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News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area.



A candle was aglow last Sunday afternoon at the historic St. Anne's Church in Anna. The PAST organization hosted its annual Carols at Candlelight event at the local landmark.

An American Red Cross blood drive is planned from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, today, at the First Baptist Church in Anna.

Bobby Toler Jr. is the new chairman of the Union County Board of Commissioners. Max Miller is vice chairman.

Students at Union County schools have been honored as Illinois State Scholars. More on this to come.

The successful WIBH Radio New Coats, New Hope Campaign has scheduled distribution days on Dec. 15 and Dec. 28 at Two Rivers Child Advocacy Center in Anna.

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Holocaust survivor speaks at Shawnee High School

'Be kind...good...respectful...tolerant of each other'

By Amber Skelton

Students and faculty at Shawnee High School at Wolf Lake, along with guests from Cairo High School, were given a chilling reminder of how dark the world can be when Marion Blumenthal Lazan told the story of spending her formative years in a Nazi concentration camp during the Holocaust in Germany.

The Holocaust survivor shared her special message during a presentation Monday morning at Shawnee High School.

Her presentation, however, was not a story of fear and anger at her treatment, but one of hope.

Lazan's family of four had planned to immigrate to America from Germany in 1940 and had the paperwork and tickets in hand in November of 1938, but Kristallnacht, "the night of broken glass," changed their plans. That night, Jewish businesses, homes, synagogues, schools and hospitals were attacked and Jewish people in Germany were beaten, killed or ar-

rested in order to later be transported to concentration camps. Jews were afterwards taxed by Germany for the damages.

Lazan's father, Walter, was taken for 10 days along with many other Jewish men, but he was released due to his immigration papers. A few years before, he had been awarded the Iron Cross in the German military.

In May of 1940, the Blumenthals were not able to immigrate to America as planned. Eventually they

were taken to Westerbork, a deportation camp in the Netherlands that had formerly served as a refugee camp before it was taken over by Nazi Germany.

From Westerbork, people were transferred to one of four concentration camps on cattle cars nearly every Tuesday between July 1942 and September 1944. An estimated 107,000 people passed through Westerbork in the years it was open. Only 5,200 survived.

In January 1944, Lazan and her family were taken to Bergen-Belsen, a con-

centration camp in Northern Germany, when she was 9 years old. She remembered the electrified barbed wire fences and constantly sweeping search lights, cramming 600 people into bunkers made for 100, frost bite and once-a-month showers that were filled with fear.

She was still made to wear the Star of David in the camp in the hope that she and her family could've been exchanged for German nationals in Palestine. That hope was never fulfilled.

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Meeting with students

Marion Blumenthal Lazan sat with students while she was at Shawnee High School. Photo by Amber Skelton.



Star of David

Marion Blumenthal Lazan held up the Star of David that she was forced to wear as a child living through the Holocaust in Germany. On Monday, Lazan gave a presentation about her story to Shawnee High School at Wolf Lake and guests from Cairo High School. Photo by Amber Skelton.

Cobden Junior-Senior High earns recognition

Cobden Junior-Senior High School has been recognized by Solution Tree for its sustained success in raising student achievement.

The Union County school was recognized as a Model Professional Learning Community at Work.

Cobden Junior-Senior High School was one of about 200 schools and districts in the United States and Canada to receive the honor.

Solution Tree notes on its website that since 1998, it has worked with educators on their professional development needs. Its office for North America is in Bloomington, Ind.

The website explains that Solution Tree "delivers comprehensive professional development to schools and districts around the world.

"Solution Tree has em-

powered K-12 educators to raise student achievement through a wide range of services and products including educator conferences, customized district solutions for long-term professional development, books, videos and online courses."

Cobden Junior-Senior High School's successful implementation of the Professional Learning Communities, PLC, at Work process was called a major contributing factor in the improved achievement of its students.

A news release which detailed information about the honor received by Cobden Junior-Senior High School explained that PLCs are schools and districts in which educators recognize the key to improved learning for students is ongoing, job-embedded learning for

the adults who serve those students.

The "three big ideas" of a PLC call upon educators to:

- Focus on learning.
- Build a collaborative culture.
- Create a results orientation.

"I am so proud of this honor, proud of our faculty and staff and very proud to be a model PLC school," Cobden Junior-Senior High School principal Crystal Housman said.

"We work very hard to ensure academic success for all students and it is nice to receive recognition for this commitment."

Cobden teacher and PLC team member Nathan Emrick said the recognition "is such an incredible accomplishment for our school.

"We as a staff have worked diligently alongside

our administrators to completely change the culture and focus of our school and it's really nice to be recognized for that. I cannot wait to see what this opportunity to work with Solution Tree will bring for our school."

School counselor and PLC team member Charlee Forson said: "It makes me so happy to see Cobden Junior-Senior High faculty and students' efforts to encourage high levels of learning be recognized at this level.

"This proves, that as a small school, we can and are on the cutting edge of educational practice despite limited resources and the small school obstacles."

Schools earn recognition based on strict criteria, including demonstration of a commitment to PLC concepts, implementation of the concepts for at least

three years and clear evidence of improved student learning over that period.

Once measurable results can be seen, the school must explain its practices, structures and culture and submit its application for consideration by the PLC review committee.

Solution Tree notes that educators in the schools and districts which are selected for the recognition have shown a sustained commitment to helping all of their students to achieve at high levels.

They have been willing to alter the structure and culture of the organization to reflect their commitment.

Recognized PLC model schools are listed online at allthingsplc.info, where they share implementation strategies, structures and performance with other educators who are interested in improving their schools.



Union County officials take office

Union County officials who were elected, or reelected, in November took their oaths of office Thursday morning, Dec. 1. The oaths were administered during a ceremony held in a courtroom at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro. A large crowd was on hand for the event. The oaths were administered by Union County Presiding Judge Mark M. Boie. From left are Union County Coroner Phil Hileman, Union County Commissioner Dale Foster, Union County Commissioner Dale Russell, Judge Boie, Union County Circuit Clerk Tiffany Busby and Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds.





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Addressing assembly
Marion Blumenthal Lazan, right, addresses an assembly on Monday at Shawnee High School. Photo by Amber Skelton.

Holocaust survivor shares message of tolerance

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Lazan's parents and her brother Albert managed to stay together throughout, though men and women were separated in the camp. Lazan and her mother were each able to share a bunk with a parent, though many in the bunkers were forced to sleep next to a stranger, sharing one thin blanket.

Lazan recalled being hopeful upon seeing a wagon filled with what she thought was firewood, hoping to warm up the unused fireplace in her bunker. The "firewood" turned out to be the naked bodies of dead prisoners.

"Death was an everyday occurrence," she said.

The prison guards did everything they could to break inmates physically, spiritually and mentally.

Lazan kept herself going by creating imaginative games, particularly the daily search for four pebbles of the same size and shape. She told herself if she could find similar pebbles, one for each member of her family, they would all survive.

"I cheated all the time,"

she said of her game. If she found all four pebbles, she would hide them in a special place in case she couldn't find them another day. "It was my game. Guess who made the rules?"

Her mother worked in the kitchen of Bergen-Belsen. She once smuggled the ingredients to make soup into their bunk, with Marion hiding any signs of it. However, a surprise inspection frightened them, knocking over the hot soup onto Marion's leg, burning it and leaving it open for infections that couldn't be treated.

The Blumenthals were among the last group to be sent to death camps from Bergen-Belsen in the spring of 1945. They were en route for longer than was normal for that trip due to Germany's attempted invasions of Allied powers. The prisoners were allowed to fill their needs on stops but were still threatened Allied air raids. Lazan's burned leg had become severely infected by then.

The Russian army liberated their train and eventually helped the passengers

to a nearby village where they were treated.

At 11 years old, Lazan weighed just 35 pounds.

Many of the passengers, including Lazan and her father, were ill with typhus at the time. Walter died in the village, just six weeks after their liberation. Albert, who was 12 years old, helped bury him.

"It still has not become easy. I separate myself from it ever having happened to me," she told the audience at Shawnee High School. "And that is how I deal with it."

The next few years of Lazan's life included receiving her first formal education and learning three new languages, including English, so she could function in her new American school in Peoria. Her mother, who died last year, one month short of her 105th birthday, managed to stay with both of her children throughout the immigration to America.

Today, Lazan is cheerful, funny, optimistic and kind. She celebrated her 63rd anniversary with her husband Nathaniel in August of this

year, she has three married children, nine grandchildren and two great-granddaughters. Her book, "Four, Perfect Pebbles," is in its 28th printing and has been translated into many different languages. A documentary, "Marion's Triumph," tells the story of her experiences.

"My life today is full and rewarding," she said.

She had some specific words for the students.

"The horror of the Holocaust must be taught," she said. She asked that the students share her story and others with their kids and grandchildren. "In a few short years, we will not be here anymore to give a first-hand account. You must prevent our past from becoming your future."

"Respect for one another must begin in our homes. Let us look for similarities and respect the differences. Be kind and good and respectful and tolerant of each other. Don't blindly follow a leader. Never judge a group by the actions of some. Check in with your moms and dads and don't ever, ever, ever give up hope."

Robbery suspect in custody, charged

A Union County man was taken into custody last week in connection with an investigation into three reported armed robberies which had been committed in Anna.

The arrest of the suspect was reported in a message which was posted at 8:53 p.m. on Nov. 29 on the Anna Police Department's Facebook page.

The suspect has been identified as Chadrick Deon Miller, 29, of 2955 Dogwalk Rd., Anna.

The Anna Police Department posting stated that authorities believed the suspect is associated with robberies that occurred at Capaha Bank, Hardee's and Farm Fresh, all in Anna.

The Anna Police Department was assisted by the Union County Sheriff's Office and the Illinois State Police in the arrest of the suspect.

Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds said that Miller initially was charged on Nov. 30 with aggravated robbery in connection with the incident involving Capaha Bank.

The charge alleges that Miller took U.S. currency from the bank by threatening a teller "with the imminent use of force, and while indicating verbally that he was armed with a firearm."

The suspect had his first appearance in Union County Circuit Court in Jonesboro on Thursday morning, Dec. 1.

Union County Presiding Judge Mark Boie set Miller's bond at \$100,000.

Miller remains in custody at the Jackson County Jail in Murphysboro.

Further charges were expected to be filed early this week.

Special patrols conducted

Illinois State Police District 22 conducted special alcohol countermeasure and traffic enforcement patrols during November in Union County.

Lt. Michael Alvey, the interim commander of District 22, announced results tallied during the patrols.

Alvey said that the alcohol countermeasure enforcement patrols focused on preventing, detecting and taking enforcement action in response to violations associated with impaired driving and illegal transportation or consumption of alcohol or drugs.

Statistics reported from the patrols included two citations in the "other alcohol/drug" category, three occupant restraint offenses, two registration offenses, three driver's license offenses, a total of 15 citations and arrests and 25 total written warnings.

Alvey noted in a news release that "alcohol and

drug impairment is a factor in more than 30 percent of all fatal motor vehicle crashes in Illinois.

"There is one alcohol-related traffic fatality every 53 minutes in the United States."

He said that alcohol countermeasure enforcement patrols "allow officers to work even harder at removing dangerous DUI offenders from the road."

The special traffic enforcement patrols focused on increased enforcement of impaired driving, occupant restraint, speeding and distracted driving violations.

The patrols resulted in 29 citations and warnings for speeding, 24 total citations and 12 total written warnings.

Alvey advised motorists that "driving the posted speed limit, sober, not distracted, and buckled up, will save your life and the lives of many others."

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Thank you to Lorraine Moreland for her many years of service as Union County circuit clerk.

Shop with a Cop/ Firefighter events were planned Tuesday event and Wednesday evening in Anna. More than 40 young people from Anna were expected to participate in the special event involving the Anna police and fire departments.

The Auxiliary to the Anna VFW post is planning to have a cookie/candy exchange on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 18. The event will be at the post home near Anna.

Fall commencement

ceremonies are planned Dec. 17 at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Commencement is set for 2 p.m. at the SIU Arena.

Changes are underway at the Kroger store in Anna.

A facelift also is underway at the Anna DQ.

Santa Claus is scheduled to be at the visitors center at Fort Massac State Park in Metropolis from noon to 3 p.m. on Dec. 17.

The U.S. Forest Service reports that a number of seasonal closures are slated to begin during December.

Senior Citizen Day planned at Shawnee

Shawnee Community College is planning to host a Senior Citizen Day on Saturday, Dec. 10.

Activities are planned on the college's main campus near Ullin, starting at 2 p.m.

Senior citizens, aged 60 years and older, along with their families and friends, are invited to a chili supper at 2 p.m., which is complimentary to those 60 years of age and older.

A Shawnee Community College men's basketball game is slated to tip off at 3 p.m.

Senior citizens will receive free admission to the game.

For more information, contact Leslie Weldon at 618-634-3337.

Olde Tyme Christmas set

An Olde Tyme Christmas is planned from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at Fort Massac State Park in Metropolis.

The Massiac Marines are slated to be a part of the holiday season event, which will be at the visitors center at the park. They will show how a traditional Christmas might have been for the French soldier or villager in 1759.

Music, refreshments and decorations are planned at the visitors center.

Housing board meeting planned

The Union County Housing Authority board has scheduled its December meeting.

The meeting is set for 5 p.m. Dec. 14 in the housing authority's board room in Anna.

Holiday programs scheduled

'Tis the season...for Christmas holiday season programs at Union County public schools. The schedule of upcoming programs includes:

Lick Creek School, Dec. 16, 7 p.m.

Cobden Elementary School, Dec. 21, 12:30 p.m.

Cobden Junior-Senior High School, Dec. 18, 2 p.m.

Davie School, Anna, Dec. 13, 7 p.m.

Anna Junior High School, band and chorus, Dec. 15, 7 p.m.

Jonesboro School, Dec. 20, 6 p.m.

Dongola School, Dec. 13, 6:30 p.m.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, Dec. 13, 7 p.m.

Shawnee Junior/Senior High School, Wolf Lake, Dec. 11, 2 p.m.

'Night in Bethlehem' planned

The First Baptist Church in Cobden is planning to host "A Night in Bethlehem" from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 9-11.

The Christmas season event offers visitors an opportunity to see what life might have been like in Bethlehem during the time of the birth of Jesus.

Admission is free. Pre-registration is not a requirement, but is suggested. Reservations also will be taken.

Preregistration is available online at cobdenfbcc.com or by calling 618-697-1051 or 893-2261.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Cobden welcomes holiday season with Christmas in the Village

Cobden welcomed the holiday season with the eighth annual Christmas in the Village holiday celebration on Saturday, Dec. 3. Bazaars, open houses, carols, visits with Santa Claus, a live nativity scene and the lighting of Christmas trees in the park in downtown Cobden were among the many highlights of the day.



Santa Claus was on hand at The Old Feed Store to greet visitors of all ages who came to Cobden last Saturday for the Union County village's annual Christmas in the Village celebration. Santa, with some assistance from Charles Swedlund of Cobden, was joined by his helpers, Heather Ward, left, of Herrin, and Madison Swedlund-King of Herrin.



Angels from a collection belonging to Paula Stairs were on display in the parish hall at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. The event was cosponsored by the Union County Historical Society and members of the church.



Regan Roberts and Cole Roberts, both of Carbondale, brought their goats, Gilbert and Grayson, to be a part of a live nativity scene presented by the First Baptist Church of Cobden. The nativity scene was in downtown Cobden.



Visitors could meet some special friends who were brought to Christmas in the Village by the Union County animal control program. Cats and dogs were available and were looking for new homes, just in time for the holidays.

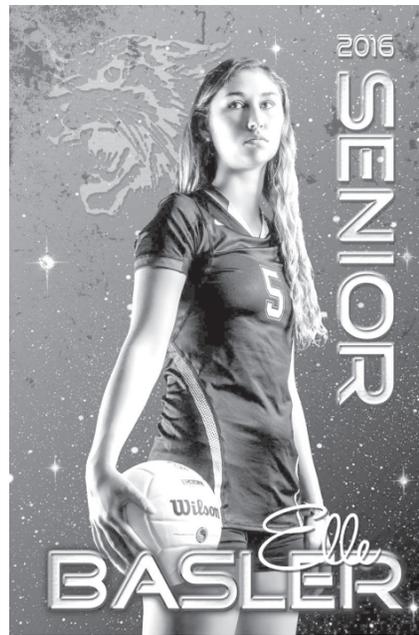


Nativity scenes were on display in the parish hall at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. The display was presented by the Union County Historical Society.



Christmas lights were in full display in the area around a new shelter in the park in downtown Cobden. The lights were turned on at around 5 p.m. Bells rang at Cobden churches at the time.

