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## News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area.

Happy Valentine's Day to all...don't forget your sweetheart on Feb. 14. \*\*\*

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council/Anna Arts Center are gearing up for next week's Civil War Weekend. Activities are planned Feb. 16-19. PAST also will be involved. \*\*\*

Shawnee Community College agricultural instructor Ed Billingsley has been honored by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for 30 years of service. \*\*\*

The Jonesboro School Board has scheduled a special meeting for 6 p.m. Thursday, today. \*\*\*

The Dongola School Board has scheduled a special meeting for 6 p.m. on Feb. 22. \*\*\*

An eclipse event committee has been appointed in Cobden. (A total solar eclipse will be seen in the area in August.) \*\*\*



A cardinal was fluffed up in the cold one day last week at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro.

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## Landmark achievement for team from local school



### A-J wrestling team wins first regional title

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School wrestling team captured its first Class 1A regional title at West Frankfort Saturday, Feb. 4. Celebrating the championship are, in the first row, from left, Aiden Frick, Dylan Fox, Shad Turner, Nate Kisat, Nick Jimenez, Arie Hart, head coach Eric Massey, Ethan Krumrey, Kevin Wright, Nick Harvel, Clayton Ramage and assistant coach Grover Mays. In the second row are Nick Sanders and assistant coach Chase Hargrave. In the third row are Jay Teller, Lee Teller, Catie Mays, manager Scarlett Carter and Chris Johnson. More about A-J's championship can be found elsewhere in Section A of this week's paper. Photo provided.

## January among warmest on record in area

The seventh day of February was accompanied by the sound of thunder and unseasonably mild temperatures in the Union County area.

The spring-like conditions followed a very mild January.

The high temperature reached 69 degrees on Jan. 21 in Union County, local weather observer Dana Cross reported.

The National Weather Service office at Paducah reported on its website that the first month of 2017 was "a very warm month across our region, with temperatures running 6 to 8 degrees above normal."

Last month was one of the top 10 warmest Januaries on record in Paducah and Cape Girardeau – and the warmest since 2006.

Paducah had the fourth warmest January on record. Cape Girardeau had the fifth warmest January on record.

### Record High Temperatures

A record high temperature of 71 degrees was recorded Jan. 12 and Jan. 21 in Paducah.

A record high of 69 was

set Jan. 12 in Cape Girardeau.

Temperatures hit 60 degrees or higher 12 times during January in Paducah, which broke a record of 11 days, which was set in 2006 and 1950.

The high temperature reached 70 degrees twice during January. That was the most of any January since 1952. The record is three days, which was set in 1950.

Paducah also broke the January record for the most consecutive days staying above 32 degrees: 17 days from Jan. 10 through Jan. 26. The record had been 11 straight days, set in 1990.

The month ended with 21 days staying above freezing in Paducah, breaking the January record of 17 set in 1990.

Most of the region was drier than normal for the month.

### Snowfall Below Normal

Snowfall was below normal. Only one measurable snow event was recorded in the area during January. That occurred on Jan. 5, when most areas saw

between a dusting and a half an inch of snow. Local weather observer Cross recorded half an inch of snow in Jonesboro.

The National Weather Service noted that average snowfall for the period through Jan. 29 in Paducah is around 5.2 inches. Through that date in 2017, only 0.2 of an inch of snow had been measured in Paducah.

### Warm Month in Illinois

The statewide average temperature in January was 31.4 degrees, which was 5.0 degrees above normal, and the 14th warmest January on record, according to Illinois state climatologist Jim Angel with the Illinois State Water Survey at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Above-normal temperatures in January spanned the state and the eastern half of the United States, Angel noted in a press release.

The statewide average precipitation for the month was 2.16 inches, which was 0.09 of an inch above normal.

In general, the eastern and northern parts of the

state were wet, and the west and south were drier than normal.

Snowfall in January was almost non-existent in Illinois, with less than 1 inch in many locations, and was well below normal statewide.

The Illinois State Water Survey at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, a division of the Prairie Research Institute, is the primary agency in Illinois concerned with water and atmospheric resources.

### Local Weather Statistics

Locally, temperatures in Union County ranged from a high of 65 to a low of 15 during the period from Jan. 31 through Feb. 6.

Precipitation was light, with .05 of an inch of rain measured on Feb. 6. Heavy fog blanketed the area on Monday.

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

	H	L
Tuesday, Jan. 31	57	33
Wednesday, Feb. 1	53	38
Thursday, Feb. 2	38	26
Friday, Feb. 3	36	18

Saturday, Feb. 4	42	15
Sunday, Feb. 5	58	34
Monday, Feb. 6	65	35

### January Weather

Weather observer Cross recorded the following statistics for January:

The high temperature for the month was 69 degrees, which was recorded Jan. 21. The average high for the month was 48.

The low for the month was 4, which was recorded Jan. 7. The average low was 32.

During the month, precipitation totalled 2.35 inches.

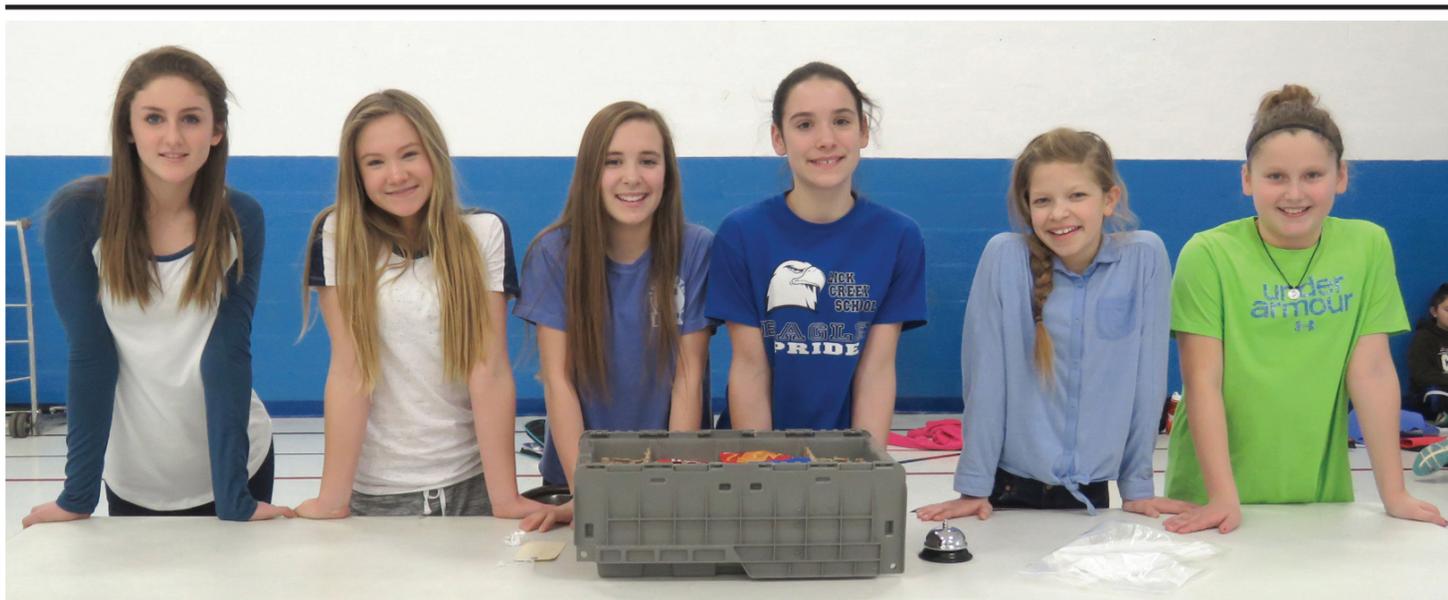
The most rain in a 24-hour period was .82 of an inch, recorded Jan. 13.

Snowfall totalled half an inch, which was recorded Jan. 5.

### Blood drive set in Anna

An American Red Cross blood drive is planned Thursday, today, in Union County.

The blood drive is scheduled from noon until 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall at the First Baptist Church in Anna.



### Lick Creek Elementary School hosts blood drive

Beta Club members from Lick Creek Elementary School hosted an American Red Cross blood drive Friday, Feb. 4. The blood drive was held in the school's gym. A total of 25 donors gave 19 units of blood. The students helped with the running of the drive and babysat the children while parents gave blood. Beta Club members who helped included, from left, Kyleigh Matuszewich, Julia Hall, Brodie Denny, Kaylee Stover, Shealyn Thorn and Danielle Dunaway. Angie Alsip is the Beta Club sponsor. Photo by Amber Skelton.





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**Dongola School receives grant**

Dongola School teacher Barb Woolard was awarded a \$500 classroom empowerment grant from the Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative, SIEC, on Thursday, Feb. 2. Chris Boyd from SIEC presented the check to her, along with 7th and 8th grade students. Woolard said she plans to buy molecule building kits, tools for van de Graaff generators and DNA model kits. The items will be used by the 7th and 8th grade students and some high school students. Photo by Lindsey Rae Vaughn.

**National Memorial Day parade in Washington, D.C.**

**Cobden High School band invited to perform**

By Amber Skelton

A Union County high school marching band has received the opportunity of a lifetime with an invitation to perform in the National Memorial Day parade in Washington, D.C., on May 27.

Cobden High School has been working towards this parade for many months.

The process began when superintendent Edwin Shoemate heard about the parade and submitted an application to the Illinois governor's office early last year. Shoemate received a packet from the parade's organizers, Music Celebrations International.

But the band wasn't guaranteed a spot just yet. They began learning their music in July. The whole performance was to center around the Marvel Comics superhero Captain America.

Cobden has played that music since then at various performances, including the Anna-Jonesboro Com-

munity High School homecoming parade last August. One of the performances was recorded and used as the audition video, which was submitted early last month.

Only a couple of weeks later, band teacher Jeremy Followell learned that Cobden had been formally invited to participate in the parade.

Cobden High School has performed in the parade once before in 1983. The band also performed in Washington, D.C., for a different parade later that decade. The mother of one student who plans to participate this year actually marched in the 1983 trip.

Though the high school covered the initial \$1,500 required to apply for the program, and the music boosters will provide some funds, the cost is still currently \$827 per student.

Fifty-one of the bands 76 students are certain to go, with three more possibili-

ties. Seventeen chaperones plan to attend.

Efforts are underway to raise money to help lower the amount to closer to \$700 a student.

The Cobden Music Boosters are raffling off a Cobden Appleknocker quilt made of school t-shirts. One ticket is \$5 or five tickets are \$20. The quilt is housed at the Cobden Village Hall until Feb. 10, when it will be shown at Feb. 10 and 14 basketball games. The drawing will held Feb. 14.

Those looking to support the band's trip can attend an annual band booster fundraiser, AppleRockers, at Alto Vineyards in Alto Pass on April 22, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. The event will include live music, a silent auction and the sale of donated beef patties.

The co-chairperson of the band boosters Jennifer Lintz, set up an account on gofundme.com, where donors can give money online at any time at www.

gofundme.com/cobden-

marching-appleknockers.

Final payments for the trip are due April 1.

Followell expressed excitement for the students, citing his previous experiences in the nation's capitol.

He serves in the National Guard and is stationed in the 144th Army Band in Springfield.

He was able to spend time in Washington, D.C., with the band, visiting national monuments in uniform.

So he's looking forward to seeing the students experience the National Symphony, the changing of the guard at Arlington National Cemetery and visiting Marine Barracks in full dress uniform.

"I know what that feeling is like."

Followell hopes to also take the students to view the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and one of the Smithsonian museums.

**State police warn public about scam**

The Illinois State Police, ISP, are warning the public about a phone scam that is circulating throughout the area.

An individual will call and claim to be associated with the ISP or the "Illinois Police."

The caller will then ask for a donation or advise there is a warrant out for your arrest and that you need to send money.

The caller ID may say "Illinois Police" or "Illinois State Police."

State police said the phone number associated with the call may be a 618 area code, but phone scammers have the ability to quickly change the phone number that is displayed on caller ID.

Citizens are advised to be wary of calls which are soliciting money, regardless of what number is

displayed, particularly if threats are made by the caller or if the caller becomes pushy.

The ISP will never call to solicit money on behalf of the department or ask you to send money to us for any reason.

The state police encourage those who believe they have been the victim of a phone scam to call 1-800-243-0607 and report it to the Illinois attorney general's office.

For information about the different types of phone scams and indicators of phone scams, visit the Illinois attorney general's website or the Federal Trade Commission at the following websites:

<http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/consumers/phonescams.html>

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/scam-alerts>

**Dr. Ashley Aylesworth completes doctorate degree**



Oakland Park, Fla., and a pediatric and contact lens specialty clinic at the NSU Eye Institute.

While at NSU, she received a bachelor of science degree in vision science in 2014. She studied at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, where she graduated in 2011 with a bachelor of science degree in biology.

Dr. Aylesworth is a member of the American Optometric Association and Illinois Optometric Association.

She enjoys practicing the full scope of optometry and seeing patients of all ages at Marion Eye Center's Anna office.

Dr. Aylesworth was raised in Batavia and currently resides in Cobden.

**SIU chancellor: spring enrollment drop expected**

Spring enrollment at Southern Illinois University Carbondale mirrors the decline in fall enrollment as expected, according to interim chancellor Brad Colwell.

"Fall enrollment declined 7.55 percent when compared with the previous

Lincoln's birthday closings noted

Illinois Secretary of State offices and facilities which are open Monday to Friday will be closed Monday, Feb. 13, while facilities open Tuesday to Saturday will be closed Saturday, Feb. 11, in observance of Abraham Lincoln's birthday.

All driver services facilities are scheduled to be open for business Tuesday, Feb. 14.

fall, while the current spring semester declined 7.40 percent when compared with the previous spring," Cowell said in a news release.

"This means that we held our ground," he added. "Typically spring semester figures are a direct reflection of what we have seen in the fall."

Overall, spring 2017 enrollment totaled 14,636 compared with 15,806 students enrolled in spring 2016.

Spring enrollment is always lower than fall enrollment due to December graduation, Colwell said.

There were 1,383 students scheduled to graduate in December, which correlates closely with the 1,351 difference between the fall 2016 enrollment of 15,987 and spring enrollment of 14,636.

**Soil, water district plans to host open house**

Community members are invited to attend an open house next week hosted by the Union County Soil and Water Conservation District.

The invitation is extended by the district's directors: Carlyn Light, Larry Hale, Dana Eddleman, Kent Treece and Bill Littrell.

The open house is scheduled Tuesday, Feb. 14, at the USDA building at 201 Springfield Ave. in Anna.

Doors are scheduled to be open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Activities all day include voting for two directors to the soil and water conservation district board.

Voting also is planned to select the county winner of a 5th grade poster contest. Each school in the county has entered a poster by a 5th grader from their school.

The county winner will be sent on to the state contest for conservation districts in Illinois. This year's theme is "Healthy Soils are Full of Life."

The open house is a come-and-go event. Guest speakers are scheduled to

present programs during the day. The schedule, and topics, include:

11 a.m., forestry management/implementation. 1 p.m., cover crops for cattle producers and row crop producers. 2:30 p.m., Illinois EPA Upper Cache Watershed grant stakeholders meeting.

Organizers of the event

noted that people who own property or live in the Upper Cache Watershed (in Union County north of Illinois Route 146 and east of old U.S. Route 51) are encouraged to attend the meeting and to share any erosion or conservation problems, such as flooding, pollution and other concerns that they may have. Cost share

funds may be available in the future to address some of these issues.

A free lunch will be provided from noon to 1 p.m.

For more information about the open house, call the Union County Soil and Water Conservation District/NRCS office at 833-5666, extension 3, and ask for Edward.

**Governor's commission reaches bipartisan framework for state school funding formula reform**

The Illinois School Funding Reform Commission on Feb. 1 approved a framework that allows members of the General Assembly to create a new school funding formula.

"Illinois is another step closer to fixing our broken school funding system," Gov. Bruce Rauner said in a news release.

"I applaud the commission members for putting politics aside to advance a bipartisan framework that can serve as an immediate road map for legislation. The framework ensures all public school children

in Illinois receive equitable funding, no matter where they live.

"We look forward to working with members of the General Assembly to quickly resolve the outstanding issues identified in the report with the hope of enacting a bipartisan school funding reform package as soon as possible."

