue and Steve Eudy were Dolores and John Yates of Herrin, Emma Eudy of Cape Girardeau and Jonathon Bohnert of Cape Girardeau.

Berniece and Don McRaven of Fair City celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary Sunday at Valley Mission Pentecostal Church with a large crowd attending.

Steve Eudy visited Monday with Wilburn Gibbs at River to River in Anna.

FBLA challenged to address marketing to Millennial generation

The Department of Hospitality and Tourism at Southern Illinois University Carbondale is issuing a challenge to Southern Illinois high school members of the Future Business Leaders of America: How would you market to the generation of consumers known as Millennials?

The program is offering cash awards, funded by the SIU Foundation, for the high school FBLA team that comes up with the best "Marketing to Millennials" project.

Sylvia Smith, associate professor, and Nicole Davis, instructor, are visiting high schools in the region to explain the idea behind their FBLA Hospitality Business Challenge.

They want groups of students to select a region, a cuisine, an event, a destination, preferably in their geographic area, and devise a promotional plan using digital media to market to Millennials.

For example, students in Murphysboro might tout their city's designation as the "Barbecue Capital of Illinois," while students in Harrisburg might consider their proximity to the Garden of the Gods, Davis said.

Definitions of the Millennial Generation vary, but most sources define it as those born from the early 1980s to the mid-1990s or, by some standards, the early 2000s.

Students currently in high school are at the very

end of the Millennial Generation, or just at the edge of the next, as yet unnamed, generation.

By whatever name, when they enter the workforce, the Millennial Generation will be the dominant consumer group.

Smith and Davis hope this event is the first step toward building an annual hospitality and tourism themed marketing challenge.

Smith noted that other FBLA regions partner with universities or with businesses on events like this, but that there is nothing quite fitting this description in Southern Illinois.

"In future years, we hope to expand our geographic reach, but this first

year we are confining ourselves to Southern Illinois," she said.

"This is also a recruiting effort," Smith said. "We want to bring students to campus and show them around, and let them get to know our department and what career paths they might follow from it."

Students are able to register online by Nov. 15, and should have a promotional plan ready to submit for consideration by Jan. 15, 2017. Presentations are planned on Feb. 25, 2017.

Those who are interested in participating, or teachers who want to know more, can visit the website for more information, or contact Sylvia Smith at ssmith8@siu.edu.



Portrait of Elizabeth Abernathy Lawrence.

Veterans Day parade held last Friday afternoon in Anna

The 2016 Veterans Day parade was held last Friday afternoon in Anna. The parade was sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna. Hundreds of people lined the streets in the downtown Anna area to view the parade and to voice their appreciation to veterans. The accompanying pictures feature some of the many participants in the parade.



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The Family of Mildred "Ducky" Kohler would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our friends and family for their continued support during the last few months. The calls, prayers, visits, cards, food, flowers and friendships were greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank Hospice of Southern Illinois for their compassionate care and support.

Bob, Gail, Beverly and Judy 486C

"The Preaching Pen"
Can I Say The Sinner's Prayer to be Saved?
 Last week at the Veteran's Day parade, before it began, a man approached my 10 year-old son, Jason, and the other boys on the float he was on, and urged them all to say the "sinner's prayer." My son asked to see this man's Bible and argued from the Scriptures that prayer is not the means by which anyone is saved, citing I Peter 3:21, which states, "...baptism doth now also save us (not the putting away the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), by the resurrection of Jesus Christ." Incredibly, this man took back his Bible and read aloud to Jason, "baptism doth also now save us (not..." He stopped mid-sentence - completely ignoring the fact that God didn't put a period there! What a blatant abuse of the Scripture!

It's true that more than just baptism is involved in salvation, but the real issue in this article is: Does God act based upon requests made by someone who is not a Christian?

Consider the story found in John 9. During His travels, Jesus encountered a man who had been blind since birth and healed him. After the former blind man left Jesus and His followers, he was brought before the Pharisees and questioned. They reasoned that because Jesus performed this miracle on the Sabbath, He must have been a sinner. The blind man defended Jesus to these Pharisees when he said: "We know that God heareth not sinners; but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth" (John 9:31). Simply put, his argument was: (1) Only God could have worked such a miracle as giving sight to the blind; (2) God doesn't hear the petitions of sinners; (3) therefore, Jesus could not be a sinner, because He restored the man's sight by the power of God.

It's interesting that not a one of those religious leaders tried to correct or contradict his statement. Why? Because the Pharisees were well trained in the Law, and the blind man's statement was a well-known fact.

Saul of Tarsus prayed for three days after arriving in Damascus, yet his sins were not "washed away" until he was immersed in water - baptized - in obedience to God's command (Acts 22:16). If there ever was a case to be made for the "sinner's prayer," this was it; and yet it didn't save him!

Prayer is an avenue of communication between a "child of God" and his heavenly Father. The model prayer begins: "Our Father which art in heaven ..." (Mt. 6:9), and one becomes a child of the Father only by being born again (Jn. 3:3-5), not by praying. The sinner's prayer will not save anyone, because prayer is not the means by which man is saved - repentance, confession and baptism - that's the Lord's way of salvation.

R.W. McAlister, Minister
 Anna church of Christ 486C



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Making paper trees
Patty Flamm of Cobden folds paper for the Paper Trees for Parkinson's project at the Union County Museum in Cobden. Photo provided.

Paper Trees for Parkinson's available at Cobden museum

Paper Christmas trees will be available for sale at the Union County Historical Society's annual Christmas Shop in Cobden beginning Saturday, Nov. 19. The shop is located at 117 S. Appleknocker, next door to the Union County Museum in downtown Cobden. The trees, in various sizes, are made of white, three dimensionally engineered paper over a cardboard cone shaped base. Local artisans and volunteers have spent several weeks creating these unique trees. Proceeds from the sale of the trees will go to the Southern Illinois Parkinson's Support Group for research. The trees will be available for sale each weekend through Dec. 17. Hours are Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The shop is scheduled to be open on Black Friday, Nov. 25. Marilyn Boysen of Cobden is coordinator of the project.

Karmeier installed as state's new chief justice

The Honorable Lloyd A. Karmeier was installed Monday, Oct. 31, as chief justice of the Illinois Supreme Court during a ceremony which was held at the Supreme Court Building in Springfield. Justice Rita B. Garman administered the oath of office. Speakers included Supreme Court Justices Anne M. Burke, Robert R. Thomas and retired Justice Philip J. Rarick. Karmeier's brother, Del Karmeier, gave the invocation and the Karmeier grandchildren led the pledge of allegiance. Karmeier, of Nashville, is the state's 120th chief justice and the second person from Washington County to hold the office. Justice Byron O. House, for whom Karmeier served as a law clerk, was the first. Noting the court's ongoing initiatives to expand access to justice and adopt a statewide system for electronic filing, Karmeier pledged to continue the court's efforts to make the resources of the judicial branch more efficient, more effective and more readily available to all who need them. Karmeier is a life-long resident of Washington County, where he attended a one-room grade school. After graduating valedictorian from Okawville Community High School, he attended the University of Illinois, where he received both his undergraduate and law degrees. He was resident circuit judge of Washington County from 1986 to 2004, when he was elected to the Illinois Supreme Court. As chief justice, he will serve as the chief administrative officer of the statewide judicial system with supervisory authority over the more than 900 judges in the state. Karmeier and his wife, Mary, reside in Nashville. They have two children and six grandchildren.



Rural Health Inc. honors staff
Rural Health Inc., RHI, in Anna recently honored two of its employees for their years of service. Patty Phillippe, 35, of Anna, completed 35 years as executive secretary at RHI in October. Ann Stahlheber of Alto Pass completed 30 years of service as RHI's health educator in September. The clinic honored the two employees for their dedication and commitment with a gift, flowers and a cake. Photo provided.

Night Safety Transit app available to SIU students

Southern Illinois University Carbondale has made it easier for students to get free, safe night-time rides around campus or to and from off-campus residences. The university's Night Safety Transit is accessible through a free mobile app, TransLoc Rider. The app, available through the iOS App Store and Google Play, allows students to use their smartphone to obtain real-time information and updates and to book rides. SIU students can make ride requests, track the two seven-passenger vans used by the transit program in order to more accurately predict arrival times, save favorite stops and routes and set customized alerts. The smart search feature allows riders to locate specific routes and stops. Officials say the app features an intuitive design and interface. In addition, students who don't have a smartphone can now receive real-time arrival predictions via text messages. Students can also call 618-453-2212, as always, to take advantage of SIU Night Safety Transit. The service was established as a courtesy to students in 1980 and provides safe transportation to current students between locations on campus, as well as between places on campus and Carbondale residential (non-business) locations. Hours of operation are 8 p.m. to midnight Sunday through Wednesday and 8 p.m. to 3 a.m. Thursday through Saturday when classes are in session. Rides must be booked 15 minutes before the service closes for the day. Funded by student fees, the Night Safety Transit is operated through the Dean of Students office. More information can be found at www.nightsafety.siu.edu.

