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News **Notes**

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

Anna Police Department upgrades include new light bars for vehicles and radar equipment.

Ash Wednesday is March 1. The day marks the beginning of the season of Lent.

The Union County Museum in downtown Cobden is scheduled to reopen on Saturday afternoon, March 1, after being closed for the winter. The museum plans to have an exhibit about World War I.

The Anna Fire Department responded to a small field fire Thursday evening, Feb. 16.

The folks at PAWS note that Feb. 28 is World Spay Day.





The basketball ended up in a rather unusual place during a boys' high school regional tournament game Monday night in Cobden.

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Sheriff's new K-9 visits Anna school

By Amber Skelton

Learning came to life for a group of 3rd grade students at Anna Junior High School when they got a visit from the Union County Sheriff Office's newest officer on Wednesday, Feb. 15.

Newly acquired K-9 Kaiser stopped by with his handler, Union County Sheriff's Office Deputy Eric Ralls, to give the kids a look into the life of a police dog.

The classes recently read the nonfiction book titled "Aero and Officer Mike" by Joan Plummer Russell, which tells the experiences of another officer-dog team.

Kids asked how Kaiser's life was compared to the dog in the book.

Ralls explained that the skills Kaiser knows are work-related, that his activities are tracked in a log and that he eats one large meal a day at the end of his shift. Kaiser also lives with Ralls and sleeps in a special kennel in the yard each night.

Kaiser is a 17-month-old Belgian Malinois born in Mexico and has been on the job with the sheriff's department in Jonesboro for two weeks.

He trained for two and a half months at Little Rock K-9 Academy located in Little Rock, Ark.

Kaiser's time at the academy was spent learning commands and appropriate behavior in a reward system that doesn't involve food. Instead, every time Kaiser performed a command correctly, he was rewarded with his own ball to play

The academy's program also included two weeks in the conference to particiwhich Ralls learned how to pate in sessions which will handle Kaiser. The pair will focus on how to connect continue to train together through Kaiser's first year on the job.

Kaiser is very well trained, but not just anyone can control him. The commands Ralls uses with him are in Dutch, because that was the language spoken where Kaiser was initially worked with.

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New K-9 officer Kaiser waited patiently while his handler, Deputy Eric Ralls, answered questions from 3rd graders at Anna Junior High School on Wednesday, Feb. 15. Photo by Amber Skelton.

Shawnee High School to be represented at school civics conference in Chicago

By Lindsey Rae Vaughn

Shawnee High School at Wolf Lake will be represented at the Illinois Democracy School Civics Conference in Chicago March 9-10.

Shawnee social science teacher Jamie Nash-Mayberry is attending, along with seniors Drew McLane and Abby Livesay. This will be the girls' first visit to Chicago.

Emily Garner and Beth Marks, teachers at Shawnee, will also be attending

civics to their curriculum. Shawnee High School was designated as a democracy school three years ago.

The conference's theme is "Agents of Change." The conference will offer sessions that teachers and students can attend, including one about media literacy.

The Illinois Democracy Schools initiative supports

a growing network of high schools that are committed to civic learning and empowering students to nurture and sustain democracy.

This is Nash-Mayberry's third time to attend the conference, which is allowing students to attend for the first time.

Nash-Mayberry is a member of the Democracy School Advisory Council. She represents the southern part of the state.

The McCormick Foundation is paying for the trip (excluding personal costs).

The group from Shawnee was asked to lead a session about service learning. The presentation, mostly led by McLane and Livesay, will be about ongoing levee awareness efforts involving students and their teacher.

Shawnee's levee project is several years in the making and has involved students doing research about

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plan to walk 1.5 kilometers,

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The Lutheran women

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creating short films about

the Mississippi River bot-

tomlands in western Union

The school is located in

the levee condition.

A-J wrestler second at state

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School wrestler Arieh Hart earned a second-place finish at state competition last weekend.

Hart was wrestling in he 152-pound weigh class at the Illinois High School Association Class 1 state championships.

The event was at Assembly Hall at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

More about the state

each Wednesday mornaction can be found elseing during the Lenten seawhere in Section A of this week's paper. (continued on page 2)

Lutheran women plan Lenten season walks

The women of Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church and Trinity Lutheran Church are planning to host their fourth annual Lenten Walks. Both churches are in Anna.

The women plan to meet at 8 a.m. on Ash Wednesday, March 1, in the parking lot at Trinity Lutheran Church

at 205 W. Jefferson St. In announcing the walks,

son "as a remembrance of



Union County Fair queen honored at reception The Union County Fair Board hosted 2016 fair queen Clare Bunyan of Cobden at a reception on Tuesday evening, Feb. 14, following her first runner-up finish at the Illinois State Fair queen pageant in January in Springfield. The reception was held at the Union County Fair Board office at the Anna City Park in Anna. During the reception, fair board members gathered for a picture with the fair queen. In the first row are, from left, Mike Meisenheimer, Clare Bunyan, Halford Dillow and Ron Knupp. In the second row are Keith Ellis, John Garner, Dale Moreland, Paul Rich, Daniel Theis, Jack Steele, Bill Clutts and Mike Yates. Photo by Amber Skelton.



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Weather High of 74, low 23; light precipitation

Unseasonably mild temperatures highlighted weather in Union County during the period of Feb. 14-20, with the high climbing into the 70s.

The high temperature reached 74 degrees. The low was 23.

The spring-like temperatures were accompanied by the appearance of daffodils and forsythia plants in bloom in the Union County

Precipitation for the period was light. Rainfall included .07 of an inch Feb. 14, .31 of an inch Feb. 18 and .01 of an inch Feb. 20.

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

H L Tuesday, Feb. 14 50 36 Wednesday, Feb. 15 48 26 Thursday, Feb. 16 62 23 Friday, Feb. 17 69 40 Saturday, Feb. 18 57 50 65 48 Sunday, Feb. 19

Monday, Feb. 20

News **Notes**

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Chamber of Commerce sponsored a ribbon cutting Tuesday at Hebrewz Coffeehouse in Jonesboro.

Shawnee Community College is joining in the statewide commemoration of Career and Technical Education Month.

GasBuddy.com predicts that average gasoline prices will rise 35 to 75 cents a gallon as we get closer to spring. The increase is due to a required summer blend of gasoline, which is more expensive.

The 2017 Illinois spring trout fishing season is scheduled to open on Saturday, April 1.

Between a total solar eclipse and a concert by Ozzy Osbourne, Southern Illinois could well be the center of the universe on Aug. 21.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Registration and voting aids are available under the Federal Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, and of the availability of assistance in marking the ballot and procedures for voting by absentee ballot and procedures for early voting by personal appearance. (10ILCS 5/12-1) Dated February 3, 2017.

Terry Bartruff Union County Clerk

through Friday.

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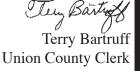
Union County, Illinois

DATES February 23 through April 3,2017

309 W. Market Street, Room 116 Jonesboro, IL 62952 8AM.-4PM.

Normal early voting hours will be Monday

The exception to this will be on Saturday, April 1,2017. The office will be open for early voting from 8 A.M. until 12 P.M.



Health department highlights activities in Union County

Southern Seven Health Chronic Disease Department officials shared an annual report at the most recent meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners.

The report highlighted the department's activities in Union County during Fiscal Year 2016. The department's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30.

The report was presented to county officials by Southern Seven Health Department executive director Nancy Holt and director of nursing Cheryl Manus.

Some of the highlights from the Union County report follow, by category:

Child Health

Well child exams, 146. Head Start vision screenings, 71. Head Start hearing screenings, 70.

High risk infant home visits, 35. Infant visits in WIC (Women, Infants and Children program)/FCM (Family Case Management program) clinic, 325. Children visits in WIC/FCM clinic, 472. Blood lead tests,

Maternal/Women's Health

Women visits in WIC clinic, 225. Women visits in FCM clinic, 28. Pregnancy tests performed, 23. Genetic screenings, 57. Breast and cervical cancer program Program participants, 19.

Nutrition

WIC food instruments issued, 24,660. WIC clinic visits, 2,055. Nutrition education contacts, 815.

Cardiovascular Health/ 40.

Blood pressure screenings, 116. Diabetes screenings, 29. Cholesterol screenings, 29. Heart Smart for Women maintenance participants, 20. Illinois Tobacco Free Communities Illinois Quitline call referrals, 20.

Early/Traditional Head

Funded enrollment, 124. Children served during 2015-2016 school year, 141. Head Start families served during 2015-2016 school year, 141. School Based Programs

Catch Onto Health Consortium student participants, 1,948.

Reportable Communicable Diseases

Hepatitis C (acute and chronic), 26. Chlamydia, 30. Syphilis tested and counseled, 33. HIV/AIDS tested and counseled, 36. (No cases of HIV/AIDS were reported in the county.)

Tuberculosis Program

TB skin tests performed, 401. (No active cases of TB were reported in the county; one inactive case was reported.)

Immunizations

Child and adult immunizations, 1,192. Seasonal influenza vaccine, 555.

Environmental Health

Routine food inspections, 188. Mosquito pools tested, 23. Mosquitoes tested, 1,177. Private sewage system permits issued, 25. Water well permits issued,

County working to hire new director of human resources The Union County insurance," county admin-

Board of Commissioners is working to fill a newly created position – director of human resources.

County officials explained in a Feb. 17 news release that given the increasing complexities of employers, in both the private and public sectors, are adding to their management

"This is something we made a priority during budget time," board of commissioners chairman Bobby Toler Jr. said. "We saw this as important, so we set money aside to create the position."

Such a move has been the subject of both internal and public discussions for several months. The position initially was brought up during roundtable discussions involving county officeholders.

We've been speaking to officials and department heads and they are all in agreement that this is something we need," commissioner Danny Hartline said.

Reducing liability is a major reason why the position is considered a priority.

With the ACA, FMLA and other compliance issues that we have to stay on top of, you can think of this like been filled.

istrator Angela Coke said.

"Just one lawsuit could cost way more than the salary for the position. So it's an important investment from a liability standpoint."

Additionally, officials said that the position would complying with employ- remove a lot of the new ment law, this is a posi- employee on-boarding dution that more and more ties from officials and department heads, freeing them up to spend that time managing their offices and using the skills and expertise for which they were elected or hired.

"We've talked for a long time about the need for more formal HR work in county government," county chief information officer Rollie Hawk said.

"There are companies out there that we could turn this over to, which was an option we initially considered, but having someone here as part of the team has a lot of advantages."

Such advantages would include turning over payroll duties to the director of human resources, as well as being able to assist the commissioners and other county offices with ongoing projects and a variety of countywide management activities. The commissioners in-

tend to take applications for the position until it has

Two persons injured in accident near Cobden Two persons were injured south on Route 51, just north in a traffic accident which

occurred last week in Union County. Illinois State Police Dis-

the accident happened at approximately 5:56 a.m. on

U.S. Route 51, 1/8 of a mile north of Water Valley Road. State police reported that the accident involved a 1998 Toyota Corolla and a 2006

Chevrolet Malibu. The driver of the Toyota was identified as Brittney

Barker-Erickson. The driver of the Chevrolet was identified as David Casper.

of Water Valley Road. The driver attempted to pass a southbound vehicle. While attempting to pass, the Toyota collided head-on

with the Chevrolet, which was traveling north. State police reported that

both drivers had to be extricated from their vehicle. The drivers were transported to a local hospital with non-lifethreatening injuries. Charges

> will turn south on Main Street. The group plans to stop at KiKi's coffeehouse,



Students could ask the deputy questions about new Union County Sheriff's Office's K-9. Photo by Amber Skelton.



Kaiser is the Union County Sheriff's Office's new K-9 officer.



Deputy Eric Ralls and Kaiser shared a friendly moment together. Photo by Amber Skelton.

K-9 visits school

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Kaiser's academy work has prepared him for stantracking and narcotics protection.

ment previously had to rely on police dogs from surrounding counties for routine school narcotic checks. Harvel said that they will continue to do so as Kaiser trains, because drug tracklighten the load for each

Kaiser's work has already led to two drugrelated arrests.

The cost of acquiring and training Kaiser was around \$10,000, but it's worth it, Ralls said. "He's gonna bring in a lot of money in drug charges."

an arrested person would ride in the police car.

Kaiser, Ralls said. "He's

with. He takes up a lot of

room and he stinks." Another officer would dard patrol functions, arrive on the scene to pick up the offender, Ralls said.

The students were very The sheriff's depart- interested in how Kaiser is taken care of. Ralls explained that the dog gets regular check-ups with Dr. Charles Haire at his vet-Union County Sheriff Scott erinary clinic in Jonesboro and would be taken there

in an emergency. Ralls told the kids that ing is hard on the dogs and if Kaiser hadn't already using more than one will been named, he "probably would've named him Chaos because he has a lot of energy."

> The pair works off that energy with breaks throughout the day. Ralls takes Kaiser to a nearby park and lets him chase a ball or play with his favor-"He likes to dance, too,"

A student asked where Ralls joked when Kaiser jumped up on two paws. The pair hopes to return

Not in the back seat with to the school when the weather warms up to do not the most friendly guy to an outside demonstration ride in the back of the car of K-9 training techniques.

munity are invited to par-

to walk the 1-mile loop can

choose to meet the group at

Those who are not able

ticipate in the walk.

Lenten season walks (continued from page 1) from Mt. Moriah. All women of the com-

Christ's walk to the cross Each participant will be

given a small cross to carry in their pocket during the six weeks of Lent.

The walk begins on Jefferson Street and goes to Freeman Street, through the Anna City Park, loops

the coffeehouse for devotions, which will be presented at about 8:30 a.m. The Lenten walk will onto Davie Street and then

conclude with a short prayer at about 9 a.m. at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Lutheran Church, which is where a short devotion will located at 100 W. Jefferson be presented by the women St.

trict 22 at Ullin reported that

The Toyota was traveling

were pending, state police reported. The highway's north-

bound and southbound lanes both were closed following

the accident.