The 25 commission members, comprised of five members from each party in each chamber and five members appointed by the governor, met for over 75 hours during the last six months to reform the

school funding formula. The commissioner says that the framework will better focus resources on the needs of students and districts.

Through the framework, new funding will first go to schools which are farthest away from their adequacy targets, serving the most vulnerable students.

The measure will address inequity within districts, not just among districts, and also ensure all public school children, including those who attend charter schools, receive equitable treatment.

**News Notes**

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Congratulations to local student athletes who have signed national letters of intent at various colleges, universities and community colleges.

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 The Illinois Emergency Management Agency is promoting earthquake preparedness during February.

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 The 39th annual Big Muddy Film Festival is planned Feb. 21-26 at various locations in Carbondale.



**New member welcomed**

The Friends of Stinson Library inducted Susan Belcher as a new member on Monday, Feb. 6. The non-profit organization conducts regular used book sales and other projects to maintain and improve the Stinson Memorial Public Library in Anna. In the first row are, from left, library director Lisa Livesay, Susan Belcher, Susan Hayes, Friends vice president Carole Larsen, treasurer Janet Hunter and Marilyn Keller. In the second row are president Jackie Beatty, secretary Alice Kerns, Alan Stanley, Bruce Agne, assistant treasurer Earl Miller and John Watkins. Photo by Amber Skelton.

# Public Record

from the files at the Union County Courthouse

## Realty Transactions

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

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Britney Hilt. Grantee: Cassandra Gale Atchison, Ryan Andrew Newcomb. Name: Grammers Add. of Jonesboro, Lot 51.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: James Raymond Crane Jr. Grantee: James Raymond Crane Sr. Tract Section 28 Township 12S Range 2W. Tract Section 21 Township 12S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jerry Schaefer, Sharon K. Schaefer Revocable Trust. Grantee: Amanda C. Endrizzi, Matthew W. Endrizzi. Tract Section 15 Township 12S Range 1E. Tract Section 22 Township 12S Range 1E.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Lloyd D. Duty. Grantee: Lloyd D. Duty, Mary H. Duty. Tract Section 15 Township 13S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Charles W. Hook, Jeanette L. Hook. Grantee: Jeanette L. Hook. Name: Garrott Addition, Lot 28.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Dann R. Kraatz, Martha J. Kraatz. Grantee: Daniel Lee Osman Jr. Tract Section 25 Township 13S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Riki Hicks. Grantee: Alaina Morrison. Name: Anna Heights Subdivision, Lot 16.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Fannie Mae, Federal National Mortgage. Grantee: Benson Poirier, Lynn Poirier. Name: C.L. Otrichs Sub., Portions 4-5.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Dongola Church of Christ, Dongola Church of Christ Inc., Trustees of the Church of Christ of Dongola, Illinois. Grantee: Curts Classics LLC. Tract Section 24 Township 13S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Sara D. Pearl, Thomas W. Pearl, Paul Kenneth Pearl Jr. Grantee: Edward Joseph Pearl. Name: Grammers Add. of Jonesboro, Lots 2, 3.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Carmelita Machicao. Grantee: Carlos Yaksie. Tract Section 28 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Doris Hileman, Robert E.

Hileman. Grantee: Brenda C. Mayberry. Name: Rolling Hills Subdivision, Lot 10.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Melissa A. Kinder, Randy Kinder. Grantee: Randy Kinder. Tract Section 1 Township 11S Range 1E.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Lois Brooks. Grantee: Roger D. Bridgeman. Tract Section 26 Township 11S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Shirley Broadway. Grantee: David Alan Broadway, Shirley Broadway. Tract Section 16 Township 11S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Marjorie Kimbro. Grantee: Marjorie Kimbro, Fred A. Proctor. Name: Smoke Rise Subdivision, Lots 13, 14.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Seever Homes Partnership. Grantee: Chelsea E. Treece, Nathan C. Treece. Name: Hickory Lake Estates, Lot 8.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Christopher David Randolph. Grantee: Scott Alan Jordal. Tract Section 12 Township 11S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Tracey Williams. Grantee: Genevia M. Hamel, Robin S. Hamel. Name: Orchard Drive

Sub., 91.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Dishona Wright, Wesley Wright. Grantee: Fred Proctor. Name: Smoke Rise Subdivision, Lot 14.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Barbara Bauer, Norman Bauer. Grantee: Fred Proctor. Name: Smoke Rise Subdivision, Lot 5.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jeffery Haskenhoff. Grantee: Monica Bennett, Sean Bennett. Tract Section 17 Township 12S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Steve Heath. Grantee: Dean Corbit, Elizabeth K. Corbit. Tract Section 10 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. Name: J.J. Spanss 1st Add. of Anna, Portion 3.

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:

Roderizus Antawn's Fleming, Cleveland, Ill. Francisco O. Ochoa, Chicago. Amber N. Harper, Carbondale. Heather L. Jackson, Anna. Xavier L. Bramlett, Eddyville. Jerome Bell, Chicago. Teron Carey, Dolton. Damien R. Howard, Chicago. Jeremy Jerome Seals Jr., Milwaukee, Wis. Joshua S. Seaward, Du Quoin.

Adam M. Blair, Percy. Timothy R. Burtis, Kankakee. Robert Earl Carmon, Clarksville, Tenn. James Ryan Runge, Johnston City. Paul E. Britt Sr., Henderson, Ky.

Emily S. Hubbs, Anna. Michelle R. Jenkins, Howardville, Mo. Austin T. Thompson, Dongola. Terry W. Colum, Covington, Tenn. Steven W. Pry, Newport, Ark. Matthew G. Rodden, Jackson, Mo.

Tyler S. Watson, Springfield. Philip W. McMahan, Vienna. Jessica A. Stucker, Energy. John D. Price, Coulterville. Ahmed R. Alnugaydan, Carbondale. Felicia C. Jenkins, Cape Girardeau.

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

Saleh M. Alkhulaqi, Coldwater, Mich., hours of service violation, \$120. Christopher B. Knights, Dongola, seat belt required/driver, \$120.

Teresa Lynn Boyer, Anna, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Andrea M. Mayer, Grand Chain, electronic communication device, \$120.

Tressie F. Long, Ullin, drive reckless/close to bicyclist, \$120. Randy L. Newton, Vienna, registration expiration, \$120.

Christian M. Merryman, Anna, improper traffic lane usage, \$120. Amanda K. Neilson, Wolf Lake, electronic communication device, \$120.

Christopher Leroy Lampkin, Harper Woods, Mich., seat belt required/driver, \$60. Jerry R. Lovell Jr., Jonesboro, electronic communication device, \$120.

Lebrooke Marie Ware, Sikeston, Mo., speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140. Isaiah R. Ryan, Carbondale, transport/carry alcoholic liquor/passenger, \$120.

Alesha M. Foster, Murphysboro, fail to reduce speed, \$120. Casey Scott Howerton, Anna, squealing/screeching tires, \$120.

Amanda L. Etherton, Cobden, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200. Sharon E. Sims, Tamms, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200.

Ryan A. Stadelbacher, Anna, no valid registration, \$120. Michael E. Smith, Anna, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200.

Reynoldo Ambroco-Ortiz, Jonesboro, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200. Kelli J. Pearson, Cobden, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200.

Olen G. Ballard, Jackson, Mo., seat belt required/driver, \$60. Alissa R. Hodges, Cobden, fail right-of-way/intersection, \$120. George T. Huffman Jr., Grand Tower, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

## Marriage Licenses

The county clerk's office issued a marriage license to:

Ryan Andrew Newcomb, 32, of Simpson, and Cassandra Gale Atchison, 28, of Jonesboro.

Bruce Moreland, 54, of Jonesboro, and Sarah Kimball, 61, of Jonesboro.

Daniel Austin Hancock, 20, of Jonesboro, and Toni Diane Eubanks, 31, of Alto Pass.

# School Menu

## Jonesboro School Menu

Monday, Feb. 13: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fresh fruit, apple juice, choice of lowfat milk. Lunch: Elementary: Chicken nuggets with herb breadstick or strawberry parfait with granola, mashed potatoes, broccoli florets, garbanzo beans, fresh or chilled fruit. Middle: Chicken nuggets with herb breadstick or strawberry parfait with granola; mashed potatoes; ham and turkey chef salad with croutons and roll; pepperoni pizza; classic cheese pizza; crispy chicken sandwich; Caesar salad, broccoli florets, garbanzo beans, fresh whole fruit, assorted chilled fruit.

Tuesday, Feb. 14: Breakfast: Apple frudel, fresh fruit, fruit punch juice, choice of lowfat milk. Lunch: Elementary: Soft shell tacos or chicken and cheese chef salad with dinner roll, Mexi corn, cucumber coins, cowboy caviar, fresh or chilled fruit. Middle: Soft shell tacos or chicken and cheese chef salad; Mexi corn; chicken and cheese salad with croutons and roll; buffalo chicken pizza; classic cheese pizza; bacon cheeseburger; Caesar salad, cowboy caviar, sliced cucumbers, fresh whole fruit, assorted chilled fruit.

Wednesday, Feb. 15: Breakfast: Berry parfait with granola, fresh fruit, orange juice, choice of lowfat milk. Lunch: Elementary: Chicken alfredo pasta with herb breadstick or three cheese pretzel sandwich, baked fries, broccoli ranch salad, cherry tomatoes, fresh or chilled fruit. Middle: Chicken alfredo pasta with

roll or three cheese pretzel sandwich; baked fries; ham and turkey chef salad with croutons and roll; sausage flatbread; classic cheese pizza; spicy chicken sandwich; Caesar salad, cherry tomatoes, broccoli ranch salad, fresh whole fruit, assorted chilled fruit.

Thursday, Feb. 16: Breakfast: Waffle dippers with maple syrup, fresh fruit, apple juice, choice of lowfat milk. Lunch: Elementary: Crispy fish sticks or Sunbutter and banana roll up, mac and cheese, fresh vegetable medley, power peas, fresh or chilled fruit. Middle: Crispy fish sticks or Sunbutter and banana roll up; mac and cheese; chicken Caesar salad with croutons and roll; BBQ chicken pizza; classic cheese pizza; corn dog; Caesar salad, broccoli and carrots, power peas, fresh whole fruit, assorted chilled fruit.

Friday, Feb. 17: Breakfast: Biscuit and gravy, fresh fruit, orange juice, choice of lowfat milk. Lunch: Elementary: Classic cheese pizza or blueberry muffin and Goldfish fun lunch, hash brown patty, Caesar salad, baby carrots, fresh or chilled fruit. Middle: Classic cheese pizza or blueberry muffin and Goldfish fun lunch; hash brown patty; ham and turkey chef salad with croutons and roll; pepperoni pizza; classic cheese pizza; crispy chicken sandwich; Caesar salad, baby carrots, black bean salad, fresh whole fruit, assorted chilled fruit.

Choice of lowfat milk includes one percent white or skim chocolate.

## Cobden Elementary School honors students for showing caring



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

Students who were honored for showing caring include, by their grade in school, kindergarten: Juan Carlos Aguilar-Garcia, Jonah Etherton, Parker Fisher, Leo Guijon and Autumn Mosley; 1st grade: Scarlett Bergseth, Miguel Mendez-Ambrocio, Samuel Sevenski, Jennie Murillo-Lopez, Addison Simmons and Madge Stevens; 2nd grade: Lucy Brehm, Brisa Calderon and Alivia Kilpatrick; 3rd grade: Kennadi Ellis and Josh Mize; 4th grade: Evelyn Campbell, Sara Flick, Cameron Golladay, Maria Martinez and Jackson Rendleman; and 5th grade: Kylie Baker-Hale, Steven Brown, Colton Clausen, Jack Eagle, Ayden Hallett and Mitchell Howell.



Gift card winners were, from left, Miguel Mendez-Ambrocio, Samuel Sevenski, Josh Mize, Jack Eagle and Steven Brown. Photos provided.

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## Regional champions

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School wrestling team captured its first Class 1A regional title at West Frankfort Saturday, Feb. 4. From left are assistant coach Chase Hargrave, head coach Eric Massey and assistant coach Grover Mays. Photo provided.

## A-J wrestling squad wins first regional championship

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School wrestling team captured its first Class 1A regional title at West Frankfort Saturday, Feb. 4.

"It's the first regional title in school history," A-J wrestling coach Eric Massey said. "I'm very proud of this team and what they have accomplished."

The Wildcats had two first-place efforts posted by Arieh Hart (152 pounds) and Ethan Krumrey (160 pounds). Hart has a 30-9 record and Krumrey is 22-9.

Hart won the title by beating Blaine Riley from Pinckneyville with a pin in 3:03. Krumrey beat Ian McMahan from Benton in a 10-4 decision. Hart gave Riley his first loss of the season.

Second-place efforts for the Wildcats were recorded by Lee Tellor, 13-9 (106 pounds); Jay Tellor, 19-16 (113 pounds); Nate Kisat, 29-8 (132 pounds); and Nick Jimenez, 29-7 (285 pounds).

Third-place efforts for A-J were recorded by Dylan Fox, 26-16 (145 pounds),

and Nick Harvel, 27-10 (195 pounds).

A-J had 10 grapplers in the finals and advanced eight to the sectional.

The top three finishes in each weight class advance to the Vandalia sectional, which is scheduled this weekend.

Two A-J fourth-place finishers were Aidan Frick (120 pounds) and Nick Sanders (170 pounds). Massey said they will both go as alternates to the sectional and if someone fails to make weight in their class, they will compete.



## Donation presented

From left are A-J Junior Wildcats Wrestling Club vice president and assistant coach Jay Kisat, A-JCHS wrestling head coach Eric Massey, wrestling club head coach Greg Miller and club assistant coach Andy Sadler. Photo provided.

## Junior Wildcats Wrestling Club supports A-JCHS wrestling team

Between practices on Jan. 31, the A-J Junior Wildcats Wrestling Club made a \$500 donation to the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School wrestling team.

The donation was made in return for the high school team's assistance at the club's annual On The Prowl wrestling tournament, which was held at the high school in January.

The donation is representative of the high school's investment in the club's program over recent years.

In addition to these yearly cash donations since its establishment seven years ago, the club has been a source of new high school wrestlers every year, a couple of the high school's coaches and many parents and fans.

The club noted in a news release that the wrestling team's success, including last weekend's winning of the first regional title in the team's history, is the culmination of years of hard work and community support in which the entire club is proud to have played a role among so many others.

The A-J Junior Wildcats Wrestling Club extended best wishes to the A-JCHS wrestling team for continued success as they head into sectional competition.

## Cobden drops pair of games

The Cobden High School girls' basketball team recently lost a pair of games.

**Trico 38, Cobden 29:** Cobden fell behind in the second quarter in the loss to the host Lady Pioneers in a non-conference game Wednesday, Feb. 1.

Jenna Hartline led Cobden with 13 points.

Alaina Hartline added 8 points, Bridget Clark 4 and Katie Eck and Makynzie Peterman 2 apiece.

**Vienna 74, Cobden 29:** The visiting Appleknockers couldn't recover from a first quarter deficit in the South Egyptian Conference loss Tuesday, Jan. 31.

Alaina Hartline scored 17 points to lead Cobden. Jenna Hartline added 8 points and Grace Rhodes 4.

Cobden fell to 9-15 overall headed into this week's Goreville Class 1A regional. The Appleknockers were scheduled to play Hardin County in first-round action.

## Pinckneyville tops Cobden in state tournament action

The Cobden Junior High School boys' basketball team lost 37-22 to Pinckneyville 204 in the first round of the Class S state tournament at Rend Lake College at Ina Saturday, Feb. 4.

Cobden fell behind 20-2 and could never catch up in the first round loss.

"I'm pretty pleased with them," Cobden coach Josh Franklin said. "It was kind of fun watching them grow this season. They kept getting better and better. I'm

really proud of them."

Noah Franklin scored 12 points to lead Cobden. John Eck and Sipriano Zamora had 4 points apiece and Mike Hawkins 2.

Cobden closed out its season with a 13-14 overall record.

This was the third consecutive season in which Cobden has advanced to the state tournament series. Cobden finished in fourth place last season and lost in the first round the year before.



