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## News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area.



Memorial Day banners again are on display in the Village of Cobden.

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Have a safe Memorial Day holiday, and be sure to remember why we commemorate this special day. Memorial Day is May 29.

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Remember: if you will be celebrating Memorial Day, please do not drink and drive.

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An American Red Cross blood drive is planned June 8 at the First Baptist Church in Anna.

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State Rep. Brandon Phelps' staff plans to have office hours from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Thursday, today, at the city hall in Anna.

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The Union County farmers market "officially" started on Tuesday morning in Anna.

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## Anna City Council meets May 16

# Concerns about Anna Cemetery addressed

The Anna City Council last week revisited concerns related to actions at the municipal cemetery on the Independence Day holiday. The council also formally said farewell to a long-time employee.

The council met in regular session Tuesday evening, May 16, at Anna City Hall.

### Cemetery Concerns

Actions at the Anna City Park on the July 4 Independence Day holiday were again the focus of discussion at last week's meeting.

Concerns have been voiced about activities which have happened often at the cemetery on the holiday.

Those activities have included people who barbecue at the cemetery, sit on tombstones and shoot fireworks on the holiday, actions which are seen as a sign of disrespect for the cemetery.

City officials noted that the cemetery officially closes at dusk each day.

After discussing the matter, council member Brandon Bierstedt made a motion to close the cemetery for the holiday. The council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Signs will be posted at the cemetery to make the public aware of the closing.

Also at last week's meeting, the council, with regret,

said farewell to a long-time city hall employee.

### Employee Retires

The city council formally approved the retirement of Toni Flamm after 32 years of service.

Flamm, who will be retiring in a couple of weeks, serves as deputy city clerk and as city treasurer. Her "official" last day on duty is June 16. She began work with the city as an entry level clerk.

"I don't want to lose her," acting mayor Al Kamp said.

"She has been a valuable employee," city administrator Steve Guined said. "She will be missed."

Guined noted that Flamm accepted a wide range of challenges and did her job with a smile. "She's a special person," he added.

Flamm said that she was grateful for the many opportunities she has had while working for the city.

She considered the people she worked with as family. "I'm going to miss everybody," she said.

Flamm noted that her plans include spending a lot of time with her grandchildren.

### Other Business

In other business at last week's meeting:

The city administrator shared updates about several projects.

Paving and striping work

was being completed on several streets in the downtown Anna area as part of a multi-phase improvement project.

Work also continues on several improvement projects at the Anna City Park, including the construction of a new concession/rest-

room building. The city administrator also reported that the Anna City Pool is scheduled to open on Memorial Day for the summer season.

A local business owner voiced concerns to the council regarding yard sales.

The owner said that a

yard sale which is conducted frequently at a neighboring location causes her to lose business.

Yard sale frequency has been discussed in the past by city officials.

The council decided to discuss the matter further at a future meeting.



## Anna City Pool set to open; lifeguard training held

Lifeguards were training last week in preparation for the scheduled opening of the Anna City Pool for the 2017 season. The pool, which is located at the Anna City Park, is scheduled to open May 29. A public swim is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission prices will be \$3, or buy a pass for \$25 for 10 entries to the pool.

Intensive American Red Cross lifeguard training was being led by instructors Curt Caldwell and Linda Falat, both of Carbondale. Local young people who were taking part in the training session on Tuesday evening, May 16, included Nolan Knupp of Jonesboro, Andersyn Frick of Anna, Molly Houseright of Jonesboro, Jacee Woodward of Anna and Clair Boget of Anna.

## Reception held to honor Dr. Susan Spellman

# Anna, Jonesboro 'tutoring lady' retiring



Dr. Susan Spellman

Dr. Susan Spellman, known in Anna and Jonesboro schools and among her squad of volunteers as the tutoring lady, is retiring.

For the past 14 years, Spellman, a Jonesboro resident, has trained and directed a volunteer program to tutor at-risk students in 1st through 8th grades in Anna and Jonesboro schools. Approximately 50 tutors have helped 150 students since the program began.

Spellman, who founded the program in 2003 af-

ter she had retired from Southeast Missouri State University, SEMO, in Cape Girardeau as an associate professor of education, was honored by current and past volunteer tutors at a reception which was held Friday evening, May 19, at the First Christian Church, FCC, of Anna.

Dee Armes, minister of the church, said numerous young people over the years had been rescued from "failing grades often to As and Bs."

Herb Hall, a SEMO retiree and Anna resident, recounted how two of the pupils he had tutored graduated from high school.

"That is our payment," Spellman said.

"The program has changed lives," Armes said. He added that the students "have been told by someone important to them that they matter."

The reception was not the first time Spellman was

honored. When she lived in Columbus, Ohio, and taught at a school for the severe behavioral handicapped, a front-page newspaper article described her as an angel.

The article reported on Spellman's behavior management techniques. One incentive of her program was to invite students who were well behaved to a home-cooked dinner at her residence.

In her first year after retirement from SEMO, Spellman trained volunteer librarians for Jonesboro Elementary School. The volunteers replaced the professional librarian who had been eliminated by the school due to financial stringency.

Then Spellman asked the FCC church elders to have the church sponsor the tutoring program. The elders agreed and the program became part of the church's outreach ministry.

Later, as demand for tutoring and the need for volunteers increased, the Union County Alliance of Churches took over sponsorship.

"There has always been a faith component to the program," Armes said.

Spellman and her husband Robert reside in a Jonesboro home built in 1857 by John Dougherty, who was a friend of Abraham Lincoln and a lieutenant governor of Illinois. Her husband is an emeritus faculty member of the School of Journalism at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Spellman was raised in Ohio and was valedictorian of her 1954 Cuyahoga Falls High School class.

Spellman was salutatorian of her 1958 class at Baldwin Wallace University, where she received her bachelor's degree in elementary education.

She received a master's

degree in reading instruction from State University of New York College at Brockport and a certificate in special education from John Carroll University.

She taught for 20 years in public schools before earning her Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction from SIU. While attending SIU, she supervised student teachers in Marion schools.

She joined the faculty at SEMO after completing her SIU studies. As part of her teaching duties at SEMO, she supervised student teachers in Jonesboro and Anna schools.

From 1998-1999 Spellman taught in a middle school affiliated with Shanghai International Studies University in the Peoples Republic of China while her husband was a Fulbright Scholar at the university.

Spellman and her husband have five daughters (continued on page 2)



## Marching Appleknockers

The Cobden School Marching Appleknockers participated in the 2016 Veterans Day parade in Anna. File photo by Amber Skelton.

# Cobden School band set to participate in Memorial Day parade

By Amber Skelton

Fifty-eight junior high and high school band students are scheduled to leave Cobden Thursday evening, today, on a trip to Washington, D.C., to perform in the National Memorial Day Parade.

The band from the Union County school will perform along with marching bands and veteran units from around the country.

The band will travel in a motor coach with 17 chaperones and their band direc-

tor, Jeremy Followell, who is a member of the National Guard and is stationed in the 144th Army Band in Springfield.

Cobden is set to be No. 91 in the parade. Followell said the band has been selected to represent the Vietnam era and will play the song "Hey! Baby!," which was popular in that time.

Music Celebrations International, the parade organizers, invited Cobden

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## Railroad crossing safety detail conducted

Traffic made its way through the railroad crossing on South Main Street in downtown Anna on Wednesday morning, May 17. On May 17, the Illinois State Police, Anna Police Department, Union County Sheriff's Department and the CN Railroad Police conducted a railroad crossing safety detail in Anna. Illinois State Police District 22 posted on Facebook that the detail focused on railroad crossing violations primarily vehicles stopping on the tracks. The safety detail yielded 33 written warnings for stopping on the tracks, two warnings for failure to wear seatbelts and two warnings were issued for cellular telephone violations. Three citations were issued for other traffic violations. The Illinois State Police also conducted four semi truck inspections based off the railroad violations.

## News Notes

June's arrival brings with it the 2017 Annabelle Street Festival in Anna. The festival is planned June 9-10 and is slated to take place both in downtown Anna and at the Anna City Park.

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The possible sale of beer and local wine at the Union County Fair could resurface for discussion with Anna city officials.

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BJ Foods in Dongola will celebrate its 25th anniversary on June 1. Jay and Beth Fitzgerald are the owners.

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The Shawnee Hills Arts Council plans to have auditions for the play "Little Women: Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy" June 7-8 at the Anna Arts Center in Anna. Performances are planned in early September.

The New Chicago Chamber Orchestra is scheduled to perform Monday night, June 5, at the Anna Arts Center. The performance is part of this year's Southern Illinois Music Festival.

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The Anna Arts Center also plans to host a Klassics for Kids event Monday morning, June 5.

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The Friends of Stinson Library are planning to have a summer book sale June 9-11. The event will be at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna.

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Note to readers: due to the observance of the Memorial Day holiday on May 29, we are asking that news items for next week's paper be submitted by Thursday, today, or Friday. Thank you for your help.

## Click It or Ticket campaign underway

As Memorial Day approaches, the Illinois Department of Transportation, IDOT, and state and local law enforcement agencies are joining forces to remind motorists to wear their seat belts and avoid impaired driving.

"Wearing your seat belt is the law, but it's also a matter of common sense," said Illinois Transportation Secretary Randy Blumenthal.

"Making the right choice to buckle up, every time, no matter where you are seated, substantially increases your chance of survival in the event of a crash.

"By buckling up and avoiding impaired driving, you can help keep Illinois roads safer for all who are traveling."

Motorists can expect to see increased patrols and enforcement zones throughout Illinois as part

of IDOT's Click It or Ticket campaign.

To help kick off the campaign, law enforcement agencies throughout Illinois planned to join neighboring states Monday, May 22, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., in mobilizing the national Border to Border Operation.

The operation was designed to send a zero-tolerance message to the public that driving or riding unbuckled will result in a ticket, no matter what state.

The unified efforts to crack down on unbuckled and impaired drivers come at a time when traffic fatalities are on the rise.

Illinois has seen an increase in motor vehicle fatalities over the last two years.

According to 2015 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration data, 42 percent of nationwide motor vehicle fatalities involved unbuckled vehicle occupants.

IDOT notes that seat belts are designed to keep you positioned safely in a vehicle.

Should a crash occur, a seat belt helps slow down the body, works in conjunction with the air bag and spreads force over a wider area of the body, lessening the likelihood of injury or ejection.

"You can safeguard the lives of your passengers and fellow motorists simply by buckling up," said Illinois State Police director Leo P. Schmitz.

"Whether you're traveling block-to-block or border-to-border, make sure every occupant in your vehicle is wearing their seat belt."

## 'Tutoring lady' retiring

(continued from page 1) and sons-in-law: Virginia Black, a school nurse in Columbus, and husband Michael; Robin Fahlberg, intellectual property counsel at State Farm in Bloomington, and husband Russell; Elizabeth Lillian, co-owner of a Serv-Pro business in Overland Park, Kansas, and husband Gerard; Catherine Roberts, assistant business

editor of the Minneapolis Star Tribune, and husband Chad; and Zhushan Hong, associate professor of educational measurement at Boston College, and husband Fong.

The Spellmans have 10 grandchildren, two of whom are married, and five great-grandchildren. Those include Michael and Crystal Black and children

Cadence, Hallie, Makayla and Arianna of Jonesboro.

Pete Housman will take leadership of the program, beginning with the fall semester.

Students meet with their tutors two days a week for an hour, either Mondays from 2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Jonesboro First Baptist

Church, or on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna.

Those who would like to volunteer to tutor or sign up a child for tutoring can contact Pete Housman at 833-7083 or any Union County Alliance of Churches pastor or secretary for forms and information.

## Cobden band set to participate in parade

(continued from page 1) to perform following a nomination from the school's superintendent Edwin Shoemate.

The students started learning their audition music, the "Captain America"

theme, in July 2016. A recording of the song was submitted in January, and the formal invitation arrived later that month.

"The students have been working hard to memorize their music," Followell said

in an email. "They have also spent time outside working on their marching technique...The color guard has been rehearsing after school a few hours each week to learn their new routine."

The Cobden Music Boosters devoted a large part of the spring semester to raising money for the trip.

The cost began at \$827 per student, but with several fundraisers at local businesses and organizations, parents were only asked to pay approximately \$500 a student. Several meals will

also be provided.

The parade will be live-streamed on Youtube, Military.com, NationalMemorialDayParade.com and many other websites. Local channels also plan to show the parade. (The parade is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. local time.)

Parade organizers warned that seeing every performance in the parade is not always possible. "Due to time constraints, commercial breaks, and other considerations, no one particular group is guaranteed television time."

## Memorial Day events planned

Memorial Day will be commemorated with a variety of special events which are planned in the area. Memorial Day is Monday, May 29.

The schedule of special events planned in the area includes:

### Alto Pass Veterans Memorial

The Alto Pass Area Veterans Memorial organization plans to have a ceremony Saturday, May 27.

The ceremony is planned at 1 p.m. at the veterans memorial in downtown Alto Pass.

The ceremony is scheduled to include a brief presentation and a three volley salute.

The Alto Pass Area Veterans Memorial group is responsible for creating and maintaining the Alto Pass Veterans Memorial.

The memorial honors U.S. military veterans who have died and were from the Alto Pass area.

Veterans from the Alto Pass area are invited to become members.

### Ceremonies in Alto Pass Area

The Alto Pass Veterans Organization also plans to conduct Memorial Day ceremonies on Monday, May 29.

A ceremony is planned at 9 a.m. at the Alto Pass Cemetery and at 10 a.m. at the Dutch Ridge Cemetery. Dutch Ridge is located just north of Alto Pass.

### Anna VFW Post

Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 near Anna plans to host a Memorial Day service on Monday, May 29. The service will be at 11 a.m. at the post home.

### Cobden Services

Memorial Day services are planned Monday, May 29, in Cobden.

A service is planned at 9 a.m. at St. Joseph's Cemetery.

A Memorial Day service is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. at

the Cobden Cemetery. The service begins at 9:30 a.m. and is sponsored by the Village of Cobden.

### Mound City National Cemetery

An annual Memorial Day program is planned Saturday, May 27, at the Mound City National Cemetery.

The program is set for 10 a.m. at the cemetery in Mound City.

A free shuttle bus service will be offered at the former St. Mary's Church, which is located at 517 Walnut St. in Mound City.

The shuttle service is scheduled to go to and from the cemetery beginning at 9 a.m.

The program is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. with a processional from Mound City out to the national cemetery. This year, women veterans will be honored.

The processional will include various motorcycle organizations. The Southeast Missouri Military Vehicle Association will transport women veterans.

The program will include patriotic music, historian notes by Ella Nora Shepherd, special recognition of women veterans and a roll call of honor that will honor deceased veterans from all wars, beginning with the Civil War.

The guest speaker is scheduled to be Sue Wieting Richter, a native of Villa Ridge, who began her 45-year career with the American Red Cross in 1969 providing therapeutic recreation programs in military hospitals, beginning at Andrews Air Force Base in Washington, D.C.

The program continues to be an ongoing remembrance of all soldiers, from the Civil War to present times.

**Placing Flags:** The public is invited to help place flags on all of the graves at the national cemetery beginning at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, today.

## Flood warnings continue in region

Flood warnings continued this week for the Mississippi and Big Muddy rivers in Southern Illinois and Southeast Missouri.

Union County is bordered by both of the rivers.

The National Weather Service office at Paducah reported early this week on its website that a flood warning for the Mississippi River at Cape Girardeau was forecast to continue through Wednesday, May 31.

Flood conditions on the Big Muddy River are expected to end during the upcoming weekend.

The weather service reported that at 8 p.m. Monday, May 22, the stage of the Mississippi River at Cape Girardeau was 35.3 feet. Flood stage is 32.0 feet. Minor flooding was occurring.

The river is forecast to rise to near 36.5 feet by Friday morning.

The river then is expected to fall below flood stage early Wednesday morning, May 31.

At 8:30 p.m. Monday, the stage of the Big Muddy River near Murphysboro was at 23.2 feet. Flood stage is 22.0 feet. Minor flooding was occurring.

## Early Deadline

Memorial Day will be observed on Monday, May 29.

Due to the observance of the holiday, some of the deadlines for the next issue of The Gazette-Democrat will be changed.

News Items: The deadline to submit news items will be noon on Friday, May 26.

The deadline to submit classified advertisements remains at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 30. The deadline to submit display advertisements remains at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 30.

Thank you for your cooperation.

# Summer art, drama camps set at arts center

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council/Anna Arts Center reports that enrollment is underway for summer art and drama camps.

The arts center is located at 125 W. Davie St. in Anna. To register, or for more information about the classes, call Lee's cell 904-625-1109 or email vabchlee@gmail.com by June 1.

