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News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area.

As has been the case for many years, April promises to once again be a busy month in the Union County area.

An American Red Cross blood drive is planned April 13 at the First Baptist Church in Anna.

A blood drive also is planned April 19 at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

Be sure to catch a performance of “The Sound of Music” at A-JCHS.

The date for the Anna Kiwanis Club’s annual Easter egg hunt was announced at last week’s regular meeting of the Anna City Council. The popular event is planned April 8; the rain date is April 15. The egg hunt takes place at the Anna City Park.

Tourism was the focus of lengthy discussion at last Friday morning’s regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners at the courthouse in Jonesboro. More on this to come...

The 2017 River-to-River Relay is planned April 22. The popular event begins in Union County and ends in Golconda.

The Union County Board of Commissioners interviewed candidates for a new human resources administrator position last Friday afternoon. Six finalists were selected for interviews.

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April 4 Election Day in Union County

Tuesday, April 4, is Election Day in Union County.

Voters in Union County will elect candidates who are running for municipal posts, positions on local school district boards of education and seats on two library districts.

Here’s a look at the candidates who are on the ballot in next Tuesday’s election:

City of Jonesboro

For mayor: Ken Blandford.

For city clerk: Barbara A. Casper.

For city treasurer: Shelly Pender.

For alderman, Ward One: Bart Hileman.

For alderman, Ward Two: Lance M. Meisenheimer.

For alderman, Ward

Three: Kenneth P. Carlson.

Village of Alto Pass

For village president: Scott Tripp.

For village treasurer: No candidate.

For village trustee (vote for not more than three): Katrina Renzaglia, Julie Gumbart-Buck, Steven Grimmer.

For village trustee, to serve an unexpired two-year term (vote for not more than three): Joel Murray, Mila Maring.

For village clerk: Kelli Ellis.

Village of Cobden

For village president: Paul Z. Tomazzoli.

For village clerk: Karen M. Winzenburger.

For village trustee (vote for not more than three): David A. Stewart, Jean

Britt, Austin James Dean Sellars, Jesse Spencer.

Village of Dongola

For village president: Greg Corzine.

For village trustee (vote for not more than three): Leonard Temke, Leonard Beszczynski.

Dongola Library District

For library trustee (vote for not more than three): Brenda Hogue, Carol Reeves, Nancy Jo Schmidt.

Stinson Memorial Library District

For library trustee (vote for not more than two): No candidate.

Space is available on the ballot for write-in candidates.

Educational Service Region Regional Board

For members of regional

school board of trustees, Alexander, Jackson, Perry, Pulaski and Union counties (vote for not more than seven):

Roger Pfister, Jackson County. Geneva Elaine Bonifield, Union County. Larry Houston, Alexander County. Michael Reiman, Jackson County. Lillian Milam, Union County. Dean L. Rogan Sr., Pulaski County.

Lick Creek Community Consolidated School District No. 16

For members of the board of education (vote for three): Jon Matt Houseman, Thomas Corbit, Dawn M. Turner.

Anna Community Consolidated School District No. 37

For members of the

board of education (vote for three): Elaine Ray, Lori Foster, Pam Needling.

Cobden Unit School District No. 17

For members of the board of education (vote for four): Debra Ann Penrod, Jeanne Brumleve, Kimberly J.C. Howell, Carroll Walker.

Jonesboro Community Consolidated School District No. 43

For members of the board of education (vote for a total of four):

Incorporated area: Don Choate.

Unincorporated area: Michael Penninger.

Space is available on the ballot for a write-in candidate.

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Legislators plan town hall forum

State Sens. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg, and Paul Schimpf, R-Waterloo, plan to co-host a town hall forum in Carbondale on April 1 for Southern Illinois constituents.

The forum is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Carbondale Township building, which is located at 216 E. Monroe St.

The state senators plan to take questions from the audience on a variety of state-related issues.

Those who plan to attend are asked to RSVP by emailing SenatorFowler59@gmail.com or SenSchimpf58@gmail.com, as space will be limited.

Free coffee and donuts will be provided to constituents who attend.



A-JCHS to present ‘The Sound of Music’

Students at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, as well as from local elementary schools, have spent the spring semester preparing to present “The Sound of Music.” The musical is set to run Friday, March 31, at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 1, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 2, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children and are available at the door. In a scene from a dress rehearsal held Monday evening at the school, Maria, played by Ryley Kimmel, greets the youngest Von Trapp children. From left are Kurt, played by Aaron Madura; Brigitta, played by Allyson Bigler; Marta, played by Nati Corbit; and Gretl, played by Jenna Harrel. Photo by Amber Skelton.

