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News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

If you don't like the weather, wait just a moment or two...

...the National Weather Service office in Paducah is calling for a high temperature near 66 degrees on Thursday, today...

...on Friday, there's a chance for rain and snow, with a high near 39...

The weather service also reported that there was a chance for thunderstorms Tuesday night and Wednesday, along with the possibility of 1 to 2 inches of rain.

Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel is calling for a comprehensive plan regarding the evacuation of the courthouse in Jonesboro due to an emergency.

The sheriff also is reporting major concerns about finding new personnel to fill a critical staffing situation in the Union County Sheriff's Office. Similar concerns have been voiced by Anna Police Chief Mike Hunter.

The Union County Sheriff's Office reported that several accidents occurred Monday morning on slick roads.

The passing of Lee Roy Rendleman was noted at last Friday morning's regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners. Mr. Rendleman served as a commissioner.

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Union County CEO program

Applications being accepted for class of 2019

The CEO program of Union County is accepting applications for out-of-the box thinkers who are interesting in participating in next year's CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) program.

Applications with references will be accepted through March 1.

Students can contact any Union County high school counselor for more information.

Applications are also available at Whitney Accounting at 105 Transcraft Dr. in Anna. Home-schooled students are welcomed to apply as well.

Students in CEO Team 18 have been actively involved in recruiting activities in Union County Schools.

The students have based their school talks on student-designed PowerPoint presentations to Cobden, Anna-Jonesboro and Shawnee high schools. A visit to Dongola High School was being planned.

The Union County CEO program, partnering with the Midland Institute for Entrepreneurship, is more than an entrepreneurship course.

The program is an experiential learning opportunity that offers juniors and seniors in high school or home-schooled the chance to participate in real life experiences.

In a recent survey of the CEO alumni, they were asked what CEO skills they



Students in CEO program

This photo of the CEO class by Bonni Littleton Photography was recently featured in large recruitment posters on display in participating high schools. From left are Bryce Osman, Anna-Jonesboro Community High School; Alex Rogers, A-JCHS; from Cobden High School, Alejandra Lopez, Grace Schroeder, John Russell, Grace Pitts, Conner Allen and Zoe Fuhrhop; Megan Rhine, A-JCHS; and Cheyenne Thorn, from Shawnee Hills Christian Academy in Anna. Photo provided.

had found most helpful in college life.

Southern Illinois University Carbondale freshman football player Aaron Lence said, "Listening, being organized and prepared, and not being afraid to ask questions which has helped me get to know my professors."

Lindenwood University sophomore and cheerleader Samantha Smith responded: "I definitely think the most important skill has been the ability to network with adults and professionals in the industry.

"CEO has provided a great platform to seek others as resources and connect on a professional level. It is always very easy for me to approach my professors, guest speakers, or potential employers and start up a conversation.

"CEO also provided a great foundation for my core business classes, I have felt very prepared and am usually able to understand the material and go more in depth perhaps than other students, because many

of the concepts have been introduced to me through the CEO program."

CEO exposes students to business practices, connects them with leaders in their community, and allows them to practice communication, problem solving, and networking in a variety of settings.

Ultimately, the program guides each team member through starting and running their own functioning business, all while cultivating essential skills and an

expansive, long-lasting network of community members and business owners.

Union County CEO, supported by its business and individual investors, and the Midland Institute for Entrepreneurship partner together to establish and support excellent CEO (Creating Entrepreneurship Opportunities) Programs that are long term economic development programs for nationwide forward thinking communities.

National Register of Historic Places

Camp Ground Church, Cemetery earn recognition

Efforts by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, to preserve and promote the state's heritage paid off in 2017 with 25 properties being added to the National Register of Historic Places.

The places recognized are scattered across the state and include two archaeological sites along the Cherokee Trail of Tears, a Chicago movie palace, and the place where Lincoln and Douglas met to schedule their senatorial debates.

The Trail of Tears sites include a landmark Union County church.

Places are added to the register by the National Park Service based on recommendations from the IDNR State Historic Preservation Office.

The 25 places (plus amendments to four historic districts already listed in the register) were added throughout 2017.

"These new additions to the National Register of Historic Places each helps tell the story of Illinois through the rich history of our state," IDNR director Wayne Rosenthal said in a news release.

"Thanks to the efforts of local community leaders and local preservationists, we are delighted to help obtain national recognition for these historic buildings and neighborhoods."

The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of properties that

merit special attention and preservation.

Every Illinois county has at least one property or historic district listed in the National Register.

Together, they represent a cross section of the Prairie State's history from its early settlement to the mid-20th century.

In general, properties have to be more than 50 years old to be eligible for the National Register.

A listing places no obligations on private property owners, but does make properties eligible for some financial incentives.

IDNR reported that the 2017 additions to the National Register from Illinois included:

Camp Ground Church and Cemetery Site, Anna, Union County

Bridges Tavern and Store Site, Buncombe vicinity, Johnson County

Between 1837 and 1839, over 10,000 Cherokee traveled along the Trail of Tears as part of their forced emigration to the West.

Two Illinois properties associated with the trail's history were listed in 2017.

The Camp Ground Church and Cemetery Site was used by members of the local Presbyterian church for religious camp meetings and the burial of the deceased children of at least one member of the congregation.

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Camp Ground Church, Cemetery

The landmark Camp Ground Church and Cemetery have been added to the National Register of Historic Places. The church and cemetery are located east of Anna.



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Icy conditions in Union County area

The Union County area experienced rounds of icy weather Feb. 6-7 and again during the night of Feb. 10-11. Freezing rain, sleet, light snow and very cold temperatures led to hazardous travel conditions. The accompanying picture was taken last Sunday morning. Freezing rain had coated surfaces in the downtown area, and throughout the county, with a layer of ice.

News Notes

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The Shawnee Community Unit School District No. 84 Board of Education had a special meeting scheduled on Tuesday night. A student disciplinary matter was on the agenda.

Action related to zoning guidelines which was taken last week by the Anna City Council should allow PAWS to move forward with plans for a new facility along Dog Walk Road near Anna. PAWS representatives greeted the council's action with applause.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School plans to present "Emma: A Pop Musical" March 16-18.

A "mystery" involving the appearance of two new statues of lions at the Cobden Cemetery has been reported.

Camp Ground

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Oral histories collected in the 1930s indicate that local settlers allowed the Cherokee to camp at this location and bury their dead in a grave site next to the deceased children of congregation member George Hileman.

Two springs that the Cherokee used to obtain water for themselves and animals are located in a wooded area south of the church.

The John Bridges Tavern and Store site contains the archaeological remains of a 19th century tavern, a 19th century log building known as the Wayside Store, a spring that would have provided water for Cherokee travelers and their livestock and a series of post-1940 structures.

Oral histories from the 1930s state that the Cherokee purchased supplies at the Bridges Site Wayside Store while traveling along the Trail of Tears.

Commissioners approve tentative budget after lengthy discussion

A proposed tentative budget for Union County has been approved and is on public display.

The Union County Board of Commissioners approved the tentative budget during a regular meeting which was held last Friday morning.

The meeting was held at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

The proposed budget can be viewed online at the county's website: www.unioncountyil.gov.

Paper copies also are available at the Union County clerk's office at the courthouse.

A six-part video of Friday's meeting can be found online on YouTube.

Approval of a tentative budget came after extensive discussion at a board meeting which lasted for nearly four hours.

Discussion addressed a wide range of topics, including the budget itself, a projected deficit, proposed cuts that involve personnel, wording related to the contractual status of several administrative positions, the lack of an audit and more.

The proposed budget is for the county's fiscal year, which began on Dec. 1, 2017. The budget would be in effect until Nov. 30.

Approval of the tentative budget came after many hours of discussion involving county officials. A delay in giving final approval for the tentative budget was tied to determining expenses for the last fiscal year and other factors, county officials said.

The talks which unfolded on Friday involved the most discussion about the budget which had taken place during any recent board meetings.

Those present at the meeting included county officeholders, employees and members of the public.

County administrator Angela Coke said that a balanced tentative budget was being presented. The budget called for \$4.6 million in general fund spending.

"We've worked on this a long time," county commissioner Danny Hartline said as the board prepared to vote on approving the tentative budget. He said the process had been "long and tedious."

"We have to make some hard decisions," he said, noting that county officials were looking at the possibility of a \$450,000 deficit in the general fund.

County board chairman Bobby Toler Jr. agreed with Hartline's assessment of the situation. Toler said that a lot of hard work had gone into drafting the tentative budget.

When a vote was taken to approve the tentative budget, commissioners Alex Foeller and Max Miller voted in favor of passage.

Commissioners Hartline, Toler and Dale Foster voted no on the proposal. Hartline said later in the meeting that he voted no as a way to allow more information about the budget to be addressed.

Commissioner Hartline asked Toler and Foster why they had voted no. Foster said he wanted to look further at the budget.

Hartline then wanted to know if Toler and Foster had a plan for the budget and wanted to be sure that they were not voting for political reasons. Both Toler and Foster said they did not cast their votes for such reasons.

"What's your plan?" Hartline responded. "My question is - what do we do? I'm all ears."

Board chairman Toler said that he had "no problem with a balanced budget. It's how we arrived at it."

Toler said he would like to see further discussion about the budget by the entire board. He suggested that a special meeting might be held for such talks.

As discussion continued, commissioner Miller suggested that all of the commissioners were in favor of a balanced budget. He also emphasized that county officials needed to look at revenue being generated by the county. Declining

revenue has been an ongoing concern for the county.

Officials noted that the county has faced nearly \$200,000 in cuts in state funding.

Miller said that "revenues are constantly going down," while expenses continue to go up. "Somebody has to make some hard decisions," he said.

At that point, the board chairman suggested that Friday morning's meeting be continued.

After discussing other matters of concern, the commissioners and other county officials again focused on the budget situation.

Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds voiced concerns about the county being two and a half months into the fiscal year without a budget in place.

Edmonds said he found the situation "disconcerting." He suggested that the lack of a budget was a "five-alarm fire." The state's attorney called for the commissioners to talk about the budget "right now." Commissioner Foeller would echo the state's attorney's five-alarm fire observation later in the meeting.

"There's no excuse for us not having a budget at this point," commissioner Miller stated.

Proposed staffing cuts to save on expenses were addressed as discussion continued.

The proposals include the elimination of a position in the state's attorney's office, moving an employee in the treasurer's office from full-time to part-time, not filling a post created by a retirement in the circuit clerk's office and a layoff in the county clerk's office. The moves are projected to save the county about \$200,000.

After a closed session and a break, the meeting resumed and discussion about the tentative budget continued.

As talks resumed, commissioner Foeller said that for the board to continue to wait to act on the tentative

budget would be making the entire situation worse.

Commissioners Toler and Foster said that they had received answers to some of the questions they had about the budget.

County clerk Terry Bartruff voiced concerns about the possible layoff of one of the three employees in his office. Bartruff strongly defended the work being done by his employees, especially during an election year. Primary and general elections are scheduled in 2018.

Bartruff asked for each of the commissioners to tell him why his office did not need three employees. "Do you believe that I do not need three employees?" he asked. The clerk said he wanted a yes or no answer to the question.

Commissioner Toler said that he was "not comfortable" with the idea of a layoff. Commissioner Foster said he felt the same way.

"I don't want to lay off anybody," commissioner Miller said.

Commissioner Foeller voiced concerns that officials might have to consider tapping into a county reserve fund, which has about \$1 million.

"We're disagreeing about priorities. Do we want to tap into reserves? It would be reserves...or layoffs," he said.

Commissioner Hartline said that everybody was being asked "to do more with less."

Commissioners Foeller and Miller said that they thought staffing in the clerk's office could be reduced.

Shortly after noon, a motion again was made to approve the tentative budget. The meeting started at 8:30 a.m.

The second motion to approve the tentative budget was approved by a 5-0 vote.

"Today is not the final vote," commissioner Foeller noted. Final approval still must be given to the tentative budget.

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Property taxes focus of meeting

The Johnson County and Union County Farm Bureaus plan to host an informational meeting to help area residents to understand their property tax bill.

The meeting is set for 6 p.m. Feb. 27 in the commons area at Vienna High School in Vienna.

The Farm Bureaus invite property owners to attend the meeting to learn about how their property taxes are assessed, how to understand their bill and any changes that may impact the tax bill they receive later this year.

The guest speaker is scheduled to be Brenda Matherly, assistant director of local government with the Illinois Farm Bureau.

Matherly plans to discuss the background information about how property taxes are assessed and where tax money goes and also explain the Farmland Assessment Law.

Organizers hope to have county officials available to help answer questions.

The informational meeting is open to everyone. Those who plan to attend are asked to RSVP before Feb. 23.

For more information, or to RSVP, contact the Johnson County Farm Bureau at 618-658-2871 or johnsoncountymb@frontier.com or the Union County Farm Bureau at 833-2125 or unionfb@frontier.com.

Weather

The high temperature climbed to 58 degrees during the period of Feb. 6-12 in the Union County area. The low was 15.

Precipitation during the period included .08 of an inch of rain Feb. 6; an icy glaze, a trace of snow and .10 of an inch melted precipitation Feb. 7; .07 of an inch of rain Feb. 8; and ice pellets, an icy glaze and .23 of an inch of melted precipitation Feb. 11.

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

	H	L
Tuesday, Feb. 6	32	28
Wednesday, Feb. 7	33	19
Thursday, Feb. 8	41	15
Friday, Feb. 9	58	31
Saturday, Feb. 10	47	30
Sunday, Feb. 11	30	24
Monday, Feb. 12	37	18



Ambulance service director, assistant director with new unit

Union County Ambulance Service director Grant Capel and assistant director Jaime Watkins stand next to the service's newest vehicle.

Ambulance service has new vehicle

The Union County Ambulance Service has a new vehicle to serve the community.

