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News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area.

Flags were being flown at half-staff through sunset Monday, Feb. 19, in Illinois in honor of the victims of the school shooting tragedy in Parkland, Fla.

Congratulations to Anna-Jonesboro Community High School student athlete Arieh Hart, who won a state wrestling championship last weekend in Champaign.

Property taxes will be the focus of a meeting which is set for 6 p.m. Feb. 27 at Vienna High School. The meeting is being sponsored by the Farm Bureaus of Union and Johnson counties.

The weather on Saturday in Union County was rather interesting, with heavy snow and a winter weather advisory during the morning, drizzle and clouds in the afternoon, a little bit of sunshine late in the afternoon and fog during the night.



Is spring really on the way? Bright yellow crocuses were seen last Sunday in Cobden.

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Reception planned at school

A-J's Arieh Hart wins state wrestling title

A Union County high school plans to honor its new state champion this weekend.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School's Arieh Hart won the 152-pound weight class at the Illinois High School Association Class 1A state wrestling championship.

The finals were at the

State Farm Center in Champaign on Saturday, Feb. 17.

Hart is the first wrestler in the history of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School to win a state championship.

Reception Planned

Hart will be honored at a reception which is planned Saturday, Feb. 24.

The reception is sched-

uled from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the high school.

Finals Title Match

Hart won his state title with a 5-4 decision over Kewanee senior Lewis Robinson.

"It was very exciting," A-J wrestling team head coach Eric Massey said. Massey said that the Kewanee wrestler "could not

match Arieh's speed."

Robinson was a second-place finisher at 145 pounds at state last season.

In the title match, Hart made a 5-2 run and recorded an escape and two take downs on single legs to a double over Robinson. Hart then gave up two penalty points in the final 30 seconds when he was at-

tempting to let time expire in the match.

In the semifinals, Hart topped McNamara's Mason Sauseda 8-5. In the quarterfinals, he defeated Orion's James Schnerre 8-5.

Hart closed out his senior season at A-J with a 42-2 record and a 150-31 career record.

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State champion, coaches

A-J state champion wrestler Arieh Hart, with A-J wrestling team head coach Eric Massey, right, and assistant coach Chase Hargrave, left.



On the podium

Arieh Hart stands on the podium after winning a state wrestling championship. Photos provided.

5 to 7 inches of rain possible this week in region

As of last week, the spring flood potential for the Mississippi River along Union County's border was forecast to be average or normal.

The outlook was issued by the National Weather Service office in Paducah.

And while spring doesn't arrive until March, flooding already is a concern in the region.

At the same time, the weather service was looking at a forecast which called for the possibility of a "prolonged period of wet weather to set up over the Ohio and Mississippi river valleys" this week.

As of last Friday, the weather service had posted on its website that "the potential for flooding will need to be monitored in the coming days as we gain a better idea of where and exactly how much rainfall may occur."

By early this week, the region was on alert for the possibility of very heavy rain which could add to concerns about flooding.

The weather service forecast posted early Tuesday morning was calling for the possibility of two periods of heavy rain this week.

The first round was expected to begin with heavy rain arriving late Tuesday night and continuing into Wednesday night.

Another round of heavy rain is possible from Thursday night (today) through Saturday night.

A map posted on the website for the weather service office in Paducah showed that rainfall totals ranging from 5 inches to 7 inches were possible in the area which includes Union County.

Flooding is possible along the area rivers and their tributaries.

In a hazardous weather outlook for Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky, the forecast called for "rounds of widespread showers and a few thunderstorms...producing multiple periods of heavy rainfall across the region Thursday night

through Saturday night.

"The flooding concern will increase with each round of heavy rainfall, culminating with the cold frontal passage Saturday night. A few strong storms cannot be ruled out Saturday."

Spring Outlook

The spring flood potential outlook issued by the weather service covers the time period for late February through late May.

The outlook includes the mid-Mississippi and lower

Ohio rivers and their tributaries in Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and West Kentucky.

Union County is bordered on the west by the Mississippi River.

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Union County Women in Business to sponsor meet the candidates event

Community members will have an opportunity to meet candidates who are running for local offices in the March primary election at an upcoming event which is scheduled in Union County.

In the March 20 primary election, voters will choose candidates for a wide range of offices, including Union County posts.

More than a dozen candidates are running for county offices in the primary. County offices on the ballot include posts on the board of commissioners, treasurer, county clerk and sheriff.

Voters will have an opportunity to meet those running for office at an event sponsored by Union County Women in Business.

The organization plans to host a meet the county candidates event Monday evening, March 5, at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. The event is set to begin at 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium at the school.

Union County Women in Business noted in a press release announcing the event that the organization has "always been passionate about supporting all things local, especially local gov-

ernment and the impact of local services and quality of life supported by the local economy."

The format of the evening will allow all candidates for county offices to introduce themselves to the public, discuss their platform and ideas for how they will contribute the progress and support of the community.

Advanced registration or an RSVP is not required. Inquiries about the event can be directed to Union County Women in Business president Kelli Wood at 833-4685.



Career fair held at A-JCHS

A big world awaits students at Union County high schools. To help students prepare for life after school, Anna-Jonesboro Community High School hosted its first career fair Thursday evening, Feb. 15. Students from all Union County high schools were invited to attend the event, which featured more than 60 presenters. The presenters filled the lower gymnasium and cafeteria at the Union County school.

Students who came to the career fair had an opportunity to learn about many career and educational opportunities, including construction, the media, the military, recreation, public service, finance, agriculture, cosmetology, food service, health care and more. The event was coordinated by A-JCHS faculty members Natalie McLean Miller and Alysha Hase. Military branches were well represented at the career fair and can be seen in the picture on the left. On the right, Moury Bass, co-owner of WIBH radio in Anna, talked with some of the many students who attended the event.



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News Notes

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The Union County Museum in downtown Cobden is scheduled to open for the season on Saturday afternoon, March 3. The museum will feature an exhibit about Union County's bicentennial, which is being commemorated in 2018.

The Union County Chamber of Commerce plans to meet during the noon hour on March 1 at Shawnee Community College's extension center in Anna.

The Southern reported that the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce honored Cook Portable Warehouses as its regional business of the year.

Spring clean-up is scheduled to begin March 5 at the Anna City Cemetery. The city notes that all arrangements which are left after that date will be picked up.

National Girl Scout Weekend is Feb. 23-25.

With the temperature in the low 70s, students at Anna Junior/Davie School in Anna were enjoying some time outdoors around midday on Tuesday.

Looked like some baseball practice might have been underway last Thursday on a warm and blustery February afternoon at Kiwanis Field at the Anna City Park in Anna.

The River-to-River Trail Society is planning a series of free guided hikes during the spring.

Happy Washington's Birthday day.

A-J wrestler

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He spent his first two years at Murphysboro, compiling a 62-21 record and qualifying for state during his freshman year, but being eliminated in the sectionals during his sophomore year.

Last year, he transferred to A-J and finished second at state at 152 pounds with a 43-4 record.

Massey said that he was "very proud to have been part of this amazing ride" which encompassed Hart's success on the wrestling mat.

Massey also praised A-J wrestling team assistant coach Chase Hargrave. Massey said that Hargrave "did an excellent job" preparing Hart this season.

The A-J head coach said that he thinks Hart's success will carry over to the A-J squad next season.

Massey said there will be a lot of wrestlers returning next season with a lot of potential.

Massey said Hart hasn't made a decision on where to attend college yet; however, several colleges have shown an interest.

Flood outlook

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Part of northwestern Union County is bordered by the Big Muddy River, which is a tributary of the Mississippi.

The flood potential is seen as average or normal for the Mississippi River north of the confluence with the Ohio River and for its tributaries in southwest Illinois and Southeast Missouri.

Flood potential is forecast to be above average or above normal for the lower Ohio River and its tributaries in southeast Illinois and Western Kentucky.

As of early this week, a flood warning was in effect for the Ohio River in Southern Illinois and Western Kentucky. The river was expected to continue to rise through much of this week.

A bit of a snowy surprise on a Saturday morning

Heavy snow fell for a short time last Saturday morning in the Union County area. Very large snowflakes were part of the wintry precipitation. The snow covered the landscape, but did not last for very long, as the temperature climbed above freezing. By Saturday evening, most of the snow had melted.

Legislator attends state budget address

The second major milestone in Illinois state government for the year was hit last week, with lawmakers coming together from both the Senate and the House of Representatives to listen to the annual budget address on Feb. 14 in Springfield.

The address was delivered by Gov. Bruce Rauner.

After attending the speech, State Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg, said he was cautiously optimistic about the spending plan presented to the Illinois General Assembly.

"One of the fundamentally basic, but still critical, aspects of the governor's spending plan is that it is balanced, adhering to our Constitutional requirement and calling for the state to spend within its means," Fowler said in a news release.

"Stability won't be sustained on a foundation of reckless spending or a crushing tax burden. We have to be realistic and responsible, working toward a brighter future for our state by putting an end to the cycle of overspending and overtaxing."

Fowler said that other key points from the speech critical for downstate Illinois included \$100 million for higher education improvements, \$100 million for statewide emergency repairs and calls for 100 new Illinois State Police cadets, urging a tougher approach toward crime.

"Another exciting component to the proposed budget is the direct investment in the future of Southern Illinois, allocating \$1 million toward the Cairo river port project," Fowler said.

"Our region has so much to offer this state in terms of opportunities, future development and potential. I'm extremely encouraged that this budget recognizes the need to invest in Southern Illinois and takes steps

toward revitalizing and reviving Cairo and our surrounding communities."

With a balanced budget on the table, Fowler stressed the importance for lawmakers to work together moving forward.

"This budget isn't perfect and just like any other budget proposal, we have work ahead of us and tough decisions to make," he said.

"However, we have a good starting foundation: a balanced budget that outlines some of the critical areas for Illinois to address.

"Lawmakers now have a responsibility to come together, pass the reforms our state so desperately needs, and pass a budget that works for our state and the people we represent," Fowler said.

Hero Lost

In other news last week, Fowler said that Illinois lost a true hero when Chicago Police Department commander Paul Bauer was shot and killed on Feb. 13.