State senators visit Shawnee High School at Wolf Lake

Area legislators hear concerns about levees

By Amber Skelton

State Senators Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg, and Paul Schimpf, R-Waterloo, visited Shawnee High School in Wolf Lake on Wednesday, March 22, to hear a presentation from the students about the condition of the Big Muddy levees.

Students from Jamie Nash-Mayberry’s economics and history classes had written letters to the legislators offering to educate them on the problems with the approximately 60 year-

old levees. The students also asked for help regarding funding.

Nash-Mayberry’s classes have worked on the levee project for seven years in an effort to promote awareness and gain funding.

Many fundraisers and successful grants here and there have helped to maintain the levees some, but no long-term solution is in place.

The students discussed many different floods that have done damage to the

area, including the New Year’s flood that went into 2016. For many of their families, the only way to leave their homes was by boat. Shawnee School closed during a portion of that time as well.

The students explained that money to purchase a sandbagging machine had been provided, but no location was available to store it or sandbags.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has looked into the situation multiple

times and has given many of the levees a “U” rating, meaning unacceptable. The rating also means that the levee district is ineligible to receive federal funds.

The Army Corps also installed wing dikes, which are large rock structures that, according to the corps’ website, are “placed in a river to redirect the river’s own energy to provide a variety of effects.”

Nash-Mayberry said that 170 wing dikes are now located in Union County,

260 in Jackson County and 250 in Alexander County. She said there are more in these three counties than anywhere else.

She also said other studies have indicated that these structures are increasing flood heights 10 to 15 feet, and that the Army Corps is the only study that disagrees.

The levee district has held three different hearings at the school and even filed a federal lawsuit (continued on page 2)



Legislators, students

State Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg, and State Sen. Paul Schimpf, R-Waterloo, joined for a picture with Jamie Nash-Mayberry and her classes following the students’ presentation about the condition of the local levee system. Photo by Amber Skelton.





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News Notes

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The Shawnee School District No. 84 Board of Education has extended the contract of superintendent Shelly Clover-Hill through 2022 and principal Amy Reynolds through 2020.

The Shawnee School Board had a special meeting scheduled on Tuesday evening, March 28, for the purpose of interviewing principal candidates.

The regular April meeting of the Anna School District No. 37 Board of Education has been postponed until 5:30 p.m. on April 27.

The newspaper received reports that Dongola School was not in session Tuesday due to widespread sickness. The report could not be confirmed, as the phone was not being answered Tuesday afternoon.

Southern Seven Health Department and the Diabetes Today Resource Team had scheduled a diabetes conference for Thursday, today, at Shawnee Community College near Ullin.

The U.S. Route 60/62 bridge over the Mississippi River at Cairo is scheduled to be closed during work-

ing hours through Friday, April 7, for an annual safety inspection. The bridge will be open at night and all day on weekends.

The 2017 Illinois spring trout fishing season is scheduled to open Saturday, April 1, at 52 ponds, lakes and streams throughout the state.

Owls will be the topic of a program which is planned Friday evening, April 7, at the Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands Center near Cypress.

Spring blossoms made the Jonesboro Square look pretty spectacular last week.

Looked like some major work was being done at one of the buildings on the square in Jonesboro late last week.

The 40th annual SIU performance tested bull sale was held March 3.

If you happen to be a reader of Smithsonian magazine, see if you can find a one-word mention of Anna in the April issue. Hint: see page 42.

In commemoration of April Fool's Day, Saturday is hereby designated as March 32.

Illinois State Police planning special patrols in county

Illinois State Police District 22 personnel plan to conduct roadside safety checks and occupant restraint enforcement patrols during April in Union County.

Plans for the details were announced in news releases issued by Lt. Michael Alvey.

Alvey is interim commander of District 22. The district has its headquarters in Ullin.

Alvey stated that the use of the roadside safety checks "combine a strong sense of public awareness and enforcement in order to save lives of the motoring public."

The District 22 interim commander emphasized that the state police have zero tolerance for impaired driving in Illinois.

Officers working the detail will be watchful for drivers who are operating vehicles in an unsafe manner, driving with a suspended or revoked driver's license and transporting open alcoholic beverages.

Most importantly, he said, officers will be watching for violations which include driving under the influence, safety belt and child restraint use, speeding, distracted driving and all Illinois Vehicle Code and Criminal Violations.