## A-J's Chelsea Reinier to McKendree University

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School's Chelsea Reinier signed a national letter of intent last week at the high school to play soccer at McKendree University in Lebanon next season. In the first row are her father, Brett Blaney, Chelsea, and her mother, Jamie Blaney. In the second row are A-J athletic's director Rick Livesay, A-J's boy soccer coach Mark Boomer and girls' soccer coach Sarah Konecek.

A posting on McKendree University's website about Reinier's signing noted that as a goalkeeper for A-J, she posted a 3.8 goals against average, a 10.4 saves per game average, recorded two shutouts and had 177 saves during her junior season. She also is a two-time all-conference golfer.

"Chelsea is a hard-working, tough goalkeeper," McKendree women's soccer head coach Tim Strange said. "She is a strong competitor and will continue to make great strides throughout her college career here at McKendree." Photo provided.



## A-J's Smith signs with Logan

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Lady Wildcat golfer Meghan Smith signed to play collegiately with John A. Logan College in Carterville on Saturday, Feb. 4. In the first row are her sister, Marley; her mother, Angie; Meghan; and her father, Tom. In the second row are John A. Logan College women's golf coach Bill Glenn and A-J assistant golf coach Steve Taylor. Photo provided.



## A-J's Orlando Arreola to SIUE

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School's Orlando Arreola signed a letter of intent at the high school last week to play soccer at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville next season. From left are his mother Paulina Hernandez, Orlando and his father, Juan Arreola. Photo provided.



## A-J's Elle Basler to McKendree University

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School's Elle Basler signed a national letter of intent last week at the high school to play soccer at McKendree University in Lebanon next season. In the first row are her father, John, Elle and her mother, JoElla. In the second row are A-J soccer coach Sarah Konecek and A-J athletic's director Rick Livesay. Photo provided.

## A-J's Basler signs with McKendree

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School's three-sport standout Elle Basler signed a national letter of intent last week to play soccer at McKendree University in Lebanon next season.

A midfielder, Basler re-

corded 58 goals and 6 assists playing with the Lady Wildcats this past season. She also holds the career goal record and most goals in a season at A-J.

"Elle is a great kid with great size and ability. She's a very athletic three sport

athlete," McKendree head women's soccer coach Tim Strange said in a posting on the university's website.

Basler's teammate, Chelsea Reinier has also signed a national letter of intent to play soccer next season at McKendree.

# SPORTS

## Cobden standout Orsburn headed for hall of fame



**Hall of famer**  
Taylor Orsburn is headed to her high school's hall of fame. Photo provided.

By Shannon Woodworth  
CARTERVILLE – Fortunately, for John A. Logan College, the apple (knocker) doesn't fall far from the tree.

On Feb. 10, Taylor Orsburn, who recently joined John A. Logan College as its head softball coach, will be inducted into the Cobden High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Orsburn, a 2010 graduate of Cobden High School, had a stellar career playing softball for the Appleknockers. She went on to play for the SIU Salukis. There, she was also a star.

Orsburn's talent and experience as a player could have taken her anywhere in the nation as a coach, but after moving a couple of times, she soon landed back in Southern Illinois accepting a coaching job at the same college where her mother, who also played high school softball for

the Appleknockers, once coached.

Tina McClelland-Orsburn coached softball at JALC from 1993 to 1997. She also played softball at JALC from 1985 to 1986.

"We are very fortunate to have a coach of Taylor Orsburn's caliber," said Greg Starrick, athletic director for John A. Logan College.

"She was a true star at both the high school and Division 1 level. Now, for her to be coaching at John A. Logan College, where her mother both played and coached, is great for the sport and our region."

Orsburn's team consists of area players from Benton, Goreville, West Frankfort, Carterville, Crab Orchard, Zeigler, Carbondale and Metropolis.

"I'm really passionate about recruiting local athletes," Orsburn said. "We have great softball programs throughout Southern Illinois, like the one I played for in Cobden."

Orsburn said it's a great honor to be coaching at the same college where her mother once coached, which also allows her to remain close to her hometown and many family members and friends. Family and friends who will applaud loudly as she is inducted into the hall of fame.

Orsburn was hired in August. She will coach her first game for the Lady Vols on Feb. 17 when Logan opens its softball season in Booneville, Miss.

## Saluki Sports Update

By Fred Huff

It's true. Coach Barry Hinson's Salukis are as hot right now as they have been perhaps ever under his regime at SIU.

However, it's NIT reunion week at SIU and Walt Frazier and his buddies deserve all the attention fans can possibly give them Saturday afternoon when introduced at halftime of the Evansville game.

Yes, let us first of all admit to being prejudiced in favor of the Frazier-Garrett-Johnson & Co. outfit that will be returning.

However, it's been 50 years, 50 years since the group of finely tuned athletes presented SIU with its greatest of all sports championship.

The NCAA in 1967 involved only 23 of the nation's supposedly top teams. The next 13 settled for the NIT.

SIU, after bypassing the NCAA's college-division championship tourney at Evansville, was among them.

Designed to be a first-round "patsy" for home-area St. Peter's, the Salukis stunned the New York City-area experts, and thousands of fans, by setting a scoring record, trouncing the "locals" 103-58. Garrett had 28 and Frazier 24 as the "experts" wondered, again, who are these guys that call themselves the "Salukis."

It didn't take long. We've got them all as we brought home all the newspaper tearsheets we could find in our two-week stay in the big city, but this report by Gene Roswell of the New York Post still is one of our favorites. He wrote, in part: "Now that the dribble-pop-swish of the world knows what a Saluki is, the next question is how do you handle it? They know in Little Egypt, wherever that is, throw it a dog biscuit. And, others are about to find out in the Garden after they hounded St. Peter's into oblivion. The Salukis are the slickest, quickest

college team to hit the Garden this year. The only way perhaps to handle them is hand them the NIT trophy now and hope you get your hand back."

Well, as it turned out, it wasn't that easy as the Salukis faced Duke, Rutgers and Marquette, all fine teams, in the next 10 days. All were challenges, but Frazier and Co. left no bones around when it was all wrapped up and they returned to Carbondale.

It's fact, however, that SIU was tied with Duke at halftime, 37-37. SIU trailed Rutgers 44-36 at intermission and was behind Marquette 34-23. Overall the Salukis were behind by 19 points at halftime before winning the three games by an overall total of 33 points.

As everyone knows by now, Frazier was the leader as he scored 24, 17, 26 and 21 points in the four games and, as one might expect, was awarded the tourney's MVP award.

The New York Knicks obviously were aware of the happenings and drafted him quickly. After an outstanding career in the NBA, the Atlanta native, who was impressive in an actual workout at SIU with assistant coach George Iubelt and athletics director Don Boyston watching on the sidelines, was rewarded in the pro ranks as well by being named to the all-time "top-50" team.

He's scheduled to be in Carbondale this weekend, along with eight to 10 of his former teammates. And, yes, it will be a thrill just to see the "old guys" once again: Frazier, Garrett, Ralph Johnson hopefully, Roger Bechtold, Willie Griffin and a couple of others.

What a treat for Southern Illinois and Saluki basketball fans.

And, at the same time, the present-day Salukis will be adding to their grasp on a first-division spot in the Missouri Valley by taking on the once-threatening Evansville Aces.

## Carterville, Carmi score wins over A-J

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' basketball team lost two games last week.

**Carmi-White County 63, A-J 45:** The Wildcats let a first quarter lead slip away in the loss at the Benton Shootout Saturday, Feb. 4.

A-J was ahead 15-11 after one quarter. The Bulldogs tied the game at 24-24 at the half and came on in the third quarter to take a 44-36 lead into the final period.

Jake Parr had 15 points and 10 rebounds to lead A-J. Carson Reynolds added 13 points. Jacob Zimmerman had 10 points and 3 rebounds.

Sheldon McGrath had 5 points and 2 rebounds. Ross Pinnon had 4 points and a rebound.

Blake Pena had 3 points. Noah McFarland had 2 points and 3 rebounds.

A-J was 17 of 28 in shot attempts from the floor, 6 of

15 from 3-point range and 2 of 4 from the free throw line.

Carmi-White County was 16 of 36 in shot attempts from the floor, 5 of 14 from 3-point range and 18 of 26 from the charity stripe.

**Carterville 64, A-J 45:** The host Wildcats couldn't recover from a first quarter deficit in the loss in Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division action Friday, Feb. 3.

Parr led the way with 24 points and 5 rebounds.

Jade Gillis had 6 points and 2 rebounds. McGrath had 5 points and 2 rebounds.

Logan Sawyer had 4 points and a rebound. Pinnon had 3 points and a rebound. Reynolds added 3 points.

A-J, 8-16 overall, plays Friday at Pinckneyville and at home Saturday on Senior Night against Du Quoin.

## Girls' regional action underway this week

Cobden won and Shawnee lost in first-round action at the Goreville Class 1A regional high school girls' basketball tournament Monday, Feb. 6.

Anna-Jonesboro Class 2A regional tournament play also got underway Monday.

**Cobden 35, Hardin County 21:** Alaina Hartline scored 15 points to lead the Appleknockers to the win.

Jenna Hartline added 12 points for Cobden. Makynzie Peterman had 7 points and Grace Rhodes 1.

Hardin County led 9-5 after one quarter and the game was tied 12-12 at the half. Cobden went on a 15-2 run in the third quarter to build a 27-14 lead going into the final period.

Cobden, 10-15, was set to play Century Wednesday.

**Pope County 59, Shawnee 36:** The Lady Pirates built an early lead on their way to the win.

Pope County was ahead 14-7 at the end of one quarter and 26-16 at the half.

Abbey Livesay had 14 points to lead the Lady Reds. Autumn McMahan added 8 points, Kylie Holloway 5, Madi Ellet 3 and Katie Charles and Kirsten Pitts 2 apiece.

Shawnee finishes its season at 2-18.

On Wednesday, Gorev-

ille was to play the winner of that game before the Cobden-Century game.

### Class 2A Regional

In the Class 2A regional at Anna-Jonesboro, Chester defeated Trico, 58-47.

On Wednesday, Sesser-Valier was to play the winner of that game, followed by the host Lady Wildcats against Vienna.

The championships in both the Goreville Class 1A and 2A A-J regionals are scheduled Thursday, today, at 7 p.m.

## 'Finding the Gold Within' to be shown

A film which received an award at the 2015 Big Muddy Film Festival is scheduled to be shown this week as part of Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Black History Month.

"Finding the Gold Within," a documentary that follows six African-American men through their first three-and-one-half years of college, earned the 2015 John Michaels Film Award.

The film is scheduled to be screened from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 11 at Artspace, which is located at 304 W. Walnut St. in Carbondale. Admission is free.

## Illness bugs Lady 'Cats in loss against Sparta

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' basketball team split in action last week.

**Sparta 46, A-J 31:** The visiting Lady Wildcats couldn't recover from sickness in the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division loss Thursday, Feb. 2.

A-J coach Matt Denny said several of his players were ill during the game but played anyway.

Angel Helm led A-J with 14 points and 5 rebounds.

Elle Basler had 5 points and 10 rebounds. Sydney Heath had 5 points and a rebound.

Connor Hadley had 4 points and 7 rebounds. Jasmine Foster had 3 points and 4 rebounds. Lexa Sharp had 5 rebounds.

### A-J 42, Du Quoin 36:

The host Lady Wildcats pulled ahead early in the conference win on Senior Night Tuesday, Jan. 31.

Basler finished with a double-double scoring 17 points and pulling down 10 rebounds.

Hunter Denny, who had a pair of 3-pointers, finished with 8 points and 3 rebounds.

Helm added 6 points and 9 rebounds. Foster had 6 points and 4 rebounds.

Hadley had 2 points and 12 rebounds. Heath had 2 points and a rebound. Sharp added a point.

A-J, 16-12, was scheduled to play Vienna Wednesday in first-round action of the A-J Class 2A regional tournament.

The tournament is scheduled to conclude at 7 p.m. Thursday, today, in the championship game.

## Vienna defeats Appleknockers

Cobden fell behind in a 73-41 loss to host Vienna in South Egyptian Conference high school boys' basketball Tuesday, Jan. 31.

John Russell had 11 points to lead the Appleknockers. Joe Brumleve and Clayton Eck had 6 points apiece. Austin Lewey 5, Dylan Duty 4, Raul Palmerin 3 and Hayden Young, Karl Evans and Clayton Eck 2 apiece.

Cobden, 7-14, is scheduled to play Friday at home against Century.

## Public invited to attend iron pour at SIU Foundry

The Southern Illinois University Carbondale School of Art and Design sculpture department is offering the public a chance to get in on poured-sculpture art creation at the spring iron pour, set for Feb. 11, from noon to 6 p.m.

The event takes place at the SIU Foundry on West Pleasant Hill Road across from Evergreen Terrace Apartments.

The department will sell scratch blocks with patterns

including hearts, squares and ovals.

A scratch block is a small, wood-framed box used to create a metal plate. The plates can be decorated or personalized pre-pour. The end result is a metal plate with a raised design. Scratch boxes cost \$7 to \$15.

For more information, contact Jam Lovell, an SIU School of Art and Design research assistant, at jclovell@siu.edu.

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## Lick Creek School celebrates 100 days

Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students at Lick Creek School celebrated the 100th day of school on Wednesday, Feb. 1. The students were engaged in cross categorical grades in cooperative learning projects. The students were able to showcase their math, reading and writing skills through a variety of planned activities. The students were even given the opportunity to use their imagination to dress up as a 100-year-old person. This educational day was filled with a variety of math and language arts components centered around the number 100. The school shared the accompanying pictures from the celebration. Photos provided.



### Learning about maple syrup process

Lick Creek School junior high FFA members, along with several students from the elementary and pre-kindergarten program, had an opportunity recently to learn about the maple syrup process. Lick Creek School superintendent Brent Boren, with the help of FFA members Will Smiley and Levi Moutria, explained to the students how the process of making maple syrup works. Students then had an opportunity to watch as the FFA members tapped two of the maple trees in the school yard. Boren said this was "a great hands on activity for our students and it allows the staff to incorporate the science of why maple tree sap moves and how, as well as evaporation rate, sugar content and give students a better understanding of where the products they get in the store come from." FFA members will check the taps daily and once enough sap is collected they will work to evaporate it down into syrup and, hopefully, make enough for all the students to sample. Photo provided.

## Ag scholarship, grant applications welcomed

High school seniors who plan to pursue a career in agriculture are invited to apply for a \$2,000 Farm Credit Illinois, FCI, agriculture scholarship.

Twenty-four scholarships will be given in 2017 with two recipients designated as Urban Agriculture Scholars.

Scholarship amounts increased from \$1,500 to \$2,000 for 2017.

Recipients are selected based on a combination

of academic achievement, participation and leadership in school and community organizations, and the applicant's commitment to an agricultural career.

Applicants must be high school seniors enrolling in a college or university during the 2016 fall semester to pursue an agriculture-related academic major and career.

Applicants must reside in, or their immediate family must farm in, one of 60 cen-

tral and southern counties in Illinois served by FCI.

Recipients will receive an initial \$1,000 credit on their college student account for the fall 2017 semester and an additional \$1,000 will be paid in the fall 2019 semester to students who continue to pursue an agricultural degree.

Farm Credit Illinois also invites 4-H clubs and FFA chapters which are organizing projects to apply for a \$400 Farm Credit Illinois Community Improvement Grant.

Grant dollars increased from \$250 to \$400 for 2017. Up to 50 \$400 grants will be awarded to assist youth members in bringing positive change to their local community.

Clubs are advised to choose a project that delivers tangible value where the outcome is visible. Farm Credit encourages collaboration with other local organizations to develop and complete the improvement project.

Online applications for the scholarship and grant programs are available at [farmcreditIL.com](http://farmcreditIL.com) and must be submitted by Feb. 27. Questions or requests for additional information can be sent to [ask@farmcreditIL.com](mailto:ask@farmcreditIL.com).

Farm Credit Illinois is a farmer owned and directed agricultural lending cooperative serving 8,500 farm families, agribusinesses, and rural landowners in the southern 60 counties.

### Children's mini winter camp set at Touch of Nature Center

An upcoming How Sweet It Is Winter Mini Camp at Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Touch of Nature Environmental Center will offer children ages 7-12 a winter camping experience.

The mini camp will feature hands-on learning experiences, wildlife exploration and an introduction into the art of making homemade maple syrup.