In honor of his memory, all entities governed by the Illinois Flag Display Act

were instructed to fly both the United States and Illinois state flags at half-staff.

Bauer lost his life while confronting an armed suspect outside the James R. Thompson Center, a state government office building in downtown Chicago. Bauer was a 31-year veteran of the Chicago Police Department.

Voter Registration

Fowler also was reminding people about a voter registration deadline.

Illinois residents looking to vote in the March 20 primary election needed to be registered by Feb. 20, which was the end of the regular registration period.

Fowler said the deadline also applied to those people who need to change their names or addresses.

More information about registration and how to vote can be found on Fowler's website at senatorfowler.com.

News from the District

Before heading back to Springfield for the week, Fowler joined Mineral Products Inc. in Harrisburg

to learn more about the first railroad cleaning machine, manufactured and assembled in Southern Illinois.

This one-of-a-kind machine is 45 months in the making, bringing innovation and opportunity to the region.

Fowler said he is excited about the development, noting the potential for economic growth and development when the machine hits the market.

Fowler said he intends to join Mineral Products when they unveil their product in March.

Fowler also joined the Anna Morris Retired Teachers Association for its breakfast meeting, answering questions and discussing their thoughts and concerns about issues impacting their members.

Fowler welcomed students from the Saline County CEO program to his district office. Fowler is a mentor with the innovative program, working to encourage entrepreneurship and leadership among the participants.

Measure introduced in U.S. House proposes cost-of-living adjustment for nation's veterans

A measure has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives that would provide a cost-of-living adjustment, COLA, to veterans.

The bipartisan Veterans' Compensation COLA Act of 2018 was introduced by

Anna police report issued

Anna Police Chief Mike Hunter has issued a monthly activity report for January.

Highlights from the report follow:

43 adult verbal warnings issued. 21 adult written warnings issued.

94 radio/officer initiated calls. 155 phone initiated calls. 29 walk in initiated calls. 278 reports selected.

Nine traffic misdemeanor or arrests. Five warrant arrests. One criminal felony arrest. Eight criminal misdemeanor arrests. 30 traffic citation arrests.

U.S. Rep. Mike Bost, R-Ill.

Bost is chairman of the House Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, DAMA.

"I'm proud to carry this bill to provide important cost-of-living adjustments to our nation's veterans and their dependents," Bost said in a news release.

"It's vitally important that we ensure the men and women who have served our nation receive the benefits they have earned. We need to get this legislation through Congress and to the president to provide certainty to our nation's heroes."

Sheriff issues monthly report

Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel has released his department's monthly activity report for January.

Highlights from the report follow:

Felony arrests, five. Misdemeanor arrests, 11. Traffic arrests, 29. Warrant arrests, 11. Total arrests, 57.

Cases opened, 28. Drug investigations, 11. Crash reports, 12. 911 calls received, 1,292. Miles patrolled, 9,769.

The Veterans' Compensation COLA Act of 2018 would provide a cost-of-living increase for wartime disability compensation, compensation for dependents, clothing allowance, dependency and indemnity compensation to surviving spouses and dependency and indemnity compensation to children paid to wounded veterans and their families for injuries they suffered while serving the nation in uniform.

The increase would begin on Dec. 1, 2018.

Immediate Openings at River to River Community of Ullin an affordable assisted living community for seniors 65 and older.

Services available include:

- 24 hour staffing
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- Transportation
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Students receive honors at WYSE event

Students from Union County high schools achieved honors at the annual Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering, WYSE, Academic Challenge hosted by Shawnee Community College near Ullin.

The academic competition was held Thursday, Feb. 8.

Eleven of 12 high schools in the college's district competed in the academic challenge.

Participating high schools are separated into

two divisions based on their enrollment:

Division 300: Century Unit District No. 100 at Ullin, Goreville Community Unit No. 1, Joppa High School, Dongola Unit District No. 66, Cobden High School, Cairo High School, Shawnee High School at Wolf Lake and Meridian Unit High School at Mounds.

Division 700: Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, Vienna High School and Massac County High School.

Students from the high schools each take tests in the subject areas of biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering graphics, English, math and physics.

The school teams that placed first, second or third in Division 300 and teams that placed first or second in Division 700 advance to the WYSE sectional, which is scheduled March 14 at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Individuals who received first or second place medals can advance to the WYSE sectional, regardless of how their school team placed in the top rankings for their division.

Results achieved by students from Union County and their schools follow, as provided by the college:

Division 300
Cobden High School

students placed second with a total score of 445.5 points in the Division 300 schools. Goreville won the division. Century was third.

Individual Cobden students who received medallions included:

Joseph Brumleve, first, chemistry.

Tori Brummer, first, computer science.

Lauren Sweitzer, third, EngGraphics; third, math.

Jamison Cowart, first, English.

John Russell, third, English.

Chattrin Lamiedvipakul, first, math.

Madison Bundren, second, math.

Rosendo Martinez, third, math.

Individuals taking home medallions included:

McKenzy Rowan, Dongola Unit District No. 66, third, math.

Megan Theis, Dongola Unit District No. 66, third, math.

Chapman Hill, Shawnee High School, third, physics.

Division 700

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School won Division 700 with a total of 493.1 points. Massac County was second and Vienna was third.

Individual A-JCHS students who received medallions included:

Katie Mays, second, biology.

Madi Johnston, third, biology.

Ender Schmidt, third, biology; first, math.

Hunter Miller, first, chemistry; third, English.

Jacob Eddleman, third, computer science; third, physics.

Colton Goins, first, English; third, math.

Connar Hadley, third, math.

Bryce Massey, first, physics.

Madi Johnston, second, physics.

"On behalf of Shawnee Community College I want to say thank you to all of the coaches and students for participating in WYSE this year," Shawnee Community College WYSE competition coordinator Sheryl Ribbing said.

"I was honored to have an opportunity to see these excellent students compete and receive recognition for their hard work and academic excellence.

"These students are some of the best and brightest from our district high schools."

Weather High of 72 degrees, 2 inches of snow

The high temperature reached 72 degrees on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 15, in Union County.

Saturday morning, 2 inches of snow fell on the Jonesboro area.

The weather during the period of Feb. 13-19 also featured a low of 24, rain, drizzle, fog and very strong winds on several days.

Precipitation during the period included .05 of an inch Feb. 13, .24 of an inch Feb. 14, .92 of an inch Feb. 16, 2 inches of snow Feb. 17 (.54 of an inch of melted precipitation) and .01 of an inch Feb. 18.

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

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Tuesday, Feb. 13	46 25
Wednesday, Feb. 14	58 44
Thursday, Feb. 15	72 58
Friday, Feb. 16	67 31
Saturday, Feb. 17	42 30
Sunday, Feb. 18	55 24
Monday, Feb. 19	70 52

On April 25, 1898, the United States declared war on Spain after the destruction of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor, Cuba. More than 12,000 men from Illinois served during the conflict.

Ethan Penrod achieves rank of Eagle Scout



Ethan Penrod

Cobden High School senior Ethan Penrod has received the Boy Scouts of America, BSA, rank of Eagle Scout.

Eagle Scout Penrod belongs to the Anna BSA Troop 7044.

He is the first scout to obtain the rank of Eagle in

Troop 7044 in the last five years.

His Eagle project consisted of planning, soliciting donations, coordinating adult and scout assistance, and acting as overall project supervisor of Cobden High School's softball field concession stand renovation.

Penrod has always enjoyed the outdoor aspects of Scouting: camping, hiking, and cooking.

An official Eagle Scout ceremony is planned in April to recognize Penrod's achievement.

Penrod plans to attend Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, where he intends to study music education.

A-JCHS students achievements noted

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering, WYSE, team placed first at recent regional competition.

The regional was Feb. 8 at Shawnee Community College near Ullin.

The team's success was highlighted at a regular meeting of the A-JCHS District No. 81 Board of Education meeting. The meeting was Feb. 12 at the school.

The first-place finish at the regional qualifies the A-JCHS team to advance to WYSE sectional competition, which is scheduled in March at Southern Illinois University.

Individual medalists for A-JCHS included, by category:

English: Colton Goins, first. Hunter Miller, third.

Computer science: Jakob Eddleman, third.

Math: Connar Hadley and Colton Goins, third.

Chemistry: Hunter Miller, first.

Biology: Catie Mays, second. Madi Johnston and Ender Schmidt, third.

Physics: Bryce Massey, first. Madi Johnston, second. Jakob Eddleman, third.

The A-JCHS team members also included Ashley Detering, Clair Boget, Audrey Haar, Trenton Newberry, Alex Rogers and Megan Tehandon.

Other business which was reviewed in minutes from the meeting follows:

School safety was discussed in light of recent events which have taken place at other schools.

The A-JCHS Student Council is planning a blood drive, which is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 28, at the school.

Project Be Amazing can be seen outside the school cafeteria. Students took pictures to show that they are "more than labels" and made several posters with words of encouragement. The project was created by student council members with the hope of encouraging students "to always be themselves."

Teacher Hannah Maze's government classes have been learning about free speech and protection of the American flag and the controversy surrounding Confederate statues.

Students have been working on letters to their representatives, asking them to take a stand on key issues. The students were eager to hear back from their representatives.

Union County Clerk Terry Bartruff was scheduled to meet with teacher Julie Lewis's seniors on Feb. 13.

The county clerk planned to bring in sample ballots, a ballot reader and to discuss how the voting process works. Bartruff also planned to register any eligible seniors to vote, if they wanted to do so.

The board recognized David Eaves for his service to the district. Eaves was awarded a lifetime pass to school events.

The school's Facebook page has been a success. Through Feb. 12, the page had recorded 370 likes and 374 followers. The page can be found on Facebook, under The AJ Wildcats.

The A-J baseball team's coaching staff attended an I-70 Baseball clinic in Greenville.

Blood drive set 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.