Alcohol and drug impairment is a factor in more than 30 percent of all fatal motor vehicle crashes in Illinois, and throughout the United States, Alvey noted.

Nearly 10,000 people die each year due to alcohol-impaired driving.

Alvey stated that roadside safety checks "are designed to keep our roads safe by taking dangerous DUI offenders off the road."

The project is funded through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Alvey explained that the occupant restraint enforcement patrols allow Illinois State Police to focus on safety belt and child safety seat laws.

"Illinois law requires all vehicle passengers (front and back) to be buckled up," Alvey stated.

"Safety belts are still one of the most effective safety devices in vehicles, estimated to save nearly 14,000 lives each year," he continued.

"Half of vehicle occupants killed in a traffic crash were not properly buckled up.

"The objective of this program is to increase occupant restraint compliance through education, child seat inspections and enforcement."



Visit to levee

Grand Tower levee commissioner Gene Mezo, third from left, took State Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg, and State Sen. Paul Schimpf, R-Waterloo, and Larry Busch with the Southern Illinois Fellowship Committee on a visit to a portion of the levee in Grand Tower to point out some flood damage. From left are Schimpf, Busch, Mezo and Fowler. Photo by Amber Skelton.

Area legislators hear concerns

(continued from page 1) against the Army Corps, which failed because not enough evidence was given.

The district would like a new outside study done on the effects of the wing dikes.

"We're asking you to

be another voice for us," Nash-Mayberry said to the legislators.

Schimpf thanked the students for the opportunity to learn about the levees. He told them to "let me know what I can do to help."

Fowler showed sympathy for the district, remem-

bering his time as mayor of Harrisburg, much of which also lies in a flood zone. He said he had strong connections with the Delta Regional Authority and that he wanted to help.

Grand Tower levee com-

missioner Gene Mezo then guided the legislators on a tour of the levees, pointing out sites of damage, including a pipe that collapsed in Grand Tower in June 2013 that still hasn't been replaced.

April 4 is Election Day

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Dongola Community Unit School District No. 66

For members of the board of education (vote for three): John L. Snell, Dana Eddleman, Cherie Wright, Mary J. Gibson.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School District No. 81

For members of the board of education (vote for three): April Dover Teske, Tim McGrath.

Shawnee Community Unit School District No. 84

For members of the board of education to serve an unexpired two-year term: No candidate.

For members of the board of education to serve a full four-year term (vote for a total of four): Mitchel McLane, Melissa C. Cridle, Tim Qualls.

Shawnee Community College District No. 531

For trustees of the community college district (vote for not more than two): Don E. Patton, Michael P. McMahan.

Polling places set for Tuesday's voting

Polling places have been set for the Tuesday, April 4, elections in Union County.

Union County Clerk Terry Bartruff noted that polls are scheduled to be open from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Election Day.

The polling places, by precinct, follow:

Anna 1 and 2: Main Street Center, 400 S. Main St., Anna.

Anna 3 and 4: Anna City Hall community room, 103 Market St., Anna.

Anna 5 and 6: Nazarene Church, 100 Kirk St., Anna.

Anna 7: Jo-Co Pools, 1009 Enterprise Dr., Anna.

Jonesboro 1 and 2: First Baptist Church, 201 W. Walnut St., Jonesboro.

Jonesboro 3: Jonesboro Fire Station, 102 W. Market St., Jonesboro.

Cobden 1 and 2: First Baptist Church, 200 S. Walker St., Cobden.

Weather

High 74, low 37

A high temperature of 74 degrees was recorded during the period of March 21-27 in Union County. The low was 37.

Precipitation for the period included .14 of an inch March 21, .09 of an inch March 23, .32 of an inch March 25, .01 of an inch March 26 and .27 of an inch March 27.

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

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Tuesday, March 21	62 50
Wednesday, March 22	55 40
Thursday, March 23	63 37
Friday, March 24	74 50
Saturday, March 25	67 55
Sunday, March 26	64 50
Monday, March 27	66 48

SIDEZ welcomes Union County

The Southernmost Illinois Delta Empowerment Zone, SIDEZ, Inc. Board of Directors voted on March 16 to expand its service area to include Union County.

The empowerment zone designation took place in 1999 and at that time SIDEZ served all of Pulaski County and portions of Johnson and Alexander counties.