The camp is scheduled Feb. 17-18 at Touch of Nature, which is located about 8 miles south of Carbondale on Giant City Road.

The cost is \$65 for the overnight camp. Children who have previously participated in an Eco Camp at Touch of Nature pay \$60.

If more than one child from the same immediate family participates, the cost is \$50 for additional siblings. The price for those who elect not to stay overnight is \$40.

The camp experience is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. on Feb. 17 and wraps up at 2:30 p.m. on Feb. 18.

Sign up for How Sweet It Is Mini Camp is available at <http://ton.siu.edu/camps->

and-retreats/how-sweet-it-is-winter-mini-camp.php.

For more information, call 618-453-1121, email [tonec@siu.edu](mailto:tonec@siu.edu) or visit [www.ton.siu.edu](http://www.ton.siu.edu).

### Enjoy the P.A.S.T. Sunday, February 19th during the Civil War Weekend

1:00 p.m. Bus Tour  
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Call Duane Hileman (618) 833-8745 to reserve  
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18 FROM 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Free events include history exhibits, guns, quilts, encampment, Kirkpatrick pottery, exhibit contest, lunch, children's activities and presentations. Presenters: Christian McWhirter, Dr. Frank Nickell, Marlene Rivero, Laura Poole and Glen Bishop Jr.

7:00 P.M. - Play "Soldier, Come Home"

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY, 19 AT 1:00 P.M.

Historical Bus Tour: "Lincoln in Anna-Jonesboro." Call 618-833-8745 for \$10 reservation by February 14.

1:30-3:30 P.M. - P.A.S.T. of Union County will host an Open House at the Heritage House, 102 S. Main St., Jonesboro.

3:00 P.M. - Play "Soldier, Come Home"

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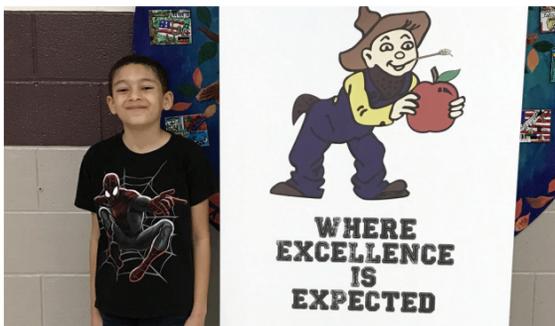
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## Cobden Elementary School recognizes readers

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



100 Point Club: Chauncy Hilliard.



50 Point Club: In the first row are Ana Rafael, Javier Valdez, Autumn Ebersohl, Jeffery Lence, Emma Roberts, Brisa Calderon, Alivia Kilpatrick and Lucy Brehm. In the second row are Wyatt Fisher, Mason Lyeria, Daniel Tomas, Dora Funes, Camden Smith, Emma Kilpatrick and Eric Guijon. Clarence Royster could not be present for the picture.



25 Point Club: In the first row are Joel Garcia, Selena Flores, Cerriana Ward, Lupita Zamora, Naomi Stone, Madge Stevens and Scarlett Bergseth. In the second row are Kimberly Adams, Alivia Brown, Joshua Mize and Matthew Clover. In the third row are Madeline Merriman, Natalie Marks, Zitlalli Tomas, Kylie Hale, Jace Wyatt, Grace White, Justin Burgess, Randy Calderon, Aron Funes and Adrianna Caraker.

## Health officials: Not too late for flu shot

Influenza activity is increasing nationwide and in Illinois.

The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, reports that many counties throughout the state are seeing more influenza-like-illnesses (with a 100-degree or higher fever plus a cough and/or sore throat), an increase in flu-related intensive care unit admissions and more people testing positive for the flu.

"Flu season typically peaks between December and February and runs until May, so it is not too late to get a flu shot," IDPH director Dr. Nirav D. Shah said in a news release.

"Anyone can get the flu, even healthy people. Getting a flu shot is the first and most important step in protecting you and those around you against flu viruses."

To help protect hospital and health care patients who are more susceptible to complications from influenza, IDPH recommends hospitals and health care facilities implement the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's comprehensive influenza prevention and control recommendations.

IDPH also supports implementing temporary visitor restriction policies in hospitals, which may include the following:

Do not allow visits from people younger than 18

years of age.

Promote compliance with hand and respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette.

Assess visitors for symptoms of acute respiratory illness (fever, cough, sore throat).

Request that visitors with acute respiratory illness symptoms not visit. Limit visits to patients who are in isolation due to influenza.

Influenza is spread mainly when people with the flu cough or sneeze. The flu can cause mild to severe illness, and can even result in hospitalizations or death.

People at high risk of serious flu complications include young children, pregnant women, people with chronic health conditions like asthma, diabetes, or heart and lung disease, and people 65 years and older.

In addition to getting a flu shot, IDPH recommends following the 3 C's: clean, cover and contain:

Clean: frequently wash your hands with soap and warm water.

Cover: cover your cough and sneeze.

Contain: contain your germs by staying home if you are sick.

## Legislation ensures credit access for beginning farmers, ranchers, agriculture producers

A Southern Illinois Congressman has introduced the bipartisan Beginning Agriculturist Lifetime Employment, BALE, Act, which is designed to ensure that beginning farmers, ranchers and agricultural producers have access to credit to expand or diversify their operations.

The measure was introduced by U.S. Rep. Mike Bost, R-Ill. Bost is a member of the House Committee on Agriculture.

"Access to finance is the lifeblood of any business, but it's especially important in agriculture," Bost said in a news release.

"I've heard from farmers and ranchers throughout Southern Illinois who are either just getting off their

feet or are trying to grow their business.

"They tell me all the time that the cost of doing business is growing while their revenue to reinvest in their business and employees is shrinking.

"My legislation modernizes the Guaranteed and Direct Loan Programs to empower agricultural producers to do what they do best — bring the best food in the world to market."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, USDA, Direct Loan Program provides direct low interest loans to producers, while the Guaranteed Loan Program allows private lenders to make conservation, operating, and ownership loans with the security of knowing the loans

are backed by the USDA.

However, Bost said, the loan programs have not kept pace with the cost of starting and operating an agricultural business.

Bost introduced the BALE Act along with U.S. Representative Jim Costa, D-Calif., to update Farm Service Agency lending amounts under the USDA to better reflect current farming and ranching costs.

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in conjunction with Phipps, Anderson, Deacon, LLP are assisting individual farmers with these claims through separate litigation filed in WILLIAMSON COUNTY

You have until **March 30, 2017**, to keep your claim local and join the **WILLIAMSON COUNTY** action rather than participating in the class action.

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## FOR SALE REAL ESTATE

16-078574

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, JONESBORO, ILLINOIS**

**PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION PLAINTIFF,**

-vs-

**UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR LEGATEES OF JOSEPH V. LILES A/K/A**

**JOE LILES, DECEASED; JULIE E. FOX, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH V. LILES A/K/A JOE LILES,**

**DECEASED; PATRICK J. PATTERSON; CITY OF ANNA, AN ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS DEFENDANTS**

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**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**

Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on January 4, 2017;

Scott Harvel, Sheriff, 307 W. Market, Jonesboro, IL 62952, will on March 1, 2017 at 9:00 AM, at Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market Street, Room 101, Jonesboro, IL 62952, sell to the highest bidder for cash (ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Union County, Illinois.

Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in cash or certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required,

which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court.

Said property is legally described as follows:

Commonly known as 208 East Vienna Street, Anna, IL 62906

Permanent Index No.: 05-20-03-587

Improvements: SINGLE FAMILY Residential

The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property.

The judgment amount was \$45,476.59. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information.

**IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.**

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

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court in the above entitled cause, the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

1. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Mike Williams, Grand Rivers Community Bank, P.O. Box 545, Shawneetown, IL 62984, (618) 269-6220.

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 upon closing.

7. Title will be conveyed subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real 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 follows: Grand Rivers Community Bank v. Zachary T. Short, et al, 2016-CH-19, in Union County Circuit Court, Jonesboro, IL.

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**HELP WANTED:** The City of Anna is now accepting applications for pool lifeguard and pool concession employees. American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification is highly desirable. Applications can be picked up at City Hall, 103 Market Street, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday. Positions will remain open until filled. EOE.

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**HELP WANTED:** Wonder Wash Laundry Center is seeking a part-time/full-time laundry attendant based out of our Anna location. This position will be a Monday-Saturday position with the flexibility to work an occasional Sunday and be able to work in other locations if needed.

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Lisa Baker  
102 E. Heacock Street  
Jonesboro, IL 62952

Terry Bartruff  
Union County Clerk  
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**NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT**

State of Illinois  
SS  
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 in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County, Filed this 30th day of January, 2017, under the Assumed Name of The Here & Now Shop with the place of business located at 319 S. Main Street, Anna, Illinois 62906 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the Sole Owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Norma Lee Hackney  
Susan A. Whitemountain  
455 Dogwalk Road  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF ELLIE MARIE RAE HILEMAN, A Minor., NO. 2017-MR-10**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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Dated: January 23, 2107.

AMELIA R. BROWN

CAMERON LAW FIRM, LLC  
NATALIE HATFIELD  
ATTORNEY FOR  
PETITIONER  
205 B. N. MAIN ST.  
ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**STATE BANK OF LINCOLN, an Illinois banking corporation, as assignee of First National Bank of Jonesboro, Plaintiff,**  
**v.**  
**LLOYD W. EDWARDS, JILL E. EDWARDS, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.**  
**No.: 2016-CH-25**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE**

Notice is given to defendants, JILL E. EDWARDS, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, of the following described real estate, that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action is now pending, and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said defendants is March 4, 2017.

The Plaintiff has certified that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action was filed on October 4, 2016, and is now pending.

(i) The names of all plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.

(ii) The court in which said action was brought is identified above.

(iii) The name of the title holder of record is:

Lloyd W. Edwards and Jill E. Edwards

(iv) A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:

Lot Number Nine (9) in Lewis' Fourth (4th) Addition to the City of Anna, Illinois.

Situated in Union County, Illinois.

Tax Identification Number: 06-1-091-02 (14-00-09-478)

(v) Common address or location of mortgaged premises:

114 West Lewis Avenue, Anna, Illinois 62906

(vi) An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

(A) Nature of instrument: Mortgage.

(B) Date of mortgage: November 9, 1996.

(C) Name of mortgagors: Lloyd W. Edwards and Jill E. Edwards.

(D) Name of mortgagee: First National Bank of Jonesboro.

(E) Date and place of recording: November 12, 1996 in the Recorder's Office of Union County, Union County, Illinois.

(F) Identification of recording: Document No. 6443, Book 137, page 552.

**YOU MAY STILL BE ABLE TO SAVE YOUR HOME. DO NOT IGNORE THIS NOTICE.** By order of the First Judicial Circuit, this case is set for Mandatory Mediation on March 20, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952. A mediation evaluator will be present to discuss options that you may have and to pre-screen you for a potential mortgage modification. **YOU MUST APPEAR ON THE MEDIATION DATE ABOVE OR YOUR RIGHT TO MEDIATION WILL TERMINATE.**

Tiffany Busby  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court

Timothy J. Rigby  
 Kristina B. Mucinskas  
 Hart, Southworth & Witsman  
 Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza  
 Springfield, Illinois 62701  
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**-vs-**  
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**DECEASED;**  
**JULIE E. FOX,**  
**AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH V. LILES A/K/A JOE LILES, DECEASED;**  
**PATRICK J. PATTERSON;**  
**CITY OF ANNA, AN ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL CORPORATION;**  
**UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS;**  
**UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS**  
**DEFENDANTS**  
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**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**

Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on January 4, 2017;

Scott Harvel, Sheriff, 307 W. Market, Jonesboro, IL 62952, will on March 1, 2017 at 9:00 AM, at Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market Street, Room 101, Jonesboro, IL 62952, sell to the highest bidder for cash (ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Union County, Illinois.

Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in cash or certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court.

Said property is legally described as follows:

A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT WHERE THE NORTH AND SOUTH CENTERLINE OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST CROSSES THE NORTH LINE OF THE VIENNA ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 89° WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE VIENNA ROAD 49 1/2 FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE NORTH 6 1/4° WEST 176 FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE NORTH 89° EAST 49 1/2 FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 6 1/4° EAST 176 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 208 East Vienna Street, Anna, IL 62906

Permanent Index No.: 05-20-03-587

Improvements: SINGLE FAMILY Residential

The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property.

The judgment amount was \$45,476.59. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For Bid Amount contact: Sale Clerk  
 Shapiro Kreisman & Associates, LLC  
 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301  
 Bannockburn, IL 60015  
 ILNOTICES@logs.com  
 (847) 291-1717

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AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION.  
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**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

The City of Anna, Illinois, will receive sealed bids for Demolition of 209 W. Vienna Street. Proposals shall be on a lump sum bid basis for the complete work as defined in the contract documents.

Bids will be received until 2 p.m. prevailing time on the 23rd day of February, 2017 at the office of the Mayor, City Hall, 103 Market Street, Anna, Illinois 62906 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Proposals received after the above stated time will not be accepted.

A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on the 17th day of February 2017 at 10 a.m., prevailing time at the Anna City Hall, 103 Market Street, Anna, Illinois 62906. The Pre-Bid will include a walkthrough of 209 W. Vienna Street. Bidders are advised that this will be the only time access will be allowed in the building.

Proposals shall be submitted on the Proposal Form provided and shall be clearly marked on the exterior of the envelope with the Bidder's name and address, along with the following:

"SEALED BID"  
 DEMOLITION OF  
 209 West Vienna Street  
 CITY OF ANNA,  
 ILLINOIS

Forms of contract documents, including plans and specifications, are available and may be obtained from the office of the Architect, Eggemeyer Associates, Inc., Carbondale, Illinois, Phone Number: (618)-988-2380, Website: [www.eggemeyer-architects.com](http://www.eggemeyer-architects.com).

Copies of the documents (2 copies maximum to General Contractors and 1 copy to major subcontractors) may be obtained by submitting a \$35.00 refundable deposit payable to the Architect for each set of documents so obtained. Partial sets may be purchased at the cost of photocopying and shipping costs upon completion of a Request for Partial Plans/Specifications Form and submitting to the Architect. Documents may also be downloaded for bidding purposes only, from the Architect's website.

Bid security in the form of a certified check or bank draft, payable to The City of Anna, or a satisfactory bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid shall be submitted with each bid.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory performance and payment bond in an amount equal to 100% of the contract sum to insure completion of the contract.

Successful bidders shall be required to comply with all applicable laws, statutes, regulations, ordinances, rulings, or enactments of any governmental authority having jurisdiction.

Attention is called to the provisions for equal employment opportunity and that payment of not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the specifications must be paid on this project. The successful contract bidder is encouraged to utilize minority business as subcontractors for supplies, equipment, services and construction.

In accordance with City Resolution 2004 - 02, the successful contract or and all subcontractors shall agree to become party to a Project Labor Agreement with the Egyptian Building and Construction Trades Council for the duration of this contract.  
 The City of Anna re-

serves the right to waive informalities in the bidding. The contract award will be made to the responsible bidder submitting the lowest acceptable bid responsive to the bid conditions.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (6) days subsequent to the opening of bids without consent of the City of Anna.  
 Date: January 31, 2017

City of Anna  
 By: Steve Hartline  
 Title: Mayor  
 8-9g

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

**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 5/6-21.)

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

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

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before August 9, 2017, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.  
 Dated: February 3, 2017.

BARRY HOLCOMB  
 CAMERON LAW FIRM,  
 LLC

ELVIS C. CAMERON  
 ATTORNEY FOR INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR  
 205B N. MAIN ST.  
 ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906  
 PHONE: 618-833-2220  
 ARDC# 6244394  
 8-10g

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

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant

to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court in the above entitled cause, the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

1. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Mike Williams, %Grand Rivers Community Bank, P.O. 545, Shawneetown, IL 62984 (618) 269-6220.