Annual meeting conducted

Anna-Jonesboro National Bank stockholders conducted their annual meeting last week. President Scott Wilson outlined financials and the bank's status. Chairman Jerry L. Reppert reported on community involvement of the bank and its employees. Board members are, in the first row, from left, Scott Wilson and Jerry L. Reppert. In the second row are Larry Carter, Greg Wood, Dr. Steven Beatty, Phil Hileman and Clyde R. Hodges.

Arieh Hart Wins State Title



Congratulations Arieh Hart on winning the Class 1A 152 lb. weight class title at the IHSA wrestling championship! Arieh finished his last season as a high school wrestler at 42-2. His four year high school career is 150-31. Also pictured with Arieh are coaches (L-R) Chase Hargrave and Eric Massey.



The Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455, Veterans of Foreign Wars in Anna was instituted on July 31, 1948 and has been a pillar of the community since that time.

During the past year Post and Auxiliary members have participated at funerals with military rites for over 30 members and non-members and donated over \$2,000.00 to families of deceased members. Each month they hold a bingo party at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna to help make the day of a veteran a little brighter. They adopted a Platoon during the past year and sent gifts overseas. They participated in many flag presentations within the community, held the Veterans Day parade and invited everyone to the Post for awards and food afterward.

They participated in the Cobden Peach Festival Parade and the opening of the Union County Fair. They work tirelessly on legislation that affects Veterans across the nation. They have supported several golf tournaments, are members of the Union County Hospital Auxiliary and the Chamber of Commerce. They held a school supply giveaway at the post home, sponsored 10 needy children at Christmas and provided food baskets for needy families. They promote patriotism within the local schools with coloring, poster and essay contests. This post is a vital part of this community.

Our membership is getting older, as is our building, which was built back in the 1960s. It has come to the point that the Post Home needs a new roof. We have several fundraisers in mind to be held over the next several months. If anyone has any suggestions for fundraisers or would like to make a donation toward the roof, we would greatly appreciate hearing from you. Any donations can be sent to the Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455, 70 VFW Lane, Anna, IL 62906, earmarked "roof". Any donation, no matter how large or small, would be greatly appreciated.

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Sports

Wildcats score Senior Night victory over Sparta in finale

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' basketball team built an early lead and never looked back on its way to a 67-58 win over visiting Sparta on Senior Night in the final Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division regular season game Friday, Feb. 16.

Jake Parr had 17 points and 3 rebounds to lead the Wildcats.

Jacob Zimmerman added 16 points. Logan Sawyer had 10 points and 3 rebounds.

Sheldon McGrath had 9 points and 2 rebounds.

Tyler Smith had 4 points and a rebound.

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

The Wildcats were 17 of 23 in shot attempts from the floor, 7 of 13 from 3-point range and 12 of 17 from the free throw line.

The Bulldogs were 22 of 37 in shot attempts from the floor, 3 of 13 from 3-point range and 5 of 9 from the charity stripe.

A-J, 21-8 overall and 6-4 for a third place finish in the conference, plays this week in the Johnston City Class 2A regional.

Commentary

Disturbing incident at game

By Mike Estel

As a former high school basketball official and long-time fan, I witnessed something recently at a high school basketball game I've never seen before and hope I never see again.

A fan actually came on the floor to confront an official.

Oh sure, fans can get rowdy and have verbal attacks on the officials. That just comes with the territory and is part of every game I've ever officiated

or watched from the stands. After some previous games I've officiated in the past, I've been confronted out in the public about missing calls, but never actually confronted on the floor.

But at Cobden's Senior Night game with Egyptian recently, this Pharaoh fan definitely crossed the line.

Though I was across the gymnasium from him throughout the game. I could hear him during the game giving the officials a hard time every time they made a call against his team he didn't agree with.

To me it seemed like he was reacting with some negative comments every time his team received any foul call at all.

I never heard any curse words, but he was very vocal and I'm sure the officials were very close to having him escorted out the door prior to this incident.

The game was close throughout the contest and could have gone either way.

And, then it happened like a lightning bolt and instead of verbally assaulting the officials, he was on the floor after a call against his team.

Principal Crystal Housman apparently was aware that there was potential for some problems because she was close by and immediately escorted the irate fan to the nearest exit.

The game continued with only a little bit of discontent from either side.

Principal Housman has to be credited for handling a situation that could have really gotten out of hand.

I hope I never witness something like this happening again. It's the darkest depth of unsportsmanship and has no place anywhere on a basketball court.



A message to Old Man Winter?

Folks might be ready to tell Old Man Winter to "stop." Heavy snow, and very large snowflakes, fell early Saturday morning in the Union County area.

Forever SIU fund-raising campaign tops \$56 million

A three-year, \$75 million fund-raising campaign to support students at Southern Illinois University Carbondale raised more than \$56 million in its first year.

Forever SIU: The Campaign for Students launched on Jan. 1, 2017.

SIU acclaimed for student aid, scholarships

For the second time in 2018, Southern Illinois University Carbondale has earned national recognition for the scholarships and financial aid assistance it provides to students.

The Student Loan Report recently ranked SIU No. 67 in the nation among the "Public Colleges Where Students Earn the Most Scholarship Funding."

The rankings are determined on the basis of undergraduate scholarships provided to students by public colleges.

SIU also claimed the No. 1 rank in Online Colleges' "10 Online Colleges with the Best Financial Aid Opportunities in 2017" list, released in January.

As of Dec. 31, approximately 5,000 donors contributed \$56,317,674, or 75 percent of the \$75 million goal, according to Jim Salmo, chief executive officer of the SIU Foundation.

The campaign's progress is a sign of confidence in the university, SIU chancellor Carlo Montemagno said.

More than half of the total raised is for student scholarships and fellowships, with the balance supporting academic programs, facilities and technology.

Workshop set

The Arts Council of Southeast Missouri plans to host a pastel painting workshop March 10-11.

The workshop will be presented by Michele Wells, who is a professional artist based in St. Louis.

The pastel painting workshop is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. both days.

Enrollment in the workshop is limited. Those who may be interested in participating can find a registration form on the arts council's website at www.apearts.org.

Celebration scheduled at Cobden church

A note-burning and pastor anniversary celebration is planned Sunday, Feb. 25, at the First Baptist Church in Cobden.

The celebration will be held, along with a barbeque luncheon, after the morning service at the Cobden church.

The church is celebrating to honor the full retirement of the debt service on the new sanctuary and the sixth anniversary of Ed and Tiffany Falgout's ministry. All are welcome to attend the celebration.

Student volunteers offer help with income tax forms

Free income tax preparation is available at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, thanks to a group of student volunteers.

Beta Alpha Psi, an SIU College of Business honors accounting organization, is again sponsoring the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, VITA, program to assist fellow students and low- and moderate-income people from the community with tax returns.

On Saturday mornings through April 14, free tax preparation help is scheduled to be offered on the SIU campus.

From 8 a.m. until noon, people can come to the computer lab on the lower level of Rehn Hall, which is located at 1025 Lincoln Dr.

There will not be sessions on March 10 and 17 due to the university's spring break.

Anna Li, Jing Mo and Jared Nicholas are coordinators for this year's VITA program.

The students participated in advanced training to prepare for their leadership roles.

The free tax preparation service includes free electronic filing.

Each of the students is an IRS-certified volunteer tax preparer and has completed mandatory ethics and basic tax exam courses.

The VITA coordinators review all returns the students prepare and assist with more complicated questions.

Students have given assistance through the VITA program for more than 25 years. Student volunteers

completed more than 300 tax returns last year, all at no charge.

Appointments are not necessary. Returns are typically completed in an hour or less. On average, the waiting time for help is no more than 15-30 minutes.

VITA assistance is open to any U.S. citizen, whether single or married, as long as their income is no more than \$54,000 and they take the standard federal deduction.

Although there are a few specific tax situations which may go beyond the scope covered by VITA, the volunteers can assist with a number of typical tax situations including those involving wages and earnings from self-employment, interest and unemployment income, Social Security benefits, dividends and returns that involve child tax, education or earned income credits.

In order to take advantage of the VITA services, taxpayers need to bring with them legal identification, such as a driver's license or passport, along with all of their current tax documents.

That includes W-2s, SSA-1099S, 1099-MISCs or 1098-Ts, as well as any other pertinent documentation.

Taxpayers should also bring their Form 1095-B or another proof of insurance in order to avoid the penalty for not having health insurance.

For more information, email the VITA coordinators at bap.siuc@gmail.com.

Marshall Co. tops Cobden

Marshall County, Ky., topped visiting Cobden 69-42 in the final regular season game for the Appleknockers Friday, Feb. 16.

John Russell scored 16 points to lead the Appleknockers.

Noah Franklin added 12 points, Joe Brumleve 7, Clayton Eck, Cody Weisman and Dylan Lewey 2 apiece and Zane Nance 1.

Cobden, 15-12, is scheduled to play this week at the Gallatin County Class 1A regional.

Rail plan

The Illinois Department of Transportation, IDOT, is seeking input on its 2017 rail plan.

The plan provides an overview of the state's existing passenger and freight facilities and operations as well as strategies for achieving long-term goals.

The public is asked to review the plan on IDOT's website at <https://goo.gl/dF4dpC> and submit comments at <https://goo.gl/pp7rWD> by Feb. 23.