Partnership tackles infant, early childhood mental health issues

State health officials recently announced that Illinois was one of 10 states selected to participate in a Zero to Three Policy Center meeting to advance state policy related to improving infant and early childhood mental health. Government agencies, advocacy organizations and child- and family-serving programs in states across the country competed to become one of 10 states that gathered Oct. 13-14 in Minneapolis to address mental health prevention, intervention and treatment programs for very young children. The goal of the Zero to Three meeting was to identify state strategies to align health care finance policy, specifically Medicaid, with infant and early childhood mental health practice. According to Zero to Three, it is estimated that between nine to 14 percent of children age birth to five years experience at least one emotional or behavioral disturbance, which left untreated, can have long-term negative impacts on child development, future health and success. It is critical to create a seamless system of high quality mental health supports and services designed to ensure healthy mental development in children.



Virginia and Charles Flamm

Flamms married 60 years

Charles and Virginia Flamm of Cobden will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Nov. 24, 2016. They were married on Nov. 24, 1956, in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Cobden. The Rev. Victor Sulkowski officiated. The couple have three children, Carolyn, Ken and Chris. Two sons, Tom and Jim, are deceased. They have five grandchildren, Josh, James, Clayton, Cooper and Claire. A granddaughter, Amanda, is deceased. They have a trip to Branson, Mo., planned to celebrate their anniversary.

School Menu

- Jonesboro School Menu**
Monday, Nov. 21: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fresh fruit, apple juice, choice of lowfat milk. Lunch: Whole grain chicken nugget with breadstick or strawberry yogurt parfait with homemade granola, garlic Parmesan roasted potatoes, broccoli florets, garbanzo beans, fresh or chilled fruit.
Tuesday, Nov. 22: Breakfast: Egg and potato breakfast wrap, fresh fruit, fruit punch, choice of lowfat milk. Lunch: Soft shell tacos or chicken and cheese chef salad with dinner roll, tater tots, black bean and brown rice, sweet corn salad, fresh or chilled fruit.
Wednesday, Nov. 23: No school.
Thursday, Nov. 24: No school, Happy Thanksgiving.
Friday, Nov. 25: No school.
Choice of lowfat milk include 1 percent white or skim chocolate.

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Chamber hears about education at recent meeting

By Amber Skelton
 Education was highlighted at a Union County Chamber of Commerce meeting which was held Thursday, Nov. 3.
 The meeting was at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.
 The chamber welcomed Robbie Wright, superintendent of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School District No. 81, and David Ardrey, executive director of the Association of Illinois Rural Small Schools, as guest speakers.
 Wright gave an update on the multiple construction projects that have been going on at A-JCHS for several months and have not been completed on time.
 He stated that six restrooms have been renovated and work has been done on the roof over Union Hall gymnasium. A new sign has been installed and is near completion and more outside lighting is to be added.
 Wright said that finances

are tough due to the state budget crisis, but A-JCHS is doing okay. He was tentative when discussing money for the future, citing uncertainty about the state's allocation of funding.
 Ardrey explained the concept behind the Illinois Association of Rural Schools.
 He said the organization was formed to combat the consolidation of rural school districts with smaller numbers of students. The association is run by a 10 member board.
 Along with Wright, the following superintendents were in attendance at the chamber meeting: Brent Boren from Lick Creek District No. 16, Edwin Shoemate from Cobden Unit District No. 17 and Paige Maginel from Dongola Unit No. 66.
 Ardrey said that all of the superintendents needed to work together to solve the crisis in Illinois education and meet the needs of students.

Illinois Rural, Small School Days is Nov. 18

A proclamation by the governor has declared Friday, Nov. 18, as Illinois Rural and Small Schools Day.
 The Association of Illinois Rural Small Schools, AIRSS, noted that Gov. Bruce Rauner issued the proclamation as a way "to generate awareness of the vital roles rural and small schools play in the development of the State of Illinois."
 Along with its partners, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Western Illinois University, First Midstate Inc. and Baysinger Architects, AIRSS has worked to help develop, promote and create recognition of Illinois rural and small schools.
 "A strong rural presence makes for a stronger Illinois," said David Ardrey, executive director of AIRSS, in a news release.
 "Our small and rural schools and communities play an important role not only in education, but in the economic health and vitality of our rural communities," Ardrey said.
 "The strength of our rural schools is the strength of

our rural communities, and the stronger the rural community the stronger the rural school."
 The governor's proclamation noted that there are at least 500 small and rural school districts in Illinois. Union County is home to seven school districts.

More than 275,000 Illinois children attend small and rural schools in the state.
 The proclamation notes that "public school systems are usually one of the largest, if not the largest, employers in a rural community or region."

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Section B

Anna-Jo Garden Club meeting held

The Anna-Jo Garden Club had a regular meeting Nov. 8 at the United Methodist Church in Anna.

Club president Linda Karraker called the meeting to order and pledges were recited.

Group planning holiday event

The Ladies of J.O.Y. plan to have a Christmas gift and craft sale on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 17-18, in Tamms. Ladies of J.O.Y. is a nonprofit organization.

The sale is planned from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day at 115 S. Railroad St., across from the Unimin plant.

Wreaths, table runners, candy, cookies, assorted Christmas crafts and decorations will be featured. A door prize will be awarded at the end of the sale.

One hundred percent of the proceeds will go to local missions.

Thanksgiving celebration set

Faith Assembly Church in Wolf Lake is planning to host a Thanksgiving Day celebration on Saturday, Nov. 19.

The celebration begins at 3 p.m. The church is located at 4730 State Highway 3 North. Food and fellowship are planned. The church invites the community to attend.

Roll call was answered by telling "a chore best left for winter is..."

Twenty-eight members were present. Members welcomed new member Helen Sitter to the meeting.

The club president thanked the meeting's hosts, including Dana Griffith, Pete Housman, Opal Ulrich, Virginia Housman and Minnie Ahrendt.

Pete Housman was awarded best of show at the Union County Fair and donated the award of \$50 to District VII of the Garden Clubs of Illinois.

Club president Karraker thanked Brenda Tripp for hosting the October meeting at her home. Members learned how to save seeds and toured her many colorful gardens to harvest the seeds. Tripp's flowers will appear in someone's garden next spring.

The club achieved three awards from the Garden Clubs of Illinois. Its yearbook was rated first place. The club received a certificate of appreciation for a display on work done on the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro. The club received fourth place for its press book.

Minnie Ahrendt gave a horticulture tip about the time to plant bushes and trees. Her tip is "a \$50 hole for a \$5 tree."

Linda Karraker brought

milkweed seeds. Members were reminded to refrigerate them 30 days before planting.

Autumn centerpieces that decorated the tables were made by Pete Housman, using lots of orange winterberries. Members with the right number on their place setting got to take home one of the creations.

Donna Budelsky reminded members how important it is to save their stamps and bring them to her.

Pete Housman told about a Rotary Club project in which one saves plastic lids, as on bottle or milk carton. The lids are made into park benches. Housman will pass on lids from the club to the Rotary Club.

Committee reports were given. Club president Karraker asked members to sign up for the various committees for next year.

The club's Christmas luncheon is planned Dec. 13 at the Methodist Church. The time is 11:30 a.m. and the cost for the dinner is \$12. Members can let Debby McKibben know if they are attending and give her the check. Members are reminded to bring a canned food item or staple for a charity.

Gardening with native perennials was the theme of a program presented by Ruth Kelly, who is a member of the Tupelo Chapter of the Wild Ones.

Cobden Elementary School students honored for displaying responsibility



Cobden Elementary School students were honored for showing responsibility during August/September.



Gift card winners included Madge Stevens, Jennie Murillo-Lopez, Dora Funes, Kaylee Hall and Lupita Zamora.

Cobden Elementary School students were honored for displaying excellence in regards to the August/September character education trait of responsibility. Three students from each classroom in kindergarten through the 5th grade were selected by their teachers to receive an excellence certificate and to attend an excellence breakfast. Following the breakfast, a raffle was held for Barnes & Noble gift cards, which were provided by the Cobden Elementary PTO. The character education trait for October was respect.