School News Notes

Illinois Beta Junior Convention is scheduled Feb. 27-28 at the Crowne

Plaza in Springfield. Illinois Beta Senior is March 1-2 at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield.

The Illinois Grade School Music Association solo and ensemble contest is Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Carbondale Middle School.

The IHSA solo and ensemble contest is Saturday, March 4, at Carterville High School.

Lick Creek

Coronation is Saturday, Feb. 25, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Mike Estel at the junior high on Wednesday, March 8, from 2 p.m. to

An 8th grade coronation and dance are planned on Saturday, March 11.

Cobden

The Lady Appleknocker Junior High volleyball team plans to host the Dongola Lady Demons volleyball team for the first Aces for Alzheimer's event on Friday, March 3, starting at 6 p.m.

The Cobden Music Boosters are planning a number of events to support the Marching Appleknockers band's trip to Washington, D.C., in

The Cobden FFA plans to attend an FFA public speaking competition on Tuesday, Feb. 28, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Southern Illinois University.

Anna

Auditions for a school talent show are planned Tuesday, Feb. 28, and Wednesday, March 1, from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. The talent show is set for Friday, March 24, at 6

p.m. All of the activities will be at Anna Junior High School.

The student council will sponsor a spring blood drive on Wednesday, March 1, from noon to 5 p.m. Call 833-6415 or email cgaddis@ anna37.com for appoint-

A-JCHS

The first prom expo on Feb. 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Union Hall

A Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament for Autism is planned Feb. 25 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more info see the fliers around the school or see captain Lee Parmly.

Shawnee

Shawnee Pride junior high band performance is planned at Shawnee Community College on Thursday, March 2, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Southern Illinois legislator voices concerns about elder-care program

A Southern Illinois legis- news release. lator is speaking out against action which he says will impact senior citizens.

State Rep. Brandon Phelps, D-Harrisburg, said this week that a plan by Gov. Bruce Rauner's administration will strip care from 40,000 elderly residents, remove criminal background check requirements for caregivers and create new costly bureaucracy – all while reducing the overall quality of care

"Many seniors rely on Community Care Programs so that they can stay in their own homes and avoid having to move to a nursing and security, while creating

Phelps said he is opposing a plan announced by the Illinois Department on Aging to unilaterally cut 40,000 seniors currently receiving home care through the Community Care Program, and place them in a new and untested program called the Community Reinvestment Program, CRP.

Phelps said that senior advocates, including AARP and the Illinois Association of Community Care Program Homecare Providers, have expressed concern that CRP lacks the standards and requirements that are call the Illinois Department critical to seniors' health

bureaucracy.

The administration's draft rules for CRP also remove regulations that currently require caregivers to undergo criminal background checks, Phelps said.

Under the Community Care Program, companies are carefully screened to confirm they do not have a history of scams or fraud, and that all employees in contact with seniors do not have criminal or sexual convictions. This critical safeguard is removed under CRP, Phelps said.

He urged residents to on Aging at 800-252-8966 and to speak out against the proposed cuts.

Sheriff's office recorded 22

felony arrests

January report

The Union County Sher-

iff's Office made 22 felony arrests during January.

The statistic was shared in Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel's monthly activity report.

Other highlights from the report showed:

15 misdemeanor arrests. 102 traffic arrests. Nine warrant arrests. 148 total arrests. 43 cases opened. Five

1,491 911 calls received.

drug investigations. 32 crash

14,337 miles patrolled.

Union County CEO Team Says Thank You

Union County CEO Team 17 says Thank You for the unexpected support of the upcoming publication, "Hearing Our Hometown Heartbeat."

The students are working diligently to create this very interesting insert filled with information which will be in the March 9 edition of The Gazette-Democrat.

State police responded to more than 100 calls during January

Illinois State Police Disto just over 100 calls for service during January.

The district released a January activity report on Feb. 15.

District 22 officers patrol and handle calls for service in Union, Johnson, Pope, Massac, Hardin, Pulaski and Alexander counties in Southern Illinois. The district has its headquarters in Ullin.

During January, District 22 officers:

trict 22 officers responded for service. Issued 577 citations and 855 written warn-

Arrested eight motorists for driving under the influence. Handled 28 crashes; there were no fatal acci-

Conducted 290 motor 14 of the inspections led to either the driver or the vehicle being placed out of

on the side of the road. attendance.

Responded to 102 calls Made 38 criminal arrests.

Citations were issued for what are termed as "Fatal Four" violations, including:

Eight for driving under the influence. 250 for speeding. 72 for occupant restraint. 51 for distracted driving.

During January, the Discarrier safety inspections; trict 22 safety education officer conducted nine presentations to area students. school staff members, parservice for safety violations. ents and residents, with Assisted 158 motorists a total of 263 people in





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Annual meeting conducted

president.

The annual meeting of Anna-Jonesboro National Bank stockholders was conducted last week. Directors and officers are, seated, from left, Scott Wilson, president; and Jerry L. Reppert, chairman of the board; and standing, from left Larry Carter, Gregory Wood, Dr. Steve Beatty, Phil Hileman and Clyde R. (Dick) Hodges. More than 100 people attended the meeting to hear a report about the condition of the bank and to participate in the election of the board for the coming year.

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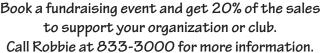


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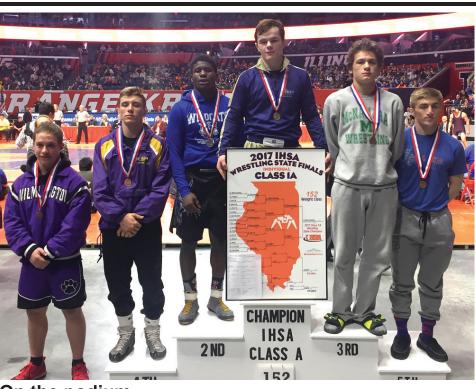
from left: Alan Yates-treasurer, Mike Stegle-president and Stephanie Cox-treasurer. Not pictured: Richard Kerns-vice

Anna-Jonesboro National Bank would like to thank the officers and board of directors of the Union County Economic

Development Corporation for their work and dedication in promoting economic growth and development in Union County. May 2017 be a year of opportunities and success.

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SPORTS



On the podium

Anna-Jonesboro's Arieh Hart, third from left, stands on the podium after winning second place at state last weekend. Photo provided.

Anna-Jonesboro's Arieh Hart second in 1A state wrestling

munity High School wresfinished in second place in the Class 1A state wrestling championship at Assembly Hall in Champaign Saturday, Feb. 18.

Hart, 42-4, lost to undefeated and No. 1 state-

Anna-Jonesboro Com- ranked Belleville Althoff's Danny Braunagel, 47-0, by tler Arieh Hart, 152 pounds, a 10-4 decision in the title match.

> Hart, who transferred from Murphysboro, where he missed qualifying for state last year after losing his first two matches at 126 now 34-9. pounds during his freshman

A-J's Nick Jimenez, 285 pounds, lost to No. 2 stateranked Normal University's Packard Otto by a fall and was eliminated from the tournament when Otto lost his next match. Jimenez is

Nick Harvel, 195 pounds, lost to No. 10 stateranked Chicago Bowen's Marquiese Paino by a fall. Paino brought Harvel back into the tournament with a next match win. Harvel them lost to No. 8 state ranked Clifton Central's Justin Coggins by a fall. Harvel is 30-14.

Sectional Competition

The Wildcats were scheduled to compete in the team sectional at Litchfield earlier this week against Auburn.

A win at the team sectional would advance the entire A-J squad to the team state duals tournament at Bloomington this Saturday.



Second at state

Anna-Jonesboro's Arieh Hart brought home a second-place medal from the state Class 1A state wrestling tournament. From left are A-J wrestling head coach Eric Massey, Arieh Hart, and A-J assistant coaches Chase Hargrave and Grover Mays. Photo provided.

A-J basketball finishes with tournament loss to Vienna

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' basketball team couldn't hold a first half lead in a 71-68 loss to Vienna in the first round of the Class 2A regional tournament at Trico Monday,

With Jake Parr and Jacob Zimmerman leading the way with a 3-pointer apiece, the Wildcats pulled ahead 8-3 in the opening

quarter. A-J's Jade Gillis had a steal and a lay up to close out the first quarter scoring with the Wildcats ahead 12-5.

The Eagles fought back to pull to 24-18 at the half.

Vienna came on in the third quarter to outscore A-J 26-13 to pull ahead 44-37 going into the final quarter.

A-J teams set to open spring sports action

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School spring sports schedule for 2017 has been released.

The A-J baseball team is scheduled to open the spring season Monday, March 13, at home against Marion.

The A-J softball team opens the next day Tuesday, March 14, at home against Johnston City.

The Wildcat girls' soccer team opens its season Tuesday, March 21, at home against Sikeston, Mo.

The A-J boys and girls track teams open both seasons on the same date Thursday, March 30, at the

Carbondale Open.

Zimmerman closed out the scoring in the final quarter with a 3-pointer to pull A-J to within 3 points in and 3 rebounds. the loss.

with 23 points and 7 re- non had 2 points and Mi-

Carson Reynolds had 12 points and 4 rebounds. Zimmerman added 9 points and 2 rebounds.

Noah McFarland had points and 3 rebounds. Sheldon McGrath had 5

points and 3 rebounds.

Logan Sawyer had 4 points. Gillis had 4 points

Blake Pena had 2 points Parr led the way for A-J and 3 rebounds. Ross Pinchael Hill had a rebound.

The Wildcats were 16 of 33 in shot attempts from the floor, 5 of 21 from 3-point range and 13 of 19 from the free throw line.

A-J finished its season at 10-19 overall.

Wildcats close regular season play with win

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' basketball team pulled ahead early in a 54-45 win over host Sparta in the final Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division regular season game Friday, range and 7 of 16 from the Feb. 17.

"We got a road win and that's always good," A-J boys' basketball coach Mike Chamness said. "I felt range and 10 of 20 from the like we played pretty well. We were able to get up by 10 or 12 and kept the lead."

a 3-pointer early and the Wildcats bounced back with a pair of 3-pointers and

never trailed. Jake Parr had 17 points and 8 rebounds to lead the

Wildcats. Sheldon McGrath added 9 points and 6 rebounds.

Jacob Zimmerman had 7 points and 2 rebounds. Logan Sawyer had 6 points and 6 rebounds. Ross

rebound.

Jade Gillis had 4 points and 10 rebounds. Carson Reynolds had 3 points. Blake Pena had 3 points and 2 rebounds.

The Wildcats were 16 of 36 in shot attempts from the floor, 5 of 12 from 3-point free throw line.

The Bulldogs were 16 of 42 in shot attempts from the floor, 1 of 10 from 3-point charity stripe.

The Wildcats finished the regular season at 10-18 The Bulldogs scored overall and 2-8 in the conference. A-J was scheduled to

> open Trico Class 2A regional tournament play earlier

this week against Vienna. "They beat us in the first round last year," Chamness said. "We hope it's a little payback this year. We've

got to take care of business." The winner of the A-J-Vienna game was scheduled Pinnon had 5 points and a to play top-seeded Pinck-

neyville.

Regional tournament action

Cobden is hosting an Illinois High School Association Class 1A boys regional basketball tournament this week. The host Appleknockers faced Egyptian High School from Tamms Monday night in tournament play. Cobden won the game. The regional tournament championship game is set for 7 p.m. this Friday.



Cobden, in white uniforms, and Egyptian anticipate a rebound after a shot



Cobden's John Russell, number 12, directs his teammates as the Ap-

Former A-J standout Parr begins final season with Evansville softball squad

Former Anna-Jonesboro er her sophomore and ju- team for three seasons. Community High School softball player Chandra Parr begins her final seathis spring.

pleknockers head up the floor.

Parr, a senior, was a starter in all of Evansville's 47 games last season. She had a .300 batting average with 6 home runs, 23 RBIs and scored 24 runs.

Valley Conference first team for the second time in her career.

This season, she was 2-for-3 at the plate with a pair of doubles and 2 RBIs in Evansville's seasonopening 5-1 win over Eastern Michigan.

In other early season games, she had a seasonhigh three hits and 4 RBIs with a pair of doubles in a 11-1 win over Chattanooga.

She had a triple and 3 RBIs in the 2nd game of a doubleheader against Mur-

ray State. At Illinois State, she rebound apiece. Clayton Flamm had 2 points. in a 6-2 victory in the first The Appleknockers

scored a pair of home runs in a 7-4 win in the nightcap and added three hits

At A-J, she was named

an All-South softball play-

game.

Evansville softball team ence Mississippi Division or Society.

nior seasons.

Parr is vice president She also was a member of the student council at of the Southern Illinois Evansville and is the vice son with the University of River-to-River All Conferpresident in her local Hon-

Cobden outscores Egyptian in regional tournament play

15 points and had 2 re- quarter to build a 51-39 Last season, she was bounds to lead Cobden to lead going into the final named to the All-Missouri a 67-53 win over Egyptian period. in first-round action at the Class 1A high school scheduled to play Meridboys' basketball regional ian on Wednesday. tournament hosted by the Appleknockers Monday,

Clayton Eck added 14 points and 9 rebounds for the winners. Austin Lewey had 11 points and 3 rebounds.

Joe Brumleve and Karl Evans each had 6 points and 2 rebounds apiece.

Landon Britt had 4 points. Connor Allen had 3 points and 3 rebounds.

Zane Nance had 2 points and 5 rebounds. Dylan each had 2 points and a

ter and 29-28 at the half.