The vehicle, which was delivered to the ambulance service in early January, was on display last Friday morning outside of the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Ambulance service director Grant Capel and assistant director Jaime Watkins were on hand to show the 2017 model year vehicle to those who had been attending a county board of commissioners meeting which was held

Friday morning at the courthouse.

Capel said the new unit was built "from the ground up" by Osage Ambulances in Linn, Mo. Capel praised the manufacturer for the spirit of cooperation it showed in meeting the needs of the ambulance service.

The new vehicle cost about \$148,000. Ambulance service capital development and county funds paid for the vehicle.

Capel noted that the entire ambulance service played an important role in providing input for the construction of the new vehicle.

Ultimately, he said, the new ambulance is about caring for the well-being and safety of patients.

"It's all about the patient," Capel said.

The ambulance has a variety of innovative safety features which are designed for the well-being of patients and the personnel who are caring for them. Those features include a rail system which holds a cot in place in the vehicle and hydraulic stabilizing technology.

The new unit also has four-wheel drive, which is a first for the ambulance service, and a back-up camera.

Equipment in the ambulance also provides for bringing immediate medical intervention and care to patients.

The ambulance needed to pass multiple inspections and licensing procedures before going into service. The hope was that the unit could have started serving the community as soon as last Friday.

The new ambulance replaces a 2006 unit, which will be declared as surplus property. Including the new vehicle, the ambulance service will have four units in operation.

SIU plans to host STEM NOVA event for scouts

Technology has changed everything, including how the Boy Scouts of America awards merit badges.

Science, technology, engineering and mathematics badges can be added to those for wood carving and camping.

Southern Illinois University Carbondale again plans to play a major role in this effort when it hosts its third annual BSA STEM NOVA University on Saturday, Feb. 24.

The event, for both Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, mainly will take place at the Neckers Building on the SIU campus, starting with a flag-raising at 8:30 a.m.

"It looks like it will be another great turnout," said Gary Kinsel, professor of chemistry and biochemistry and coordinator of the event.

"We've already got over 100 Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts registered for various merit badges, NOVA's and Adventures."

The day-long event will give scouts a chance to work on these new and traditional merit badges.

Kinsel said this year's program is especially exciting because of the large number of SIU Registered Student Organizations taking part.

The list includes the Sa-

luki Miners, the SIU Math Club, the Alpha Chi Sigma chemistry fraternity, the SIU Equestrian Team, the SIU Geology Club and the SIU Robotics club, among others.

Other organizations involved include the The Science Center of Southern Illinois and the Giant City Stables.

STEM stands for "science, technology, engineering and mathematics," and leaders in both K-12 and higher education are emphasizing success in those areas as a means of keeping the country competitive in the coming decades.

Boy Scouts can earn merit badges in many categories, including automotive maintenance, chemistry, weather, photography, pulp and paper, horsemanship, aviation, geology, metalwork and mining in society, among others.

The scouts' Nova Awards program is aimed at creating and expanding a sense of wonder.

Working with an adult counselor or mentor on various modules, scouts explore the basic principles of STEM.

This year, Cub Scouts can participate in a NOVA event titled "Down and Dirty," while Boy Scouts have titles including "Shoot!" "Start Your Engines" and "Designed to Crunch" to choose from.

The event also offers "Adventures in Science" for Webelos scouts, "Super Science" for Bear scouts and "Digging the Past" for Wolf scouts.

The Greater St. Louis Area Council Boy Scouts of America first began incorporating STEM education into its programs in 2012.

In 2015, local scouts earned more than 3,900 STEM-related awards, officials there said.

Kinsel said the council, which includes SIU, now leads the country in the advancement of the NOVA/SuperNOVA program, and has established a broad spectrum of partnerships with public institutions and private businesses in support of this program.

Preregistration by Feb. 18 is required for the event. The cost to participate is \$16 for scouts and \$10 for adults who plan to eat lunch. The cost also includes an SIU STEM U patch and program materials.

Worship set at Kornthal

Kornthal Church plans to host a worship service Thursday, today. The service is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

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

A-J's Hart heads to state in wrestling

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School's Arie Hart will advance to the Class 1A state wrestling tournament at the University of Illinois in Champaign, which begins Thursday, today.

Hart, 36-2, advanced in the 152-pound weight class by winning at the Vandalia Class 1A wrestling sectional Saturday, Feb. 10.

Hart defeated St. Thomas More's J.D. Sexton 13-3 in the championship round.

He opened competition with a bye. He defeated Belleville Althoff's Joe Braunagel 18-10 and then pinned Monticello's Jack Spence in 44 seconds to earn the right to advance to the championship.

"He's in a tough bracket up there," A-J wrestling coach Eric Massey said. "But he's looking forward to it and he's excited."

Murphysboro qualified two wrestlers at the sectional for the state tournament. Carterville, West Frankfort and Sparta will each send one representative.

Blood drive scheduled at A-JCHS

An American Red Cross blood drive is planned Wednesday, Feb. 28, at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

Hours for the blood drive are scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The drive is being sponsored by the student council at the Union County school.

Those who want to be blood donors can call the school office at 833-8502 for more information.

Organizers are hoping for a good turnout. If the school is able to reach a total of 300 donations during three blood drives which are planned during the 2017-2018 academic year, an A-JCHS senior would have an opportunity to receive a \$3,000 scholarship.

The A-JCHS Student Council has been able to award the scholarship for the past five years.

Career fair planned at A-J

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School is planning to host its first career fair for all Union County high school students.

The event is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, today, at A-JCHS.

The career fair is being coordinated by A-JCHS faculty members Natalie McLean Miller and Alysha Hase.

A wide variety of careers and businesses in Union County will be highlighted.

For more information about the event, contact McLean Miller at nmiller@aj81.net or 833-8502, extension 119.

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Harrisburg defeats Lady Wildcats for regional championship

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' basketball team lost 55-36 to host Harrisburg in the championship of the Class 2A regional Thursday, Feb. 8.

"They're good and there's no doubt about that," A-J coach Matt Denny said. "The effort was there tonight which is what I wanted. We fought but missed a few shots early."

Harrisburg, 30-0, is the top rated Class 2A team in the state.

The Lady Bulldogs pulled ahead 22-11 after one quarter and were up 32-17 at the half. Harrisburg was ahead 45-23 after three quarters.

Angel Helm led the way for A-J with 7 points, 8 rebounds, 4 assists and a steal.

Connar Hadley had 6 points, 10 rebounds and an assist. Mikayla Bundren had 6 points, 2 rebounds and an assist.

Hunter Denny had 5 points and an assist. Sydney

Heath had 5 points, 5 rebounds, 5 assists and a steal.

Jaly Watkins had 3 points, 3 rebounds, an assist and a steal. Raegan Cruse and Anna Hess had 2 points apiece.

A-J 54, Carmi-White County 47: The Lady Wildcats were fueled by nine 3-pointers in the first half in the regional win Tuesday, Feb. 6.

A-J led 22-13 after one quarter and 34-25 at the half.

The Lady Bulldogs fought back to pull ahead 40-38 going into the final quarter. A-J came on with a 16-7 scoring spurt in the final period to post the win.

Heath led the way for A-J with 11 points, 5 rebounds, 5 assists and a steal. Denny had 10 points, including three 3-pointers, and an assist.

Morgan Wendling had 9 points on three 3-pointers to go with 2 assists and a rebound. Watkins had 8 points and 3 rebounds.

Bundren had 5 points, 2 rebounds and an assist. Lexi Smith had 4 points, a rebound and a steal. Hadley had 3 points and 10 rebounds. Helm had 2 points and 8 rebounds. Hess had 2 points and a rebound.

The Lady Wildcats finished the season with a 13-18 overall record.

Egyptian 69, Cobden 56

The Cobden High School boys' basketball team lost 69-56 to visiting Egyptian in South Egyptian Conference play Friday, Feb. 9.

The Pharaohs led 17-15 after one quarter. The Appleknockers fought back to pull ahead 34-30 at the half. Egyptian was ahead 50-47 after three periods.

Clayton Eck had 22 points to lead Cobden. John Russell and Noah Franklin had 13 points apiece, Dylan Lewey 11, Joe Brumleve 5 and Connor Allen 2.

Cobden, 15-11, has its final regular season game Friday on the road at Marshall County, Ky., which is having its homecoming.

Cobden is scheduled to play in the Class 1A Gallatin County regional next week.

Registration underway

Union County Soccer League spring registration is underway in Anna.

Registration is scheduled on Saturday, Feb. 17, from 9 a.m. to noon at Anna Heights Baptist Church.

Sports

A-J edges Du Quoin, falls to Pinckneyville

The Anna-Jonesboro High School boys' basketball team edged Du Quoin and fell to Pinckneyville in recent action.

A-J 66, Du Quoin 65: Trailing after three quarters, the visiting Wildcats fought back for a tie in the final quarter and won the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division game in overtime Saturday, Feb. 10.

The game was tied 16-16 after one quarter. The Indians led 32-30 at the half and 46-41 going into the final quarter.

A-J then came on with a 16-11 run to tie the game 57-57 at the end of regulation play.

Jake Parr had 20 points and 16 rebounds to lead the Wildcats.

Sheldon McGrath had 15 points and 7 rebounds. Noah McFarland had 12 points and 6 rebounds.

Appleknockers slated to play at Gallatin County

The Cobden High School boys' basketball team is scheduled to compete at the Illinois High School Association Class 1A regional which is set Feb. 19-23 in Gallatin County.

The tournament schedule follows:

Monday, Feb. 19: 7 p.m., Crab Orchard vs. Hardin County.

Tuesday, Feb. 20: 6 p.m., Cobden vs. Carrier Mills. 7:30 p.m., Gallatin County vs. Pope County.

Wednesday, Feb. 21: 6 p.m., Cairo vs. Crab Orchard/Hardin County winner. 7:30 p.m., Cobden/Carrier Mills winner vs. Gallatin County-Pope County winner.

Friday, Feb. 23: 7 p.m., championship game.

Dongola, Shawnee play at Meridian

The Dongola and Shawnee high school boys' basketball teams are scheduled to play at the Illinois High School Association Class 1A regional Feb. 19-23 at Meridian.

The tournament schedule follows:

Monday, Feb. 19: 7 p.m., Egyptian vs. Joppa-Maple Grove.

Tuesday, Feb. 20: 6 p.m., Goreville vs. Dongola. 7:30 p.m., Century vs. Shawnee.

Wednesday, Feb. 21: 6 p.m., Meridian vs. Egyptian/Joppa-Maple Grove winner. 7:30 p.m., Goreville/Dongola winner vs. Century/Shawnee winner.

Friday, Feb. 23: 7 p.m., championship game.

Jacob Zimmerman had 6 points and 3 rebounds. Logan Sawyer had 4 points and 3 rebounds.

Ross Pinnon had 4 points and 2 rebounds. Blake Pena had 3 points and Tyler Smith added 2.

A-J was 20 of 41 from the floor, 5 of 17 from 3-point range and 11 of 16 from the free throw line.

The Indians were 19 of 43 in shot attempts from the floor, 5 of 15 from 3-point range and 12 of 21 from the charity stripe.

Pinckneyville 74, A-J 67: The host Wildcats led at every quarter break until the final period in the conference loss Friday, Feb. 9.

A-J led 28-21 after one quarter and 41-33 at the half. The Panthers fought back to trail 55-54 after three periods.

Parr led the way with 36 points and 4 rebounds. McFarland had 8 points and 3 rebounds.

Zimmerman had 6 points, Carson Reynolds 5 and Pinnon 3. McGrath had 3 points and 2 rebounds.

Pena and Noah Smith had 3 points apiece and Sawyer had 2 rebounds.

A-J was 13 of 20 in shot attempts from the floor, 10 of 14 from 3-point range and 11 of 17 from the charity stripe.

The Panthers were 20 of 30 in shot attempts from the floor, 6 of 12 from 3-point range and 21 of 26 from the free throw line.

Following the two games, A-J's record was 20-8 overall and 5-4 in the conference.

A-J concludes regular season play Friday at home against Sparta on Senior Night and plays next week in the Johnston City Class 2A regional.

A-J to play at 2A regional in Johnston City

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' basketball team is scheduled to compete at the Illinois High School Association Class 2A regional which is set Feb. 19-23 in Johnston City.

The tournament schedule follows:

Monday, Feb. 19: 6 p.m., West Frankfort vs. Vienna. 7:30 p.m., Chester vs. Johnston City.

Tuesday, Feb. 20: 7 p.m., A-J vs. West Frankfort/Vienna winner.

Wednesday, Feb. 21: 7 p.m., Du Quoin vs. Chester/Johnston City winner.

Friday, Feb. 23: 7 p.m., championship game.

Saluki Sports Update

By Fred Huff

Send in the guys with their white jackets. I rarely have been so dumb as to make predictions. Perhaps it's my age which is...well, it's up there.

We believe SIU's basketball team is going to win the Missouri Valley Conference postseason tournament March 1-4 in downtown St. Louis and receive the automatic bid to participate in the NCAA postseason spectacle.

After vacating my normal seats in the SIU Arena the past two games to occupy empty courtside seats where I can actually see, I'm impressed.

I like what I've seen in Kavion Phippen, Jonathan Wiley, Marcus Bartley, Sean Lloyd, Armon Fletcher, Aaron Cook and first-line reserve Tyler Smith-peters. I just like what I've seen and have a hunch.

If ever the Valley was going to have a surprise winner, this would be the year. SIU is the team, regardless of its pre-tourney seeding.

Saluki coach Barry Hinson has never won the big prize despite having several strong entries while coaching at Missouri State, then known as Southwest Missouri.

Hinson has done an excellent job in pasting together SIU's team this year. It was picked fifth by the "experts" in pre-season voting. And, who knows, the Salukis may be among the first teams out in St.

Louis. However, we don't think so.