Students who were honored for August/September included, by grades, kindergarten: Lillian Clutts, Maggie Clutts, Matthew Marks and Henry Pearson; 1st grade: Scarlett Bergseth, Brandon Gutierrez, Carter Miller, Jennie Murillo-Lopez, Tyler Shoemate and Madge Stevens; 2nd grade: Brisa Calderon, Dash Garrison, Evaline Kaszubski, Alivia Kilpatrick, Eugenio Olvera and Lupita Zamora; 3rd grade: Autumn Ebersohl, Amelia Long, Natalie Marks, Brooke Mosley, Ana Olvera and Mariana Palmerin; 4th grade: Destiny Hickam, Chauncy Hilliard, Mackenzie Jackson, Fatima Murillo, Landen Richardson and Zitlalli Tomas; and 5th grade: Kaylie Adams, Dora Funes, Kaylee Hall, Emma Kilpatrick, Anna Staley and Grace White. Photos provided.

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Poll: Most Illinois voters have favorable opinion of unions

Most Illinois voters say they have a favorable overall opinion of labor unions, but their policy preferences are less like those of union leadership, according to the results of a poll from Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Paul Simon Public Policy Institute.

Among the 1,000 Illinois registered voters surveyed, more than half (57 percent) say they have at least a somewhat favorable view of labor unions, more than 20 points ahead of the 36 percent who have an unfavorable view.

However, voters are split on how much influence they would like unions to have, 30 percent support them having more influence, 29 percent think unions should maintain the influence they have, and 36 percent wish they had less influence.

The survey was conducted Sept. 27 through Oct 2. It has a margin for error of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points.

Wages and benefits for public sector unions have been an issue in Springfield, with Gov. Bruce Rauner blaming them in part for the state's budget deficit.

The governor has also advocated for workers to be able to opt out of paying unions for the work they do negotiating in the private and public sectors.

Unions have said the wages and benefits they negotiate strengthen the state's middle class. They also say even workers who don't belong to a union should pay their fair share of the costs the union incurs representing and bargaining for non-members.

Self-described liberals (75 percent), Democrats (73 percent) and members of union households (75 percent) were most likely to have favorable views of unions.

Only among conservatives and Republicans (37 percent in each group) did fewer than half hold a favorable view.

Historically, marginalized groups tend to desire that unions have more influence than they do today.

Notably, 49 percent of African-Americans want unions to have more influence compared to only 26 percent of whites.

Similarly, 40 percent of people with household incomes below \$50,000 would like to see unions have more influence compared to only 24 percent of those with incomes over \$100,000.

What's in a name? "Right-to-work" vs. "Fair Share"

Asked about their positions on right-to-work or "open shop" laws, re-

spondents favored them by two-to-one, 48 percent to 24 percent.

Notably, more than a one-quarter (28 percent) answered "other/don't know," suggesting a significant portion of the electorate is ambivalent or uninformed on the issue.

Most likely to favor right-to-work were conservatives and Republicans (64 percent and 63 percent, respectively).

Most likely to oppose it were liberals and Democrats (36 percent and 32 percent), and members of labor union households (38 percent).

However, opinion shifted when interviewers explained "fair share" laws. Respondents were asked to choose between two statements: "When everyone in the workplace shares the gains won by the labor union, all workers should have to contribute to the union's costs for negotiating those gains" or "No American should be required to pay dues to a private organization like a labor union against their will."

There were 50 percent who supported the right to work description and 44 percent backing the fair share statement. Only 4 percent said they "don't know."

The fair-share position was most strongly favored by liberals and Democrats (61 percent and 55 percent), African-Americans (52 percent), those in households earning less than \$50,000 per year (51 percent), and members of union households (55 percent).

Conservatives and Republicans (65 percent and

67 percent) were most likely to favor the right to work position.

"The disconnect between Illinoisans' favorable view of unions, and preferences for policies the unions dislike is interesting," Charlie Leonard, a visiting professor at the institute and one of the designers of the poll, said.

"I think this has to be in part because declining membership in unions leaves fewer people with the experience of the gains they've won for workers. And opposition to union influence has been a drum-beat message from business groups and chamber of commerce organizations."

Snow Angel Pageant planned at Shawnee Community College

The 2016 Littlest, Junior and Pre-teen Snow Angel Pageant is planned Saturday evening, Nov. 19, at Shawnee Community College near Ullin.

The pageant is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. and will be in the education center at the college. Admission is \$7.

The Littlest (ages 4-6) and Junior (ages 7-9) contestants evening wear should be a Sunday/party dress (no full length dresses).

The Pre-teen (ages 10-12) contestants should wear a floor length, age appropriate gown.

Contestants can be registered the day of the pageant. Registration is from 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The cost for Littlest is \$20, Junior is \$30 and Pre-teen is \$40. An additional \$10 fee is charged for any-

one who wants to compete in the optional photogenic competition (picture needs to be turned in at registration).

A short introductory practice is scheduled from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The 2016 Miss and Teen Illinois Snow Angel Pageant will run intermediately with the Littlest, Junior and Pre-teen Pageant Saturday, Nov. 19, at 6 p.m. at the Shawnee Community College education center.

The contestants will compete for the opportunity to be the 2016 Illinois Snow Angel Queens and to

be ambassadors for Angels' Cove: Pregnancy-Adoption-Foster Care Home in Mt. Vernon. All proceeds from ticket sales go to Angels' Cove.

For more information, contact director Jenna Harner at snowangelpageant@gmail.com or on the pageant Facebook page, search Illinois Snow Angel Pageant.



Veterans ceremony held in Alto Pass

A large crowd was in attendance Saturday morning, Nov. 5, for a veterans ceremony which was held in downtown Alto Pass. The service was conducted by the Alto Pass Area Veterans to honor military veterans. The service was held at a veterans memorial in Alto Pass.

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News from

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

Pastor Mark and the writers of Sunday's scripture lessons referred to "change." The pastor referenced ordinary changes, like the overnight freeze, the change of seasons and political changes. He warned of an even bigger apocalypse, the end of time.

"In the meantime, what we really need to change is our tendency to choose sides and 'weaponize' attitudes toward one another. Remember, you have to humanize before you can Christianize. Don't forget basic humanity to one another."

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.

A special appeal was made for help to stock local food pantries. Donations and food can be left at the church for delivery to appropriate sites.

Several youth from Mt. Moriah and Salem, along with their chaperones, were scheduled to return on Sunday from the Carl-inville Youth Gathering. It is reported that the sessions were enthusiastic and inspirational.

A new Tuesday night adult Bible study group led by Pastor Mark is set to begin on Nov. 15 at Mt. Moriah at 7 p.m.

News from

Walnut Grove Church



Performing hymns
Doug Brown sang while he played a selection of hymns on the guitar last Sunday. Photo provided.

On Sunday, Nov. 13, the congregation at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church pledged allegiance to the flag, and then sang "Happy Birthday" to Karen Lamer.

The church was happy to have the Batson family present. They announced that Lucas will be joining the Navy in a couple weeks.

Greg Randles was the guest pianist. He played a medley of songs from each branch of the U.S. military, while members who were veterans stood.

Doug Brown sang while he played a special selection of hymns on the guitar.

The Rev. Robert Fear asked the congregation to thank all the veterans of all the branches of the U.S. armed forces "for our ability to live and worship in freedom." He said it has come at a great price.

The church Christmas tree will be decorated in early December, followed by a chili supper.

There will be a finance committee meeting Sunday, Nov. 20, after the service to discuss plans for Christmas giving.

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.



Hands of Faith volunteers

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church Hands of Faith volunteers Patty Simpson, Kay Rothschild, Kay Johnson, Alice Kerns and Kathy Stegle prepare craft items for the annual Gingerbread House Bazaar sponsored by the mission group. The bazaar is a part of Christmas in Downtown Anna on Nov. 26. The bazaar features handmade and hand sewn crafts, Christmas gifts, holiday decorations, baked goods and slightly used Christmas items from Granny's Attic. There will be a Children's Story and Craft Corner for kids and light refreshments for all. Visitors can look for the Gingerbread House doorway at the corner of Jefferson and Main streets in Downtown Anna. Photo provided.

A community Thanksgiving worship service will be held at Kornthal Church on Wednesday, Nov. 23, at 7 p.m. Pastor Mark will be the speaker.