In 2010, SIDEZ voted to expand the SIDEZ service area to include all of Johnson and Alexander counties. Massac County was added to the SIDEZ service area in October of 2015.

SIDEZ executive director Tabatha Smith said in a news release that one of the most tangible benefits to community residents and business owners is the access to below market rate loan programs for new and expanding businesses.

Smith recently gave a presentation to Union County officials. The presentation was shared at a meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners. The county board subsequently approved participation in SIDEZ.

SIDEZ lending rates are the lowest in the region at 4.5 percent, with funds available for those with a good idea and a well thought out business plan, Smith stated.

SIDEZ has two lending programs. The MICRO loan is for loans up to \$30,000 and the IRP loan is typically \$150,000 or less. The IRP loan can increase to \$250,000, with SIDEZ board approval.

The Illinois Small Business Development Center which is located at Shawnee Community College is available to assist with the preparation of business plans for those who want to expand or start a new business.

In addition to providing low-interest financing, SIDEZ is eligible for grants, Rural Business Development Grants, RBDG, through the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development.

Businesses are not directly eligible for the

grants, but rural, private non-profits corporations are, Smith stated.

Smith explained that typically, SIDEZ will purchase equipment with grant funds and lease the equipment back to a local business at a below-market rate.

Any small and emerging private business located in Johnson, Alexander, Pulaski, Massac and Union counties that employs 50 or fewer employees and has less than \$1 million in projected gross annual revenue is encouraged to contact SIDEZ regarding the RBDG program, Smith said.

SIDEZ works to promote economic development and expansion of industries in Johnson, Alexander, Pulaski, Massac and Union counties.

For more information about programs and services from SIDEZ, contact Smith at 618-745-6307 or tsmith@sidezoffice.org.

Solar eclipse focus of meetings

An Aug. 21 total solar eclipse will be the focus of two sessions which are planned Thursday, today, at Shawnee Community College's extension center in Anna.

The sessions are geared toward business owners and how they can prepare for the eclipse.

The first session is scheduled from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. A second session is scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Organizers said that both sessions will cover the same information, which includes an overview of the eclipse, what business owners can expect and joining the official eclipse website.

Computers will be available to help register a business on the official eclipse website.

Advance registration is not required, but is appreciated.

For more information, contact Candy Eastwood at 618-634-3231.



Concession stand

A concession stand building at the Anna City Park will be razed. A new concession building with restrooms will be built.



Basketball, tennis courts

Improvements are planned at the basketball and tennis courts at the Anna City Park.

Anna City Council meets March 21

Budget, park project, alcohol sales on agenda

A new budget, a city park improvement project and the sale of alcohol during the Union County Fair were on the agenda at last week's regular meeting of the Anna City Council.

The meeting was Tuesday evening, March 21, at Anna City Hall.

New Budget

The council last week approved a resolution for the city's tentative Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget. The city's fiscal year runs from May 1 through April 30, 2018.

City administrator Steve Guined said that Anna will have a balanced budget for the 26th straight year.

A breakdown of projected expenditures includes:

General fund: \$3,122,492, up from \$3,037,542 for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Water: \$1,209,385, up from \$1,199,618.

Wastewater disposal: \$711,458, up from \$686,400.

Natural gas: \$1,580,995, up from \$1,543,895.

Motor fuel tax/street maintenance: \$350,000, down from \$400,000.

Special projects: \$575,000, up from \$360,000.

A major part of the special projects budget calls for the allocation of \$375,000 for park improvements.

Special projects also include \$50,000 for sewer plant improvements, \$25,000 for the water department, \$50,000 for demolition projects, \$50,000 for gas department improvements and \$25,000 for the street department.

The budget includes an increase of about 3 percent for water. The exact amount will be determined based on action taken by the Anna-Jonesboro Water Commission. The commission supplies water to the city.

A slight increase in the sewer rate is possible. No increase is planned for natural gas.

Park Improvement Project

In other action at last

week's meeting, the city council approved bids for a major improvement project at the Anna City Park.

The project includes construction of a new concession/restroom building, improvements on play courts at the park and other improvements.

A base bid from Wissinger Construction in Cairo in the amount of \$204,670 was approved, along with alternate bids of \$98,961 and \$14,000 work related to the improvement project.

A bid from E.T. Simonds Construction Company in Carbondale in the amount of \$124,454.19 was approved for the work on the play courts.

The city has received \$150,000 in grant funds from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for the park project. The city will allocate the remainder of the funds.

Plans call for the project to be completed by Aug. 1, in time for the start of the 2017 Union County Fair.