Cobden outscored the Pha-

trailed 15-9 after one quar-

John Russell scored raohs 23-10 in the third

Cobden, 11-16, was

The regional championship game is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday.

Shawnee falls to Meridian

Meridian built an early lead on its way to a 103-41 win over visiting Shawnee in South Egyptian Conference high school boys basketball Friday, Feb. 17

Austin Warren had 24 points to lead the Redskins Lewey and Raul Palmerin Dawson Johnson added 8 points, Ryan Schaefer 5 and Cody McLane 2. Shawnee was scheduled

to play Century earlier this week in the first round of the Cobden Class 1A regional tournament.



Junior high volleyball action

Meridian visited Anna Junior High School for a volleyball match against the Indians on Thursday, Feb. 16. The games opened the season for both teams. Photo by Amber Skelton.

Hunter safety course set in Union County Basic principles of safe plete the course will receive

hunting will be taught at an Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, hunter safety course which is scheduled during March in Union County.

The course is scheduled March 17-18 at the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna. The church is located at 315 South St. The course is being sponsored by Anna-Jonesboro National Bank.

Course hours are from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on March 17 and from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 18. Students must attend both sessions.

Those who want to attend the course are asked to preregister by calling 618-697-0286.

A 1996 state law requires all hunters born on or after Jan. 1, 1980, to successfully complete a hunter education course before they receive their first hunting license.

Participants who com-

Reader's theatre set at arts center

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council/Anna Arts Center plans to present a reader's theatre performance of Steve Falcone's "Bible Studies: A Newer Look at the Old Testament."

The performance is set for 2 p.m. Feb. 26 at the arts center, which is located at

125 W. Davie St. The play is a short selection of several familiar Old

The cast includes Bill Drew, Sarah Dubach, Pete Housman and Becky Shaffer. The production is directed and narrated by Christian Moe. Admission is \$5 at

Testament stories.

the door.

a hunter education certification card. The card verifies that they have passed the course of instruction.

Those who plan to take the course will be asked to provide their Social Security

The course includes instruction in wildlife management, firearms safety, hunter ethics, game identification, first aid, survival techniques and regulations.

News from First Baptist Church, Cobden

Pastor Ed Falgout's message on Sunday, Feb. 19, was titled "The Consequence of Sin," with scripture from Genesis. The message was about "satan's curse, Eve's punishment and Adam's punishment.'

Following the Sunday evening service on Feb. 26, the church plans to have a reception to honor the fiveyear anniversary of Pastor Ed and his family being at the church. Cake and ice cream will be served.

Sunday School begins at 9 a.m. Sunday morning worship begins at 10 a.m. The Sunday evening service begins at 6 p.m. A Wednesday service begins at 6:30 p.m.

Concert set

Uncle Pecos is slated to bring its country and honky tonk music to the stage at the The Old Feed Store in downtown Cobden on Sunday, Feb. 26.

The concert is set for 6 p.m. Doors, and the kitchen, open at 5 p.m.

Tickets are available online at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2865128.

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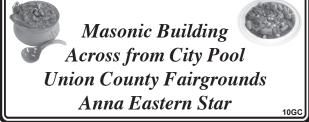
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Free journalism workshop scheduled for this summer at Eastern Illinois University

High school students state capitol. can learn journalism handson from award-winning reporters, editors and photographers at the Illinois Press Foundation workshop which is scheduled June 20-30 at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

Applications for the 11day workshop, which is funded by the Illinois Press Foundation and EIU, will be accepted through May

Eighteen students will be selected to participate in this free journalism experi-

Graduating seniors are eligible for the workshop, as are those currently in their sophomore or junior

Held in Charleston, on the EIU campus, the residential program provides students an intimate look at journalism as a career by immersing students into approaches used by modern, digital newsrooms.

The workshop introduces students to the complete process of publishing news: gathering and validating information, substantiating and using multiple sources, writing news, editing, designing, and production.

In addition, students are exposed to the concepts of news literacy and how to differentiate and establish fact from fiction in today's sometimes frenetic, rush-toreport news environment.

Students do not need journalism experience to apply.

The first week is devoted to instruction and related exercises, including newsgathering field trips.

Professional journalists provide most of the instruction. Dozens of reporters, editors, publishers, photographers and other journalists have taught in the program since 1991, representing more than 50 newspapers and news organizations throughout Illinois and across the country.

Students then practice en to newspapers, where they work with reporters and other journalists on assignments.

The remainder of the second week is devoted to producing a news website.

Students will also travel to Springfield, where they will interview newsmakers and news journalists at the

The Illinois Press Foundation has sponsored this event at Eastern Illinois University since its inception more than 20 years ago.

The Robert R. McCormick Foundation is also a significant contributor to the program.

All expenses, including housing, meals and tuition, are paid from these funds.

To be considered, students must complete an application form, which is available at EIU's department of journalism website. For further information, contact director Joe Gisondi at jjgisondi@eiu.edu.

Aces for Alzheimer's event slated

The Cobden Lady Appleknockers junior high volleyball team plans to host the Dongola Lady Demons volleyball team for the first Aces for Alzheimer's event on Friday, March 3, starting at 6 p.m.

Raffle tickets will be available for a chance to serve a volleyball over the net. The thrower wins any prize they land the ball on.

Tickets are \$5 for two serves and \$10 for five serves. The event is planned between JV and varsity games. Proceeds will benefit the

Alzheimer's Association of

Prizes include Appleknocker junior high volleyball warm-up t-shirts, contest t-shirts and more.

Workshops set

Financial goals will be the focus of a series of upcoming workshops in

The workshops are planned at Shawnee Community College's extension center. They will be presented by financial advisor Tim McGrath.

The schedule and topwhat they have learned. For ics include Rules of the two days, students are driv- Road on March 7, Ready or Not? Preparing for the Unexpected on March 14.

Foundations of Investing on March 21, and Retirement by Design on March 28. All of the workshops are scheduled to begin at 6 p.m.

For more information, or to reserve a space, call

Cobden cheerleaders

The Cobden High School cheerleaders presented a routine during a boys' high school regional tournament basketball game. Cobden hosted Egyptian in the game.

School Menu

Jonesboro School Menu Monday, Feb. 27: Break-

fruit, grape juice, choice of lowfat milk. Lunch: pepperoni pizza; clas-Elementary: Corn dog or ham and cheese sandwich, chicken sandwich; spinoven fries, fresh broccoli and baby carrots, marinated cucumber coins, fresh or chilled fruit. Middle: Corn dog; ham and cheese sandwich; oven fries; Italian chicken pasta salad with dinner roll; taco pizza; classic cheese pizza; spicy chicken sandwich; spinach cranberry salad, broccoli and baby carrots, marinated cucumber coins, fresh whole fruit, assorted chilled fruit.

Tuesday, Feb. 28: Break fast: Cherry frudel, fresh fruit, apple juice, choice of lowfat milk. Lunch: Elementary: Soft shell tacos or pretzel, Sunbutter and cheese fun lunch, hash brown patty, black bean salad, baby carrots, fresh or chilled fruit. Middle: Soft shell tacos; pretzel,

Sunbutter and cheese fun lunch; hash brown patty; fast: Breakfast pizza, fresh ham and turkey chef salad with croutons and roll; sic cheese pizza; crispy ach cranberry salad, black bean salad, baby carrots, fresh whole fruit, assorted chilled fruit.

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ESTATE OF ELLA MAXINE CARSTENS, DECEASED. NO. 2017-P- 5 IN PROBATE

NOTICE OF DEATH **INDEPENDENT** ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Ella Maxine Carstens of 414 W. High St. in Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 3, 2017, to Barry Holcomb, of 715 Shake Rag Rd., Dongola, Illinois 62926, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of admission, you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses in open Court or other evidence, as provided by Section 5/6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-

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

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may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before August 9, 2017, or if mailing or de-

delivered by the claimant to

NOTICE OF COURT SALE OF REAL ESTATE (735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)

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- 2. The common addresses and other common descriptions, if any, of the real estate are: 102 North Garden St., City of property and 307 Oak St., Cobden, IL 62920.
 - 3. A description of the improvements on the real estates are: Restaurants.
- 4. The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times: Contact the above named individual and arrangements will be made to accommodate you.
- 5. The time and place of the sale are: March 8, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. at the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, IL. 6. The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) down on the date of sale and the balance
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- estate, but have not yet become due and payable, and special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record. 8. The case title, case number, and the Court in which the foreclosure were filed are as
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

UNION COUNTY,

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ARDC# 6244394

GRAND RIVERS COMMUNITY BANK, Plaintiff,

ZACHARY T. SHORT, JASON SHORT, LARRY D. SHORT, KEVIN L. HOLDERBY MARY M. HOLDERBY, **UNKNOWN OWNERS** and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

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and Four (4) in Meisenheimer's Addition to the Town (now Village) of Dongola, situated in the County of Union and State of Illinois, and Lots Twenty (20) and Twenty-one (21) in the Original Plat of the Village of Dongola, all situated in the County of Union and State of Illinois, EXCEPT all coal, oil, gas and other minerals; more commonly known

102 North Garden St.,

Dongola, IL 62926. Count II A part of the Southwest

Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section Thirty (30), Township Eleven (11) South, Range One (1) West, Third Principal Meridian, Union County, Illinois, and particularly being more described as follows: Beginning at the intersection

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City of Anna Cemetery Information

The City of Anna Cemetery will start spring clean up on March 🔏 6, 2017. All arrangements left 🌃 🐌 after this date will be taken up 🍕 🕅 and disposed of by the cemetery 🕅 staff. If any questions, please contact the Anna City Garage Qat 833-7813.

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Dated: February 3, 2017.

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NOTICE UNDER **ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT**

> **State of Illinois County of Union**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business

News from

First Christian

Church, Anna On Sunday, Feb. 19, senior minister Dee Armes' sermon was titled "A Practical Guide for Generous Giving," which was based on scripture from 1 Timo-

Suggestions for giving included giving regularly, personally, systematically and proportionately.

Birthdays: Wally Mc-Intyre, Jennifer Osman and Inna Kinsey, Feb. 20; Carolyn Hale Feb. 22; Stella Cottone, Feb. 23.

Sunday School for all ages is at 9:30 a.m., with a worship service beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Junior high and high school youth group meet at the church on Sundays at 6 p.m. An adult Bible study meets at 6:45 p.m.

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Construction with the place

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Box 82, Jonesboro, Illinois

62952 and that the True

Name(s) and Residence Ad-

dress of the Sole Owner(s)

and Proprietor(s) of said

P.O. Box 82

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Jonesboro, IL 62952

Union County Clerk

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County of Union

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lation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Kevin Cawthon Union County. Filed this 7th day of February, 2017, under the Assumed Name of Bounce Blast with the place of business located at 201 Oak Street, P.O. Box 305, Cobden, IL 62920 and that

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> David A. Stewart Cheryl A. Stewart P.O. Box 305 Cobden, IL 62920

Terry Bartruff Union County Clerk 9-11gc

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The City of Anna is requesting proposals for Property/General Liability Insurance for the period of May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018. Information can be obtained during normal

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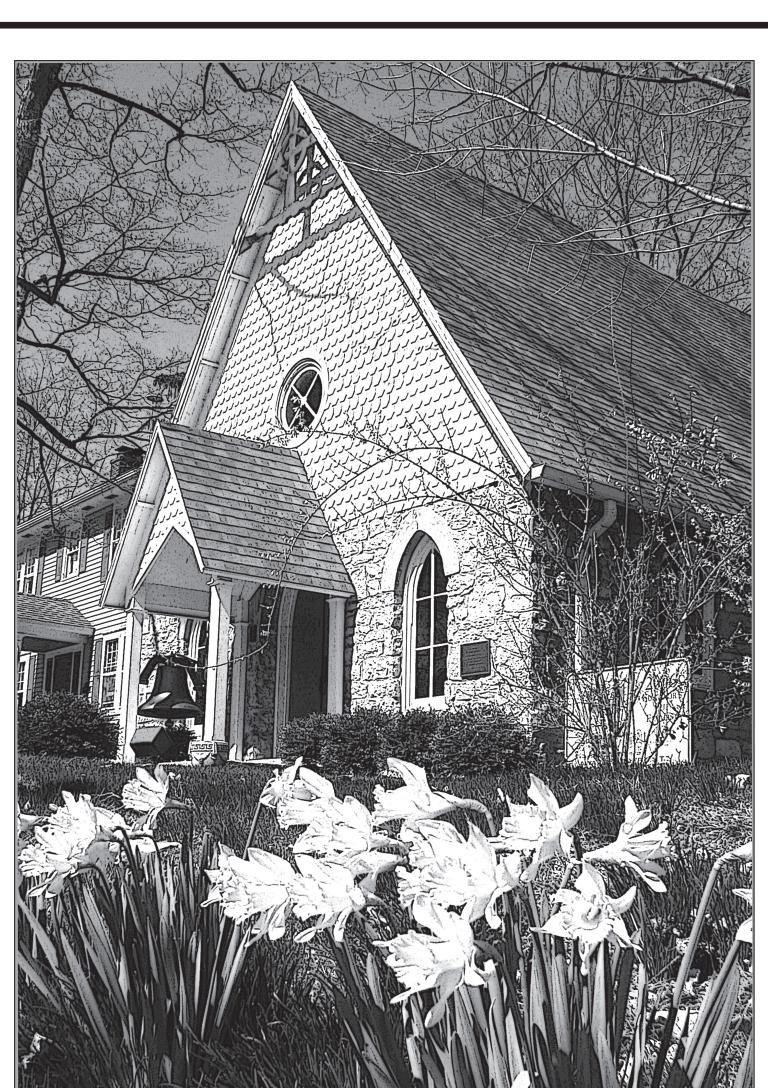
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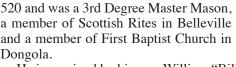
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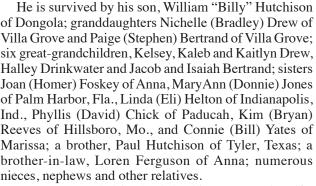
Bill Hutchison, 82, of Dongola, died at 3:10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2017, at Union County Hospital

He was born on Oct. 7, 1934, in Union County, the son of William T. and Mae M. Tucker Hutchison.