The Salukis still have three tough games ahead of them, including a Feb. 21 date with Loyola. It could be that SIU stays hot and actually shares or wins the regular-season title. Doesn't matter to us. It's in the water. The Salukis will win The Valley tournament.

If so, it'll be a deserving reward to SIU's loyal fans. Not as many as there once were when the program packed seven, eight, sometimes even more, thousands of fans into the Arena, but there still are a good number of faithful followers who'll have a party in downtown St. Louis.

Our somewhat ridiculous thoughts on a tourney championship are based on the solid play of the Salukis.

We've read all about the fine players throughout the league and don't dispute any of the clippings. We just like the attitude and actions of what we've seen when "down close."

There are many memories from past tournaments in the city. None, however, top the three from the mid-nineties when Rich Herrin guided the Salukis to three consecutive championships.

It had never been done before – winning back-to-back-to-back championships – and we're hardly being so crazy as to predict any happening like that for the Salukis. It's 2018 and that's it.

Suspected EHD cases reported in Illinois deer during 2017

Suspected EHD (Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease) cases were reported again in Illinois in 2017, but in low to moderate levels.

A total of 66 reports were received from concerned landowners and hunters totaling 169 deer from 32 counties, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, reported.

In comparison, 2012 was the worst year for EHD in Illinois with 2,968 dead deer reported to IDNR from 87 counties.

IDNR shared that there were three reports involving seven deer in Union County.

Statistics also showed one report involving eight deer in Alexander County, three reports involving four deer in Johnson County and two reports involving seven deer in Williamson County.

EHD is a viral disease, spread by biting gnats, which can cause high fever and severe internal bleeding in deer.

While often fatal to deer, EHD is not hazardous to humans or pets.

EHD-like symptoms in cattle have been reported where EHD has been confirmed in deer, IDNR noted. Cattle can be successfully treated with medications.

EHD is often confused with bluetongue, a similar disease that can affect sheep and cattle.

EHD was reported at low levels in the southern third of the state, as well as in west central Illinois extending up the Illinois River valley.

A more intensive outbreak was reported in the west central Illinois county of Pike (80 cases).

EHD does not impact deer populations evenly across the landscape, IDNR reported.

A mixture of deer combined with the presence of the virus and midges (biting gnats) that transmit the disease between deer are necessary for an EHD outbreak to occur.

Heavy deer mortality can be observed on one farm,

while the farm down the road will be hardly affected.

EHD affects bucks as well as does, adults as well as fawns and yearlings, though individual deer vary in their susceptibility to the virus.

Some deer become infected and will be dead within 48 hours, while other deer will be minimally affected. Survivors of infection develop immunity to the virus.

Dead deer are often found near water sources such as lakes, ponds or streams, though a deer carcass found away from water is also likely to have succumbed to EHD.

EHD-related mortality occurs every year, but becomes more severe during droughty conditions.

Limited water sources concentrate deer near exposed mud flats resulting from receding water levels.

Midges hatch from these exposed muddy areas, resulting in abundant insect populations.

IDNR reported there is no effective management treatment for the disease. EHD outbreaks end when a heavy frost kills the midges necessary for transmission.

Engineering competition set

Southern Illinois University Carbondale plans to host dozens of students from across the region this spring for a major engineering competition.

The College of Engineering is making plans for the Midcontinent Student Conference of the American Society of Civil Engineers, which is scheduled April 19-21.

The event, one of 18 such student conferences nationwide this year, includes the annual steel bridge and concrete canoe building contests, among others.

The contests challenge college teams to build canoes out of concrete and design the most efficient steel bridge they can.



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

PROF-2013-M4 LEGAL TITLE TRUST II, BY U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE, PLAINTIFF, VS.

VONDA HILL A/K/A VONDA K HILL; ROBERT HILL A/K/A ROBERT B HILL; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF WANDA CORBIT, IF ANY, DEFENDANTS. 16 CH 2

501 WEST UNION STREET JONESBORO, IL 62952

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on December 20, 2017, Sheriff of Union County will on March 7, 2018, in UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 309 W. MARKET, JONESBORO, IL 62952, at 9:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Union, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 14-00-07-689

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 501 WEST UNION STREET

JONESBORO, IL 62952

Description of Improvements: OLIVER VINYL SIDING, SINGLE FAMILY HOME, NO GARAGE

The Judgment amount was \$35,362.88.

Sale Terms: This is an

FOR RENT: 2 bedroom duplex. W/D hook-up. Nice neighborhood. Call (618)-833-6495.

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HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED: Southern Illinois Transportation is hiring drivers. Must be 25 or older and have a clean driving record. Please apply at 108 E. Davie Street, Anna, IL.

HELP WANTED: Experienced tree trimmer & removal. ALSO, looking for experienced construction & remodeling. Call (618)-364-2870.

HELP WANTED: Independent Living Services, Inc. is accepting applications for full or part-time DSP's. Prefer certified, but will train. Must have high school diploma or GED. Apply in person at Independent Living Services office, 170 Lick Creek Road, Anna, IL.

Mobile Work Crew Supervisor: Full-time position supervising and coordinating activities of janitorial workers responsible for maintaining grounds of the Trail of Tears Rest Area in Anna. Must have HS diploma/GED, valid driver's license and reliable transportation. DSP certification preferred. Please submit letter of interest to: START Administrative Office, Attn: Kaitlyn, 20 N. 13th Street, P.O. Box 938, Murphysboro, IL 62966 or to humanresources@startinc.org by February 23, 2018.

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WANTED: Person to lead the youth ministry of First Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Anna into the future. The successful candidate will be a committed and spiritually growing disciple of Christ; desire to connect with community and church as well as youth and their families; have excellent communication, organizational, and time management skills; have two years experience working with youth in a church setting; and be in agreement with the theology and mission of First EPC and our denomination. Responsibilities include driving vision for ministry; developing and implementing relationally-oriented programming; recruit, train, supervise, and minister to volunteers; teach the Bible; connect relationally with youth and their families; and reach out to youth in the schools and community. This is a part-time (15-20 hours per week) position. Please send letter of interest, resume and references by February 28 to First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 315 South Street, Anna, or to the pastor at david@firstepc.org

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HELP WANTED



MIDWESTERN PROPANE GAS CO.

Midwestern Propane in Anna has an immediate opening for a part-time cylinder delivery driver. CDL with Hazmat required. 3 days/15 hours a week. Please email resume to office@midwesternpropane.com or fax to 618-833-9643

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EIGHTY-FIVE FEET OF EQUAL WIDTH OFF THE SOUTH SIDE OF LOT NUMBER 12 IN MCINTOSH'S HEIRS ADDITION TO THE TOWN (NOW CITY) OF JONESBORO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN DEED RECORD 11 AT PAGE 590 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEED FOR UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS. AND ALSO, BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT NUMBER 11 IN MCINTOSH'S HEIRS ADDITION TO THE TOWN (NOW CITY) OF JONESBORO; THENCE RUNNING IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT IN SAID ADDITION A DISTANCE OF 85 FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE RUNNING IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION AND PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT A DISTANCE OF 10 FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION AND PARALLEL WITH THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT A DISTANCE OF 85 FEET TO A STAKE ON THE SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID LOT; THENCE ALONG WITH THE SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION A DISTANCE OF 10 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

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Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

Tiffany Busby

CIRCUIT CLERK 7-9g

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

IN RE THE ESTATE OF: MARY ANNE DAWES, Deceased. No.: 2018-P-1

NOTICE OF CLAIM

Notice is given of the death of Mary Anne Dawes, of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 19, 2018 to Darrell L. Dawes, whose attorney is Angela M. Povolish of Feirich/Mager/Green/Ryan, 2001 West Main Street, PO Box 1570, Carbondale, Illinois 62903. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Union County, First Judicial Circuit, PO Box 450, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952, with the representative, or both, on or before August 31, 2018, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.

Copies of a claim filed with the court must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the at-

torney within ten days after it has been filed.

Tiffany Busby,
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Respectfully submitted,
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GREEN/RYAN

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
CIRCUIT COURT
UNION COUNTY

PUBLICATION NO-
TICE OF COURT DATE
FOR REQUEST OF
NAME CHANGE
(MINOR CHILD)

REQUEST OF:
Jessica Renee Hurd
TO CHANGE NAME OF
MINOR CHILD
Leonites Mason Alvin
Casper
TO
Leonidas Mason Alvin
Hurd
2017-MR-167

Notice is given you, the public, that on Wednesday, March 21, 2018, at 1 p.m., Leonites Mason Alvin Casper, a minor, by Jessica Renee Hurd, his mother and next friend, will request that this Court change his present name of Leonites Mason Alvin Casper to the name of Leonidas Mason Alvin Hurd.

Leonites Mason Alvin
Casper, a minor,
by Jessica Renee Hurd,
his mother.
January 30, 2018
8-10g

IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF UNION
COUNTY, ILLINOIS
CHANCERY DIVISION

**CARRINGTON
MORTGAGE
SERVICES, LLC.**
Plaintiff,
v.
**JESSICA FLEMING;
ALEXANDER
FLEMING; UNKNOWN
OWNERS and
NONRECORD
CLAIMANTS**
Defendants.
Case No: 2017 CH 12

NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE BY
PUBLICATION

The requisite affidavit for service by publication having been filed, notice is given to you, ALEXANDER FLEMING, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled action, that an action for foreclosure was commenced on April 18, 2017 in the Circuit Court of Union County, Chancery Division, by the plaintiff against you and other defendants, referenced above.

1. The names of all the Plaintiff's and the Case Number are identified above.

2. The Court in which said action was brought is identified above.

3. The names of the title holders of record are as follows: JESSICA FLEMING and ALEXANDER FLEMING

4. The legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: LOT NUMBER ONE (1) IN MEADOWBROOK ADDITION, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE ONE WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, CITY OF JONESBORO, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PER SURVEY FILED APRIL 19, 1988 IN RECORD BOOK 48, PAGES 153-154, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

P.I.N.: 14-00-07-962-A1

5. The common address of the subject real estate is

as follows:

100 Park Lane, Jonesboro, IL 62952

6. An identification of the Mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

a. Name of Mortgagors: Jessica Fleming and Alexander Fleming

b. Name of Mortgagee: Anna-Jonesboro National Bank

c. Date of Mortgage: August 15, 2008

d. Date of Recording: August 15, 2008

e. County where Recorded: Union

f. Recording Document Number: 2008R2257

Summons was duly issued out of the court against you as provided by law and the action is now pending.

Now, therefore, unless you, ALEXANDER FLEMING, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the action or otherwise make your appearance in the action, in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Union County, Chancery Division, in the courthouse in the city of 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, IL 62952 on or before March 15, 2018 a default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of the complaint.

Dated: January 30, 2018
Tiffany Busby
Clerk of 1st Judicial
Circuit,
Union County, Illinois
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INVITATION FOR
BIDS

The Housing Authority of the County of Union requests sealed bids for Lawn Maintenance for Projects 67-1/67-5 (Cobden), 67-2/67-7 (Jonesboro), 67-3 (Dongola), 67-4/67-6/67-8(Anna), 84-1 (Cobden), 84-2 (Dongola), 84-3 (Wolf Lake) & 84-4 (Jonesboro). Sealed bids will be accepted until 3 p.m. Friday, March 9, 2018, at the Housing Authority office at 131 Hillside Terrace, Anna, IL. Plans and specifications may be obtained at the Housing Office. A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. The Pre-Bid Meeting will include a walk-through of the developments. Bidders are advised that this will be the ONLY time a walk-through will be conducted. Bid opening meeting will be Monday, March 12, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. If you have any questions contact Mr. Kelly Carter, Executive Director at (618) 833-5129. The Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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

**SOUTHERNTRUST
BANK, a state chartered
bank, Plaintiff**
v.
**TODD E. HILL,
et al., Defendants,**
No. 18-CH-2

**NOTICE OF
PENDENCY OF
ACTION**

NOTICE is hereby given to unknown owners and non-record claimants of the real estate described in the Complaint for Foreclosure filed in the above entitled case, defendants in the above entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of 735 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/2-206, 5/15-1218, and 5/15-1502, that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said Court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said Defendants is March 22, 2018, and that the following information applies to said foreclosure proceeding:

1. The name of the Plaintiff and the case number are identified above.

2. The court in which said action was brought is identified above.

3. The names of the titleholders of record: Todd E. Hill a/k/a Todd Everett Hill and Robin L. Hill a/k/a Robin Lee Hill

4. The legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: TRACT 1:

A PARCEL OF LAND BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SAID PARCEL IS ALSO A PART OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AND RECORDED IN BOOK 111, PAGE 379 IN THE UNION COUNTY COURT HOUSE IN THE NAME OF ROLLIE E. HILL AND MABEL DUFFIELD HILL, DATED AUGUST 23, 1969. SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON ROD SET AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER SECTION; THENCE S 1 DEGREE 15'05" W 660.80 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER SECTION TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE ALONG NEW LINES THE FOLLOWING TWO(2) CALLS: THENCE N 89 DEGREES 30'56" W 660.76 FEET, PASSING AN IRON ROD SET AT 40.00 FEET, TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE N 1 DEGREE 30'02" E 660.84 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET IN THE NORTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER SECTION; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 30'56" E 657.89 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL TO CONTAIN 10.001 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. SAID PARCEL BEING SUBJECT TO ALL RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND EASEMENTS, RECORDED OR OTHERWISE. ALL SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF ILLINOIS, PER SURVEY OF MITCHELL R. GARRETT, IL PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR NO 3085, RECORDED JUNE 27, 2000 IN RECORD BOOK 183 AT PAGE 92 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

TRACT 2:

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WISE. PER PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY MITCHELL R. GARRETT, ILLINOIS LAND SURVEYOR NO. 3085, RECORDED OCTOBER 11, 1996 IN RECORD BOOK 136 AT PAGES 675-676 IN THE OFFICE OF THE UNION COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