Christmas decorating of the church is planned on Sunday, Nov. 20, after worship. The Share and Care Tree will accept hats, scarves, gloves and socks to be donated to those in need.

Mt. Moriah's Holiday Bazaar is set for Nov. 26 as a part of Christmas in Downtown Anna. There will be arts and crafts,

baked goods, gently used Christmas decorations and gift items for sale. Craft activities are planned for children, as well as light refreshments.

A Ladies Night Out Christmas gathering will be at The Brick House on Dec. 6 at 5 p.m.

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. The office phone is 618-833-5234.

News from

Camp Ground Church and Community

The message Sunday, Nov. 13, was titled "The Work of Jesus, and His Ministry to the World" with scripture from Luke.

Rev. Vance used five words that start with H to illustrate his message: "Christ's work while on Earth was to help the helpless, to heal the hurting, to give hope to the hopeless, to free the hindered and to save the hell-bound."

In closing, he challenged the congregation to "allow the Lord of Harvest to use us in bringing the 'lost' to Christ."

Prior to the sermon, Rev. Vance sang a solo, "Till the Storm Passes By."

Camp Ground recognized Native American Sunday with bulletin inserts and an emphasis on the special connection between the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Choctaw Nation.

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

The elder for November is Karen Vaughn.

Celebrating a birthday Saturday, Nov. 12, was Brittany Roach.

Sunday, Nov. 20, the church will be dedicating and forwarding its month-long collection for hurricane relief in Haiti.

Following morning worship, Camp Ground will

have its annual Thanksgiving potluck.

After lunch, the congregation invites those who will to stay and assist with decorating the sanctuary and fellowship hall for Advent.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

Music for the Sunday morning, Nov. 13, worship service was led by Larry Fuller and Randy Wright, accompanied by Rin Ray and Johnathon Cauble.

The offertory was provided by Jaida Smith. Curly Ralls, Terry Wiseman Sr., Noah Wiseman and Dorris Johnson served as ushers.

The morning message "I Know, But I Am Not Nervous," was brought by Pastor McBride from 2 Kings, sharing that "trusting God even when we cannot see the chariots of fire on the mountain is spiritual sight (or faith). When we face hardships we can become nervous but then we become a critic rather than a contributor."

Music for the Sunday evening worship service was led by Larry Fuller and Randy Wright and was accompanied by Rin Ray and Johnathon Cauble.

The offertory was provided by Ginger Morrison, Marilyn Elkins, Nina Shepard and Carla Ramage. Ushers for the evening ser-

All are invited to attend the annual community Thanksgiving service on Tuesday evening, Nov. 22, at the historic Kornthal Church south of Jonesboro. The service will begin at 7 p.m.

vice were Matt Macy, Terry Wiseman Sr., Noah Wiseman and Dorris Johnson.

The evening message, "The Faith That Amazed," was brought by Pastor McBride from Luke, sharing that "in order to move towards where God wants you, it takes faith to step away from the known securities to the place God will reveal when needed."

Nov. 17 is a Prime Time Thanksgiving luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Nov. 23 is a Missionary Poverty dinner.

On Nov. 27 at 6 p.m., the congregation will begin a Christmas carols devotional series.

Birthdays: Johnathon Cauble, Nov. 13; Tammy Vicenzi, Makenzie Mulback, Nov. 15; Marie Mowell, 19.

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

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Daily Devotional Reading						
Psalm 104	Psalm 105	Psalm 106	Psalm 111	Psalm 115	Psalm 145	Psalm 146

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Jonesboro School class welcomes guest speakers



Stephanie Cox



Amanda Barnhart

Online information, business loans discussed

Stephanie Hill's computer concepts students at Jonesboro Grade School recently welcomed two special guest speakers from Anna-Jonesboro National Bank.

Stephanie Cox, who works in the fraud department, spoke to 7th grade students about the dangers of sharing too much information online. The students had been studying about scams and schemes that people use to steal identities.

Amanda Barnhart, assistant vice president at the bank, spoke to the 8th grade students. These students have begun a project which involves planning to be a business owner.

Barnhart explained to the students the steps required to get a business loan and how to, even now, protect their credit for future endeavors they may have.

Stephanie Hill shared in an email that the "students were amazed at how easy it is for others to get their information and use it against them. Also, they learned how much is involved with getting a loan and that much planning has to take place in order for the bank to lend you money." Photos provided.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Nov. 13, the pastor began a new series, "Colossians: Christ Before All Else," with the sermon, "Christ Our Savior," based on scripture from Colossians.

Music was directed by associate pastor of worship Paul Lemon. Special music was provided by Connor Benbrook.

and Michael and Lori Davidson, married 28 years on Nov. 17.

The Titus 2 Ladies group plans to meet Saturday, Nov. 19, at 9 a.m.

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.

Birthdays: Edward Stone, Nov. 13; Sharon Morgan, Nov. 14; Marla Rendleman, Nov. 15; Jean Hunter, Nov. 18; and John "Wes" Cripps Jr., Nov. 19.

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 on Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Youth meet on Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

Anniversaries: Harlan and Carmen Coffman, married 59 years on Nov. 16;

News from

First Baptist Church, Anna

In the Sunday morning service, Pastor Sinks' sermon was titled "Given in Jesus' Name," with scripture from Acts.

The church collected 134 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, which is a Samaritan's Purse ministry.

Church dinner set

Apostolic Lighthouse Church in Cobden plans to serve a quarterly dinner on Friday, Nov. 18.

Serving is planned from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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PAST planning to host holiday season luncheons

The Christmas season is almost here, and the PAST organization of Union County is making plans to host festive holiday luncheons at Heritage House in Jonesboro.

Luncheon dates are scheduled on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1-3, and on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 7-10.

Doors will open to reserved luncheon guests at 11:30 a.m. each day. The meal will be served at noon.

Visitors can expect to enjoy holiday ambiance with a "Christmas Carol" theme throughout the house. Christmas decorations, baked goods and other gift items will be available.

PAST noted in a news release that guests also will have an opportunity to visit "a one-of-a-kind quilt show. Former Anna-Jonesboro native and artisan Barbara Walter Jahn has designed and made

several unique 'quilt' wall hangings exclusively for PAST's Heritage House and the Anna-Jonesboro community."

PAST plans to welcome Barbara Jahn, who lives in Colombia, South America, as an exhibitor at Heritage House, which is located at

102 S. Main St. in Jonesboro.

Luncheon tickets are \$20. Proceeds support Heritage House and PAST's historical preservation projects.

For luncheon reservations, or for more information, call 833-3347 or email hileman14@frontier.com.

News from

First Christian Church, Anna

On Sunday, Nov. 13, senior minister Dee Armes preached a sermon called, "This Changes Everything (Really?)" from Philippians.

The message shared that "we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our savior. The election gives us an unrealistic hope for great change."

"There are two inherent weaknesses or problems in the democratic process; the first problem being that we are voting for mortals; and the second is a mistaken be-

lief that the candidate/party has the power to change course of our city, state, or national destiny. We have a realistic command to pray and hope in the reality of our true citizenship."

Birthdays: Maci Bynum, Nov. 17; Jim Linson, Nov. 18.

Sunday School for all ages is at 9:30 a.m., with a worship service beginning at 10:30 a.m. The evening program begins at 6 p.m. with the junior high and high school youth group and an adult Bible study meets at 6:45 p.m.

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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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Patrick Brumleve was guest speaker at the Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club. He told about his collection of the presidents.



Tamara Graves is the owner of a new business, Repeat Boutique, a consignment shop for all ages, at 337 S. Main St. in downtown Anna. Tamara celebrated her birthday on Veterans Day.



Abby Barlow and Luke Tehandon mixing dry ingredients for brownies in Mason jars to be sold at the craft fair at the Anna Arts Center Nov. 26 Christmas in Downtown Anna. This is a fundraiser for A-JCHS Marching Wildcat band for their trip to Florida to march in one of the Disney Parks and to raise money for new uniforms.

Correction to last weeks paper; the article should have read:

Birthday Celebration

A surprise 87th birthday party was given for Joan Graves Edwards by the Dorcus No. 61 White Shrine of Jerusalem members in Marion of which she has been a member for 53 years, and serving as W. H. Priestess several times, as well as other officers for Shrines in Illinois and Kentucky.

Pat Jones sang a special song The ABC's of Life. A bouquet of flowers was given and W. H. P. Virginia Hopkins presented Joan a plaque from Supreme Shrine honoring her years of Continuing Service Award.