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. The legal descriptions of the real estate are:

Count I

Lots Two (2) Three (3), and Four (4) in Meisenheimer's Addition to the Town (now Village) of Dongola, situated in the County of Union and State of Illinois, and Lots Twenty (20) and Twenty-one (21) in the Original Plat of the Village of Dongola, all situated in the County of Union and State of Illinois, EXCEPT all coal, oil, gas and other minerals;

more commonly known as:

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 being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the West line of Centennial Street with North line of U.S. 51 (old); thence West-erly along the North right of way line of Old U.S. 51 on a curve to the right having a radius of 1011.74 feet; thence along the curve an arc distance of 287.27 feet and thence Northerly on a bearing of North 19° 38' 43" East, a distance of 113.24 feet; thence Easterly on a bearing of North 84° 40' 55" East, a distance of 239.78 feet to a point on the aforementioned West line of Centennial Street; thence Southerly along the said West line on a bearing of South 00° 39' 30" East, a distance of 193.00 feet to the point of beginning. Situated in Union County, EXCEPT all coal, oil, gas and other minerals;

more commonly known as:

307 Oak St., Cobden, IL 62920.

4. A description of the improvements on the real estates are: Restaurants.

5. 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.

6. The time and place of the sale are: March 8, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, IL.

7. The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) down on the date of sale and the balance upon closing.

8. Title will be conveyed subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, but have not yet become due and payable, and special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record.

GRAND RIVERS COMMUNITY BANK

BY: Michael Williams  
 Interim President

Oshel Law, P.C.  
 Michael V. Oshel  
 ARDC #2122405  
 Attorney for Plaintiff  
 317 East Poplar Street,  
 Suite C  
 Harrisburg, IL 62946  
 Telephone: (618) 252-8100

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OFFICE OF OSHEL LAW, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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

**ESTATE OF TAMARAS K. ADAMS, DECEASED.**  
**NO. 2017-P-4**  
**IN PROBATE**

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

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Tamaras K. Adams, of 237 Ashlar St., Jonesboro, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 3, 2017, to Merrilee Young, 602 Dewey St., Anna, Illinois 62906, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

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

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

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

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 311 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before August 9, 2017, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.  
 Dated: February 3, 2017.

MERRILEE YOUNG,  
 IND. ADMIN.  
 CAMERON LAW FIRM,  
 LLC  
 ELVIS C. CAMERON  
 ATTORNEY FOR  
 INDEPENDENT  
 Administrator  
 205B N. MAIN ST.  
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# Obituaries

## C. Russell Mezo

C. Russell Mezo, 89, a lifelong resident of Grand Tower, died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2017, at the Marion VA Medical Center.

He was born in Sand Ridge Township in Jackson County on Sept. 5, 1927, the son of Albert and Nora Taylor Mezo.

He was educated in the schools of Grand Tower and later the AAF Aviation School at Geiger Field, Wash., where he went on to serve in the U.S. Army Squadron 2622nd AAF Base Unit during World War II and later in the Air Force-Air Corps until his date of separation with an honorable discharge on Jan. 9, 1946. For his service and dedication, he earned a Victory Medal.

His civilian occupation became the former business owner and operator of Mezo 76 Service Station in Grand Tower. Previously, his many life journeys led him to work as a truck driver, railroader and eventually to Mezo Texaco.

On June 29, 1946, he married Evelyn Hudson Mezo in Murphysboro.

He enjoyed country music and singing "karaoke." He loved to fish and deer hunt. He was blessed with many friends and loved nothing more than telling a story or a good joke or two. When his wife Evelyn was still living they enjoyed camping and taking short trips cross-country.

He belonged to the American Legion and the Moose Lodge for many years.

Surviving Mr. Mezo are his two sons, Allan Mezo (Phyllis) of Grand Tower and John Hudson (Tina) of Grand Tower, and Kevin Mezo who was raised as family in Murphysboro. Additionally, he is survived by his daughter, Janice Raber of Grand Tower. He is also survived by his brother, Kenny (Brenda) Mezo of Grand Tower; a sister, June Freeman of Grand Tower; and two sisters-in-law, Virginia Link of St. Louis and Virginia "Jimmy" Mezo of Indian Trail, N.C. He is also survived by all of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Grandchildren include Rodney (Jammie) Mezo, Ryan Houston, Adam Hudson, Allaina (Tony) Dowdy, Elena Houston, Brooke Hudson and Brandy (Sam) Baumgarte. Great-grandchildren include Brent Mezo, Trent Mezo, Morgan Mezo, Chloe Dowdy, Caleb Hudson, Maverick Baumgarte, Karter Baumgarte and Cora Dowdy. Other survivors encompass many nieces and nephews.

Preceding Mr. Mezo in death were his parents; his infant brother, Eugene Mezo; brothers Herman, Sherman and Ralph Mezo, son-in-law, Melvin Raber and grandson Caleb Raber.

Funeral services for Mr. Mezo were at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, at Meredith Funeral Home in Grand Tower Chapel, with the Rev. Gilbert Gee, the Rev. Jack Thorton and Richie Pyatt officiating. Burial followed in Walker Hill Cemetery in Grand Tower.

Memorials can be made either to the American Cancer Society, the Marion VA Nursing Home or Southern Illinois Hospice. Envelopes will be available in funeral chapel.

To share a story or memory, visit [www.meredithfh.com](http://www.meredithfh.com).

Meredith Funeral Home in Grand Tower Chapel was in charge of arrangements.



## Donovan C. Smith

Donovan C. Smith, 68, of Cobden, died on Feb. 3, 2017, at 3:10 a.m. at his home, surrounded by his family.

He was born in Anna on Nov. 5, 1948. He was raised by his grandparents, Eppie and Helen Smith of Jonesboro, and considered them his parents. He graduated in the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School class of 1966.

He married Maribeth Inman on Oct. 5, 1979, in Tucson, Ariz. In 1981, they returned to Cobden, where they made their lifelong home on "the Hill."

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Maribeth Smith; two sons, Garrett (Lori) Smith (and two grand dogs Eddie and Harvey) of Charlotte, N.C., and Cale (Sarah Brown) Smith; three grandchildren, Kadence, Camden and Xander of Cobden; brothers-in-law Pat (Sharon) Inman of Blanco, Texas, and Jan (Janice) Inman of Cobden; sister-in-law Melba Inman of Cobden; many nephews, nieces, and friends; siblings Terry (Paula) Hale of Staunton, Greg Perry of Lick Creek and Kim Pribble of Jonesboro; and a cousin Carl (Dana) Bode of Mound City.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Eppie and Helen Smith; his parents, Donovan Smith and Peggy Perry; a sister, Lida Sowers; an uncle, Byron Smith, and aunt, Barbara Bode; in-laws Bud and Gerry Inman and Mike and Steve Inman.

His family said he was a devoted husband and father, a proud and caring man who served his family, God, and community in many ways.

He was a life member of Anna VFW Post No. 3455, where he served on the local, district and state levels. One of his proudest moments was taking a group of local World War II veterans on a bus trip to Washington, D.C.

In his early years, he worked at the Vienna Correctional Facility, for the Union County Sheriff's Department, was Jonesboro chief of police, owner of DC Smith Small Engine Repair in Anna, and retired from the Illinois Brotherhood of Carpenters Local No. 638. His last project was building the I-57 overpass in Marion.

He had many interests, including bird watching, golf, wood working, leather work, painting, gardening and raising chickens. But his favorite pastime was hanging out on the hill with the neighbor and many friends, young and old. He loved to drive his little red Miata (the "Red Baron") and his golfing trips to Alabama with Roger Stroehlein. He loved his family and friends deeply and also his dogs, especially the two black poodles that were his constant companions over the past three years.

He was a member of the VFW, DAV, Cobden Masonic Lodge No. 466, the NRA, and Oddfellows Grand Lodge No. 100F.

He will be cremated and a celebration of life service will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, at the Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna, with military rites and Masonic services.

Donations can be made to Anna VFW or to Masonic Lodge No. 466.

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

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



## John Harold Rodgers

John Harold Rodgers, 81, of Cape Girardeau, and formerly of Cobden, died at 12:05 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, at his home.

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

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

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



## Reynoldsville News

by Sue Eudy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Donna Kay Dollman of Marion, who passed away Thursday, Feb. 2. She is survived by her husband, Paul Vincent Dollman Jr.

Kevin and Emma Eudy and Jonathan Bohnert, all of Cape Girardeau, were breakfast guests of Sue and Steve on Sunday, Feb. 5.

Sue and Steve Eudy visited Friday afternoon with Dolores and John Yates of Herrin.

Those helping Jackie Jennings of Reynoldsville celebrate her birthday on Wednesday, Feb. 1, at I-Hop in Cape Girardeau were her husband Jay, Dolores and Jack Reynolds and Greg and Valley Reynolds, all of Reynoldsville, and Vicki Reynolds of Wolf Lake.

Barb and Edwin Live-say of Anna and Dolores and Jack Reynolds enjoyed lunch at Delmonico's in Jackson, Mo., on Sunday.

Bob and Elaine Edwards

of Wellsville, Mo., visited Thursday with Shirley Miller of McClure. They met Yvonne and Richard Graham of Anna in Cape Girardeau and had lunch at the Grecian Steakhouse.

Alma Linson of Jonesboro and Shirley Miller ate lunch at the Grecian Steakhouse in Cape Girardeau on Saturday. Kacie Gollher of Carbondale visited Shirley Miller on Saturday.

Penny and Kerry Hill of McClure and Shirley Miller enjoyed lunch Sunday at El Acapulco in Cape Girardeau.

David Gibbs of Moss Point, Miss., spent Saturday night with Sue and Steve Eudy.

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 pastor.



## Herschel Morris Lyerla

Herschel Morris Lyerla, 75, of Chatham, and formerly of Cobden and New Orleans, La., died Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017, at his home.

He was born on Oct. 18, 1941, in Detroit, Mich., the son of Leland and Myrtle Sisk Lyerla.

He was preceded in death by his infant brother, Ralph; and sisters Frieda Qualls, Bonnie Sheets and Thelma Skaggs.

He and Adell Mary House married on Feb. 20, 1993.

He attended Anna-Jonesboro Community High School before he went into the U.S. Navy. Mr. Lyerla worked in the lab for the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation, until he retired in 1999.

He enjoyed music his entire life; he played drums, guitar, mandolin and sang in several country western and gospel bands. Later in life, he worshipped God with his musical gifts in churches throughout Southern Illinois.

Survivors include his wife of 23 years, Adell of Chatham; a son, Aaron (Chi) Lyerla of Virginia Beach, Va.; daughters Lesley Lyerla of Livingston, La., and Shelly (Todd) Cleveland of Maurepas, La.; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild; brothers Don (Juanita) Lyerla of Cuba, Mo., Victor (Glenda) Lyerla of Phenix City, Ala., Harold (Lawanda) Lyerla of Alto Pass, Curtis Lyerla of Cobden, Jim (Brenda) Lyerla of Alto Pass; sisters Sherry (Rod) Wofford of Farmington, Mo., Shelba Vandergraph of Farmington, Mo.; sisters-in-law, Cynthia Caronna of College Station, Texas and Laura (Joe) Guidry of Bedico, La.

Cremation rites were accorded before all services. His family will greet friends at a memorial gathering Saturday, Feb. 11, from 10 a.m. until the time of the memorial at 11 a.m. at the Alto Pass Pentecostal Church, 220 Chestnut St., Alto Pass, with the Rev. Bill Carter officiating. Burial of his urn will follow at the Alto Pass Cemetery.

Staab Polk Memorial Home, 8855 State Route 4, Chatham is in charge of arrangements. Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home are in charge of local arrangements.

Memorials can be made to Alto Pass Pentecostal Church.

To offer condolences, visit [www.staabpolk.com](http://www.staabpolk.com) and [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com).



## Connie Sherfy

Connie Sherfy, 69, of Jonesboro, died at 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, 2017, at her home.

She was born on Oct. 18, 1947, in Anna, the daughter of Donald and Grace Salyers Aldridge.

She married Theodore Sherfy Jr. on Sept. 12, 1966, in Odessa, Texas.

She is survived by her four sons, Alan Earl (Tammy) Sherfy of Pryor, Okla., Donald Aaron (Tamara) Sherfy of Jonesboro, Samuel Christopher Sherfy of Jonesboro and James Nelson of Tulsa, Okla.; 10 grandchildren, Justin Alan Sherfy, Fawncara Marie Sherfy, Ashley Dawn Sherfy, Justin Ryan Sherfy, Brandon Tyler Sherfy, Christopher Damian Sherfy, Sidney Rain Sherfy, Erin Renee Setser, Jennifer Nicole Setser and McKennly Dale Setser; six great-grandchildren, Kara Knight, Michael Knight, Abel Perales, Amelia Perales, Pypier Setser and Carson Setser.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Theodore Sherfy Jr.; and her parents, Donald and Grace Aldridge.

Memorial services for Mrs. Sherfy will be at 2 p.m. at Lockard Chapel Baptist Church near Jonesboro on Thursday, today, with the Rev. Jack Richardson officiating.

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

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



### News from

#### First Christian Church, Anna

On Sunday, Jan. 29, minister Dee Armes preached a sermon titled "We Live," based on scripture from John, which shares that "God gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."

On Sunday, Feb. 5, senior minister Dee Armes' sermon was titled "Giving That Feels Good," based on scripture from 2 Corinthians.

The message shared some "motivations for giving," which included guilt, responsibility, need, thanksgiving and worship.

Birthdays: Jason Rios, Melanie Altamirano, Jan. 29; Steve Etter, Jan. 31; Harold James, Feb. 1; Re-

nee Helton, Feb. 3; Allen James, Erin Stout, Madison Ellis, Jeanie Kinsey, Jessica Bynum, Jan. 5; Ethan DeVore, Jan. 6; Carrie DeVore, Jan. 7; Tom Whittenberg and Connor Hadley, Jan. 8; and Debbie Armes, Jan. 9.

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

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

Awana clubs for youth age 3 through 6th grade meet Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. A Wednesday evening Bible study meets from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

### News from

#### First Baptist Church, Anna

Thursday, today, the American Red Cross Bloodmobile is scheduled to be at the church fellowship hall from noon until 6 p.m. Appointments can be made by contacting the Red Cross.

A free Soup and Serve meal is planned from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, in the fellowship hall. Soup, sandwiches, coffee, tea and lemonade will be served.

## Green Industry Conference set

The Gateway Green Industry Conference is planned Wednesday, March 1, at the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville.

The conference's educational program has a track for sports turf, golf, landscape, arborist, plantscape, parks and recreation, as well as green industry. Registration is \$80.

There is a discounted rate for full-time students and active Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists.

To obtain a copy of the conference brochure and registration form, or for more information, call 618-344-4230 or visit <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/mms>. Online registration is available.

### News from

#### Trinity Lutheran Church, Anna

The pastor's sermon on Sunday was titled "Not. No One. Nothing," with scripture from 1st Corinthians.

The message shared that "the proclamation of Christ crucified, and nothing but Christ crucified, is the center

of the Christian's life and the church's mission."

Services are scheduled at 5:30 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month. Bible study is at 9:15 a.m. Sunday, and Divine Service is at 10:30 a.m.

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**"The Preaching Pen"**  
**Submission to God's Word**

Webster defines "submission" as, "yielding to another" or, "giving in to another." Submission also has something to do with authority – not the position of authority, but the exercise of authority. Submission is humble and intelligent obedience to authority. It isn't being a door mat, or being a weakling. It's inward control that expresses itself outwardly.

Spiritually speaking, submission is "subordination to God's authority principle." Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God" (1 Cor. 11:3).

Submission to God is where it must start. James wrote, "Submit yourselves therefore to God" (Jas. 4:7), and Paul told the Ephesians, "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God" (Eph. 5:21).

Isn't it amazing that most people will accept some rule book written by men over the rule book written by God? Countless millions profess to believe in God and the Bible and then they put their faith and trust into man-made creeds – they won't submit to God! It's truly amazing that these people either can't or don't desire to see the error in their reasoning. The Scriptures plainly declare (II Tim. 3:16-17), "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

The players on a sports team must conform to the rules that govern that sport. The rule book does not conform to the player's wishes. The same thing is true in regard to God's Holy Word. The Bible does not conform to the thoughts and wishes of men, but men must conform to the Word of God (Rom. 12:2). No one will save his soul or enjoy God's blessings by refusing to submit to the Holy Scriptures. Man must accept the truth that his thoughts are not God's thoughts and his ways are not God's ways (Isa. 55:8).