CONGRATULATIONS ELLE BASLER



Elle Basler has been named Volleyball Player of the Year by The Southern newspaper. She and the Wildcat team had 20 wins and a SIRR Mississippi Division championship. She now holds the honor of being the first volleyball player to have her jersey retired. Elle is a three sport standout and is being recruited by McKendree University to play soccer. She also excels academically and is currently tied for Valedictorian of her graduating class.

Best of luck Elle!

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SPORTS

A-J wrestling team opens with two wins

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School wrestling team opened its season with a pair of wins at Carterville Nov. 29.

The Wildcats defeated Benton and host Carterville.

A-J first place wrestlers are listed first:

A-J 48, Benton 31

113 pounds: Jacob Teller pinned Chris Morris in 1:42.

120 pounds: Catie Mays pinned Tyler Caroll in :28.

126 pounds: Aiden Frick pinned Trey Hosick in :55.

138 pounds: Nate Kisat pinned Isiah Doty in :22.

152 pounds: Arie Hart pinned Andrew Martin in 3:59.

160 pounds: Chris Johnson won by forfeit.

170 pounds: Ethan Krumrey pinned Jaron Pick-

lesmier in :58.

285 pounds; Nick Jimenez pinned Carsten Sanders in :19.

A-J 61, Carterville 6
113 pounds: Teller won by forfeit.

126 pounds; Frick pinned Matt Jones in 1:39.

132 pounds: Clayton Ramage won by forfeit.

138 pounds: Kisat decided Caleb Ward, 17-9.

145 pounds: Dylan Fox decided Bailey Hicks, 9-2.

152 pounds: Hart won by forfeit.

160 pounds: Chris Johnson pinned Tommy Kruse in 2:49.

170: Krumrey won by forfeit.

182 pounds: Kevin Wright won by forfeit.

285 pounds: Jimenez

pinned Keenan Williams in 1:01.

Shawnee goes winless at Trico Invitational

The Shawnee High School boys basketball team lost four games at the Trico Invitational last week.

Sparta 68, Shawnee 43: Austin Warren had 12 points to lead Shawnee in the loss in the invitational Saturday, Dec. 3.

Nicholas Rose had 10 points. Dawson Johnson added 9 points, Wyatt Harris and Tre Rains had 6 points apiece and Kannen Wills 2.

Red Bud 56, Shawnee 19: Red Bud was ahead 23-7 after the first quarter on its way to the tournament win Friday, Dec. 2.

Johnson had 7 points to lead Shawnee. Rose had 4 points, Warren and Nick

Baltzell had 3 apiece and Coby McLane and Wills 1 each.

Chester 78, Shawnee 24: The Yellowjackets pulled ahead 25-5 after one quarter on their way to the win in the tourney Tuesday, Nov. 29.

Warren and Wills had 6 points apiece to lead Shawnee. Trenton Matlock had 5 points and Rose 3.

Trico 76, Shawnee 17: The Pioneers led 20-2 after one quarter on their way to the win at the tournament Monday, Nov. 28.

Baltzell and Johnson scored 5 points apiece to lead the Redskins. Warren had 3 points and Kadin Carmack and Wills 2 apiece.

Student, teacher honored in Anna school district

Mike Bigler, with Farmers Insurance in Jonesboro, presented \$50 gift cards at two Anna District No. 37 schools on Monday, Nov. 28.



Avery Page, an 8th grade student at Anna Junior High School, was honored as the student-athlete of the month. Photo provided.



Tammy Smith, a kindergarten teacher at Lincoln Elementary School, was honored as the teacher of the month. Photo by Amber Skelton.

A-J girls win two, record goes to 5-1

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' basketball team won a pair of games in action last week.

A-J 48, Marion 46: Trailing after three quarters, the Lady Wildcats came back in the final quarter to post a win over host Marion Thursday, Dec. 1.

"Marion is very good," A-J coach Matt Denny said. "But our girls battled and persevered and know they can come back if they don't panic."

Marion led at every quarter break before A-J stormed back in the final quarter.

Elle Basler led the way for A-J with 19 points, 10 rebounds and 4 steals.

Angel Helm had 9 points, 3 rebounds and 2 steals. Jasmin Foster had 6 points, 2 steals and a rebound.

Julia Ellis had 6 points

and a steal. Connor Hadley had 3 points and 7 rebounds.

Lexa Sharp had 3 points. Caitlin Sawyer had 2 points and a rebound.

A-J 45, Nashville 39: The visiting Lady Wildcats fought back to win in double overtime in the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division game Tuesday, Nov. 29.

A-J trailed 29-17 after three periods before fighting back for a 31-31 tie in regulation play.

Basler had 13 points, 5 rebounds, 3 steals and an assist.

Helm had 13 points and 3 rebounds. Foster had 10 points and 3 rebounds.

Hadley had 6 points and 11 rebounds. Hunter Denny had 3 points and a rebound.

A-J, 5-1, is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at West Frankfort.

Cobden outscores Galatia in lone win at Vienna Tournament

The Cobden High School boys basketball team went 1-4 at the Vienna Tournament, which was played Nov. 21-26.

Cobden 78, Galatia 73: The Appleknockers built an early lead in the final game win in the tourney Saturday, Nov. 26.

John Russell had 20 points and 6 rebounds to lead Cobden. Clayton Eck added 17 points and 16 rebounds. Austin Lewey had 16 points, Joe Brumleve 9, and Dylan Lewey 8. Dylan Duty had 6 points and 5 rebounds and Connor Allen added 2 points.

Century 67, Cobden 50: Eck and Austin Lewey each scored 12 points and pulled down 4 rebounds apiece to lead Cobden in the tourney loss Friday, Nov. 25.

Brumleve added 10 points. Russell had 9 points and 6 rebounds and Dylan Lewey had 7 points.

Eldorado 71, Cobden 39: The Eagles built a 15-8 lead in the first quarter on their way to the tourney win Wednesday, Nov. 23.

Russell had 12 points and 7 rebounds to lead Cobden. Austin Lewey added

11 points and 3 rebounds. Dylan Lewey had 9 points. Brumleve had 3 points and Eck added 2 points and 2 rebounds and Duty had 2 points and a rebound.

Carrier Mills 56, Cobden 43: Russell had 17 points and 2 rebounds to lead Cobden in the tourney loss Tuesday, Nov. 22.

Eck had 12 points and 12 rebounds. Austin Lewey had 8 points and 5 rebounds. Duty had 4 points and 3 rebounds. Dylan Lewey had 2 points and 2 rebounds.

Vienna 67, Cobden 57: The Appleknockers fell behind 24-13 after one quarter and couldn't catch up in the tourney loss Monday, Nov. 21.

Russell scored 27 points to lead Cobden. Clayton Flamm added 7 points, Austin Lewey 6. Eck scored 5 points and had 4 rebounds. Zane Nance scored 5 points. Dylan Lewey had 3 points. Duty had 2 points and 8 rebounds and Brumleve scored 2 points and had 2 rebounds.

Cobden plays at home Friday against Joppa and Saturday at Anna-Jonesboro.

Cobden girls outscores in three recent games

The Cobden High School girls basketball team lost three games in recent action.

Meridian 67, Cobden 41: Meredith Flamm scored 25 points to lead host Cobden in the loss Thursday, Dec. 1.

Alaina Hartline added 13 points for the Appleknockers. Jenna Hartline had 2 points and Maddie Shoemate 1.

Christopher 59, Cobden 32: The host Appleknockers led 8-7 after one quarter and couldn't hold the lead in the loss Tuesday, Nov. 29.

Flamm had 15 points to lead Cobden. Jenna Hartline added 8 points, Alaina Hartline 6 and Katie Eck 3.

Steeleville 64, Cobden 41: The host Lady Warriors built a 22-9 first quarter lead on their way to the win Monday, Nov. 28.

Alaina Hartline had 22 points to lead the Appleknockers. Flamm added 12 points, Jenna Hartline 4, Shoemate 2 and Grace Rhodes 1.

Cobden is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at Egyptian.



Another successful hunt

Once again, Sonny Camden of Cobden was successful while deer hunting last fall. The deer had an unusual left antler. He only hunts with a bow. Photo provided.



Wildcats honored

Anna-Jonesboro's Jake Parr and Sheldon McGrath earned all-tournament selection honors at the Goreville Invitational Tournament. Both players are juniors. Photo provided.

Wildcats defeat Hardin County, take third at tournament

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' basketball team defeated Hardin County 58-42 to win third place at the Goreville Invitational Tournament Saturday, Dec. 3.

A-J 58, Hardin County 42: Jake Parr scored 26 points to lead the Wildcats to the win Saturday.

Sheldon McGrath and Jacob Zimmerman had 12 points apiece, Izzy Markovic 6 and Michael Hill 2.

The Wildcats were 7 out of 20 shots from the floor, 14 of 21 from 3-point range and 2 of 8 from the free throw line.

Parr and McGrath were selected to the all-tournament team.

A-J 60, Hamilton County 36: The Wildcats built an early lead and held on for the tourney win earlier on Saturday.

A-J was ahead 22-8 after one quarter and 36-19 at the half.

McGrath had 14 points to lead the Wildcats. Parr added 13 points, Logan Sawyer 10, Zimmerman 8, Cameron Tweedy 6, Carson Reynolds 5 and Jade Gillis 4.

A-J was 14 of 25 in shot attempts from the floor, 8 of 16 from 3-point range and 8 of 8 from the free throw line.

Hamilton County was 11 of 34 from the floor, 1 of 12 from 3-point range and 9 of 13 from the charity stripe.

"I was really pleased the way we came back and won two on Saturday after the loss to Benton Friday," A-J coach Mike Chamness said.

"We showed a lot of resiliency. It was a good first tournament for us and

we ended up with a pretty good week. I thought we played well at times. You always want to win, but with a lot of new guys I wanted to see just where we were at."

Benton 60, A-J 35: The Rangers built an early lead in the tourney win Friday, Nov. 30.

McGrath had 11 points to lead A-J. Parr added 8 points, Zimmerman, Markovic and Hill 4 points apiece and Ross Pinnon and Sawyer 2 each.

The Wildcats were 10 of 26 from the field, 1 of 8 from 3-point range and 12 of 19 from the charity stripe.

The Rangers were 13 of 32 from the floor, 7 of 18 from 3-point range and 10 of 11 from the free throw line.

Johnston City 66, A-J 56: The Wildcats let a first half lead slip away in the tourney loss Tuesday, Nov. 29.

Parr had 24 points to lead A-J. Zimmerman added 8 points, McGrath 7, Markovic 6, Pinnon 5 and Reynolds and Tweedy 3 apiece.

A-J was 14 out of 31 shots from the floor, 9 of 26 from 3-point range and 1 of 1 from the free throw line.

The Indians were 17 of 40 in shot attempts from the floor, 8 of 26 from 3-point range and 8 of 14 from the charity stripe.

A-J, 3-2, is scheduled to play Friday in a Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division game at home against Nashville and Saturday at home against Union County rival Cobden High School.

Carterville scores 34-32 win in OT against A-J

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls basketball team lost 34-32 in overtime to Carterville in a Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division game Monday, Dec. 5.

The Lady Wildcats' Elle Basler appeared to put her team ahead in overtime as she drove for a basket but was called for an offensive foul.

"It was a very questionable call," A-J coach Matt Denny said. "But regardless of the officiating, we missed too many shots."

The Lady Wildcats led 7-1 after one quarter and 16-8 at the half. The Lady Lions fought back to pull to 24-21 going into the final period.

The game was knotted 30-30 after Helm's two free throws in regulation play. Carterville then outscores A-J, 4-2, in overtime for the win.

"Our defense played great," Denny said. "Carterville has been averaging 70 points a game and we held them to 34."

Basler led A-J with 14 points and 11 rebounds. Angel Helm had 9 points and 5 rebounds.

Connor Hadley had 4 points and 9 rebounds. Jasmin Foster had 2 points and 4 rebounds. Hunter Denny had 3 points.

A-J, which fell to 5-2 overall and 1-1 in the conference, is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at West Frankfort.

Wounded Warriors honored at special events held in area

By Mike Estel
The eighth annual Wounded Warrior Project and Warrior Initiative was very successful, with 35 ducks harvested at the Grassy Lake Hunting Club near Ware after a hunt Wednesday, Nov. 30. "You've got to applaud the folks that are here giving up their time," said Fort Campbell Brig. Gen.

John Novalis, an assistant Division Commander of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). "This is the way communities get together and show their appreciation. We would like to thank Tom (Goetz) and Collin (Cain) - they both did an awesome job." Cain is the owner of the Grassy Lake Hunting Club and Goetz is the manager

of the club and organizer of the event. Cain was presented with a plaque and a jacket for his sponsorship of the hunt. The general spoke following a noon meal that was served to the hunters following the morning's hunt at the Grassy Lake club house. There were 17 Wounded Warriors participating in

the two-day hunt and six support staff. The general, who had returned from his latest deployment in Iraq just 15 days previously, said he would like to point out three things he learned from serving in Iraq. He noted the United States military is the absolute best in the entire world, that ISIS and other terror-

ist groups are a threat to American freedom and all mankind and the final thing he noted was that America is the most fantastic country in the world. "I love being a soldier and I love hunting, too," he said. "I love sitting in a blind talking to guys about Iraq." SIUC head football coach Nick Hill also spoke. "I had a rough season my first year, but we fly the flag proudly," he said. "We get to play a game, but you guys have done much tougher things. I love to duck hunt and if you ever need anything let me know."

owner with his son, Bob, of the Blue Boars Restaurant, was also presented with a plaque following that complimentary meal on Tuesday prior to the basketball game. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources waived all fees and granted permits for the Wounded Warriors to hunt waterfowl legally. Wounded Warrior amputee Adam Peacock is already looking to next year's event. "I've only missed one of these in eight years," he said. "Every year I look forward to this. It's the highlight of my year."



Fombelle honored
Dave Fombelle, center, of the Great Boars Restaurant with Anna and Cobden, expressed his gratitude after being awarded a plaque by officials of the Wounded Warriors Project and Warrior Initiative for providing a meal for the Wounded Warriors Tuesday, Nov. 29.



Flag, plaque presented
Southern Illinois University Carbondale football coach Nick Hill, left, received a plaque and flag from officials of the Wounded Warriors Project and Warrior Initiative following a meal at the Grassy Lake Hunting Club near Ware Wednesday, Nov. 30.

Shawnee girls defeated in four recent games

The Shawnee High School girls' basketball team lost four games in recent action. **Steeleville 54, Shawnee 24:** Abbey Livesay had 10 points to lead the host Lady Reds in the loss Thursday, Dec. 1. Madi Ellet had 5 points, Katie Charles 3 and Kylie Holloway, Autumn McMahan and Kirsten Pitts 2 apiece. **Joppa 39, Shawnee 35:** The visiting Lady Reds let a first quarter lead slip away in the loss Wednesday, Nov. 30. McMahan scored 17 points, including three 3-pointers, to lead the Lady Reds. Livesay had 7 points, El-

let 5, Charles 4 and Pitts 2. **Delta, Mo., 39, Shawnee 31:** The host Lady Reds tied the game 31-31 in the final quarter, but Delta scored 8 unanswered points for the win Tuesday, Nov. 22. McMahan scored 9 points to lead Shawnee. Charles and Livesay added 8 points apiece and Ellet and Holloway 3 each. **Century 69, Shawnee 32:** Livesay and Charles scored 10 points apiece to lead Shawnee in the loss in the final game of the Meridian Tournament Saturday, Nov. 19. McMahan added 7 points, Pitts 3 and Holloway 2. Shawnee plays again Tuesday, Dec. 13, at home against Century.



Donation to scholarship fund
Anna-Jonesboro Elks Lodge No. 1641 offered major support to the Brian S. Tucker Memorial Golf Scholarship Fund. The lodge sponsored a golf tournament and fish fry in July. The lodge also has made a generous donation to the scholarship fund. Every donation helps the organization provide scholarships to Union County college-bound high school seniors who played on their school's golf team. From left are Phil Stein, Exalted Ruler of Anna-Jonesboro Elks Lodge No. 1641; Cindy Tucker, the president of the Brian S. Tucker Memorial Golf Scholarship Fund Ltd.; and Brandon Bierstedt, the golf pro at the Union County Country Club golf course in Anna, where the tournament was played. The scholarship is designed to encourage students to play and enjoy golf while they are in high school - and for the rest of their lives.

Annual Ivas John Blue Christmas holiday concert planned at SIUC

The sixth annual Ivas John Blue Christmas holiday concert is planned Saturday, Dec. 10. The concert is set for 7 p.m. at Shryock Auditorium on the campus of Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The concert will feature music by Ivas John, The Swamp Tigers, Big Lar-

ry, The Gordons, Marie Meunier, Robert Bowlin and Wil Maring, Kristin Gregory, Shadi Frick and The Free Range Chicks. The concert is presented by the Carbondale Park District and First Southern Bank. A portion of the event's proceeds will benefit the Carbondale Super Splash Park. Tickets are available in advance at the LIFE Community Center, which is located at 2500 W. Sunset in Carbondale, or by calling 618-549-4222. Ticket information also is available by contacting the SIUC ticket office at 618-453-2000 or at McLeod Theater at 618-453-6000.