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Early & Grace Period Voting Schedule

2018 General Primary March 20, 2018

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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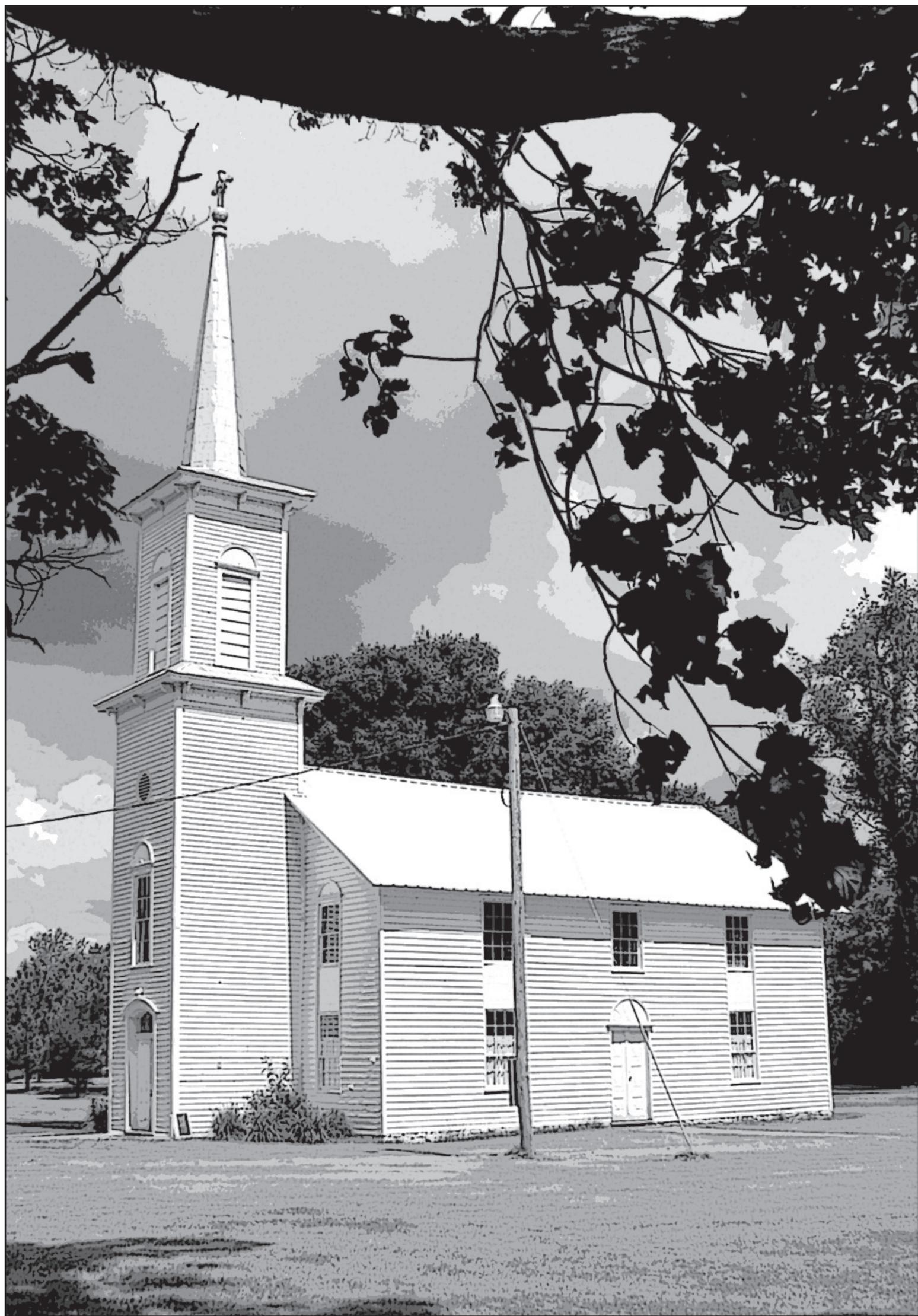
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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 attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Tiffany Busby, Clerk of the Circuit Court

Respectfully submitted,
 FEIRICH/MAGER/GREEN/Ryan

Angela M. Povolish
 Attorney for the Executor

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 Carbondale, IL 62901
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STATE OF ILLINOIS CIRCUIT COURT UNION COUNTY

PUBLICATION NOTICE 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

NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois SS County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 20th day of January, 2018, under the Assumed Name of Southern Roots Hair Company with the place of business located at 335 S. Main Street, Anna, Illinois 62906 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the Sole Owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Lesley Stoffel
 2195 State Route 146 W.
 Jonesboro, IL 62952

Terry Bartruff
 Union County Clerk
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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 IL-



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LINOIS. P.I.N.: 14-00-07-962-A1 5. The common address of the subject real estate is as follows:

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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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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 EAST OF THE THIRD PRICIPAL 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:
A PARCEL OF LAND BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. SAID PARCEL BEING A PART OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AND RECORDED IN BOOK 111, PAGE 379 IN THE UNION COUNTY COURT HOUSE IN THE NAME OF ROLIE E. HILL AND MABEL DUFFIELD HILL, DATED AUGUST 23RD, 1989. SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER SECTION. BEING MARKED BY AN IRON ROD SET NEXT TO A STONE FOUND AT A FENCE INTERSECTION; THENCE S 24 DEGREES 31'35"W, 1217.10 FEET ALONG A NEW LINE TO AN IRON ROD SET IN THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE JIM TOWN LOOP ROAD (FORMERLY THE OLD VIENNA-ANNA ROAD); THENCE ALONG THE SAID NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE THE FOLLOWING TWO CALLS: THENCE N 42 DEGREES 51'37"W, 377.72 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 35 DEGREES 08'29"W, 54.99 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE N 33 DEGREES 41'57"E, 944.09 FEET ALONG A NEW LINE TO AN IRON ROD SET IN THE NORTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION; THENCE S 90 DEGREES 00'00"E, 270.00 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL TO CONTAIN 8.001 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. SAID PARCEL SUBJECT TO ALL RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND EASEMENTS, RECORDED OR OTHERWISE. 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

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT BY A DEBT COLLECTOR AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Union County, Illinois

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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 pursuant 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, County of Union and State

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

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2. Complain bitterly about the climate. Dwell on cold winters, the hot summers and the generally tough conditions for the people who live here. Let the world know that this is the last place anybody would want to live and work.

3. Knock your city and county governments. Spread the word about the stupidity of your elected officials. After all, they are all just out to get you anyway.

4. Don't buy anything locally. Use discount stores in the city and direct mail catalogs for all of your purchases. It's a lot more important to save a buck than to save your local merchant.

5. Snipe at the local newspaper. Tell anyone who will listen that those media people are just no good and that they never print the news you want to read.

6. Boycott community events. Tell yourself and anyone else that it's not your job to show up for ball games, concerts and school programs. Who really cares if anyone participates in those things?

7. Be more negative. Everybody knows that all kids are delinquents, all business people are crooks and all public officials are just looking out for themselves. Try to get in as many bad remarks about the town as possible.

8. Be skeptical, cynical and critical about anything designed for the community's progress and betterment and do it as loudly as possible. Blame progress for every difficulty, economic development for changing things from the way they were in the good old days, and disagree with anything that makes things different in your town.

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The Anna-Jonesboro FFA Chapter has planned the following activities:

- Monday, February 19:** Presidents' Day
- Tuesday, February 20:** Greenhand Day, Freshman Breakfast
- Wednesday, February 21:** Western Day, Sophomore Breakfast
- Thursday, February 22:** Camo Day, Junior Breakfast
- Friday, February 23:** FFA Hoodie/T-Shirt Day, Senior Breakfast, Teacher Appreciation Day

Anna-Jonesboro FFA Officers are:

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Shawnee FFA Chapter

The Shawnee FFA Chapter has planned the following activities:

- Monday, February 19:** Presidents' Day
- Tuesday, February 20:** FFA Balloon Release, Greenhand Day
- Wednesday, February 21:** Teacher Appreciation Breakfast, Coloring Activity with 1st and 2nd Graders
- Thursday, February 22:** Members will teach 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students fun facts about food
- Friday, February 23:** Fish Fry

Shawnee FFA Officers are:

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| Casey Kuberski - President | Chapman Hill - Vice President |
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| Astin Dillow - Sentinel | Colin Ryan - Chaplain |
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Dongola FFA Chapter

The Dongola FFA Chapter has planned the following activities:

- Monday, February 19:** Presidents' Day
- Tuesday, February 20:** Carhartt & Flannel Day, Taco Boats, Tug of War
- Wednesday, February 21:** Hat Day & Camo Day, Little Caesar's Pizza, Video Games on the Big Screen
- Thursday, February 22:** FFA Jacket/Shirt Day, State Officer Visit, 3 Point Shoot
- Friday, February 23:** Blue and Gold Day, Truck Day (Bring your truck to school), Italian Venison & Hot Dogs, Staff/FFA Volleyball, Staff Appreciation Day

Dongola FFA Officers are:

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| Karlie Eddleman - President | Makenzie Prout, Zach O'Neal - Vice Presidents |
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Egyptian FFA Chapter

The Egyptian FFA Chapter has planned the following activities:

- Monday, February 19:** Presidents' Day
- Tuesday, February 20:** Teacher Appreciation Day
- Wednesday, February 21:** Chapter Visits by State FFA Officers and Elementary Ag Olympics
- Thursday, February 22:** 8th Grade Presentation on FFA and the Importance of Agriculture
- Friday, February 23:** FFA Equipment Day and Petting Zoo for Elem. School

Egyptian FFA Officers are:

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| Kelsey McCrite - President | Nick Mitchell - Vice President |
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| Kolton Pitts - Student Advisor | Lucas McLaughlin - Chaplain |

Meridian FFA Chapter

The Meridian FFA Chapter has planned the following activities:

- Monday, February 19:** Presidents' Day
- Tuesday, February 20:** Drive your Tractor, Truck or ATV/UTV to School Day
- Wednesday, February 21:** Ag Olympics in the Gym. Bobbing for Apples, Pig Scramble, Hay Bale Toss, Calf Bottle Drinking
- Thursday, February 22:** Fish Fry for Staff
- Friday, February 23:** Community Service at the Veterans Home and Humane Society, Wear Blue Day

Meridian FFA Officers are:

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| Morgan Laird - President | Alexis Crain - Vice President |
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Cobden FFA Chapter

The Cobden FFA Chapter has planned the following activities:

- Monday, February 19:** Presidents' Day
- Tuesday, February 20:** Camo Day
- Wednesday, February 21:** PJ Day, Ice Cream Party for Members
- Thursday, February 22:** Hat day, Cookout at Lunch for Members
- Friday, February 23:** Official Dress/ Blue and Gold, FFA Wear Day, Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

Cobden FFA Officers are:

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| Christian Pitts - President | Noah Godinez - Vice President |
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Egyptian FFA members at the National FFA Convention In Indianapolis, Indiana. L-R: Nick Mitchell, Jolie Hill, Brooke Sinn, Kelsey McCrite, Danny McCrite, Raleigh Petermichel, Jasi Sissom, Lucas McLaughlin and Kolton Pitts.