Marge Davidson stood by her side during the special tributes as she had done, as friend and member through the years. After meeting W.H.P. Virginia served delicious, cake, ice cream and finger foods. Joan says she is very blessed to have friends like this in her life and hopes all who read this has same blessings.

New Hampshire Trip

Doug and Beth Hileman have returned from a week-end visit to their daughter's family in Mitford, N.H.

Sarah, Matthew, Joshua and Abigail Song have moved from Missouri to New Hampshire, where Matt works for an aeronautical company.

The Hilemans enjoyed

assisting the family to get settled into their new home.

They especially enjoyed helping Abigail celebrate her 3rd birthday and building a tiny snow man with Joshua.

They found a bit of snow on a hike in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

Trip

Norm and Barb Bauer had the pleasure of meeting their fifth great-grandchild last week. They visited with son Lou and Debra Bauer in Chesterfield, Mo.

The occasion was to see grandson Christopher and Katie Bauer and to meet and cuddle their 4-week-old son, Owen Louis Bauer.

There was much good-natured discussion about whether or not he is as red-headed as his dad Chris and his grandmother Debra.

New Orleans Trip

Lovella Graig attended the wedding reception of her granddaughter Mary Claire Trimble and Ray Whitlow in New Orleans, La., on Saturday, Nov. 5.

Other family members attending were Betty Graig, Carla Anderson, Gary and Marcy Morris, Harley and Olivia Hand, Maria Piper and Ryan Utag.

Also attending the celebration were Claires' parents Tod and Monica Trimble and several friends from Missoula, Mont., and nine members of the Trimble family from Newman. Much sightseeing of New Orleans was enjoyed by all.

PAST

There is much cleaning and decorating going on at Heritage House in Jonesboro.

The PAST committees are getting ready for the annual Christmas holiday luncheons.

According to Barb Bauer, the "frosting on the cake" this year is a remarkable exhibition of quilted wall hangings and bed covers presented by Barbara Walter Jahn and her family.

For more information, call 833-3228 and for luncheon reservations, call 833-3347.

Birthday Celebration

Bobbi Lence of Festus, Mo., spent Sunday with Dorothy Hilliard and they celebrated Lynsi Bracken's birthday in Dongola.

Guests

Visiting Mary Ada Parks and Darryl Parks for the weekend were Roger Parks and Mary Mauer from Illinois. Diane Parks Ward from Florida, Carde and Floyd Parks from England.

Branson Trip

Bob and Betty Caraker traveled to Branson bringing some of their son Brian's chickens to his new farm in Omaha, Ark. The farm is about 20 minutes from his show. Like driving from Anna to Carbondale.

They attended No.1 Hits of the '60's and '50's to see Brian perform.

North Carolina Trip

Bob and Betty Caraker enjoyed a trip to North Georgia for a visit with Betty's brother and also visited their friends John Patrick Bratton and his wife Elaine. Saw beautiful fall colors and lots of activities in Helen, Ga., during their Oktoberfest.

Anna First Baptist Church

Last Friday was a perfect fall day to celebrate our home town heroes in the Veterans Day parade.

Anna First Baptist wishes to thank all of our veterans in the area who have faithfully and bravely served or are presently serving our nation.

They also appreciate all of our everyday heroes. They were pleased to have Anna fireman Treavor Brown, Mounds police officer Christina Walker, Union County Ambulance Service EMT Roy Walker and Pastor Les Sinks of Anna First represent heroes in our area.

There are many other heroes and they want to say thank you to each and everyone who are faithfully helping others.

Christmas in Downtown Anna

Steve Hornbeak and The Mainstreet Players are doing a Christmas concert at St. Anne's on Saturday, Nov. 26, at 7 p.m.

All donations benefit St. Anne's. Steve's family will also be there to perform with the band. Parking is only half a block away behind Stinson Library.

Carols at Candlelight

Sunday, Dec. 4, will be the annual Carols at Candlelight at 4 p.m. at St. Anne's.

This year's special music will be presented by The Back Porch Company, consisting of Warren and Carla Anderson, Stuart Anderson and Richard Johnson.

Following the special music and caroling by the congregation, refreshments will be served.

This is a special time of year and very meaningful. Come and see the baptismal font that had resided at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Carbondale since St. Anne's was desanctified.

The congregation of St. Andrew's, at the urging of Dr. Lynn Steveson, who was once a member there, decided to let the baptismal font come home. It is a beautiful addition to the little church.

Parking is located only half a block away behind Stinson Memorial Library.

Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club

The Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club met Monday, Nov. 7. Everyone stood and club president Jane Bauer led in the Pledge of Allegiance to our American flag and the Club Collect.

Other members present were Dorothy Hilliard, Barbara Bauer, Lillian Milam, Barbara House, Clara Nell Butler, Susie Kessler, Judy Smith, Mary Light, Marie Samuel and Martha Ann Webb. Members were missed who were unable to attend: Debbie Rossberg and Joan Grave Edwards.

Guest speaker was Pat Brumleve with his personal past presidents campaign pictures, buttons, newspaper items and magazines.

The devotional moment by Barbara Bauer first focused on Veterans Day. We don't usually associate the word military with love. However, the love shown by service men and women is more than romance, it is selfless service, even to the point of death. (Meyer's Minute) Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. (John 15:13) That is why, today, we thank all veterans and active service members.

The second devotional thought from Meyer's Minute, focused on Election Day. It was a prayer for guidance to lead our country out of our divided and dangerous present. Lead me in your truth and teach me. (Psalm 25:5) O God, entrust this nation to Your care by prayer today and in the days to come. May we continue to pray that this nation be a people of justice and righteousness.

Susie Kessler gave current events on the election. Susie read the minutes of the last meeting. Jane Bauer read the treasurer's report.

Hostesses were Clara Nell Butler and Lillian Milam.

Some of the group attended the district meeting in Marion.

The next meeting will be Dec. 5 at 11 a.m. at the United Methodist Church Anna. Guests will be the Jonesboro School Choir. Everyone is welcome to come hear the choir. The club always welcomes new members.

United Methodist Church, Anna

A Christmas dinner theatre, Harold the Angel has Landed, will be presented Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9-10, at 6 p.m. The meal will be \$10.

A special thanks to everyone who baked and made craft items and who cooked the dinner for the Fall Bazaar. Also to all those who bought items and had dinner. All proceeds go to church missions.

Sunday morning guests with Mary Ada and Darryl Parks were Linda and David Parks and John Parks, Irma Frick, Maria Bridgeman of Cape Girardeau, Mo. They all came to hear Mary Ada Parks great-grandson Clayton Bridgeman play his viola. He played the church songs with Carla Anderson on the organ and Marcy Morris on the piano. Clayton also played his viola with the beautiful special music You Are Mine with the church choir.

Barbara House thanked everyone for the large turn out for the fall bazaar. Chris Foster told about the free Thanksgiving meal that will be served to the community Tuesday night.

Rev. Carl Johnston told the children about signs to tell us things and that as they got older God would give them signs for the way they should live their lives.

The veterans were asked to stand and were honored and thanked for serving our country.

Rev. Carl's message was Tough Times with scripture from Luke. He told how

we have so much to be thankful for in America. Sunday was a day of prayer for Christians around the world who do not have the freedom we have.

VFW

Sunday, Dec. 18, the Auxiliary will be hosting a cookie/candy exchange at the post at 2 p.m. This will be open to the public. Bring six dozen of your favorite home made cookies or candy and a tin to take home your goodies.

After the exchange Star Karaoke begins at 3 p.m. The Auxiliary will also have food for sale beginning at 3 p.m.

The commander and the entire parade committee appreciate all of those who came out and helped with or participated in the parade.

Breakfast got the day started right, special thanks to all the help at the fair ground coordinating all the entries, Bob and his crew for the great chili and hot dogs, all the people out on the streets to watch the parade and the Good Lord above for such a beautiful day.

The Queen of Hearts rolled over again. It is over \$1,000.

Thursday, Nov. 17, is the post meeting night starting at 7 p.m. This was changed from last week due to the Marine Corps birthday celebration.

Saturday, Nov. 19, Peggy will be back with her Star Karaoke from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Casper Church

My friend Sharon Hall told me Casper Church was dedicated to the Lord as a non-denominational gathering place to worship our Lord by the founding fathers but it all belongs to the Lord for His will and purpose.

William and Sharon are board members along with several others from the Casper community. They were all direct relatives descend of the original community members.

The ground was donated by the Casper family and the neighbors provided local lumber and labor from their own family farms to build the church building back in the mid 1800s.