Christmas at Cross continues

Christmas at the Cross is scheduled to continue Dec. 10. The holiday season event features music and other activities. Music by soloist Laura Cates-Duncan is planned from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. A Christmas story time for children is scheduled at 4 p.m.

Dongola School Board to meet

The Dongola Unit School District No. 66 Board of Education plans to have a special meeting on Dec. 12. The meeting is set for 7 p.m. in the Dongola Unit School District office.



Harvests 8-point buck
Sheldon McGrath recently harvested an 8-point buck while hunting in rural Union County. Photo provided.

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Author has book signing
Local author Pamela Hearon was at anthill gallery in downtown Cobden last Saturday to autograph her most recently released novel, "Gaining Visibility." Saturday's event was one of the many activities featured throughout Cobden's annual Christmas in the Village Celebration, which was held Dec. 3.

Author Pamela Hearon's newest book shares tale of special journey

By Amber Skelton
Cancer is a dirty word. It strikes fear into the hearts and minds of most and reopens old wounds. It's also what Anna author Pamela Hearon has in common with the protagonist of her recently released novel, "Gaining Visibility."

The story began its journey to the page about seven years ago, not long after Hearon's battle with cancer. She chose to forego chemo and radiation and instead have a double mastectomy followed by reconstructive surgery, all the while being supported by a caring community and her loving husband.

"An elderly gentleman from Anna told me that his mother was diagnosed with cancer when he was a child, and his father never touched her again," she said.

Hearon expressed gratitude that her experience was different, but she knew there were breast cancer

survivors out there who didn't have the support they needed.

"I wanted to give them a happy ending the only way I knew how."

That desire was the inspiration for protagonist Julie Berkwith's story in "Gaining Visibility." When she first wrote the story, it didn't fit in with the novels she was writing at the time for Harlequin SuperRomance and she had to put it aside.

She came back to the story three years ago and reworked it into women's fiction, which follows the story of a woman's emotional journey.

"There was no difficulty in telling the story," she said. "I started writing it as therapy."

Hearon's next book is planned to be part of that genre.

"I found my niche in it," she said. She said she enjoys being able to tell a deeper story that includes

but doesn't totally focus on romance.

Hearon, who is a former Union County school teacher, said she appreciates the community's support. The book is geared for book clubs with a reading guide in the back. She has enjoyed the opportunity to speak with book clubs that have chosen "Gaining Visibility" as their book of the month.

"Gaining Visibility" is available in print, e-book and audiobook versions. Copies can be found at Barnes & Noble, Books-A-Million, anthill gallery in Cobden also has the book available for purchase.

Hearon has book signings coming up at Barnes & Noble in Cape Girardeau on Friday, Dec. 9, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.; and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17, at Barnes & Noble in Carbondale.

"Signed books make real great gifts," she said.

Anna Fire Department responds to two calls

The Anna Fire Department responded to two separate calls on Monday night and early Tuesday morning. No injuries were reported.

The first fire was reported at about 6 p.m. Monday at a residence at 1255 Kaulin Rd. between Anna and Cobden.

Anna Fire Chief Gary Rider said that the blaze

appeared to have begun in a chimney flue in the one-story frame residence. Flames went into the attic of the residence, which sustained extensive damage.

The Cobden Fire Department assisted Anna in fighting the blaze. Firefighters were at the scene for about four hours.

The second fire was

reported at about 2 a.m. Tuesday in an apartment at a residence in the 500 block of South Street.

The Anna fire chief reported that an electrical outlet appeared to have shorted.

Damage was limited to the area around the outlet. Firefighters were at the scene for about an hour.



A-JCHS supports coats campaign
On Halloween night, the Students of the Anna-Jonesboro National Honor Society held an event to raise money for the WIBH New Coats, New Hope Campaign. The organization raised over \$186, which included "charging" fellow students a \$1 permission to wear costumes at school that day. The students also collected several baskets full of children's socks for the campaign. In the first row are Kenzie Boget, seated as the wildcat, Ryley Kimmel, Hannah Stark, Hannah Fuller and Madi Bigler. In the second row are Audrey Haar, Jasmin Foster, Tanner Stadelbacher, Elle Basler, Morgan Racey-Test, Natalie Marshall, Britni Helton, Nolan Knupp, Zachary Odum, Trenton Newberry, Katie McAlister, Ashley Oliver, Paige Mix and Anna Mathis. Donations will be used to purchase new winter coats for children in need living in Southern Illinois. Photo provided.



Donation to coats campaign
The Cobden Fire Department on Nov. 23 presented a \$150 donation to this year's WIBH New Coats, New Hope Campaign. Those on hand for the donation included, standing on the roof of a fire department vehicle, L.J. Hackethal, then, from left, Austin Sellars, (top) Alex Sellars, Ty Quertermous, Cobden Fire Chief Larry Quertermous, WIBH sales manager Shawna Rhine, Dalton Myers, assistant fire chief Larry Hackethal, Allan Brumleve and Jesse Spencer. The purpose of the campaign is to provide new, winter coats for kids in Southern Illinois. Photo provided.

Chamber meeting guest speaker talks about CEO program

By Amber Skelton
The Union County Chamber of Commerce had its December meeting at StarView Vineyards near Cobden on Thursday, Dec. 1.

The guest speaker was Cheryl Mitchell, interim executive director of the Midland Institute for Entrepreneurship. The institute assisted in the launch of the Union County CEO program.

Mitchell discussed learning about the program from her dairy farmer father while she worked as a 1st grade teacher.

Her father was concerned about the gap of interest in the community that didn't include the area's young adults. He observed that the CEO program was a way to get high school students involved in the economy and welfare of their hometown.

Mitchell said that young adults are thought of as lazy, entitled and arrogant, with an abundance of information, a lack of risk to teach them to fail and a lack of application to their own lives.

She explained that the CEO program gives business leaders an opportunity to connect with students and help them understand their impact in the community.

Several students from the Union County CEO class voiced their experiences:

Jessica Glasco said, "It's not just about preparing you for college; it's about preparing you for life."

Julian Smith said of talking with other high school students, "Kids think they have to get up 30 minutes earlier and dress nice every day...It may be work but it doesn't feel like work."

Erin Dillow said that the program "teaches you that

everyone has a story, and the littlest thing you do has an impact."

Evelyn Bailey, coordinator for the Union County program, reminded the chamber that the deadline to purchase an advertisement or submit content for the students' insert in a future edition of The Gazette-Democrat, "Hearing Our Hometown Heartbeat," is Dec. 20.

Union County Treasurer Darren Bailey voiced concerns about the relationship between county government and the local business community as well, citing issues with the newly released budget for the year.

Bailey said that proposed communication between area business leaders and government leaders had been shut down. "Take control of your government," he said.



Local organizations donate coats
The Cobden Women's Club and Union County Knights of Columbus have donated brand new coats to the Union County Counseling Service, UCCC, in Anna. The counseling service will make the coats available to clients in need. The women's club donated 18 coats and the Knights of Columbus donated 72 coats. From left are Knights of Columbus member Mark Haddick; president of the board of directors at UCCC Dan Cirilla; Cobden Women's Club member Dorothy Cirilla; UCCC executive director Danuta Del Rio and UCCC assistant fiscal manager Jennifer Travelstead. Photo by Lindsey Rae Vaughn.

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Realty Transactions
The following real estate transactions were recorded at the Union County clerk's office in Jonesboro:

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Susan Curtis. Grantee: Steve Eastwood, Lesa Halterman, Linda Rendleman. Name: Village of Saratoga, Block 3, All Lots in Block 3. Block 4, Lots 1-6.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Annette L. Butler, Chad A. Butler. Grantee: Travis C. McReynolds. Tract Section 16 Township 13S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Debra Brauling-McMorrow, Martin J. McMorrow. Grantee: Mitzi A. Lathrop, Stephen D. Lathrop. Tract Section 22 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Angela D. Boyd, Christopher S. Boyd. Grantee: Evan Eugene Sweet. Tract Section 12 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Raymond C. Emery. Grantee: Breanna Lingle, Landon L. Lingle. Tract Section 32 Township 13S Range 1E.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Kimberly D. Cowin. Grantee: Collin Cain. Name: Follis Add. of Ware, Block 1, Lot 4.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Eula J. Hawkins, Murlin A. Hawkins. Grantee: Elijah Burton. Name: Orchard Drive Sub., Lot 32.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jason Oliver, Molly Oliver. Grantee: Amanda Vosburgh, Kyle Vosburgh. Name: Orchard Drive Sub., Lot 94.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Austin J. Smith. Grantee: Landon B. Taylor. Tract Section 25 Township 12S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Golda Faye Kesler. Grantee: Golda Faye Kesler, Pamela Elise McLean. Name: Orchard Drive Sub., Lot 51.

Traffic Citations
The following people were cited for speeding and were assessed \$120 in fines and court costs as recorded at the Union County circuit clerk's office in Jonesboro:

Nathan Joel Stokes, Charleston, Mo. Bailey E. Lane, Memphis, Tenn. Caroline M. Stencil, Park Ridge. Ashley E. Lindsley, Jackson, Mo. Anish George Elam, Romeoville.

Sydney Marie Woodrow, Fairfield. George C. Bastien, Du Quoin. Carl B. Jones, Carterville. Edward Robles, Cobden. Dustyn Lee Smith, Jonesboro. Kayla R. Boggs, Marion.

Alanna S. Blackmon, Chicago. Marquise O. Phillips, Carbondale. Mohammed J. Alabdulwahab, Carbondale. Lucas W. Trammel, Cobden.

Maria D. Hernandez Franco, Indianapolis, Ind. Dwayne Clay Jarrett, Vienna. Maria C. Juarez, Anna. Karsyn P. Miner, Johnston City. Mohammed A. Alhumaidi, Cape Girardeau.

The following people were cited for the indicated violations and were assessed the accompanying fines and court costs as recorded at the circuit clerk's office:

Austin K. Ford, Ullin, driving on revoked license, \$1,583.23. Julie M. Puffer, Anna, driving on revoked license, \$992.

Andrew M. Quintana, Anna, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200; seat belt required/driver, \$65. Shannon L. Jauch, Springfield, electronic communication device, \$120.

Rusty Lee Sullivan, Jonesboro, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Dustin Tyler Thomas Wilda, Jonesboro, disregard traffic control device, \$120.

Justin T. Earnhart, Dongola, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Jacqueline C. Klump, Ullin, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Tong Inn Lee, Los Angeles, Calif., improper traffic lane usage, \$120. Matthew R. Wiseman, Marion, driving on suspended license, \$1,052.

Daleann E. Cochran, Carbondale, seat belt required/passenger, \$65. Jessica R. Lannon, Anna, seat belt required/driver, \$65.

Jansen T. Foster, Anna, drive/operate non-highway vehicle, \$120. Robert E. Walker,

Bolingbrook, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$120.

Dalton Brad Hand, Jonesboro, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200. Bradley E. Cross, Dongola, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200.

Santiago Murillo, Cobden, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140. Dorothy M. Reynolds, Dahlgren, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140.

Kenneth E. Hassebrock, Gorham, seat belt required/passenger, \$60. Joanna L. Haley, Paducah, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$120.

Marriage Licenses
The county clerk's office issued a marriage license to: Jose Guadalupe Rivas Saavedra, 26, of Cumming, Ga., and Maricela Amezcua Zamora, 24, of Cobden.

Matthew Carter Anderson, 36, of Radcliff, Ky., and Brooke Kailey Wright, 27, of Radcliff, Ky.

Richard Clyde Waltner, 69, of Cobden, and Jeannie Larita Hudspeth, 52, of Anna.

Monte Lynn Bridges, 58, of Cobden, and Tina Louise Crow, 51, of Cobden.

Frankie L. Carter, 28, of Pomona, and Paige Bowring, 25, of Pomona.

Jaret Heath Wyatt 42, of Anna, and Sheri Ann Vega, 39, of Anna.

Michael Shane Penrod, 45, of Jonesboro, and Jacqueline Suzette Cox, 41, of Jonesboro.

Jonesboro election filing slated to start

Candidates can begin filing their nominating petitions next week for the April 2017 municipal election in the City of Jonesboro.

Filing is set to start on Monday, Dec. 12, and continue through Monday, Dec. 19.

Nominating petition can be filed at Jonesboro City Hall from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 each business day.

The following offices will be on the 2017 ballot: Mayor: the incumbent is Ken Blandford. City clerk: the incumbent is Barbara Casper. City treasurer: the incumbent is Shelley Pender. Aldermen: Ward 1, the incumbent is Bart Hileman. Ward 2, the incumbent is Lance Meisenheimer. Ward 3, the incumbent is Scott Abernathy.

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Oaths of office administered

Oaths of office were administered Thursday morning, Dec. 1, for Union County officials who were elected, or reelected, in November. The oaths were administered by Union County Presiding Judge Mark M. Boie, who is on the left in each of the accompanying photographs. The ceremony took place at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.



Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds.



Union County Commissioner Dale Russell.



Union County Circuit Clerk Tiffany Busby.



Union County Commissioner Dale Foster.



Union County Coroner Phil Hileman.



Lorraine Moreland, left, and Tiffany Busby.

Moreland honored for service as circuit clerk

Longtime Union County Circuit Clerk Lorraine Moreland, left, was honored for her service last Friday at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro. She has been succeeded in office by Tiffany Busby, right. Busby was elected to serve as the county's new circuit clerk in November.

Members of the circuit clerk's office, other county office holders and department heads, coworkers, family, friends and others gathered at the courthouse to wish Moreland well and thank her for her dedicated service to the people of Union County.

"I would like to thank the citizens of Union County for allowing me the opportunity to serve them the past 21 years as their circuit clerk," Moreland stated. She worked for a total of 30 years in the circuit clerk's office.

"It has been an opportunity of a lifetime that I will never forget. I sure have enjoyed this journey, but I assure you that I'm leaving the office in good hands with Tiffany Busby. Thank you again."

During her service as circuit clerk, Moreland said that one of the biggest changes that she and her office experienced involved the move from the old county courthouse into a newly constructed facility.

Moreland said that she will miss her staff and helping the people of Union County, which she called the best part of her job.

Career Closet offers help to SIU business students

The College of Business at Southern Illinois University Carbondale wants to make sure its students are ready for career success in every way possible.

That's why the college is creating a Career Closet where students can borrow nice business attire to wear for interviews or other professional purposes.

With the slogan "support a suit," the college is now seeking donations of new or like-new business clothing, including suits and dress shirts and blouses of all sizes, as well as ties.

They are seeking only clothing that would be appropriate for interviews and other business functions.

Donated items should be in very good condition, since the goal is helping students look the part, college officials said.

"We have a large number of students who are first-generation college students and some of our students arrive on campus without professional clothing. We provide them with a great education and now we also want to make sure they don't miss out on any job or other professional oppor-

tunities due to not having proper attire," said Danna Lewis, director of career services for the SIU College of Business.

Plans called for a room in Rehn Hall on the SIU campus to be converted into the College of Business Career Closet.

Business students will be able to visit the closet weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and borrow complete business suits or just the pieces that they need.

There is no cost to the students and the loan is for up to one week.

The college is also planning to purchase additional clothing items so it has a variety of sizes for all students. The college will also cover dry-cleaning costs as needed.

To make a donation, visit the Business Placement Center in room 113 at Rehn Hall or mail business clothing to the Business Placement Center, 1025 Lincoln Drive, Mail Code 4619, Carbondale, Ill., 62902.

For more information, contact Lewis at 618-453-2710 or by email at danna.lewis@business.siu.edu.



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Cobden Elementary students honored for showing respect

Students at Cobden Elementary School were honored for displaying excellence in regards to the October character education trait of respect. Three students from each classroom in kindergarten through fifth 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 November/December is caring. Photos provided.



Gift card winners included, from left, Madeline Merriman, Randy Calderon, Ben Poirier, Micah Brown and Juan Tomas.



Students who were honored for showing respect included, by grade: Kindergarten: Jose de Jesus Carmona and Timothy Clover; 1st grade: Scarlett Bergseth, Justin Campbell, Vianey Hernandez, Miguel Mendez-Ambrocio and Asher Miller; 2nd grade: Brisa Calderon, Matthew Clover, Selena Flores, Tradon Stroehlein, Piper Tellor and Elisa Vicente; 3rd grade: Micah Brown, Orlando Juarez, Madeline Merriman, Jansen Nance, Ana Rafael and Cerriana Ward; 4th grade: Randy Calderon, Shawnah Eubanks-Burgess, Grace Hawkins, Ben Poirier, Emma Roberts and Bryce Smith; and 5th grade: Nicole Basler, Tess Brummer, Jada Furlow, Jett Kuhn, Juan Tomas and Alejandro Zamora.