Century senior FFA members who attended National Convention with advisor Brent Miller. Front row standing from left is Alicia Inman, Molly Williams and Rachel Thurston. Back row from L-R: Audrianna Green, Astin Dillow, Colin Ryan and Daniel Watson. Laying on the ground is Brent Miller.



Century Tractor Show. The officer team is posing with a top 5 winner. Larry and Teresa Sauerbrun. From left is Alicia Inman, Aryn Malone, Colin Ryan, Larry Sauerbrun, Teresa Sauerbrun, Rachel Thurston, Molly Williams, McKenzie Reagor, Astin Dillow and Audrianna Green.



The Century officer team and the Greenhands at LTS and Greenhand Quizbowl. The officers participated in LTS while the Greenhands competed in Quizbowl. A Greenhand is a first year FFA member. Front row L-R: Arissa McClellan, Mady Dillow, Harley Schnaare, Brooke Gordan, Alison Wilburn and Blake Ryan. Back row L-R: McKenzie Reagor, Molly Williams, Aryn Malone, Astin Dillow, Audrianna Green, Alicia Inman and Rachel Thurston.



Meridian FFA members traveled to the National Convention this year.



Radio Day – Shawnee FFA members Chapman Hill, Casey Kuberski, TJ Kell, Colton Ross and Katie Charles participated in a radio interview with Cousin Carl about the week's events.



Meridian FFA members participated in a Farm Machinery Show in Louisville, Kentucky.

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Anna-Jonesboro Community High School FFA members at state convention. L to R: Logan Rich, Kim Duty, Clay Schultz, Ella Moutria, Kaity Messamore, Nicole Nance and Grace Rendleman.



Story Time – Shawnee FFA member TJ Kell read a story to Mrs. Courtney's kindergarten class.



Anna-Jonesboro Community High School freshman agriculture students. Students in agriculture class constructed a bench, which is located in front of Union County Courthouse, as part of community service project.

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Century FFA members at a 4-H Teens as Teachers meeting. Front row L-R: Mindy Leek, Brooke Gordan, Harley Schnaare, Molly Williams, McKenzie Reagor and Alicia Inman. Back row L-R: Kelton Richardson, Alison Wilburn, Carli Junker, Alyssa Essex, Arissa McClellan, Brent Miller, Mady Dillow, Audrianna Green, Blake Ryan, Aryn Malone and Rachel Thurston.



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Shawnee FFA enjoyed an SIU-C basketball game. First row L-R: Nick McAlister, Justin Charles, Ryan Schaefer, Gabe Thompson, and Jeremiah Hale. Middle row L-R: Michael Derossett, Logan Watkins, Anthony Buie and Koby McLane. Back row L-R: Austin Smith, Wyatt Hasselbrock, Holden Criddle, Dawson Johnson and Austin Warren.



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Obituaries

Gerald (Jerry) Kaufmann

Gerald (Jerry) Kaufmann, 72, of Carbondale, died peacefully, surrounded by his family, on Feb. 14, 2018, at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale following a brief illness.

He was born on Dec. 23, 1945, in Urbana, the son of Alfred and Mildred Kaufmann.

He was blessed with a large and loving family. He married his best friend, Debra Terneus, on June 12, 1981, in Herrin. He helped raise four children with patience, discipline and humility. He taught everyone around him to see the beauty of the outdoors and to find happiness in the simple moments of life. He cherished quality time with his family and friends.

He graduated from Buckley-Loda High School and came to Carbondale to attend Southern Illinois University. He was later hired by the City of Carbondale, where he retired after over 20 years.

In 1987, he became co-owner of Mac-Weld Inc. in Carbondale, where he served Southern Illinois as a welder. He also spent many years growing crops and raising cattle. He was happiest when he was on his John Deere tractor in the fields.

He is survived by his wife, Debra; his children, Terril (Marilyn) Kaufmann of Carbondale, Tina (Len) Goetz of Jonesboro, Stephani (Larry) McCaughan of Carbondale and Greg (Emily) Kaufmann of Johnston City; grandchildren Jamie (Frank) Eovaldi of Murphysboro, Tim (Brie) Imhoff of Murphysboro, Mallory (Ben) Wilson of Marion, Robin (Justin) Yancey of Carterville, Dana (Todd) Kellerman of Pickneyville, Jacob McCaughan of Carbondale and Oak Kaufmann of Johnston City; eight great-grandchildren; a sister, Joan Hilse of California; a brother, Robert Kaufmann of Illinois; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services for Gerald (Jerry) Kaufmann were Sunday, Feb. 18, at 2 p.m. at Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home, with the Rev. Tommy Monroe officiating. Interment followed in Pleasant Grove Memorial Park.

Memorials can be made to the American Heart Association, the Alzheimer's Association and the American Cancer Society.

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

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Katharine Mendenhall-Sinn

Katharine Mendenhall-Sinn, 92, of Anna, died Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018, at her home.

She was born on Jan. 30, 1926, in Philadelphia, Pa., the daughter of Donald Elliot and Helen McFarland Woodbridge.

She married John Howard Mendenhall. He preceded her in death in 2005. Later, she was married for 17 years to Donald Sinn before his death in 2016.

She is survived by her children, Walter Mendenhall, Susan Linher, Barbara Clark, John Mendenhall and Philip Mendenhall; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her two husbands; her parents; and siblings Elsa Kistler, Dudley Woodbridge, Elliot Woodbridge and Edith McNair.

She worked for many years for the Girl Scouts of America. She traveled extensively, living in many different states throughout the United States. She retired at the age of 70 from working out of the national headquarters in New York City.

She loved to go fishing, canoeing and camping, she even backpacked over 500 miles on the Appalachian Trail. Teaching art and playing piano were some of her many talents, along with creating beautiful flower gardens wherever she lived.

One of her proudest achievements was helping to create the parent and child center in Mt. Carmel, which received national recognition and set the standards for a national program.

Services will be available at a later date for immediate family and friends.

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

RENDELMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES Randleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna is in charge of arrangements.



Donna Kay Caraker Sadler

Donna Kay Caraker Sadler, 70, of Jonesboro, died Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018, at her daughter's home in Cobden after a long battle with cancer.

She was born on Aug. 6, 1947, in Anna, the daughter of Curtis and Helen Kirkpatrick Caraker.

She is survived by her son, Collin Crews (Lori Williams) of Anna; one daughter, Michelle (Jeff) Sadler of Cobden; four grandchildren, Tyler Sadler (Alexis Charles), Luke Sadler, Ashton (Jake) Casey and Ashton's mother, Deanna (Lane) Cruse, and Taylor Crews; two great-grandchildren, Paisley and Aliyah Casey; a brother, Robert (Betty) Caraker of Anna; a sister, Glenda (Larry) Koeller of Winslow; special friends Gerald Bauer and Karen Schlenker; numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and a grandson, Landon Tyler Sadler.

She worked for many years at Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna as a registered nurse until her retirement. She was actively involved in many community activities. She enjoyed Sunshine Inn for seniors. She especially enjoyed activities with the 4-H group for kids; many of the children with 4-H have grown to know her as MeMaw Donna.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with Darryl Williams officiating. Interment was in the Anna City Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois.

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

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



Glenn Earl Hartsock

Glenn Earl Hartsock, 93, of Jonesboro, died Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018 at his home.

He was born on May 23, 1924, in Alto Pass, the son of Daniel and Minnie Hartsock.

He married Edith Stone Moore on April 21, 2001, at Immanuel Baptist Church in Cobden.

He is survived by his wife, Edith Hartsock of Jonesboro; Edith's children, John McHughes, Cindy Smith, Polly Quintana and Carol Eslinger, all of Jonesboro, and Alma (Jason) DeWitt of Ullin; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; a sister, Pauline Craig of Peoria; a brother, Larry (Audrey) Hartsock of O'Fallon, Mo.; a sister-in-law, Leana Hartsock of Grayville; numerous nieces, nephews and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by three brothers, Donald, Dan and Kenneth Hartsock.

He served during World War II in the U.S. Navy from 1942-1947. While in the Navy, he served on the USS Pennsylvania and the USS McConnell as a torpedoman 3rd class.

He was a member of Harvest Church in Anna and served as an usher until his health declined and he couldn't attend. He enjoyed going to church and the fellowship he gained. He enjoyed fishing and spending time with his wife.

Funeral services for Glenn Earl Hartsock were at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with Pastor Tony Foeller officiating. Interment was in the Alto Pass Cemetery.

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

Memorials can be made to Angels Cove.

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

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

Vickie Baggett

Vickie Baggett, 61, of Makanda, died Monday, Feb. 19, at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

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

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

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Jackie L. Hoffman

Jackie L. Hoffman, 70, of Anna, died at 8:39 a.m. on Feb. 20 at Heartland Regional Medical Center in Marion.

Arrangements were pending at Crain Funeral Home in Anna.

Crain
Funeral Home

Three new members named to state fair advisory board

Three new members have been named to the Illinois State Fair Advisory Board.

The appointments were announced recently by Gov. Bruce Rauner.

The board advises the Illinois Department of Agriculture and its director, Raymond Poe, on matters concerning the annual Du Quoin and Springfield state fairs and fairgrounds operations, ensuring the varied interests of participants, visitors and the people of Illinois are represented.

Each of the new members will serve a two-year, non-paid appointment as prescribed in the State Fair Act.

New board members include:

Jacksonville resident Gary Hadden, a Morgan County cattle producer who also serves as the chairman of the Morgan County Fair entertainment committee.

Seaton resident Matt Jungmann, national events manager at Farm Progress Companies, who for years has overseen all aspects of the Farm Progress Show, the nation's largest outdoor farm event.

Chicago resident Cory Jobe, who, as director of the Illinois Office of Tourism, is responsible for leading marketing and development for the state's tourism industry.

These members join 12 others reappointed by the governor for another two-year term.

NARCAN doses donated to state agencies

AptarGroup and Adapt Pharma has donated 4,000 doses of NARCAN nasal spray to the Illinois Department of Public Health.