5. Common address or description or the location of the real estate is as follows: Jim Town Loop, Anna, Illinois.

6. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

Names of mortgagors: Todd E. Hill a/k/a Todd Everett Hill and Robin L. Hill a/k/a Robin Lee Hill

Name of mortgagee: SouthernTrust Bank

Date of mortgage: August 28, 2009

Date of recording: August 31, 2009

County where recorded: Union County

Recording document identification: Book 321, Page 115-123

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County of Union

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

**ANNA STATE BANK,
An Illinois Banking
Corporation,
Plaintiff,**
vs.
**MICHAEL G. KELLER,
MARILYN KELLER,
KELLER GRAIN
COMPANY, INC.,
PENNY COSTA,
TCF INVENTORY
FINANCE, INC.,
and ALL NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS
AND UNKNOWN
OWNER.**
Defendant.
No. 17-CH-19

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S
SALE OF REAL
ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pur-

suant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on September 29, 2017, the Sheriff of Union County, Illinois will on March 14, 2018 at the hour of 9:00 A.M. at the Union County Courthouse, Front Door of the Courthouse, Jonesboro, IL 62952, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Part of the East Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 12 South, Range 3 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Union County, Illinois. Commencing at the intersection of the centerlines of existing State Bond Issue Route 3 and State Bond Issue Route 146; Thence Northwesterly on the centerline of said State Bond Issue Route 146 a distance of 364.1 feet to the centerline of the existing Illinois Central Gulf Railroad Company's main track; Thence Southerly with a deflection angle to the right of 99 degrees 00 feet a distance of 30.37 feet on the said centerline of said existing main track to the Southerly right-of-way line of said State Bond Issue Route 146 and the point of beginning for this description; Thence Southwesterly on the said Southerly right-of-way line of State Bond Issue Route 146 with a deflection angle to the right of 81 degrees 00 feet a distance of 50.62 feet; Thence Southeasterly with a deflection to the left of 81 degrees 00 feet a distance of 750.00 feet; Thence Northeasterly with a deflection angle to the left of 90 degrees 00 feet a distance of 100.00 feet; Thence Northwesterly with a deflection to the left of 90 degrees a distance of 173.09 feet; Thence Northeasterly with a deflection angle to the right of 90 degrees 00 feet a distance of 50.00 feet; Thence Northwesterly with a deflection angle to the left of 90 degrees 00 feet a distance of 600.00 feet to the said Southerly right-of-way line of State Bond Issue Route 146; Thence Southwesterly on the said Southerly right-of-way line of State Bond Issue Route 146 with a deflection angle to the left of 99 degrees 00 feet a distance of 101.15 feet to the point of beginning, containing 2.42 acres, more or less, all situated in Union County, Illinois. All as shown on plat survey dated September 28, 1973 prepared by Jack H. Bass, Illinois Registered Land Surveyor, No. 1713. PIN 11-25-07-055-A

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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: D. Brian Trambley, 803 W. Vine Street, P.O. Box 899, Vienna, IL 62995, (618)658-2182.

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Obituaries

Francis Westbrooks

Francis Westbrooks, 91, of Anna, died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2018, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

He was born on Feb. 24, 1926, in Cobden, the son of Francis Marion and Cora Ann Lowery Westbrooks.

He married Barbara Louise Treece on Nov. 29, 1947, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cobden. She preceded him in death on Jan. 12, 2018.



He is survived by his two sons, Hugh M. (Elaine) Westbrooks of Greenville and Mark (Mara) Westbrooks of Eldorado; seven grandchildren, Michael T. (Ashley S.) Westbrooks, Jacob (Jen) Westbrooks, Stephanie (Adam) Mummert, Ashley L. (Dustin) West, Matthew (Christina) Westbrooks, Preston (Melisa) Gross and Shelby Westbrooks; 11 great-grandchildren; a former daughter-in-law, Mary Ann (Bill) Bowen of Jonesboro; many nieces and nephews; a thank you to Lydia (Jeff) Williams and grandson Matt Westbrooks for their care in his final days; many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 70 years, Barbara Louise Westbrooks; a son, Stephen Westbrooks; a granddaughter, Elizabeth Westbrooks; three brothers and five sisters.

He was a member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Anna for many years. He owned and operated Advance Furnace Company in Mounds until his retirement.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II from 1944 to 1946. He was extremely proud of his service and was honored to serve. He was a life member of Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna.

Funeral Mass was at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Anna with Father Federico Higuera officiating. Interment was in Casper Cemetery near Anna.

Graveside military rites were conducted by Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna and the Navy funeral honor team.

Memorials can be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church.

To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES Randleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna was in charge of arrangements.

News from First Christian Church, Anna

"Gods of Love" was the title of the sermon preached on Sunday, Feb. 11, by Senior Minister Dee Armes. Scripture was from Genesis.

The message shared that "having a romantic love is good for us as a person because it is nice to know that someone loves you, and there is someone out there that loves us all and that is Jesus."

Birthdays: Eleanor Kinsey, Connie Barbatti, Feb. 12; Melanie Weilmuenster,

Feb. 13; Lisa James, Feb. 14; Mary Frances Sheeley, Feb. 15; Adam Eastman, Feb. 16.

Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. The worship service begins at 10:30 a.m.

The Sunday evening program begins at 6 p.m., including a junior high youth group and senior high school youth group. Adult Bible study is at 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday Bible study is at 6:30 p.m. Awana clubs for young people meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Lenten season fish fries scheduled at Anna church

Lenten season fish fries are planned during February and March at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Anna. Lent began on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14.

Fish fries are planned on the following Fridays: Feb. 16 and 23, and March 2, 9, 16 and 23.

Serving is scheduled from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. each week in the church's parish hall at 402 Freeman St.

The menu includes fried pollack, shrimp, cole slaw, potato salad, french fries, baked potato, baked beans, pasta salad, bread and butter, beverage and dessert.

Prices are \$11 for adults (\$10 for those who bring a

can of food to help those in need), and \$4 for children ages 4-12. Children 4 and under eat for free. Carry outs are available.

For men and women who are on active duty in the armed forces, dinners will be complimentary.

Brandon Brown receives degree

Brandon Brown of Anna was a December graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menomonie, Wis.

Brown earned a master of science degree in information and communication technology.

Lois 'Gabby' Dickerson

Lois "Gabby" Dickerson, 83, of Anna, died Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

She was born on Sept. 16, 1934, in Reynoldsville, the daughter of Wayne Carl "Kate" and Ivory Wilson Wright.

She married Lester M. Dickerson in 1979 in Ware. He preceded her in death on Feb. 9, 2005.

She is survived by her daughter, Connie (Neil) Greenwood of Mt. Vernon; a grandson, Tom (Wendy) Greenwood of Maria Stein, Ohio; two great-grandchildren, Wyatt and Laney Greenwood; three brothers, Bill and Jim Wright, both of Ware, and Richard Wright of Dexter, Mo.; eight sisters, Sondra Clover of East Cape Girardeau, Ruth Allen of Dayton, Ohio, Beverly Ellis of Grand Tower, Sharon Smith of Doniphan, Mo., Vicki Wilson of Ware, Debbie Wright of Cobden, and Audrey and Karen Wright, both of Ware; many nieces and nephews; other relatives; and special friends Artiena and Mike Jones of Anna.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Lester M. Dickerson; and one sister, Barb Foster.

She was a member of the Saratoga Church for many years. She loved her church and all the people she worshiped with.

She was a hard worker, she waited tables, cleaned homes for others and worked in meat processing. She loved cooking, crocheting and in her later years enjoyed doing jigsaw and word search puzzles.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with David Nave officiating. Interment was in St. John's Cemetery near Dongola.

Memorials can be made to the Saratoga Church. To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES Randleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro was in charge of arrangements.



Marcia Marie Treece

Marcia Marie Treece, 87, of Anna, died at 5:50 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018, at the Jonesboro Rehab Center.

She was born on Oct. 5, 1930, in Balcolm, the daughter of Ward and Minnie Smoot Woodard.

She married Joe Treece on Sept. 15, 1949, in Anna. He preceded her in death on Dec. 1, 2003.

She is survived by her sons, Eddie Treece of Anna, Bill (Connie) Treece of Aroma Park, Jerry (Barbara) Treece of Las Vegas, Nev., and David (Debbie) Treece of Northern Illinois; daughters Jean (Keith) Livesay of Jonesboro, Barbara (Terry) Moss of Tennessee, Janet Ralls of Anna and Nancy (Jim) Ralls of Anna; 13 grandchildren, Bryan Livesay, Lisa Biggers, Shelley Kuchar, Brenda Martin, Bill, Allison and Samantha Treece, Joshua and Jacob Moss, Shane Treece, Daniel and Tonya Ralls and Sarah Treece; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Joe Treece; two brothers, Jim Woodard and Ward Jay Woodard; and three sisters, Kedron Boyer, Patricia Meadows and Virginia Stillely.

She was a member of the Anna First Baptist Church. Private family services were held Wednesday, Feb. 7, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro. Interment was in the Anna Cemetery.

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

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Roger William Waller

Roger William Waller, 58, of Anna, died Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018, surrounded by his family at home.

He was born on Jan. 27, 1960, in Joliet, the son of Budd and Ann Warren Waller.

He married the love of his life, Tina Sadler, on Sept. 25, 1981, at the First Baptist Church in Jonesboro.

He is survived by his wife, Tina Waller of Anna; a son, Bryant (Francie) Waller of Anna; two grandchildren, Kale and Emma Waller; two brothers, Robert Waller of Plainfield and Richard (Mary Jane) Waller of Anna; one sister, Cheryl (John) Ligon of Anna; and many other family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Early in his working career, he served as a Union County Sheriff's Office deputy for seven years. He then went to work for the Illinois Department of Transportation, where he retired as supervisor of highways. He proudly served for many years on the board of Anna School District No. 37.

He was always a proud father of his son Bryant, but became an even prouder grandfather of Kale and Emma. They were his heart and joy.

Visitation services were held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna. Cremation followed.

Memorials can be made to the Anna School District No. 37 Foundation.

To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES Randleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna was in charge of arrangements.



Neisha Jones

Neisha Jones, 75, of Anna, died at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, 2018, at Integrity Healthcare of Anna.

She was born on Feb. 1, 1943, in Anna, the daughter of Laman and Alberta Louise Cook May.

She married Wendell Jones on June 16, 1962, in Anna.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Wendell Jones of Anna; sons Daniel Lee Jones of Carbondale and Thomas Clifford Jones of Champaign; one granddaughter, Danielle Jones; other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents.

She was a member of the Saratoga Methodist Church. After retiring from the Florsheim Shoe Company, she loved spending time in her yard tending to her flowers.

There will be no services held.

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

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So many things are easier said than done. The advice, "Don't worry," is surely in that category. However, "Don't worry" is not only good advice, it's a Biblical command.

The word used in the New Testament in Philipians 4:6, where Paul said, "Be careful for nothing; (be anxious for nothing – don't worry about anything), is translated "careful" or "anxious" means "to tear in two." Do you realize what worry will do? It will tear you in two.

How can we be commanded not to worry? Isn't anxiety an inevitable emotion we experience when certain things happen to us? "Anxiety" is defined: "a painful or apprehensive uneasiness of mind usually over an impending or anticipated ill ..."

The apostle Paul's prohibition against anxiety is: "Do not be anxious about anything" (Phil. 4, 1st half of verse 6). Notice that Paul's statement is a command. Like all commands, we must choose to submit to it, thereby exercising a choice - not to worry. Furthermore, it's a permanent requirement. Our lives should be characterized by confident trust in the Lord, rather than by worry and doubt.

Philipians 4:6 continues: "But in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Instead of merely talking to yourself and others, talk to God. Instead of worrying about anything, talk to the Lord about everything. This is the antidote to being overly anxious, and we may not take advantage of it, because we worry that it will not help!

Many of us worry about finances, social status, relationships, our jobs, and so on, totally ignoring Christ's command and the command of Paul to cast off worry! Some of us even seemingly worry about getting out of bed! Remember the words of David: "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread" (Psalm 37:25).

Dear Reader, the only instance I can think of wherein one should worry is if one is not part of the body of Christ. Repent of your sins, confess your faith in Christ, and be baptized today and wash away your past sins. Worry about the future is completely unnecessary for the faithful child of God.

R.W. McAlister, Minister
Anna church of Christ

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Section B



CELEBRATING THE BICENTENNIAL OF ILLINOIS

STORIES FROM THE BOOK BY ED & DIANE ANNABLE, PUBLISHED 2017

SIX YEARS IN THE ILLINOIS TERRITORY, 1812—1818
WHEN JOHNSON COUNTY SPANNED RIVER TO RIVER

Juchereau and the Great Buffalo Slaughter

Continued from Last Week

Moyers, who called the place Va Bache, wrote the following concerning the Indians' revenge for the wasteful killing of the buffalo which would bring hunger to many in the following year. It is the quite remarkable story of the simultaneous attacks of several tribes of Indians on French fortifications throughout the Illinois Country.

"The Cherokees, Creeks, Choctaws, and probably the Chickasaws, had gathered along the Tennessee with their canoes, and with their Spanish leaders; these Spaniards had furnished them muskets and ammunition. The Miamis, Shawnees, Kickapoos and other Illinois tribes gathered along the Wabash, with their bows and arrows and such French arms as they possessed. The Missouri tribes were gathered along the Le Clair (Clear Creek); while the tribe of Roenza, who was a zealous convert to Christianity, was the only one with a clear alibi. The coureurs de bois and the voyageurs, whose business it had been ruined, kept the leaders of this uprising well posted as to the movements of the buffalo hunters; they knew that most of those leaders were at the tannery in June, and that they were short of ammunition, especially of balls.