Supporting holiday program

The Cobden Fire Department on Nov. 23 donated \$150 to the Cobden Police Department for its Shop with a Cop program. Those on hand included, standing on the roof of a fire department vehicle, L.J. Hackethal, then, from left, Austin Sellars, (top) Alex Sellars, Ty Quertermous, Cobden Fire Chief Larry Quertermous, Cobden Police Department Officer Jon Meirndorf, Dalton Myers, assistant fire chief Larry Hackethal, Allan Brumleve and Jesse Spencer. Photo provided.

Illinois 4-Her wins horse judging contest in Kentucky

A 17-year-old Illinois 4-H member placed first in the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup Judging Contest held recently in Louisville, Ky.

ington also placed first in both the conformation and oral reason divisions of the contest which was held as part of the North American International Livestock Expo.

Wight was part of the Illinois 4-H team which placed third out of 23 teams in competition at the national 4-H contest.

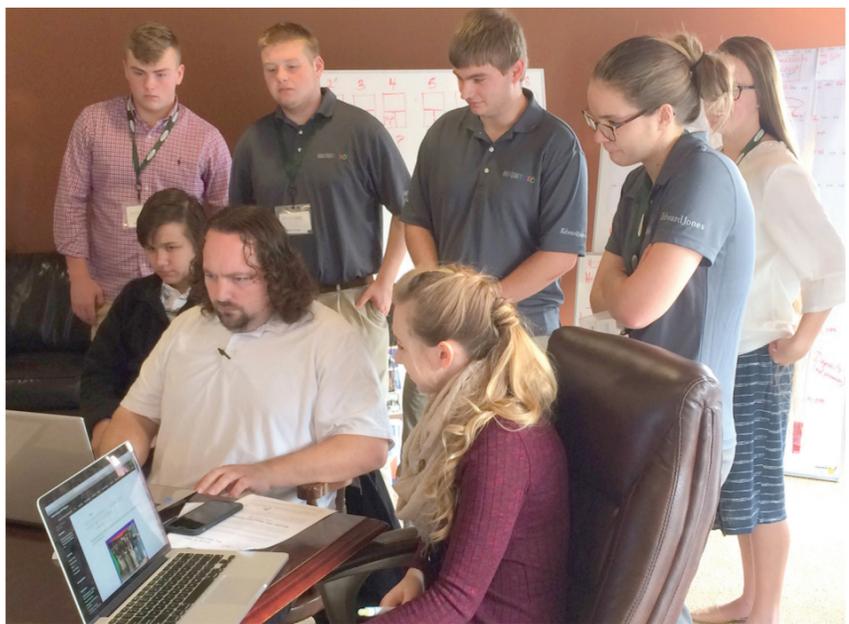
The team missed the first place ranking by only 13 of 1,950 possible points.

The team was coached by Paul Rogers of Quincy, who was a former 4-H member from Pope/Hardin counties.



Carols at Candlelight presented

The sounds and sights of the Christmas holiday season filled the historic St. Anne's Church in Anna last Sunday afternoon. The PAST organization of Union County hosted its annual Carols at Candlelight event at the local landmark, which is located along South Main Street. The sounds of the holiday season were presented by the members of The Back Porch Company, including Warren and Carla Anderson, Stuart Anderson and Richard Johnson. Candles were aglow throughout the church for the event. Christmas cookies were served to those who attended.



Helping with website

Former board chairperson and current public relations committee chairperson Rollie Hawk, owner of Union County Technology Solutions, attended a recent Union County CEO team meeting to help them make a website for their current class project. In a partnership with Reppert Publications, the CEO class plans to create, design and develop articles for "Hearing Our Hometown Heartbeat," a special one-time multi-page insert which is scheduled to appear in The Gazette-Democrat. For more information about the project, visit unioncountypride.com. Photo provided.

Shawnee school ceremony honors veterans

In a moving ceremony on Nov. 14, a memorial service for veterans was held in the Shawnee Junior-Senior High School gym at Wolf Lake.

The entire student body was present. Also present were family members of students, community members and veterans.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna presented the colors, followed by the pre-kindergarten class leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Rhyann Kohler contributed a video which showed all branches of services at work for the country.

Amy Reynolds, coordinator of the program, and the elementary school principal gave opening remarks.

Jamie Nash-Mayberry, a teacher at the school, discussed the progress of the Shawnee Veterans Memorial, which will be on the campus of the school and district offices.

She was followed by 4th grade students demonstrating how to correctly fold the flag.

Grades kindergarten through 5 sang patriotic songs and the Shawnee

band played "You're a Grand Old Flag."

Nick Baltzell recognized the 28 veterans in attendance and their branches of service.

The colors were then retired and the veterans were asked to form a receiving line. Every student shook hands with every veteran and they all said "thank you" as their hands touched.



Couple married 70 years

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This change did not come without long and painful consideration. The State of Illinois has delayed payments to our practice to such a degree that it is no longer feasible to continue running our small medical practice. This is an inevitable and necessary change for me and my family.

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*Sincerely,
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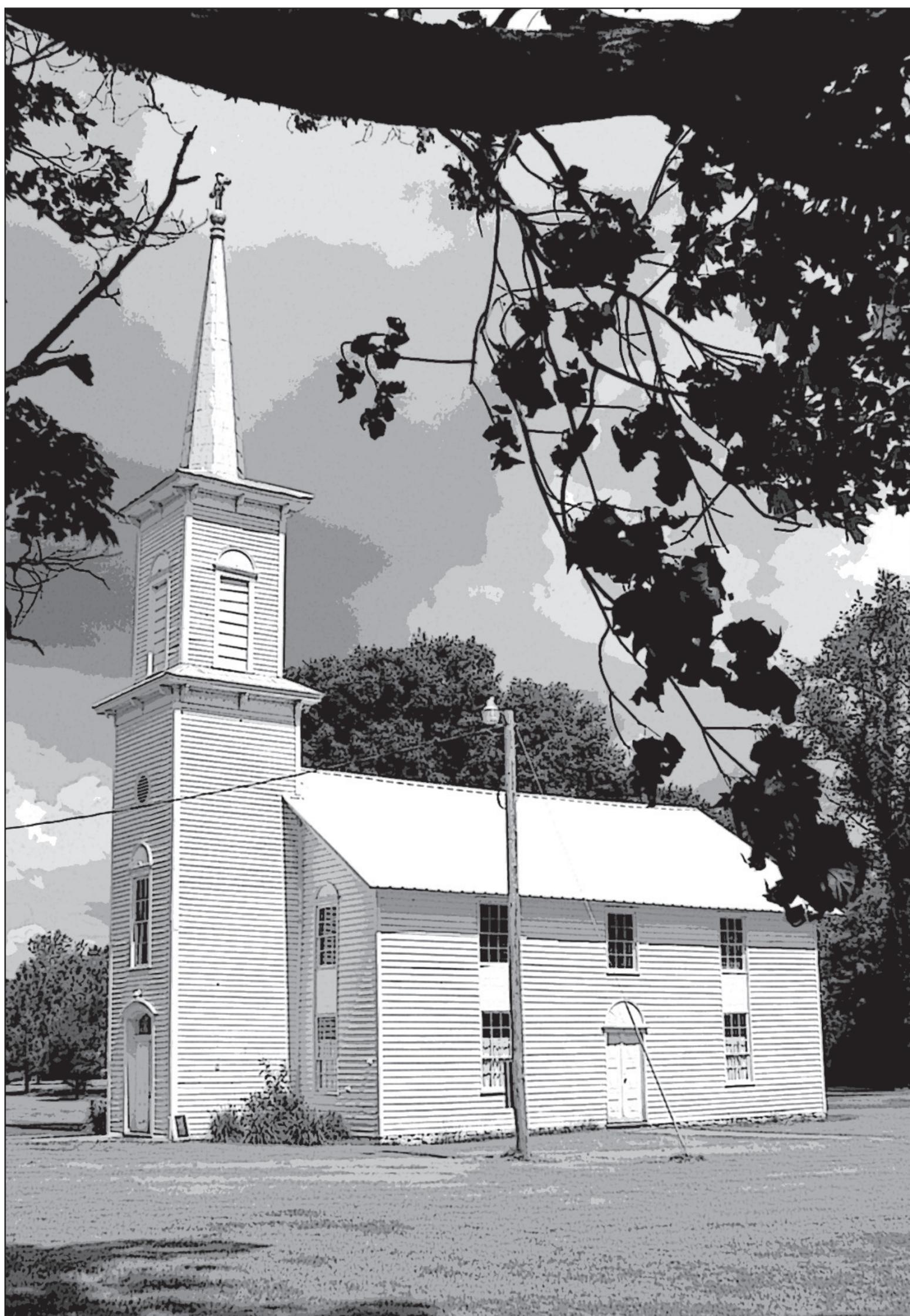
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Obituaries

Jack Lamer

Oran "Jack" Lamer, 91, of Anna, died at 3:08 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016, in the Union County Hospital in Anna.

He was born on Nov. 15, 1925, in Cobden, the son of Lawrence and Lena Angell Lamer.

He married Jean Casper on March 9, 1955, in Jackson, Mo. She preceded him in death on Aug. 21, 2004.

He is survived by his brother, Tom (Judy) Lamer of Jerseyville; two brothers-in-law, Jerry Berry of Cobden and Bob Stegle of Manteno; two great-grandchildren, Noah Lamer and Kaelyn Lamer; 21 nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Jean Lamer; a son, Jay Lamer; three brothers, Frederick Lamer, Gordon (Hazel) Lamer and George (Gail) Lamer; five sisters, Elaine (Charles) Rude, Betty (Victor) Knox, Marilyn (Donald) Lewis, Carolyn Stegle and Loretta Berry.

Mr. Lamer joined the Naval Air Force on March 26, 1943. He worked at Cobden Schools as a teacher, principal and coach from the years 1953 to 1990. He was inducted into the Illinois Coaches Hall of Fame in 1988 and into the Cobden Hall of Fame in January 2015. He was a Master Mason and a lifetime member of Cobden American Legion Post No. 259.

Funeral services for Mr. Lamer will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden, with Bryan Morrison officiating. Interment will be in the Cobden Cemetery.

Graveside military rites will be conducted by Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna.

Friends can call from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, and after 10 a.m. until the service hour at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden.

Masonic rites will be said at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, by Cobden Masonic Lodge No. 466 at the funeral home.

Memorials can be made to the Cobden Cemetery, Illinois Veterans Home in Anna or to the Illinois Masonic Charities Funds.

To leave a condolence for the family, go to www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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

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Martin D. Filter

Martin D. Filter, 61, of Jonesboro, died at 5:20 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5, at Southeast Health in Cape Girardeau.

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

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

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Natural history book topic of program

"Essays on the Natural History of Illinois," a new book written by John Schwegman, will be the focus of a program planned Thursday, today, in Carbondale.

The free program is set for 7 p.m. at 216 E. Monroe St. (the alley). The entrance and parking are in the rear, off Monroe Street, between Marion and Washington.

The event is sponsored

by the Shawnee Group of the Sierra Club. For more information, contact Ruth Kelley at 618-684-2196.

Schwegman plans to tell how the essays in the new book came about and to talk about a native plant conservation program.

He will be selling and signing copies of the book at the program. Complimentary gift wrapping will be available.

Evan Vernell Eastman

Evan Vernell Eastman, of St. Charles, Mo., died on Sunday, Dec. 4, 2016, at the age of 92.

He was the husband of Margaret L. Eastman for 67 years.

Mr. Eastman was born in Cobden, the son of Wilbert A. and Agnes Eastman.

He was the father of Roger E. (Susan) Eastman, Ronald J. (Rosanne) Eastman and Richard A. (Audrey) Eastman; the grandfather of Michael (Tina), Matthew Eastman, Stephen (Pauline) Eastman, Michelle (Tim) Leonard, Erin (Jonathan) Clow, Cassandra (Luke) Knorr and Miranda Eastman; the great-grandfather of Ariana Eastman, Athena, Lucas Knorr, Alexander Leonard and Hazel Eastman; and the brother of Viola (Charles) Lambdin.

He was preceded in death by an infant brother and three sisters.

Mr. Eastman was a member of American Legion Post No. 312 and the First United Methodist Church in St. Charles, Mo.

He served during World War II as a corporal in the U.S. Army Air Corps; he was stationed in England in 1944-1945.

He graduated from Southern Illinois University Carbondale. He worked as a lead engineer at McDonnell Douglas for 35 years.

Visitation is planned from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, at Baue Funeral and Memorial Center at 3950 W. Clay St. in St. Charles, Mo.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at Baue Funeral and Memorial Center. Burial will be in the St. Charles Memorial Gardens.

Memorials can be made to the First United Methodist Church in St. Charles or to the American Legion Post 312.



Eugene H. Kohler

Eugene H. Kohler, 83, of Anna, and formerly of Jonesboro, died at 10:45 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28, 2016, at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna.

He was born in Jonesboro on June 21, 1933, the son of Ual Leroy and Flora Jane Schlichting Kohler.

He married Shirley Fowler on June 17, 1955, in Reynoldsville; together they shared 61 years of marriage.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Kohler of Anna; one son, Steven (Cindy) Kohler of Anna; one daughter, Susan (Steve) Short of Pevely, Mo.; seven grandchildren, Chad (Connie) Kohler, Megan (Ryan) Flamm, Brad (Becca) Kohler, Jessica (James) Lucas, Cassie (Kyle) Erschen, Chrissy (Gary) Hurst and Laura (Bryan) Koehler; seven great-grandchildren, Drew Maurizio, Avery Flamm, Emma Kohler, Jeffrey Campbell, Kinsley Lucas, Jacob Koehler and Taylor Hurst; one brother, Bon (Jean) Kohler of Anna; one sister, Geraldine Smith of Anna; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and by an infant brother, Harold Kohler.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Jonesboro. He served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He was a farmer and also worked 30 years for Lewis Bakeries as a baker.

He always enjoyed meeting with his friends at McDonald's for coffee and dearly loved spending time with his grandchildren on the farm.

Funeral services for Mr. Kohler were at 1 p.m. at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro on Thursday, Dec. 1, with the Rev. Michael Turner officiating. Interment was in the Jonesboro Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna or to the First Baptist Church in Jonesboro.

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

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

RENDELMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES

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Reynoldsville News

by Sue Eudy

Thank you to Dolores and John Yates of Herrin for renewing their subscription to The Gazette-Democrat and giving me the credit.

Ervina Johnson of Jonesboro and Sue and Steve Eudy of Anna enjoyed eating at Tom's Place in Tamm on Friday night.

Emma Eudy and Jonathan Bohnert of Cape Girardeau visited Sunday with Sue and Steve Eudy.

Dolores and Jack Reynolds of Reynoldsville and Barb and Edwin Livesay of Anna enjoyed eating at Texas Roadhouse in Cape Girardeau on Saturday night.

Last Sunday, Shirley Miller and Penny and Kerry Hill, all of McClure, and David and Kristy Miller of St. Charles, Mo., ate at a Mexican restaurant in Cape Girardeau.

Alma Linson of Jonesboro visited Wednesday with Shirley Miller.

On Saturday, Shirley Miller and Penny Hill attended a wedding reception for Tyler and Reagan

Hinkle at their home in Anna.

Fred and Maxine Pender visited Sunday with Brad and Lori Pender of Jonesboro.

Reynoldsville Missionary Baptist Church will be hosting a Thanksgiving/Christmas dinner at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11. The church will furnish meat and drinks. Bring a covered dish or dessert and come celebrate the Reason for the Season with us. All are welcome.

You are invited to attend worship services at Reynoldsville Missionary Baptist Church. Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship service is at 10:30 a.m. Sunday evening worship service is at 6 p.m. Rev. Jamie Budgeman is the pastor.

Maxine Pender, of Fair City, attended the Christmas program at Egyptian Grade School on Thursday night. Her great-granddaughter Chesleigh Miller, daughter of Josh and Heather Miller of Tamm, was in the program.

Donna Parmly Donaldson

Donna Parmly Donaldson, 52, died on Aug. 19, 2016. She was born on April 29, 1964, in East St. Louis, the daughter of Donald and Shirley Winn Parmly and was one of three children.

She married Dwayne Michael Donaldson.

Surviving are her husband; four children, Jessica Donaldson of Newton, Amanda (Steven) Madden of Pocahontas, Shawn Donaldson of Newton and Alexander Donaldson of Newton; and a sister, Patricia (David) Yoho of Anna.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by a sister, Rebecca Schlieff.

She had many grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and family.

Entombment was Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Alto Pass Cemetery in Alto Pass.

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News from First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Dec. 4, the pastor continued his series, "Colossians: Christ Before All Else," with a sermon titled "The Savior and Sanctification," based on scripture from Colossians. Music was directed by associate pastor of worship Paul Lemon.