NARCAN is a brand name for naloxone hydrochloride, an emergency therapy used to reverse respiratory depression in cases of known or suspected opioid overdose.

Gov. Bruce Rauner accepted the donated doses on behalf of the state, along with Lt. Gov. Evelyn Sanguinetti and Illinois De-

partment of Public Health director Nirav Shah.

Public health officials will have a total of 3,400 doses to provide to the Illinois State Police and the Illinois Department of Corrections; an additional 600 will go to the Chicago Recovery Alliance.

State troopers carry the emergency therapy in their squad cars. The Department of Corrections plans to distribute its supply among parole officers for field use.

Card of Thanks

The family of Larry Reynolds would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards, food, flowers and all the acts of kindness shown during the illness and passing of our loved one.

Special thanks to Shianna Russell, Carol Messamore of Celtic Health Care, Kevin and Trish Cox, Rhonda and Becky for the food, Pastor Tim Heinecke, Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home and all the pallbearers.

Diane, Jason & Family,
Deborah & Family,
Sara & Family

Our family would like to express our sincere thanks for the many acts of kindness shown to us during the loss of **Lee Roy Rendleman.**

A special thanks is extended to the Jonesboro Masonic Lodge III, First Baptist Church of Jonesboro, the ladies who prepared the delicious meal following the service, Brother Joe Aldridge, Pastor Brad Dexter and the singing group for each of their parts in providing such a wonderful service to honor Lee Roy.

We would also like to include the pallbearers, V.F.W. Post #3455 Military Honor Team and the Navy Honor Team for their final tributes, and to Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home for their assistance. We now know he is truly in a place where he is FANTASTIC.

Sincerely,
Marla Rendleman
Brad & Susan Rendleman
Angie & John Hand
Brad & Kelly Dexter

City of Anna Cemetery Clean-Up

The City of Anna Cemetery will start spring clean-up on March 5, 2018. All arrangements left after this date will be taken up and disposed of by the cemetery staff. If any questions, please contact the Anna City Garage at 833-7813.

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"The Preaching Pen" Do You Feel Like A Failure?

All of us fail occasionally. We don't like it, but it happens. In fact, just the fear of failure paralyzes millions of people, but we need to realize that failing from time to time does not classify one as a permanent failure!

How then, can we overcome the fear of failure so that it doesn't paralyze us? There are four things we need to understand if we're going to take risks that will honor God.

I. Realize that everyone fails!! Failure is a universal experience. In Jas. 3:2, in part of his teaching about the tongue, James says, "For in many things we offend all." He goes on to say that if a man can control his tongue and avoid verbal sin, that person is well-disciplined, but he first makes the point that we're all prone to stumble in many areas.

II. Don't allow your failure to become final. Look at Proverbs 24:16, "For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief." Even good folks stumble, but they can rise up again!

III. Recognize the benefits of failure. Failure educates us. Thomas Edison said he had 10,000 failures before he learned how to create a working light bulb. He called it an education. "I know 10,000 things that don't work." There are some things in life that are only learned through failure.

IV. Stop comparing yourself to others! Frankly, this is the root of a lot of failure. We live in a competitive society. Everybody competes with somebody else. Many people think, "I can never measure up to them, so why even try?"

You see, success is just doing your best. Failure is not making the effort. Comparing yourself with someone else is the fast track to failure. God's not interested in how you compare with others: He's interested in how you compare to your own potential, and to His standard - His Word.

The only complete failure is to die apart from the Lord. He wants you to be saved (II Pet. 3:9). We pray you'll accept His gracious invitation (Mt. 11:28-30).

R.W. McAlister, Minister
Anna church of Christ

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Section B



Valentine's Day performance

The Free Range Chicks presented a Valentine's Day performance on Wednesday, Feb. 14, at the Sunshine Inn at Goddard's Barn & Grill in Anna. The trio includes Pat York, Molly Beckley and Ruth Ann Levinson. The performance was sponsored by Union County Democrats who are running for office in 2018.



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The Three Protectors of the Illinois Country, Part I

Fort Massac,

First established as a fort by the earliest explorer of the area, Hernando De Soto in 1542. Their purpose in establishing a fortification here was to protect themselves from hostile Indians in the area.

The site of the fort has been recognized for its strategic importance since the first explorers. Every occupation of the site has recognized its view of the Ohio, the Tennessee, and the Cumberland Rivers as its most relevant feature. Occupied by both the French and the British at various times, the site has been rebuilt several times. The last to occupy the fort as a strategic military site were Illinois troops during the War of 1812. Years later, during the Civil War, the place was used as a training ground for Illinois troops before they entered the war. There is no convincing evidence to suggest its use as a fortification during that war but its use suggested vigilance against any marauding troops from the southern states.

Fort Massac has been known by three names. As early in its history as 1707, the place was known as Fort Assumption, so named by Father Jean Mermet who had founded a mission there. Father Mermet was an associate of Charles Juchereau of the Juchereau tannery.

In 1757, the fort was named Fort De L'Ascension (Fort Ascension), again suggesting its French Catholic influence. The fort was rebuilt in that year and was christened Fort Ascension on the Catholic calendar

day known as the "Day of Ascension." The French occupied the fort during the French and Indian War, turning it over to the British at the end of that conflict in 1763.

The fort received its name of Massac, the anglicized form of the original name of Fort Massiac. It had received the name of Massiac in 1721 in honor of the French Minister of Colonial Affairs, M. de Massiac.

It has been argued for many years that the fort received its name because of an Indian massacre that occurred there, being known as Fort Massacre in earlier times. Knowing that the name was in honor of the Frenchman, Massiac, it can be safely declared that it did not bear the "official" name of "Massacre." However, there is evidence that the name of "Fort Massacre," may have been used by the locals for a while. There was a massacre that occurred in 1721.

Fort Massac, like most military posts, had some families of pioneers that had established themselves in the vicinity and enjoyed the benefits of protection that the fort provided when troops were stationed there. The larger area, even though not a part of the fort, was known as Fort Massac. Because of its proximity of the river, it became a natural place of trade. There was also a road that ran from the Illinois side of where the Cumberland River entered the Ohio, through Fort Massac and on to the Illinois side opposite of Cape Girardeau.

Several times in the history of Fort Massac, there were no troops stationed there. When George Rogers Clark landed at the fort, it was unmanned.

Even though the residents surrounding the fort enjoyed the presence of troops. Often there was a symbiotic relationship between the civilians and the military.

A traveler, Thomas Rodney, on his journey from Delaware to the Mississippi Territory in 1803, wrote about his experience at Fort Massac.

"On the Ohio, Friday, November 4th 1803. Captain Bissell who commands here a company of 63 men sent us sergeant to invite us to dine; but I was busy and sent my compliments that I could not dine with him. Williams did the same and we dined on board then walked up to the captain.

It appears to be in good order and the soldiers on duty. It is a small fort stockade round, with 6 or 9 inch pointed posts ten or 12 feet high, with a shallow ditch and bank, and is supplied with several pieces of brass cannon beside musquetry and other guns. The soldiers we saw appeared well dressed and neat and clean. The fort stands on high bank on a point of the NW shore in a pleasant situation; but the land seem sterile tho a strong clay. There is a little suburb or a collection of buildings below the garrison; but I saw no cultivation of any kind, tho there is 40 or 50 acres of land cleared and fenced and some lots which I suppose are pasture grounds.

There is ten or a doz. Houses beside those of the garrison and a store kept here. We had to give a qtr. dollar a lb. for 10 lb. of maple sugar here; and they sold whisky at 2 dollars..."

Don't Miss Next Week

"The Three Protectors, Fort Jefferson"

See "annablepublishing.com" to find local outlets for this book or how to order.

Senior citizen prom planned

A senior citizen prom is planned March 10 at the Leona Brust Civic Center in Ullin. The civic center is the old Ullin gym.

Senior prom is an event geared toward senior citizens, but has grown into a multi-generational event.

Each year it brings the community together for an evening of entertainment, visiting and food.

The Century High School FFA and Ridge Runners 4-H Club have joined together to present the prom.

Music will be provided by the Big Muddy River Band from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Brent Miller will be supervising the supper, beginning at 5 p.m.

Patrick Laws will serve as master of ceremonies for this year's senior prom.

All ages are invited and encouraged to attend. All profits from the senior citizen prom will be donated to the Ullin Historic Preservation Committee.

The committee has partially funded the restoration of the Ullin railroad depot, and renovations to the old Ullin gym, such as new windows, roof and climate control.

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News from

Walnut Grove Church

On the first Sunday in Lent, Alivia and Layleigh lit the altar candles during the musical prelude.

Church was cancelled on the previous Sunday due to an icy parking lot so everyone was glad to be back for the service.

The guest pastor was Angie Baughman, who brought her family and some friends with her to the service.

Angie's father, Larry Gilbert, was pastor at Walnut Grove in the 1980s and she used to come to church with him as a child. Many in the congregation remembered her.

Pastor Angie read scripture from Jeremiah about "getting yourself ready."

She reminded everyone that "there are challenges ahead of us that we must confront, but the Lord is with us. To answer God's calling we must be realistic about our challenges, and keep going forward with his requests, without look-

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

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

Special music was presented by Abby Barlow, with Curly Ralls, Mark Smith, Noah Wiseman and Terry Wiseman Sr. serving as ushers.

The morning message, which was about the power of the Holy Spirit, was brought by Pastor McBride. Scripture was from John.

The message shared that "the Holy Spirit will teach, counsel, guide and convict. The Spirit makes the love for Christ and obedience to Him the starting point."

The Sunday evening service was the monthly missionary service, with a meal being served followed by the film, "Phineas Breece, A Pastor to the People."

Birthdays and anniversaries: Sophie Wells, Feb. 22; Ruthe and Beryl Clayton, Feb. 22; Richard and Brenda Keeley, Feb. 23.

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

On Sunday, Feb. 18, the Rev. Perry Williams was guest speaker and brought the message.

Worship was led by Dee Rose. Special music was presented by the choir and by the duet of Debbie York and Dee Rose.