He married Glenda Mae Ferguson. She preceded him in death.

He was a heavy equipment operator for Local No. 318. He was a member of Anna Masonic Lodge No.





He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Glenda Hutchison; a sister, Betty Rhymer; a brother, Donnie Hutchison; two great-grandchildren, Kylie and Kolby Drew; and a brother-in-law, Dean Ferguson.

Masonic rites were held at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, by Anna Masonic Lodge No. 520 at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro.

Funeral services were Saturday, Feb. 18, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro, with the Rev. Paul Sadler officiating. Interment was in the Anna City Cemetery. Military rites were accorded by the VFW's Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 and the Illinois honor guard.

Memorials can be made to the American Heart As-

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

Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jones*funeral home* boro was in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy M. Gulledge Dorothy M. Gulledge, 92,

of Cobden, died at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017, at Integrity Healthcare in Anna.

She was born on Jan. 14, 1925, in Pomona, the daughter of Charles and Hattie Mae Anderson Thompson.

She married William Howard Gulledge on Nov. 20, 1941, in Jackson, Mo., and together they shared 34 years of marriage before his death on July 1, 1976.

She is survived by her two grandchildren, Eric Gulledge of Cobden and Jamie Gulledge of Anna; two great-grandchildren, Cody

Gulledge and Brody Owen Gulledge; a brother-in-law, Gary (Beverly) Gulledge of Cobden; nieces and nephews Erica Gulledge of Carterville, Angela Gulledge of Cobden, Brenda Loveless of Jonesboro, Tony Thompson of Anna, Tracey Woodall of Metropolis and Allison and Alex Stout both of Buncombe; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, William Howard Gulledge; a daughter, Barbara Ann Gulledge; one brother and sister-in-law, Norman Edward and Dorothy Thompson; and one sister, Alma Thompson.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Cobden for many years. She worked for the Florsheim Heel Factory in Anna and later opened a daycare, caring for numerous children throughout the county. She dearly loved all the children she was able to care for over the years. For years, she and her friends had daily gatherings at the Dairy Queen in Anna, she loved the fellowship they shared in her "own" booth. She enjoyed vegetable gardening and canning.

Funeral services for Mrs. Gulledge were at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden, with the Rev. Jerry King officiating. Interment was in the Cobden Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Union County Animal

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Home in Cobden was in charge of arrangements. Mary Jean Pace Proffitt

Mary Jean Pace Proffitt, 94, of Metropolis, died at

2:35 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017, at Southgate Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Graveside services were

at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Antioch Cemetery in Rosebud. Dr. Joe Buchanan officiated. She was a member of

the First Baptist Church of Metropolis and the Flight 9 Jayco camping club. She was preceded in death

by her parents, Ed and Lula

Chaney Gross; her first husband, Earl Pace; her second husband, Norman Proffitt; an infant son; and a sister, Gladys Jennings.

Memorials can be made to First Baptist Church, 307

Massac Creek Rd., Metropolis, Ill. 62960.

Miller Funeral Home in Metropolis was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences can be left at www. aikinsfarmer-millerfh.com

Keith D. Glasco Sr.

Keith D. Glasco Sr., 79, of Cobden, died at 11:13 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017, at his home, surrounded by his family and friends.

He was born on Aug. 8, 1937, in Wolf Lake, the son of Ernest and Ada Godwin

He married Barbara I. Clemons on March 16, 1957, in Ashland.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years and 11 months, Barbara Glasco of Cobden;

two sons, DuWayne (Vickie) Glasco of Cobden and Tim (Glenda) Glasco of Anna; grandsons Greg Glasco of Cobden and Mark (Amy) Glasco of Jonesboro; granddaughters Amanda Glasco and Andrea Glasco, both of Cobden, Tracy (Cody) Brown of Maryland Heights, Mo., and Lauren (Eric) Myers of Cobden; numerous greatgrandchildren; brothers Gerald (Sue) Glasco of Marion and Gary Glasco of Wolf Lake; a sister, Ernestine (Don) Gamble of Rock Springs, Wyo.; a sister-in-law, Opal Glasco of Marion; nieces and nephews; many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Kenneth Glasco; and a sister-in-law, Ginger Glasco. He was a member of United Missionary Baptist Church

for many years. He was a much loved husband, dad and grampy to his entire family. Every person he met has a story to tell about how he touched their life. When he wasn't watching his kids or grandkids rodeo

or playing sports, you could find him on his beautiful Southern Illinois farm. He would be working his cattle, riding his Ranger checking cattle and fences, watching his ducks or spending time with his wife Barb and their dog Hash. Funeral services for Mr. Glasco were at 11 a.m. Mon-

day, Feb. 20, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with the Rev. Paul Tirey officiating. Interment was in Ebenezer Hall Cemetery. Memorials can be made to United Missionary Baptist

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

William Ray Phalin

William Ray Phalin, 84, of Wetaug, died at 5:35 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017, at Integrity Healthcare of Anna. He was born on June 2,

1932, in Mill Creek, the son of Willie and Nellie Powles Phalin.

He married Marlene Holderfield on Nov. 6, 1954; they enjoyed 62 years together. She preceded him in death on Jan. 5, 2017.

He was retired from the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict from 1952 to 1954. He was a lifetime member of the VFW's Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 in Anna. He owned a lawn care business for over 40 years.

He is survived by his children, Donna (Eddie) Goins of Dongola, David (Rosa) Phalin of El Paso, Texas, Gary (Ellen) Phalin of Goreville, Terry (Gina) Phalin of Gorevile, Ruth Ward of Wetaug, Josh (Tabby) Phalin of Standardsville, Va., Andy Phalin of Anna and Micah (Jeff) Thomas of West Frankfort; 14 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Marlene Phalin; a daughter, Karen; two brothers, Joe and Clifford Phalin; and two sisters, Lizzie LaCroix and Mary Smith.

Funeral services for Mr. Phalin were Monday, Feb. 20, at Crain Funeral Home in Dongola, with Derick Cummins officiating. Interment was in New Hope Cemetery. Military rites were accorded by the VFW's Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 and the Illinois honor guard.

Memorials can be made to Hospice of Southern Il-

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Crain Funeral Home in Dongola was in charge of arrangements.

Lois E. Brooks Lois E. Brooks, 57, of

Cobden, died at 12:32 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, 2017, at the Jonesboro Rehab & Health Care Center. She was born on Sept. 11,

1959, in Anna, the daughter of Roy Delano and Evelyn Childers Bridgeman. She is survived by her

mother, Evelyn Bridgeman of Anna; one brother, Roger Bridgeman of Anna; one sister, Linda Hammond of Quincy; two aunts, Reba

Childers of Cobden and Ann (Floyd) Landis of Anna; numerous nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Roy Delano

Bridgeman; and one brother, Ross Bridgeman. She was of the Nazarene faith. She worked as a home health caregiver.

Graveside services for Mrs. Brooks were at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at the Anna Cemetery, with the Rev. Doug Bridgeman officiating.

Memorials can be made to the family.

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Allen D. Laminack

Allen D. Laminack, 65, of Lick Creek, died at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017, at his home.

He was born on Aug. 14, 1951, in Anna, the son of Vernon and Norma Swafford Laminack.

He married Rita Mowery on Sept. 18, 1976, at Cedar Grove Church.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Rita Laminack of Lick Creek; one daughter, Tammy Bonifas

of Elgin; two sons, Shannon Laminack of Lick Creek and Simon (Kasey) Laminack of Dongola; grandchildren Andrew Laminack, Devin Laminack, Trent Laminack, Peace

Lynn Perrilloux, Rebecca Laminack, Ryleigh Laminach and Eli Laminack; two brothers, Leon (Jan) Laminack of Bourbonnais and Grover (Sheary) Laminack of Cambria; one sister, Margie Laminack of Dongola; nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents. He was a member of New Hope Baptist Church in

was a strong Christian man and his faith in Christ saw him through the toughest of times. He worked for the Anna Tree Nursery for 37 years, retiring as foreman. He loved gardening and enjoyed the outdoors. He served in the U.S. Navy. Funeral services for Mr. Laminack were at 2 p.m.

Lick Creek and was the song leader for many years. He

Sunday, Feb. 19, at New Hope Baptist Church in Lick Creek, with the Rev. Mike Miller officiating. Interment was in Ebenezer Hall Cemetery. Graveside military rites were conducted by the Carroll

P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna and the Navy Memorials can be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois

or to Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home. To leave online condolences for the family, visit www.

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James 'Chinko' Cantrell

James "Chinko" Cantell, 94, of Anna, and formerly of Jonesboro, died at 1:28 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2017, at Union County Hospital in Anna. He was born on Jan. 21,

1923, in Reynoldsville, the son of James W. and Hallie Keller Cantrell. He married Norma J. Col-

lie on March 31, 1944, in Union County. She preceded him in death on Sept. 19, 2000.

He is survived by his three daughters, Linda (Jim) Ellis of Frostproof, Fla., Brenda (Leon) Murphy of Cape Girardeau and Donna (Tony) Coryell of Dongola; five grandchildren, Todd (Stephanie) Ellis, Sarah (Tom)

Roberts, Josh (Krystle) Boyd, Jessica Coryell and Brittany Cantrell; 12 great-grandchildren, Ben, Joseph and Andrew Ellis, Alex, Jacob and Mallory Roberts, Eleanor Ann Boyd, Rusty, Bam and Morgan Smith, Colton and Kaylee Ford; a special friend, Lucille Robertson of Anna; two sisters, Jo Ann Parcell of Jackson, Mo., and Jane Grojean of Cape Girardeau; one brother, Willis Cantrell of Ava, Mo.; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife. Norma J. Cantrell; a son, Ron Cantrell; and one grandson,

Carl Franklin He worked for Bunny Bread and retired after 35 1/2

years. He joined the U.S. Navy and later joined the Army. Graveside funeral services for Mr. Cantrell were at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at Jonesboro Cemetery, with Phil Hileman officiating. Interment was in the Jonesboro

Cemetery. A celebration of life was held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Anna Vista Community Room.

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

Paul Edward Pearson Paul Edward Pearson,

79, of Cobden, died at 10:25 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017, at Union County Hospital in Anna. He was born on July 21,

1937, in Cobden, the son of Harvey S. and Betty Octavia Mungle Pearson. He married Edith Elaine

Cobb on Jan. 28, 1957, in Northern Illinois.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Edith Elaine

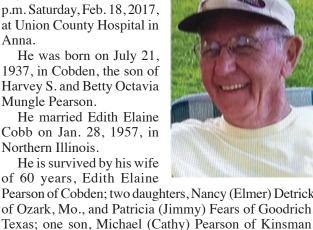
of Ozark, Mo., and Patricia (Jimmy) Fears of Goodrich Texas; one son, Michael (Cathy) Pearson of Kinsman Ohio; two grandchildren, Ryan (Erin) Detrick and Dylan (Evie) Detrick; one great-grandson, Cayson Detrick; two sisters, Beatrice Johnson of Elgin and Francis Chunn of Jacksonville, Texas; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and by one son, Leonard Paul Pearson. He was a member of the Makanda Baptist Church and

enjoyed singing in area churches. He worked many years for Prairie Farms before retiring. Funeral services for Mr. Pearson will be at 11 a.m.

Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden, with Dennis Nance officiating. Interment will be in the Cobden Cemetery.

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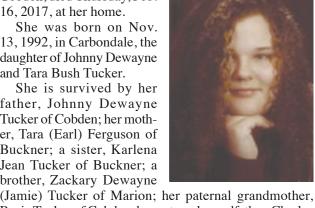
Obituaries

Jena Rose Tucker

Jena Rose Tucker, 24, of Cobden, died Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017, at her home.

She was born on Nov. 13, 1992, in Carbondale, the daughter of Johnny Dewayne and Tara Bush Tucker.

She is survived by her father, Johnny Dewayne Tucker of Cobden; her mother, Tara (Earl) Ferguson of Buckner; a sister, Karlena Jean Tucker of Buckner; a brother, Zackary Dewayne



Rosie Tucker of Cobden; her paternal grandfather, Charles Tucker of Portageville, Mo.; aunts Rhonda (Dana) Pearson of Cobden, Laura (Terry) Murray of Jonesboro and Tammy (Michael) Ramsey of Canton, Ga.; uncles Tim Bush of New River, Ariz., and Michael (Cindy) Bush and family of Phoenix, Ariz.; cousins Timbre Bush and Makenzie Wright, both of Canton, Ga.; nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends. Funeral services for Miss Tucker were at 1 p.m. Mon-

day, Feb. 20, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden, with David Stewart officiating. Interment was in the Cobden Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Tucker family.

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

Sandra Chapman Sandra Chapman, 64, of Wolf Lake, died at 5:01 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 20, at Southeast Health in Cape Girardeau. Funeral arrangements were pending at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro.

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Obits Online at annanews.com

Doyle Charles Lingle

Doyle Charles Lingle, 100, of Dongola, died at 4:15 a.m. on Feb. 21, 2017, at Union County Hospital in Anna. He was born on April 10, 1916, in Pulaski County, the

son of Charles and Erva McIntosh Lingle. He married Madelyn Sheffer in 1938, who preceded

him in death on Dec. 6, 1973. He then married Betty Johnson on Feb. 14, 1976. They shared the next 35 years together, working the family farm, traveling, fishing and enjoying family gatherings. One of their favorite pastimes was to visit Branson, Mo., where they enjoyed fishing for trout. Betty preceded him in death on Sept. 26, 2011.