In the evening service (and also on Saturday), the annual Gift to the Community was presented. Both evenings featured a meal and a musical presentation by the choir and youth choir.

Women On Mission plan to meet at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, today.

The preschool Christmas party for babies through 1st

grade is planned Saturday, Dec. 10, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Birthday: Kathy Knight, Dec. 10.

Anniversary: James and Sue Clary, married 58 years on Dec. 6.

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

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

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

Invasive species work day slated at Giant City

The Sierra Club is planning to sponsor a work day to remove invasive species

on Saturday, Dec. 10, at a local nature preserve.

Work is planned, weather permitting, from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Fern Rocks Nature Preserve at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

Those who want to help are asked to meet at 12:30 p.m. at the visitors center at the park.

Workers will carpool to the nature preserve. Those who plan to help are asked to bring work gloves and water, and to wear sturdy shoes.

Light refreshments will be served after the work has been done. To sign up to attend, or for more information, call Barb McKasson at 618-529-4824.

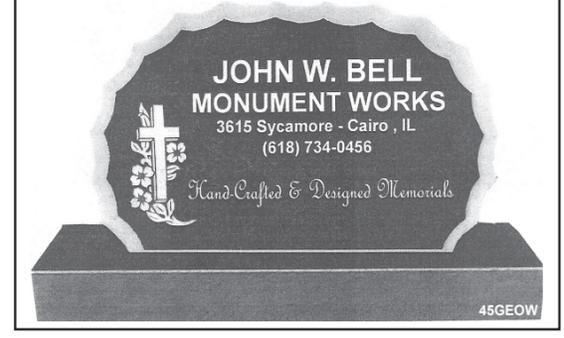
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Frosty Friday morning

A layer of frost covered the landscape early last Friday morning in the Union County area.

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In Memory

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St. Mary's Catholic Church Anna

December 24th

Christmas Eve

Children's Mass 5:00 p.m.

Mass 5:00 p.m.

Singing of Carols by Choir 8:30 p.m.

Midnight Mass 9:00 p.m.

December 25th

9:00 a.m. Christmas Mass

Mill Creek Baptist Church

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Mill Creek, IL

Wednesday, December 14th
Christmas Caroling 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 21st
Candlelight Service and
Christmas Play 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25th
Christmas Day Worship
Service 10:30 a.m.

First Baptist Church

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Pastor Micheal Cole

Saturday,

December 24th

Christmas Eve

Service

at 10:00 P.M.

Anna United Methodist Church 111 W. Monroe Anna

Sunday, December 11th • 10 a.m.

Christmas Contada

Sunday, December 18th • 10 a.m.

Worship Service with

"March to the Manger"

December 24th • 9 p.m.

Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service w/Communion

Blessings Of The Season

Anna First Church of the Nazarene

100 Kirk St. • Anna, IL • 833-6702

Rev. Jamie McBride, Pastor

December 11th

Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service 10:35 a.m.

Worship Service - Christmas Carol Series 6:00 p.m.

December 18th

Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.

Children's Christmas Program - Nativity Shadow Drama 10:35 a.m.

Worship Service - Christmas Carol Series 6:00 p.m.

December 24th

Christmas Eve Service 7:00 p.m.

December 25th

Sunday School and 6 p.m. Worship Service Cancelled

Worship Service 10:35 a.m.

Anna Heights Baptist Church

100 Turner Ave. • Anna, IL • 833-5916

Sunday, December 18th

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

"Glory Divine the Splendor of Christmas" 10:15 a.m.

Saturday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25th

Christmas Day Morning Worship

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Christmas at Kornthal

Why not include worship at Kornthal in your Christmas celebrations for the birth of Jesus? Services at the decorated, historic church will be Thursday, December 15th at 6:30 p.m. (note time change). Plan to stay afterward for fellowship with refreshments provided.

Kornthal is 2.5 miles south of Jonesboro, IL off Illinois 127.

Mount Moriah Lutheran Church

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Dec. 14th at Salem - 7 p.m.

Dec. 21st at Mount Moriah - 7 p.m.

Advent Midweek Services w/Holy Communion.

Supper served at 6 p.m. preceding each Advent Service.

December 24 - 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve at Salem

December 24 - 9 p.m.

Christmas Eve at Mount Moriah with Holy Communion

December 25 - 9 a.m.

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First Baptist Church

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Bro. Michael Turner

Sunday Worship Services

8:15 & 10:30 A.M. • 6 P.M.

December 24 • 5:00 P.M.

Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service w/Communion

December 25 • 9:30 A.M.

Christmas Worship Service

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Section B

Reindeer 5K Run/Walk offers fun at arts center

(Note: The accompanying article and photographs were shared by Lee Hackney on behalf of the Shawnee Hills Arts Council/Anna Arts Center.)

The excitement was building as the runners and walkers arrived for the 3rd annual Reindeer 5K Run/Walk on Nov. 26 at the Anna Arts Center.

Santa and Rudolph greeted the arrivals as they registered and invited them to view the 4th through High School Art exhibit while warming up for the event.

Dee Blakely, Wanda Dilow and Emily Blakely registered the contestants.

Rhonda Schmidt was thrilled to see the art exhibit: "These students are talented and decorations are certainly getting me into the Christmas spirit. I am glad I came this morning."

Israel Queen and Josh Bevis liked the t-shirt design and wore their t-shirts.

Tré Rains, a sophomore at Shawnee High School, designed the 2016 Reindeer 5K Run-Walk t-shirt. His design will also be used for promoting 2017 Reindeer 5K on Nov. 25, 2017.

Hot chocolate and words of encouragement were offered by the Union County Women in Business at the start line.

Later they cheered the runners/walkers to the finish line and gave water, granola bars, and hot chocolate to the finishers.

Tim Jarvis, the official timer from Run to Succeed, blasted the horn to start the 5K.

The top three overall finishers were: First place, Tyler Williams, Mt. Vernon, 19:23.8; second place, Jacob Ribbing, Anna, 21:59.7; and third place, Jenna Ribbing, Anna, 22:53.5.

Our youngest participant was Cale Pfingsten, 7 years old, from Minnetonka, Minn., who finished in 40:06.8; and our most "maturest" was Barb Hewson, 69 years young, from Carbondale, who finished in 39:29.6.

The 5K participants were cheered by members of the Anna-Jonesboro Rotary Club and others on the route as they directed the 5Kers and stopped the traffic.

The road guards were Leon Russell, Josh Joiner, Pete Housman, Raquel Rothschild, Grace Rendleman, Kaity Messamore and Hannah Dover.

The other 5K participants, and their times, include:

Amy Pfingsten, 24:31.6; Peter Borkon, 24:32.5; Kristofer Konietzko, 24:36.0; Ed Green, 24:51.5; Bill Ribbing, 24:55.4; Israel Queen, 25:33.3; Josh Bevis, 25:56.2.

Scott Farren, 26:12.7; Jenna Jamieson, 28:37.0; Christopher Hinkle, 28:37.4; Danielle Martin, 29:26.8; Avery Webb, 30:27.6; Jacob Cook, 31:51.9; Isabella Jaramillo, 31:52.2.

Carly Cook, 32:07.3; Hilary Sirles, 33:41.2; Carla Foskey, 33:53.7; Cameron Green, 35:29.7; Alex Flemming, 36:08.2; Rhonda Schmidt, 36:41.9; Cassie Hanbaum, 37:17.4.

Eric Joyce, 37:51.9; Annie Ross, 38:55.1; Amber Taylor, 39:08.7; Trina Warren, 39:09.1; Angie Hathway, 39:09.6; Darcy Welsh, 39:26.9; Sara Quick, 39:41.0.

Hannah Pineau, 41:21.4; Foster Needling, 42:18.3; Matt Needling, 42:20.6; Felicia Green, 42:54.7; Sheryl Ribbing, 42:56.0; Hannah Webb, 44:20.3.

Dee Browning, 44:39.6; Heather Webb, 47:44.8;



Women in Business

Union County Women in Business served hot chocolate to the Reindeer 5K participants, families, and friends on Nov. 26 at the Anna Arts Center. They also cheered on the runners/walkers to the finish line. Kneeling is Bonni Little. Standing are, from left, Stephanie Rhodes, Hope Holderfield, Danielle Stevens and Kelli Wood. Photo provided.



Preparing to run

Runners preparing to run in the Reindeer 5K at the Anna Arts Center on Nov 26 included, from left, Jacob Ribbing, Bill Ribbing, Cameron Green, Felicia Johnson, Ed Green, Jenna Ribbing and Sheryl Ribbing. Jacob Ribbing came in second overall with a time of 21:59.7 and Jenna Ribbing placed third overall with a time of 22:53.5. Photo provided.



Special moment

Cassie Hanbaum and her grandson Cole Bartruff share a special moment after Cole chased Santa in the Kids' Fun Run on Nov. 26 at the Anna Arts Center.

Lynn Flamm, 49:00.5; Michelle Sirles, 49:03.9; Vina Castelli, 52:31.0; Anton Castelli, 52:33.6.

Joss Needling, 52:40.0; Elizabeth Back, 52:50.8; Betsy Back, 53:04.1; and Carol Hofbauer, 55:59.5.

Israel Queen from Christopher said: "This was a great 5K. I do a lot of them so I know. The route was well marked and it was well organized. I will be back

next year."

Vina Castelli shared: "This was a good way to start the day."

About 40 kids enjoyed chasing Santa and Rudolph during the Kid's Fun Run.

Afterwards, the kids joined Hannah Dover, Edna and Jim Goddard and Nancy Kucera to make free Christmas ornaments.

And the Reindeer 5K did start the day at the Anna Arts Center.

The Holiday Bazaar opened at 9 a.m. with 35 artists, crafters and vendors.

Susan Whitemountain shared: "I am very happy to be here sharing in the Christmas cheer. This is really fun."

Thank you to all of the volunteers that put these events together.

Thank you to the Anna-Jonesboro Rotary Club for



Fun with Rudolph

From left, Trina Warren, Amber Taylor and Angie Hathway, all from Harrisburg, shared a fun moment with Rudolph. Amber finished second in the Under 19 Class with 39:08.7, and Angie placed second in the 30-39 Class with a time of 39:09.6. Photo provided.



Young runners

Israel Queen and Josh Bevis, both from Christopher, finished the Reindeer 5K, with Israel coming in second place with a time of 25:33.3; and Josh placing third at 25:56.2 in the Under 19 Class. Photo provided.

organizing and manning the registration table and road guards; the Union County Women in Business for supplying and manning the hot chocolate table and cheering the runners/walkers; the artists, crafters and vendors; and everyone that visited the Anna Arts Center. It was a fun day.

Trina Warren from Harrisburg shared: "Had a great time at the run and visiting the holiday bazaar. We are already planning on being there next year."



Fun Run

Carmin Smith, from Dongola, cruised through the Fun Run at the Anna Arts Center on Nov. 26.

Investment classes scheduled

Edward Jones financial advisor Tim McGrath plans to offer investment classes during January in Anna.

The classes will be at Shawnee Community College's extension center in Anna.

The schedule for the classes and their topics includes:

Jan. 10, Stocks: The Nuts and Bolts. Jan. 17, Focus on Fixed Income.

Jan. 24, An Investor's Tours of Mutual Funds. Jan. 31, Tax-free Investing.

All of the classes are scheduled from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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December 14 at Salem - 7 p.m.

December 21 at Mount Moriah - 7 p.m.

Advent Midweek Services (with Holy Communion) Supper served at 6 p.m. preceding each Advent Service

December 24 at 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve at Salem

December 24 at 9 p.m. Christmas Eve at Mount Moriah (with Holy Communion)

December 25 at 9 a.m. One worship service at Salem

PAST open house event will feature unique quilts



Quilter at work

Barbara Walter Jahn is shown in her studio working on Ceremony of Carols, with the music of the same name by Britten displayed next to her for inspiration. Photo provided.



Wall hanging

Peggy Nimmo Walter of Anna and Barbara Walter Jahn of Medillin, Colombia, South America, take a look at a wall hanging made by the two ladies for the Heritage House Museum in Jonesboro. Photo provided.

(Note: the accompany article and photographs were shared by Barbara Bauer on behalf of PAST.)

The PAST organization of Union County and the Heritage House Museum extend an invitation to the community to attend an open house at 102 S. Main St. in Jonesboro on Sunday, Dec. 18, from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The historic Jonesboro house features holiday decorations throughout the home to provide the ambiance of a Victorian era.

Doorway swags and vintage arrangements recall generations of cherished Christmas carols by the use of music motifs, velvet ribbons, live holly, ceramic villages, hymnbook trees and candle glow.

Hess News

By Glenn Heisner

The Union County Saddle Club was hosted in November by Judy and Bill Halter, with food and dessert.

We went to Quinlan, Texas, to spend Thanksgiving with our daughter and family. Our son Danny drove us, and grandson Justin was there from Nashville to smoke the turkey for the 10 of us.

The Union County Saddle Club had its Christmas potluck and election of officers Dec. 3 at the Dongola community building. All of the officers were reelected. Dwayne Sims sang Christmas songs while we ate.

The fundraiser for Jon Pengress at Great Boars was very successful. It was good to see the community support for him and his family.

December birthdays: Allen Harris Dec. 7, Corban Barringer Dec. 11, Alexa Migas Dec. 14, Janette Dove Dec. 15, Gerry Davis Dec. 17, Wayne Whiteside Dec. 19, Juanita and Billy Williams Dec. 21 and Wanda Schlenker Dec. 22.

The Common Bond Sunday School class plans to have its Christmas party Thursday, today.

She used the music score to guide her vision now as she created "that flash of fantastic sound in silk."

It was her quest to repurpose and reuse as much of her family's collected and surplus fabric, clothing, and needlework as possible.

She proudly explains that for the 16 new pieces, she only bought a couple of pieces of organza needed for a special application.

The piece de resistance of the project is the birds in "Twelve Days of Christmas" that are made from little scraps of thread that she routinely saves, made into two-dimensional figures! Guests are invited to "feel" them.

Not only did she use up all her scraps, but she also tried to incorporate most of the sewing techniques that she has used over the years from her relatives and former teachers like Esther Mary Ayers of Anna.

The new and especially-made quilt and wall hanging exhibit is enriched with a few antique and collectible items that were made by Barbara Walter Jahn's mentors, her mother Peggy Nimmo Walter and her grandmother Muriel Toler Nimmo.

There are antique buttons used as ornaments from the button box of her grandmother Fan Walter. There are antique quilt blocks to recall the early days of the Walter Family roots in Pope County's Walter Brothers' Hardware Store.

There are some other noteworthy coincidences to mention about relationships.

Barbara Walter Jahn grew up in Anna next door to PAST's Mindy Sorrels Carter. Each of their mothers were mentors to the young ladies who point to where their early talents were nurtured.

When Barbara Jahn suggested the Christmas Carol theme, Mindy Carter instantly had visions of how to inspire her PAST committee to carry out that theme.

Linda Sadler found a little old Christmas carol book, minus its cover, at a flea market and that little book was an inspiration to the PAST committee.

When Barbara Jahn arrived from Colombia with the 16 quilted items she had made last year, she brought with her, a little book of Christmas carols that had inspired her since her early piano lesson days.

Sure enough, it was the same little Whitman Christmas carol book that the PAST committee had been inspired by.

The annual PAST Heritage House Christmas luncheons will continue through Dec. 10.

Following the annual luncheons, PAST will host an open house on Sunday, Dec. 18 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. to provide further opportunity to experience the special Christmas carol quilt exhibit and tour of Heritage House. For more information, call 833-3347.

The "crescendo" of this "musical experience" is a unique quilt show inspired by the life-long love of music by textile artist Barbara Walter Jahn.

On a visit to Heritage House in 2015, Barbara Walter Jahn mentioned that she would like to attempt a once-in-a-lifetime quilt project for the Heritage House Christmas event in 2016.

She took note of the spaces and items in the house that could be enhanced by quilts or quilted wall hangings.

Jahn has spent the past year designing and creating 16 new pieces especially for Heritage House.

She mentions that probably her most difficult piece is called Ceremony of Carols and takes its inspiration from the musical score by Benjamin Britten.

She learned to play that difficult music as a student at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School under director Jane Key.

News from

First Baptist Church, Cobden

Pastor Ed Falgout's message on Sunday, Dec. 4, was titled, "Let Redemption Begin," from Genesis. He spoke about community in the Trinity, relationship through covenant and the covenant of grace.

Shelly Pender provided special music.

The church plans to present the annual "Night in Bethlehem" Dec. 9-11 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. each day. There is no charge. Preregistration is not a requirement, just a suggestion. Reservations will also be taken that evening.

A tour is scheduled to start every 10 minutes. The tour takes approximately one hour. Registration can be done online at cobdenfbcc.com, or by calling 618-697-1051 or 893-2261.