Birthdays: Larry Ridenhour, Feb. 21; Edna Dallas and Jean Eudy, Feb. 23.

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.

Winter walk set

at Giant City

A winter walk in the woods is planned from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Feb. 24 at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

The walk will be led by the natural resources coordinator at the park.

For more information, or to register for the walk, contact the visitors center at 618-457-4836.

Maple Syrup Festival set at Touch of Nature

Homemade maple syrup is one of nature's original comfort foods and the star of the show at Southern Illinois University Carbondale's annual Maple Syrup Festival Feb. 24-25.

Touch of Nature Environmental Center is the setting for a weekend filled with special activities, including a breakfast featuring homemade pancakes and maple syrup harvested at the center.

The festival, which is open to the public, is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

Touch of Nature Environmental Center is located about 8 miles south of Carbondale, off Giant City Road.

The wide variety of activities planned in conjunction with the festival are free, except the breakfast.

Demonstrations at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. each day will show how trees are tapped for the rich sap that is transformed into maple syrup.

The Saluki Environmental Ambassadors, an SIU registered student organization, plans to host outdoor environmental education activities and interpretive hikes at 10 a.m., noon and

2 p.m. The SIU Forestry Club plans to offer lumberjack demonstrations at 11 a.m. and noon.

Graduate students from the university's blacksmithing program will show their skills with blacksmithing and metal works demonstrations from noon to 2 p.m.

There will also be special activities for children throughout the day. A short film, "Maple Syrup Farmer," is scheduled to air at noon and 2 p.m.

Visitors can also see a wide variety of interactive demonstrations courtesy of various artisans and vendors.

Demonstrations will show how hides are tanned and learn primitive living skills.

Visitors will have an opportunity to learn how wood and pottery products, handmade textiles and jewelry, woven baskets, natural soaps and lotions and silk embroidery are made.

The highlight of the day is breakfast, which is planned from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The breakfast will feature homemade pancakes topped with real maple

syrup, and all of the trimmings.

If purchased in advance, tickets for the breakfast are \$12 for ages 13 and older and \$6 for ages 6-12. Children ages 5 and younger eat free. Discount prices are available online.

Tickets can also be purchased at the festival; prices are then \$15 for ages 13 and older or \$8 for ages 6-12.

For more information about the Maple Syrup Festival or to register for the breakfast, visit www.ton.siu.edu, call 618-453-1121 or email tonec@siu.edu.

Sponsors of the 2018 Maple Syrup Festival include River Radio of Southern Illinois, Paul Melzer of Countywide Insurance in Murphysboro and the SIU Credit Union.

Hess News by Glenn Heisner

An 80th birthday party for Bruce Williams was held Sunday at El Jalapeno restaurant in Anna. There were over 30 there. Daughter Heather from Huntsville, Ala., traveled the farthest.

Our grandson Justin was here from Nashville for the party. He recently was engaged to Loni Olstad, who will graduate from Palmer Chiropractic School Feb. 23 and hopes to practice in Nashville. She was raised on a farm and showed horses so she will fit right in our family.

Young at Heart at Anna Heights was cancelled in January due to weather.

Don Fisher and friends were going to be there Feb. 20.

February birthdays: Alan Morgan, Feb. 5; Jean Kohler, Feb. 7; Ernie Rhodes, Feb. 11; Fred Pitts, Feb. 14; Judy Halter, Feb. 16; Bruce Williams, Feb. 22, 80 years young.

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Daily Devotional Reading

Hebrews 11:1-22	Hebrews 11:23-40	Joshua 1:1-18	Joshua 2:1-24	Joshua 3:1-17	Joshua 4:1-5:1	Joshua 6:1-27
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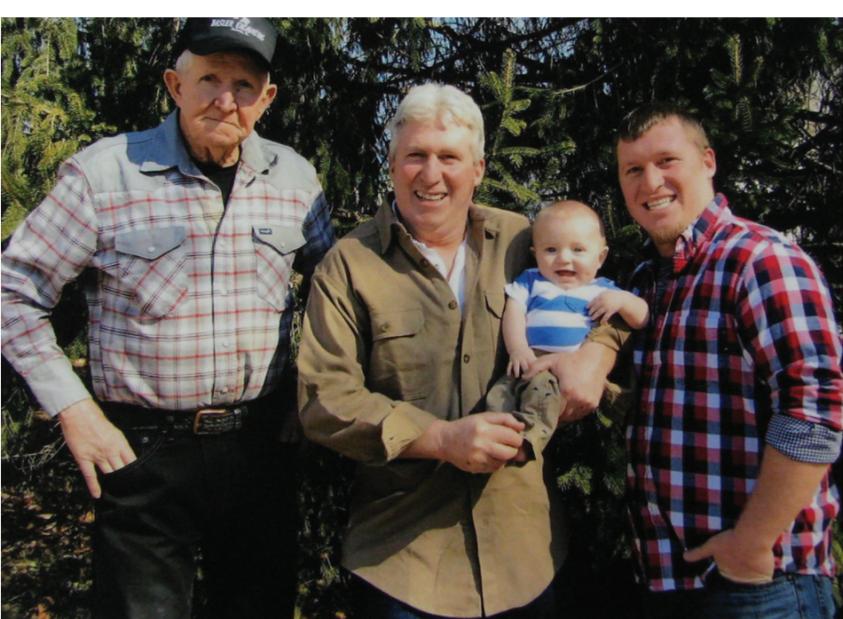
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Four generations

Four generations of the Basler family were on hand for a photograph. From left are Dennis Ivan, Dennis Paul, Axel James and Jacob (Jake) Rocco. Photo provided.

Illinois legislators propose bill to boost ag conservation efforts

Two legislators who represent Illinois in Congress have introduced a bipartisan bill that would create a Conservation Assistance Loan program.

The program would be modeled after the existing Marketing Assistance Loan.

The bill has been introduced by U.S. Rep. Mike Bost, R-Ill., and U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos, D-Ill.

The legislators said the program would offer loan rates that better reflect current market conditions, bolster the loan rate for new and beginning farmers and provide a new incentive to help interested farmers voluntarily adopt practices like cover crops to improve soil health.

"I'm happy to join this bipartisan effort to ensure our farmers have every tool available to improve soil health and reduce nutrient runoff," Bost said in a news release.

"Cover crops, along with cutting edge technology, benefit the environment, the bottom line of the farmer, and allow for this generation of agriculture producers to pass along the land in

Southeast announces fall graduates

Students from the Union County area were among the fall graduates at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau.

Students who earned degrees included:

Sarah Burdick of Grand Tower, who graduated with a bachelor of science degree, with a major in psychology.

Nicholas McMahan of Grand Tower, who graduated with a bachelor of science degree in business administration, with a major in business administration.

Allen Cavaness of Jonesboro, who graduated with a bachelor of science degree in business administration with a major in finance.

Stephanie Simmons of McClure, who graduated with a bachelor of science degree, with a major in social work.

Dr. H. Hamner Hill, the interim dean of the university's college of health and human services, and Dr. Walt Lilly, a professor of biology, presented the commencement addresses.

better condition than when they received it."

"The Conservation Assistance Loan Act would create a new tool to help Illinois farmers improve soil health and reduce nutrient runoff while still putting the best food on your table," Bustos said.

"Farmers are stewards of the land – it is where they live, work, and raise their family.

"Most farmers I talk to want to use cover crops and take other steps to be more sustainable and improve soil health, but face challenges that can make it tough to get started. The Conservation Assistance Loan Act would help them overcome these challenges and improve both their operation and land."

Specifically, the Conservation Assistance Loan Act would:

Base conservation assistance loan rates on 60 percent of the 5-year Olympic Moving Average, 5YOMA, of the Marketing Year Average, MYA, prices.

Bolster the loan rate to incentivize conservation or soil health best practices like cover crops.

Offer a higher loan rate to beginning farmers to help them start their operation.

The legislators said the bill is endorsed by the Illinois Farm Bureau.

Cover crops are seen as one of the best ways to improve soil health and reduce nutrient runoff. They prevent soil erosion, cut

Dammerman honor student

Mikayla Dammerman of Anna has been named to the fall semester dean's list at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Ind.

To be eligible for the list, students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Jacob Barger honor student

Jacob Hamilton Barger of Anna has been named to the fall semester honor list at the Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, Mo.

To be included on the honor list, students must have carried a minimum of 12 hours and had grade point averages of 3.2 or above out of a possible 4.0.

fertilizer use and protect water quality.

A recent survey of producers using cover crops from USDA's Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program showed that more than 86 percent of respondents reported improved soil health and reported average yield increases for corn were estimated at 2.3 bushels and 2.1 bushels for soybeans.

While an increasingly popular practice, the financial, labor and technical expertise required to plant and manage cover crops poses a major barrier to getting started.

Though their benefits are well-documented, returns on the investment are not immediate as the improvements in soil health and yields take time.

The legislators said that the Conservation Assistance Loan Act would help farmers to overcome these obstacles making it easier to use cover crops and improve soil health.

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Financial services firm Edward Jones ranks No. 5 on the 2018 Fortune 100 Best Companies to Work For list.

This is Edward Jones' 19th appearance on the list, according to global research and consulting firm Great Place to Work and Fortune magazine.

Edward Jones is the highest-ranking financial-services firm on the list.

Edward Jones, a Fortune 500 company headquartered in St. Louis, provides financial services in the United States and, through its affiliate, in Canada.

Every aspect of the firm's business, from the investments its financial advisors offer to the location of its branch offices, caters to individual investors. The firm has branch offices in Union County.

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The Illinois Film Office in Chicago reports that 2017 was the most diverse year for crew hires on record.

Women and minority hires made up 53 percent of reported crew employees across the 347 television, commercial and movie projects that filmed within Illinois.

These productions generated \$423 million in estimated Illinois spending and resulted in 13,797 job hires over the course of the year.

"This is a significant milestone for the film industry here in Illinois," Gov. Bruce Rauner said in a news release.

"I am proud that we maintain a diversity standard to expand opportunities for women and minorities and address the systemic issue of underrepresentation. This has been a major priority during my administration, and I look forward to building upon this trend in 2018."