The city is working with a youth sports program to have a temporary concession stand at the park for upcoming summer baseball and softball games at the park.

Beer, Wine at Union County Fair

Representatives of the Union County Fair were in attendance at the meeting to again seek action regarding the possible sale of beer, and perhaps wine, at the annual event.

County fair officials say that such sales would help to provide a much-needed boost in revenue for the event.

The Union County Fair

is held each year in August at the city park.

Under current guidelines, the sale of alcohol is not allowed at the fair; alcohol is prohibited at the park.

County fair officials requested that the council consider amending Anna's liquor ordinance to allow for the sale of beer, and possibly wine, at the fair.

Representatives of the county fair board have made similar, and unsuccessful, requests in the past. The representatives who attended last week's meeting indicated that the fair board recently had voted to approach city officials regarding the matter.

Should the proposal become a reality, fair officials said that sales would be conducted in a strictly controlled environment.

After hearing the request, Mayor Steve Hartline, who also serves as the city's liquor commissioner, asked the fair representatives to draft a letter which would formally state a request to allow the sale of alcohol.


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Worship at Kornthal

Note date and time change for April service.

The monthly service normally held on the third Thursday is rescheduled for Sunday, April 9 at 2 P.M. Kornthal is located 2 ½ miles south of Jonesboro off Illinois 127.

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Southern Illinois University School of Education moves up in recent rankings

Southern Illinois University Carbondale moved up 27 spots in the recently released U.S. News & World Report rankings for best schools of education in the graduate school rankings.

SIU's College of Education and Human Services moved into a tie for No. 72 on the "2018 Best Educa-

tion Schools" list this year, up from last year's ranking of No. 99.

That moves SIU ahead of such schools as Clemson, Lehigh, the University of Northern Iowa, Iowa State, Kansas State, Loyola Chicago, Virginia Tech, Auburn and Baylor.

In addition, the college's rehabilitation counseling

graduate program maintained its high ranking, tied for fourth place among all such programs.

U.S. News utilizes a number of tools in analyzing schools and determining rankings.

The tools include student selectivity, including acceptance rates and GRE test scores; peer and superintendent quality assessments; research activity and funding; and faculty resources, including student-to-faculty ratio, percentage of faculty, with awards and ratio of doctoral degrees to full-time faculty members.

Illinois joins drug pricing legal action

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan has joined a federal antitrust lawsuit alleging that six generic drug makers entered into illegal agreements in order to artificially inflate and manipulate drug prices for two generic drugs.

A lawsuit filed in federal court increases the number of states to 40 in the complaint filed against Heritage Pharmaceuticals Inc., Aurobindo Pharma USA Inc., Citron Pharma LLC, Mayne Pharma (USA) Inc., Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc. and Teva Pharmaceuticals USA Inc. in December 2016.

The amended complaint also adds claims of violations of state antitrust and consumer fraud laws.

The complaint alleges the generic drug companies coordinated schemes with their competitors while at industry trade shows and customer conferences, as well as through emails, phone calls and text messages.

The alleged conduct includes illegal price fixing and allocating markets that thwart competition and increase costs to healthcare.

Read the Classified Ads.

Edible Book Festival set at SIU

Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Morris Library is planning to host the annual Edible Book Festival, which is planned from noon to 1 p.m. on April 4 in the first floor rotunda of the library.

The rules are actually quite simple: Use your imagination to illustrate a "punny" version of a book title using edible ingredients. A number of prizes will be awarded.

The SIU community and public are welcome to attend to view the festival entries and enjoy the musical performance.

Those who want to participate in the competition are asked to complete the Edible Book Festival entry form, which is available online at www.lib.siu.edu/edible-book-festival, and bring their palatable prose conceptualization to Morris Library at noon on April 4.

For more information about the event, contact Sarah Prindle a sprindle@lib.siu.edu.

The Friends of Morris Library sponsor the Edible Book Festival and the library and its staff organize the event.

Crop proposals welcomed

The Illinois Department of Agriculture, IDOA, is accepting proposals for federal specialty crop grants.

The agency anticipates Illinois will receive roughly \$525,000 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, USDA, to distribute to state projects; however, the exact dollar amount has yet to be determined.

The funds will come from the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program in the Farm Bill.

The funds are available for projects beginning in

calendar year 2018, and are intended to expand the availability of fresh, locally grown produce and strengthen the competitiveness of the specialty crop industry.