Here's a look at the schedule:

June 5-16, 9 a.m. to noon, sign language camp. The camp is for adults and young people 10 years of age and older. The cost is \$50 per person.

The instructor will be Beth Schumacher, who graduated from MacMurray College with a deaf education degree. She taught for 13 years at the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind.

Those who attend the camp will have an opportunity to share their skills at a reception which is planned from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on June 17.

June 5-19, 9 a.m. to noon, Art Camp Life and Landscapes Around the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers and Water Ways of Southern Illinois.

Those who attend the camp will learn about the

environment and life on the water through various art projects.

An exhibit of the art work and a reception are planned from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on June 17.

The cost is \$50 or three young people for \$120, or come for the days that you can make it for \$10.

June 5-16, 9 a.m. to noon, Drama Camp. Those who attend the camp will learn about live theater, lights, sound, sets and acting.

The plan is to perform a one-act play on Sunday, June 18, at 2 p.m., and to perform a preview at a reception which is planned from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on June 17.

The cost is \$50 or three young people for \$120.

June 12-16, 9 a.m. to noon, Art Camp: The Next Level, Art from Recyclable Materials.

Those who attend the camp will make works of art from recycled materials. An exhibit of the art work and a reception are planned June 17 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The cost is \$50 or three young people for \$120, or come for the days that you can make it for \$10.

## Tanner M. Stadelbacher 2017 A-JCHS graduate



**Tanner Michelle Stadelbacher**

Tanner Michelle Stadelbacher is a 2017 graduate of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

She has been an honor roll student throughout her academic career.

She graduated May 20 with honors and was ranked No. 3 in her class.

Stadelbacher was active throughout her high school career, serving as class officer and leaves A-JCHS as the senior class treasurer.

She was a three-year member of the National Honor Society and Spanish

Club, and a member of the Art Club, Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta and Pep Club.

She was a four-year varsity member of the A-J girls' golf team, going to regionals and sectionals, individually and with the team in 2016.

Stadelbacher was the recipient of a number of scholarships and awards, including the Anna-Jo Garden Club Scholarship, the Beta Club Scholarship and the Brian S. Tucker Golf Memorial Scholarship.

She was also a Top 10 student for four years and was the recipient of the Rotary Club student of the quarter honor.

Stadelbacher plans to attend Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, where she has received the University Scholarship and the Midwest Regional Achievement Leadership Award and Scholarship.

She plans to study ecology and wildlife biology and move towards a career to have a positive impact on the environment and the world.

## Health care affordability focus of recent lawsuit

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan has filed a motion to intervene in a lawsuit filed by U.S. House Republicans that undercuts the affordability of health insurance plans under the

Affordable Care Act, ACA, and threatens access to health care for millions of Americans.

The lawsuit, House v. Price, seeks to eliminate stable funding the law created to protect millions of working families from high health care costs.

Madigan said in a news release that experts predict that simply the threat to end this funding, known as cost-sharing reductions or CSRs, could destabilize the healthcare market and increase premiums by as much as 21 percent.

The Trump Administration and Congressional Republicans have made it clear that their number one priority is to repeal the ACA and take away affordable healthcare, Madigan stated.

CSRs reduce out-of-pocket costs, such as copayments and deductibles, for low-income Americans.

## Anna woman sentenced

### on drug charge

Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds reported May 16 that Sharon M. Sargent, 59, of Anna has been sentenced to six years in the Illinois Department of Corrections on one count of participation in methamphetamine manufacturing, which is a Class X felony.

Sargent also will serve a two-year term of mandatory supervised release, formerly know as parole.

Sargent was arrested in January after an investigation by the Union County Sheriff's Office and Union County Drug Task Force showed she had manufactured methamphetamine at a rural Jonesboro residence between January and June of 2016.



## 2017 graduates

Area students who graduated from Shawnee Community College before receiving their high school diplomas included, in the first row, from left, Alena Cowsert, Rachel Kindhart, Remington Fisher and MaKayla Holder. In the second row are Josh Stafford (superintendent and principal at Vienna High School), Rian Shaneyfelt, Hannah Loyd, Gabriele Farner (dean of instructional services at Shawnee Community College) and Dr. Vickie Artman (vice president of instructional services at Shawnee Community College). Shawnee Community College photo.

# Local students earn college degrees prior to receiving high school diplomas

Nine area high school students enrolled in dual credit courses completed their associate degrees at Shawnee Community College prior to graduating

from high school. The students completed the required course work to earn associate degrees through Shawnee Community College.

Many of the students walked in the college's commencement ceremony, which was held May 12.

The graduates included: Brittne Timmons (Cobden High School), Summar Albright (Goreville High School), Alena Cowsert (Vienna High School), Kira Davis (Meridian

High School, Mounds), Remington Fisher (Vienna High School), MaKayla Holder (Vienna High School).

Rachel Kindhart (Vienna High School), Hannah Loyd (Vienna High School) and Rian Shaneyfelt (Vienna High School). "Shawnee Community College values the opportunity to support our local high schools," said Dr. Vickie Artman.

Artman is the college's vice president of instruc-

tional services. "Offering students a jump-start on college while enrolled in high school is one way to increase their educational opportunities," Artman said.

"These students have challenged themselves to take their education to a higher level while simultaneously completing the requirements for high school."

"I congratulate them in meeting their academic goals and wish them much success and happiness."

## Thebes Courthouse Memorial Day weekend celebration scheduled

The Thebes Historical Courthouse plans to host a Memorial Day weekend celebration on Saturday and Sunday, May 27-28.

Activities are planned from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day at the Thebes landmark.

A community worship service is planned at the courthouse at 10 a.m. on Sunday.

The Rev. Brent Gordon

from Tamms and Olive Branch Methodist churches will bring the message at the service.

Various community members will provide piano music during the weekend activities.

Members of the Thebes Historical Society plan to sell barbeque sandwiches, chips and drinks.

Quilt raffle tickets can

be purchased for \$2 each or six for \$10. The winner will be announced at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 28.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the maintenance and preservation of the old Thebes Courthouse.

Visitors will have an opportunity to see various improvements that have been made, both inside and outside the courthouse.

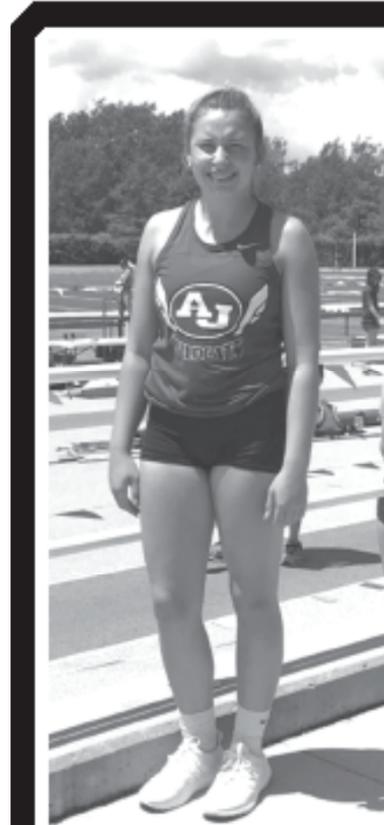
## News from First Baptist Church, Cobden

Pastor Ed Falgout's message on Sunday, May 21, was titled "The God of the Bible." The message was about "the supernatural power of preservation and the ultimate justice in condemnation."

The Clear Creek Baptist Association plans to host its annual golf scramble June 3 at the Union County Country Club. Tee time is at 8 a.m. with lunch following. Cost is \$60 per person. Fees are due by May 30.

Vacation Bible School is planned July 23-27. A Family Fun Night is planned July 28.

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



**Congratulations Julia Lasley on your athletic accomplishments in track. As a freshman, Julia competed in Pole Vault and set a new school record at 10'9". She won first place in Conference, second place in Sectionals, and qualified for the State track meet.**

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# SPORTS



## Abernathy signs with McKendree

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School student athlete Hailley Abernathy has signed a national letter of intent to play golf at McKendree University in Lebanon. She plans to major in exercise science with a minor in athletic training. In the first row are, from left, Hailley's mother, Rhonda Abernathy; Hailley Abernathy; and Hailley's father, Scott Abernathy. In the second row are A-JCHS golf coach Brandon Bierstedt and A-JCHS athletic director Rick Livesay.



## Williams signs with Shawnee College

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School student athlete Katelynn Williams signed a national letter of intent on Thursday, May 18, to play softball at Shawnee Community College. She plans to obtain an associate of science degree while at Shawnee Community College. In the first row, are from left, Kristen Williams, Katelynn's mother; Katelynn Williams; and Frankie Williams, Katelynn's father. In the second row are Shawnee Community College softball coach Lana Richmond; A-JCHS softball coach Rodney Seip; Bryan Williams, Katelynn's brother; Shawnee Community College softball coach April Horning; and Shawnee Community College softball coach Lou Basler. Photo by Lindsey Rae Vaughn.

## Anna-Jonesboro school board hires coaches for 2017-2018

Coaches for fall and winter sports athletic teams were hired for the 2017-2018 academic year at a May 15 regular meeting of the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School District No. 81 Board of Education.

The board took the following actions, as reported in minutes from the meeting:

Amy Fitzgerald-Wilson was hired as volleyball coach. Rebecca Corbit was approved as assistant volleyball coach. Jennifer Snell was approved as volunteer assistant volleyball coach.

Brandon Bierstedt was hired as golf coach. Steve Taylor was approved as assistant golf coach.

Matt Lang, Jerry Ellis and Jim Hadley were approved as volunteer assistant golf coaches, pending background checks.

Mark Boomer was hired as boys' soccer coach. David Stoner was approved as assistant soccer coach.

Kristin Chamness was hired as cheer coach. Sydney Heern was approved

as volunteer assistant cheer coach.

Brett Detering was hired as varsity football coach. Michael Eudy, Kyle Kueker and Joel Dallas were hired as assistant football coaches.

Dave Sullivan, Jamie Yates, Tom Stark, Chase Hargrave and Sara Konecek were approved as volunteer assistant football coaches.

Mike Chamness was hired as varsity boys' basketball coach. Josh Staples and Karl Sweitzer were hired as assistant boys' basketball coaches. Mark Chamness was approved

## A-J softball season ends at regional

Lexi Macy was 3-for-4 with a pair of home runs and 3 RBIs to lead Anna-Jonesboro to a 10-1 win over Red Bud in the Class 2A regional in high school softball semifinals hosted by the Lady Wildcats Wednesday, May 17.

Mackenzie Carter was 2-for-3 with a home run for A-J. Kenzie Conway was 1-for-4 with a home run.

as volunteer assistant boys' basketball coach.

Matt Denny was hired as varsity girls' basketball coach. John Basler and Blake DeRocher were hired as assistant girls' basketball coaches.

Eric Massey was hired as wrestling coach. Chase Hargrave was hired as assistant wrestling coach. Andrew Adams was approved as volunteer assistant coach.

Cary Quick was approved as volunteer bowling coach. Micah Cross and Shayne Eddleman were approved as volunteer assistant bowling coaches.

Carter was the winning pitcher with a three-hitter to go with 13 strikeouts.

**Pinckneyville 6, A-J 0:** Carter was 1-for-3 to lead the Lady Wildcats in the loss in the regional championship game Saturday, May 20.

Carter scattered 7 hits in the loss to go with 5 strikeouts.

A-J finishes the season at 13-16 overall.



## Lick Creek Lady Eagles

The Lick Creek School Lady Eagles finished third at the state track meet. Photo provided.

## Lick Creek School Lady Eagles take third place at state meet

On Saturday, May 18, over 60 schools were represented in the SIJHSAA state track meet at Herrin Sports Complex.

It was a beautiful day for a track meet, maybe the best all year to this point.

The Lick Creek Lady Eagles battled all day long and ended up with a third place team trophy, in a day filled with state records falling and photo finishes the excitement was in the air.

Hannah Miller started off the day winning the long jump with a state record jump of 16'-04" on her last jump of the day.

"Before Hannah's last jump we knew she probably had won, as her two closest competitors were finished. I looked up at her and told her to go for the state record, and she did just that," Lick Creek coach Matt Denny stated.

"It was as exciting of a moment as anything I had experienced when he read off her distance," Denny said. "Hannah is a true competitor, she always steps up to the challenge."

While Miller was long jumping, Lick Creek's only other field event competitor in Kristin Edmonds was throwing the shot.

"The events were just across the fence from each other. Hannah and Kristin were both excited about how each other were doing, and I think they both fed off of that," Denny said.

Edmonds finished in 6th place, throwing 30'03", which was her best for the year after being seeded 12th coming into the meet.

"Kristin worked her butt off after practice for several days to improve her shot and it really paid off," Denny said.

Next up were the hurdles. Miranda Miller just missed placing, finishing 9th while Addison Denny came in 12th.

Denny said "This was the most competitive hurdle field I have seen at the state meet, both of our runners ran well, there were just some really fast girls this year."

Next for the Lady Eagles was Brodie Denny in the 400m. Denny finished 4th with a time of 1:06.28.

"Brodie wasn't in the fastest heat which didn't help her. She won her heat but wasn't really pushed. But I told her you have to push yourself early. She is still learning how to run the 400," Denny stated.

The 1600m run, better known as the mile, was next.

Lick Creek was led by Kyleigh Matuszewich who finished 5th with a time of 5:57.12. Julia Hall was 7th with a time of 5:58.71.

"These two have been our leaders for the last few years, they ran very well today, both running much faster than they had all year," Denny said. "They will be missed on and off the track next year."

Lick Creek's 4x100 relay and 4x200 relay made up of Kaylee Stover, Hannah Miller, Jaiden Foster and Kristin Edmonds finished in 7th and 8th, respectively.

The 4x100 ran a season best 56.36, while the 4x200 ran 2:00.78.

"We had a few shaky handoffs in the 4x200, I really thought we had a chance to win that one, but in the sprint relays the handoffs are important, you have to be able to remember which one you are in because they are different," Denny said.

With Lick Creek having some success to this point, the excitement was just beginning.

Next up was the 800m run. Brodie Denny and Kyleigh Matuszewich represented Lick Creek. Matuszewich just missed placing, finishing 9th with her best time of the year at 2:41.54.

Brodie Denny ran what was a back and forth race between three girls who had battled last fall in cross country in Grace Alongi from St. Bruno and Marie Prindiville from Immaculate Conception.

Denny led the first lap before being passed by both runners in turn one on lap two.

Denny regained the lead on the back stretch, at a pace that seemed very fast. As they came out of turn four Denny had the lead and started to kick, but Prindiville and Alongi moved beside her and passed her just before the finish line.

All three runners broke the previous state record by over a second.

"Brodie asked what were the chances that she would break the state record and get third? I said not very good, but it happens. She ran her fastest race of the year by 8 seconds running a 2:30.32," Denny stated. "As dad I was very proud of her effort, she just doesn't have any quit in her."

Just two events later Lick Creek was back on the track for the final event of the day, the 1600m relay.

Lick Creek's 1600 relay team was made up of Kristin Edmonds, Hannah Miller, Julia Hall and Brodie Denny.

There was excitement before the race even started. As Lick Creek's girls waited in the staging area, their anchor leg in Brodie Denny got sick, after running the race of her life in the 800m.

"The girls asked her are you OK? Brodie said I am now, I am ready to go, I feel better."

The Lick Creek girls seemed focused from that point on.

"By the end of the state meet where all of our kids had run multiple events, the 1600 relay is a battle of attrition. Brodie was sick, Hannah had a hip bothering her. You have a choice at that point to step up or sit down. And our girls really stepped up," Denny stated.

Lick Creek started in Lane 1, which isn't preferred. Edmonds and Miller ran great first legs putting Lick Creek in second place behind Aviston.

Julia Hall passed Aviston's 3rd runner shortly into her leg and started to pull away, but St. Bruno's Grace Alongi made up a lot of ground and Lick Creek and St. Bruno were close going into the final exchange.

Brodie Denny and Olivia Phillips from St. Bruno were stride for stride for 200 meters. Phillips took the lead at the 200 mark and it looked like she might pull away.

As they came out of turn four Phillips has about a 5m lead on Denny. Denny pulled up beside Phillips with 50m left and they crossed the finish line at almost exactly the same time.

St. Bruno edged Lick Creek in a photo finish with a time of 4:30.63 to Lick Creek's 4:30.66.

"A mile race separated by 3 one-hundredths of a second, that was crazy," Denny stated. "What a way to end the state track meet and an awesome year for these girls. I couldn't be any more proud of them."