Mr. Lingle lived and worked his entire life in the Dongola area as a farmer, part-time rural mail carrier, carpenter and retired a head mechanic at SIEC. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed many years with his sons and grandchildren hunting and fishing. He harvested his last deer at the age of 88. He continued to fish until the age of 97. He was a master woodworker and made many heirlooms for his entire family. He is survived by his sons, Barry (Marlene) Lingle

of Dongola and Gregory (Laura) Lingle of Leland; four stepchildren, Linda (John) Nicholson of Clinton, Joyce (Kenmore) Rowe of Dongola, Sharon (Roger) Menees of Anna and Gordon (Sheri) Johnson of Hickory, Ky.; a special niece, Marla Jean McAdoo and family. He leaves 16 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Delbert and Dorris Lingle; and many other relatives. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, at Crain Funeral Home in Dongola.

Funeral services will follow the visitation at 1 p.m. at the funeral home, with Michael Williams officiating. Interment will follow in the American Legion Cemetery in Dongola.

Memorials can be made to the American Legion

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

Crain Funeral Home in Dongola is in charge of arrangements.

David Karl MacLeod David Karl MacLeod, 73, of Cobden, died Friday, Feb.

17, at his home. Arrangements were pending at Rendleman & Hileman

Funeral Home in Anna. To leave online condolences for the family, visit www.

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Waterfowl at the refuge

Canada geese and mallard ducks were spotted during a recent visit to the Union County State Fish and Wildlife Area near Ware. The site is known by many in the area as the refuge.





Carl Everett Rhodes

Carl Everett Rhodes, 91, of Wolf Lake died at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2017, at his home.

He was born on March 23, 1925, in Wolf

Lake, the son of Albert and Lula Foster Rhodes.

He is survived by his brother, Billy Rhodes of Alto Pass; numerous nieces and nephews, Annie Rhodes. Jim Rhodes, Wanda Bradford, Mildred Fox, Barbara Barlow, Paul Pender, Don Pind, Clarence Pind, Fred Pender, Stanley Rhodes, Everett Rhodes and Jim Pind; several great-nieces and great-nephews; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He was a member of the Beech Grove Baptist Church. He worked as a correctional officer at the Menard Correctional Center for 36 years before retiring. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Funeral services for Mr. Rhodes were at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home of Anna, with Stan Hutchinson and Greg Etherton officiating. Interment was in the Alto Pass Cemetery. Graveside military rites were conducted by Carroll P.

Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna and the Navy funeral honor detail.

Memorials can be made to Beech Grove Baptist Church.

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

Reynoldsville News by Sue Eudy

Danielle Shepard of Dexter, Mo., visited with her grandmother, Dorothy Smiddy of Reynoldsville, one day last week.

Brad Pender of Jonesboro visited Saturday with his parents, Maxine and Fred Pender, of Fair City. Russ Pender of Olive Branch visited with his parents on Monday. We extend our sympa-

thy to the Pender and Pind families on the death of their uncle, Carl Everett Rhodes of Wolf Lake, who died Wednesday, Feb. 15.

Visiting with Berniece and Don McRaven of Fair City were Donna McRaven and Diane McRaven, of Dongola, Darrell McRaven of Jonesboro and Daphne Huffman of Thebes. Shirley Miller visited

last Sunday afternoon with Jay and Shaun Eudy and Vivian and Floyd Bennett of McClure. Shirley Miller visited Wednesday afternoon with

Betty Miller at River-to-River in Ullin. Those enjoying lunch at

the Golden Corral in Cart-

erville last Thursday were Alma Linson and Doris and Ernie Rhodes, all of Jonesboro. Barb and Edwin Livesay of Anna, Jack and Dolores Reynolds of Reynoldsville, Joe Walker of Marion and Shirley Miller of McClure.

Those eating at El Sol Mexican restaurant in Cape Girardeau on Saturday were David and Kristy Miller of St. Charles, Mo., Kacie Golliher of Carbondale, Penny Hill and Shirley Miller, both of McClure.

Enjoying Sunday lunch at IHOP in Carbondale were David and Kristy Miller, Penny and Kerry Hill, Kacie and Derek Golliher and Shirley Miller. They were celebrating Penny's birthday which was Tuesday, Feb. 21.

Happy belated birthday wishes to Penny Hill of McClure and Stan Eudy of Cape Girardeau, who celebrated birthdays on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

You are invited to attend 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 Bridgeman is the pastor.

THANK YOU

 \P The Allen Laminack family would \P k like to give thanks to God, our loving family, friends and neighbors. We would also like to thank New Hope (Baptist Church for their heartfelt love) and support at this very difficult time. We will all miss this Godly man.

The family of Allen Laminack

"The Preaching Pen" The Sin of Backbiting In James chapter 3, James says of man's tongue: "Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold,

how great a matter a little fire kindleth!" (v. 5). We should be very concerned about the words we use, and the Bible speaks to this point. The best way for us to make sure that we don't allow our tongue

to be destructive is by training our tongues to speak righteous things and to abstain from evil, vile words. Prov. 16:23-24: "The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips. ²⁴Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones. " Our lives and our speech are supposed to reflect that of Christ.

When people see how we behave at our workplace or anywhere else, they should see Christ in us. We should never be guilty of backbiting, slanderous speech, but sadly, this isn't always the case. A backbiter is a person with back trouble-not his own, but

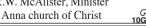
someone else's. He or she is a pain in another person's back. The word "backbite," according to Webster, means "to say mean or spiteful things about one who is absent: slander." The word in the

Hebrew from which backbite comes suggests the idea of "to play the spy." That is, the backbiter attempts to spy out the faults and defects of another person's life or to circulate unfavorable reports to others by low and petty remarks, as well as those which may be malicious and slanderous. It's conveyed in the New Testament by the words "evil speaking" (Jas. 4:11; I Pet. 3:16). In truth, the backbiter doesn't even have to spy out one's actual faults, they often in the workplace, as it has to me.

just make up lies and circulate them. Maybe that's happened to you The sins of the tongue are many and they're serious. The tongue isn't made of steel, but it can cut and wound worse than any blade forged in fire. Its wounds are not always to the face, but more often

to the back Remember the words of the wise man, "Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles" (Prov. 21:23). As always, you're invited to study and worship with us this

Sunday at the Anna church of Christ at 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and/ or 5 p.m. We hope you'll visit us and we wish you a great day! R.W. McAlister, Minister



Openings remained as annual Give Kids a Smile Day, which is planned at Southern Illinois University Carbondale on March 3.

The university's dental hygiene program, in conjunction with the Southern Illinois Dental Society and the Southern Illinois Dental Hygiene Society, provide

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Appointments are preferred. To make an appointment, call the center at 618-453-8826 and specify the visit is for Give Kids a Smile Day.

Approximately 100 students and 16 faculty from the dental hygiene program, along with volunteer dentists and hygienists, will provide the free care.

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry guidelines suggest that infants should visit a dentist when their teeth begin to emerge.

The dental hygiene program provides the service in conjunction with the Southern Illinois Dental Hygienists' Society, Saluki Athletics and the Southern Illinois Dental Society. The program is in the SIU School of Allied Health, which is within the College of Applied Sciences





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Civil War era comes to life in Union County The Civil War era came to life during the past week in Union County. The Shawnee Hills Arts Council/

Anna Arts Center hosted a wide range of events during its 2017 Civil War Weekend. Activities began Wednesday night, Feb. 15, and continued through Sunday, Feb. 19. Events included a play, exhibits, special talks and presentations, music and much more. The PAST organization also hosted activities during the weekend.



On Saturday, Feb. 18, Marlene Rivero, standing, center, of Grand Chain, shared the story of Ann Stokes, who served as a nurse aboard the first U.S. hospital ship, the U.S.S. Red Rover. Rivero's presentation was Saturday morning at the arts center. Stokes' work as a nurse was a groundbreaking role, both for African-Americans and for women.



Civil War reenactors with King's Battery had a replica 10-pound Parrott rifle on display Saturday in front of the Anna Arts Center.

Big Muddy Film Festival underway in Carbondale

21, and continues through sions. Sunday, Feb. 26.

A theme among several films in this year's six-day festival is "peace" and the multiple perspectives that can take, according to fes-

tival organizers. Started in 1979, the event remains one of the oldest film festivals affiliated with a university in the nation and features both competition and non-competition

screenings daily. There are juried films in four categories: animation, documentary, experimental

and narrative. This year's festival features more than 70 juried films from several coun-

Festival screenings are is scheduled from 3 p.m. Facebook. planned on the campus of Southern Illinois University Carbondale, as well as at off-campus locations.

Many of the films will be shown at the SIU Student Center, Morris Library's John C. Guyon Auditorium and locations in the SIU Communications Building.

Other screening locations in Carbondale include the African-American Museum in University Mall; Longbranch Café & Bakery, 100 E. Jackson St.; Artspace 304, 304 W. Walnut St.; and WDBX, 224 N. Washington St.

All events are free for

The 39th annual Big tries, including Canada, SIUC students with student to 6 p.m. on Feb. 26 at Muddy Film Festival is Israel, New Zealand, Rus- identification. Tickets for the Longbranch Café & underway this week in Car-sia and Singapore, Caleb SIU faculty, staff and the Bakery. Bunn, the festival's student public are available at the The festival was sched-director, said. The festival door. A festival pass costs bigmuddyfilm.com/. The

The complete lineup can be found online at http:// uled to begin Tuesday, Feb. received about 180 submis- \$20 and a day pass costs \$5. festival also has a Big Mud-A Best of the Fest event dy Film Festival page on

Jazz Festival set at SIU

planned at Southern Illinois in a performance of the SIU University Carbondale on Studio Jazz Orchestra at Feb. 25.

The annual event is an a master class at 1 p.m. educational and competitive opportunity for junior high and high school musicians from the region.

scheduled to be Tim Pitchford, formerly a faculty member at the SIU School of Music and now director of the jazz program at the Lovett School in Atlanta,

Pitchford, a trombonist, p.m.

The SIU Jazz Festival is will be the featured player 12:30 p.m., and he'll teach

Participating schools perform a short set during the day, and then have a chance to hear a profes-This year's guest artist is sional critique of their col-

> lective performance. Performances are scheduled to begin at 10:25 a.m. The final performance be-

> gins at 4:15 p.m. The day ends with an awards ceremony at 5:10

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Section B

DAR chapter visits veterans home, names American history essay contest winners

The night has become a

Several members of the look forward to the chap- Lillian Milam. Daniel Chapman Chapter ter's members arriving with Daughters of the American punch, cookies and lots DAR members held a busi-Revolution gathered at the of quarters for prizes. All Illinois Veterans Home in who play win a handful of Anna on Feb. 13 for their quarters to use in the vendannual Valentine bingo ing machines at the veterans

tradition and the veterans Mowery, Sandy Boaz and

'Bad Kids' to be shown

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accepting bids for 2017 community

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by March 15, 2017.

community film and disby ITVS, the PBS series Independent Lens, WSIU Public Broadcasting and the Carbondale Public Library, plans to present a free screening of the 2016 Sundance Film Festival Special Jury Award for Vérité Filmmaking, "The Bad Kids."

The screening is sched-

Indie Lens Pop-Up, a uled Saturday, Feb. 25, at 2:30 p.m. at the Carbondale located at 405 W. Main St.

Tina Carpenter, director of operations at the Boys & Girls Club of Carbondale, plans to lead a discussion after the film.

The film focuses on the Black Rock Continuation High School, which is one of California's alternative schools for at-risk students.

Prior to the party, the ness meeting at the Camp Ground Cumberland Presbyterian Church near Anna.

Regent Juanita Broyles congratulated the chapter Hostesses were Julia members for their 10,203 hours of volunteer work for the past year in the Celebrate America project, which works to help make life better for others.

The two American hiscussion series presented Public Library, which is tory essay winners of the Daniel Chapman Chapter also won the District VII competition and went on to win the DAR state competition.

The students are Bo Schuetz of Lick Creek Elementary School and Liam Hale of the Jonesboro Elementary School. The history essay subject was the 100th anniversary of the National Park System.

The students are scheduled to be honored April 10, with a lunch to be held at the Camp Ground Church, along with their parents, teachers and administrators of their school.

The Good Citizen high school awards will also be presented that day.

Check out The Gazette-Democrat on line at

annanews.com

Anna-Jo Garden Club meets



Officers installed

The Anna-Jo Garden Club installed officers during the club's February meeting. From left are Nancy Kucera, vice president; Debby McKibben, treasurer; Linda Sorrell, secretary; Shari Sweeney, president; and Linda Clutts, club member. Photo provided.

The Anna-Jo Garden home after the meeting. Club had a monthly meeting Feb. 14 at the United Methodist Church in Anna.

The meeting was called to order and Nancy Kucera led the pledges. Linda Clutts led officer installation.

Roll call was answered by "the herb I use the most is..." Twenty-three members were present.

New club member Sylvia Soileau was introduced and visitor Tabitha Tripp was welcomed.

Hostesses for the meeting were Lois Clutts, Linda Clutts, Sandra Boaz, Peggy Ferguson and Charlotte Clo-

Bronwyn Aly, a fruit and vegetable specialist with University of Illinois Extension, presented a program about cultivating small fruits and vegetables.

Shari Sweeney discussed several items of correspondence regarding upcoming events. Linda Clutts gave a horticulture tip. Members who had January and February birthdays were recognized.