Sunday School begins at 9 a.m. Sunday services begin at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday service begins at 6:30 p.m.



Shoes provided

The Apostolic Faith Tabernacle in Jonesboro was able to provide more than 30 pairs of tennis shoes for its Sunday School department. The church is located at 955 State Route 127 South in Jonesboro. Services are at 10 a.m. on Sunday and at 6 p.m. on Wednesday. Mark Goins is the pastor. Photo provided.



FFA members

From left are Illinois FFA vice president Paxton Morse and Shawnee High School FFA chapter members Anthony Buie, Colton Ross, Justin Charles, Ryan Schaefer and Nick McAlister. Photo provided.

Shawnee FFA members attend student development conference

Members of the FFA chapter at Shawnee High School in Wolf Lake attended the annual 212° conference, which was held Nov. 18-19 in Collinsville.

The conference is a National FFA Organization activity made possible by title sponsors as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

The two-day event fo-

cused on student development and helped FFA members to become aware of all aspects of personal growth.

Students attended sessions on mental, emotional, physical and social growth, and have an opportunity to leave the experience with a personal plan for self-improvement.

The conference also includes a dance, along with many other group activities.

212°, the temperature at which water boils, focuses on taking students to the boiling point of personal leadership. At 211°, water is extremely hot, but just one more degree gets them to the next level.

FFA works to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

News from

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

On the second Sunday of Advent, Pastor Mark asked the children just how long they are willing to wait. He recalled that Old Testament people waited hundreds of years for God's promise to be fulfilled.

He went on to say that today people want change. Pastor Mark said, "Often the thing that needs change is ourselves. God forgives and welcomes back."

News from

First Christian Church, Anna

Minister Dee Armes' sermon was "The Light of the World" on Sunday, Dec. 4.

The message was based on scripture from John and shared that "Jesus is the light the world is seeking. Jesus is the light which the world will ultimately see. Jesus is the one who brings light to the entire world."

Birthdays: Taylor Harvel, Dec. 8; Walter Graham Dec. 9.

Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m., with worship services beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The Sunday evening program begins at 6 p.m. with the junior high and high school youth group at the church. An adult Bible study meets at 6:45 p.m.

Awana for ages 3 through 6th grade meet Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Bible study meets from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The prayer list included 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 Bill Hensch and Tyler Iubelt were remembered in prayer for loss of their loved one.

Adult Bible study for Salem and Mt. Moriah is on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Mt. Moriah fellowship hall.

The Share and Care Tree is up in the narthex. Donations of hats, gloves, scarves and/or socks are welcomed.

Advent services continue on Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. at Salem. Supper is at 6 p.m. On Dec. 21, the service is at Mt. Moriah at 7 p.m. Supper is at 6 p.m.

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

Christmas Eve services will be held on Dec. 24 at Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro at 6:30 p.m. and at Mt. Moriah in Anna at 9 p.m. with Holy Communion. There will be one Christmas Day service at Salem in Jonesboro at 9 a.m.

Sunday worship is held at Mt. Moriah at 9 a.m. and at Salem at 10:15 a.m.

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'Day of Infamy': December 7, 1941

75th anniversary of Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor remembered this week

"U.S. Now in War With Germany, Italy and Japan" the headline on page one of the Dec. 11, 1941, edition of The Gazette-Democrat declared.

That week's paper appeared only days after the military forces of the Japanese Empire had attacked American naval and air bases at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii.

In an article posted on its website, the Naval History and Heritage Command declared that the "Japanese raid on Pearl Harbor was one of the great defining moments in history. A single carefully planned and well-executed stroke removed the United States Navy's battleship force as a possible threat to the Japanese Empire's southward expansion. America, unprepared and now considerably weakened, was abruptly brought into the Second World War as a full combatant."

Indeed, a "subheadline" which accompanied the story on page one of the 10-page edition of The Gazette-Democrat during that week 75 years ago this month read: "Country Getting Geared Up On War Time Basis."

The story which accompanied those headlines read:

The Congress of the United States today declared war on Germany and Italy. This action was in prompt response to the challenge of the Berlin-Rome Axis which a few hours earlier had declared war on the United States.

Sunday morning without breaking off diplomatic relations or giving evidence of hostilities, the Japanese attacked the U.S. naval and air bases in the Pacific. There was fighting throughout the day in the Pacific and Monday morning the Senate and House voted that a state of war existed with that nation. There was only one dissenting vote – that of Miss Jeannette Rankin of Montana in the House – she also voted against the war with Germany in 1917.

There has been no dissension throughout the country in this emergency

– the United States has been attacked and all citizens have responded to the challenge.

Politics and isolationists viewpoints that have been heard for the past several months have been forgotten and all America is united.

The war has been brought to the United States and Germany and Italy and Japan have challenged the democratic nations of the world. War machinery is being swiftly geared up and when the test comes the United States will be ready.

"All Together Now"

An editorial about the Japanese attack appeared on page 2 of the paper. The editorial comment, with a headline of "All Together Now," read:

Now that the United States has been attacked by Japan and is hourly waiting for another knife in the back from Germany or Italy or both, all in the United States have come to the realization that this nation cannot isolate itself. We cannot remain a world power and build a wall around our country.

However, it will do no good now to sit around complaining of the retard in defense caused by isolationists. Everyone must get their shoulder to the wheel and do their part that this and other democratic nations may not perish.

It is the time to forget the past and think and build toward the future.

Worried About Grandson

The impact of the nation's abrupt entry into the war also surfaced on other pages of that week's newspaper.

The Alto Pass news reported that a letter to Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Minton, from their son, Col. H. Earl Minton, of Monterey, Calif., informs them that his son, Lieut. Warren A. Minton, of the 26th (Cavalry) at Fort Stotsenberg, Philippine Islands, is in the center of the bombing that took place at Manila December 8. Mr. and Mrs. Minton are anxiously awaiting news of their grandson.



U.S.S. Arizona

The battleship U.S.S. Arizona was in flames following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. The picture was taken looking from the side of the U.S.S. Arizona. To the left is the Number Two 14-inch/45 triple gun turret pointing forward. The supporting structure for the gun director tripod had collapsed and the tripod was tilting forward towards the front of the ship giving the wreck its distinctive appearance. The image is in the public domain because it was taken by a military photographer. Naval archives photo. No. NH 97379. Unknown photographer.

President addressed nation after attack

Following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt delivered a speech to a Joint Session of Congress in Washington, D.C.

In the speech, which was delivered on the day after the attack, the president declared that Dec. 7, 1941, "will live in infamy."

The text of the president's speech follows:

Yesterday, December 7, 1941 – a date which will live in infamy – the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan.

The United States was at peace with that nation and, at the solicitation of Japan, was still in conversation with its Government and its Emperor looking toward the maintenance of peace in the Pacific. Indeed, one hour after Japanese air squadrons had commenced bombing in Oahu, the Japanese Ambassador to the United

States and his colleague delivered to the Secretary of State a formal reply to a recent American message. While this reply stated that it seemed useless to continue the existing diplomatic negotiations, it contained no threat or hint of war or armed attack.

It will be recorded that the distance of Hawaii from Japan makes it obvious that the attack was deliberately planned many days or even weeks ago. During the intervening time the Japanese Government has deliberately sought to deceive the United States by false statements and expressions of hope for continued peace.

The attack yesterday on the Hawaiian Islands has caused severe damage to American naval and military forces. Very many American lives have been lost. In addition American ships have been reported torpedoed on the high seas between San Francisco and Honolulu.

Yesterday the Japanese

Government also launched an attack against Malaya. Last night Japanese forces attacked Hong Kong. Last night Japanese forces attacked Guam. Last night Japanese forces attacked the Philippine Islands. Last night the Japanese attacked Wake Island. This morning the Japanese attacked Midway Island.

Japan has, therefore, undertaken a surprise offensive extending throughout the Pacific area. The facts of yesterday speak for themselves. The people of the United States have already formed their opinions and well understand the implications to the very life and safety of our nation.

As Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, I have directed that all measures be taken for our defense.

Always will we remember the character of the onslaught against us. No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the

American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory.

I believe I interpret the will of the Congress and of the people when I assert that we will not only defend ourselves to the uttermost but will make very certain that this form of treachery shall never endanger us again.

Hostilities exist. There is no blinking at the fact that our people, our territory and our interests are in grave danger.

With confidence in our armed forces – with the unbounded determination of our people – we will gain the inevitable triumph – so help us God.

I ask that the Congress declare that since the unprovoked and dastardly attack by Japan on Sunday, December seventh, 1941, a state of war has existed between the United States and the Japanese Empire.

(The text for the "Day of Infamy" speech is posted on the website for the National World War II Museum in New Orleans, La.)



U.S.S. Shaw explodes

The U.S.S. Shaw explodes during the Japanese raid on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941. National Archives photograph. Identifier: 520590.

News from

Walnut Grove Church



Advent candles Barb Norton with David, Trey, Raegan and Sophie lit the Advent candles on Sunday. Photo provided.

On the second Sunday of Advent, Barb Norton with David, Trey, Raegan and Sophie lit the Advent candles at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church.

Church members shared in communion during the Eucharist service.

In his message, the Rev. Robert Fear asked: "How Much Do We Love God?"

News from

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Anna



Player of year St. Mary's Catholic Church congratulates parish member Elle Basler for being selected the Southern newspaper's volleyball player of the year. Photo provided.

Father Federico Higuera shared on Sunday that "from Jesse's stump (the father of King David) comes Jesse's flower (Jesus the Christ). On this second Sunday of Advent, as we wait for Christ to come again, John the Baptizer does not mince words. We are called to live in faithful harmony."

The annual St. Mary Christmas Cookie Walk, sponsored by the Ladies of St. Mary, will be Dec. 10 from 8 a.m. to noon in the parish hall. Everyone is invited to come buy their cookies by the pound for Christmas. This year, for a slight fee, cookies can be put in a decorative box with a ribbon, ready for gift giving.

St. Mary's annual Christmas dinner and program will be "One Silent (but Snowy) Night" on Dec. 11 at 4 p.m. The children are preparing songs and a play. Masses are at 5 p.m. on Saturday and at 7:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sunday.

News from

First Baptist Church, Anna

In the Sunday morning service, Pastor Sinks' sermon was titled "The Promise of Hope," from Isaiah. The church is doing Advent readings each Sunday morning in December.

Thursday, today, the American Red Cross Bloodmobile is scheduled to be at the First Baptist Church in Anna fellowship hall from noon to 6 p.m. Donors can contact the Red Cross to make an appointment.

The next Soup and Serve is planned Monday, Dec. 12, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Soup, sandwiches with coffee, tea and lemonade will be served. The meal is free.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

The music for the Sunday, Dec. 4, morning worship service was led by Larry Fuller and Randy Wright and accompanied by Johnathon Cauble.

The reading and lighting of the Advent candle were done by Randy, Madison and Jacob Wright.

The offertory was provided by Abby Barlow. Robert Smith, Heath Brooks, Matt Macy and Terry Wiseman Sr. served as ushers.

The morning message, "The Miracle of the Message" was brought by Pastor McBride from Hebrews.

He shared that "we hear messages all through life that may not be what we want to hear. Christmas is about a message that we have received. We can't be ashamed of it. Like the shepherd we need to be eager to spread it and like the magi we need to give our best to him."

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

Offertory was provided by Johnathon Cauble and Randy Wright.

Ushers for the evening service were Drake Wiseman, Robert Smith, Curly

Ralls and Clayton Ramage. A special song, "O Come All Ye Faithful," was presented by Jessica Elkins.

The evening message, "Carols: O Come All Ye Faithful," was brought by Pastor McBride from Hebrews.

The message shared that "the faithful are those who realize their joy and triumphant come from fixing our eyes on the author and perfecter of faith. It's knowing he is forever faithful and we can't do it without him."

Communion was served to the congregation.

Dec. 17 is the open house at the parsonage.

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

Dec. 24 is the Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m.

On Dec. 25, there will be no Sunday School; worship service at 10:35 a.m.; 6 p.m. service cancelled.

Birthdays: Peacely Benefield, Dec. 4; Jon Vincenzi, Taylor Mowell, Dec. 5; Leonard Sadler, Dec. 8; Jeanette Fuller, Dec. 9; Ruthe Clayton, Dec. 10.

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.

News from

Camp Ground Church and Community

The Sunday, Dec. 4, Advent reading and lighting of the Peace candle were by Brittany and Tanner Roach. The Hope and Peace candle posters were held by Aldi and Vodra Gerard.

During the opening of worship, Rodney Miller was reinstated as elder for 2017-2019.

The sermon was titled "The Triumph of Christ," with scripture from Paul's letter to the Colossians.

The message shared that "in our human nature, it is difficult or impossible to understand the things of Heaven. But through faith, Christians understand that Christ, by coming to Earth and suffering human death, has made us alive, forgiven us all our sins, and is completely triumphant over His enemies and, in turn, our enemies."

Holy Communion was served after the message. The Rev. Vance sang the invitation hymn, "When He Was on the Cross, I Was on His Mind."

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

The elder for December is David Miller.

Reed Crane celebrated a birthday on Dec. 7.

Camp Ground welcomed special visitors on Sunday: Steve Karsten, a missionary to mainland China, and friend of Tony Gerard, and the Rev. and Mrs. Brent Ballow of Paducah.

LaDonna Miller had major surgery last week in St. Louis. The congregation is happy she is home and recuperating so well.

Camp Ground manned the "collection bucket" at Kroger Friday evening during the Union County Alliance of Churches fund raising campaign.

Camp Ground Church welcomes everyone to attend worship each Sunday during the Advent season and shares that "as we prepare our homes for Christmas, we need to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ."

Worship begins at 11 a.m. each Sunday. Sunday School is at 10 a.m.

On Dec. 25, morning worship is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. There will be no Sunday School.

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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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Nancy Ragain, Mary Light, Lori and David Ray had an early Christmas get-together at the Anna Pizza Hut last Wednesday.



Art Pender celebrated his 80th birthday Nov. 30 with his wife, Louise, family and friends at his daughter Tammy's home.

Thanksgiving Guest
Sheryl Netherton was home from St Joseph for the Thanksgiving holiday.

She stayed with her mother Geneva Elkins of Jonesboro, and visited with her aunt Valarine Thomas and her sister Cathy Freeman.

Guests

Guests of Clara and Gaylon Cates were their friends Bob and Joan Hernandez from Elwood.

Thanksgiving Visit

Jeff Tutt came from Colorado for Thanksgiving and said they were so thankful he and his family got to spend the holidays with their mother Betty Tutt in her own home.

Betty had to go to the hospital after Thanksgiving. Please keep her in your prayers.

Christmas Musical

The First Baptist Church of Marion is doing a Christmas musical titled "God Bless Us Everyone" at the Marion Civic Center Dec. 15-18. Admission is free.

Brian Caraker plays Dr. Timothy Cratchit in this sequel to "The Gospel According to Scrooge," which was performed four years ago (Brian was Bob Cratchit).

Special Thanks

Thanks to Roger and Leila Spurlock for giving me credit when they renewed their subscription to The Gazette-Democrat.

They enjoyed having their family home for Thanksgiving and had their Christmas celebration while everyone was together.

Please keep their grandson Ryan Hampton, who is in the military, and his family in your prayers, as they will be moving to South Korea.

Wedding Anniversaries

Nov. 30 Randy and Kathy Wheaton celebrated their 42nd anniversary. Weldon and Judy Brown celebrated their 53rd anniversary. Dec. 12 Don and Elaine Thady, Eric



J.D. Adams' sons visited him on his birthday with a celebration at Giant City Lodge. Pictured are Tim Adams of Anna, J.D. Adams and Jamie Adams of St. Louis.

and Cassandra Watkins, 17 Bud and Rose Nevels, 28 Thomas and Sylvia Maske.

Thanksgiving Trip

Bill and Nancy Hooks visited their daughter Lindsey Houston and family in Millstadt.

Birthdays

Nov. 30 Macayla Palmer, Sally Betts, Linda Lasley, Art Pender. Dec. 1 Cheryl Stamp, Jr. Oliver, Kirsty Vines, 2 Janice Plemon, Ashley Massey, Amy Howell, Crystal Garland, Ricky Borders, Brad Watkins. Dec. 1 Justin Smith, Jan Campbell, 2 Ricky Borders, 3 Darryl Adams, Rev. Tim Sadler, Lisa Sharp, Jeff Stark, Carolyn Dammann, 4 Mary Ann Stout, Patrick Brumleve, Heather Boatright, 7 James Wilde, 9 Wanda Dillow, 11 Johan Watkins, 12 Rose Nevels, 14 Sue Ann Zimmerman, 16 Olivia Hand, 19 Amber Belcher, Muriel Zachary, 22 Natalie Shasteen 27 Boyd LaFoon,

5th Birthday

Justin Smith celebrated his birthday Dec. 1.