St. Bruno won the team score with 70.5 points. Saint Clare was second with 48, followed by Lick Creek with 40.5.

The Lick Creek boys were led by Kollyn Grant with a 5th place finish in the 7th grade 100m. The boys 7th grade relay team of Evan Hall, Grant, Payton Denny, and J.J. Gerardi finished 7th place, as well.

## Goreville tops Cobden

Goreville topped Cobden 18-2 in the Class 1A high school softball regional at Dongola Thursday, May 18.

Meredith Flamm and Harleigh Braden were each 1-for-2 with a stolen base apiece for the Appleknockers' only hits.

Flamm was the losing pitcher, scattering 19 hits to go with a walk and a strikeout.

Cobden finishes the season at 7-13 overall.

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# SPORTS

## Shawnee Board hires coaches for 2017-2018

The Shawnee School District No. 84 Board of Education has hired coaches for the 2017-2018 academic year.

The coaches were hired at a regular meeting of the board which was held May 16 at Shawnee Junior-Senior High School at Wolf Lake.

The coaching list for 2017-2018 follows, as provided by the district superintendent:

Mindy Livesay, athletic director. T.C. Schaefer, high school baseball head coach. Shaun Pitts, high school softball assistant coach.

Russ Marsh, high school softball head coach. Michael Ellet, high school softball assistant coach.

Russ Marsh, high school boys' basketball head coach. Shaun Pitts, high school boys' basket-

ball assistant coach.

Shanna Pender, high school girls' basketball head coach. Hunter Garver, high school girls' assistant coach.

LaDonna Bachmann, junior high school baseball head coach. Michael Ellet Jr., junior high school baseball assistant coach.

Russ Marsh, junior high school softball head coach. Rachel Griffin, junior high school softball assistant coach.

Nathan Pitts, junior high school girls' basketball head coach. Jerome Faire, junior high school girls' basketball assistant coach.

Shanna Pender and Terri Hudson, junior high school track. Bobbie Pinkerton-Byrd, junior high school cheer sponsor. Ashley Balance, junior and senior high school girls' head volleyball coach.

## Saluki Sports Update

By Fred Huff

If only some way Merle Jones and Bill Brown could have been there. It would absolutely have been a perfect day. A wonderful day. A day to remember.

The way it was, last week at the annual get-together of a hundred or so retired coaches, referees, administrators and one p.r. guy, it was good, real good. Absolutely enjoyable.

Just like always at the annual get-together, there were one or two missing from the previous year, but that was covered by one or two new faces.

It all takes place at Frank Reller's cozy party spot southwest of Carbondale and attracts celebrities from virtually every crossroads in Southern Illinois.

Itchy Jones, Herrin's former great athlete who has enjoyed a fantastic baseball coaching career, first at SIU, and later at the University of Illinois, was even there and added some sophistication to the group.

We're not sure that's the word we were thinking of when mentioning Merle Jones and Bill Brown, but, in my opinion, they were perhaps the area's all-time finest.

Merle for his writing and unbelievable mind when it came to sports happenings in the area and Bill for his loyalty and aiding dozens and dozens of young Saluki athletes landing their first coaching jobs following graduation from SIU.

That's the way it used to be: become a good, not necessarily great, but good, athletic career at SIU, know Bill Brown and you've got a coaching job some place in Southern Illinois. And, believe me there were plenty of them still around at Bleyer's place, although now hobbling a bit or just smiling

and shaking heads when reminded of the glorious past.

It all started a number of years ago when Paul Restivo and a few of his buddies from Herrin and Marion thought it would be enjoyable to get guys from the South Seven Conference together for a picnic. Call it what you want.

It grew and was expanded outside the South Seven. You now no longer have to be affiliated with a school from the largest athletic conference in Southern Illinois.

Believe it or not, there now may be more officials, the kind who wear striped shirts with a whistle in their mouth, attending than coaches. Or administrators.

We've obviously got our favorites, but far too many to mention. Ron Felling, the former Lawrenceville great who coached in the prep ranks before joining Bob Knight at Indiana, was once again absent. Too bad. Now living in the Hot Springs, Ark., area, Felling was always good for a story or two. Some may even have been true.

Had Merle been around, the ex-Southern Illinoisan sports editor who once lost a bet and had to ride a donkey down West Frankfort's Main Street, would not have taken time to jot down a note, but would have written columns for the next two weeks on the happenings. And, all would have been accurate.

There may be several positives about hanging around for a long life, but one is having had the pleasure, and privilege, of knowing guys like Merle and Bill as well as a hundred or so other ex-coaches, referees and administrators.

Thank goodness, too, Frank Bleyer, once a successful high school football coach at Carbondale, enjoys a social life and an army of friends in the business.

## Summer sports highlights

The 2017 Southern Illinois Baseball and Softball Association season is underway. The accompanying pictures feature highlights from recent games. Photos provided.

Kynlee Metzger and Dayton Butler had home runs on May 16. A picture and the name of their team was not shared.



Gage Roach, Landon Boyd and Tyler Hannan all hit home runs on May 17. They play for the Buchheit Logistics Cardinals.



Jeffery Campbell hit a grand slam on May 19. He plays for the Razorbacks.



Ariana Turner hit a home run on May 22. She plays for the Dozers.

## Shawnee falls to Trico in baseball regional play

The Shawnee High School baseball team fell 5-1 at a regional game against host Trico on Wednesday, May 17.

Shawnee took a one run lead on hits by Shannon Crain and Trace Faire in the top of the first.

After the first inning, Trico starting pitcher Jacob Lodge settled in and shut Shawnee down the rest of the way.

Trico tied the score 1-1 in the bottom of the second,

## Carterville defeats A-J

Host Carterville defeated Anna-Jonesboro 9-3 in the Lions' Class 2A regional high school baseball championship game Wednesday, May 17.

Sean Plott was 4-for-4 with a double, triple and an RBI to lead the Wildcats at the plate.

Conner Jerolds was 2-for-3 with a stolen base. Hunter Ralls was 2-for-3. Jake Wright was 1-for-2 with an RBI.

Ralls, Damian Crisp and Kyle Clover pitched in the loss, combining to scatter 8 hits to go with 2 walks and 2 strikeouts.

A-J finishes the season 10-13 overall.

then took the lead for good in the bottom of the fourth on an RBI grounder by Ryan Vogt.

Trico catcher Hunter Lodge hammered two lead-off doubles, in the 2nd and 4th innings, and scored the tying and eventual game-winning runs.

Jacob Lodge worked a full 7 innings on the mound for Trico, giving up just 5 hits, 1 run, walked none and fanned 9 on 82 pitches.

Shawnee senior Nick Baltzell threw all six for the Redskins, allowing 6 hits, one walk, 3 strikeouts, and surrendering just 2 earned runs on 73 pitches.

Trace Faire had a double for Shawnee. Shawnee's Shannon Crain had a hit, a run and a stolen base.

Shawnee committed five errors, Trico had two.

## Cobden scores win over Dongola in regional play

Ady Aspen was 3-for-4 with a double and 4 RBIs to lead Cobden to an 11-5 win over Dongola in first round action of the Lady Demons' Class 1A high school softball regional Tuesday, May 16.

Alaina Hartline was 2-for-3 with 3 stolen bases for the Appleknockers. Lauren Sweitzer was 2-for-4 with an RBI. Lexi Miller was 2-for-4 with 2 stolen bases. Meredith Flamm was 1-for-2 with a double and 3 stolen bases. Jamison Cowart was 1-for-4 with a double and an RBI. Harleigh Braden was 1-for-4 with an RBI.

Karlie Kelley was 3-for-4 with 2 stolen bases to lead the Lady Demons. McKenzie Prout was 3-for-4. Megan Michaels was 2-for-3 with 2 stolen bases.

## Steeleville 6, Cobden 3

Steeleville defeated Cobden 6-3 at the Trico Class 1A regional in high school baseball Thursday, May 18.

Trevor Middleton was 1-for-3 with a double and 2 RBIs to lead the Appleknockers at the plate. Bayden Ditterline and Josh Burgess were each 1-for-3 with a double apiece.

John Russell, Ditterline and Middleton all pitched in the game, combining to scatter 9 hits.

Cobden finishes the season at 13-9 overall.

## Men's golf scramble results

A men's golf scramble was played May 17 at the Union County Country Club course in Anna. Results follow:

First place: Brent Goforth, Tom Huffman, Ron Steers, Andrew Williams.

Second place: Deno Bankston, Earl Hampton, Bubba Kohler, Dan Smith.

Third place: Colby Burns, Tony Chamness, Al Joiner, Walt Zeschke.

Delaney Cummins was 2-for-4. Desiree Evans was 1-for-3. Kereh Cooley was 1-for-4.

Flamm was the winning pitcher, scattering 12 hits to go with 3 walks and 7 strikeouts.

Michaels was the losing pitcher, allowing 12 hits to go with 5 walks and 2 strikeouts.

Cobden, 7-12, advanced to play Goreville for the regional title.

## A-J's Turner to compete at state

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School's Trenton Turner will compete in the discus at the Class 2A boys' state track meet at Charleston this weekend.

Turner, who is the lone Wildcat boys' track team member to qualify for state, finished in fourth place in the discus at the Class 2A sectional at Mascoutah last week.

A-J's Julia Lasley, who qualified for the Class 2A girls' state track meet this past weekend in the pole vault, was unable to compete because of a back and hip injury.

## Wild plant program

Wild plants will be the focus of a program set Saturday, May 27, at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

The wild plants of Giant City will be featured in the program, which is set from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

The program will be presented by botanist and plant enthusiast Abel Kinser.

Kinser plans to lead a wild plant hike on the Giant City Nature Trail. The program will begin at the visitors center at the park.

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

**DENISE STICKEL, Plaintiff, and DALE STICKEL, Defendant. 2017-D-22**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Notice is given you, Dale Stickel, Defendant, that this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for Dissolution of Marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Union County, Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois, on or before the 14th day of June, 2017, at 1 p.m. and other relief may be

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Tiffany Busby  
 CIRCUIT CLERK  
 22-24g

### 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 11th day of May, 2017, under the Assumed Name of J & C Spray Foam Installation with the place of business located at 703 E. Heacock Street, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the Sole Owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Chad Hurst  
 703 E. Heacock Street  
 Jonesboro, IL 62952

Terry Bartruff  
 Union County Clerk  
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**State of Illinois SS County of Union**

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Zivadin Markovic  
 109 Kohler Avenue  
 Anna, IL 62906

Terry Bartruff  
 Union County Clerk  
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### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

**IN RE THE MATTER OF: ANDREA DAWN SPURLOCK-KOSYDOR 2017-MR-74**

### PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE

There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from: Andrea Dawn Spurlock-Kosydor to the new name of: Andrea Dawn Kosydor.

The court date will be held: on June 14, 2017, at 1 p.m. at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market, Jonesboro, IL, Union County, in Courtroom #1.

Andrea Dawn Spurlock-Kosydor  
 23-25g

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** by the Board of Education of CCSD #43, in the County of Union, State of Illinois, that tentative amended budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, has been on file and conveniently available for public

inspection at Jonesboro Elementary School District Office, in the City of Jonesboro, Illinois, from and after 8:00 A.M. on the 23th day of May, 2017.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 6:15 P.M., on the 26th day of June 2017, at the Board of Education meeting room, 309 Cook Avenue, Jonesboro, Illinois, in this School District #43. Dated this 23 day of May, 2017. School board of School District #43, in the County of Union, State of Illinois.

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

**ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. CHAD E. MOWERY, KATHRYN E. MOWERY, UNKNOWN OWNERS And NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No.: 2016-CH-33**

### FIRST AMENDED PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Chad E. Mowery, Kathryn E. Mowery, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, by the said Plaintiff against you and other defendants to foreclose a certain Mortgage covering the following described premises, to-wit:

**Exhibit "A"**  
 Lot Number Seven (7) in Rolling Hills Subdivision, pursuant to that certain plat filed for record at Book 7, page 43, in the Recorder's Office of Union County, Illinois, situated in Union County, Illinois.

### Exhibit "B"

### TRACT:

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### Shawnee Hills Lavender

Shawnee Hills Lavender near Cobden hosted u-pick events in 2016. The farm was established in 2014 and is owned by Charlotte and Doug Clover. File photo.

## Everything's coming up lavender at agribusiness in Union County

(Editor's note: the following article is shared by Susan Odum, who is a University of Illinois Extension community economic development educator.)

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Early June is a great time to enjoy the excellence of Southern Illinois' grape and wine industry at one of the many vineyards within the boundary of our unique grape growing region, the Shawnee Hills American Viticultural Area.

Over 25 years ago, the Renzaglia family at Alto Vineyards in Alto Pass stepped into unknown territory, introducing a new industry to our region.

### U-Pick Lavender

As you savor some of the award-winning wines that display the region's distinct character, you might happen upon a sign for u-pick lavender.

Lavandula, commonly named lavender, is a perennial herb in the mint family. It is indigenous to countries bordering the Mediterranean, and grows best in climates that don't have a lot of high heat or humidity, not exactly descriptive of Southern Illinois.

Charlotte and Doug Clover live within the rolling hills and sandstone scenery of Southern Illinois, just south of Alto Vineyards.

And just as the Renzaglia family stepped into unknown territory in the late 1980s, the Clovers are working against the odds as they develop their field of lavender on a hillside near their home in Union County.

It all started when an article in Midwest Living Magazine, highlighting the top 10 lavender farms in the Midwest, caught Charlotte's attention.

As outlined in the article, lavender growers were having success adapting the hardy shrub to the challenging growing conditions found in the Midwest.

Charlotte and Doug live on a 25-acre plot carved from a 240-acre farm that has been in Charlotte's family since 1820.

Charlotte's father, an insurance agent for many years in Jonesboro, used to truck patch farm and her mother, now in her 80s, still has a small garden patch near Charlotte's field of lavender.

### Growing Lavender

While Charlotte grew up around farming, her husband Doug wasn't raised on a farm, but he loves being outdoors, so the couple decided to explore the idea of growing lavender.

They submitted soil

samples for testing, visited lavender farms, and spoke with growers across the country from Virginia to Washington State.

This exploration led to the understanding that the growing season, the climate, and the soil here in Southern Illinois are very different from other regions of the country where lavender is currently being grown successfully.

Given that lavender typically likes low humidity, it would be necessary to search for varieties that would "fair better" in the higher humidity of Southern Illinois.

In addition, lavender likes extremely well drained soil, unlike the clay soils of Southern Illinois, so the couple has created their own growing media, blending amended soil with creek rock, and established raised beds to ensure better drainage.

Lavender also demands full sun and ample space between plants to ensure good air circulation, so optimum site selection also had to be taken into consideration as they undertook their new adventure.

### Shawnee Hills Lavender

In the spring of 2014, the first 200 lavender plants were set on the hillside which is now home to Shawnee Hills Lavender.

In 2015, Charlotte and Doug added 700 plants, expanding the lavender field to an acre.

Just like other types of farming, there is a lot to do in the off-season. Plants that didn't "fair well" need to be replaced and the hedges have to be given a haircut each spring. Drip irrigation has been installed in the field, but given that lavender likes a drier soil, they rarely need it.

To ensure a continued supply of plants for the next season, Eric Stahlheber with Southernwood Gardens grows plants for Shawnee Hills Lavender in his greenhouse in Alto Pass.

The Clovers are learning as they go, changing varieties to see what works best and trying different techniques to ensure proper drainage. Doug said "it sounds easy, but it is a lot of work."

Given our environment, Charlotte and Doug understand that they may always struggle with the crop, which can be both frustrating and rewarding.

In winter, they go into "panic mode" as the lavender goes gray, and in the spring as the plants begin to show new growth they

experience "a sense of relief."

### Many Uses

Lavender has many uses, but is commonly valued for landscaping, as a flavor component in foods and beverages, and as a fragrance in perfumes, medicines and essential oils. It is also believed to calm restlessness, insomnia, and nervousness.

In addition to u-pick bouquets, lavender has value-added components as it can be used in sachets, potpourri, soaps, lotions, and candles.

Locally, Tanya Eddleman with Girly Nature uses lavender essential oils in some of her goat milk products, and Katie Ehlers with Sassy Kat Kandles and Krafts uses real lavender scents in her candle making.

### Nine Varieties

Shawnee Hills Lavender is currently growing nine varieties of lavender which bloom in early June, with the taller varieties blooming about a week later.

Charlotte finds that Royal Velvet is perfect for lavender lemonade. Phenomenal seems to do better in our high humidity region, and Grosso, which is mainly used for oils, is one of the larger plant varieties available at the farm. Lavender plants typically take three years to reach maturity, so the first rewards of the Clovers' labor came in late May of 2016, when their rolling hill turned lavender.