The 2017 yearbooks were distributed. Appreciation was voiced to everyone who had a part in putting the yearbooks together.

given. Garden therapy committee members Glenda planned to visit a nursing

Darlene Lingle reported that Tom Caldwell, an expert on trimming, would be at the Anna-Jo Garden Club Park for training.

Tom Sadowski discussed two new projects, a community garden and "garden club goings on," in which garden club articles will be submitted to The Gazette-Democrat.

District VII annual meeting updates were given by Susan Sherwin. She said that garden club members were needed to help with centerpieces, decorating and providing baked goods for the breakfast which will be served. Sign up sheets were available. Susan Sherwin, Brenda Tripp and Elaine Dunn are on the decorating committee.

The ways and means committee needs gardening items to sell.

Members were reminded to pay dues if they haven't already done so.

A Mayfair field trip to Paducah is planned on Tuesday, May 16. The cost is \$30.

Pete Housman discussed the sixth annual Civil War Weekend in Union County, which was scheduled Feb. 16-19 at the Shawnee Hills Committee reports were Arts Council/Anna Arts Center.

He also encouraged mem-Jones and Alma Osterholm bers to plant sunflowers for the solar eclipse on Aug.

21. He said seeds should be planted from May 28 to June 14.

He also asked members for forsythia, pussy willow and flowering quince cuttings that he will collect and cool for the March 23 meeting. If anyone has crocuses that you would be willing to press, he will take them to Child and Family Services for them to use in their pressed flower books.

Anyone who may be interested in learning more about the club is welcome to attend the club's next meeting. The meeting is set for 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, at the United Methodist Church in Anna.

'On the Road' program set in Alto Pass

Farmers in Union and Jackson counties, as well as those who are involved in the transportation industry, are invited to attend an upcoming informational meeting on trucking regulations.

The meeting is set for 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 7, at the community center in Alto Pass. The center is located at 53 Elm St. in downtown Alto Pass.

Kevin Rund of the Illinois Farm Bureau is scheduled to present his "On the Road" program.

Rund also will answer questions about current and new regulations.

Breakfast will be provided. Those who plan to attend are asked to RSVP by contacting the Jackson County Farm Bureau at 618-684-3129 or the Union County Farm Bureau at 833-2125.

Diabetes course set at courthouse

A free, six-week diabetes self-management course is scheduled to begin Feb. 28 at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

The Live Well, Be Well with Diabetes course is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. each Tuesday in the community room at the courthouse. The courthouse is located at 309 W. Market

Class size is limited. For more information, or to register, contact Jennifer or Amber at 618-833-8561.

The program is presented as a collaborative effort of the Diabetes Today Resources Team of the 15 lower counties of Illinois.

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Realty Transactions

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Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Leah Marie Hiller, Leah Marie Key. Grantee: Leah Marie Key, Timothy S. Key. Tract Section 15 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Barbara A. Dangbar. Grantee: Jared D. Eagle, David Morales. Name: Clemens Add. of Cobden, Lot 1.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Post Office Equities LLC. Grantee: Post Office Ventures LLC. Name: John Grammer's Donation to the City of Jonesboro, Lot 34.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Christina Lee, Sheila A. Mangrum. Grantee: Edward Mangrum Jr. Tract Section 17 Township 11S Range 2W. Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Edward L. Mangrum Jr., Sheila A. Mangrum. Grantee:

Christina Lee. Tract Section 16 Township 11S Range 2W. Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Christina Lee, Edward L. Mangrum Jr. Grantee: Sheila A. Mangrum. Tract Section 16 Township 11S Range 2W.

Donald Kozak, Michael Kozak, Ronald Kozak, Grantee: Linda Cain. Tract Section 18 Township 12S Range 1W. Warranty Deed. Grant-

Warranty Deed. Grantor:

or: Elisa R. McDaniel, Kyle McDaniel. Grantee: Juanita Stegle. Name: Original Plat of Anna, Portion 3.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Konstantinos N. Demopoulos. Grantee: Earnest E. Newton, Verlinda L. Newton.

Name: Winstead Davies 1st Add. of Anna, Portions 101,

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: James O. Williams, Lilly F. Williams. Grantee: Keith W. Williams, Nancy Williams. Tract Section 4 Township 11S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Charlotte L. Rooney, John J. Rooney. Grantee: Bonnie Evangela Rooney, Charlotte L. Rooney. Tract Section 27 Township 13S Range 1W. Warranty Deed. Grantor:

Pennymac Loan Services LLC. Grantee: The Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Name: P.E. Hileman's 1st Addition, Jonesboro, Lots 1, 2.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Debra Kay Grisham, Debra Kay Hess. Grantee: Larry J. Birkhead. Tract Section 23 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Lee S. Carson. Grantee: Brian Stone. Tract Section 31 Township 11S Range 1W. Tract Section 32 Township 11S Range 1W. Tract Section 5 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jennifer Childers, Jason B. Wyatt, Jennifer Wyatt. Grantee: Charles G. Hewitt. Name: Forest Place Addition, Block 3, Lot 7.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Veronica K. Eaton. Grantee: Brian E. Jones, Dale Jones. Tract Section 19 Township 12S Range 1W. Tract Section 20 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Kenneth R. Smith, Rosann L. Smith. Grantee: Timothy Ray Smith. Tract Section 29 Township 11S Range 1W.

from the files at the Union County Courthouse

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Carole J. Bauer. Grantee: James Dillow. Tract Section

25 Township 12S Range 2W. Warranty Deed. Grantor: Kendall Ann Waller, Timothy W. Waller. Grantee: Aurelio Hernandez. Tract Section 22 Township 11S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Ferry H. Hartline Declaration of Trust, Bon B. Hartline, Mary Alice Hartline. Grantee: Bob B. Hartline, Mary Alice Hartline, Kristin Leahy, Meredith Ordonez. Name: Hartline Holly Grove Sub., Lots 1, 2.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Meredith Ordonez. Grantee: Bon B. Hartline, Mary Alice Hartline. Name: Hartline Holly Grove Sub., Lots 1, 2. Warranty Deed. Grantor:

Kristin Leahy. Grantee: Bon B. Hartline, Mary Alice Hartline. Name: Hartline Holly Grove Sub., Lots 1, 2. Warranty Deed. Grantor: Bon B. Hartline. Grantee:

Hartline Holly Grove Sub., Warranty Deed. Grantor: Dorothy Lada. Grantee: Bailey C. Bunyan. Tract Section 27

Township 11S Range 1W.

Mary Alice Hartline. Name:

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:

Erin W. Perry, Carterville. Thomas A. Breeding, Metropolis. Devanie D. Casper, Mounds. Destini J. Hampton, Hammond, Ind. Horacio V. Lopez, Lafayette, Ind. James A. Thurman, Arlington, Texas.

Kaub A. Kincaid, Delavan. Samuel L. Hixon, West Monroe, La. Victor Murillo Mercado, Cobden. Roswell V. Peinado, Makanda, Marissa C. Brown, Mounds. Hugh W. Collins, Sikeston,

Mo. Mary Louise Rakestraw.

Guntown, Miss. Faisal A.M. Alsherhri, Carbondale. Zachary S. Henderson, Clarksville, Tenn. Judy M. Johnson, Murphysboro. Raul J. Mallen, Eagle Pass, Texas. Maldonado

Moises Torres, Eagle Pass, Texas. Jacqualine C. Klump, Ullin. Samantha A. White, Johnston City. Abdulaziz K. Aldughish, Cape Girardeau.

Robyn Jay Heuring, Anna. Marco Antonio Guzman, Har-

vey. David L. Franklin II, Anna. Perez Lira Ramon, Overton, Texas. Travis W. Stuart, Marion. Kyle Wesley Sanders, Carbondale. Kara Leigh Deboer, Oxford, Miss.

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:

Elijah B. Wisenbaugh, Dongola, seat belt required/ passenger, \$65. Melissa K. Smith-Shadowens, Cobden. registration expiration, \$120.

Bradley W. Dawson, Anna, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Mary Ann Baker, Ullin, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Jacob C. Anderson, Anna, driver fail to give notice of accident, \$120; improper traffic lane usage, \$120. John Dee Chick, Dongola, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200.

Steven Nathaniel Lancaster. East Prairie. Mo.. operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200. Steve E. Dunlap, Buncombe, disregard traffic control device, \$120

James Adam Davis, Jonesboro, seat belt required/ driver, \$60. Jacob T. Walsh,

Jonesboro, driver fail to give notice of accident, \$120.

Joseph S. Stanford Jr. Carbondale, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200. Alex K. Renier, Carol Stream, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200; speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$120.

Ashley N. Gamber-Buchanan, Anna, no valid registration, \$120. Amy Colomb, Dongola, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140.

Sean R. Kelley, Dongola operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200. Breanna R. Trammel, Herrin, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200; improper traffic lane usage, \$120.

Lori Ann Kuck, Greenville, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$120. Robert W. Baty, Anna, fail to reduce speed, \$120.

Alan L. Clark, Macon, unsafe backing on a roadway, \$120. Dalton David Miller Dongola, seat belt required/ passenger, \$60.

Demane Hopkins, Cairo, transport/carry alcoholic liquor/passenger, \$120. Tiffany M. Partain, Anna, electronic communication device, \$120.

Birding the Bottoms hike planned on Cache trail

A Birding the Bottoms Cache River bottomlands

The hike, led by Kim Rohling, is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The hike will be on the Hickory Bottoms Trail. Hikers will search for sapsuckers, woodpeckers, raptors and migratory waterfowl.

Those who want to go on the hike are asked to meet at the Hickory Bottoms Access, which is located off Bailey Road, south of the Cypress/Dongola Road.

national recognition for its ing birds. ongbird populations.

Organizers recommend that hikers bring binoculars for wildlife viewing.

The trail can be flooded hike is planned Tuesday or soggy after rain, so hikers evening, March 14, at a are advised to be prepared by bringing a pair of rubber boots. The trail's distance is 1.5 miles. Trail difficulty is described as easy.

There is no charge for the event. Registration is required and can be made by calling the Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge at 618-634-2231.

Organizers of the event noted that bottomland hardwood forests are one of the lowest and wettest types of hardwood forests.

Forest corridors along the The trail highlights a Cache River are important 200-acre tract of mature for migrating and nesting forest and has received songbirds as well as wad-

> ers also will look for early spring wildflowers, fungi and other wildlife.



Union County student honored Madilyn Gawrych-Turner, who is an 8th grade student at Jonesboro Elementary School, received the John H. Emery Youth, Pageantry and Patriotism First Place Award in memory of Ronald Hubert Award in the amount of \$1,000 for being selected as the Illinois VFW Patriot's Pen state champion. Madilyn received the award at the Illinois VFW State Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen banquet, which was held Feb. 11 in Springfield. Pictured with Madilyn are, from left, VFW Auxiliary scholarships chairperson Janet Kays, Department VFW Auxiliary president Samantha Schmidgall, VFW youth activities director Kelly Chapman,

Sandra Hubert, state champion Madilyn Gawrych-Turner and state commander Dave Stout. Madilyn, who was sponsored by the VFW's Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 and its Auxiliary in Anna, wrote her winning essay based on this year's theme, "The America I Believe In." The VFW enacted the Patriot's Pen youth essay competition in 1995 as a way to encourage young minds to examine America's history, along with their own experiences in modern American society while improving their writing skills.

The contest is a worldwide competition that gives students in grades 6, 7 and 8 the opportunity to write a 300- to 400-word theme-based essay expressing their views on democracy while competing for worthwhile awards and prizes. More than 10,000 Illinois students participated in the competition this year. As one of 54 finalists worldwide, Madilyn competed at the national level and placed second overall nationally, and will be presented a \$4,000 award at the Illinois VFW state convention, which is scheduled in June. Photo by Barb Wilson, Illinois VFW News.



A-J Rotary Club honors students of quarter

The Anna-Jonesboro Rotary Club has honored students of the quarter. Students from Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, Cobden High School, Dongola High School and Shawnee High School at Wolf Lake were honored when the club met on Feb. 16. From left are Molly Lewis from Shawnee High School, Perla Lopez from Cobden High School, Anna-Jonesboro Rotary Club president Josh Joiner, Jordan Thompson from Dongola High School and Kenzie Boget from A-JCHS. The selected students are outstanding high school seniors who exemplify the principal of Rotary: "Service Above Self" in their communities. Students were presented with a certificate and a gift card for their community service activities. Photo provided.



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News from

Music for the Sunday morning, Feb. 19, worship service was led by Larry Fuller and Randy Wright, accompanied by Johnathon Cauble.

The offertory was provided by Harley and Madison Schnaare.

Matt Macy, Mark Smith, Curly Ralls and Heath Brooks served as ushers.

The morning message, "The Power of Preparation," was brought by Pastor McBride from 2 Kings.

The message shared that "you position yourself to receive God's blessings by planting your seeds in the

News from Mt. Moriah,

Salem Lutheran Churches

Pastor Mark's sermon on Sunday, Feb. 19, focused on "the difficulty of staying true to Jesus's teachings in

an increasingly divided, cruel and cold world." The message shared that "we are not to return insult

for insult because it always matters how we treat each other." Bible study is scheduled at 7 p.m. each Tuesday (ex-

cept for the third Tuesday of the month) at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna. Five young people traveled with Paula to Carlin-

ville last weekend for a Lutheran Youth Organization event. The theme was "The Living Tell the Tale." Those who attended shared a good report of the experience. High school youth plan

to meet at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, at Mt. Moriah for a movie night. Ash Wednesday services

are planned Wednesday, March 1, at Mt. Moriah. Dinner is planned at 5:30 p.m. The service is scheduled at 7 p.m. The dinner and the service are open to the community.