The IDOA will accept grant proposals until 4 p.m. on April 28.

Request for proposal packets and additional information about the program can be found online at <https://www.agr.state.il.us/speciality-crop-grants/>. For more information call 217-524-9129.

Hillbilly Dinner Theater planned

The Pulaski-Alexander Illinois Association of Home and Community Education plans to sponsor the yearly Hillbilly Dinner Theater on Saturday, April 8.

The dinner theater will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Shawnee Community College near Ullin.

A ham and beans dinner will be served. There will

be music and entertainment by the K & I Drifters, with cake walks, raffle prizes and a live auction to complement the evening.

All proceeds will benefit the Pulaski-Alexander IAHCE scholarship program, which provides cash awards to graduating seniors from Century and Meridian schools.

Thank you, Linda!



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SPORTS

A-J edged by Goreville, posts win over Monticello

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School baseball team split in recent action.

Goreville 2, A-J 1: Jake Wright was 1-for-2 with a double, RBI and a stolen base to lead the host Wildcats in the loss Wednesday, March 22.

Bryce Osman was 1-for-2 with a stolen base. Hunter Ralls was 1-for-3 with a double and a stolen base. Carson Reynolds was 1-for-3.

Ethan Krumery and Kyle Clover pitched in the loss combining to scatter 6 hits. Krumery pitched 6 innings and allowed 5 hits to go with a walk and 9 strikeouts. Clover pitched an inning and allowed a hit to go with a walk and a strikeout.

A-J 10, Monticello 9: Conner Jerolds was 3-for-

5 with a double, RBI and a stolen base to lead the host Wildcats to the season-opening 10th inning win Saturday, March 18.

Osman was 2-for-4 with a double, RBI and a stolen base. Ralls was 2-for-4 with an RBI. Damian Chrisp was 2-for-6 with a double. Ross Pinnon was 1-for-3 with a stolen base. Sean Plott was 1-for-4 with a double and 2 RBIs. Krumery was 1-for-5 with a stolen base. Reynolds was 1-for-6.

Ralls and Osman pitched in the win combining on a three-hitter. Ralls pitched 5 innings and allowed 2 hits to go with 5 walks and 3 strikeouts. Osman pitched 5 innings and allowed a hit to go with a walk and 8 strikeouts.

A-J, 1-1, is scheduled to play Friday at home against Plano.

A-J softball team defeats Johnston City, Shawnee

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School softball team won two games last week.

A-J 7, Johnston City 3: Katie Williams was 2-for-3 with an RBI to lead the host Lady Wildcats in the non-conference win Friday, March 24.

Morgan Wendling was 2-for-4 with 3 RBIs for the Lady Wildcats. Lexi Smith was 2-for-4. Makenzie Carter was 1-for-2. Payton Alsip was 1-for-4.

“We played pretty well,” A-J softball coach Rodney Seip said. “We

A-J girls’ soccer 1-1 to open season

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls’ soccer team split to open the season.

Belleville Althoff 7, A-J 0: Lady Wildcats’ goal keeper Chelsea Reinier had 17 saves in the loss against host Belleville Althoff Friday, March 24.

A-J 7, Herrin 1: Elle Basler scored 4 goals to lead the host Lady Wildcats to their season-opening win Thursday, March 23.

Emma Butterfield/Kocher had 2 goals and an assist. MiKayla Bundren added a goal. Jaycee Pender and Lexa Sharp had an assist apiece. Goalie Reinier had 10 saves.

A-J, 1-1, is scheduled to play at 11 a.m. Saturday at home at the Jonesboro School soccer field against Marion.

stranded 11 runners.”

Britney Helton was the winning pitcher with a three-hitter to go with 4 walks and 2 strikeouts.

A-J 4, Shawnee 3: Trailing 3-2, Lexi Macy had a game winning two-run double in the 5th inning to put the host Lady Wildcats ahead for keeps in a non-conference game Wednesday, March 22.

Smith was 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI to lead the Lady Wildcats. Carter was 1-for-2 with an RBI. Macy was 1-for-3 with a double and 2 RBIs.

Madi Ellet was 2-for-4 with an RBI for the Lady Reds. Drew McLane was 1-for-3 with 2 RBIs.

Carter pitched all 6 innings, scattering 5 hits to go with 3 walks and 10 strikeouts.

Losing pitcher Autumn McMahan pitched 7 innings and allowed 6 hits to go with 5 walks and 2 strikeouts.