They also knew that at the depots, Belle Garde (Belle Grade), Francefort, and at Kingkaid, there would be less vigilance, because there were no skins there to be guarded — the boats would be tied up, and most of the sailors ashore. A large number of men at the tannery would lend a

feeling of security, and make everyone less vigilant.

Early one morning, the soldiers in the trenches at Francefort heard a turkey gobbling in the Middle Fork bottoms just north, and two of them went out to look for that turkey. They never came back; others started in search, but were slain a hundred paces from their trenches; and the remainder were tomahawked in bed.

On the same morning, a band of Indians made some kind of diversion on the Kentucky shore near Massac; tradition says that they were dressed in bear skins. The soldiers were scattered and slain without the sound of a firearm that might possibly be heard at the tannery, eighteen miles away. A similar tragedy was enacted at the Kingkaid, but there is not a breath of history or tradition to tell of it; a pile of human bones and several pieces of French money found there many years later constitute the whole record.

The deep shadows of a moonless night, and guides who were familiar with every tree, afforded the bow-and-arrow Indians easy access to vantage grounds near the doomed Va Bache; and the deep shadows of the Kentucky shore effectually concealed the canoe-men while they floated to choice positions opposite the fort on the little butte. A volley of musketry from the river at dawn announced that they fray was on. War-whoops from a thousand throats ashore announced that the bowmen were ready for that fray. By sun-up, the massacre, probably the greatest in Illinois, had been completed. Not a Frenchman escaped save Sieur Juchereau only."

It may be assumed that most of the buffalo hides

were either destroyed or were carried away by the Indians who attacked. That was the last remnant of the buffalo that were in the area by the thousands previous to that.

The name "Va Bache" is a corruption of the Indian name "Ouabache," as it was spelled in French. Considering that the first three letters in the French language "Oua," is pronounced "Wa" in the English language, a person should see that "Ouabache" in French and Indian is pronounced "Wabash" in the English language, the name given to the river that flowed by the place that is, today, known as the Ohio River. It is easy to go from "Ouabache" to "Va Bache."

Another important matter is that the Wabash River or "Ouabache," in French, was named so by the Indians describing the white limestone bed of the river at its head in northeastern Indiana. The area at Juchereau was at the head of the grand chain of rocks — white limestone rocks in the bed of the river.

The Indians considered the lower Ohio River to be a part of the Wabash River until it reached the Mississippi. The French also used the term "Ouabache" when referring to the lower Ohio River. It becomes evident that the river and perhaps the grand chain of rocks could be what was known as "Ouabache," or the corrupted term, "Va Bache." Therefore, it seems that the river or that area of the river was known as "Ouabache" and not the tannery which was at "Ouabache." Therefore, it is more accurate to name the tannery as "Juchereau."

Don't Miss Next Week

"The Three Protectors, Fort Massac"



Committee members

The Fellowship House Prevention Program and Anna-Jonesboro Community High School partnered to form a Youth Advisory Committee. Committee members are, from left Jackson Laster, Taylor Harvel, Zach Griffin, Bryce Lingle, Morgan Keller, Peyton Otey, Katie Jo Kirk and Ashley Detering. Members who could not be present for the picture included Noah Hobson, John Michael Ligon and Emma Ray. Photo provided.

A-J students, Fellowship House form youth advisory committee

A group of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School students partnered with The Fellowship House Prevention Program for the 2017-2018 school year to form a Youth Advisory Committee, YAC.

The YAC group consists of 11 members who meet monthly with Teresa Goddard, a preventionist from The Fellowship House.

Goddard said that January focused on National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week, which was commemorated Jan. 22-28.

Throughout the week, ef-

forts were made to counteract myths about drugs and alcohol that teens get from social media, the internet, movies, TV, music and from their peers.

The National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIDA, partners with scientists and experts to provide answers to questions regarding how drugs and alcohol affect the brain, body and behaviors.

Opportunities for teens to "Shatter The Myths" are offered in communities and school events all over America.

Goddard gave each stu-

dent the National Drug and Alcohol IQ Challenge quiz, and the popular Shatter The Myths booklet.

The students also participated by creating a poster which they are holding in the provided picture.

Each student filled out the "I want to Shatter The Myths" because ..." poster.

The posters included the following messages from the YAC students: "I want to Shatter The Myths because: I want to live a happy life; I want my friends to stay healthy; I want healthy families; I want to live in a world full of happy, healthy people; I want my life to be happy and healthy; I want to be part of a safer and healthier community; I want to improve my life as well as the lives of those around me; my goal is to assist the community to be better."

Goddard stated that many teens are not aware of the risks and the impact that drugs and alcohol can have on their lives.

When they are given facts about drugs, they can be better equipped to make good decisions and hopefully share the information with others, Goddard added.

Goddard shared that the YAC group is a great vessel for helping to better our community through their efforts and their passion for creating a healthier and happier place to live.

To test your knowledge on drugs and alcohol abuse go to <https://teens.drugabuse.gov/quiz/national-drug-alcohol-facts-week/take-iq-challenge/2018>.

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

State police plan special details in area

Illinois State Police District 22 is planning to conduct special details during February in three area counties.

Plans for the details were announced by Lt. Michael Alvey, who is the interim commander of the district.

Roadside safety checks are planned in Alexander County.

Occupant restraint enforcement patrols are planned in Johnson County.

Nighttime enforcement patrols are planned in Pulaski County.

The special details are funded through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Congressional Art Competition welcomes entries from area students

High school students from Illinois' 12th Congressional District are invited to participate in the 2018 Congressional Art Competition.

Union County is in the 12th Congressional District. The district is represented by U.S. Rep. Mike Bost, R-Ill.

Initiated by Members of the U.S. House of Representatives in 1982, the event is a nationwide annual art competition that allows high school students from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories to showcase their artistic ability.

"This is a great opportunity for our young people to showcase their talent while highlighting the history of Southern Illinois," Bost said in a news release.

"I always look forward to seeing the impressive artwork produced by the incredibly talented high school students here in Southern Illinois."

The Artistic Discovery Contest is an opportunity to recognize and encour-

age the artistic talent in the nation, as well as in the Congressional District.

The theme for this year's competition is "Illinois' Bicentennial: 200 Years of Artistry."

The winning art work from the 12th District's competition will be displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol.

The winner and a guest will be invited to attend a reception in Washington, D.C., where they will be escorted on a tour of the U.S. Capitol.

Judging for the contest is done by members of the local art community.

Submissions will be accepted in Bost's O'Fallon district office through March 6.

Further information about the program, including guidelines and student release forms that are required in order to participate in the 2018 competition, can be found on Bost's website at www.bost.house.gov or by calling his office at 618-622-0766.

Illinois Farm Bureau offers nurse practitioner scholarships

Applications are available for nurse practitioner scholarships through the Illinois Farm Bureau Rural Nurse Practitioner Scholarship Program.

Five scholarships, worth \$4,000 each, will be granted this year.

The scholarship program, in its 26th year, helps encourage and develop the pool of health practitioners to help meet primary health care needs in rural Illinois.

Students who receive scholarships agree to practice for two years in an approved rural area in Illinois.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be Illinois residents and be

a registered nurse accepted or enrolled in an accredited nurse practitioner program.

Funding is provided by the Rural Illinois Medical Student Assistance Program.

Applications are available at county Farm Bureaus throughout the state, on the Rural Illinois Medical Student Assistance Program website at RIMSAP.com or by writing Donna Gallivan, program manager, Illinois Farm Bureau, PO Box 2901, Bloomington, Ill. 61702-2901. Applications are due May 1.

For additional information, contact Gallivan at 309-557-2350 or by e-mail at dgallivan@ilfb.org.

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National Boy Scout Sunday observed



National Boy Scout Sunday was observed on Feb. 4 by Union County Boy Scout Troup 44 and Cub Scout Pack 44 as members attended service together at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna. Accompanying the scouts were scout leaders Danny Coffman, Frankie Williams, Roger Hastings, Sarah Quick, Andrew Webb and Rick Borders; along with numerous supportive parents. Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church supports and encourages the scouts and provides space for their regular meetings. Photos provided.



Scouts served as greeters at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church on National Boy Scout Sunday, Feb. 4. Greeters included Bryan Williams, Noah Rachall, Landen Cavaness, Gentry Quick, Ben Hauser, Jaxon Cruz and Mason Wren.



Members of Boy Scout Troup 44 and Cub Scout Den 44 who attended the Scout Sunday service at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church included, in the first row, Anthony Wiseman, Mason Wren, Ben Hauser, Landen Cavaness, Jaxon Cruz and Thomas Smith. In the second row are Noah Rachall, Gentry Quick, Nick Bussey, Bryan Williams and Joseph Smith. Also in attendance, but not in the photo, were Tristan Borders and Spencer Holland.



On behalf of Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Pastor Mark Hasty accepted certificates of gratitude from Troop 44 Scout Master Danny Coffman and Pack 44 committee chairman Andrew Webb. Mt. Moriah Church provides meeting facilities and other sponsorship to the scout troop and pack. Boy Scout members are ages 11-18 and Cub Scouts are in grades 1 to 5. Anyone who is interested in membership can call the church office at 833-5234 for more information.

Southern Illinois Reading Council sponsors short story contest for students

The Southern Illinois Reading Council is sponsoring a short story contest for students in 2nd through 8th grades again.

The students will write stories under the supervision of their classroom teachers or their home school teacher and then be submitted by their teachers to the panel of judges. Stories will be judged on creativity and organization.

The deadline for entries is March 14.

Winners will be recognized and awarded on April 24 at the Carbondale Civic Center in Carbondale.

Awards will be presented for first, second and third place.

Teachers, principals, parents, grandparents, and siblings are invited to attend the awards program. Admission is free. Refreshments will be served following the program.

For more information about the short story contest, contact Kathy Stegle at kwstegle@gmail.com or 618-614-4227.

The Southern Illinois Reading Council is a branch of the Illinois Reading

Council. The state council is a branch of the International Literacy Association.

The purpose of the professional organization is to provide support and leadership to educators and others who promote lifelong literacy.

Fishing seminar set

Mike Roux, a professional bass fisherman, plans to present a seminar in the area.

The seminar is set for 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at Dutch Ridge Church near Alto Pass.

Roux has written numerous articles in various magazines about his fishing and hunting expertise.

Admission to the seminar is free. Door prizes will be awarded. Finger foods supplied by the church will be served following the seminar.

Dutch Ridge Church is located at 204 Dutch Ridge Rd., just off Illinois Route 127, north of Alto Pass.

For more information, contact Fred Stearns at 618-559-0089.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

A special song was presented at the Sunday morning worship service by Macie Newcombe and Jaida Smith, followed by a baptismal service with Ashley Newcombe being baptized.

Music for the morning worship service was led by Randy Wright and Abby Barlow.

Special music was provided by Betty Odum, with Mark Smith, T.J. Macy, Noah Wiseman and Randy Wright serving as ushers.

The morning message, "Dangerous Prayers: Life Transforming Foundation-Use Me," was brought by Pastor McBride, with scripture from 2 Timothy.

The message shared that "sometimes we work harder, go further and spend more just to get away from where God is leading us."

The Sunday evening worship service with guests Dr. Bob and Jennifer Wilkerson was canceled due to weather conditions.

A missionary service is planned at 6 p.m. Feb. 18. Everyone is asked to bring something for the meal. The film "Phineas Bresee, A Pastor to the People," will be shown.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Feb. 12, Barron and Michelle Tallent; Feb. 13, Kathy Papa, Ezra McBride, Vonda Hill; Feb. 17, Casey Akers.

Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. Worship services are Sunday at 10:35 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Youth services are at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

Due to weather conditions on Sunday, Feb. 11, all services were cancelled.

Birthdays: Ernest Rhodes, Feb. 11; Cindy Pender, Feb. 15; Paula Bierstedt, Betty Tutt, Feb. 18.

The schedule for Sunday includes Bible study at 9 a.m. and worship services at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Awana meets at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday. An adult Bible study and prayer meeting are at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, as well as a youth meeting.

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Summer food program notes need for sponsors

The Summer Food Service Program, SFSP, needs additional sponsors to help fill gaps in access to healthy meals.

The Illinois State Board of Education, ISBE, administers the federally funded program which is designed to ensure all children receive the nutrition they need so they can return to school in the fall healthy and ready to learn.

Twenty-eight counties in Illinois do not have any SFSP serving sites.

"Hunger does not take a summer break," said Illinois State Superintendent of Education Tony Smith.

"There are children and teens in every community in need of a reliable source of healthy meals when school lets out for summer. The tie between sufficient healthy food and our ability to learn is indisputable. I want to extend my sincere appreciation to all of our current summer food sponsors and to anyone who is considering joining to help us close gaps in access to healthy

Presidents' Day closings noted

Illinois Secretary of State offices and facilities which are regularly open Monday through Friday are scheduled to be closed Monday, Feb. 19, in observance of Presidents' Day.

Facilities with operating days of Tuesday through Saturday are scheduled to be closed on Saturday, Feb. 17, in observance of the holiday.

All Monday through Friday driver services facilities are scheduled to be open for business on Tuesday, Feb. 20.

All Tuesday through Saturday facilities are scheduled to be open Tuesday, Feb. 20.

food in Illinois."

For every 100 children nationally who received meals through the National School Lunch Programs, NSLP, in the 2015-2016 school year, only 15 received meals over the following summer.

In 2017, 164 SFSP sponsors and 141 sponsors of Seamless Summer (an option available to current NSLP sponsors) distributed meals and snacks at about 2,200 sites in Illinois.

SFSP provides nutritious meals to children and teens, age 18 and younger, during the summer months when school is not in session.

Families can find their nearest summer meals site by calling 800-359-2163, texting "FoodIL" to 877-877 or visiting <http://summerfeedingillinois.org/>.

SFSP sponsors manage and develop their own sites and receive federal reimbursement through ISBE to cover the administrative and operating costs of preparing and serving meals.