News from

Immanuel Praise, **Worship Center** Sunday's message

shared that "we need to change our vocation, the way we live and work for Christ. Remove the blockages of the world today and care for the grace more than the world's acceptance."

Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. A praise and worship service is at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible study

A Monday study group with Sharon Lilly meets at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship An "Uninvited" Thurs-

day evening study group led by Kay Outlan and Suzanne Dillow is scheduled to begin on March 2.

Invasive plant pull scheduled

The Shawnee Group of the Sierra Club plans to

sponsor a garlic mustard pull on Saturday, Feb. 25, near the trailhead of the Rambarger Trail in the Bald Knob Wilderness. Organizers said that those who would like to

help can meet at 9:30 a.m. near the big sign at Murdale Shopping Center on Route 13 in Carbondale to carpool to the trailhead, where they will meet up with a U.S. Forest Service ranger. The pull is scheduled

from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Those who come are advised to bring gloves, water and lunch.

Those who want to help are asked to call Barb at 618-529-4824 by noon on

Thursday, today.

Anna Nazarene Church

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

sung to Sarah Elkins. The offertory was pro-

service were Curly Ralls.

Terry Wiseman Sr., Brad

vided by Curt Lyerla. Ushers for the evening

Clayborne and Robert The evening message, "The Church," was brought by Randy Wright from Acts and shared that "we are to

Birthdays: Feb. 25, Sarah Elkins and Jeff Johnson. Anniversaries: Feb. 22,

be on fire with God."

Beryl and Ruthe Clayton; Feb. 23, Richard and Brenda Keeley. 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.

Concert set at SIU

The SIU Concert Choir. Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band are scheduled to present a concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, today.

The concert will be at Shryock Auditorium on the campus of Southern Illinois University Carbondale. For ticket information, call 618-536-8742.

News from

Walnut Grove Church

Both congregations at lives have been touched by Walnut Grove and Jonesboro United Methodist Churches are grieving at the loss of the Rev. Robert Fear, who passed away last week. Rev. Fear had preached

at both churches for more than 12 years. He was a special man and a friend to many and he will be dearly missed.

The guest preacher Sunday was the Rev. Ray Long, with a message of love and

He read scripture from Corinthians 1 about how, "in our time of grief and loss we can look to God to give us hope for the future and remember how our give it, and for those who receive it." Prayers were requested for the Fear family and for Pat Batson.

those we have lost. Love

heals, both for those who

The ladies' choir sang a special, and Bobby Pruett announced that he and his wife Linda have been married for 50 years and will soon renew their vows.

The next ladies' lunch is planned Friday, March 3, at 11:30 a.m. at Wok 'n Roll

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

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro On Sunday, Feb. 19, pasand Jean Eudy, Feb. 23.

tor Mike Turner resumed his series, "Colossians: Christ Above All Else," with the message titled "Conversations about the Savior," which was based on scripture from Colossians.

Music was directed by associate pastor of worship Paul Lemon. Chris and Dee Rose provided special Birthdays: Jackie Dil-

low, Feb. 19; Larry Ridenhour, Feb. 21; James Dillow, Feb. 22; Edna Dallas

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. Men meet for Bible study also on Mondays at 7 p.m.

Awana for children age 4 through 6th grade is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays. An adult Bible study/prayer meeting is on Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Touch of Nature to host Maple Syrup Festival

An annual Maple Syrup and older or \$8 for ages Festival and pancake breakfast are planned at Southern younger eat free. Illinois University Carbondale's Touch of Nature Environmental Center Feb. 25-26. The event will feature

demonstrations, live music, vendors, activities for all ages and pancakes topped with homemade maple The festival is scheduled

from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day at Touch of Nature, which is located about 8 miles south of Carbondale off Giant City Road. Tree identification hikes

are set for 10 a.m., noon and

2 p.m., with maple syrup demonstrations planned at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Demonstrations of hide

tanning, woodworking, pottery making, basket weaving, silk embroidery and the making of natural soaps, candles and herbal products are planned. Activities are planned

for children. Musical entertainment also is scheduled.

There is no cost for the festival, but the pancake breakfast requires tickets.

The pancake breakfast is served from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day and tickets purchased in advance by 2 p.m. on Feb. 24 are \$12 for ages 13 and older or \$6 for ages 6-12. At the door, tickets are \$15 for ages 13

6-12. Children age 5 and

For more information or to purchase pancake breakfast tickets online, visit http://ton/siuedu/events/ maple-syrup-festival. php. Information also is available by calling 618-453-1121 or by emailing

College plans to host job fair An annual job fair is

tonec@siu.edu.

planned March 15 at Shawnee Community College near Ullin. The event is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to noon

in the Edward M. Smith Center on the college's main campus. The job fair is open to the public and will be

hosted by the Shawnee Community College Career Services Center. For more information about the job fair, con-

tact Shawnee Community College career services coordinator Leslie Cornelious-Weldon by phone at 618-634-3337 or by email at lesiec@shawneecc.edu.

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nna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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

Civil War Days

It was a very exciting weekend in Anna with Civil War days at the Anna

Arts Center. Wedding Congratula-

Congratulations to Glen and Jo Ann Carter Bishop, who were married Jan. 14, at Landmark Apostolic Church in Sparta. Their home will be in

Sparta. Glen was one of the speakers at the Civil War Days at the Anna Arts Center. Jo Ann surprised him when she came to hear him

Glen's wife.

Veteran Thanked Army veteran Robert Craft was honored as veteran of the day Feb. 16.

Robert served in the army from 2005 to 2013 as an airborne infantryman. Robert deployed during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

His assignments include the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division and 509th Infantry Regiment. Robert loved being an infantryman and serving his country.

After separating from the Army in 2013, he remains dedicated to community service.

local chapter of Veterans of Foreign Wars. He also manages several charity



Congratulations to Glen and Jo Ann Carter Bishop, who were

auctions and coaches youth baseball in his spare time.

Robert currently resides in Anna and is pursuing a degree in business administration. Beyond his role as a giving community member, Robert is also a devoted husband and father.

Guest

Lisa Jianakoplos from Crestwood, Mo., visited her mother Shirley West. They enjoyed the Civil War weekend at the Anna Arts Center and the guest

Retirement Party

Linda Clutts attended speak. It was nice to meet the retirement party of Mona Kerns at the Carbondale Civic Center. Congratulations to Mona, who has worked for 35 years at Second Act.

The tables were decorated with beautiful bouquets of flowers. Refreshments were served.

Mona was honored with the attendance of so many friends. Mona is returning to Kentucky to live where she was raised.

Sympathy

Fred and Linda Clutts attended the funeral of Tammy Charles in Carterville. Tammy was only 44 years old. Tammy was an out going person and always smiling.

He is currently a junior Presley, so they played their anniversary. vice commander of the his music at her funeral. Tammy's mother Joyce



Bonni Littleton is married Jan. 14. Glen a new member of the Bishop was one of the board of the Shawnee speakers at the Civil Hills Arts Council at the



Linda Clutts with her exchange gift, Fern Thompson with her door prize and Lula Belle Tripp at the Little Egypt Red Hat Valentine's dinner and party at Golden Corral.

Fear was a class mate of Linda's.

18th Birthday

Cheyenne Lingle will celebrate her 18th birthday March 3. Cheyenne will also graduate from Dongola High School in May.

President's Day

Hunter, 8, and Hayden, 6, Craft dressed for Red, White and Blue day at Lick Creek School to honor Presidents' Day. Hayden won best dressed and a big jar of jelly beans. Their parents

are Kasie and Robert Craft. 47th Birthday

Roy Younger celebrated his birthday Feb. 13 with family and friends.

25th Anniversary Feb. 26. Roy Younger

and Keith Parkhill will celebrate their anniversary of being together.

Visiting Anna

Linda Clutts of Makanda enjoyed visiting Anna Saturday and attending the Civil War Days.

Birthday Celebration

Bill and Judy McClure and Ray and Juanita Butler celebrated Bill's birthday by eating out Saturday. Bill and Judy also celebrated Sunday at their daughter Melissa's and family in Paducah.

Engagement

Congratulations to Cheyenne L. Cohee and James F. Trambley on their engagement. They will be married Aug. 19 at 2 p.m. at the Jonesboro Park.

29th Wedding Anni-

On Feb. 13, Jerry and She was a fan of Elvis Tiffiny Dillow celebrated

Birthdays

Feb. 17 Louie Bryant, Amber Mayberry, Kasie Craft, Betty Tutt, Candi Davis, Chasey Mears 15th birthday, Rich Elliott. 19 Debbie Hileman, Laura Lang, Mary Ellen Duskey, Wilma Roach, Joseph Mat-

Congratulations

Kyle competed in the Worldwide Youth in Scition held at Elgin Community College on Wednes-

in the 700 Division, and several students qualified to compete at the sectional competition which will take place at Northern Illinois University on March

Kyle won first place in mathematics. Kyle also earned the Rotary Youth Leadership Award, RYLA. Kyle will be traveling to Camp Edwards March 9-12 to attend the RYLA seminar on leader-

Kyle is Weldon and Judy's first grandchild of five. They are so proud of his accomplishments. Wel-



Robert Craft was honored as veteran of the day Feb. 16. Robert is pictured with his wife Kasie and children Hunter and Hayden.



Judy Neal, representing PAST, and Julian Smith, representing the CEO program at A-JCHS, hosted the Civil War Days at the Anna Arts Center Satur-

well with his college career Dept. of Pathology at the studies and his future en- University of Tennessee deavors. This is a wonder- in Memphis. That night

ful honor. Sympathy

Sympathy to Ken Miller. the next September. Ken's family comes from Union County. His Miller family roots were here with Jacob Miller and Dora Brown. Ken is a cousin of Weldon Brown. Ken's wife Anita went to heaven on Valentine's Day.

I wanted to share what Ken wrote about his wife right before she left this earth.

'My sweet Anita is unconscious and unresponsive, waiting for the last grains of sand to run out of her life's hourglass.

for over 48 years and 5 months. We were able to take a long journey through life together, chosen by God for each other and put our loved ones. Please an event that we neither in your prayers. wanted to go to, a Christmas party at the home

fine person, they wish him of the Chairman of the at the party was where we met, and we were married

"It has been an enjoyable and meaningful journey together. The time has come when we must temporarily part, but as I told her, she is going to a timeless realm where she will not long for me and her children and our grandson. She will not be marking off the days, months and years until we are together again. She will not be allowed to be sad and lonely. And then one day, we will be together forever."

It's so hard to give a "We have been married loved one up but when we know they can't get better it is a blessing. We can be thankful for all the years God allowed us to be with together by manipulating keep Ken and his family

Thanks

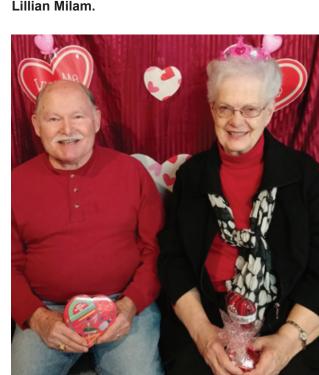
A special thanks



Barbara House, Alice Stearns and Nancy Skoglung were hostesses at the Civil War Weekend at the Anna Arts Center.



Hostesses for the Civil War Days Saturday were ladies from the Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club. Suzie Kessler, Jane Bauer, Martha Ann Webb and



Valentine's Day queen Jane Bauer and king Jerry Hunter at Sunshine Inn that meets at Goddard's



Hostesses for the Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies Valentine's dinner and party were Marie Samuel, Maria Walker, Mary Lou Haffly, Ginger Bowman and Lula Belle Tripp.



Hostesses of Anna-Jo Garden Club, Linda Clutts, Lois Clutts, Sandy Boaz, Charlotte Clover and Peggy Ferguson.

thew Dent.

Butterbeans The Butterbeans played at the Carbondale Senior Center at lunch time on Abraham Lincoln's birthday in honor of him.

Weldon and Judy Brown are very proud of their grandson Kyle Brown, their son Bob's son. Kyle attends St. Edward Central Catholic High School.

ence and Engineering, WYSE, Regional Competiday, Feb. 8. St. Edward participated

ship

don says Kyle truly is a





Barn and Grill.

Decorating Sunday afternoon for the fourth birthday party of Loaves and Fishes free community meal at United Methodist Church in Anna.

Anna News

(Continued from previous page)



Linda Clutts presented Queen Mom Joan **Graves Edwards with** an appreciation gift at the Little Egypt Red Hat dinner.



honored for her February birthday at Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies' Valentine's dinner party.



and Blue Day at Lick Creek School in honor of Presidents' Day.

6, Craft at Red, White

Hunter, 8, and Hayden,

for those who persecute us." Scripture was from Matthew.

Barbara House led the singing. There was an online giving presentation by Wanda Dillow. Special music was "The Gift of Love" Little Egypt Red Hat by the choir. The children took up their special mission offering.

> Rev. Carl told the church his daughter Maggie and Jonathan Davis from Henderson, Ky., were engaged.

> A get-well card was passed around to sign for Joyce Bartruff. Well wishes to her. She has been missed at church.

> The special February Mission Focus is dedicated to collecting for the United Methodist Children's Home in Mount Vernon.

Anna Vista

Congratulations to Bill

A-J Women's Club

Several of the women Hat Ladies plan to meet hosted the Civil War days at the Anna Arts Center: Debbie Rossberg, Suzie Kessler, Lillian Milam, Mary Light, Barbara House, Nancy Skoglung, Jane Bauer and Martha Ann Webb.

> Their next meeting will be at Goddard's eating with the seniors at Sunshine Inn March 6 at 11:30 a.m.

Judy Smith will have the devotion. Jane Bauer will have current events.