Charlotte created a Facebook Event page to promote the first U-Pick event at the farm.

### 800 Visitors

During a six-day period over the course of two weeks in early June, 800 people visited the farm, located at 480 Brown Section Rd. near Cobden, to pick their very own bouquet of lavender.

In addition, Charlotte and Doug harvested 600 bundles for wholesale and retail sale, during the three-week harvest window.

Charlotte said "it was gratifying to watch the excitement as people picked their very own lavender — perhaps, for the first time in their life."

In addition, local restaurants, Cristaudo's and the Global Gourmet came to the farm to pick lavender for use in their restaurants.

### 2017 Event

Plans are currently underway for the 2017 U-Pick event.

(Information posted on Shawnee Hills Lavender's website noted that u-pick events are planned May 26-29 and June 3-4. Hours

at the business are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.)

Local restaurants including the Brick House Grill and Hedman Vineyards are planning to incorporate lavender into their menu during this year's u-pick lavender season.

In addition, lavender-based items, lavender lemonade, and plants will be available for sale at Shawnee Hills Lavender during the u-pick event.

Throughout the year, dried bundles, sachets, and other lavender-based products are available at Apple Blossoms Gift Shop on Main Street in Anna.

Within the gift shop you will find a room dedicated to everything lavender, including: sachets and dried bouquets from Shawnee Hills Lavender; Girly Nature soaps and lotions; and lavender scented candles by Sassy Kat Kandles and Krafts.

And for your shopping convenience, beautifully wrapped lavender-themed gift baskets are packaged and waiting for you. Charlotte, a Country Financial Representative by day, is also experimenting with lavender teas, which she hopes to have available for retail sale in the near future.

Odum said she first met Charlotte in October 2013 "when I was speaking to a group of Union County leaders on the importance of 'buying local' to the sustainability of the local economy. Since our first meeting, her can-do attitude has always been apparent. She doesn't just talk about doing something, she actually gets it done. This quality, combined with her high-energy and attention to detail are serving her well in her field of lavender."

## Night sky viewings set at Giant City

Together with the Astronomical Association of Illinois, Giant City State Park near Makanda plans to host night sky viewings during summer.

The events are planned Friday, May 26; Friday, June 16; and Friday, July 14.

The viewings are scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. in the parking lot at the visitors center at the park.

The programs are free, with no reservations required.

Participants are advised to bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on.

For more information, call Jennifer Randolph at 618-457-4836.

## Program shares 'Secrets' to saving for education

While having a child is one of life's greatest joys for many couples, thinking ahead to funding their college education is often one of the scariest.

To help cool some of these jitters, University of Illinois Extension recently collaborated with Bluestem Financial Advisors to present the free program "5 Secrets to Saving for Your Children's Education" during Money Smart Week, a week-long initiative to help our community get smart about their finances.

During the free presentation, Jacob Kuebler and Josh Cutler from Bluestem Financial Advisors discussed five secrets that guardians often do not consider while saving for their child's education.

Kuebler explained that many parents dip into their retirement to help pay for their child's education.

However, this decision can have dangerous outcomes because you can always borrow for education, but no one will loan you money for retirement.

Many families throughout the state assume that the guardians will pay for the entire cost of their child's education.

However, a "full ride" parent-funded scholarship may not be the best option for many families.

As Kuebler explained: "College has certainly gotten more expensive. It is

often not affordable for many families to expect parents to fund all the related fees that go along with it. A lot of people are setting themselves up for failure if they're going to fully pay for all the costs they will find down the road."

An additional thing to consider is where you save is as important as how much you save.

There are many college saving options to choose from, including tax-deferred options as well as taxable savings.

Parents should discuss these options with a professional to figure out what is right for their family; however, one should be wary of "advisors" offering individual advice with no transparent costs. Hidden fees can cost you more in the end.

Another thing many people do not consider when looking into college is that sometimes public schools may not be the lowest-cost option.

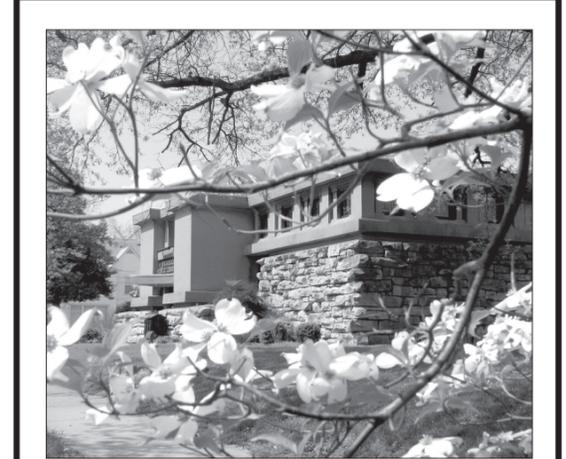
"Private schools are able to offer a lot more financial aid simply because they have a lot of private funding. They often can offer enough financial aid to make the cost of private versus public school nearly equal," stated Cutler.

Planning ahead makes funding your child's education much less daunting of a task.



### A work in progress

Artist, musician and veterinarian Kim Labak was at work last Sunday afternoon creating a colorful new logo/mural at Likkit's Ice Cream & BBQ at 220 Front St. in Cobden. Two brightly colored pigs will be part of a porcine band which will be featured at the business, which is owned by Bogie Bovee. The artist was using latex enamel paint for the creation. She was working on banjo-playing pig at the time. The business offers food, and music, Thursday through Sunday.



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# Obituaries

## James 'Jamie' Walker Jr.

Services for James "Jamie" Walker Jr., 55, of Tonkawa, Okla., were held Sunday, May 21, 2017, at 2 p.m. at the Cornerstone Church in Wheeler, Texas, with Thomas Peppers officiating. Burial was in the Wheeler Cemetery under the direction of Peppers Family Funeral Home in Wheeler, Texas.



Mr. Walker died Wednesday, May 17, 2017, in Oklahoma City, Okla.

James "Jamie" Clifton Walker Jr. was born on Nov. 28, 1961, in Carmel, Calif., the son of James Walker Sr. and Gail Hopperstad Knight. He was a graduate of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

Mr. Walker married Susan Figueroa on April 1, 2017, in Tonkawa, Okla.

He worked as an equipment operator and pipeliner. He was a charter member of the American Legion Riders.

Survivors include his wife, Susan Walker, of Tonkawa, Okla.; one son, Casey Walker and wife, Jennifer, of Denver, Colo.; two daughters, Crystal Craig and husband, Chance of Kingfisher, Okla., and Evelyn Walker, of Eric, Okla.; two stepsons, Cody Cooper, of Ponca City, Okla., and Casey Cooper, of Ponca City, Okla.; one brother, Chad Knight and wife, Kim of Shamrock, Texas; one sister, Jodi Walker, of Briscoe, Texas; six grandchildren; three nieces; two great-nieces; one nephew; and one great-nephew.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Legion Riders, Post 68, P.O. Box 271, Shamrock, Texas 79079, and the American Heart association, 10900-B Stonelake Blvd., Suite 320, Austin, Texas 78759.

## John William Ice

John William Ice, 82, died on May 15, 2017, at the Park Manor of Westchase nursing home in Houston, Texas, following a long battle with dementia.



He was born on June 8, 1934, in Anna, the son of Julia and Rayburn Ice.

He graduated from Anna-Jonesboro Community High School in the class of 1952. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He had a long career in the printing business in both Chicago and Houston. He was also a lifelong member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians and The Society of American Magicians.

He is survived by his daughters, Susan (Scott) MacCall of Montana and Karen Baker of Houston; and his grandchildren Kasey, Kelly and Randy Baker. He is also survived by his former wife of 21 years, Kathy Walker of Georgetown, Texas.

He will be remembered by his friends and family for his dry sense of humor, soft-spoken kindness and sleight of hand at the magic table.

A memorial service will be held at the National Cremation Service chapel in Houston on Thursday, June 1.

## Slugs can be nuisance, cause damage to garden

Slugs can be a nuisance and a real garden pest. A rainy spring like this year's sometimes results in numerous slugs that cause heavy damage, especially on hosta.

Phil Nixon, a University of Illinois Extension entomologist, shared some information about slugs.

Slugs, which are shell-less snails, are usually a problem on thin-leaved plants growing in shady areas: hosta, violets, and impatiens.

Following a spring with prolonged, heavy rainfall, slugs are often also numerous in sunnier areas, feeding on a wide range of plants.

The most common species is the gray garden slug, which is usually about 3/4 inch long but may be up to 1-1/2 inches long.

Slugs have two pairs of tentacles extending from the front end of the body. The upper, longer pair are optic tentacles with eyes on the tips. There is also a shorter pair near the ground that is sensory tentacles for feeling and smelling.

The largest structure is the foot, which runs the length of the slug. The underside of the foot is called the sole.

Slugs feed with tiny teeth that scrape away a leaf's surface and then the plant material underneath.

This feeding mechanism causes damage to appear

most commonly as holes in the leaf. On some plants or in large numbers, slugs will eat the leaf margins.

You can verify that slugs are responsible by checking for their presence at night or on foggy mornings.

Slime trails might also be visible in the morning when they reflect the sunlight before drying up.

Slugs need a moist environment to survive, and they feed on decaying organic matter.

The best long-term control involves reducing this supply. Under less rainy conditions, spacing plants farther apart or pruning them back allow better air circulation and creates drier conditions that are difficult for slugs.

Eliminating fallen leaves, bark mulch, and other dead organic material will reduce slug numbers by reducing food sources.

Baits are used to attract snails and slugs into traps where they then drown.

One popular type of bait is beer. Pour beer into a shallow pan and sink it into the ground with the pan edges sticking up 1/8 to 1/4 inch.

Snails and slugs are attracted to the yeasty smell of beer, and they fall into the pan and drown.

Commercial poison baits are also available. Read labels carefully and be careful because dogs can be harmed if they eat them.

## Darren Myers Sr.

Darren Myers Sr., 56, of Dongola, died Sunday, May 7, 2017.

He was born on July 5, 1960, in Chaffee, Mo., the son of Nicholas and Shirley Douglas Myers.

He married Rebecca Moore on Feb. 14, 1990.

He worked driving a big rig truck for US Express and trained students on how to drive a semi-truck. He loved riding Harley Davidson motorcycles, fishing, camping and cooking.

He is survived by his wife for 27 years, Rebecca Myers of Dongola; sons Lance Myers Jr., Jesse Myers, Anthony Bible, William Frisbie and Travis Huffhine, all of Dongola; many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, at Crain Funeral Home in Dongola, with the Rev. Richard Pyatt officiating.

Memorials can be made to Crain Funeral Home to help with funeral expenses.

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



Crain Funeral Home in Dongola was in charge of arrangements.



## Billy Lee Verble

Billy Lee Verble, 82, died Monday, April 24, 2017, at Mary Washington Hospital in Fredericksburg, Va.

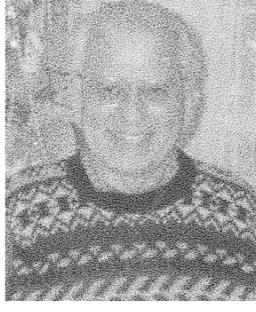
He was born to Archie Verble and Nellie Stoner Verble on April 2, 1935, in Cairo.

He served four years in the U.S. Navy and four years in the U.S. Air Force. He retired from a civil service position in Crystal City, Va., with the federal government. He remained in the Fredericksburg area until his death.

He is survived by his two children and three grandchildren: son Brian Verble of Escalon, Calif., and daughter Karen Verble of Pensacola, Fla.; grandchildren Tyler and Ryan Verble and Emily Scardina. He is also survived by three nieces, Barbara Burnett, Patricia Paternoster and Haila Cavanagh; a brother-in-law, John McDaniels, several cousins, great-nephews and nieces and his dearest friend, Mildred Covington of Fredericksburg.

He was cremated and is to be in Arlington National Cemetery.

He was preceded in death by both parents; his twin, Betty McDaniels, whom he called "Sissy" and he was her "Sonny."



## Keeping mind active a key to good health

Virtually every day more research is focusing on issues impacting senior citizens.

One recent example is a study that said keeping the mind active is a key to good health.

"As we age, we lose neurons, but these neurons can form new connections," said Jim Wirth, a human development specialist with University of Missouri Extension.

"Research is being conducted now to determine if new brain connections develop with mental and physical exercise. Many researchers already believe that is the case."

According to Wirth, the brain of a senior citizen is similar to the brain of a healthy young person. But, like muscles in our body, the brain can grow and change. The harder a person uses her or his brain, the more it grows and the healthier it becomes.

"Each day we commit millions of pieces of data into our short and long term memories," said Wirth.

"As we get older, it becomes harder to retrieve because we are on overload. Plus, we don't memorize as easily because we don't practice the skill as often as we did when young."

There are ways to compensate for age-related declines in working memory, Wirth said.

For example, presenting information at a slower pace, organizing and elaborating gives time to process and establish links between new and previously learned information.

Wirth also suggests using exercises to improve specific mental functions.

"For example, do a daily mental exercise each morning," said Wirth. "You could begin the day by counting out loud backward from 100 or reciting the alphabet, giving each letter a word."

Simple activities like setting the table in a different way, trying a new recipe, going to visit a place you have never been before or walking a different route also work the memory.

"Many of the same activities that we use to stimulate the minds of young children can be fun and stimulating for us as older adults," said Wirth.

It is true that our brains change and slow as we age but most people do not have serious loss of memory or intelligence, Wirth said.

"The key is to try and do something new to keep your brain and mind young," said Wirth.

*In Memory of*  
**Roger Moss**  
*Dad/Granpa*

*We can't believe it's been 2 years since you left. We love and miss you each day so very much.*

*Love, Shane, Sherry, Jordan, Taylor and Ally*

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## Hillary Rae Vega

Hillary Rae Vega, 44, of Anna, died Monday, May 15, 2017, at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

She was born on Nov. 4, 1972, in Marion, the daughter of Terry and Janie Carlene Rendleman Sichling.

She married Alberto "Al" Vega.

She is survived by her husband, Alberto "Al" Vega of Anna; her mother and step-father, Carlene (Gary) Berg of Plant City, Fla.; two stepsons, Michael Alan (Sharon) Vega of Plano, Texas, and Anthony Brandon Vega of Richardson, Texas; one step-grandson, Deklan Vega; one sister, Heather (Justin) Zimmerman of Paducah; nephews, other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Terry Sichling.

Memorial services were at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at the Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall in Marion, with speaker, Gary Berg.

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

**RENDELMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES** Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna was in charge of arrangements.

## Reynoldsville News

by Sue Eudy

Thank you to John Johnson of Hollister, Calif., for renewing his subscription to The Gazette-Democrat and giving me the credit.

Steve and Sue Eudy visited Friday with Stan Eudy in Cape Girardeau.

Visiting at the home of Sue and Steve Eudy during the weekend were Kevin Eudy and Kyle Eudy of Cape Girardeau, Brian Eudy and Lois and Jim Crites, all of Jackson, Mo., Ryan Wachter of Jonesboro and John Yates of Herrin.

Dolores and Jack Reynolds of Reynoldsville attended graduation ceremonies at Shawnee High School on Sunday. They also attended a graduation party on Sunday for Abby Livesay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Livesay, at their home in Wolf Lake.

The annual Eudy family reunion will be held Saturday, May 27, at Delmonico's in Jackson, Mo., at noon.

Happy 61st anniversary wishes to Doris and Ernie Rhodes of Jonesboro on Friday, May 26.

Sue Eudy visited Sunday with Wilburn Gibbs at River to River in Anna.

Happy belated birthday wishes to my brother, David Gibbs of Moss Point, Miss., on Wednesday, May 24.

Diane Harvell of Jonesboro and Letha Arnold of Anna visited Saturday with Fred and Maxine Pender of Fair City.

Gary Gibbs and Kim Pind of Jonesboro visited with Fred and Maxine Pender.

Those enjoying lunch Thursday at the Golden Corral in Carterville were Dolores and Jack Reynolds of Reynoldsville, Barb and Edwin Livesay and Barb and Fred Pitts, all of Anna, Alma Linson and Doris and Ernie Rhodes, all of Jonesboro, Darlene Campbell of Louisiana, Joe Walker of Marion, and Shirley Miller of McClure.

Lois Ann Rhymer of McClure visited Saturday with Shirley Miller.

Shirley Miller and Alma Linson enjoyed lunch in Cape Girardeau on Sunday, May 21.

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

Hope everyone has a safe Memorial Day weekend and remember those who gave their lives that we may enjoy the freedom we have today.