School districts, local governments, and nonprofits can become sponsors and set up serving sites at schools, parks, recreation centers, resource centers, churches, summer camps, libraries and other community locations.

Those interested in becoming SFSP sponsors are advised to contact ISBE at 800-545-7892.

Participation in one training session is required to become a new SFSP sponsor.

Registration is available at <http://webprod1.isbe.net/cnsclendar/asp/eventlist.asp>.

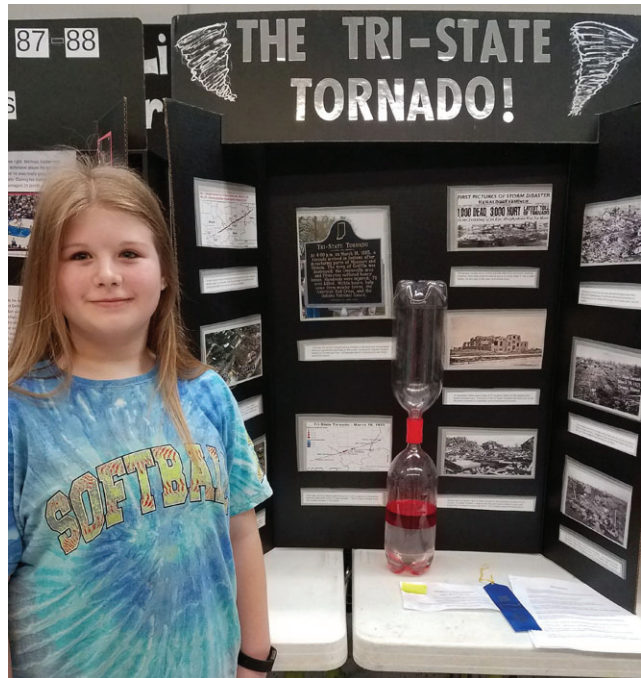
New sponsor training workshops are scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. One of the training workshops is planned Feb. 28 in Marion.

History fair held at Lick Creek School

A history fair was held Thursday, Jan. 25, at Lick Creek School. The history fair was for students in 6th and 8th grades. The students' teacher is Angie Alsip. Twenty-one projects were reviewed by six judges. Cash prizes were awarded. The history fair was sponsored by the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society. Winners are featured in the accompanying photographs. Photos provided.



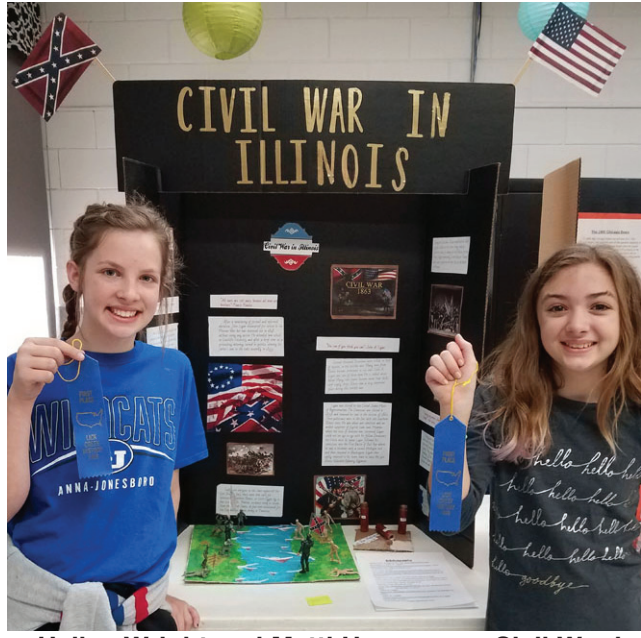
Bryce Ecker, 8th grade, Kornthal Church, first place.



Sami Turner, 6th grade, The Tri-State Tornado!, first place.



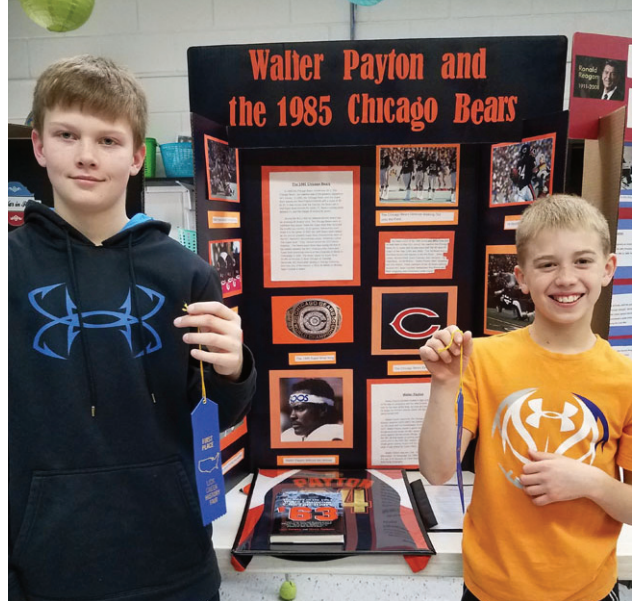
Kristin Edmonds, 8th grade, Wells Dental Care, second place.



Hailey Wright and Matti Houseman, Civil War in Illinois, second place, tie.



Campbell Belcher, 8th grade, National Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest, third place.



Payton Denny and Evan Hall, Walter Payton and the 1985 Chicago Bears, second place, tie.

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Early Voting Schedule

Starting Thursday, February 8, 2018, through Monday, March 19, 2018, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Excluding weekends except dates listed below.

Saturday, March 17, 2018 - 8 a.m. to Noon
Sunday, March 18, 2018 - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Monday, March 19, 2018 - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Grace Period Voting Schedule

Starting Wednesday, February 21, 2018, through Monday, March 19, 2018, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Excluding weekends except dates listed below and Tuesday, March 20, 2018, General Primary Election Day.

Saturday, March 17, 2018 - 8 a.m. to Noon
Sunday, March 18, 2018 - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

General Primary Election Day is Tuesday, March 20, 2018, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Anna City Hall Election Day is Tuesday, March 20, 2018, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The office will be closed on the following holidays and voting will not take place.

- Monday, February 12, 2018, for Lincoln's Birthday
- Monday, February 19, 2018, for Presidents' Day

Early and Grace voting will be held at the Union County Clerk's Office, located at
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Former coach Jerry Kill to serve as SIU ambassador

Coach Jerry Kill, who led the football Salukis to five consecutive NCAA playoff appearances, will return to Southern Illinois University Carbondale as an ambassador for the university.

He will also assist with fund-raising for the athletics program.

SIU chancellor Carlo

Montemagno said that Kill's appointment as special assistant to the chancellor is scheduled to begin in mid-March.

Kill was head football coach at SIU from 2001 to 2007, leading the Salukis to five straight appearances in the Football Championship Subdivision and winning three straight Gateway

Football Conference Championships.

While at SIU, he also received several coach of the year honors.

He left SIU to serve as head coach at Northern Illinois University from 2008 to 2010, delivering three bowl eligible teams.

Kill went on to become head coach at the University of Minnesota from 2011 to 2015.

While there, he was named 2014 Big Ten coach of the year and sent three teams to bowl games.

He served as associate athletic director at Kansas State University in 2016

and as offensive coordinator at Rutgers University in 2017, retiring from coaching in December due to health issues.

Kill has dealt with epilepsy for much of his coaching career, serving as an advocate for others with epilepsy and earning widespread respect and national attention.

The Illinois Constitutional Convention, meeting at Kaskaskia, on Aug. 26, 1818, adopted a state constitution. The convention also selected Kaskaskia as the first capital of the State of Illinois.

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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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Serving Our Country

Thank you for serving our country Reagan. Guests of Reagan Nicole Morrison in San Francisco, Calif., were her mother, Jennifer Cleghorn, and brother, Landon Cleghorn, to attend her graduation.

Her certificate says "Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center Presidio of Monterey, California Reagan Nicole Morrison Has successfully completed the sixty four week Basic Program of Instruction in the Arabic-Iraqi Language In testimony whereof, and by authority of the Department of Defense

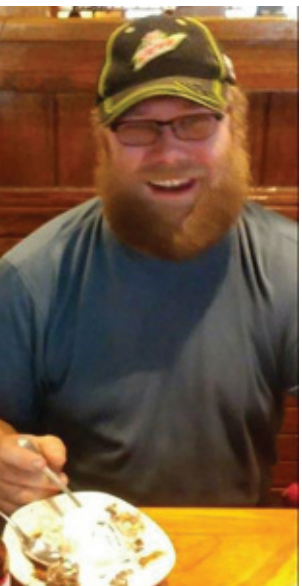
"We issue this Certificate of Completion Given this 8th day of February 2018" Signed Roshanak Burnsides, Registrar And Phillip J. Deppert Colonel, United States Army Commandant Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center."

Jennifer Cleghorn said she wanted to thank everyone who has supported Reagan on her Navy journey.

Reagan graduated from "A" school. Only the brightest and best are given the opportunity that she has been given and they are so proud of her.

We are all proud of Reagan. Please keep her in your prayers as she will be leaving California and stationed at Fort Gordon in Augusta, Ga., in April.

When Jennifer and Landon got home there was a surprise beautiful birthday cake on their table made by the Anna Bakery for Jen-



Brandon Hunter celebrated his birthday at Outback Steak House in Cape Girardeau.



Eanis Poole celebrated his birthday at Outback Steak House in Cape Girardeau.



Clarence Tweedy celebrated his birthday Sunday with his daughter Cheryl Stamp, his sister Carol Gordon and part of his grandkids who live in the Anna-Jonesboro area. He has 10 other grandkids who live in Texas.

nifer from Reagan. Happy birthday Jennifer.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mallory Follis and her dance team in tap which competed in competition Saturday night in St. Louis and won gold.

Birthdays Celebrated

Brandon Hunter and his grandpa Eanis Poole celebrated their birthdays at Outback Steak House in Cape Girardeau.

His wife Stephine, his mother Rebecca Mills, her husband Charles, Eveline Poole, Eanis's wife and Brandon's grandmother and Eanis and Eveline's granddaughter Ashley Trexler and her children Eric and Miley all helped them celebrate their birthdays.

Celebrating Birthday

Andrea Dahmer celebrated her birthday Monday, Feb. 12. She was honored with a birthday cake baked and decorated by her daughter Abigail.

Valentine Party

On Saturday, Feb. 10, Kevin and LaShonna Loveless and Gaynes and Sandy Pecord took the Amtrak train from Carbondale to Centralia to celebrate Valentine's Day.

They enjoyed a delicious dinner at Centralia House before they boarded the train back to Carbondale that same evening.

Birthday Celebration

Mary Light celebrated her birthday Monday, Feb. 5.

She was honored with several parties. One at Lake of Egypt on Saturday. At her daughter Darla Lingle's Sunday evening and at the Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club meeting on Monday.

News from Florida

Janice Lewellyn said she is enjoying the beautiful weather, 84 degrees in her



Jena Guined celebrated her birthday Friday, Feb. 9, with a party at the Brick House Grill.



Princess Gabriella is 3. Gigi Guined celebrated with party at Ultimate Gymnastics in Carbondale Feb. 10 with her family and friends. Her cake was from Anna Baking Company.



David and Linda Kar-raker will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, March 3, at Walker's Bluff.

new home in Florida but missing family and friends here.

She is glad to have sold her home here, although she loved it. She knows the new owner will also.

Janice said she had great neighbors here but has struck it rich in Florida with her great neighbors there.

Of course, it helps having brother, Mike and Bonnie Tweedy and niece, Toni and Jerry, their daughter, Tina and Darren and a bunch of friends right there to keep her up and enjoying.

The youthful attitudes of these people just make life worth it all Janice says. The church adds that special blessing. Janice said tell all her friends to come visit her.

Visiting Anna

Stephen Burns of St. Louis enjoyed visiting in Anna last Saturday and enjoyed stopping at the Friends of Stinson book sale. He just made it back to St. Louis as the freezing rain started.

Connect Point Church, Anna

They have two services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday there was a baptism service at 11 a.m. with Rev. Stephen Guined baptizing 11. There was 339 people attended Sunday coming in the ice and bad weather.

Sunday night Jena Guined was honored with a birthday supper and party for her birthday.

Food pantry and outreach is the third Saturday at 10:30 a.m. If you need food please let them know. Their church is located across from the Anna Post Office. Two new signs have been added to the building.

Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club Meeting

The Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club met Monday, Feb. 5, at Anna Pizza Hut.

President Jane Bauer called the meeting to order by everyone standing and saying the Pledge of Alliance to our flag of the United States of America and the Club Collect.

The program was on veterans. Guest speaker was Pastor Tami Crest speaking on mission work in the Philippines. The club presented her with a donation for international outreach.

Jane Bauer had the devotion on John 3:16 and current events on this month being Heart Month and telling how we should eat healthy and exercise for a healthy heart.

Money was collected for the no bake sale.

Jane read a thank you letter from Jim Koonce, Honor Wreaths for Veterans president, thanking the club for their purchase of two Honor Wreaths for Christmas next year.

Martha Ann Webb showed a picture of Dorothy Hilliard in her memory, told of her passing and her devotion of over 50 year membership to the women's clubs.

The GFWC District 25 113th annual meeting will be March 26 at the Hartley Fine Art Gallery and Event Center in Herrin.

Three birthdays were honored: Judy Smith, Barbara House and Mary Light.

Congratulations to Jane Bauer on being appointed District 25 president and will take office in June.

Birthday Celebration

Clarence Bub Tweedy celebrated his 92nd birthday with his sister Carol Gordon at Wok and Roll in Marion and with his neighbors and his friend Martha from Goreville.

Anniversaries

Bob and Sherry Yother celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Feb. 4. They celebrated by watching the Super Bowl with Tina, Scott and Hunter McCommons, and JR and Kayla Pannell.

Lenore and Randy Ashby celebrated their third wedding anniversary Feb. 7.