The home, now owned by Guthrie Roofing and Construction, was originally built by the neighborhood men and women as housing for their church pastor, who at that time was William (Bill) Lirely, who went on to join with a Methodist church and later was a founder of the Bald Knob foundation.

Sharon's grandparents, and great-grandparents were part of those local community members from the 1800s.

Sharon has spent much time in and at the church since she spent all of her school vacation time here in Southern Illinois with her grandparents, Claude and Dessie Lea Dillow.

Sharon has many relatives in the cemetery and does own a lot just out the back door near the night light. But that is all they own.

They personally know many who attend the current services of the New Beginnings Community Church, holding services there at this time. They have met the pastor and did enjoy his preaching at the funeral of a former neighbor, Huston Casper. The pastor did note at that time that there were 365 "fear not's" in the Word of God.

The cemetery board is so pleased to have the building filled and used for God's purposes again and said we know our parents would also.

Sharon said it is so good to know their message of God's love is being received. Wednesday night services start at 7 p.m. There is also Sunday morning service. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Anna Arts Center

A special thanks to all those who helped with the veterans honor dinner and who sang. Thanks to all our veterans and to those who came to honor our men and women in service.

Chicken and Dumping Supper

Immanuel Praise and Worship Center in Cobden has a chicken and dumping dinner the third Saturday of each month from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Donations for the meal.

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.

Salem Lutheran Church, Jonesboro

The free community meal is on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Get Well List

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Pictured are Joshua and Abigail Song, grandchildren of Doug and Beth Hileman. They are great-grandchildren of Bill and Bonnie Hileman and Norm and Barb Bauer. They are in the snow in the White Mountains near Milford, N.H.



Caroline Hanson and Elijah Ellis, members of A-JCHS Wildcat band, decorated Mason jars for their next fundraiser for cookies, brownies and corn bread they will be selling at Anna Art Center's Christmas in Downtown Anna Nov. 26 craft fair.

Anna News

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many unspoken prayer requests. Please keep them in your prayers.

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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.

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Flag pole, flag donated
WoodmenLife Chapter 26 of Anna has donated a flag pole and flag to the Union County Housing Authority office, which is located at 131 Hillside Terrace in Anna. From left are WoodmenLife representative Richard Stroh and Union County Housing Authority director Richard Kerns. Photo provided.

Flag pole, flag donated to Union County Housing Authority office in Anna

On Oct. 24, WoodmenLife Chapter 26 of Anna donated a flag pole and flag to the Union County Housing Authority office, which is located at 131 Hillside Terrace Anna.

The Union County Housing Authority has served Union County by providing affordable housing to the county for approximately 50 years.

The housing authority currently provides 394

apartments in five towns in the county.

The apartments are available to those who meet the federal guidelines for low income status.

WoodmenLife is a fraternal life insurance society offering life, health and annuity products.

WoodmenLife is also a not-for-profit organization dedicated to benefiting the membership and the communities they live in.

One of WoodmenLife's goals is to promote patriotism. The donation to the housing authority of the flag and flag pole accomplished that goal; it also added to the landscaping at the office facility.

The donation was to honor and bring to remembrance those who died in the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

A bronze plaque was placed at the foot of the pole to remind all who pass by of the loss the country suffered at the hands of terrorists.

WoodmenLife operates in all 50 states and has nearly 1,000 chapters and a membership of more than 700,000 people.

DAR chapter meeting held at Vienna Library

By Dixie Terry

Following the Veterans Day program on Nov. 11, the Daniel Chapman Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution had its regular meeting in the community room of the Vienna Carnegie Library in Vienna.

Prior to the business session, the members and guests had a lunch, which was catered by Connie Lowery.

The hostesses were Susan Whitemountain, Lee Hackney, Cathy Warmack and Mary Obourn. The meeting was called to order by regent Juanita Broyles.

That was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, the American's Creed and the Preamble to the Constitution.

The president general's message was read by Linda Minnis.

Lee Hackney read the October minutes and Sandy Boaz provided the treasurer's report. Both were approved for recording.

Emily Meyer reported for registrar Marilyn Meisenheimer, who was unable to attend.

Committee reports included: American Indi-

an Minute, Sandy Boaz; Conservation, Virginia Street; DAR Schools, Linda Minnis; Service for Veterans, Lee Hackney; Literacy Promotion, Doda Starkey, who told about the new books provided by the chapter for the Carnegie Library. The books were presented to Margaret Mathis, librarian.

Members were reminded to email their volunteer hours of the past year to the state NSDAR. Last year the chapter reported almost 5,000 volunteer hours.

Lee Hackney provided

a quiz, "How Well Do You Know the Constitution?"

The nominating committee for officers for 2017-2018 included Cara Webb, Cathy Warmack, Bonnie Hogue and Sandy Boaz.

A member of the Long Knives Sons of the American Revolution, Jim Wallace of Creal Springs, was present to request the assistance and cooperation of the Daniel Chapman Chapter, in providing grave markers and signage at the burial locations of Revolutionary War veterans in this area.

Two other guests were

recognized: Diane Martin, a DAR member of the Louisiana Purchase Chapter in Missouri; and member, Kristin Brown of Leesburg, Va., who is visiting her mother, member Sharon Brown, of Paducah.

The chapter's Dec. 5 meeting is planned at the Carnegie Library at 5:30 p.m., with a potluck dinner provided by members.

Marlene Rivero of Grand Chain will provide the program, with a reenactment of a historical person. Husbands and guests will be welcomed.



Free classes
Vina's Dance Studio in Anna plans to host Zumba classes for free through the end of the year. The classes are scheduled to meet on Sundays at 1 p.m., Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. and Fridays at 6:15 p.m. For more information about the classes, visit www.vinsdance.com; and email vinsdance@gmail.com before attending.

Television Listing

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2016

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Sports (HD)	2 Broke	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	"Adventures in Babysitting" (16) (NR)	"U.N.C.L.E." Tonight	★★★ "The Happening" (08)	(15) Masters of Sex (HD)
7 PM	Grey's Anatomy (HD)	Big Bang Indoors	Rosewood (HD)	(20) Thursday Night Football New Orleans Saints at Carolina Panthers (Live)	College Football Louisville Cardinals at Houston Cougars (Live) (HD)	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	(45) Milo	★★★ "Batman Returns" (92) Batman vs. Penguin (HD)	"Crimson Peak" (15, Horror) Mysterious home. (HD)	One & Done/ Ben Simmons Ben Simmons profile.
8 PM	Notorious "Choice" (HD)	(01) Mom Pieces (HD)	Pitch Kangaroo court.			Big Bang	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Girl World			
9 PM	Get Away with Murder (HD)	Pure Genius (HD)	Local Programs			Big Bang	Falling Water "The Swift"	The Lodge	Divorce	"Stream 2" (97) David Arquette. Horror begin again.	Shameless A new school. Gigolos
10 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs		SportsCenter (HD)	Conan (HD)	(01) Law & Order: SVU	Stuck Mid. Undercover	(15) "Underfire Tony Vaccaro" (16)		Gigolos
11 PM	Nightline	(37) Corden	Local Programs	(05) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Billy On Conan (HD)	Shooter "Point of Impact"	Girl World Best Frnds	"Agent 47"		Masters of Sex (HD)

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2016

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA Countdown (Live)	Seinfeld	Mod Family	Stuck Mid. BUNKD	Fight Game	(5:05) "Foot's Gold" (08)	"Zoolander" Model killer.
7 PM	Man Stand. Dr. Ken	MacGyver "Chisel" (HD)	Hell's Kitchen (HD)	Caught on Camera (HD)	NBA Basketball Golden State Warriors at Boston Celtics (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	Mod Family	Liv Maddie	★★★ "Ride Along 2" (16) Ice Cube. Drug investigation.	"Le Divorce" (03, Comedy) Cultural differences (HD)	★★★ "American Wedding" (03) (R) (HD)
8 PM	Shark Tank (HD)	Hawaii Five-0 (HD)	(01) The Exorcist (HD)	Dateline NBC (HD)		Big Bang	Mod Family	The Lodge			"Sleeping with Other People" (15) Platonic attempt.
9 PM	(01) 20/20 (HD)	Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs Local info.			Big Bang	Mod Family	Stuck Mid.	All Def Comedy (HD)	"Fifty Shades of Grey" (15) Sexual exploration. (HD)	Shameless A new school.
10 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Clippers at Sacramento Kings (Live)	ELEAGUE "Group D Play-OS:GO" (HD)	Mod Family	Bizaardvark	Ullman's		Shameless A new school.
11 PM	Nightline	(37) Corden	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	Late Night	2 Broke	Mod Family	The Lodge	Ullman's	"Passionate Intentions"	Masters