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*The family of*  
**Jack Johnson**  
*wishes to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, food, gifts, condolences and expressions of love extended to our family in the passing of our husband and father.*

**Kay and Jeff Johnson**  
**Kristy Mason**

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**†** *"The Preaching Pen"* **†**  
*My Ebenezer*

Many of us have grown up going to worship services where we sang age-old songs that were brought down to us from many years ago. In those songs, we often sing words or phrases that might not mean much to us today. One such phrase comes from the song O, Thou Fount of Every Blessing. The song was written by Robert Robinson in 1758. The second verse of the song begins with the words: "Here I raise my Ebenezer."

In I Samuel 7, the prophet Samuel, and the Israelites, found themselves under attack by the Philistines. Afraid for their lives, the Israelites begged Samuel to pray for them in their coming battle against the Philistines. Samuel offered a sacrifice to God and prayed for His protection. God heard Samuel, and the Philistines lost the battle and were driven back to their own territory. After the Israelite victory, the Bible says: "Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us" (I Samuel 7:12).

The word Ebenezer comes from the Hebrew words, "Eben ha-ezer," which simply means "stone of help." When Robinson wrote his lyrics, he followed the word Ebenezer with the phrase, "Hither by Thy help I've come." An Ebenezer, then, is simply a monumental stone set up to signify the great help that God granted the one raising the stone. In Robinson's song, it figuratively meant that the writer—and all who sing the song—acknowledge God's bountiful blessings and help in their lives.

Memorial Day is coming up, so I urge you to remember God's love and care for you, an important part of His creation. Yes, you may be going through trials now, but remember your many blessings - raise your Ebenezer, and thank God for His love and help in your life.

**†** R.W. McAlister, Minister  
Anna church of Christ **†**

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# 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: Ashley Daniel, Benjamin A. Daniel, Ashley M. Harvel. Grantee: Jennifer L. Snell, Justin L. Snell. Tract Section 5 Township 13S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance Inc. Grantee: Clifton D. Howell. Tract Section 26 Township 11S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Donna Taylor, Gary Taylor. Grantee: Casondra A. Harriell, Doris A. Harrison. Name: Purcell Heights Sub. of Anna, Lots 14-15.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Deborah L. Adams. Grantee: Robert D. Adams Jr. Tract Section 30 Township 11S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Mary E. Elkins. Grantee: Marilyn Dyer, Mary E. Elkins. Name: E.H. and Helen Smith Add. of Jonesboro, Lot 7.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Lloyd D. Duty, Mary H. Duty. Grantee: Dawn Latham, Tim Latham. Tract Section 15 Township 13S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Rebecca A. Eddleman, Rebecca A. Hileman. Grantee: Michelle L. Jacobs. Name: Lewis 3rd Add. of Anna, Lots 2, 7.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Glenna Moller. Grantee: Sondra Holshouser, Jeffrey Keith Miller. Tract Section 33 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Vanessa Sue Sims, Clyde Dwane Sims Jr. Grantee: Doris E. Sims, Vanessa Sue Sims, Clyde Dwane Sims Jr. Name: James and Daniel Cravers Add. Jonesboro, Lot 21.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: First Christian Church of Anna, Stuart D. James, Melissa Naas, Randy Schaefer. Grantee: Connect Point Inc. Name: Winstead Davies 1st Add. of Anna, Portion 45, Lots 1-4.

Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: David G. Young Jr. Grantee: Nancy Caldwell, Tom Caldwell. Name: Plank Hill Subdivision, Lot 16.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Marilyn Patterson. Grantee: Clinton Shafer. Tract Section 12 Township 11S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Steven W. Landreth. Grantee: Glenda L. McDowell, Roger D. McDowell. Tract Section 36 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: William J. Rooney. Grantee: Bonnie Evangelina Rooney, Charlotte Rooney, John J. Rooney. Tract Section 27 Township 13S Range 1W.

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Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Carol Hancock, Daniel Hancock. Grantee: Kerry Glasco. Tract Section 25 Township 12S Range 3W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Johnny Ray New Jr. Grantee: Johnny Ray New Jr. Tract Section 25 Township 13S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Mary E. Shepard. Grantee: Julian Paul Lopez, Danielle M. Quick. Tract Section 1 Township 12S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Shirley Mae Oberding. Grantee: Sarah K. Adams, Jason C. Clinton. Tract Section 8

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Brittany Ariel Barker-Erikson, Carbondale, fail right-of-

way/passing vehicle, \$120. Santiago Tomas, Cobden, child restraint violation, \$60.

Kacey Ann Shipley, Anna, electronic communication device, \$120. Francisco M. Ramos, Anna, unlicensed, \$120; operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$501.

Breeanna Marie Eddleman, Anna, electronic communication, device, \$120. Lakeshia L. Russell, Des Moines, Iowa, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140.

Matthew James Marshall, Rockford, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Rodger Lee Amelunke, Jackson, Mo., overweight on axle, \$870.

Kenneth James Tucker, Thebes, overweight on axle, \$510. Mark A. Lewis, Marion, fail to reduce speed, \$120.

Brenton Robert Woodward, Scottsdale, Ariz., fail to reduce speed, \$120. Chad M. Baker, Marion, seat belt required/passenger, \$60.

Skylar J. Robertson, Chicago, fail to reduce speed, \$120. Jenny Rae Sadler, Buncombe, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Harley Lyn Jennings-Yon, Cobden, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Phillips Ray Ulrich, Burfordville, Mo., seat belt required/passenger, \$60.

David M. Scarborough, Cobden, expiration of registration, \$120. Casaundra L. Hastings, Sikeston, Mo., electronic communication device, \$120.

Joshua A. Keepees, Mount Carmel, electronic communication device, \$120. Danielle T. Whitfield, Chicago., speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140.

Jasmine L. Sanders, Carbondale, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140. Kelsi L. Wright, Dongola, seat belt required/passenger, \$60.

Jessica L. Fleming, Jonesboro, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140. Cameron L. Monk, Pine Bluff, Ark., violation/Illinois Motor Carrier Act, \$120.

Lisa Tiffany Webb, Bloomington, Ind., speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$400. Patricia Ann Phillips, Buncombe, fail to reduce speed, \$120.

Skyler M. Smith, Cape Girardeau, electronic communication device, \$120. James Brent Barker, Poplar Bluff, Mo., bridge weight limit, \$420.

Dat Quoc Nguyen, Warren, Mich., speeding, 11-14 mph above limit, \$140. Kayla M. Cannon, Anna, electronic communication device, \$120.

Larry Lee Kuehl, Alto Pass, seat belt required/driver, \$60. James A. Carter, Anna, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Theodore M. Beanland, Dongola, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Lowell K. Young, Anna, electronic communication device, \$120. Boyd A.S. Swink, Jonesboro, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

**Marriage Licenses**

The county clerk's office issued a marriage license to: Matthew Richard Pearson, 32, of Cobden, and Jessica Ruth Clark, 28, of Jonesboro.

Johnny Allen Morrison, 23, of Cobden, and Haley Dawn Haynes, 20, of Cobden.

John Edward Bible, 47, of Jonesboro, and Pamela Jean Dale, 49, of Cobden.

Jason Michael Landreth, 22, of Anna, and Alejandra Amezcua, 20, of Cobden.

Bradley Gene Vaughn, 41, of Anna, and Pamela Gail Martin, 58, of Anna.

John Nickalos Gooden, 21, of Cartersville, and Haylee Elizabeth Childers, 21, of Carbondale.

Jefferson David Wright, 25, of Carbondale, and Dawn Marie Moren, 25, of Carbondale.

Andrew Justin Overfield, 26, of Evansville, Ind., and Kaitlin Lizbeth Cochren, 27, of Evansville, Ind.

Nicholas Ryan Boyd, 34, of Cartersville, and Angelica Dawn Brewner, 22, of Dowell.

David Phillip Crivelli, 61, of Scotts Valley, Calif., and Linn Marie Whiteside, 53, of Scotts Valley, Calif.

Thomas Mardell Howie, 59, of West Helena, Ark., and Linda Kay Creasey, 54, of Holly Grove, Ark.

Jake Houston Trovillion, 28, of Goreville, and Crystal Gayle Joy Tarpley, 38, of Goreville.

James McComas O'Donoghue, 35, of Carbondale, and Caitlin Marie Entwistle, 33, of Carbondale.

Cory R. Fulkerson, 27, of Cartersville, and Holly M. Harris, 29, of Cartersville.

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**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:

## Jonesboro School's Jaley Watkins receives Burnes Leadership Award



**Award winner**  
Jim Burnes and Jonesboro Elementary School student Jaley Watkins. Photo provided.

Jaley Watkins of Jonesboro Elementary School was awarded the Southern Illinois Junior High School Athletic Association, SIJHSAA, Jim Burnes Leadership Award for Region 1 on Friday, May 5, at Alongi's in Du Quoin.

Jaley is the daughter of Brad and Jaime Watkins.

SIJHSAA is one of two organizations in Illinois that sponsor junior high athletics.

SIJHSAA is made up of over 180 schools throughout Southern Illinois and is divided in to 10 geographical regions.

activities, specific honors, a typed essay about leadership, and recommendations from inside the school and community.

Each school's athletic director nominated one person, and they were the winner of the leadership award for their school and received a certificate from the SIJHSAA proclaiming them the Leadership Award winner from their school.

Those winners then proceeded on to the regional level, where overall regional winners were selected and honored with a plaque and a luncheon honoring their accomplishments.

The association noted that the winners, as well as all of the applicants for the award, reflect the true meaning of the SIJHSAA motto which states: "Your reputation can be made, or even destroyed in a moment. Your character is developed over a lifetime."

The Jim Burnes Leadership award is for 8th graders only and is based on the following criteria: Grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale, participation in at least two SIJHSAA sports, community



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Section B



## Sheriff's association scholarship

Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel has announced the winner of this year's Illinois Sheriff's Association, ISA, scholarship. The scholarship recipient is Morgan Wright of Buncombe. Wright was one of 12 students who applied for the scholarship. Photo provided.

## Union County sheriff presents ISA scholarship to local student

Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel has presented an Illinois Sheriff's Association, ISA, scholarship award to an Anna-Jonesboro Community High School student.

The \$500 scholarship was presented to Morgan Wright of Buncombe.

The sheriff presented the scholarship during the Union County school's recent academic awards program.

Harvel said it was "a great honor to be able to present a student from A-J with this award, since this happens to be the very high school that I graduated from so many years ago."

This year, the Illinois Sheriff's Association will award over \$54,000 in scholarships across the State of Illinois to students who are seeking a higher education.

Requirements to apply for the scholarship included:

Be a permanent Illinois resident. Be enrolled as a full-time student during the 2017-2018 school year. The scholarships must be utilized at an institution of higher learning within the State of Illinois.

The application process to be considered for the scholarship consisted of completing an enrollment form and writing an essay of 350 words or less.

This year's essay topic was: In your opinion, is there a heroin epidemic in your community and what steps could be taken to combat the problem? What is the driving demand behind heroin use in teens and why do you think that heroin use is soaring in the United States?

"Each year I solicit educators from various school districts within the county to assist me in the selection process to choose a winner

for the ISA scholarship award," Harvel stated.

"The school district is then asked to form a committee to evaluate and review all essay entries and select a winner. This year educators from the Cobden School District assisted me with determining a scholarship winner and I would like to extend my thanks to those teachers for their help.

## Closings noted for Memorial Day

Illinois Secretary of State offices and facilities which are open Monday through Friday are scheduled to be closed Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day.

Driver services facilities which are open Tuesday through Saturday are scheduled to be closed Saturday, May 27.

## DAR chapter meets in Anna

By Dixie Terry

The Daniel Chapman Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution had a monthly meeting Monday afternoon, May 8, at the First Christian Church in Anna.

The call to order was provided by chapter regent Juanita Broyles.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ruth Brown. The American's Creed was given by Martha Schwegman. The Preamble to the Constitution was read by Alice Brooks.

Doda Starkey introduced the guest speaker, her husband, Forrest (Skip) Starkey, who has spent over 50 years teaching and studying forestry. Now retired, he continues to practice ecology on their Johnson County farm.

A national defense report was presented by Alice Thodoropoulos on the Blue Star and Gold Star flags.

She also talked about the DAR recognition that she presented at the ROTC Awards Day held recently at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

The recipient of the pin was Emma Alexander, a junior ROTC member from Biggsville.

"Cadet Alexander has proven herself to be an exemplary cadet and student," her professor of military science, Scott M. Kulla, said.

Reports from officers were presented, including the April minutes by Doda Starkey and the financial report by Irene Webb, in the absence of Treasurer Sandy Boaz, and the registrar's report by Marilyn Meisenheimer.

Jeanne Boglino reported that she donated about 50 books to the Nearly New shop of Golconda from the DAR book sale program, which has been discontinued.

The chaplain's report was given by Cara Webb, in the absence of Bonnie Hogue.

Reports by committees were presented.

An American Indian Minute about the Latoka and Sioux tribes was read by Dixie Terry, in the absence of Sandy Boles.

Conservation co-chairpersons Virginia Street and Martha Schwegman have planted a butterfly pollination garden at Cache River Wetlands Center, one of 12 at that location.

Virginia Street reported that a Daniel Chapman

Chapter ad will be in the May-June issue of the DAR magazine.

A report on the schools supported by the DAR was given by Linda Minnis, who has sent the Box Tops for Education, collected by chapter members. The collection of the grocery box tops will be continued.

Elizabeth James provided an American Flag Minute about American vintage flags.

For women's issues, Irene Webb provided "Words of Wisdom by Andy Rooney."

Announcements about upcoming events included: the District VII luncheon meeting planned at Kokopelli's Golf Club Restaurant in Marion on May 26; a Memorial Day program planned May 29 at 11 a.m. at the Carnegie Library in Vienna, when a new veterans memorial wall will be dedicated.

The chapter plans to meet June 12 at the Historical Society Museum in Golconda, when new officers will be installed.

Hostesses for the May meeting were Ruth Brown, Elizabeth James, Alice Brooks and Cara Webb, who served a barbecue lunch following the business session.

Those who attended the meeting included Loudene Lemme, Doda Starkey, Irene Webb, Vienna; Cara Webb, Tunnel Hill; Juanita Broyles, Dixie Terry, Ruth Brown, Goreville; Linda Minnis, Marion; Jeanne Boglino, Alice Thodoropoulos, Golconda; Alice Brooks, Stonefort; Virginia Street, Simpson; Marilyn Meisenheimer, Lillian Milam, Jonesboro; Martha Schwegman, Metropolis; Elizabeth James, Julia Mowery, Buncombe; and guest speaker, Skip Starkey, Vienna.

Any area woman who has an ancestor who served in the Revolutionary War is eligible to join the Daniel Chapman Chapter NSDAR. For more information, contact chapter registrar Marilyn Meisenheimer at 833-8259 or mmeisen@frontier.com.

## Anna-Jo Garden Club shares tips about lavender

Lavender has been grown commercially for centuries in many parts of the world and commercial growing in North America is gaining in popularity.

The lavender farms in Sequim, Wash., the self-proclaimed Lavender Capital of North America, are a sight to behold.

The hillsides are brilliant lavender as far as the eye can see.

If you want to see a stunning display of lavender without traveling across the country, the Shawnee Hills Lavender Farms near Cobden would be ideal.

The lavender plant is grown for fragrance and can be found in many infused products, like perfumes and soap.

Lavender can be dried easily for floral arrangements, is used for culinary purposes and is a medicinal product used to treat insomnia and topical burns.

Charlotte Clover of Shawnee Hills Lavender Farms provided cultivation tips and varietal information to the Anna-Jo Garden Club.

Charlotte began the presentation by noting that "if you have full sun and proper drainage, you can grow lavender."

As the presentation continued, it became apparent to garden club members that growing lavender is a little more nuanced.

The clay soil and high humidity in our region are detrimental to lavender.

To accommodate lavender's aversion to clay soil, the plant should be placed in a hole lined with gravel that has been filled with an equal mixture of topsoil and peat moss and amended with a 50/50 mixture of lime and bone meal.

Lavender thrives in lower humidity than our region provides and Charlotte recommends spacing large plants 6 feet apart to allow for air circulation.

If you are interested in growing lavender Grosso is one of the best varieties for our region. Shawnee Hills Lavender Farms has an annual you-pick event in early June.

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# Illinois film industry looks strong this summer, fall

The Illinois Department of Commerce's FILM Office has announced projects that will be filming this summer and fall across Illinois, including big-budget and independent films, and network, cable and streaming television.

Illinois continues to attract film, television, non-scripted, digital and commercial production from across the country: remaining a home for a myriad of creative content and production infrastructure.