In addition, Illinois has become a destination for innovation and technology companies that support film production.

These independent companies offer services that were traditionally outsourced to the West Coast post-production.

The move by these companies to establish a brick and mortar presence within the state signals the strength of the industry.

Establishing roots within the Midwest will not

Family Day event planned at Southeast

The Rosemary Berkel and Harry L. Crisp II Museum at Southeast Missouri State University's River Campus in Cape Girardeau plans to celebrate a Family Day on Feb. 24.

The free event is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and offers the opportunity to explore the rock cycle with an edible activity and see rocks glow in a different light.

Additionally, participants may use primitive stone tools and view stone lithic displays.

James Phillips, the curator of collections at the Crisp Museum, will be on hand to help identify any rocks or stones participants bring to show.

Photographer Larry Braun will also be on hand to talk about his nature photography.

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For more information, call 573-651-2260 or email museum@semo.edu.

only help Illinois remain the number one production center within the region, but will strengthen Illinois' standing across the nation.

"We've become a hub for film production that extends to every stage of the process, attracting editors, artists and innovators who have traditionally fled to the coasts for work," said Illinois Film Office director Christine Dudley.

"The rising demand for original content across media platforms has kicked the doors wide open to new voices, creative ideas and unique perspectives, all of which can be found right here. Illinois has proven itself as an adaptable and exceptional place for film production."

Primetime hits "Empire" (FOX), "Chicago Fire" "Chicago PD" and "Chicago Med" (NBC) returned to the lineup in 2017.

"Shameless" (Showtime) and "Easy" (Netflix)

also returned to film more episodes.

New projects like "The Chi" (20th Century Fox/Showtime), "The AV Club with John Tetti" (Fusion) and "Electric Dreams" (Amazon) made Illinois home.

Notable movies included "Widows" starring Viola Davis and directed by Steve McQueen, sci-fi thriller "Captive State" starring John Goodman and Vera Farmiga, "The Pages" written and directed by Illinoisan Joe Chapelle, and "What They Had" starring Hillary Swank, Michael Shannon and Bythe Danner.

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

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Those who attend the classes will be shown how to use Ancestry Library Edition.

There is no cost to attend the classes. A library card is not required.

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Native shrubs program planned

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Kevin Rohling plans to talk about shrubs which are native to Southern Illinois which will make an attractive addition to property.

Rohling is a forest technician at the Dixon Springs Agricultural Center.

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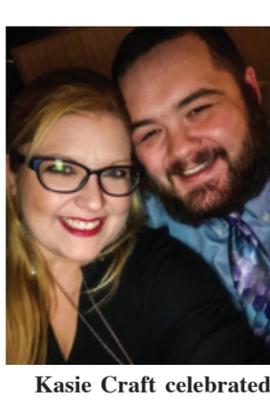
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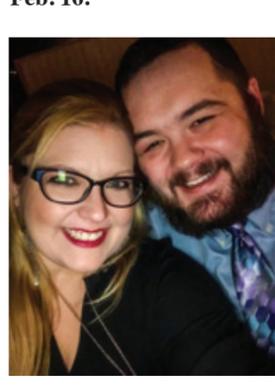
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Wednesday, Feb. 28, is the first day to file for school board elections in Union County with March 23 the last date for filing such petitions. The school board election will be held on Saturday, April 13.

The Anna-Jonesboro Lodge 1641 of the Benevolent Order of Elks celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the National Organization with the initiation of 20 new members in a special centennial ceremony Friday evening.

The World Day of Prayer will be held in Anna at the First Methodist Church on Friday, March 1.

With spring just around the corner (the calendar says) many of the residents of the county cannot agree with that statement, as biting winds and low temperatures plagued the county the past week.

Mukunda Shrestha, an English teacher from Nepal, has been teaching in the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School for the past few weeks, and has charmed everyone whom he met.

The faculty of the Alto Pass Grade School met with three members of the Little Egypt Development Center recently to begin a detailed review of the school's curriculum in cooperation with Sam Slagel, school superintendent.

Red Cross First Aid and Medical Self Help Classes will soon be held at the Civil Defense Emergency Operating Center in Jonesboro.

The annual Founders Day Tea sponsored by the Parent-Teachers Association, was held at the Jonesboro School Thursday, Feb. 15, with members of the District PTA attending.

The Open House which was held at Anna Junior High School Monday evening, Feb. 19, was attended by a large number of parents and other interested persons.

The Anna-Jonesboro Wildcats traveled to Metropolis Friday night to suffer a non-conference defeat, 67-49.

Anna Junior High School was the winner of the Wolf Lake Midget Basketball Tournament held Friday evening, Feb. 16, in the Shawnee Gymnasium by defeating Dongola by a score of 37 to 16.

From the Water Valley news: Cobden Schools had their homecomings this week, with much excitement in all grades and throughout the high school.

From the Bethel news: A Religious Census was started by members of the church Sunday afternoon. Six teams of two each went out. They plan to finish the job during the week and Sunday afternoon.

From the Shiloh news: There is still quite a bit of sickness in the community.

Dairy Queen in Anna, located across from the post office, advertised that "Spring is Around the Corner. We're Open Again to Serve You!"

Please read this. . .

by Geof Skinner



Fugitive porker: While motoring through the bottomlands near Ware, your intrepid chronicler came face to face, with a fugitive.

If only a pig had wings...and creatures that actually do...

This week, some thoughts about creatures which can fly, and a critter that might have hoped that it could fly...

One evening last week, while yours truly was on a daily walkabout, I could hear the sounds of geese as they flew from the west.

I stopped, listened and watched as seven geese soared overhead, silhouettes in the approaching darkness of a winter night.

Most interesting, and a bit surprising, at least for my simple little mind, was that as geese flew directly overhead, the evening was so calm, quiet and still, I could hear the wings of the birds flapping. Never heard that before. Maybe it is the simple things, but I found the moment to be one of those little gems that we sometimes get to experience.

Now, let's turn our attention to a critter that might have been happy to have wings...

Seems that up until one afternoon last week, there was a pot-bellied pig on the loose in the metropolitan and suburban Ware area located in the Mississippi River bottomlands in western Union County.

Union County animal control officer Derk Wright explained that the fugitive, which he took to calling Wilbur (what else would you call a pig?), had been on the run for about a month or so. Wright had tried to apprehend Wilbur, to no avail.

One time, Wright explained, "I walked right up to him and touched his nose." Wilbur apparently was enjoying his freedom, so a touch on the nose was as good as it got.

Wilbur may have belonged to some folks who lived in Ware at one time, and might have raised pot-bellied pigs as pets. As sometimes happens in stories involving desperadoes, the details are a bit murky.

Last week, with a little help from postings on social media, along with word-of-mouth communications, eight or so folks journeyed to the bottomlands to attempt to bring the porker's days of freedom to an end.

The plan was for folks to gather, to form a human chain and, hopefully, to nab Wilbur. "He'll get a treat tonight, if we catch him," Wright promised.

Not wanting to miss such an exciting event, yours truly headed to the bottomlands last Thursday after-

noon. The day was unseasonably mild for the 15th day of February. And it was windy. Goodness, was it windy. So windy that the words I was writing on my notepad were blowing off the paper, so some of the details of this adventure are in a field down by Ware. If you happen to find them, send them along. Or, use them to start your own Great American Novel, 'cause I haven't had any luck doing such a thing yet.

While on the way to Ware, just as I was heading into town, I actually spotted Wilbur while he was on the move. Wilbur seemed to have a sense of purpose and determination about him. He appeared to know where he wanted to go.

I quickly pulled into a parking lot and stopped the car. Wilbur strolled closer. I rolled down the window on the driver's side of the car.

Wilbur stopped, too. Not far from the car. We looked at each other. It briefly occurred to me that I had never interviewed a fugitive pig. "Are you the pig?" I asked. Wilbur grunted. What else would a pig do? After his terse response, Wilbur was on the move again.

He paused for a rest by some boats which were parked behind the old grade school building in Ware. Then, Wilbur was on the move again. The pursuit began.

Well, Wilbur kept on going. And going. And going. About a mile or so, I think. With pursuers on his heels, or hooves, all the way.

Finally, Wilbur may have just gotten worn out. Some of the folks who were helping with the pursuit caught up with the pig and wrestled him to the ground.

Wilbur ended up behind bars. Literally. He was given some water. Lots of pictures were taken. Wright hopes that Wilbur will be adopted. Maybe by somebody who likes free spirits.

After he was apprehended, Wilbur was headed to the county's animal control shelter, which is located along Kaolin Road, between Anna and Cobden. At least he wouldn't be alone, though. A couple of other pot-bellied pigs were already at the shelter, no doubt waiting for some company.

On, just in case you are wondering...no pigs were harmed in the creation of this column.



Union County animal control officer Derk Wright worked to round up the elusive critter during a pursuit last week in bottomlands near Ware.

'Assumptions' opens theater series at Anna Arts Center

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council's Anna Arts Center is planning to present a five-show theater series during 2018 in conjunction with the celebration of Illinois' bicentennial.

The series at the Anna Arts Center will recognize Illinois playwrights and their new plays.

Performances will be at the arts center, which is located at 117 W. Davie St. in Anna.

The arts center series is scheduled to open with the play "Assumptions," by Steve Falcone.

"Assumptions," directed by RL Pete Housman, is described by the arts council as a play about the Holy Ghost Church, which is described as "any church in today's America."

"Assumptions" is scheduled to be presented Friday and Saturday, Feb. 23-24, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 25, at 2 p.m. on the main stage at the Anna Arts Center.

Following the Feb. 25 performance, those in attendance will have an opportunity to meet playwright Steve Falcone.

Preview, Discussion

A preview of "Assumptions" is set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, today.

A guided discussion featuring area pastors is planned following the preview.

The arts council noted that tickets for tonight's event were to have been purchased in advance.

Season tickets for the five-show theater series are \$50 for adults, and \$16 for children 12 years of age and younger.

Otherwise, tickets are \$15 and \$5 for 12 and under for each show.

For more information or to reserve tickets, call Lee's cell 904-625-1109 or email vabchlee@gmail.com.

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