Peggy and David Wright celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary Feb. 7.

Don and Shirley Ray celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary Feb. 10.

United Methodist Church, Anna

The flowers on the altar were in memorial from the A. L. Jackson family. A special thanks to everyone who helped with the funeral and the meal for the family of A.L. Jackson.

Sunday morning services were canceled due to the ice storm.

A murder mystery dinner will be Feb. 17 at 6 p.m. presented by the youth group.

There will be a Valentine party for the 1st graders at 12:45 p.m. Feb. 16.

Birthdays: Feb. 5 Bryan Crain, Donald Pippins, 11 Al Kamp, 14 Marilyn Miller, Madelyn Walker, 16 Kay Johnson, Janice Lewellyn, 17 Barbara House, 25 Nancy Hooks, 26 Maggie Johnston Davis, Jo Ann Keller, 21 Marilyn Belcher, Lelia Spurlock.

Anniversary: Feb. 3 Terry and Tina Riley,

The Loaves and Fishes meal will be vegetable soup, ham sandwich or grilled cheese, dessert. Tuesday, Feb. 20, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. At the November meal 185 were served. At the December Christmas meal 122 people were served.

Valentine Dinner

Curt, Bessie Mae, Elijah Ellis, Alleigh Curtis, and Martha Ann Webb enjoyed an early Valentine's dinner at a restaurant in Anna. Then Curt, Bessie, Elijah and Alleigh enjoyed a trip to Cape Girardeau and bowled while there.

Anna VFW

A chicken and dumpling dinner will be served Friday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Star Karaoke Mardi Gras party 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Lincoln Dinner

The Lincoln Day Dinner will be March 3 at the Great Boars of Fire. The doors open at 5 p.m. and dinner is at 6 p.m. Guest speaker will be Jason Heller, candidate for secretary of state.

85th Birthday

Doris Newman celebrated her birthday Feb. 7 with her family and friends.

Thanks

A special thanks to Linda Clutts, Mary Light and Brenda Allen for giving me credit when they renewed their subscription to The Gazette-Democrat. A special thanks to Carol Shepard when she gave me credit when she took out a new subscription to The Gazette-Democrat.

Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies

Sympathy to our Red



Girls were having fun at the King Neptune Cajun House Mardi Gras masquerade ball Saturday night in Anna.



The Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club met at Anna Pizza Hut for their February meeting. In the first row are Judy Smith, Marie Samuel and Jane Bauer. In the second row are Mary Light, Barbara House, Martha Ann Webb, Suzie Kessler and guest speaker Pastor Tami Crest.



Congratulations to Mallory Follis and her dance team, which competed Saturday night in St. Louis and won gold.



Lakelyn Carter won first all around in gymnastics competition in Decatur. Her team also won first Ultimate Gymnastics Excel Gold.



Congratulations to Jericah Carter on initiation into the International Honor Society in Education Kappa Delta at Southeast Missouri State University. Initiation of Alpha Eta Chapter was Feb. 8. Jericah said she is grateful to be a part of a great society that promotes the importance of education. Jericah was also selected to be a part of Alpha Phi Omega, which is a leadership society at SEMO. She is pictured with her grandfather Jim and father Thomas.



Josh Stoner and Randi Harvel were chosen as king and queen of Mardi Gras at the King Neptune Cajun House Mardi Gras masquerade ball Saturday night in Anna.

Hat friend Sherry Rix on the loss of her husband Allan.

Allan was a U.S. Air Force Veteran. Allan and his wife Sherry are the caretakers of The Haven.

Allan cooked the meals for the Red Hat ladies several times and he and Sherry hosted the meetings at the Haven. Please keep Sherry and her family in your prayers.

The next Red Hat dinner will be in Anna at El Jalapeno Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 11 a.m.

King Neptune Cajun House

Lynn Stoner and Scott McKinney owners planned a Mardi Gras masquerade



Bob and Sherry Yother celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Feb. 4.



John Bryant celebrated his birthday Feb. 7 with his wife, Angie.



Gaynes and Sandy Percord took the Amtrak train from Carbondale to Centralia to celebrate Valentine's Day.



Kevin and LaShonna Loveless took the Amtrak train from Carbondale to Centralia to celebrate Valentine's Day.



Jennifer and Landon Cleghorn attended the graduation of Reagan Nicole Morrison in San Francisco, Calif.



Nancy Pind and family have started a tradition in which each family member gets a cake for the birthday person and that birthday person picks their favorite cake based on taste and looks and they pass the trophy around as each birthday passes. Nancy's children are Conner and Caliope Pind. They won the trophy. The birthday girl was Emilie Mowery, who turned 13.

ball with costumes featuring Stacy Carter Band who performs New Orleans jazz. There were around 30 people in costumes.

A king and queen, Josh Stoner and Randi Harvel, were crowned. John Longmire took pictures.

Anna Star Chapter

The Anna Eastern Star meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge in the Anna Park.

Adult Spring Tennis League

Sherry Metzger said the tennis spring league will be different from the fall league.

Instead of co-ed teams, they will be having men's and women's teams. It will be five Sundays and will finish before any of the summer tournaments start up.

They are trying to get beginners involved in this league. If you know someone that would like to play, but is not sure how to get

started this is the league for them.

Register at www.ander-sontennisacademy.com/TeamDoubles by April 2.

Anna Arts Center

A good crowd attended a concert performance by the Back Porch Company, Carla Anderson's band, Saturday night at the Anna Arts Center. The concert featured music by Stephen Foster and other Civil War songs. It was a very enjoyable evening of acoustic music by some very talented musicians.

There are still some group tickets available for the special performance of "Assumptions" by Steve Falcone for Thursday, Feb. 22, at 6:30 p.m. with a guided discussion by area theologians to follow. They need to be reserved in advance by contacting Lee Hackney at vabchlee@gmail.com or by calling 904-625-1109.

Tickets are also available for the regular perfor-

mances at 7 p.m. Feb. 23, 24 and 2 p.m. Feb. 25.

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council has naked flamingos to adopt. They are in need of a bit of tender loving care and some feather fluffing before Feb. 22.

Call Lee at 904-625-1109 if you would be willing to adopt one. The adoption fees go to helping to restore the Anna Arts Center.

A collection of vintage stained glass windows will be on display in the main gallery of the Anna Arts Center during the weekend of Feb. 23-25. Several of them have local history and a connection with Union County's past.

Free Community Dinners

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

Harvest Church serves a free meal every Thurs-

day from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Immanuel Praise & Worship Center, Cobden

Donation chicken and dumplings dinner will be served Feb. 17 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Military Prayer List

Garrett Goines, Nick Harvel, Nona Elizabeth Luke, Lucas J. Strickland, William Nathaniel Frankell, Ethan Maze, Lukas W. Davis, Kiefer Stull, David Jordan Glasco, Ryan

Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse Molly Noyes, CJ Youngerman, Freddy Morse, Reagan Morrison, Josh Stevenson, Josh Williams, Faith Odom, Tommy Goff and family Janette, Jamison and Kaylynn, Creighton Laster, Brandon Eaker, Jim Bonner, Jacob Schaefer, Jerod Schaefer, Jennifer Ann Bishop, Robert Jr. McMeely, James McWhorter, Arin Whitemountain.



Happy birthday to Emilie Mowery, who turned 13. She got to pick the prettiest and best tasting cake winner from the cakes her family members made for her birthday celebration.

Television Listings

THURSDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Brooklyn	Chicago P.D. (HD)	"16 Wishes" Wish goes wrong.	"Pilgrim" Tonight	"The Ghost Writer"	(15) Homeland (HD)
7 PM	The Bachelor Winter Games (HD)	Bang (HD) Young	Gotham (HD)	2018 Olympic Winter Games (Live) (HD)		Brooklyn	Chicago P.D. (HD)	(4:0) Mack	★★★ "The Fate of the Furious" Dom in crime.	"Dawn of the Dead" (04) (R) (HD)	(15) "Collide" (17) Man runs from gang. (HD)
8 PM		(4:0) Mom Pieces	9-1-1 "Point of Origin"		College Basketball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Brooklyn	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Bizaard		"The Midnight Meat Train" (08) Serial killer.	The Chi Block party.
9 PM	Roseanne	S.W.A.T. "Seizure"	Local Programs			Brooklyn	Chicago P.D. (HD)	BUNKD Jessie	(2:0) Here and Now		
10 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs		SportsCenter (HD)	Conan Zary sketches	Family	Mack (HD)	2 Dope Queens "Hair"	Strike	Cartoon
11 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs		SportsCenter (HD)	Brooklyn	Family	Undercover	"King Arthur" (17)	"Thin Red Line" (99)	Cartoon
	Nightline	Corden		Local		Conan	Family	Good Luck			Homeland

FEBRUARY 15, 2018

FRIDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	All-Star Celebrity Game from Los Angeles	Brooklyn	Family	BUNKD	"Split"	"Good Will Hunting"	"Con Air"
7 PM	"Wreck-It Ralph" (12) Good intentions (HD)	Big Brother: Celebrity Edition (HD)	The X-Files "This"	2018 Olympic Winter Games "Figure Skating, Alpine Skiing, Freestyle Skiing, Skeleton" (HD)		Brooklyn	Family	Mack (HD)	(5:0) "Suicide Squad" (16) Will Smith. Villains team-up.	(55) "Jason Bourne" (16) Bourne resources.	"Sleepless" (17) Kidnapped son.
8 PM			X-Files "Plus One"		Top Rank Boxing "Raymundo Beltran vs. Paulus Moses"		Family				The Trade
9 PM	20/20 (HD)	Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs Local info.			Family	Family	Raven	Real Time (HD)	Strike Back (HD)	Word Is Bond
10 PM	Local	Local				ELEAGUE (HD)	Family	(4:0) Mack			
11 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	★★★ "TRON: Legacy" (10) (PG)	Chrisley	Stuck Mid.	High Maint	Strike	
	Nightline	Corden		Olympic			Chrisley	Mack (HD)	2 Dope Queens (HD)	(5:0) "Jason Bourne" (16) (HD)	The Trade
							Chrisley	Good Luck	Real Time		Cartoon

FEBRUARY 16, 2018

SATURDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:30) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Ball (Live)	Brooklyn	NCIS "Squall" (HD)	Raven	"Snatched" (17) (HD)	(10) Strike Back party.	The Chi Block party.
7 PM	Middle	MacGyver (HD)	Boxing "Victor Ortiz vs Devon Alexander" (HD)	2018 Olympic Winter Games from PyeongChang, South Korea (Live)	(15) College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	NCIS "Gut Check"	Mack (HD)	"The House" (17) Illegal casino.	"The Last Boy Scout" (91) (HD)	(2:0) "Collide" (17) Man runs from gang. (HD)
8 PM	black-ish	NCIS: New Orleans				Bang (HD)	NCIS "Rogue" (HD)	Stuck Mid.			
9 PM	black-ish					Bang (HD)			Sil Valley	(5:0) "Die Hard"	Showtime Championship Boxing "Garcia vs. Rios" (Live) (HD)
10 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs Local information.	Hell's Kitchen (HD)	Local	College Basketball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Falling Water (HD)	Undercover	Sil Valley	(8:0) A cop fights terrorists in a high-rise.	
11 PM	Local Programs		Local Programs	Olympic (Live) (HD)		Frontal	NCIS Bishop in Gilmo.	Undercover	Here and Now (HD)		
					SportsCenter (HD)	Detour	BUNKD	BUNKD	"The House" (17) Illegal casino.	(85) Strike Back (HD)	
						Drop Mic	NCIS "Keep Going"	Liv Maddie			

FEBRUARY 17, 2018

SUNDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Home Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	Brooklyn Burgers	2018 Olympic Winter Games "Bobsled, Speed Skating, Ghosted, Freestyle, Figure Skating" (Live) (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	★★★ "Insurgent" (15)	Law & Order: SVU	Stuck Mid.	"Gavin"	"Maverick" (94) (HD)	The Chi Block party.
7 PM	Feud (HD)	Big Brother: Celebrity	Simpsons	2017 WSOP (R) (HD)	2017 WSOP (R) (HD)	(2:0) 2018 NBA All-Star Game (Live)	Law & Order: SVU	Stuck Mid.	"The House" (17) Illegal casino.	"Sully" (16) Emergency landing.	Cartoon
8 PM	Feud Joely Fisher.	S.W.A.T. "Pilot" (HD)	Fam Guy	2017 WSOP (T) (HD)	2017 WSOP (T) (HD)		Law & Order: SVU	Here and Now (HD)			Cartoon
9 PM	Shark Tank (HD)	SEAL Team (HD)	LA (HD)				Law & Order: SVU	(5:0) "Zombies" (18) Zombie population.	Here and Now (HD)	(4:0) "Adaptation" (03) A writer struggles. (R)	Homeland (HD)
10 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	"Blue Streak" (99) Thief poses as cop. (HD)	Family	Grav Falls	Divorce		The Chi (HD)
11 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local			Family	(35) Mack	Here and Now (HD)	"Whip It" (09) Misfit seeks life.	The Chi (HD)
				Olympic	Sports		Family	Mack (HD)			Homeland (HD)
							Family	BUNKD	Crashing		