Dear Reader, it's essential that we respect the Scriptures and live by them. Our eternal destination depends on it.

R.W. McAlister, Minister  
Anna church of Christ

# Lincoln School celebrates 100 days

Lincoln School in Anna celebrated 100 days of school on Monday, Jan. 30, with special activities. The school shared the accompanying pictures from the special event. Photos provided.



# Former comptroller named deputy governor

Gov. Bruce Rauner on Friday announced that former Illinois comptroller Leslie Geissler Munger has been named as deputy governor.

Rauner said in a news release that Munger brings a unique mix of business, human services and government experience to assist in addressing financial challenges facing the state and its nonprofit organizations.

"Leslie's vast business, human services and gov-

ernment experiences make her uniquely qualified to serve in this important role," Rauner said.

"We are thrilled that she has agreed to return to public service and bring people together to find long-term solutions for our state and its residents."

Prior to serving as state comptroller, Munger was a brand management executive with Unilever HPC/Helene Curtis, where she led the \$800 million U.S. hair care business and pri-

or to that she did brand marketing for Procter & Gamble. She previously led recruiting at McKinsey and Company Inc.

Munger is also a 20-year volunteer and former board member with a nonprofit serving intellectually and developmentally disabled adults.

She knows from experience about the challenges facing human services organizations and prioritized their state payments during her time as comptroller, the governor said.

Rauner said that as deputy governor, Munger will add her voice to the state's budget discussions and work with nonprofit leaders to address their challenges and increase their

financial security.

"I love Illinois, I was born and raised here, educated here, and my husband and I chose to raise our family here," Munger said.

"I am excited to use my skills and experience to help get our state back on track, and I am grateful for the opportunity to work to bring financial strength to state government and ensure that Illinois lives up to the promises it has made to our human service organizations."

Munger earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana and her MBA from the Kellogg Graduate School of Business at Northwestern University.

# Attorney general intervenes in for-profit schools lawsuit

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan has moved to intervene in a lawsuit to assure that federal recognition of a national accreditor of many of the worst schools in the for-profit industry remains revoked.

The Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools, ACICS, filed the lawsuit after the Department of Education terminated ACICS's recognition as a national accreditor.

Madigan said that the action was based on the organization's failure to comply with a host of criteria, including failing to develop and implement student achievement standards that measure students' success in their chosen field.

ACICS accredited many for-profit schools that engaged in fraudulent activity by churning out worthless degrees that left students without jobs in their field

but saddled with mountains of debt, the Illinois attorney general said in a news release.

Among the for-profit schools that ACICS accredited were many Illinois schools, including Everest Colleges, Westwood College and ITT Technical Institute.

ACICS continued to accredit these schools even as ample evidence of student harm piled up from multiple state and federal investigations, Madigan said.

ACICS's accreditation provided for-profit schools with access to federal student loans, helping fuel the schools' expansive growth across the country and luring students to take out billions of dollars in student loans.

ACICS currently accredits 16 schools in Illinois, encompassing 20 campuses across the state.

**Worship at Kornthal**  
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# Legislation would allow 16-, 17-year-olds to register as organ/tissue donors

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White initiated legislation that would allow 16- and 17-year-olds to register for the state's First Person Consent Organ/Tissue Donor Registry when they receive their driver's license or identification card.

The legislation amends the Illinois Anatomical Gift Act and would allow 16- and 17-year-olds to join the First Person Consent Organ/Tissue Donor Registry.

Under current law, an individual must be at least 18 years old to join the registry. White encourages 16- and 17-year-olds to use this letter as a basis for discussing their decision with their parents.

By joining the First Person Consent Organ/Tissue Donor Registry, 16- and 17-year-olds will be giving consent to donate their organs and tissue at the time

of their death, with a single limitation.

The parent or guardian will have the opportunity to overturn the child's decision.

In 2016, 121,553 16-year-olds and 132,852 17-year-olds were issued driver's licenses as well as 41,250 16-year-olds and 54,362 17-year-olds were issued identification cards.

Approximately 4,700 people are on the waiting list and about 300 people die each year waiting for an organ transplant.

Currently, 6.1 million Illinoisans are registered with the state's registry.

Illinoisans can register with the Illinois Secretary of State's Organ/Tissue Donor Registry at LifeGoesOn.com, by calling 1-800-210-2106 or by visiting a local driver services facility. One of the facilities is located in Anna.

**Special Board Meeting**  
**Dongola School**  
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## Women in Business present annual awards

The Union County Women in Business organization recently presented awards to recognize achievements for 2016. Award recipients are featured in the accompanying photographs. Photos provided.



**Business Expansion Award:** Susan Holderfield, right, Union County Abstract; award presented by Danielle Stevens, left, Country Financial Jonesboro, president of Union County Women in Business.



**Retired Member Award:** Former Union County Circuit Clerk Lorraine Moreland, right, was presented with the award by Danielle Stevens. Moreland was recognized for her many years of commitment to the community and to Union County Women in Business.



**Member of Year Award:** Kelli Wood, left, Edward Jones, received the award from Danielle Stevens.



**New Business of the Year Award:** Danielle Stevens presented the award to Mary Harris from Jus10's Frozen Yogurt.



**Business of the Year Award: Masters Choice,** award accepted by Cheryl Foeller, left, on behalf of Paula Crabtree; presented by Danielle Stevens.



**Pioneer in Business Award:** Brenda Allen, right, Associated Lumber; received the award from Danielle Stevens.

## Shawnee marching band to have new uniforms

**By Amber Skelton**  
The band room at Shawnee Junior/Senior High School in Wolf Lake has been filled with excitement for the last few weeks.

On Nov. 15, 2016, the school board voted to approve funding for new marching band uniforms and an equipment trailer.

The current uniforms have been in use for 25 years. Discussions of replacements have been on-going for the last two or three years.

Band teacher Dee Rose said of the school board's approval: "Money's tight, but the school wants to help."

Shawnee will make the purchase from Band Shoppe in Indiana at a cost of \$368 per uniform, which includes everything. Sixty uniforms will be purchased to cover the range of student sizes

and ensure that new band members would be covered, should the band grow in the coming years.

The new design sticks with a traditional marching style, but will be machine washable, meaning that the uniforms can be cleaned and kept at the school without issue.

Once the order is placed, it will be about six weeks until the uniforms arrive. The band plans to first wear

the uniforms for a performance when it marches in the Apple Festival parade in Murphysboro in September.

In the meantime, the Shawnee band will be preparing for music contests and their spring concert in April.

Rose is also working on plans with other Union County marching bands for a trip to perform in a parade at Universal Studios in Orlando, Fla., over spring break in 2018.

## Winter book sale planned

A winter book sale is planned Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 10-12, at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna.

The sale is being sponsored by the Friends of Stinson Library. The library is located at 409 S. Main St.

An appreciation sale for members of the Friends of Stinson Library is sched-

uled from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday.

The sale is scheduled to be open to the public from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

A bag sale is planned from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. A full bag of books will cost \$5.

Proceeds from the sale help to support Stinson Memorial Library.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

Music for the Sunday, Feb. 5, morning worship service was led by Larry Fuller and Randy Wright, who were accompanied by Johnathon Cauble.

The offertory was provided by Johnathon Cauble.

Curly Ralls, Robert Smith, Terry Wiseman Sr. and Curt Lyerla served as ushers.

The morning message, "Kingdom Praying," was brought by Pastor McBride, with scripture from Nehemiah.

The message shared that "people who pray with the kingdom in view know that evil does not have the last word. Praying for the breakthrough of God's kingdom frees us from the fatalism that sucks the hope and life out of us. We recognize that God can use life's crushing experiences to shape us into redemptive vessels He can use."

Communion was served to the congregation.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Feb. 5, the pastor's message was titled, "Conversations with the Savior," which was based on scripture from Colossians. This was a continuation of his series, "Colossians: Christ Before All Else."

Music was directed by associate pastor of worship, Paul Lemon. Kiel Lemon provided special music.

A Women on Mission meeting is set for Thursday, today, at 9:30 a.m.

A Norway missions study presented by the Women on Mission is planned Saturday, Feb. 11, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall at the church.

Birthdays: Miranda Bundren, Joe McRaven, Feb. 6; Jean Kohler, Feb. 7; Don Choate, Feb. 9; and Ernest Rhodes, Feb. 11.

Anniversary: Joe and Martha McRaven, married 19 years on Feb. 11.

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

On Mondays, the youth meet at 6:30 p.m. and men meet for Bible study at 7 p.m.

Awana for children age 4 through 6th grade is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays. Adult bible study/prayer meeting is on Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. All are welcome.

News from

Walnut Grove Church

Walnut Grove United Methodist Church on Sunday again welcomed Rev. Ray Long as guest preacher.

Prayers were requested for Rev. Robert Fear and his wife Jeannette, and Paul Pearson and his family.

Rev. Long talked about scripture in Revelations and asked, "Why do we worship?"

He shared that "worshiping is our road map to our ultimate destination. We can worship anywhere as long as we are following Jesus. What matters is that we are worshipping in spirit and in truth."

The church ladies had lunch at Goddard's Barn and Grill last Friday. The next lunch is planned Friday, March 3, at a location to be determined.

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

News from

Camp Ground Church and Community

The Sunday, Feb. 5, sermon was "Jesus Christ is Lord," with scripture from Paul's letter to the Romans.

The message shared that "the name Jesus means saves; He came into the world to bring us salvation.

"He is the King! All other kings of the world have/will fall; but He will reign eternally. He is Lord; He sits on the right hand of His Father and there is none above Him."

In the selected scripture, Paul said that "if we confess with our mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead, we would be saved."

Rev. Vance closed with the question: "Is Jesus Christ Lord of your life?"

Receiving the offering Sunday were Tanner Roach and Rodney Miller.

The elder for February is Karen Vaughn.

Camp Ground plans to observe Heritage Sunday and the February fellowship meal this Sunday following morning worship. Those who attend are invited to come via horse and wagon, to wear clothing and to bring food reminiscent of the early 1800s.

The community is welcome to come in modern vehicles and clothing and to bring a covered dish. The

main thing is to join in worship that day.

Landon Roach was among more than 50 young people who gathered for a mid-winter convocation Jan. 28 at New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church near Paducah.

Regular services at Camp Ground are Sunday School at 10 a.m., followed by a worship service at 11 a.m.

News from

Mt. Moriah, Salem Lutheran Churches

Pastor Mark's sermon on Sunday, Feb. 5, reminded everyone that "Jesus is our righteousness, not our acts, but that even so, every day we have a choice. We can choose an attitude of light or an attitude of darkness."

Bible study is planned at 7 p.m. on Tuesday (except for the third Tuesday of the month) at Mt. Moriah.

Salem's night out is planned Thursday, today. A trip to Carbondale is planned. Those who are going plan to leave at about 6 p.m. from Jonesboro.

A trivia night for high school youth is planned at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, in Jonesboro.

Connect Point Church planning expansion, move to new location

Connect Point Church of Anna this week is announcing its plans to expand and to move to 204 N. Main St. in Anna.

The former First Christian Church building at 204 N. Main St. has been an iconic structure in downtown Anna, but has sat vacant for almost three years.

The five-year old Connect Point Church, which started with eight members and has now expanded to over 100, is committed to bringing this treasure back to life and giving the church room to grow.

The new facility will allow the church to focus more on social services for the community, which has been the fundamental principal upon which the church was founded.

Scheduled renovations primarily consist of cosmetic improvements and basic modernization of the building's existing amenities.

In 2016, with only a modest budget, Connect Point Church started the Saturday morning outreach program to feed and love families in need.

Since that time, more than 40 families have been reached on a weekly basis

and over \$19,000 in groceries have been distributed to the Union County area.

The church's mission for 2017 is "No Hungry Bellies!"

The church noted in a news release that initial renovations are scheduled to take place during February and the doors are slated to be open to all in March. An open house will be announced in the spring.

The Connect Point Church ministry began when Steve and Jena Guined returned to Southern Illinois in 2011 on a mission to start a non-denominational church that would serve God's people.

Later that year, they secured the former Kingdom Hall location at 208 Center St. in Anna.

The Guineds said that by "spreading the Grace Message, sharing a ministry of hope, investing in all of God's people, inspiring the heart to serve, and adopting a 'pay-it-forward' attitude, they grew. As the church continues to grow their fundamental goal remains unchanged: to get outside the four walls and serve the community of Union County."

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# Dongola High School Homecoming 2017

Dongola High School held homecoming celebrations on Friday, Jan. 27 and Saturday, Jan. 28. On Friday, the Lady Demons and Demons basketball teams faced Egyptian. On Saturday was the homecoming coronation. Barb Gorst was crowned homecoming queen and Jordan Hatton was crowned homecoming king. Photos by Lindsey Rae Vaughn.



Dongola High School cheerleading squad performing a stunt while the boys are announced.



2017 homecoming king Jordan Hatton and homecoming queen Barb Gorst.



Evan Treat.



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2017 Dongola High School homecoming court.

# Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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

## Valentine's Day

Wishing everyone a very happy Valentine's Day.

## Retirement

As of Feb. 4, Judy Neal retired from real estate. Judy worked as a broker for Linda Lence Real Estate for four years and six years as a broker at Southern Real Estate Group in Anna.

Her husband, Chuck, retired from real estate over a year ago. That was his third retirement: 21 years in the Air Force and 19 years as a pilot with Northwest Airlines.

After teaching home economics for 10 years, eight years at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, Judy talked Chuck into becoming a realtor.

Judy has always said she should have written a journal about their real estate transactions. Each one was different with certain challenges and rewards.

When they first started this journey they said their main goal was to help people find the right home to meet their needs. Selling and buying a home can be very challenging and an emotional process. They know that first hand since they have moved several times during their 50 years of marriage.

Judy just wanted to say thank you to all their past clients and people they have met on this journey of life.

A young Air Force sergeant's wife sent Judy this verse years ago Proverbs 3: 5-6: "Trust in the lord with all your heart. In all your ways acknowledge Him and he shall direct your paths." The paths haven't always been smooth but He has always been there, guiding and steering them back onto the right path.

## Retirement

Congratulations to Larry Tripp, who retired after 27 years working at Shawnee Correctional Center.

## Visiting Family

Brandon, Zoe and Isla Nicole Holton flew from Taiwan to visit with all their family here in America.

They visited with Brandon's grandparents Frank and Patsy Holton in O'Fallon last Sunday. Paul and Barbara Prinster and family went to meet their first great-granddaughter who was born and lives in Taipei, Taiwan. Her daddy is an English teacher in a private school.

Isla became 5 months old while here. She is so precious. Mommy and daddy send pictures all the time but it's not like actually seeing them in person. They surprised everyone. They didn't think they would see them until this summer. They all had a lovely dinner and had a good time visiting.

Isla has no brothers or sisters. She is their first child.

## Florida Trip

Barbara and Paul Prinster went to North Ft. Myers, Fla. Their son Nathan lives there now.

They helped him get settled in his apartment and just enjoyed the sunny weather.

They also enjoyed visiting with Kathy and Rod Schimpf, who are there for a few weeks. Their two dogs, Coffey and CoCo were very good travelers and enjoyed the Florida weather also.

## Hawaii Trip

Dennis and Kathy

Thornbush and Andrea, Garrett and Piper Stearns vacationed in Kauai, Hawaii.

## 50th Anniversary

Larry and Shirley Simmerman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 29. Their children are Tammy, Buster and Rachel.

## Super Bowl Sunday

Immanuel Praise and Worship Center hosted a Super Bowl party at Robert and Kasie Craft's house (3D Auction Barn) on Lick Creek Road Sunday evening.

## Thanks

A special thanks to Philip and Sharon Dillow and Fred and Linda Clutts for giving me credit when they renewed their subscription to The Gazette-Democrat.

## Anna Vista

Feb. 14 is Valentine's Day, and Anna Vista is having a Valentine party at noon in the community room. They will be picking a king and queen for the high rise.

## Anna Railroad Depot

If you have a good picture of the front and back of the old railroad depot that used to be in Anna, please make a copy or send me a picture to my email or mail to me or I will come pick it up or give to Jerry Meyer.

Jerry wants to make a model of it then maybe later donate to the Cobden Museum. Jerry has many barns and doll houses he donated for fund raisers for our community.