80th Birthday Celebration

Art Pender turned 80 on Nov. 30. They had a family get-together at his daughter Tammy's home with appetizers, cake, ice cream. Approximately 20 people attended.

Lighted Christmas Parade

Many people from our area attended the Carbon-dale Lighted Christmas Parade.

The floats were beautiful. The scouts looked good and the dance teams. All the bands were really good and the lights were so pretty.

Thanks to all the band teachers and everyone who volunteers to help.

It was a beautiful night and God blessed us with no rain till after the parade. The wind was not blowing and the weather was a bit nippy but nice.

A-JCHS Bowling Teams

The girls and boys bowling teams were very busy

last week practicing and playing games against Cartersville, Carbondale and Harrisburg.

Cookie Walk

The Ladies of St. Mary Catholic Church will hold the third annual Cookie Walk sale Saturday, Dec. 10, from 8 a.m. to noon at the parish hall at 402 Freeman in Anna.

The parish bakers offer a wide variety of cookies. Cookies are sold by the pound. Profits help them help with many community projects.

Trip

Bob and Betty Caraker were in Branson getting last of Brian apartment moved to his farm and doing some chicken building.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Rev. Carl Johnston's message was on repentance, with scripture from Matthew.

Barbara House led the singing. Holy communion was taken.

A song was sung by the choir, "Prepare the Way," of the Lord, with a solo by Amanda Boreup.

Rev. Carl read a thank you letter the church had received from a missionary in China the church helps.

Several of the church family told what a blessing they received ringing the bells at Kroger for the Union County Alliance of Churches. Many people also thanked them for collecting the money. Some ask for prayers.

This week is a busy week preparing for the Christmas dinner theatre Dec. 9-10. "Harold the Angel has Landed," which will be presented Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m.

Sunday morning, Dec. 11, a Christmas cantata will be presented.

A march to the manger is planned Dec. 18 during the worship service at 10 p.m. The children will practice for the march to the manger and have a pizza party Dec. 14.

Loaves and Fishes dinner will be Dec. 20.

State Retirees

AFSCME Retirees will meet in January at the Anna Heights Baptist Church for the first meeting of the new year. Meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

This month it was earlier because it was a Christmas dinner party at Wok and Roll in Anna. Glenn Heisner won the door prize.

Everyone who came donated their Christmas gift to Shawnee Development Council for the food pantry. They also donated money for coats to WIBH. There will be no meeting in December.

VFW

Thursday, Dec. 8, the post meeting will start at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 10, the combined Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner will start at 5 p.m. The post fixes the meal and the auxiliary brings desserts. There will be music starting at 6 p.m. with Peggy and her Star Karaoke until 10 p.m.

Moose Lodge

On Saturday, Dec. 10, the Women of the Moose will be serving homemade lasagna and spaghetti from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Anna-Jonesboro Garden Club

Tuesday, Dec. 13, the Anna-Jonesboro Garden Club will meet at the United Methodist Church in Anna.

Lunch is scheduled for noon, but the club will be gathering at 11:30 a.m. for visiting and various activities.

Members are asked to bring any pictures, seeds, plants or anything else that they would like to share with the group; and to bring items for the food pantry so that the club can deliver a healthy donation.

Sign-up sheets will be out for everyone to choose

where they would like to be involved for the coming year.

Debby will be collecting dues for 2017, and would like to have all ideas for 2017 activities. They will have t-shirts and gardening gloves at reduced prices for members who want to Christmas shop.

A catered lunch will be served at noon for all to enjoy, and after lunch, officers will be installed for the upcoming term, and a group picture will be taken.

Those who would like to come and haven't signed up are asked to send their money to Debby.

Mason Point Choir

Judy and Weldon Brown are part of the Mason Point Choir where they live.

They have sung old time songs in several sections of Mason Point. They sang Christmas songs at a free breakfast where the public was invited and Dec. 14 they have a Christmas program at the annual Christmas party at Mason Point.

Drury Christian Church

Theresa Monaco from Carbondale wanted to invite everyone to Drury Christian Church Whiter Than Snow Christmas giveaway Dec. 17 at 11 a.m., 781 Drury Rd., 618-521-0191.

All are welcome. Toys for children up to 14 years old, free food and crafts for the kids and clothing, Gifts for children and parents. Have any questions please call Afton Gill at 618-527-0191.

St. Louis Guest

Stephen Burns from St. Louis recently visited Anna. He stopped in Murphysboro on the way at the



Carla Foskey ran in her first 5K at the Reindeer Run at the Anna Arts Center on Nov. 26. She placed third. Her time was 33:54.



The Blue Boar was packed Sunday, Dec. 4, for the Jon Pengress leukemia benefit. Thank you to all who put this benefit together and those who came to eat and bid for the silent auction donations. Jon has had his bone marrow transplant and is recovering at his home. Please keep him in your prayers.

Garden club to have Christmas luncheon

The Anna-Jo Garden Club plans to have its annual Christmas luncheon at a meeting which is planned on Dec. 13.

The meeting is set for 11:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Anna. Club president Linda Karraker plans to conduct a brief business meeting and the dinner will begin at noon.

Hostesses will be the club officers, with the beautification committee responsible for the decorations. A group picture is planned.

New officers will be installed. Club president Karraker plans to welcome

Jackson County History and Genealogy Center.

Then Union County Courthouse furthering the study of his families history in the Illinois Country.

He then stopped by the home of his partner in genealogy, Barbara Bauer to return a few books she had so graciously lent Stephen.

While near the Anna City Cemetery he placed some seasonal flowers on the graves of the family of his cousin Aaron James Hart who now lives in Florida. Aaron's mother Betty Coffman tended the graves for nearly 60 years. Stephen's family has been buried in the Anna cemetery for twice that amount of years.

Stephen then enjoyed dinner at Jordos Pizza in Anna. He then attended the Thanksgiving Prayer Service at the Kornthal Church.

Chicken and Dumpling Supper

Immanuel Praise and Worship Center in Cobden has a chicken and dumpling dinner on 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. Thanksgiving week they served 189 and delivered 32 meals to shut ins.

December Holiday Guests

Norm and Barb Bauer enjoyed their role as great-grandparents last Thursday. They hosted almost 3-year-old Finlay Hileman and his little sister, Emmie, who is 18 months old.



At the Heritage Museum for Christmas in Cartersville on Dec. 2, Marie Samuel was one of the Logan College volunteers at the historical village passing out fliers. Sunday, Dec. 11, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., an old-time Christmas is planned at the Harrison-Bruce Historical Village at John A. Logan College in Cartersville. Tours and refreshments will be provided by docents in period costumes and buildings will be decorated for the holiday season. Admission is free.



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Garden club to have Christmas luncheon

Shari Sadowski as the new president. Marge Selinger will be welcoming Sherry Lence as the new secretary.

Debbie McKibben, club treasurer, and Nancy Kucera, club vice president, will remain as officers.

The price of the lun-

They were also visiting their grandparents Doug and Beth Hileman in Anna while their parents, Jacob and Nadia Hileman, were away from their home in St. Louis.

Other weekend guests of Norm and Barb Bauer were Chuck and Jody Bauer from Spring City, Tenn. The Tennessee Bauers were returning home from Decatur, where they go annually to attend the holiday musical concert at Millikin University in Decatur. They also visited friends and family for the holiday season.

Get Well List

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

Military Prayer List

David Jordan Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, C J Youngerman, Freddy Morse, Reagan Morrison, Josh Steveson, Josh Williams, Lukas W. Davis, Faith Odom, Tommy Goff and family Janette, Jamison and Kaylynn, Craighton Laster, Brandon Eaker, Jim Bonner, Jacob Schaefer, Jerod Schaefer, Jennifer Ann Bishop, Robert Jr. McMeely, James McWhorter, Arin White-mountain.

Flute choir concert set

The Southern Illinois Flute Choir and SIU Flute Studio, under the artistic direction of Dr. Douglas Worthen and assistant conductor Katrina Walczyk, plan to join together to play a fall concert.

The concert is set for 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 9, at the First United Methodist Church in Carbondale.

The church is located at 214 W. Main St. The concert is free.

Successful event helps to support area honor guards

An Operation Honor Guard event in the area has been termed as a "great success."

Crain Funeral Home shared the following information about Operation

Honor Guard: The dedication of one's life to serving our country is something that should not be overlooked.

Even after their last breath, we honor these he-

rons by providing military honors at their funerals.

These honor guard teams that provide military honors are made up of veteran volunteers.

The first ever Day of Giving - Operation Honor Guard was brought to Southern Illinois by Crain Funeral Home alongside WSIL TV 3 and Black Diamond Harley-Davidson on Oct. 11.

ing support and generosity of the people of Southern Illinois, over \$13,000 was raised that day.

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Honor Guard was a huge success in its first year.

Crain Funeral Home looks forward to an even bigger success next year and are already planning for the event.

SIU honors employees for their years of service

Southern Illinois University Carbondale interim chancellor Brad Colwell recognized 358 employees for their service to the university during a ceremony and reception which were held Friday, Dec. 2.

15 years: Christopher M. Wieseman, University Housing.

20 years: Bret B. Dougherty, Physical Plant Service; Holly Elizabeth Duckworth, Head Start Agency; Reuben A. Hawkins, Physical Plant Service; Mary E. Janello, Office of Sponsored Projects Administration; Gail B. Robinson, College of Science.

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The ceremony and reception were in Ballroom D at the SIU Student Center.

30 years: Ray Edward Houseman, Broadcasting Service.

10 years: Sara Susanne Nimmo, Student Health Services.



Representatives

Crain Funeral Home representatives: Bryan and Stacey Crain and Kelley Thorpe; VFW and American Legion Post Represented: VFW Post 3455 Anna; VFW Post 2671 Benton; VFW Post 2649 Cairo; American Legion Post 364 Carrier Mills; American Legion Post 347 Carterville; American Legion Post 528 Christopher; VFW Post 3479 Eldorado; American Legion Post 167 Harrisburg; VFW Post 1567 Herrin; VFW Post 1301 Marion; American Legion Post 306 Metropolis; VFW Post 8891 Mounds; American Legion Post 127 Murphysboro; American Legion Post 2504 Pinckneyville; VFW Post 4753 Sesser; American Legion Post 178 Villa Ridge. Photo provided.

The event honored employees with 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and 55 years of service to the university.

30 years: J.P. Dunn, Center for Teaching Excellence; Martin A. Hebel, ASA School of Information Systems and Applied Technologies; Susan J. Moberly, Information Technology; Karen Renzaglia, Plant Biology; Jie Zhang Tyrrell, Registrar's Office.

Check presented
Presenting Operation Honor Guard check to American Legion Post 178 of Villa Ridge: from left are Jim Richards, Post 178 commander; Bryan Crain, owner of Crain Funeral Home; and Buddy Walls, Post 178 Sons of the American Legion commander. Photo provided.

The employees have a combined total of 6,195 years of service to the university.

10 years: Katy Barnett Green, SIU Foundation Carbondale; Elvira A. Muckelroy, SIU Foundation Carbondale; Dashun Xu, Mathematics.

Television Listing

Four employees have 40 years of service and one has 55 years of service.

15 years: Dunren Che, Computer Science; Robin Rheunell Vaughn, Student Health Services; Rebecca A. Yancey, Plant Biology; Taeho Yoh, Kinesiology.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 8, 2016

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local	College Football Awards (HD)	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	"Aladdin" ('92) A boy tames a genie. (G)	"Allegiant" Tonight	"The Conjuring" ('13) (R)	Shameless "Ride or Die"
7 PM :30	Forgat (HD) Shrek Hall	Big Bang Indoors	Taraji's White Hot (HD)	(:20) Thursday Night Football Oakland Raiders at Kansas City Chiefs (Live) (HD)	Championship Drive (HD)	2 Broke	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Stuck Mid.	*** "Any Given Sunday" ('99) Hotshot player hassles coach. (HD)	"The Last Witch Hunter" ('15) Vin Diesel. Last hope.	"Tears of the Sun" ('03) Rescue plans upset. (R) (HD)
8 PM :30	Great American Baking	(:01) Mom Pieces (HD)	Pitch "Don't Say #!" (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	College GameDay (HD)	Big Bang	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Stuck Mid.	Walk Prank Best Frnds	Divorce	*** "Furious 7" ('15) Vin Diesel. Crews seek revenge.
9 PM :30	Notorious "Taken" (HD)	Pure Genius (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Big Bang	Falling Water "The Well"	Stuck Mid.	Conan (HD)	(:03) Law & Order: SVU	The Lodge
10 PM :30	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel (HD)	(:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(:05) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Billy On	(:02) Shooter "Overwatch"	Girl World Best Frnds	"Race" ('16) Stephan James. Fighting adversity.	"Magic Mike XXL" ('15)	Shameless "Ride or Die"
11 :30	Nightline	(:37) Corden	Local Programs	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local

The list of those honored for their service, provided by the university, included, by their hometowns, residents from the Union County area:

20 years: J.P. Dunn, Center for Teaching Excellence; Martin A. Hebel, ASA School of Information Systems and Applied Technologies; Susan J. Moberly, Information Technology; Karen Renzaglia, Plant Biology; Jie Zhang Tyrrell, Registrar's Office.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 9, 2016

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA Countdown (Live)	Seinfeld	Mod Family	Undercover	"Gods Egypt" Tonight	(:50) "Eagle Eye" ('08)	(:15) "Cold Souls" ('09)
7 PM :30	Man Stand. Dr. Ken	MacGyver "Pliers" (HD)	Hell's Kitchen (HD)	Caught on Camera (HD)	NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at Oklahoma City Thunder (Live)	Big Bang	Mod Family	Bizaardvark	(:15) "Keanu" ('16) Men try to get stolen kitten back.	*** "I Spy" ('02) An arms dealer steals a U.S. airplane.	The Affair (HD)
8 PM :30	Shark Tank Santa replies.	Hawaii Five-0 "Ka Lulu" (HD)	(:01) The Exorcist (HD)	Dateline NBC (HD)	NBA Basketball Phoenix Suns at Los Angeles Lakers (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	Mod Family	Liv Maddie	Boxing "Crawford vs Molina, Diaz vs. Beltran, TBA vs. TBA" (12/10/16)	VICE Political events.	*** "Shaft" ('00) NYPD detective. (HD)
9 PM :30	(:01) 20/20 (HD)	Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Local	Search	Big Bang	Mod Family	Bizaardvark	Search	Mod Family	Girl World
10 PM :30	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel (HD)	(:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(:35) Tonight (HD)	Search	Search	Mod Family	Liv Maddie	"The Martian" ('15) Astronaut must survive on Mars.	"Suicide Kings" Hostage manipulates.	Madonna: Rebel Heart Tour Famed pop career.
11 :30	Nightline	(:37) Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	"The Mexican" ('01) (HD)	Search Party	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	The Lodge Best Frnds	Search Party	Mod Family	Austin & Ally

Alto Pass
10 years: Myron Curtis Albers, University Farms and Plant, Soil, and Agricultural Systems.

30 years: Kathy S. Doan, Center for Rural Health-School of Medicine, Carbondale.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 10, 2016

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	Basketball Pregame	Local Programs Local info.	Basketball Duke vs UNLV	"Lego Movie" Grinch Stole	NCIS "Faith" (HD)	Disney Parks Presents (HD)	"Big Fat Greek Wedding" Tonight	"Vacation" "Walley World."	Shameless "Ride or Die"
7 PM :30	***½ "Mary Poppins" ('64, Musical) Julie Andrews. A nanny has a profound effect. (HD)	Rudolph Red-Nosed (HD)	2016 MLS Cup "Teams TBD" (Live) (HD)	The Voice "Live Semi-Final Performances" (HD)	2016 Heisman Trophy (HD)	Elf (HD)	***½ "It's a Wonderful Life" ('47, Holiday) A man discovers the value of his life. (NR)	***½ "Descendants" ('15) Redemption chance. (NR) (HD)	"My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2" ('16) (HD)	"Entourage" Friends and friends make movie.	"The Gift" ('15) Wife learns husband's horrifying secret.
8 PM :30	Shark Tank Santa replies.	Hawaii Five-0 "Ka Lulu" (HD)	(:01) The Exorcist (HD)	Dateline NBC (HD)	30 for 30 "Catholics vs. Convents" (HD)	Big Bang	Mod Family	Liv Maddie	Boxing "Crawford vs Molina, Diaz vs. Beltran, TBA vs. TBA" (12/10/16)	VICE Political events.	*** "Shaft" ('00) NYPD detective. (HD)
9 PM :30	(:01) 20/20 (HD)	Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Local	Saturday Night Live (HD)	Big Bang	Mod Family	Bizaardvark	Search	Mod Family	Girl World
10 PM :30	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel (HD)	(:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Frontal (HD)	Mod Family	Walk Prank	Search Party	Mod Family	Best Frnds
11 :30	Nightline	(:37) Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	People (HD)	Mod Family	Best Frnds	Search Party	Mod Family	Liv Maddie

Anna
10 years: Diane Renee McIntyre, University Housing.