FEBRUARY 18, 2018

MONDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball Miami vs Notre Dame (HD)	Fam Guy	Law & Order: SVU	"Zombies" Zombie population.	"All Eyez"	"Duplicity" (09) (HD)	"Lincoln"
7 PM	The Bachelor (HD)	Big Brother: Celebrity	Lucifer Dating app.	2018 Olympic Winter Games from PyeongChang, South Korea (Live) (HD)	2017 WSOP (R) (HD)	Family Guy (HD)	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	(45) Mack	"Traffic St"	"Frost/Nixon" (17) Nixon interviewed. (HD)	Cartoon
8 PM		Superior	The Resident		College Basketball Oklahoma vs Kansas (HD)	Fam Guy		Cast Party	"E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial" (82) (HD)		Homeland (HD)
9 PM	The Good Doctor	Scorpion (HD)	Local Programs Local info.			Dad (HD)		Raven		"Murder at 1600" (97) Oval Office slaying. (R)	The Chi (HD)
10 PM	Local	Local			SportsCenter (HD)	Conan James Franco.	Family	Grav Falls	Here and Now (HD)		Cartoon
11 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Olympic (Live) (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Brooklyn	Family	Stuck Mid.	Divorce		The Chi (HD)
	Nightline	Corden				Conan	Family	Bizaard	"Alien Dir's Cut" (03)	★★★ "15 Minutes" (01)	The Trade
							Family	Raven			

FEBRUARY 19, 2018

TUESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	NCIS Bank robbery.	BUNKD	Real Time	(5:20) "Taxi" (04) (HD)	"G.I. Jane" (97, Action) Gender-neutral.
7 PM	The Bachelor Winter Games (HD)	NCIS (HD)	Lethal Weapon (HD)	2018 Olympic Winter Games from PyeongChang, South Korea (Live) (HD)		Bang (HD)	WWE SmackDown (HD)	BUNKD	"Get Out" (17) Terrifying truth. (R)	"Whip It" (09) Ellen Page. Misfit seeks life.	Homeland (HD)
8 PM		Bull Tribal court. (HD)	LA (HD)		College Basketball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)		Bizaard			
9 PM	Kevin "Old Friends"	NCIS: New Orleans	Local Programs Local info.			Bang (HD)	Chrisley	Grav Falls	(15) 2 Dope Queens	"17 Again" Man becomes young.	The Chi (HD)
10 PM	Local	Local			SportsCenter (HD)	Conan Jack Black.	Chrisley	Grav Falls	(15) Here and Now		Cartoon
11 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Olympic (Live) (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Detour	Chrisley	Stuck Mid.	"Unforgettable" (17)	(4:0) Strike Back (HD)	Homeland (HD)
	Nightline	Corden		Local		Conan	Chrisley	Bizaard		Tour Bus	"Hateful"
								Raven			

FEBRUARY 20, 2018

WEDNESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	BUNKD	"Constant."	(4:55) "Orphan" (09)	(5:45) ★★★ "The Light Between Oceans" (16)
7 PM	Goldbergs	Big Brother: Celebrity	X-Files	2018 Olympic Winter Games from PyeongChang, South Korea (Live) (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Mack (HD)	"The House" (17) Illegal casino.	★★★ "S.W.A.T." (03) Action Jailbreak plot. (HD)	Eric Clapton: Life in 12 Bars Life chronicled.
8 PM	Family	The Amazing Race (HD)	9-1-1 "Pilot" (HD)		College Basketball Louisville vs Duke (Live)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Bizaard	Crashing		
9 PM	Match Game (HD)		Local Programs Local info.			Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	High Maint	★★★ "The Mummy" (17) Ancient terror. (HD)	(15) ★★★ "Whitney: Can I Be Me" (17, Music)
10 PM	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan Allison Janney.	Law & Order: SVU	Grav Falls	Here and Now (HD)		
11 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Olympic (Live) (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Frontal	Law & Order: SVU	Mack (HD)	"Traffic St"		
	Nightline	Corden		Olympic		Conan	Law & Order: SVU	Bizaard	"Man on the Moon"	"Transcendence"	
								Raven			

FEBRUARY 21, 2018

THURSDAY

7:00pm	HBO The Fate of the Furious ★★★ (2017, Action) Vin Diesel, Dwayne Johnson. When a mysterious woman shows up and seduces Dom into a life of crime, the team must come together in order to bring Dom back home. PG-13 (HD)
7:30pm	TBS Brooklyn Nine-Nine "9 Days" Captain Holt and Jake both accidentally get the mumps in the middle of an investigation, and are quarantined together in order to keep working on the case. TV14 (HD)

FRIDAY

7:30pm	USA Modern Family "Snow Ball" Manny and Luke agree to throw the school's lavish winter dance but soon end up in a mess due to a texting error; Gloria, Claire, Mitchell and Cam volunteer. TVPG (HD)
9:00pm	MAX Strike Back Col. Adeena Donovan and Section 20 discover that Jane Lowry has enlisted the white nationalist gang Magyar Ultra to kidnap a Russian chemical weapons expert. TVMA (HD)

SATURDAY

7:00pm	ABC The Middle "The Setup" Frankie is tasked with being at her mom's beck and call; just as it appears that Sean is about to ask Sue out on a date, Sue nervously announces her suggestion. TVPG (HD)
8:00pm	CBS NCIS: New Orleans "Down the Rabbit Hole" When Pride is found following one of Mayor Hamilton's accomplices, the suspect decides to open fire in a crowded area to use the chaos as protective cover. TV14 (HD)

SUNDAY

7:00pm	SHOW Our Cartoon President "Rolling Back Obama" President Trump attempts to reverse all of President Obama's accomplishments; a dapper Jared Kushner and intense Stephen Miller develop an unlikely friendship. TV14
8:00pm	CBS S.W.A.T. "Pilot" A S.W.A.T. sergeant and former Marine is given the challenge of taking charge of a specialized tactical unit for the city of Los Angeles. TV14 (HD)

MONDAY

7:00pm	FOX Lucifer "Chloe Does Lucifer" A connection is found between a celebrity dating app and a murder; Ella tries to stay away from Charlotte; Amenadiel comforts Linda. TV14 (HD)
9:01pm	ABC The Good Doctor "22 Steps" Dr. Shaun Murphy must confront prejudice from an unexpected source; Dr. Jared Kalu must learn to accept the limitations that he has as a surgeon. TV14 (HD)

TUESDAY

7:00pm	ABC The Bachelor Winter Games Fourteen international bachelors and bachelorettes compete in winter-themed challenges as they vie for romance with 12 of America's Bachelor Nation favorites. (HD)
8:00pm	CBS Bull "Play the Hand You're Dealt" Bull tries helping his former college roommate at a tribal court, but the unfamiliar rules throw him off; Bull is introduced to Marissa's new boyfriend. TV14 (HD)

WEDNESDAY

7:00pm	FOX The X-Files "The Lost Art of Forehead Sweat" While Mulder and Scully explore the concept of The Mandela Effect, they come to discover the events that potentially led to the X-Files' existence. TV14
7:30pm	ABC Speechless "B-I- BIKINI U-N- UNIVERSITY" JJ hides his hidden intentions as he convinces his parents to take him on a college visit, but he seeks help from his new friend when his plan unravels. TVPG (HD)

Opinion and Commentary

Comprehensive blood pressure guidelines updated

In November 2017, the American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association released the first comprehensive guidelines for managing high blood pressure in adults since 2003.

The update was created to identify and treat hypertension (high blood pressure) sooner.

Research shows a very clear link between high blood pressure and cardiovascular disease, making you twice as likely to suffer a stroke or heart attack, University of Illinois Extension educator Marilyn Csernus said.

Doctors previously diagnosed hypertension as blood pressure above 140 systolic (top number) or above 90 diastolic (bottom number).

Now, Stage 1 hypertension is 130-139 mm Hg and 80-89 mm Hg.

Stage 2 hypertension is greater than or equal to 140 mm Hg, or greater than or equal to 90 mm Hg.

The new guidelines classify normal blood pressure as less than 120/80 mm Hg.

There is a new category of elevated blood pressure, without a diagnosis of hypertension.

Elevated blood pressure is between 120-129 mm Hg and less than 80 mm Hg.

“All of these different numbers and categories can be confusing,” Csernus says.

“One of the most important changes is that what used to be considered normal blood pressure is no longer normal.

“Because there are often no symptoms, yet it significantly increases the risk for heart disease and stroke, hypertension is known as a ‘silent killer.’

“These updated guidelines mean more adults will now have hypertension, but not all will necessarily require medication.

“Lifestyle changes may be enough to bring blood pressure down to a normal range for some people.

“Positive changes in lifestyle behaviors have a cumulative effect on lowering blood pressure.”

Csernus says the most effective lifestyle interventions are weight loss and a healthy eating plan like the Dietary Approach to Stop Hypertension, DASH.

The DASH plan is rich in fruits, vegetables, fat-free or low-fat milk and milk products, whole grains, fish, poultry, beans, seeds and nuts.

The DASH plan is lower in sodium and rich in other nutrients that lower blood pressure. Other positive interventions include regular physical activity and moderate alcohol intake.

“Accurate blood pressure readings are the first step in diagnosing hypertension. Caffeine, nicotine and exercise can affect blood pressure and should be avoided within a half-hour of a blood pressure check. A correctly fitted and placed blood pressure cuff is necessary for an accurate reading,” she adds.

When checking blood pressure, the cuffed arm should be placed on a flat surface at heart level.

Sit upright with feet flat on the floor and back straight. Do not talk during a blood pressure reading.

Use the average of two blood pressure readings taken at least one minute apart, after sitting quietly for five minutes.

“If using a home blood pressure device, keep a log of the readings to share with your health care provider. Take your home device along to your appointment to make sure it is accurate,” Csernus says.

An elevated blood pressure reading should not be taken lightly.

“Remember, each positive lifestyle change made can cumulatively reduce blood pressure. If lifestyle changes are not enough, medication will be needed to maintain normal blood pressure and prevent the risk of a heart attack or stroke. Individual recommendations and treatment for blood pressure should come from your health care provider,” she adds.

Page from the Past

From the files of The Gazette-Democrat
50 Years Ago, February 15, 1968

A group of approximately 25 persons met at the Stinson Memorial Library Thursday evening to discuss further plans for the observance of the 150th birthday of the State of Illinois, in Union County and the various communities.

John Longeran, an SIU landscape architect, has made a model of a proposed plan for the Lincoln Memorial Square in Jonesboro.

Three Union County men left for the induction center at St. Louis for induction into the Armed Services Wednesday morning, Feb. 14.

All parents and interested persons are invited to attend the Open House to be held at the Anna Junior High School Monday evening, Feb. 19, from 7 to 9 p.m.

A large number of persons attended the 99th anniversary and rededication services held at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church Sunday, Feb. 11.

Warm coats, mittens and red faces (for Valentine's Day) were much in evidence this past week, as the high temperature reached was only 40 with the low being 7.

Friday, Feb. 16, will be the first annual Homecoming at the Cobden High School. The newly formed Student Council and the F.H.A. are sponsoring the dance.

As soon as signs can be made, there will be a change in the traffic regulations around the Lincoln School.

From the Mountain Glen news: We are experiencing some real winter weather again after several real nice spring like days.

Please read this. . .

by Geof Skinner



Penguins might have been right at home at this bird bath outside of Anna City Hall which was coated in ice last week.

Cold, freezing rain, frozen fingers...

What you're seeing this week makes it official. My brain froze last week.

Call it the effects of the winter of our discontent. Old Man Winter seems to be especially grumpy and cantankerous this season. At least we haven't heard anything about the Polar Vortex.

Winter seemed to settle in with some nice cold weather right around Christmas time, which seems long, long ago and far, far away. We've had a few warm days, but Mr. Winter was just kinda teasing us.

We've been blessed with subzero temperatures, snow, ice, sleet (now called ice pellets), freezing rain and probably some other stuff that folks don't see around here very often.

One almost expected to see a flock of penguins show up at the Union County State Fish and Wildlife Area (I know, it's the refuge), a walrus to be basking somewhere along Clear Creek and a polar bear on the prowl in a creek bed at the Trail of Tears State Forest.



Icicles dangled from bleachers at the Anna City Pool last week.



These icicles were hanging around in Anna, doing their icicle thing, following last week's round of frozen precipitation in Anna.

Last week, we had one round of ice. As if that weren't enough excitement, we had some more last Saturday night.

After both rounds of icy precipitation, yours truly did a little wandering around in the cold. I'm pretty sure that was when my brain froze.

It was bad enough that my fingers froze in the cold while I attempted to take some exciting photographs. Some of those pictures are what you are seeing this week. Pictures fill up lots of space, really quick. That is good when one's fingers, and brain, freeze. By the way, the pictures were taken at various places in Cobden and Anna, including the pool at the Anna City Park, where nobody was swimming.

Actually, the fresh layers of ice made for some pretty spectacular scenery, especially after some sunshine returned. Some of the images reminded me of a Christmas card.

Writers sometime have issues with frozen brains. Folks will sit down at the keyboard, and all they can do is hope for the best. That's 'cause sometimes, like now, all you can do is cross your fingers, and then try to type with crossed fingers.

Speaking of winter: are you as excited about the Winter Olympic Games as I am? Didn't figure you were.

I find it quite interesting that folks seem somewhat surprised that it is cold during the Winter Olympics. Just kind of makes me want to go hhhmmmm...

At least we can rest easy as a nation after an American athlete finally won a gold medal in something called the luge, which I think is Greek for "sled that goes really fast down a tube of ice."

Apparently, as a nation, we had not won a single gold medal in the luge event since the Olympics started back in Something Something B.C. By the way, did you know that back in Something Something B.C., the athletes competed sans clothing, as in naked. I understand that the Winter Olympics were quite a challenge back then.

The Other Half, who is much wiser than yours truly, did point out that for the athlete who worked and trained so hard to earn the gold medal, the achievement should be seen as something very special. As always, she has a much better take on such things than I do.

Hopefully, Old Man Winter will get worn out pretty soon and move on. There are some positive signs that such a thing will happen.

Major League Baseball spring training is getting started. The Other Half is thinking about getting some of her plants started for this year's garden. The thought of picking a fresh, ripe tomato or two in the garden is a sure sign that things are going to get better.

Before we finish up, a belated happy Valentine's Day to my sweetheart, who seems to think I would finally figure out that wandering around in the cold and snow and ice to take pictures until my hands hurt does not make me the brightest bulb in the box.