"It is an exciting time to be in the Illinois film industry," Illinois FILM Office director Christine Dudley said.

"Talent and opportunity grows stronger every day as we continue to cultivate a booming film production infrastructure within our state. We remain the number one filming location within the Midwest and steadily within the top six in the country, helping to attract new production, industry and revenue to Illinois year upon year."

NBC and FOX recently announced their 2017 fall seasons with the renewal of prime time hits "Chicago Fire," "Chicago PD" and "Chicago Med" (NBC), while Season 4 of "Empire" (FOX) was ordered in January.

Off-season pickups include the anthology series "Electric Dreams" (Sony/Amazon) and "The Chi" (20th Century Fox/Showtime), which are currently in production through the

summer.

Illinois officials are especially proud of media juggernaut The Onion, which premiered "The AV Club with John Teti" (Fusion), which continues production though Fall 2017, "Patriot" (Amazon) ordered for Season 2 and created by local writer/director/producer, Steve Conrad, and "Easy" (Netflix) created by Chicagoan, Joe Swanberg, currently in production on Season 2; all written and produced here in Illinois.

"It is increasingly evident that Illinois is becoming a premier destination for film production," said Illinois Department of Commerce director Sean McCarthy.

"We are proud of the productions that call Illinois home and have put our state on screens across the world, and we will continue to build upon our success to welcome new productions to facilitate growth in this thriving industry."

Illinois is also hosting some big names in movies.

"Widows" from Oscar-winning director Steve McQueen and Illinois-based writer Gillian Flynn began filming recently.

The much-anticipated film stars Viola Davis, André Holland, Robert DuVall, Liam Neeson and Colin Farrell.

John Goodman and Vera Farmiga were recently in Illinois filming the sci-fi thriller "Captive State."

Additionally, Illinois continues to be a bastion

for independent film making, with "What They Had," starring Hilary Swank, Blythe Danner and Michael Shannon, which recently wrapped production.

A strong talent pool of cast and crew members, diverse shooting locations and a competitive incentive program keeps Illinois' film industry growing.

In 2016, the state's film industry generated \$499 million in estimated Illinois spending, a 51 percent increase over the previous year.

The office worked with 345 television, commercial and film projects that generated 13,377 non-extra job hires over the course of the year.

The Illinois FILM Office promotes Illinois as a production center for film, television, digital and commercial advertising production, providing initial location services and a production guide of Illinois crew members and production service providers.

The office also administers the state's production tax incentive program, which has been integral in growing a competitive film industry in Illinois.

The 30 percent tax credit is awarded to productions for qualified expenditures on Illinois goods and services, including wages paid to Illinois residents.

The goal of the Tax Credit Act is to grow, sustain and provide economic and job opportunities for local vendors, cast, crew and filmmakers.

# Cobden Elementary School honors who reach reading goals

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



**100 Point Club:** In the first row are Layla West, Mason Lyerla, Emma Roberts, Autumn Ebersohl, Brisa Calderon and Amelia Long. In the second row are Jett Kuhn, Kevin Hernandez, Dora Funes, Camden Smith, Sophie Barnhart and Kaylie Adams.



**50 Point Club:** In the first row are Korbin Hale, Scarlett Bergseth, Alexis Eddleman, Selena Flores, Joel Garcia and Natalia Godinez. In the second row are Kylie Hale, Adrianna Caraker, Grace White, Landen Richardson, Joshua Mize and Braeson Tellor.



**25 Point Club:** From left are Chance Henard, Mariana Palmerin and Serenity Graham.



## Water critters

A Canada goose and a turtle were about to make acquaintances when they were spotted one day recently in Union County.

## Alligator gar reintroduced

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, Division of Fisheries has published its Fish Species Management Plan for Alligator Gar in Illinois.

The plan details IDNR's effort to reintroduce the alligator gar to Illinois waters.

A fish native to Illinois, the alligator gar was determined to be extirpated, or extinct from Illinois waters.

The last known catch of the fish, prior to the start of the reintroduction effort, was in the Cache River basin in Southern Illinois in 1966.

The alligator gar is the largest of the gar species and is the second largest freshwater fish in North America, next to the white sturgeon.

IDNR Fisheries personnel last fall stocked approximately 1,600 alligator gar as part of the reintroduction program at locations throughout the state.

The success of the plan will be documented through annual progress and achievement reports for each management objective, and the plan will be updated as needed.

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News from

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

Pastor Mark on Sunday referred to "religion" as "that part of our lives that holds everything else together."

He used the example of Biblical Paul to guide Christians to share faith with others.

He said, "Sharing the faith requires us to get to know the other person first, to understand them for who they are, and to love them as God has first loved us."

We need patience and we need to rely on the Holy Spirit, who is always with us and intervenes with God on our behalf in ways that we can never understand."

The congregation remembered in prayer those in need of healing, including Glenna Tripp, Daniel Seddon, Ann Shaw, Shirley Earnhart, Hadley Ashby, Linda Clark, Todd Breiner, Pat Martin, Mort Wright, Joe Frick, Carolyn Frick, Pam Wheaton, Shawn Knupp, Silas Jones, Dave Kirley, Andrea Palmer, Karen Toler, Keith Meddaugh, Will Eidson, Gina Dome, Susan Askew, Sandy Davis, Fred Schlenker, Jim Foster, Stan Malnar, Dolores Malnar, Gary Davis, Beth Martin, Sandy Proctor, Smith Family, Debbie Dale-Ford, Alma Osterholm, Gladys Freeze, Candace Linton, and Wilea Bettis.

Prayer was offered for those grieving for Gordon Johnson, Jack Johnson and Jane Guilbeau.

Members on the shut-in list include Afton Davidson, Gladys Freeze, Betty Sue Elkins, Charlie and Greta Roberts, Marilyn Joiner, Aaron Hart, Mary Patton and Mat Page.

May 21 was New Member Day at Mt. Moriah. Introduced and welcomed to membership were Pastor Mark Hasty, Paula Hasty, Alyson Hasty, Serena Hasty, Patty Simpson, Sherry Lence, Allen Hepburn, David Stanley, Kristen Stegle and Dianne Hannon.

Sunday was also Teacher Appreciation Day. Those who have served as teachers and helpers during the past year were recognized: JoAn Dallas, Joyce Crews, Kristin Stegle, Stephanie Stroehlein, Barb Bauer, Stephanie Plott, Kelly Keller and Laura Bussey.

Adult Bible class leaders Carolyn Webb, Pete Housman, Sharon Mullins and Paula Hasty were recognized and thanked.

Food Collection Day was this week, and appreciation was noted to those who share generously to meet the nutrition needs of local families.

Graduate Recognition Day is planned for Sunday, May 28.

Mt. Moriah and Salem Lutheran Church youth kicked off a fund-raising campaign this week, to fund their trip to the National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas, in 2018.

Together with their sponsors, parents and friends, they prepared, promoted and served a "Walking Taco" meal.

The Hands of Faith quilting group plans to meet Tuesday, May 30, at 9 a.m.

A spaghetti dinner will be served at Hebrewz Coffeehouse in Jonesboro on June 9 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The event is a fund raiser to support the Lutheran Social Services of Illinois prisoner and family ministry story-book program.

Regular Sunday worship is held at Mt. Moriah at 9 a.m., with adult Bible class at 10:15 a.m.



New members at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church who were recognized at a recent service included David Stanley, Allen Hepburn, Kristen Stegle, Serena Hasty, Alyson Hasty, Pastor Mark Hasty, Paula Hasty and Patty Simpson. Photo provided.



Sunday School teachers at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church were honored recently for their service. In the first row are Kristen Stegle, Joyce Crews, Carolyn Webb, Sharon Mullins, Paula Hasty and Pastor Mark Hasty. In the second row are Barbara Bauer, Stephanie Stroehlein and Pete Housman. Photo provided.

News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

The sermon on Sunday, May 21, was a continuation of Rev. Vance's series, "Divine Encounters." The sermon focused on "The Adulteress' Story."

The message shared that "in the scripture from John, a woman had been caught in the act of adultery and brought to Jesus to be condemned and stoned. Instead, Christ asked that those with no sins to cast the first stone. One by one, her accusers left, and Christ told her to go and sin no more."

"In this encounter, Christ was not condemning. He did not compromise with sin and He was compassionate with the sinner. This is the example we, as Christians, must strive to follow as we reach out to those who haven't come to a relationship with Christ."

Receiving the offering Sunday were Tanner Roach and Rodney Miller.

Karen Vaughn is the

elder for the month of May.

Camp Ground extends happy birthday wishes to one of its "long distance" members, Dean Jones in Florida, today, May 25.

During the announcement time, Tanner Roach and Zoey Kaylor were recognized and given gifts from the church for their recent graduations: Tanner from kindergarten and Zoey from high school.

Following morning worship, all gathered in the fellowship hall for a potluck; dessert was a decorated cake with a graduation theme.

The session held its bi-monthly meeting following the noon potluck.

Camp Ground extends congratulations to Amanda Boaz Batts, who received her Ph.D. in education from Union University in Jackson, Tenn., Saturday afternoon.

Mark Boaz of Morris spent the weekend with

his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Boaz, and they attended the graduation ceremony as well as Mr. and Mrs. Gary Taylor of Lake of Egypt and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Robbs of Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Vaughn, Kim Emery and Stephanie Rhodes were also among the approximately 40 who attended a celebration reception at Amanda and Chad's home in Martin, Tenn., later in the evening.

Worship at Camp Ground Church begins at 11 a.m. Sunday School is at 10 a.m.; donuts and coffee are at 9:30 a.m.

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**New pastor, wife**  
 The Rev. Dr. David Fischler will be installed June 11 as the new pastor at the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna. With the pastor is his wife, Maryanne. Photo provided.

## First Evangelical Presbyterian Church welcomes new pastor

The Rev. Dr. David Fischler and wife Maryanne are scheduled to begin their ministry in Anna on June 4.

Rev. Fischler was born in 1958 in New Jersey, and grew up in a Jewish home. He became a Christian during his freshman year in college.

He calls Parsippany, N.J., home, since it was from that high school that he graduated in 1976.

After a semester at Old Dominion University (where he met the former Maryanne Surrells), he transferred to Rutgers University, where he graduated in 1980 with a bachelor of arts degree in political science.

He and Maryanne were then married and soon moved to North Carolina, where David attended Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, graduating in 1983 with a master of divinity degree. He received his doctorate of ministry from Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, Pa.

David and Maryanne have had varied denominational experiences.

They served nine years in United Methodist churches, followed by 14 years in congregations of the Moravian Church in America.

In 2006, they moved to northern Virginia to plant a daughter congregation for Faith Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Alexandria.

Following the end of that service, David became associate pastor at Faith Evangelical, from which he comes now to the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna.

The Fischlers have one child, Rebecca, who is a communications specialist with the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C.

In his leisure time, David is an avid chess player (he won the 1993 U.S. championship in his class), a voracious reader of science fiction, a student of politics, an amateur genealogist, and plays the autoharp.

He is also a baseball fanatic who shares a passion for all things Atlanta Braves with his wife. The couple will soon be moving to Anna and an installation service for Pastor Fischler is planned at 1 p.m. Sunday, June 11, in the sanctuary.

The installation service will be followed by a church dinner. The dinner will be served in the Main Street Center, which is located across the street from the Anna church.

## Local students earn degrees from McKendree University

McKendree University had its 177th commencement May 13 for students who completed their degree requirements in December 2016, May and July.

The ceremonies were held on the university's Lebanon campus.

Graduates at the Radcliff and Shepherdsville, Ky., campuses receive their diplomas on June 3.

Students from the Union County area who received degrees included:

Elizabeth A. Bowen, Buncombe, MSN, nursing educator.

Robert L. Craft, Anna, BBA, business administration.

Geri A. Ellis, Cobden, BS, athletic training.

Rachel P. Sisk, Makanda, BS magna cum laude, athletic training.

Alison M. Tweedy, Anna, BSN, nursing.

Cody C. Whitaker, Cobden, MAED, educational administration and leadership.

### News from

## Anna Nazarene Church

Music for the Sunday morning, May 21, worship service was led by Randy Wright and Abby Barlow and accompanied by Johnathon Cauble.

### Cobden church plans to host missionaries

The First Presbyterian Church of Cobden MSA plans to host Dr. Denise and Roy Thagard at 11 a.m. Friday, May 26.

They are Christian missionaries who serve the Felanie Herders of the Central African Republic.

Dr. Denise Thagard is a veterinarian. Roy is an ag crop specialist.

The population of the Central African Republic is predominantly Muslim.

Both Denise and Roy served in Africa before. Denise served in Ethiopia for seven years and Roy served for several years in Senegal.

For those who are able, a collection will be taken for the couple's support.

Refreshments will be served.

## Human rights authority meeting set

The Egyptian Regional Human Rights Authority of the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission plans to meet Thursday, today, in Anna. The meeting is set for 5 p.m. at El Jalapeno at 101 Leigh Ave.

The authority will review and discuss allegations that the rights of persons with disabilities are being violated at facilities that provide mental health or developmental disability services.

Cases tentatively set for the meeting's agenda include complaints involving alleged violations of the laws, regulations and mandates that protect the rights of persons with disabilities.

For information, contact the authority's regional coordinator at 618-833-4897.

offertory was provided by Johnathon Cauble.

Terry Wiseman Sr., Noah Wiseman, Heath Brooks and Curly Ralls served as ushers.

A dedication ceremony was conducted by Dr. James Kraemer for Ezra James McBride, the son of Pastor Jamie and Tiffany McBride.

Other family members attending the dedication were Ezra's brother, Mikah and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McBride and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Slater from Indiana.

Special music was provided by Jessica Elkins and Abby Barlow.

The morning message, "Vision 2020: Nothing Will Be Impossible," was brought by Dr. James Kraemer, Illinois District superintendent.

The sermon was based on scripture from Acts and shared that "God has a vision and dream for you and this church. Nothing will be impossible for you."

Music for the Sunday evening worship service was led by Randy Wright and Abby Barlow. Offertory was provided by Randy Wright.

Ushers for the evening service were Terry Wiseman Sr., Robert Smith, Noah Wiseman and Curly Ralls.

Special music was provided by Abby Barlow.

The evening message, "Balaam," was brought by the Rev. Jeff Slater from Numbers.

The message shared that "if we believe something is sin, we should stay away from it and there is no such thing as a partial walk with God."

Birthday: Jessica Elkins, May 24.

Anniversaries: Brian and Vonda Hill, May 23; Brian and Ginger Morrison, May 26.

May 28 is Graduate Sunday, when Anna Nazarene honors 8th grade, high school, college and other higher degree graduates.

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

### News from

## Walnut Grove Church

Last Sunday at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church, Olivia and Hunter lit the altar candles during the musical prelude.

Barb Norton's daughter Debbie and son-in-law Carl were visiting.

The congregation sang "Happy Birthday" to Barb Norton and Gerry Brown, and also sang "Happy Anniversary" to Loren and Keith Herold for their 25th anniversary.

Prayers were requested for Karen Lamer and Fred Schlenker.

The Rev. Ray Long reported that his daughter Hannah had graduated from high school.

Rev. Long read scripture from John and reminded the congregation that coming to church should be more than just a weekly habit.

"Our love of Jesus should be the central reason we are worshipping him in church. We can face obstacles in our lives when Jesus is behind us, and we find solace in his arms," he said.

The church presented Lynsey Timmons with a Bible upon her graduation from 8th grade. The church also previously gave graduation gifts to Jonathon Winter and Makynzie Peterman.

Correction: A memorial service for Rev. Robert Fear is planned for Saturday, June 17, at the Jonesboro United Methodist Church, at 11:30 a.m.

The next ladies' lunch will be on Friday, June 2, 11:30 a.m. at a location to be determined.

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

### News from

## First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, May 21, Pastor Mike Turner's message was titled "Benefits of Being a Sheep," based on scripture from John. Music was directed by associate pastor of worship Paul Lemon.

The message on Sunday, May 14, was titled "Women: Why Men Pray," based on scripture from 1st Timothy.

Special music on May 14 was presented by Connor Benbrook and Debbie York in the early service and by the worship choir in the second service.

Birthdays: Bon Kohler, May 16; Joanna Turner, May 18; Mary "Murk" Cripps, May 20; Pastor Mike Turner, May 21; and Robbie Wright, May 25.

Anniversaries: Jose and Jerri Tehandon, married 18 years on May 18; and Ernest and Doris Rhodes, married 61 years on May 26.

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

## Student council officers elected

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Student Council recently elected officers for the 2017-2018 academic year.