15 years: Dunren Che, Computer Science; Robin Rheunell Vaughn, Student Health Services; Rebecca A. Yancey, Plant Biology; Taeho Yoh, Kinesiology.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 11, 2016

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Funniest Home Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	NFL (Live) NFL (Live)	Football America (Live) (HD)	Sports (HD)	"Blended" ('14) Families share room. (HD)	Law & Order: SVU "Bang"	(:55) "Descendants" ('15)	*** "Dawn of Justice" ('16)	***½ "Furious 7" ('15) Crews seek revenge.	Shameless "Ride or Die"
7 PM :30	***½ "Frozen" ('13) Princess tries to break icy spell. (HD)	Dick Van Dyke in Color	Simpsons	(:20) Sunday Night Football Dallas Cowboys at New York Giants (Live) (HD)	Capital One Bowl Mania Bowl game selections reviewed. (HD)	***½ "Fred Claus" ('07) Santa's brother works at the North Pole. (HD)	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Bizaardvark	(:20) "My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2" ('16) Family secret.	(:25) "Traders" ('16) Fight to the death.	The Affair A terrifying event.
8 PM :30	Shark Tank Santa replies.	Hawaii Five-0 "Ka Lulu" (HD)	(:01) The Exorcist (HD)	Dateline NBC (HD)	30 for 30 "Catholics vs. Convents" (HD)	Big Bang	Mod Family	Liv Maddie	Boxing "Crawford vs Molina, Diaz vs. Beltran, TBA vs. TBA" (12/10/16)	VICE Political events.	*** "Shaft" ('00) NYPD detective. (HD)
9 PM :30	(:04) The Making of Frozen	Elementary (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Local	Saturday Night Live (HD)	Big Bang	Mod Family	Bizaardvark	Search Party	Mod Family	Girl World
10 PM :30	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel (HD)	(:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Frontal (HD)	Mod Family	Walk Prank	Search Party	Mod Family	Best Frnds
11 :30	Nightline	(:37) Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	People (HD)	Mod Family	Best Frnds	Search Party	Mod Family	Liv Maddie

Belknap
20 years: Clarissa June Terbrak, Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

30 years: Kathy S. Doan, Center for Rural Health-School of Medicine, Carbondale.

MONDAY DECEMBER 12, 2016

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Monday Countdown (HD)	Family Guy	"The Other Guys" ('10)	"Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel" Boys vs. girls sing.	(:50) VICE Tonight	"Fracture" Tonight	The Affair (HD)
7 PM :30	The Great Christmas Light Fight (HD)	Kevin Wait Man Plan	Gotham Gordon's hunt.	The Voice "Live Finale, Part 1" (HD)	(:15) Monday Football Baltimore Ravens at New England Patriots (Live) (HD)	Family Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (HD)	Bizaardvark	"Race" ('16) Stephan James. Fighting adversity. (HD)	"Mind" ('02) Ill mathematician impresses academia.	Shameless (HD)
8 PM :30	Fresh Off 'O'Neals	Bull "Light My Fire" (HD)	(:01) Queen's Idol visit.	The Voice "Live Finale, Part 2" Winner is chosen.	NBA Basketball Minnesota Timberwolves at Chicago Bulls (Live) (HD)	Family Guy	SmackDown (Live) (HD)	Bizaardvark	Westworld "The Cameraman Mind" (HD)	(:05) "Victor Frankenstein" ('15) Innovative research.	Inside the NFL (HD)
9 PM :30	Great American Baking	Scorpion "This is the Pits"	Local Programs Local info.	(:01) Timeless (HD)	NBA Basketball Oklahoma City vs Portland (Live) (HD)	Family Guy	Shooter "Recon by Fire"	Best Frnds	Girl World	"My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2" ('16)	"The Wrestler" A wrestler's choice. (R)
10 PM :30	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel (HD)	(:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter with Scott Van Pelt (HD)	Conan Zany sketches.	"Tyler Perry's Madea's Witness Protection" ('12)	Jessie (HD)	BUNCK'D	"Wed Wars" ('09) Bride wedding hostilities.	(:50) "Shaft" ('00) NYPD detective. (HD)
11 :30	Nightline	(:37) Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	People (HD)	(:01) Law & Order: SVU	Austin & Ally	Girl World	"Kings of Comedy" ('00)	*** "Forsaken" ('16) (HD)

Cobden
10 years: Randy Lee Lange, Plant, Soil, and Agricultural Systems.

15 years: Christopher M. Vick, Plant, Soils and Agricultural Systems.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 13, 2016

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA Countdown (Live)	Seinfeld	Mod Family	Undercover	"SelfLess" Tonight	"Screen 3" Killer returns.	"Tears of the Sun" ('03) Rescue plans upset. (R) (HD)
7 PM :30	The Middle	NCIS Ducky's mother.	Brooklyn New Girl	The Voice Final four. (HD)	NBA Basketball Minnesota Timberwolves at Chicago Bulls (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	WWE SmackDown (Live) (HD)	Bizaardvark	Westworld "The Cameraman Mind" (HD)	(:05) "Victor Frankenstein" ('15) Innovative research.	Inside the NFL (HD)
8 PM :30	Fresh Off 'O'Neals	Bull "Light My Fire" (HD)	(:01) Queen's Idol visit.	The Voice "Live Finale, Part 1" (HD)	NBA Basketball Boston Celtics at San Antonio Spurs (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	Shooter "Recon by Fire"	Best Frnds	Girl World	"My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2" ('16)	"The Wrestler" A wrestler's choice. (R)
9 PM :30	Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.	NCIS: New Orleans (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	(:01) Timeless (HD)	NBA Basketball Oklahoma City vs Portland (Live) (HD)	Family Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (HD)	Bizaardvark	Westworld "The Cameraman Mind" (HD)	(:05) "Victor Frankenstein" ('15) Innovative research.	Inside the NFL (HD)
10 PM :30	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel (HD)	(:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter with Scott Van Pelt (HD)	Conan (HD)	(:01) Incorporated by Fire"	Best Frnds	Girl World	"My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2" ('16)	"The Wrestler" A wrestler's choice. (R)
11 :30	Nightline	(:37) Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	2 Broke	(:02) Law & Order: SVU	Austin & Ally	Girl World	"Kings of Comedy" ('00)	*** "Forsaken" ('16) (HD)

Crain Funeral Home
10 years: Sara Susanne Nimmo, Student Health Services.

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WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14, 2016

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA Basketball Indiana Pacers at Miami Heat (Live) (HD)	Seinfeld	NCIS "Leap of Faith" (HD)	BUNCK'D	"Cast Away" Tonight	(:50) "Road House" ('89)	(:50) "Zero Days" ('16)
7 PM :30	Goldbergs	Survivor: Millennials vs. Gen X (HD)	Empire Mayoral bid. (HD)	Pentatonix Christmas	(:15) Monday Football Baltimore Ravens at New England Patriots (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	WWE Tribute to the Troops Military families.	Bizaardvark	Westworld "The Cameraman Mind" (HD)	(:05) "Victor Frankenstein" ('15) Innovative research.	Inside the NFL (HD)
8 PM :30	Mod Family	Survivor: Millennials vs. Gen X (HD)	Star "Pilot" (HD)	Saturday Night Live "SNL Christmas 2016" (HD)	NBA Basketball Boston Celtics at San Antonio Spurs (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	"Tyler Perry's A Madea's Christmas" ('13, Comedy)	Duck (HD)	Girl World	"Wed Wars" ('09) Bride wedding hostilities.	(:50) "Shaft" ('00) NYPD detective. (HD)
9 PM :30	Designated Survivor (HD)	Survivor: Millennials vs. Gen X (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	(:01) Queen's Idol visit.	NBA Basketball Oklahoma City vs Portland (Live) (HD)	Family Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (HD)	Bizaardvark	Westworld "The Cameraman Mind" (HD)	(:05) "Victor Frankenstein" ('15) Innovative research.	Inside the NFL (HD)
10 PM :30	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel (HD)	(:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter with Scott Van Pelt (HD)	Conan (HD)	(:01) Incorporated by Fire"	Best Frnds	Girl World	"My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2" ('16)	"The Wrestler" A wrestler's choice. (R)
11 :30	Nightline	(:37) Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	2 Broke	(:02) Law & Order: SVU	Austin & Ally	Girl World	"Kings of Comedy" ('00)	*** "Forsaken" ('16) (HD)

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SIU honors 123 retirees at ceremony, reception

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Edwin W. Vogler, Kinesiology, 12 years.

Susan Jean Yates, Library Affairs, 11 years.

Michael L. Jarvis, University Housing, 26 years.

Jeannie Killian, Exploratory Student Advisement, 40 years.

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Opinion and Commentary

Developing a family position on drugs, alcohol

The teenage years are an exciting time, but can be an emotionally intense and confusing time as well. Having a close family bond and a support system as a network to help guide parents through those exciting but challenging times is imperative.

According to the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, NCADD, kids who are taught about the dangers and consequences of drugs and alcohol from parents are 50 percent less likely to use drugs and alcohol than those who have not had such conversations.

The Fellowship House Rising Up for Change Coalition says that teens need to know where their parents/guardians stand on drugs and alcohol.

"The Talk" about drugs and alcohol should begin before the teenage years and conversations should continue throughout early adulthood. Families need to stay involved and connected as a unit. Being aware of the latest trends, facts, and consequences about substances can be helpful too.

The Fellowship House Rising Up for Change Coalition is dedicated in helping families and community members with such issues.

The coalition shares the latest information, data and tips in efforts to assist in educating and empowering others to make well-informed decisions that will lead to a happy, healthy and drug-free life.

The coalition's November meeting focused on how parents and other significant adults can help teens to avoid trouble and how to say no to drugs and alcohol. Information, tips and pamphlets were distributed at the meeting.

Those interested in obtaining this information can call Teresa Goddard or Mandy Hazel at The Fellowship House at 833-4460.

The Fellowship House Rising Up for Change Coalition, wants to encourage families to make time to have conversations. Your efforts will help in decreasing risks of drug and alcohol abuse.

Funding provided in whole or in part by the Illinois Department of Human Services and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

For more information, call The Fellowship House at 618-833-4460 for prevention or call 618-833-4456 for treatment.

Page from the Past

From the files of The Gazette-Democrat

50 Years Ago, December 8, 1966

The Union County Board of Commissioners has appointed William A. Lewis to fill the vacancy left open by the resignation of John Paul Davis as Union County State's Attorney. The appointment became effective Monday, Dec. 5.

Warning to all late Christmas shoppers! There are only 15 more shopping days until Christmas.

The annual Chamber of Commerce Ladies Night will be held at the Community Center on Monday, Dec. 12, at 7:00 p.m. This event has been held each year since 1921.

Pins and certificates were awarded to all Union County 4-H leaders November 29th at the Annual Recognition Dinner.

According to Ward Simpson of the Central Illinois Public Service Company, the entire town of Jonesboro was blacked out from approximately 10:55 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, until 1:55 a.m. Monday, Dec. 5. Five primary conductors carrying a voltage of 4,160 volts burned out in different sections of the town.

Much variance was recorded, temperature wise, last week when the low was 13 on Saturday, Dec. 3, and the high was reached Wednesday night at 60.

The Carroll P. Foster Post 3455 of the V.F.W. was presented a Perpetual Charter at ceremonies Saturday night.

"Its beginning to look a lot like Christmas" the song says, although the weather man has not been very cooperative the past week. The streets of Anna are beautifully decorated with the lights having gone on Thanksgiving eve. The stores are attractively decorated.

The Anna City Council met in regular session Tuesday, Dec. 6, at which time Ordinance 466 was passed. This ordinance requires that any distributor of juke boxes or other coin operated machines must appear before the Council for authorization to operate such machines in the city, and must pay a permit fee of \$10 before such authorization can be made.

The Anna-Jonesboro Wildcats won their first conference game of the basketball season Saturday night, Dec. 3, by defeating Chester 57 to 47 in a home game.

The Goreville Blackcats defeated the Alto Pass Apaches 78-22 at Goreville Friday night.

From the Cobden News: A lot of excitement was spread through Cobden when the Junior's Class rings arrived. The news broke out right after school last Wednesday when a few girls stopped at Casper's Variety Store hoping to find their rings. When school started Thursday morning, the majority of the students had their rings.

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Please read this. . .

by Geof Skinner



Pecan plethora, perhaps...

...or, maybe...sometimes you feel like a nut...those words would, once again, date yours truly. Oh, well. This squirrel seemed to have found a veritable banquet in the branches of a pecan tree. The squirrel was spotted enjoying a snack while yours truly was on a walk one afternoon recently.

Look...up in the tree...it's a bird...it's a...

Sigh. I finally broke down and made a winter coat a regular part of my daily attire.

To tell you the truth, I had put off such action as long as I could. A couple of mornings during the past week with frosty temperatures finally forced my chilly hand. The coat goes with the frost on the windshield of my car. Didn't see much of that in July.

Now, if we can believe the weather forecasts, we're in for an "arctic blast" or some such thing this week. By the time you get to read this, you may want to use the paper to start a fire to help keep you warm, unless you happen to be someplace where it's very warm.

Of course, the weather casters, weather persons, weather celebrities have been alerting us to the impending arrival of the cold. They sure like to make the whole situation quite dramatic, which seems rather odd. After all, it is December.

December means the days are getting shorter, all the way up to the 21st day of the month or so. Then, we can look forward to a little bit more sunshine, and, then, soon after, it will be time to get the lawn mower ready to go. Maybe I shouldn't rush things.

I really was not ready for it to be cold. For one thing, the cold of winter makes it really, really hard for me to attempt to read a book on the front porch. I say "at-

tempt" because such ventures often end in a nice little nap. I don't think that taking a nap out on our front porch would be much fun when the temperature is, say, 23 degrees.

I guess we'll just take what we get, as we get it, 'cause it's not like we can do much about what Mother Nature brings us anyway.

Meanwhile, let's take a look ahead at one other thing, too: call the picture you see this week a bit of a teaser of sorts.

I'm not quite sure how it happened, but we're already down to the last couple of weeks in the Year of Our Lord 2016.

Hope it's been a good year for you. Our year, at least up to the point this was being composed, has been, well, interesting.

For the past year or two, I've saved up my favorite photographs and various wild creatures, including squirrels, to share with you folks at the end of the year.

As noted, this week's picture is kind of a teaser. And, it helps to fill up space, too, which is very important, because yet another deadline was fast approaching and I needed to get this wrapped up for the December 8 issue. Stay tuned for more...

Illinois State Library's colorful history highlighted on recently launched website

A recently launched website is designed to help Illinois residents learn more about the history of their state library, as well as the development and role of libraries in communities statewide.

The site is part of the Illinois State Library Heritage Project, which captures the colorful history of the Illinois State Library dating to its inception on Feb. 22, 1839.

The impact of the state library on the lives of everyday Illinoisans is emphasized, along with public library development in cities and towns across the state.

Designed to be user-friendly, the Heritage Project website has fast moving, easy to read text with over 130 photos, 40 biographical sidebars and complete documentation.

The project can be found on the website of Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White at www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/heritage_project/home.html.

The Heritage Project also produced a 220-page coffee table book, which earned accolades from librarians statewide. Copies of the book were distributed free of charge to all public, academic, and school libraries in Illinois.

The book and upcoming website are the creations of Tom Emery, a freelance writer and historical researcher from Carlinville.

An accomplished lecturer who has appeared at many Illinois libraries, Emery is also a frequent contributor to many Illinois newspapers.

The Heritage Project is one of his 25 book-length and booklet titles.

"Illinois has long been a national leader in the quality, and quantity, of its public libraries," Emery said in a news release.

"The residents of the state have every reason to be proud of their community libraries and of their state library, which is widely considered one of the best in the nation."

The website was created by After Hours Development, a Springfield web design firm operated by Chris Scheufele and Dave Hine.

Blackburn College in Carlinville was selected by the Illinois State Library to administer the Heritage Project.

Spencer Brayton, director of Lumpkin Learning Commons at Blackburn, was the project director, taking over following the retirement of Carol Schaefer.

The project was funded by the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services, which provided a Library Services and Technology Act grant for the project by the Illinois State Library.

The work also covers a great deal of Illinois history, as some of the state's iconic names contributed to the development of the state library.

Stephen A. Douglas was the first Illinois Secretary of State to serve as state librarian, while Abraham Lincoln

was the first to check materials out of the state library.

The Heritage Project is believed to be the largest research project attempted on any of the nation's state libraries.

"That's when historical research really becomes fun," Emery said. "To be the first to tackle a certain subject and compile research that's never been attempted really gets me going."

"The Heritage Project was great for all of us at Blackburn College," Emery said. "We appreciate the opportunity that Secretary White gave Blackburn with this project. It was an honor to be a part of it."

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