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2016

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Extra (Live)	Local Programs	College Football "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	2 Broke (HD)	NCIS "Child's Play" (HD)	"Brave" Unintended curse.	"Definitely, Maybe" (08)	"Trouble with the Curve"	The Affair "9" (HD)
7 PM	Local info.	Local info.	College Football "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	"Free Birds" (13) Turkeys travel to first Thanksgiving.		Big Bang	NCIS "Sins of the Father"	"Tangled" (10) Long-haired princess trapped in tower.	"Race" (16) Jesse Owens faces adversity at Olympics.	★★★ "Magic Mike XXL" (15) Channing Tatum. Moving on.	The Affair "10" (HD)
8 PM	(07) College Football "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	NCIS: Military crimes. (HD)	Hell's Kitchen (HD)			Big Bang	NCIS "Shell Shock (Part 1)"	The Lodge			"Black Hawk Down" (02) U.S. soldiers are cornered in Somalia. (HD)
9 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Saturday Night Live (HD)	Scoreboard	Big Bang	NCIS "Shell Shock (Part 2)"	Bizaardvark	Westworld "Trompe L'oeil"	"Search Party" (16) Rescue mission. (HD)	Shameless A new school.
10 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	College Football "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Frontal (HD)	Mod Family	BUNKD (HD)	(15) "Old School" (03) Wacky fraternity.	"The Sweetest Thing" A single woman.	The Affair (HD)
11 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	(29) Saturday Night Live Sketch comedy.		People (HD)	Mod Family	Best Frnds			Shameless A new school.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2016

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Funnies Home Videos (HD)	NFL (Live) 60 Minutes (HD)	Simpsons	Football America (Live) (HD)	Wom Bball	"The Wizard of Oz" (39) Trans-ported to a magical land.	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Elena Availor	"Race" (16) Jesse Owens faces adversity at Olympics.	(5:30) "Krampus" (15) (HD)	The Affair Trial takes turn.
7 PM	2016 American Music Awards (HD)	NCIS: L.A. "Glasnost" (HD)	Simpsons	(20) Sunday Night Football Green Bay Packers at Washington Redskins from FedEx Field (Live) (HD)	Champ.	Big Bang	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Liv Maddie (40) BUNKD		(10) "Tropic Thunder" (08) Ben Stiller. Cues less heroes.	Shameless A new school.
8 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	Drone Racing League (T)	Big Bang	NCIS "Shell Shock (Part 2)"	The Lodge	Westworld "Trace Decay"		Shameless (HD)
9 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	Drone Racing League (T)	Big Bang	NCIS "Shell Shock (Part 2)"	The Lodge	Divorce (HD)	"The Green Inferno" (13) Amazon terror.	The Affair (HD)
10 PM	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	People (HD)	Mod Family	BUNKD (HD)	Insecure		Shameless (HD)
11 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Dateline NBC (HD)	Sports (HD)	1/2 "Home Alone 4" (02) Boy protects home.	Mod Family	Austin & Ally	Divorce (HD)	"We Are Your Friends" Hollywood DJ. (R)	The Affair (HD)

MONDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2016

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Monday Countdown (Live)	Family Guy	Mod Family	(5:05) "Little Giants" (94)	"Minority Report" (02)	★★★ "Crimson Peak" (15)	The Affair (HD)
7 PM	Dancing with the Stars (HD)	Kevin Wait Man Plan	Gotham Threat exposed.	The Voice "Live Top 11 Performances" (HD)	(15) Monday Football Houston Texans vs Oakland Raiders (Live) (HD)	Family Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	BUNKD	"Marathon: The Patriot's Day Bombing" (16) (HD)	"The Other Side of the Door" (16) Life and death.	Shameless (HD)
8 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local		Family Guy		Bizaardvark	Westworld "Trace Decay"		The Affair (HD)
9 PM	(01) Conviction (HD)	Scorpion "Mother Load"	Local Programs	(01) Timeless "Stranded"		Family Guy		Walk Prank	"I Love You, Man" Quest for best man.	★★★ "Solaris" (02) Psychology in space.	Shameless (HD)
10 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	(20) SportsCenter with Scott Van Pelt (HD)	Search	Shooter "Point of Impact"	Stuck Mid.	Westworld "Trace Decay"	"Cloud Atlas" (12) Impact over time.	The Affair (HD)
11 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Dateline NBC (HD)	Sports (HD)	People (HD)	CSI: Crime "King Baby"	Best Frnds	Ullman's		Shameless (HD)

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 22, 2016

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	CFB Playoff: Top 25	Seinfeld	NCIS "Ice man" (HD)	BUNKD	"Divergent: Allegiant"	"San Andreas" (15) (HD)	(5:00) "Zero Days" (16)
7 PM	The Middle	NCIS "Enemy Combatant"	Brooklyn New Girl	The Voice (HD)	2016 MLS Cup Playoffs Toronto FC vs Montreal	Big Bang	WWE SmackDown (HD)	Liv Maddie	Westworld (HD)	"Unbreakable" (00) Bruce Willis. Man's new powers.	Shameless (HD)
8 PM	Dancing with the Stars (HD)	Bull "Never Saw the Sign"	Local Programs	Chicago Fire "That Day"		Big Bang		Undercover	Westworld "Trace Decay"		Inside the NFL (HD)
9 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	Shooter "Exfil" (HD)	Walk Prank	Real Sports - Gumbel	"The Happening" A suicide epidemic.	Florida (HD)
10 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local		Search	(01) Law & Order: SVU	Stuck Mid.	Insecure		Florida (HD)
11 PM	Nightline	(37) Corden	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	Sports (HD)	2 Broke	(01) Law & Order: SVU	The Lodge	"Batman" (89) A masked vigilante. (HD)	(15) "Term Life" (16) On the run. (HD)	"Zero Days" (16) (HD)

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2016

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs at Charlotte Hornets (Live) (HD)	Seinfeld	NCIS "Wife and mistress."	"Despicable Me" (10) Next big heist.	"Bourne" (45) "Race" (16) Jesse Owens faces adversity at Olympics. (HD)	"Magnolia" (00, Drama) Jeremy Irons. "Why Did I Get Married?" (07) A sobering reunion.	"The Ladies Man" (00)
7 PM	Thanks. (HD)	Survivor: Millennials (HD)	Lethal Weapon (HD)	Parade (HD)		Big Bang	NCIS "Charade" (HD)	(45) Milo			
8 PM	Mod Family	Survivor: Millennials (HD)	Empire Lucius' legacy.	Saturday Night Live "SNL Thanksgiving 2016" (HD)	NBA Basketball Minnesota vs New Orleans (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	NCIS "Return to Sender"	BUNKD	Westworld "Trace Decay"	★★★ "Malcolm X" (92, Drama) Civil rights activist becomes a leader. (PG-13) (HD)	The Affair (HD)
9 PM	20/20 (HD)	Code Black Mass suicide.	Local Programs	Local		Big Bang	NCIS "Homefront" (HD)	Walk Prank	Best Frnds		
10 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local		Search	Mod Family	Stuck Mid.	All Def Comedy (HD)		"Mission: Impossible III" (00) Virus leak threat. (HD)
11 PM	Nightline	(37) Corden	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	2 Broke	Mod Family	Girl World	"Insidious: Chapter 3"		

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Opinion and Commentary

IDNR reminds hunters to make safety a priority

Most hunting incidents involve tree stands

Hunters in Illinois are being reminded to make safety a top priority, especially during the state's busiest hunting seasons this fall.

"There is no better place to participate in and celebrate our hunting heritage than right here in Illinois during the fall," Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, director Wayne Rosenthal said in a news release. "No matter the hunting seasons, we want hunters to enjoy their time in the field, and to be safe while doing so."

Through Nov. 9, the IDNR Office of Law Enforcement, which administers the state's hunter safety education program, had investigated 10 hunting incidents so far during 2016, eight of which involved hunters falling from elevated tree stands or falling while climbing into or out of tree stands.

In 2015, there were 25 hunting incidents reported in all hunting seasons in Illinois. Among the hunting incidents reported last year, 15 involved tree stands.

IDNR reminds hunters who use tree stands to use a Fall Arrest System, FAS, safety harness. Nationally, more than 80 percent of reported tree stand incidents involve hunters who were not using a fall restraint system.