The officers include Heidi Mitchell, president; Hunter Denny, vice president; Jaycee Woodward, secretary; Jasmine Foster, treasurer.

Ashley Detering, blood drive coordinator. Olivia Wilkins, parking secretary. Emma Ray, homcoming coordinator.

Payton Alsip, senior representative. Bryce Massey, junior representative. Taylor Harvel, sophomore representative.

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# Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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

**Star Student Award**  
Sydney Brust of Mater Dei High School, Evansville, Ind., granddaughter of Carol Frick of Anna, was awarded the 2017 Silver Medal at a banquet on May 7.

Sydney, with a 3.91 grade point average, volunteers with the Frog Follies, the Vanderburgh 4-H Fair, Tri-State Food Bank and St. Mary's Hospital.

She is on the swim team, and active with the German Club, Pep Club, Dance Marathon for Riley's Hospital for Children, and Peer Mediation. Her 150 hours of volunteer service work at St. Mary's Hospital have her interested in a medical profession. She now works part-time at Donut Bank.

Sydney is the daughter of Nancy and Mark Brust of Evansville, Ind., and granddaughter of Mary Hewlett of Marion.

The awards were by C&P Media, which recognizes high school juniors who excel in numerous endeavors. 91 students from the area were recognized as being gold, silver and bronze award winners.

**Birthdays Celebration**  
Betty Eagle took her daughter Valerie Murray to Kentucky to celebrate Valerie's birthday. They enjoyed eating at Patti's in Grand Rivers and shopping.

**Graduation**  
Betty Eagle and Valerie Murray attended the graduation of Betty's grandson Ryan in Cartersville.

**Mother's Day Dinner**  
Carol Gordon went to dinner with her son Kerry Wills for Mother's Day at Lake of Egypt. She was escorted by her brother Clarence (Bub) Tweedy.

**Birthdays Celebration**  
Clara Cates was honored last Thursday for her birthday by a trip to Lamberts by her husband Gaylon and son Gaylon Wayne who was here visiting from Chicago. They also shopped in the outlet mall and stopped at Boom Land. Gaylon

Wayne returned to Chicago Friday.

**Graduation Trip**  
Terry and Barbara House attended the graduation of Tori Moore in St. Louis.

**Memorial Service**  
Rev. Steve and Elaine Shepherd will be traveling to Kingsport, Tenn., to attend a memorial service for Elaine's older sister. Elaine lost a brother and sister in less than two months during this past winter. Please remember family members traveling to attend this memorial.

**Congratulations**  
Congratulations to Carl and Barbara Langston on the birth of their new great-grandchild.

**Get Well**  
Peggy Rains was at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis visiting Jim's brother Bill who had open heart surgery, triple bypass and valve repair last Thursday. Bill is doing okay and would appreciate prayers for quick recovery and healing.

**VFW**  
Star Karaoke will be at the VFW, Sunday, May 28, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

On Monday, May 29, at 11 a.m., the Anna Post will have a special program to honor all veterans and our country.

**46th Wedding Anniversary**  
Don and Lynn Hinkle celebrated Sunday, May 21.

**100th Birthday**  
Mary Crunk Pattan was honored with a birthday dinner at Giant City Lodge Sunday hosted by her son Dan. Family and friends attended.

**Guest**  
Guest of Mary Light and family was her nephew Brad Lingle from Florence, Ala. Brad came for the graduation of Cheyenne Lingle in Dongola.

Mary will be hosting a birthday party for her husband Carlyn and graduation party for her granddaughter Cheyenne Saturday.

**Visiting Anna**  
Barry Palmer from Florida visited in Anna and attended the A-JCHS



Lillian Milam hosted the Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies meeting at the Old Feed Store in Cobden.

graduation of his daughter MaCayla.

**Women's Club**  
The Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club will meet Monday, June 5, at 11 a.m. at Mt. Pleasant at the home of Jamie Starratt. Turn on the Mt. Pleasant Road. It is the second house on the right.

The meal will be by reservation so call president Jane Bauer if you plan to go.

The speaker will be Warren Anderson telling about the Shawnee Indians and their journey through Missouri and Illinois.

**Annabelle Festival**  
The fourth annual An-

nabelle Festival will be June 9-10. On Friday, there will be lots of activities in downtown Anna.

There will be a classic auto show in the parking lot across from the Anna-Jonesboro National Bank, an art and flower show at the Anna Arts Center, children's games at the Presbyterian Church and music by Beak and Co. at 6 p.m. in front of Kiki's Coffeehouse.

The festival will start off Saturday at the Anna City Park with a breakfast at the Masonic Lodge across from the Anna City Pool from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Then at

9 a.m. in the park will be an arts and craft fair, food vendors and an Annabelle Hydrangea sale. There will also be carriage rides, children's activities and music by RaQuel at 6 p.m.

**SEMO Iris Society**  
The next meeting is Aug. 6 at noon and will be held



Geneva Jackson sported her new hat she won as one of the door prizes at the Red Hat meeting last Wednesday. Geneva is 90 years young and very active in our community.



Congratulations to Janna Harner, who graduated from SEMO with a bachelor of arts in literature and a minor in mathematics. She'll be starting her master's in the fall at SEMO.



Skyler Brown graduated 8th grade from Carlisle County Middle School. Skyler is pictured with his grandmother Stacy Willyerd and Skyler's father Jordan Brown.



Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club, represented by Martha Ann Webb, presented a check to Heather Craig, administrative assistant at A-JCHS, for Safe Celebration night.



Betty Eagle attended the graduation of her grandson Ryan from Cartersville High School.



Martha Ann Webb and Linda Clutts celebrated their May birthdays at the Little Egypt Red Hat meeting.



Cynthia Kothe won first place with her iris arrangement at the SEMO Iris Society Flower Show in the West Park Mall.



Congratulations to Jesse and Amanda Glasco on the birth of their baby Jax Alexander. Carl and Barbara Langston are the proud great-grandparents.

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# Anna News

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## Class of 1967

The A-JCHS Class of 1967 will celebrate their 50th class reunion the weekend of Oct. 13-14.

They are still looking for some class members they do not have information for, so if you have not received anything from them, please give Joan Dallas a call at 833-8316.

## Anna Star Chapter No. 522

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

## State Retirees Meeting

AFSCME Retirees Chapter 90 meets at the Anna Heights Baptist Church at 100 Turner Ave. in Anna on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. They encourage other state retirees to join them.

## Spark Ministries

The nondenominational church meets at the old McClure Grade School at 11 a.m. Sunday mornings.

## Birthday Celebrations

If you would like your birthday and how you celebrated in the paper, email me or give me a call. Leave on my answering machine if I am not home. If you send me a picture, be sure and make a copy and send the copy.

## Red Hat Ladies

Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies met in Cobden at the Old Feed Store for their May meeting.

The hostess was Lillian Milam. Lillian decorated the tables in red and purple colors with door prizes and decorations.

Linda Clutts led the

## Walker Tracy visits mother



Jil Walker Tracy, who is now serving as an Illinois District 47 state senator, visited her mother, Betty Odum, over Mother's Day weekend.

While here, she planted her mother's flowers and prepared Saturday evening dinner for her and close relatives.

After attending Sunday morning worship service with her mother, she made her way back to Springfield for the next legislative sessions.

Jil Walker Tracy is an Anna-Jonesboro Community High School graduate.

## Lindsey Cemetery celebration set

The Lindsey Cemetery Association of McClure is planning its 46th annual celebration Saturday and Sunday, May 27-28.

The celebration is set at Lindsey Cemetery, which is located along Grapevine Trail, east of McClure.

Barbecue will be served all day on Saturday.

A service is planned Sunday beginning at 1:30 p.m. An area ritual team will assist in the program, with guest speaker Ford R. Phillips, a former McClure resident who now lives in Cape Girardeau.

Music will be presented. An area ritual team will conclude the program with a 21-gun salute and "Taps."

All proceeds go to maintain the Lindsey Cemetery.

group in singing songs and ended with everyone standing and singing God Bless America.

The ladies toured the Cobden Museum after their meeting and saw the John F. Kennedy exhibit and shopped in the antique stores and other stores in Cobden.

## Free Community Dinners

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

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

Salem Lutheran Church's free meal is on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

Harvest Church serves a free meal every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## 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

Congratulations to Rev. Steve Guined and his church family on their new church. Many people toured the open house and dedication service Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Steve preached of the love of God for his people and how we should help those in need.

Church services are at 10:30 a.m. Sunday mornings. The church delivers food to homes Saturday mornings at 10 a.m.

## Military Prayer List

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

Lukas W. Davis, Kiefer Stull, Garrett Goins, David Jordan Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, CJ Youngerman, Freddy Morse, Reagan Morrison, Josh Steveson, Josh Williams, Faith Odum, Tommy Goff and family Janelle, Jamison and Kaylynn, Craighton Laster, Brandon Eaker, Jim Bonner, Jacob Schaefer, Jerod Schaefer, Jennifer Ann Bishop, Robert Jr. McMeely, James McWhorter, Arin White-mountain. Please keep them in your prayers.

## Nature note cards program planned

An opportunity to make nature note cards is planned at a program set Saturday, May 27, at the Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands Center near Cypress.

The program is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon. The center is located at 8885 State Route 37 South.

Each person who attends and participates in the program will be able to create two note cards with envelopes. Materials will be provided, free of charge.

Those who plan to attend are asked to register in advance. To register, call 618-657-2064.

## Honor society inducts members

A National Honor Society induction ceremony was held recently at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

Fourteen new members were inducted into the honor society. Those who were inducted included:

Jacob Applegate, Hannah Baggott, MaKenzie Chaney, Mallory Cochran, Ashley Detering, Julia Ellis, Madison Johnson.

Bryce Massey, Emma Ray, Anna Madura, Alex Rogers, Lexi Smith, Megan Tehandon, Morgan Wendling.



## Dongola honors banquet

Dongola School hosted a junior high and senior high honors banquet on Thursday, May 11. The event was held in the high school gym. School faculty members presented students with a variety of awards. Award were presented for achievements in English, literature, journalism, art, mathematics, music, agriculture, physical fitness, history, science and others. Valedictorian, salutatorian, student of the year and honor roll achievements also were recognized. Students also received scholarships from local businesses, organizations and colleges. Photo by Lindsey Rae Vaughn.

# Public hearings to address senior services in region

The Egyptian Area Agency on Aging, EAAA, is planning to have three public hearings in the region to discuss a major reduction in federal and state funding and a plan for services for senior adults for the southern 13 counties in Illinois.

The agency reported in a news release that discussion at the public hearings will lead towards a determination of the financial support

which is available for community services that help senior adults maintain their independence and stay in their own homes.

The schedule for the public hearings includes:

- May 31, 10:30 a.m., at the senior meal site at city hall in Grand Tower.
- June 1, 11 a.m., at the Happy Hearts Senior Center at 701 Market St. in Metropolis.
- June 2, 10:45 a.m. at the

Herrin Senior Center, 1201 Weaver Rd. in Herrin.

Copies of the proposed area plan of services are available at the public hearing sites and at senior adult centers throughout Southern Illinois.

Copies of the proposed plan also can be found online at [www.egyptianaaa.org/Area\\_Plan\\_Summary.pdf](http://www.egyptianaaa.org/Area_Plan_Summary.pdf).

Comments about the proposed plan can be sent

by June 5 to the Egyptian Area Agency on Aging, 200 E. Plaza Dr., Carterville, Ill. 62918, or shared by calling 1-888-895-3306.

Funded services include transportation, information and assistance, outreach, ombudsman, legal assistance, congregate and home-delivered meals, health promotion, family caregiver support and abuse prevention and education.

# Television Listing

## THURSDAY MAY 25, 2017

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs Local info.	2017 NCAA Softball Championship "Super Regionals"	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Undercover Good Luck	"Bourne"	"28 Days Later" (02) (HD)	"1 Am Number Four" (11)			
7 PM :30	Grey's Anatomy (HD)	Big Bang (31) Indoors	Beat Shazam (HD)	American Ninja Warrior	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Stuck Mid. Good Luck	"Forgetting Sarah Marshall" (08) (HD)	★★★ "In the Heart of the Sea" (15) Essex disaster. (HD)	Twin Peaks "The Return: Parts 1 & 2" (HD)
8 PM :30	(01) Scandal (HD)	(01) Mom Pieces (HD)	Love Connection (HD)	Running Wild Bear Grylls	2017 NCAA Softball Championship "Super Regionals"	Big Bang	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Undercover	Undercover	Sil Valley	
9 PM :30	The Catch (HD)	Training Day (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Red Nose Day (HD)	Big Bang	Big Bang	Inside the FBI: New York	Liv Maddie BUNK'D	Veep "Qatar"	(05) "Deepwater Horizon" (16, Drama) Rig explodes. (HD)	Dark Net
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs Local info.	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan (HD)	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Jessie (HD)	Chris Getthard: Career Mental illness.		B.S.!! (HD)
11 PM :30	(35) Jimmy Kimmel (HD)	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter with Scott	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Stuck Mid. Andi Mack	"Steve Jobs"	"Steve Jobs"	Twin Peaks (HD)
	Nightline	(37) Corden	Local Programs Local info.	Late Night		Conan (HD)			"Bourne"		

## FRIDAY MAY 26, 2017

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs Local info.	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld	Mod Family	Andi Mack	"Wizard of Oz" (15)	"The Wedding Singer"	★★★ "Mother's Day" (16) Jennifer Aniston. Relationships.			
7 PM :30	Shark Tank Entrepreneurs.	MacGyver "Large Blade"	Beat Shazam (HD)	First Dates (HD)	NBA Countdown (Live)	Big Bang	Mod Family	Andi Mack	"The Last Witch Hunter" (15, Action) Last hope. (HD)	"Sisters" (15) Two sisters throw one final party. (R) (HD)	Twin Peaks "The Return: Parts 1 & 2" (HD)
8 PM :30	Shark Tank Entrepreneurs.	Hawaii Five-0 (HD)	(01) Love Connection (HD)	Dateline NBC (HD)	2017 NBA Playoffs (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	Mod Family	"16 Wishes" (10) Wish goes wrong. (HD)	Real Time w/ Bill Maher	"Coyote Ugly" (00) Singer tends bar.	
9 PM :30	20/20 Investigative news.	Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Local	ELEAGUE "Street Fighter V - Semifinals & Finals" (HD)	Big Bang	Mod Family	(40) Jessie	VICE (HD)		"Bad Moms" (16) Mom goes wild. (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs Local info.	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter with Scott Van Pelt (HD)	Local	Mod Family	Jessie (HD)	Insecure	"American Pie" (99) Lessons in love. (R)	Madrigal
11 PM :30	(35) Jimmy Kimmel (HD)	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Late Night		"The Pacifier" (05) (HD)	Mod Family	Tangled	Insecure		
	Nightline	(37) Corden	Local Programs Local info.	Late Night			Mod Family	Liv Maddie	Insecure		

## SATURDAY MAY 27, 2017

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	MLB Baseball "Regional Coverage- Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	2017 NCAA Softball Championship "Super Regionals"	2 Broke	NCIS "Sister City Part 1"	Walk Prank	"Eddie the Eagle" (16)	"Romancing the Stone" (84)	Twin Peaks "The Return: Parts 1 & 2" (HD)
7 PM :30	To Tell the Truth (HD)	Ransom Crisis negotiator.	"Fast & Furious 6" (13, Action) Vin Diesel. Dominic and his team help agent Hobbs.	Dateline NBC (HD)	2017 NBA Playoffs (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	NCIS "Deja Vu" (HD)	MECH-X4 Lab Rats	★★★ "Storks" (16) Baby delivery. (HD)	"The Day the Earth Stood Still" (08)	
8 PM :30	To Be Announced	Training Day (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Local	2017 NCAA Softball Championship "Super Regionals"	Big Bang	NCIS "Decompressed"	"Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days" (12)	"X-Men: Apocalypse" (15) James McAvoy. Mankind threatened. (HD)	(45) ★★★ "Dark Water" (05) Haunted apartment. (HD)	"The Hateful Eight" (15, Western) Group encounters betrayal and deception. (HD)
9 PM :30	To Be Announced	48 Hours	Local Programs Local info.	Local	Premier Boxing Champions (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	NCIS "React" (HD)	Undercover		"Sisters" (15, Comedy) Final party. (HD)	Twin Peaks (HD)
10 PM :30	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	MasterChef Junior "Finale"	Local	Frontal (HD)	A. Tribeca	NCIS "Loose Cannons"	Undercover			
11 PM :30	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	Dateline NBC (HD)	"The Interview" (14) (HD)	Inside the FBI: New York		Liv Maddie	The Leftovers "Certified"		