A-J, 2-2, is scheduled to play Friday at Herrin. Shawnee, 0-3, is scheduled to play Friday at Meridian.

Murray scores hole-in-one

Rick Murray of Anna recorded his fourth hole-in-one while playing golf March 26 at the Union County Country Club course in Anna.

Murray aced the 103-yard par 3 sixth hole while using a pitching wedge.

The shot was witnessed by Jim Hadley, Jay Manus and Brad Sherrill.



Dongola, Cobden face off in high school softball action

Dongola High School hosted Cobden High School for a softball game Wednesday afternoon, March 22. The Lady Appleknockers won the game by a score of 6-5. Photo by Amber Skelton.

Cobden softball scores wins over Carrier Mills, Dongola

The Cobden High School softball team won a pair of games in action last week.

Cobden 10, Carrier Mills 3: Meredith Flamm pitched and hit visiting Cobden to the non-conference win Friday, March 24.

Flamm was the winning pitcher, scattering 7 hits to go with 2 walks and 10 strikeouts. She was 2-for-4 at the plate with a pair of doubles and 4 RBIs.

Brooke Bailey was 2-for-2 with 5 stolen bases for the Appleknockers.

Jamison Cowart was 2-for-4. Inna Kinsey was 1-for-3. Molly Ellis was

1-for-4 with a double and an RBI. Megan Rhodes was 1-for-4 with an RBI. Harleigh Braden was 1-for-4 with a stolen base.

Cobden 6, Dongola 5: Ellis was 4-for-4 with a double and 2 RBIs to lead Cobden to the South Egyptian Conference win over host Dongola Wednesday, March 22.

Alaina Hartline and Rhodes were each 2-for-4 with an RBI apiece for the Appleknockers. Kinsey was 1-for-3. Flamm was 1-for-4 with a double.

Hailey O’Dea was 3-for-4 to lead the Lady Demons.

Rocky Ledges 5K Trail Run planned at Touch of Nature

Registration is underway for the fifth annual Rocky Ledges 5K Trail Run on April 15 at Southern Illinois University Carbondale’s Touch of Nature Environmental Center.

The event is open to the public and all ages are welcome to participate.

The run/walk takes place at the experiential education facility located about 8 miles south of Carbondale on Giant City Road.

Race day registration begins at 8 a.m. and the run kicks off at 9 a.m. in Camp 2.

An awards presentation will follow. The 5K racing brackets and awards will be divided by age groups. Within the specified age groups, the top three male and female runners, as well as the overall top finisher, will earn recognition at the awards ceremony.

The entry fee is \$25 for those who preregister or \$30 for those who sign up on race day. The price covers the race entry fee, a T-shirt, light snacks and awards.

Registration is available online at www.active.com (search for “Rocky Ledges”) or by visiting the Member Services Center on the upper level of SIU’s Student Recreation Center.

The registration form is also available online at

www.rockyledges5k.siu.edu and entries can be submitted by mail.

For more information, visit the website or contact Veronica Tantoco at veronica.singstantantoco@siu.edu; or, call Touch of Nature Environmental Center at 618-453-1121 or Recreational Sports and Services at 618-453-1277.

The event sponsors are SIU’s Touch of Nature Environmental Center and Recreational Sports and Services.

Cobden outscores Carrier Mills

Dylan Duty was 2-for-4 with 2 RBIs to lead the visiting Cobden High School baseball team to an 8-5 win over Carrier Mills in a non-conference game Friday, March 24.

Cody Wieseman was 2-for-4 with an RBI and a stolen base for the Appleknockers.

John Russell was 1-for-2 with a double, 3 RBIs and a stolen base. Austin Lewey was 1-for-2 with a stolen base.

Bryce Reynolds was 1-for-3 with a stolen base. Zane Nance was 1-for-3. Bayden Ditterline had an RBI.

Trevor Middleton, Ditterline and Russell pitched in the win.

Middleton pitched 3 innings and allowed 1 hit to go with 2 walks and 4 strikeouts.

Ditterline pitched 1 2/3 innings and allowed 4 hits to go with 2 walks.

Russell pitched 2 1/3 innings and allowed 2 hits to go with no walks and 3 strikeouts.

Cobden, 1-1, is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at home against Century.

A-J’s Parr earns postseason honor

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School’s Jake Parr has been named to the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference all-conference basketball team.

Parr will be a senior next season for the Wildcats, who finished 11-19 overall this year and will return all five starters.