The club is a civic orgapeople to come join them, nization to help better our community and have their meetings at different places in Anna to show their support of the different things sermon shared that "the that are available to citizens of the community.

They show and have

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education, arts center, of \$7.50 and corn dogs Native Americans, Stin- are \$1 more. The scholarson Memorial Library, ships go to high school school bands and choruses, students. Come out and Children's Miracle Network, abused children, Home Extension, Shop with a Police Officer and Fireman, Union County American Cancer Society, Anna-Jo Garden Club, forest reserve and many

The club belongs to District 25 of the Women's Clubs of Illinois and join Women's Clubs all over the United States.

Mardi Gras Mask Making

Marie Samuel will teach meet Tuesday, Feb. 28, at the Mardi Gras mask making workshop Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 10 a.m. The workshop will be located at 601 Tower Square Plaza in downtown Marion on Civic Center. Bring sup-

Anna Eastern Star

Saturday, Feb. 25, there will be a scholarship fundraiser chili and soup dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge in the

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shown their support to Anna Park across from the Jo Ann Parcell and to the second Thursday veterans, Sunshine Inn, swimming pool. There will Chinko's daughter Linda Union County Hospital, also be desserts. Adults are Ellis were classmates of international program, asked to give a donation mine. It was good to see support them.

The Anna Eastern Star meetings are the first and third Thursday of each month. Refreshments are at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge in the Anna Park.

Spark Ministries

The non-denominational church meets at the Old McClure grade school at 11 a.m. Sunday mornings.

AFSCME Retirees Sub-Chapter 90 will

1 p.m. at Anna Heights Baptist Church. They encourage other state retirees to join them.

Sympathy

Sympathy to the famthe square near the Marion ily of James "Chinko" Cantrell, who went to be with our Lord Feb. 15.

> There was a Celebration of Life at AnnaVista after his funeral Saturday. Mary Light and I attended the celebration.

Jo Ann, who now lives put your birthday and how in Jackson, Mo., and her family when they came email me or give me a call. to Anna. Sorry I missed Linda who had already left for Florida. It was good to see Chinko's daughter Brenda who lives in Cape Girardeau and Donna, who

Please keep them in your prayers. A special thanks to Chinko's dear friends at Anna Vista for of Life.

Sympathy

lives in Dongola.

Prayers for the family of Rev. Bob Fear. Rev. Bob was pastor of Jonesboro Methodist Church and Walnut Grove. Rev. Ray Long has been preaching at the churches since Rev. Bob went to heaven.

VFW

Friday, Feb. 24, is bingo at the Illinois Veterans Home at 2 p.m. Star Karaparty Saturday night from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Beginning in March the auxiliary to the VFW meeting will be moved from the Chinko's sister first Tuesday of each month mountain.

USA

Good Luck

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Colony "Free Radicals" (HD)

"Wedding Crashers" ('05)

starting at 6 p.m.

Birthday Celebrations

If you would like me to you celebrated in the paper Leave on my answering machine if I am not home.

Free Community Din-

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

Connect Point Church The church delivers hosting the Celebration food to homes Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. **Military Prayer List**

Garrett Goins, David Jorden Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, CJ Youngerman, Freddy Morse, Reagan Morrison, Josh Steveson, Josh Williams, Lukas W. Davis, Faith Odom, Tommy Goff and family Janette, Jamison and Kaylynn, oke will have a Mardi Gras Creighton Laster, Brandon Eaker, Jim Bonner, Jacob Schaefer, Jerod Schaefer, Jennifer Ann Bishop,

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"Spy" ('15) CIA analyst goes un-dercover. (:35) Prison Fighters: 5 Rounds

Television Listing

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Debbie Hileman celebrated her birthday Sunday with family and friends. to Dustin Ayers, who saved a girl's life when he stopped to help. She flipped her car on Giant City Road in front of him and he pulled her out of her driver side window. **Red Hats**

Ladies met in Carbondale. Hostesses were Mary Lou Hafley and her granddaughter Maria Walker, Ginger Bowman, Lula Belle Tripp and Marie Samuel.

Linda Clutts presented Queen Mom Joan Edwards with an appreciation gift. Brenda Lovelace was honored for her February birthday. Queen Joan gave everyone a Valentine card and their new membership

The hostesses had a game for everyone to play and shared poems. There and Janette Dove, who was a gift exchange. Linda were chosen king and Clutts led the singing as queen of the Valentine's

they closed with the prayer party and dinner. God Bless America. The Little Egypt Red for their March meeting at Triple E in Ullin. Fern Thompson, Marybelle Morgan, and Agnes Thomas will be the host-

esses. The ladies meet the third Wednesday of the month at 11 a.m. March meeting will be on the 15. Mark your calendars. Bring an exchange gift if you would like to be in the gift exchange. The ladies are always looking for new so bring a friend.

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People need nature

Nature is nice but what does it do for me? This seems to be the attitude of many people when they view nature, green spaces and outdoor areas.

However, nature does so much for people that we often do not think about the benefits of these natural areas, University of Illinois Extension energy and environmental stewardship educator Jason Haupt recently wrote. Haupt's article appeared on Extension's website:

One of the emerging issues, especially in urban areas, is the idea of Nature Deficiency Disorder. Though not an actual medical condition, it is something that is a serious concern.

More and more there is a greater disconnect with nature and the benefits that it provides. The disconnect with nature is very evident in youth. When I was growing up, going outside to play was not something that had to be encouraged. Rather getting me to come back inside was the challenge.

Today, however, it is sometimes all you can do to get a child out into nature. There are significant hurdles to overcome with kids in nature. They include fear, disrespect, and apathy towards the outdoors.

On average, children in the United States spend six to eight hours a day (outside of school) in front of an electronic screen (TV, computer, phone or tablet). Compare that to a study done in 10 countries around the world that found one-third of children play outside 30 minutes or less every day and one in five children do not play outside at all on an average day.

Lack of contact with nature has adverse effects on youth particularly. Research shows that a lack of contact with nature has a link to issues such as childhood obesity, ADD/ADHD, lack of concentration, and a loss of creativity.

Nature provides many benefits to those who take the time even just to view it. Multiple studies have shown the benefits of a view of green space on recovery times of patients in hospitals.

Green space provides social and environmental benefits to communities, as well. Having a well maintained green space in an urban setting increases a sense of safety, calms traffic and can encourage people to spend as much as 11 percent more in retail spaces in these areas.

Trees in a city help to cool the city by reducing some of the heat island effect, filter the air, and provide some relief from storm water and excess nutrient issues in cities.

One study looked at the ability of students to concentrate in classrooms that had views of nature and those that did not. In classrooms with views of nature, the ability of students to focus was significantly better than the classrooms without the views of nature.

Other studies have shown that youth who have regular contact with nature are less likely to have behavioral issues at school, tend to be much more creative, have longer attention spans, and do better in school. Some studies suggest that children that regularly interact with nature have fewer health problems.

Nature has many, many benefits, and there is a real need for it. Not only in having regular contact with nature, but the physical benefits that it provides.

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50 Years Ago, February 23, 1967

Approximately 600 persons attended the Jonesboro Housing Project Open House Sunday. There are 36 units in all and four were open for public inspection.

Ned Foley, a member of the Executive Committee of the Shawnee Resources Development Council, has announced the approval of \$90,000 in additional funds for Dongola's Water Treatment Plant and Recreation area.

The first snow of the year, second of the winter, fell on Union County on Thursday, Feb. 16, when 4.5 inches of snowfall was recorded.

The Girl Scout Cookie Drive, which began Friday,

Feb. 17, will end Monday, Feb. 27.

The event, next to Christmas and their birthdays, for which kids (and adults) look forward to most eagerly, the re-opening of the Dairy Queen, will take place on Thursday, Feb. 23.

The Knitting Club was entertained with a lovely Valentine party Tuesday, Feb. 14, at the home of Mrs. Roy Rudolph.

District No. I, No. 344, Buddies of World War I and their Ladies Auxiliary will meet in the Community Center Building in Anna on Sunday, Feb. 26, at

From the Alto Pass Happenings: Schools were closed Friday, due to the six inch snow. The children

enjoyed the snow very much that day.

From the Lockard Chapel news: The snow took us all by surprise, and because of the bad weather and inadequate heating, there were no services held Sunday night, but the service Sunday morning was exception-

ally good. From the Neighborville news: Several in the community have colds and there is quite a bit of sickness

The double feature Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at the Rodgers Theatre will be "Goldfinger" and "Dr.

Please read this...



Yes, you are right. This image of crocuses enjoying the bright sunshine would look better in color. I am sorry we bright yellow. Spotted them while I was on a walk last could not oblige. The flowers were bright yellow, in case you wondering. (Both were black and white in print.)



by Geof Skinner

Same goes for these daffodils. Yes. Daffodils. Also Sunday afternoon. I also saw some frogs in a creek. Next thing you know, we'll be moving the grass...

Spring appears to be arriving early this year

This week, please humor me as I ponder the start of baseball spring training, what appears to the imminent, and potentially premature, arrival of spring and the adventures of Bob the cat.

Bob the Cat has been with us since last summer. He, and his buddy, Cory, were welcomed into our home as rescue kitties. They were picked out by The Other Half and our grandson, who was visiting from North Carolina. Grandson came up with the name Bob. As in Bob Cat. Bob Cat. Get it?

Bob is, well, rambunctious. Cory, not so much, most

of the time. She seems to have somewhat of a bemused take on Bob's adventures, or misadventures, as the case may be. Bob is curious, too. He's a cat, after all. His curiosity seems to know no bounds. Ditto for Bob, who seems

where curiosity can take him. Let's say we set a package of frozen hamburger on the kitchen counter to thaw. Bob doesn't seem to think that he needs to stay off the counter and that it's just fine and dandy to check out the hamburger. When I say

to know no bounds and apparently has no limits as to

"check out," that means eat the hamburger. We have been trying to discourage his visits to our kitchen counters. And the dining room table, too. But he seems to have a rather short-term memory when it comes to discipline.

He's also been fine tuning the art of stalking rolls of paper towels and toilet paper, along with the occasional wash cloth. Or two. Or three. Last Sunday, I looked in the kitchen, and there was Bob, in the sink, unraveling a roll of paper towels. Another roll of paper towels actually was on a rack in a bathroom. Did that stop Bob? Nah. Same goes for toilet paper.

After Bob stalks his prey, and completes the task, he drags the carcasses of the paper towels or toilet paper

away, where he proceeds to shred the victim. By the time he's done, all that remains are tiny pieces of paper.

I'm guessing that at some point, Bob will start hacking our computers, too. Bob is a very happy kitty, though. He has a big time purr. And he's very friendly. just hope he doesn't do things that will cause us to start checking off a few of his nine lives.

With the imminent arrival of spring, we can only wonder what Bob will do on the first day we get to open all of the windows and let warm breezes make their way through our abode.

Speaking of spring...it seems that the season may be arriving a bit early, which is fine with me. During the past week or so, I've seen crocuses, daffodils, frogs and even a turtle.

Maybe even better...Major League Baseball teams have started spring training. Perhaps, just perhaps, the balance of the universe will be restored in 2017...the Cardinals will win another World Series and the Cubs will start another 108 years of futility...

...but I doubt that. As much as it hurts to say this, the Cubs are really good. Really, really good. Once again, I congratulate all of you Cubs fans.

We're about to finish up for this week. Before we do, allow me to share something which appeared in one of the 10,000 or so emails which showed up at The Paragraph Factory: "If I were God, I'd make every day the first day of spring." Sounds good to me, with a bit of footnote, 'cause I kind of like autumn, too.

One other thing: thank you to the caller who shared her thoughts about possums, North America's only marsupial and a critter with a prehensile tail. I just hope Bob the Cat doesn't make friends with a possum. Between his craziness and a possum's prehensile tail, things could get really silly.



This was a bit of a surprise: a turtle was enjoying the sunshine while basking on a log in the pond at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro last Thursday afternoon.

Plants play key roles in creation of spirits

Illinois Extension horticulture educator Rhonda J. Fer-

Spirits are actually named by the fermented material from which they are distilled, Ferree shared in an article which was posted on Extension's website.

Various grains make up whisky, vodka, gin and most types of schnapps. Brandy is made from fermented grape juice, and fruit

brandy is made from other fruits. Rum and cane spirits come from fermented sugar cane juice or molasses.

Tequila and mezcal come from the fermented pulp of

Whiskey is distilled from various grains. It is aged, often for long periods of time, in wooden barrels (usually oak), which add aroma, flavor and an amber hue.

After some time, these whiskey barrels are cut in half and sold as plant containers.

Scotch and Irish whiskies are made from barley, while North American whiskies are typically a mix of corn, rye,

wheat, barley and other grains in different proportions. Vodka is distilled from a mash of pale grain or veg-

etable matter, including potatoes, molasses, beets and a variety of other plants.

Rye and wheat are the classic grains for vodka, with most Russian vodkas being made from wheat. In Poland they are mostly made from a rye mash.

Gin is a juniper berry-flavored grain spirit. Junipers are grown worldwide and are very common foundation plants.

Rum comes from sugarcane. While touring the Bacardi factory in the Bahamas a few years ago, Ferree found out

Plants play an important role in spirits, University of that Bacardi rum's special recipe is not only a distillation of molasses and water, but also special yeast. The yeast is the secret and has been growing since 1862. Distilling the fermented juice of agave plants in Mexico

makes tequila. The agave is a spiky-leafed member of the lily family (it is not a cactus) and is related to the century plant.

Other alcoholic beverages include wine and beer. Wine comes from grapes and other fruits, while beer is brewed from grain and hops.

Champagne is a region of France, and only wines that come from this region can properly be called "Champagne." Similar drinks from California and the rest of the world should be called "sparkling wines," she noted.

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