Barbara Bauer told me she fondly remembers riding the train from Anna to Champaign when she was a student at U of I. On a Sunday evening it could be so full, that she rode in the "women's lounge."

Other fond memories are how the railroad went through Barbara's farm south of Anna. They grew up waving to the train occupants and marking time by the trains that passed by regularly at the same time of day.

If you have a memory of the old depot or riding the train, please send it to me.

## AFSCME Retirees

Sub-Chapter 90 will meet Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 1 p.m. at Anna Heights Baptist Church. The retirees always meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. They encourage other state retirees to join them.

## Library Sale

Stinson Memorial Library Friends of Stinson Appreciation sale will be



Chuck and Judy Neal enjoyed a trip to Florida and an Eastern Caribbean cruise to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.



The A-JCHS band and 8th graders played at the basketball game Friday night.

this Friday, Feb. 10, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, is the public sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, is the bag sale from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for \$5 a bag. Stinson Library auditorium will host the sales.

## Red Hat Meeting

Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies will meet at Golden Corral in Carbondale Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 11 a.m.

## Congratulations

Teresa Goddard and Sharon Laster will be having an open house to promote their business First Class Cookies Monday, Feb. 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Goddard's Barn & Grill.

## United Methodist Church of Anna

Rev. Carl Johnston's sermon was on "Come and Multiply" with scripture from Matthew.

Barbara House led the singing. Special music was by the ladies choir. Holy Communion was taken.

The youth group had a fundraiser Souper Bowl dinner after church.

On Saturday, the church will have a rummage sale from 8 a.m. to noon. Anything that will fit into a Walmart sized bag will be priced at \$3. This will be a fundraiser to help with things in the church.

## Mistake

When I mess up, I mess up good. I went to send my Anna news last night and must have deleted it instead of sending it.

If you sent me an article that wasn't in this article, please send it to me again. I have been having computer problems so have been trying to delete a lot of items so my computer won't be so full. I won't do that on Sunday night anymore.

## VFW

Feb. 11 there will be a Valentine steak dinner from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Star Karaoke from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

From Jo Lynn: There is a request from Lori Crites, Marion VAVS rep, for calendars. If any of you have any of the large calendars that we all get in the mail, if you haven't already recycled them, please bring them to the district meeting on the 18th in Marion. If any of you have 2017 dues, the department council meeting is on Feb. 11 and

Lynn will pick them up from you.

## Mary Poppins

Bessie Mae, Elijah Glen and Curt Ellis and Martha Ann Webb enjoyed the musical Mary Poppins at the Marion Cultural and Civic Center Sunday. The beautiful and talented Anna Madura from Anna was one of the characters.

## Guests

Guests of Ruby Brimm were her daughter Beverly and son-in-law from Indiana.

## Anna Eastern Star

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

## Harvest Church

The church family served 203 meals and out of those 53 were delivered to shut-ins. A special thanks to everyone who volunteers of their time to buy the food, prepare the food and serve and deliver the meals.

## Free Community Dinners

Loaves and Fishes, a free community meal, is on the third Tuesday of each month from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at United Methodist Church Anna fellowship hall.

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

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

The free community meal at Salem Lutheran Church is on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. There will be free food, desserts and some personal items available for anyone who needs them. Everyone is welcome.

## Cobden Church

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

## Connect Point Church

The church delivers food to homes Saturday mornings at 10 a.m.

## Get Well List

Ila Rettinghouse, David

Waun, Joyce Bartruff, Randy Hindman, Carolyn Harvel, Jessie Sowers, Pinky Cates, Connie Boyd, Steve Boyd, Brandy Girtman, Lisa Renee Mears, Mary Ann Sadler, Matthew Griffin, Kay Chapman, Jeanne Haynes, Bill Eblen, Judy Smith, Joe Lawrence, Phillip Dillow, Ashlin Tweedy, Judy Vaughn, Dakota, Jon Pengress, Jack Lewellyn, Roger and Lana Kay Glasco, Billy Hutcheson, Gorge Griffin, Anna Ferneti, Sara Russell Mann, Terry Jackson, Betty Tutt, Connie Wills, Sondra Bradford, Carrie Gibson, Elizabeth Cor-

bit, Robert Andrews.

## Military Prayer List

Garrett Goins, David Jordan 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, Creighton Laster, Brandon Eaker, Jim Bonner, Jacob Schaefer, Jerod Schaefer, Jennifer Ann Bishop, Robert Jr. McMeely, James McWhorter, Arin White mountain.



## Quilt winner

Cleta Shirley of Carterville won a Civil War sampler quilt made by the Happy Scrappers quilting group.

## PAST Civil War quilt sampler to be on display

Cleta Shirley of Carterville won a Civil War sampler quilt made by the Happy Scrappers quilting group.

Cleta has roots in Union County, and both her Batson and Jolly families' great-grandfathers fought in the war.

The quilt was made from many of the blocks the quilting group found in a Civil War Sampler book Cleta is holding. The book tells the story behind each pattern.

The PAST organization said that it is very pleased to have received several of the group's quilts in the last few years and have used them as fund raisers for the Heritage House Museum in Jonesboro.

This quilt and many others, as well as displays of Civil War era items, cloth-

ing, pictures and other items will be on display at the PAST Heritage House, in conjunction with an upcoming annual Civil War Weekend at the Anna Arts Center in Anna.

The Heritage House Museum is located at 102 S. Main St. in Jonesboro. Hours are from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 19. Admission is \$5, but students are free.

An annual "Lincoln and the Civil War in Union County" bus tour also is planned on Feb. 19.

The cost for the tour, which begins at 1 p.m., will be \$10. To reserve a seat on the bus, call Duane Hileman at 833-8745. The bus will leave from the Anna Arts Center on West Davie Street.

## Touch of Nature Center to host Maple Syrup Fest

The annual Maple Syrup Festival and pancake breakfast is scheduled at Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Touch of Nature Environmental Center Feb. 25-26.

The event will feature demonstrations, live music, vendors, activities and pancakes topped with homemade maple syrup.

The festival is scheduled to run 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.

There is no cost for the festival, but to enjoy the homemade pancakes and maple syrup, created from sap harvested at Touch of Nature, participants must purchase tickets.

The pancake breakfast

## Full moon hike set

A full moon hike is planned Friday night, Feb. 10, at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

The hike is set from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Nature Trail at the park and will be led by the natural resources coordinator at the park.

For more information, or to register for the hike, call the visitors center at the park at 618-457-4836.

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 and older or \$8 for ages 6-12. Children age five and younger eat free.

Find information or purchase pancake breakfast tickets online at <http://ton/siu.edu/events/maple-syrup-festival.php>.

Information also is available by calling 618-453-1121 or by emailing [tonec@siu.edu](mailto:tonec@siu.edu).

## Garden club meeting set

The Anna-Jo Garden Club plans to have its first monthly meeting of the new year at the United Methodist Church in Anna at 1 p.m. on Feb. 14.

Lois Clutts, Donna Budelesky, Linda Clutts, Sandra Boaz and Lola Edmonds are scheduled to host the meeting.

A program about cultivating small fruits and vegetables is planned.

The program will be presented by Bronwyn Aly, a fruit and vegetable specialist from University of Illinois Extension.

Linda Clutts is scheduled to give a horticulture tip.

# Illinois official joins in condemnation of anti-Semitic bomb threat, hate crimes

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan on Feb. 1 joined with the Anti-Defamation League and the Chicago Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights to condemn a bomb threat against a Jewish Community Center, JCC, in Lake Zurich.

JCC Chicago reported that an employee of a JCC daycare facility in Lake Zurich received a tele-

phone bomb threat Tuesday, Jan. 31, which resulted in an evacuation of staff and children at the facility.

Authorities were investigating the incident and whether it is connected to similar incidents at JCC locations across the country in recent weeks, including over a dozen bomb threats against JCC facilities on Jan. 31 alone, according to media reports.

"Illinois law does not tolerate crimes fueled by hate," Madigan said.

"A threat against any person based on hate or bias is a threat to the safety of our communities and our country's values."

Under Illinois law, it is a felony to commit a variety of offenses such as assault or disorderly conduct because of a person's actual or perceived race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental disability or national origin.

Penalties are even stronger when the offense occurs in or near a place of worship, school, cemetery or park.

Illinois law also empowers victims to sue perpetrators of hate crime for damages independent of any criminal prosecution.

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, there were 90 reported hate crimes in Illinois last year.

Illinois residents who experience or witness what they believe to be a hate crime are advised to call their local police department or the attorney general's Civil Rights Hotline at 877-581-3692.

# Immigrant communities warned of fraud in wake of executive orders

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan has issued an alert to warn immigrant communities about potential fraud in the wake of executive orders on immigration.

Madigan warned immigrants that they may be targets of scam artists and unscrupulous immigration services providers who illegally pose as lawyers or demand excessive upfront fees for assistance.

Madigan also warned immigrants to be cautious of people claiming to be a government or law enforcement official who demands payment and threatens deportation.

The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services will never ask for payment over the phone, she said.

In Illinois, the law requires immigration services providers to register with the attorney general's office, unless they are licensed attorneys or a nonprofit organization recognized by the Board of Immigration Appeals.

In addition, immigration services providers must:

- Provide consumers with a written contract in English and their native language.
- Provide consumers with

a three-day right to cancel the contract.

• Return all documents to the consumer upon the demand.

"Unfortunately there is a lot of fear and confusion about the recently issued executive orders and how they change our country's immigration policies," Madigan said in a news release.

"Many people are seeking assistance with their immigration status and travel plans.

"It is critical to find honest and legitimate assistance and know the warning signs of immigration fraud. I encourage people to contact my office if you encounter a solicitation that seems questionable or if you have already been the victim of fraud. My office does not ask for immigration status."

If immigrants have concerns about traveling to their country of origin, they should seek reputable and legitimate assistance, including contacting their local consulate office, the attorney general said.

For more information regarding the immigration executive order, an individual's rights and what to do, visit the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee

Rights, the National Immigration Justice Center or the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois.

Complaints against an immigration services provider can be made by visiting the attorney general's website at [www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/](http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/), contacting her office at 1-800-386-5438 or calling her Spanish hotline at 1-866-310-8398.

To learn more about immigration services provider fraud, visit the attorney general's website.

# 'Behind-the-scenes' bike tour planned at reserve

A "behind-the-scenes" look at how wetland areas are managed will be offered during an upcoming bicycle tour of the Bellrose Waterfowl Reserve near Ullin.

Organizers of the event note that the reserve is normally closed to the public for waterfowl migration.

An Adventure Series Bellrose Bike Tour is planned from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Feb. 25.

The guided tour is free. Those who would like to go on the tour are asked to register in advance.

Registration and more information are available by calling the Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge at 618-634-2231.

Riders will be asked to meet on the day of the event at the Bellrose Waterfowl Reserve observation parking lot with their bike and helmet.

Mountain or hybrid-style bikes are recommended for the tour because bikers will travel up to 10 miles off road on gravel and grass.

Refuge bikes will be loaned on a first-come, first-served basis during registration.

Organizers said that riders will be asked to dress appropriately for weather conditions.

Those who go on the tour will be advised to bring water to stay hydrated and binoculars for wildlife viewing.

# Butterfly program set

Butterflies will be the focus of a program which is planned from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, at the Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands Center near Cypress.

The wetlands center is located at 8885 State Route 37 South. For more information, call 618-657-2064.

"Butterflies: How They Survive" will be presented by Anne Parmley.

The program will focus on the life cycles of various butterflies and how they spend the winter months.

# Masons to serve chili supper

Jonesboro Masonic Lodge No. 111 plans to serve a chili supper on Saturday, Feb. 11.

Serving is planned from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Oasis Shrine Club building at the Anna City Park in Anna.

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## THURSDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2017

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College GameDay (HD)	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Undercover	Young Pope	(5:10) "Pitch Black" (00)	"Coopers"
7 PM :30	Grey's Anatomy (HD)	Big Bang	MasterChef Junior (HD)	Superstore	College Basketball North Carolina vs Duke (Live) (HD)	2 Broke	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Good Luck	★ ★ ★ "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" (16) Superhero war.	★ ★ ★ "The Conjuring 2" (16) Enfield poltergeist. (HD)	TRUMPED: Inside the Greatest Political Upset
8 PM :30	(01) Scandal Cyrus' fate.	(01) Mom Pieces (HD)	(01) My Kitchen Rules	Chicago Med (HD)	College Basketball Oregon vs UCLA (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Liv Maddie	★ ★ ★ "The Strangers" Couple terrorized.	★ ★ ★ "The Don Jon" (13) Young man's pursuit.	
9 PM :30	Get Away with Murder	Training Day (HD)	Local Programs	The Blacklist (HD)	College Basketball	Big Bang	Colony "Company Man"	BUNK'D	"Sinister 2" (15) Rural home haunted.	★ ★ ★ "The Strangers" Couple terrorized.	
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	(3:35) Tonight (HD)	Conan (HD)	(01) Law & Order: SVU	Jessie Naive nanny. (HD)	Real Sports - Gumbel	★ ★ ★ "Resident Evil" (02) Zombie battle.	
11 PM :30	Nightline	(37) Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter with Scott	2 Broke Conan (HD)	(01) Law & Order: SVU	Girl World Best Frnds			

## FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2017

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA Countdown (Live)	Seinfeld	Mod Family	Undercover	"You See"	"1 Spy" A stolen airplane.	★ ★ ★ "Meet the Browns" (08) Family discovered.
7 PM :30	Be My Valentine	MacGyver (HD)	Rosewood Crime scene.	Grimm "Breakfast in Bed"	NBA Basketball Indiana Pacers at Washington Wizards (Live) (HD)	Seinfeld	Mod Family	Good Luck	Girls (HD)	"Ted 2" (15) Ted and Tami-Lynn want to be parents.	Nick Cannon: Stand Up.
8 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	Hawaii Five-0 (HD)	Sleepy Hollow (HD)	Emerald City (HD)	NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Phoenix Suns (Live) (HD)	"The 40-Year-Old Virgin" Aging virgin dates a celibate mother. (R)	Mod Family	★ ★ ★ "Cars" (06) Car learns lessons. (G)	★ ★ "Men in Black II" Kay & Jay return.	★ ★ ★ "Magic Mike XXL" (15) Drama) Moving on. (HD)	ShoBox: New Gen. from Ameristar St. Charles. Mo. (T)
9 PM :30	20/20 Investigative news.	Blue Bloods "Lost Souls"	Local Programs	Dateline NBC (HD)	NBA Basketball	"The Cable Guy" (96, Comedy) Chaotic friendship.	Mod Family	Stuck Mid.	Real Time w/ Bill Maher	★ ★ ★ "Magie Mike XXL" (15) Drama) Moving on. (HD)	ShoBox: New Gen. from Ameristar St. Charles. Mo. (T)
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	(3:35) Tonight (HD)	"The Lego Movie" (14) Will Ferrell. World-saving quest.	Mod Family	Stuck Mid.	The Young Pope (HD)	"Incredible Hulk" (08)	Homeland
11 PM :30	Nightline	(37) Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	"Anchorman"	Mod Family	Stuck Mid.	Real Time w/ Bill Maher		

## SATURDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2017

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	College Bball "Teams TBA"	2 Broke (HD) Big Bang	"Miss Congeniality" Undercover beauty.	Stuck Mid. Liv Maddie	(5:15) "Ride Along 2" (16)	★ ★ ★ "Man Without a Face"	(5:00) TRUMP-ED: Inside
7 PM :30	NBA Count	Ransom "Celina" (HD)	24: Legacy Countdown terror.	Dateline NBC Investigative features and profiles. (HD)	(15) College Basketball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	★ ★ ★ "The Proposal" (09) Comedy) A boss marries to avoid deportation.	Bizaardvark	★ ★ ★ "Central Intelligence" Unlikely partners.	★ ★ ★ "Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials" Rookie cop must stop Russian Mafia.	
8 PM :30	NBA Basketball Golden State Warriors at Oklahoma City Thunder (Live)	48 Hours	APB "Hard Reset" (HD)	Local	(15) SportsCenter (HD)	Big Bang	★ ★ ★ "Cars 2" (11) Racing competition. (G)	Kirkland (HD)	Pete Holmes In-sightful look.	★ ★ ★ "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" Dumbledore's Army.	(35) "Southpaw" (15) Bower's revival. (HD)
9 PM :30	Local	Local	Hell's Kitchen (HD)	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Frontal (HD)	Colony "Company Man"	Bizaardvark	(05) The Young Pope (HD)	"Central Intelligence" (16)	"Ted 2" (15)
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	★ ★ ★ "Godzilla" (14) Godzilla rises. (PG-13)	Suits "Teeth, Nose, Teeth"	Stuck Mid. Liv Maddie	★ ★ ★ "Central Intelligence" (16)		
11 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)			Stuck Mid. Liv Maddie			

## SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2017

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Funniest Home Videos (HD)	60 Minutes	Son of Zom Simpsons	Dateline NBC (HD)	(5:00) Sports Center (HD)	"Godzilla" Godzilla rises.	Law & Order: SVU "Zebras"	★ ★ ★ "Descendants" (15) Redemption chance. (NR) (HD)	"Central Intelligence" (16) Kevin Hart. Unlikely partners.	"No Reservations" (07)	(5:00) "Crash" (05, Drama)
7 PM :30	"The Blind Side" (09, Drama) Sandra Bullock. A family takes a boy into their home.	The 59th Annual Grammy Awards Special Merit Awards are granted to 11 performers. (HD)	Simpsons	"Fast & Furious 6" (13, Action) Vin Diesel. Dominic and his team help agent Hobbs.	30 for 30 "This Was the NFL" (HD)	"Transformers" Shia LaBeouf. Robots bring ancient battle to Earth. (HD)	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Descendant	The Young Pope (HD)	"Popstar: Never Stop" Failed popstar. (R)	Homeland "The Covenant" (HD)
8 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	30 for 30	Storyed (HD)	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Stuck Mid. BUNK'D (HD)	Girls (HD)	"The Man from U.N.C.L.E." (15) CIA and KGB agents.	Homeland (HD)
9 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	"The Lego Movie" (14) Will Ferrell. World-saving quest.	Mod Family	Bizaardvark	Oliver (HD)	"Jurassic World" (15) Dino theme park.	"The Hateful Eight" (15)
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)		Mod Family	Stuck Mid. Liv Maddie			
11 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)		Mod Family	Stuck Mid. Liv Maddie			

## MONDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2017

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball Louisville vs Syracuse (Live) (HD)	Family Guy	Mod Family	Undercover	"Dawn of"	"Harry Potter & Order"	(4:45) "Spy Game" (01)
7 PM :30	The Bachelor (HD)	Kevin Wait Man Plan	24: Legacy Exchange.	The Wall "Matt and Jean"	College Basketball West Virginia vs Kansas (Live)	Family Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (HD)	Stuck Mid. Good Luck	The Young Pope (HD)	★ ★ ★ "MI-5" (15) Escaped terrorist. (HD)	Homeland (HD)
8 PM :30	Superior	APB "Personal Matters"	Celebrity Apprentice (HD)	College Basketball Ohio State vs Michigan State (HD)	Am. Dad	Family Guy "Guy Robot"	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Stuck Mid. BUNK'D	The Young Pope (HD)	(4:5) "Wall Street" (87, Drama) A stock broker questions his values.	"Meets the Browns" Family discovered.
9 PM :30	Quantic NSA break in.	Scorpion (HD)	Local Programs	Timeless 1931 Chicago.	SportsCenter (HD)	Family Guy	(05) Friday Night Tykes	BUNK'D	Jessie (HD)	"Eagles of Death Metal Nos" (17)	(4:5) Homeland (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	2 Broke Conan (HD)	(05) CSI: Crime (HD)	Best Frnds	Girls (HD)	"Trade" Girl kidnapped.	(4:5) "Rambo" (08) Thai missionaries.
11 PM :30	Nightline	(37) Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)			Best Frnds			

## TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2017

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball Tennessee vs Kentucky (Live)	Seinfeld	Mod Family	Undercover	Real Time	"Magic Mike XXL" (15)	(5:00) "Diary" (05) (HD)
7 PM :30	The Middle	NCIS Terror playbook.	New Girl	The Wall (HD)	College Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	WWE SmackDown (Live) (HD)	Stuck Mid. Good Luck	"How to Be Single" (16) City guide. (R)	"Ted 2" (15) Ted and Tami-Lynn want to be parents.	★ "Fifty Shades of Black" (16) (R) (HD)
8 PM :30	Fresh Off	Bull (HD)	Bones Revisit the past.	This Is Us (HD)	College Basketball Ohio State vs Michigan State (HD)	Big Bang	Mod Family	Stuck Mid. Liv Maddie	Girls "All I Ever Wanted"	"Trainwreck" (15) Amy Schumer. Anti-monogamy. (R)	"Don Jon" (13) Young man's pursuit.
9 PM :30	Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.	NCIS: New Orleans (HD)	Local Programs	Chicago Fire (HD)	Local	Big Bang	Mod Family	BUNK'D	Jessie (HD)	"Road to Perdition" (02) Hitman protects son.	(05) Homeland (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan (HD)	Mod Family	Stuck Mid. Liv Maddie	Girl World	"Love and a Bullet" (02)	★ ★ ★ "The Bank Job" (08)
11 PM :30	Nightline	(37) Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	2 Broke Conan (HD)	Mod Family	Best Frnds	Young Pope		

## WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2017

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA Basketball Indiana Pacers at Cleveland Cavaliers (Live) (HD)	Seinfeld	NCIS Victim stole alias.	Undercover	"Eagles of"	"The Birdcage" (96) (HD)	"Love the Coopers" (15)
7 PM :30	Goldbergs	Hunted (HD)	Lethal Weapon Leo Getz.	Blindspot "Borrow or Rob"	College Basketball New York Knicks at Oklahoma City Thunder (Live)	Big Bang	NCIS "Deja Vu" (HD)	Stuck Mid. Good Luck	"Interview with the Vampire" (94) A vampire's life.	★ ★ ★ "Freeheld" (15) Pension fight. (HD)	"No Country for Old Men" (07) Money and murder.
8 PM :30	Mod Family black-ish	Criminal Minds "Spencer"	(01) Star "Mama's Boy"	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	NBA Basketball	Big Bang	NCIS "Decompressed"	Stuck Mid. Liv Maddie	BUNK'D	"The Intern" (15) Older man takes position as intern.	(05) "The Hurt Locker" (09) Bomb squad in Iraq. (R)
9 PM :30	Match Game (HD)	Doubt "Pilot"	Local Programs	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Local	Frontal (HD)	Suits "Admission of Guilt"	BUNK'D	Jessie (HD)	"Screen" (96) Teens murdered.	(15) "Cabin Fever" (16)
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan (HD)	Mod Family	Stuck Mid. Liv Maddie	Girl World		
11 PM :30	Nightline	(37) Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	2 Broke Conan (HD)	Mod Family	Best Frnds	"A Bigger Splash" (16)		

# Opinion and Commentary

## House Rules

### Children, teenagers need boundaries

Children and teenagers need boundaries. Boundaries and rules help adolescents grow into responsible adults.

Rules prepare them for the real world, provide a sense of order, reassure them and help keep them safe.

Thomas W. Phelan, Ph.D., author of "Surviving Your Adolescents: How to Manage and Let Go of Your 13-18 Year Olds," cautions parents about being overly strict or controlling, especially when it comes to smaller issues.

Learn to pick your battles, have appropriate consequences and open communication.

Some examples Dr. Phelan suggests include:

**Bedtime:** For older teens, unless their sleep habits are disturbing others or causing them problems, let them make their own choice. Younger teens may benefit from reminders and advice as to why sleep is important. Begin letting them set their own sleep schedule.

**Chores:** Sit everyone down and divide the chores, maybe even offer an allowance for successfully completing chores each week. Dr. Phelan even suggests rather than nagging children to do their chores, setting a time the chore needs to be done by each day. If the chore is not done by that time and you end up doing the chore for the child, it costs the child out of their allowance.

**Friends and Dating:** Unless you suspect a particular friend or group of friends is dangerous, let children choose their own friends. Invite the kids to your house more so you can get to know them, especially ones you are unsure about. When it comes to dating, always meet the other party before allowing your child to go on the date. Chauffeuering, especially for younger teens, and group dates are highly recommended.

**Grades and Homework:** A positive reward system generally works better than negative consequences such as grounding when it comes to grades. Set study hours, which means no phone or other interruptions. Try not to check all of your child's work, unless they are really struggling. Check grades periodically, but let them become responsible for getting their work done correctly.

**Parties:** Talk to your teenager about what to do if a party gets out of hand. Explain ground rules and expectations for your teenager. Make sure it is clear that no drinking or using other substances is allowed. Call parents to make sure they will be home for the party. You do not have to allow your child to attend a party where no adults will be present.

These are just a few of the many areas you may choose to set guidelines as well as some tips for setting those guidelines. Hopefully one area you have set a firm guideline is substance use.

According to the 2016 Illinois Youth Survey, 48 percent of Union County 10th graders reported drinking alcohol over the past year.

Only when we all work together can we see these numbers decrease. The Rising Up for Change Coalition of Union County is a partnership between many community members and organizations whose focus is to create a safe, educated and healthy community.

The coalition focuses on substance abuse issues and underage use within our community by educating adults and youth throughout the county.

If you would like more information on setting guidelines or the coalition check out our Facebook page at [www.Facebook.com/risingupforchange](http://www.Facebook.com/risingupforchange) or call us at 833-4460.

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(Editor's note: the accompanying article was shared by preventionist Mandy Hazel from The Fellowship House Prevention Program in Anna.)

## Letters to the editor

### Truly heartwarming event

To the editor,

I am writing this letter as a thank you to our local law enforcement officials for the work they do on a daily basis, and in particular the support they offer our local schools.

Second grade teachers at Lincoln Elementary School recently hosted an event called "Cookies with the Cops." Local law enforcement agencies were invited to come to the school for a program with the students and then share a time of milk and cookies.

The turnout from our local agencies was outstanding. Multiple representatives came from the Anna Police Department, Union County Sheriff's Department and the Illinois State Police.

Their interaction with our students was incredible, with many of our students even asking officers for autographs. To see these men and women kneeling or sitting in the floor, signing autographs for students was truly heartwarming.

Our local first responders have always given high priority to our schools, and this most recent example further displays their commitment to the safety and well-being of the children in our community.

Their job is dangerous, and most often thankless, so I simply want to take this opportunity, on behalf of Anna District 37, to say thank you to all the men and women of our local law enforcement and first responder agencies, who work so hard to keep our community safe. You are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Mark Laster, principal, Anna Community Consolidated School District No. 37

## Please read this. . .

by Geof Skinner

### This week...we're going to be a bit windy...

You'll find out about the pictures soon enough... just keep on reading...

This week, we're going to get a little windy. Call it catch-up time...

You may have noticed that last week's colyum was, well, somewhat lacking. Well, I hope you noticed. At the time I wrote the item, I was not feeling all that great. Honestly, it was quite a challenge to attempt to string a few words together into something that made even a little bit of sense. So, this week, I'm going to try to make it up to you.

Let's open with a bit of a follow up to something which I addressed last week: a caller who justifiably shared concerns about finding two deer which had been shot and just kind of left alongside the road.

The whole thing didn't make much sense then, doesn't make much sense now. The caller was upset, and I could understand the anger. The story seemed to reflect contempt for the world around us by the culprit, or culprits, who slaughtered two of God's creatures and

simply left them to rot alongside the road.

Late last week, we received another call from someone who wanted to know if our newspaper could take an article from another publication and reprint the item. In a word, the answer is "no."

The caller initially wanted to know if I had read the article. At that point, the answer was no. The caller suggested that the article was well worth reading, and worth sharing with other folks, too.

Turned out the caller was right. And while we can't simply reprint the article, because it's not ours, I'm hoping that the writer (and the caller) won't mind if we share some excerpts.

The article was a commentary piece written by Les Winkeler that appeared in the Thursday, February 2, issue of The Southern Illinoisan newspaper. Perhaps you saw, and read the piece, which was accompanied by a headline which read: "Winter makes trash more visible."

Les Winkeler is an excellent writer. I particularly enjoy reading his commentaries, and thoughts, about the outdoors, the environment and what seems to be ongoing disdain by many of our political leaders for the work done by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. I'm hoping that he won't mind if I share a few of the words he wrote.

Mr. Winkeler's February 2 commentary noted that we are in "the dead of winter" and that the "landscape is as barren as it will be for 2017."

"That means just one thing – litter is never more visible than it is right now. It is a disgusting, inescapable part of life in Southern Illinois. Collectively, we are blessed to live in one of the prettiest, certainly most biologically diverse, parts of the state, and a significant minority have no qualms about trashing their homes."

He suggested that seeing a landscape littered with garbage "is a constant reminder that too many people among us care little for the Earth and its intrinsic beauty. There is nothing man has ever created that matches the natural beauty of our planet."

Furthermore, he declared: "Every time one of your cans or wrappers hits the ditch, it is an insult to our planet and those of us who appreciate the wonders of nature." To which this writer simply says: Amen.

Mr. Winkeler called on state legislators from Southern Illinois to take action: "You can introduce legislation that imposes serious fines on litter bugs." Such action would generate revenue for local government. And, one would hope anyway, cut down on the trash.

Quite honestly, in spite of the best efforts of Mr. Winkeler, and many, many others, I don't expect anything to happen. Too many people see it as their God-given right to trash the world which God gave them.

Speaking of theology, let's ease out of this week's sermon with a bit of a reflection about something that I literally stumbled across while taking a walk on one of the last days of January.

I was walking on the walking path at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro. Walking on a walking path always seems like a good thing, unless you don't want to stay on the beaten path, which is another issue entirely.

Anyway, at one point on the path, I came across the word "GOD" in the gravel on the walking path. A few steps later, the word "IS" appeared. A couple of more steps, and there was the word "REAL." A few steps later: the image of a heart. And, just in case you were wondering: No. I did not see any burning bushes...not that I would expect the Almighty to have any other special messages to share with a mere journalist...

I guess you never know what you might see, just by going for a walk...

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...one more thing this week...shameless plug time... again...Friends of Stinson book sale...this weekend... Stinson Memorial Library...stop by and find a good book, or two, or three, to help you get through a cold winter's night, or two, or three...

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...there, hope I made up for last week...



## Page from the Past from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

### 50 Years Ago, February 9, 1967

Local Boy Scout units are joining with scouts all over the world in observance of their 57th anniversary of the founding of Boy Scouts of America.

Membership has reached an all time high this year. Union County now has all three programs of scouting, pack, troop and Explorer unit.

Church women of Ware, Wolf Lake, Anna,

and Jonesboro will join in the annual observance of World Day of Prayer, with the service at the Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro, Friday, Feb. 10, beginning at 1:30 p.m. A former Anna man,

William H. Vaughn, has been appointed president of the Firestone Steel Products Company.

The organizational meeting of the 1967 Board of Directors of Kornthal Union County Memorial, Inc., was held Tuesday in Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna.

Jonesboro School will host the Founders' Day Tea for Davie, Lincoln and Jonesboro P.T.A.'s Thursday, Feb. 16, at 7:30 p.m.

The Union County Civil Defense unit met in the new Control Center in Jonesboro for the first time at their meeting held Monday, Feb. 6.

A Beatnik party for guests and their families will be held at A-J Teen Town on Saturday, Feb. 11, from 8 to 11 p.m.

Miss Lisa Wilson, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson of Wolf Lake was crowned Miss Shawnee High of 1966-67 at the Homecoming ceremonies held at the high school gymnasium on Saturday, Feb. 4.

The annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale will commence on Friday, Feb. 17, and run through Friday, Feb. 27.



### Special memory

A special memory from September 1983 was shared by a reader. The picture appeared in the Metropolis Planet newspaper. The caption with the picture read "Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Company presented an American flag and flag pole to Magnolia Manor, Aug. 5. The flag was presented in behalf of Lodge 384 of Metropolis. Presenting the flag, left to right, Carl Landis; Edd Meyer, area representative; Brian Meyer; Denise Pippins; Jim Huckleberry, area manager; Pam Meyer and Miriam Landis. Woodmen of the World also presented an American and Christian flag to Christ New Testament Church, Fourth and Park streets. Rev. Don Brown is pastor. These flags were also presented in behalf of Lodge 384 of Metropolis." Photo provided.