## SUNDAY MAY 28, 2017

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Funniest Home Videos	60 Minutes (HD)	Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series from Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C. (Live) (HD)	Dateline NBC (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	"The Interview" (14) James Franco. Tyrant targeted. (R)	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Stuck Mid. Andi Mack	"Independence Day: Resurgence" Second invasion.	(5:25) "The Forest" (16)	Twin Peaks "The Return: Parts 1 & 2" (HD)
7 PM :30	Funniest Home Videos	NCIS: L. A. (HD)	American Ninja Warrior	American Ninja Warrior	NBA Countdown (Live)	Big Bang	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Undercover	Bizaardvark	"The Take" (16) Pickpocket helps. (HD)	
8 PM :30	The Bachelorette Rachel gets advice. (HD)	Madam Secretary (HD)	American Ninja Warrior "All Stars" All-star teams. (HD)	2017 NBA Playoffs Golden State (Live) (HD)	2017 NBA Playoffs Golden State (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	"Bad Hair Day" (15) Stolen necklace.	The Leftovers (HD)	(35) "Pearl Harbor" (01, Action) Ben Affleck. WWII pilots fight for a woman's love. (HD)	Twin Peaks "The Return: Parts 3 & 4" (HD)
9 PM :30	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	SportsCenter with Scott Van Pelt (HD)	Big Bang	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Veep "Blurb"	Oliver (HD)		Twin Peaks "The Return: Parts 3 & 4" (HD)
10 PM :30	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	Dateline NBC (HD)	"Shrek" (01) An ogre and a donkey escort a princess.	Mod Family	Mod Family	Bizaardvark	Sil Valley		
11 PM :30	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	Dateline NBC (HD)		Mod Family	Mod Family	(45) Mickey	Stuck Mid. Veep "Blurb"		
						Mod Family	Andi Mack	Andi Mack	Leftovers	"Aviator"	

## MONDAY MAY 29, 2017

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers at Kansas City Royals from Kauffman Stadium (Live)	Family Guy	Chrisley	Stuck Mid.	"Bourne" (86)	"Platoon" (80)	"The American" (10) (HD)
7 PM :30	The Bachelorette (HD)	Kevin Wait Man Plan	Gotham Stop virus. (HD)	2017 Stanley Cup Final "Game 1" (Live) (HD)	NBA Countdown (Live)	Family Guy	Chrisley	Stuck Mid.	Undercover	"Sully" (16) Emergency landing. (HD)	Twin Peaks "The Return: Parts 3 & 4" (HD)
8 PM :30	Housewife TBA	Superior	(01) Lucifer Charlotte kills man.	Baseball Tonight (HD)	Baseball Tonight (HD)	Family Guy	Am. Dad	Andi Mack	First Look	"Everest" (15, Thriller) Jason Clarke. Battle to survive winter storm.	Twin Peaks "The Return: Parts 3 & 4" (HD)
9 PM :30	(01) Still Star-Crossed	Scorpion "More Civil War"	Local Programs Local info.	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Family Guy	Conan (HD)	Friday Night Tykes: Steel	Andi Mack	"The Wizard of Lies" (17, Drama) Bernie Madoff. (HD)	
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs Local info.	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter with Scott Van Pelt (HD)	Family Guy	CSI: Crime "Brain Doe"	Stuck Mid.	Andi Mack	(55) "The Signal" (14)	"Bridge of Spies" (15)
11 PM :30	(35) Jimmy Kimmel (HD)	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Late Night		Conan (HD)		Andi Mack			

## TUESDAY MAY 30, 2017

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at St. Louis Cardinals (Live) (HD)	Seinfeld	Mod Family	Undercover	"Storks"	"Keeping the Faith" (00)	(5:45) "Deja Vu" (06) Federal agent travels back in time.
7 PM :30	Downward The Middle	NCIS: "Nonstop" (HD)	The Mick	America's Got Talent (HD)	Big Bang	Seinfeld	Mod Family	Bizaardvark	Tonight (HD)	"Zoolander" (01) Ben Stiller. Model killer.	Twin Peaks "The Return: Parts 3 & 4" (HD)
8 PM :30	Housewife TBA	Bull Trial consultant. (HD)	Prison Break (HD)	World of Dance (HD)	2017 Stanley Cup Final "Game 1" (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	WWE SmackDown (Live) (HD)	Andi Mack	Stuck Mid.	"Sin City" (05) Tough outlaws battle in a corrupt city. (R)	
9 PM :30	Housewife black-ish	NCIS: New Orleans (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	World of Dance (HD)	MLB Baseball Washington Nationals at San Francisco Giants from AT&T Park (Live)	Big Bang	Team Ninja Warrior (HD)	Undercover	Veep "Blurb"	"Two Sisters" (15) Two sisters throw one final party. (R) (HD)	
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs Local info.	Local	Local	Big Bang	Conan (HD)	Undercover	First Look		Dark Net
11 PM :30	(35) Jimmy Kimmel (HD)	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter with Scott Van Pelt (HD)	Conan (HD)	Conan (HD)	Friday Night Tykes: Steel	BUNK'D	Real Sports - Gumbel (HD)	
	Nightline	(37) Corden	Local Programs Local info.	Late Night		Seinfeld	Chrisley	Stuck Mid.	Andi Mack	"By the Sea" (15) Seaside town. (R) (HD)	★ "Fifty Shades of Black"

## WEDNESDAY MAY 31, 2017

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs Local info.	NBA Finals Preview (HD)	Seinfeld	Chrisley	Undercover	"Race" (16)	"The Take" (16)	(05) "The Hateful Eight" (15, Western) Group encounters betrayal and deception.			
7 PM :30	TBA	NCIS: L. A. (HD)	MasterChef (HD)	Little Big Shots (HD)	MLB Baseball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	Chrisley	Stuck Mid.	The Leftovers (HD)	★★★ "Our Guys" (15) (R) (HD)	
8 PM :30	To Be Announced	Criminal Minds "Keeper"	The F Word "Episode One"	Carmichael Carmichael	Baseball Tonight (HD)	Big Bang	Big Star Little Star (HD)	Liv Maddie	"The Boss" (16) Struggling mogul. (HD)	(50) ★★★ "Michael Clayton" (07) Corporate. (HD)	Twin Peaks "The Return: Parts 3 & 4" (HD)
9 PM :30	(01) Still Star-Crossed	Criminal Minds: Borders	Local Programs Local info.	This Is Us (HD)	Local	Big Bang	Mod Family	Undercover	Veep "Blurb"		Dark Net
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs Local info.	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Frontal (HD)	Mod Family	Undercover	Sil Valley		
11 PM :30	(35) Jimmy Kimmel (HD)	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter with Scott Van Pelt (HD)	Conan (HD)	Conan (HD)	Friday Night Tykes: Steel	BUNK'D	(15) "The Nice Guys" (16, Mystery) Huge conspiracy.	"Blood and Wine" Necklace robbery. (R)

# Opinion and Commentary

## National Prevention Week: Making Each Day Count

The federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, SAMHSA, sponsors National Prevention Week each year during the third week of May so that schools can do stress prevention before the summer break.

The week is an annual health observance dedicated to increasing public awareness of mental and substance use disorders. The 2017 theme is "Making Each Day Count."

The event is a reminder that prevention doesn't take a vacation during the summer months when students are out of school. As youth have more free time on their hands, it is important to make sure they have positive and fun things to keep them busy and safe.

Heroin and opiates have become a concern, but National Prevention Week also touches on marijuana and tobacco use, underage drinking, suicide prevention and promotes mental health and wellness. All these things are interconnected.

Students who are becoming teens and young adults need to realize they're not alone in making healthy decisions. It is imperative that adults continue to remind youth that most are making healthy decisions.

Sharing information and education to parents/guardians on current trends, creating family bonds, setting boundaries and being a positive role model is crucial in creating a safe and healthy community. With so many opportunities that arise for celebrating, let's encourage how to celebrate all these life events without the use of alcohol and drugs.

Talk with your graduate, set clear boundaries and rules for a no-use policy. By serving as positive role models, talking to other parents, supervising parties to make sure no alcohol is served and supporting alcohol-free school celebrations, you can help prevent a life-changing mistake.

With all the concerns of prescription drug and opioid misuse, it is necessary to keep tabs on medication as well as alcohol supplies. Advocating to adults the importance of this and providing information on drug drop-off boxes is good common practices for prevention efforts.

It just makes sense to try and eliminate problems by not having those substances so readily available to youth and young adults.

The Anna Police Station at 100 Market St. in Anna has a medication drop-off box where any unused or unwanted medications can be disposed of.

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

(Editor's note: This article was shared by The Fellowship House.)

## Letters to the editor

### Appreciation voiced

To the editor,

A thank you note to all of the people who helped during the sand boil problem by the levee west of Wolf Lake. We understand there were over 40 trucks hauling rocks. It sure makes our field look sad, but that is much better than if the levee would have broke and flooded from the Big Muddy to Gale, Ill., which is south of Cape Girardeau.

Signed, Dan Wilson and Imogene Sutton, Wolf Lake

### Letters to the editor

The Gazette-Democrat welcomes letters to the editor. Any letter which is submitted to the paper must be signed by the person who wrote the letter. We ask that letters be of local interest and must be as brief as possible.

Each letter must include an address and phone number for the person who wrote the letter. This information is needed so the identity of the person who wrote the letter can be verified. Letters which do not include this information will not be used.

The deadline to submit a letter to the editor is noon on Thursday. Letters which are submitted after the deadline will be held for the following week.

The newspaper reserves the right to edit all letters. Please limit the length of letters to 300 or fewer words. The newspaper reserves the right to reject letters which are deemed inappropriate for any reason. Personal attacks are not allowed.

Political campaigning is accepted as paid advertising only; letters used for campaign purposes will not be published.

Letters can be submitted in several ways. Letters can be mailed to the paper; send them to The Gazette-Democrat, P.O. Box 529, Anna, Illinois 62906. Letters can be sent by fax at 618-833-5813. Letters also can be emailed to news@annanews.com.

## Please read this. . .

by Geof Skinner

### Special treats for your holiday grilling...

**WARNING: If you are squeamish about eating dead things, other than hamburger, Please DO NOT Read This. If you are a member, or supporter, of PETA, Please DO NOT Read This.**

A fellow traveler on The Journey Through Life passed through The Paragraph Factory one morning last week and mentioned something about how this space often features pictures of various critters – but there are never any critter recipes.

Well, dear readers, this week we shall remedy that situation. Maybe you'll get an idea or two for your Memorial Day grilling.

During The Journey Through Life, yours truly has been fortunate, if that is the right word, to have enjoyed all sorts of what might seem like unusual culinary treats – shark (and various other members of the finny tribe), turtle, rattlesnake, frog legs, antelope, venison, buffalo, Rocky Mountain oysters, rabbit (the wild variety), squirrel and even shrimp on the barbie. They all tasted like chicken.

(The shrimp on the barbie might not seem all that exotic, but the locale might have been, since the treat was served in Australia.)

With the comment about recipes fresh in my mind, I immediately headed to the internet and Google to do some research. Or, as those of us engaged in creating fake news call it – research.

The research turned up about 48 billion results for weird, strange and unusual wild game recipes.

One site your intrepid journalist visited online was called cdkitchen – "it's what's cooking online!" The exclamation mark, and the use of all lower case letters, made the site seem pretty legitimate.

The site featured all sorts of exciting recipes for treats that included Louisiana Sweet and Sour Alligator, Texas Armadillo, Barbecue(d) Raccoon, Pig Feet in Tomato Sauce, Deep-Fried Rattlesnake, Fred's Muskrat and Baked Possum.

The ingredients for that last one, Baked Possum, included whiskey, celery, sweet potatoes, possum, beer, Tabasco sauce, salt, onions, garlic and Worcestershire sauce. You throw away everything except the whiskey and beer, set them aside, go to the store to get some chicken nuggets and potato salad, come back home, eat dinner.

The research for this colyum also took me to the Outdoor Life website, which would seem like a pretty reliable source. The website featured an article headlined: "Dare You To Eat This: Weird Wild Game." The article was the work of Outdoor Life "digital guru" Alex Robinson.

In a word, the headline which accompanied the article was, well, on target. Some of the "weird wild game" which Robinson wrote about included coyote, deer blood, deer heart, squirrel brain, rook pie, fish cheeks, eelpout, earthworms and dropped fowl.

Robinson shared the following tasty nuggets about some of those special treats, which I hope he doesn't mind me using:

Coyotes: Dishes include crockpot coyote, coyote burritos and something called "yodeldog burritos."

Deer Blood: "In many deer camps around the country it's tradition to drink the blood from the first deer you kill. Some people believe this is a way to carry the spirit of the animal with you, other people believe this a right of passage for a hunter and others believe this is a way to watch the new guy do something really gross."

Eelpout: "Also known as burbot or freshwater cod, eelpout are regularly eaten in Minnesota. They're bottom feeders and by no means the most attractive looking fish in the lake, but they taste pretty good when they're cubed and served as nuggets."

Earthworms: "Most outdoorsmen are more likely to



**Main course? Guess it could be. Earthworms are high in protein, and are really easy to find. This one was already cooked, too...tasted like chicken...**

use worms for bait than dinner, but think twice before you toss out your crawlers. More and more people are experimenting with eating bugs and many times worms are on the top of the menu. They're high in protein and can be found in your very own backyard."

Squirrel Brain: "Squirrel brains are a regional delicacy in Kentucky. But adventurous eaters beware: in the late 90s scientists warned that eating squirrel brains could be linked to a rare form of mad cow disease in humans. I think I'll pass on this one."

Dropped Fowl: "This dish is common in Kentucky and calls for hanging a duck (or chicken) by the neck to age. How do you know when it's done? The fowl is ripe when the weight of the carcass makes it fall off the head, earning the dish its appetizing name.

Just in case you want to have something special for Memorial Day, here's a nifty recipe that was included in the "Dare You to Eat This" article:

#### Rattlesnake Hot Dogs

1 rattlesnake carcass  
1 cup half n half or milk  
1/2 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced  
2 limes, sliced thin  
1 tsp. basil  
1 tsp. pepper  
1 tsp. rosemary  
1/2 cup chili  
1/4 cup cheese  
Diced onions  
Hot dog buns

Cut snake into 3-inch sections and place in a large baking dish. Cover with cream or milk and add the mushrooms, limes, basil, pepper and rosemary. Cover tightly. Bake in 300 degree oven for 60 to 70 minutes or until done. Put rattlesnake in bun and top with chili, cheese, and diced onions. Get creative! Add your favorite hot dog toppings.

Bony appetite...that's Southern French for time to chow down...

The bottom line for all these possible goodies is how they taste. And I'm guessing that each and every one of them tastes like chicken.

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## Page from the Past

From the files of The Gazette-Democrat  
50 Years Ago, May 25, 1967

Funeral services were held at the McCarty Funeral Home in Anna on Monday, May 22, for Lt. Commander Robert E. Robinson, 32, who was killed as the result of an airplane crash off the coast of South Viet Nam on Saturday, May 13. Making a career of the Navy, he had served for 13 years and had been in the Southeast Asian Theatre since July 1, 1966.

Special community services will be held at Korntal Union County Memorial Church on Sunday, May 28, at 2:30 p.m.

Residents of Anna are cordially invited to attend Memorial Day services on Tuesday, May 30, sponsored by Townsend F. Dodd Post 344 of the American Legion. The traditional commemorative services are scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. at the American Legion Memorial in the new section of the Anna Cemetery.

Memorial Day Services will be held by the Veterans of Foreign Wars at the Anna State Hospital at 9:00 a.m. and the Post Home at 10:00 a.m., with members of the Union County Ministerial Alliance officiating, Memorial Day, May 30.

According to spokesmen for several fruit and vegetable shippers in Union County, shipping (of strawberries) has been extremely light thus far.

The opening of the Anna Municipal Pool is being planned by the Park Board and it is now being painted and cleaned, preparatory to the opening date. A manager has been obtained and as soon as the weather permits for the painting to be completed, the pool will open.

Directors of three radio stations in Paraguay who are recipients of 30-day educational travel grants awarded by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs visited Radio Station WRAJ in Anna Tuesday, May 22.

The high for the week was 80 on Thursday, May 18, with a low of 44 on Tuesday, May 23.

The Alto Pass High School Commencement will be held Friday, May 26.

World War I veterans and their auxiliary will meet at the Legion Home for their regular monthly meeting on Sunday, May 28, at 2 p.m.

The Fourth Annual Elementary "Spring Fling" was held in the Shawnee Auditorium Thursday and was sung to an overflow crowd.

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