Hunters should also check the harness, straps, ladder and other equipment before use to make sure they are in working order; be aware of weather conditions that could make stands and steps slippery; and, have within reach a mobile phone to call for help, if needed. Hunters can review tree stand safety online at <http://www.huntercourse.com/treestandafety/>

Safety educators and IDNR Conservation Police also remind everyone hunting with a firearm to:

- Treat every firearm as if it is loaded, and never assume a firearm is unloaded.
- Always point a firearm in a safe direction.
- Be sure of the target, and make sure there are no other hunters, homes, buildings, vehicles or other animals beyond the target.
- Keep their finger out of the trigger guard and off the trigger until they are ready to shoot.

Illinois' most popular hunting season, the seven-day firearm deer season, begins on Friday through Sunday, Nov. 18-20, and will conclude on Thursday through Sunday, Dec. 1-4.

The Illinois firearm deer season legal hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

Hunters who take a deer during the firearm season in most Illinois counties must register the deer they harvest online, or through a toll-free phone check-in system. The online deer registration is available through this link: <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/Pages/HarvestReporting.aspx>

The toll-free phone deer registration line is 1-866-IL-CHECK (1-866-452-4325). Hunters registering deer through the online or phone systems must do so by 10 p.m. on the day they take the deer.

In addition to the seven-day Illinois firearm deer season, other deer hunting seasons in the state include the three-day muzzleloader-only deer season on Dec. 9-11, and the seven-day split late-winter firearm antlerless-only deer season and special CWD deer season (in select counties) Dec. 29, 2016, through Jan. 1, 2017, and Jan. 13-15, 2017.

The Illinois archery deer season, which opened on Oct. 1, is open through Jan. 15, 2017 (except when it is closed in counties open during the firearm deer season on Nov. 18-20 and Dec. 1-4).

For more information about Illinois deer hunting regulations, visit www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/deer.

Page from the Past

From the files of The Gazette-Democrat

50 Years Ago, November 17, 1966

Union County joined the entire nation in changing some of its voting habits by the lowering of some Democratic counts and in two instances, voting for Republican candidates to the extent that they carried Union County.

A Thanksgiving service will be held at Kornthal Memorial Church on Sunday, Nov. 20, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Many joint Thanksgiving services will be held in Union County in commemoration of Thanksgiving, 1966, and people of all faiths are invited to take part and join in returning thanks for the many blessings of the past year.

Union County schools will close on Thursday and Friday, November 24th and 25th for Thanksgiving vacation.

The installation of a Central Oxygen System is being considered for use at the Union County Hospital.

Trinity Lutheran Church has a new pastor. He is the Rev. Clifford D. Hunt who was installed on November 6 at the church at 205 West Jefferson.

In conjunction with American Education Week, Freshmen Parent Night was held at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Tuesday, Nov. 8.

The Carroll P. Foster Post 3455 will have a Perpetual Charter Ceremony and dance on Saturday night, November 19.

The A-J Music Parents Club is serving their annual Turkey Dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. this Friday, Nov. 18, in the cafeteria at the Anna-Jonesboro High School.

The Senior class of the Alto Pass Community High School is presenting a play for the public. It is Friday, Nov. 18, at the High School gym, at 7:30 p.m., and the name of the play is "Be Happy? Go Wacky?"

Coach Larry Davis' Wildcats closed out their 1966 football campaign with a thrilling 7-6 victory over the visiting Nashville Hornets in their final conference contest Friday afternoon in Anna.

Please read this. . .

by Geof Skinner

Chatting with Mr. Lincoln after 2016 election

Wednesday morning, November 9...the sun rose in the east, just like normal...

...Thursday morning, November 10...the sun rose in the east, just like normal...

...wow. Two days in a row. Life went on. Which was good. Very good. Very reassuring.

Given the story which unfolded during the vaguely fascinating presidential election campaign of 2016 (you know, the campaign which started sometime back in 1924), one might have thought the end result could have been the equivalent of the Apocalypse, an epic, end-of-the-world disaster heralded by the Four Horse people, accompanied by a sound track featuring the music of Gabriel's trumpet.

Such was not the case. Thank goodness. On the day after the 2016 election, which now is starting to seem like ancient history, the sun came up. Life went on. And so it should.

Given the craziness of our recently completed election campaign, which, at least in this writer's very humble opinion, was about as divisive and caustic as could be, I thought it would be nice to pay a visit to one of our local landmarks, just to take in a bit of history, enjoy the calm, and, pretty much, just sit.

So, shortly after 2 o'clock in the p.m. last Thursday, I motored to the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro. The day was sunny, a little bit cool, not bad, though. The sky was a bright blue. Not a cloud was to be seen.

I got out of the car, and just kind of looked around. Many, but not all, of the trees at the picnic grounds, had lost their leaves. A squirrel was chattering. Off in the distance, a crow called.

I sat down on a bench for a little while. The remains of what appeared to have been a walnut were on the bench. A squirrel's lunch, perhaps? As I sat on the bench, a dry leaf from a sweet gum tree rattled across the bricks beneath my feet.

As you may know, the picnic grounds are the home of statues of Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas, two of the more important men in the rich history of our nation. The two came to Jonesboro in September of 1858 for one of the most important events to have happened in Union County.

A plaque on display at the picnic grounds explains what happened: "On the afternoon of September the 15th, 1858 upon this acre in the Jonesboro Fair-Grounds and as rival candidates for the United States Senatorship from the State of Illinois, Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas met in the third joint-debate of the seven Lincoln-Douglas Debates.

"Upon the principles set forth here the Senate election was lost to Mr. Lincoln, but he did gain much prominence nationally and was elected to the presidency in 1860, served as Civil-War president, was re-elected in 1864.



Statues of Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Douglas stand, steadfast, at the picnic grounds in Jonesboro.



Mr. Lincoln (or, Mr. Lincoln's statue) peers through a couple of trees at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds.

"He truly was Illinois' gift: 'The Man for the Ages.' This debate cast a long shadow upon the pages of history." As did the two men themselves, although I'm thinking that the shadow cast Mr. Lincoln on the pages of history may have been just a little bit longer than Mr. Douglas's.

In the little fantasy world which I sometimes call home, I had a bit of a chat with Mr. Lincoln. He didn't say much. Actually, he didn't say anything. He just listened.

Maybe that was the message. Maybe we should all spend a little less time talking, and a little bit more time listening. Well, enough pontificating. You folks probably had enough of that during the election campaign. Just think, in four years, we get to do it again...



The statue of Mr. Douglas, the Little Giant, was casting a rather lengthy shadow on a sunny autumn afternoon.

Commentary

Sharing words of support for new president

By Mike Estel

Anyone who knows me has little doubt who I supported for president. I was never a fan of the former reality television personality who was recently named the leader of this great nation.

I don't think a lot of people would argue the fact that the choices in the race were not the two best people in the country running.

However, the polls before the election throughout the country were completely wrong. They had Hillary Clinton winning before the election ever began and they even got out of the starting gates.

It does appear that the people in the country wanted a change and they made their choice in a big, big way.

The decision has now been made and we now have a person in office who will be in charge for the next four years. I'm just a little reluctant, but I'm pulling very hard for him to succeed.

He has stuck his foot in his mouth a lot during his campaign on more than one occasion and I hope he has learned a lesson and keeps away from that kind of behavior while he is in command of the top office in the nation.

I'm going to give him the benefit of the doubt and hope he picks top notch advisers to some of these coveted posts to help run the country.

It appears to me that his success will rely heavily on some of these choices.

I will admit, I do like his vice president choice

Michael R. Pence. He has already contradicted his boss several times during the lengthy campaign. He seems like a very sharp individual and someone who could easily step into the top position if the situation warranted it.

Hillary Clinton and President Barack Obama have now both made very conciliatory speeches after the election and wished him success in his new position. I believe that showed a lot of character from both.

He will be the new commander in chief and I will show my support and respect for him as a loyal American citizen. Besides, this is being part of a free society and the people have now spoken.

For the future of the country, I'm hoping for the best and that he performs the job well and does an outstanding job. The country needs it right now and is counting on him.

Book signing set at museum

Author Mike Estel of Anna has had his 12th book published by Chaplain Publishing in Lubbock, Texas.

The book, a work of historical fiction titled "Bugle Boys in Harm's Way," is about a 12-year-old from Southern Illinois who joins the U.S. Army to serve as a bugle boy during the Civil War.

A book signing is scheduled at the Union County Museum in Cobden from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 20.