Kenzie Prout was 2-for-3 with a double. Karlie Kelley was 2-for-4. Desiree Evans was 1-for-3. Megan Micheal was 1-for-4.

Ellis was the winning pitcher, scattering 9 hits to go with 5 walks and 5 strikeouts.

Micheal and Megan Theis pitched for Don-

gola. Micheal pitched 4 innings and allowed 5 hits to go with a walk and 4 strikeouts. Theis pitched 3 innings and allowed 5 hits to go with 4 walks and a strikeout.

Cobden, 2-0, is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at home against Century. Dongola fell to 0-1.

Saluki Sports Update

By Fred Huff

Who would have guessed it? Oregon in, Kansas out. Gonzaga in, Xavier out. South Carolina in, Florida out. North Carolina in, Kentucky out.

It’s South Carolina (26-10) vs. Gonzaga (36-1) and Oregon (33-5) vs. North Carolina (31-7) in the Final Four, which may go down as one of the most unexpected fields ever.

Yes, the final four set for this weekend definitely has a new look. And, it’s refreshing.

It’s difficult to remember how much fun it was to watch your team, SIU’s Salukis, playing in the NCAA until seeing all the fans going crazy after a last-second win like North Carolina’s dramatic finish and victory over Kentucky. It’s been too many years since the Salukis’ last trip in 2007. It will happen again, however.

On the other front, coaching changes challenge the games themselves. And almost with as much interest.

New leaders at Illinois, Indiana and Missouri have been among the first to take over.

It’s happening all over the country, however, as top university administrators have seemingly made the decision that it’s the head coach that is directly responsible for gaining March Madness activity.

Of course the players have something to do with it, but it’s the coaches who recruit, teach and finalize.

The Missouri Valley Conference has been relatively quiet. And that’s not surprising despite the fact the league has been bad-mouthed by many of the so-called experts much of the season.

Trail Society guided hike set

The River-to-River Trail Society announces a guided hike which is planned on Saturday, April 1, along Cedar Creek in Johnson County.

Those who want to go on the hike will meet at 10 a.m. at the New Simpson-Tunnel Hill School on Route 45 between Ozark and Vienna. For more information or directions, call 618-499-2337.

The hike is free and open to the public. The trail society stated that the hike will be of moderate difficulty and is intended for people in good health who have done some walking.

Boots or sturdy shoes are strongly recommended by the trail society.

The society advises hikers to bring their own water and a snack, and to not bring dogs.

Most meaningful happening anticipated in the MVC during the next few months is whether or not Wichita State jumps ship. From what we’ve been reading and hearing, that’s a strong possibility. And, if so, what happens then?

Creighton, a long-time Valley power, pulled out a few years ago and if the Shockers leave now, the league may be without a perennial national power.

And, that’s necessary for the league’s No. 2 team at the postseason tournament to receive an at-large berth on the highly controversial Selection Sunday.

An obvious partial solution to the league’s problem is for St. Louis U. to join. The Bills are in a ridiculous league, for them, right now and need to drop out and join the MVC. That’s only a partial solution.

Trico tops Shawnee

Drew McLane was 3-for-4 at the plate to lead Shawnee in an 8-1 loss to host Trico in non-conference high school softball action Friday, March 24.

Autumn McMahan was the losing pitcher for the Lady Reds.

White-tails featured on website

White-tailed deer are an integral part of the Illinois landscape, and a new website is designed to provide up-to-date information about deer biology, management, research and regulations.

A random set of Illinois deer hunters and landowners were slated to receive an e-mail invitation in early March to assist with finalizing the new White-Tailed Deer Illinois website.

White-tailed Deer Illinois is a collaborative effort led by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, Division of Wildlife Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration and the National Great Rivers Research and Education Center.

Funding for the White-tailed Deer Illinois website was made available through Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Project W-147-T.

White-tailed Deer Illinois will offer a digest of biological information and facts to provide users with insights into the life history and management of the Illinois state mammal.



Wildcat delivers a pitch

Anna-Jonesboro’s Ethan Krumrey delivers a pitch to a Goreville batter during a high school baseball game which was played Wednesday afternoon, March 22. The game was played at Kiwanis Field at the Anna City Park in Anna.



A-J, Harrisburg face off in high school soccer action
The host Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' soccer team faced off against Harrisburg at the Jonesboro School soccer field on Monday, March 27. The Lady Wildcats (in white tops) won the game 3-2. Photo by Amber Skelton.



Students write special letters of appreciation
Lick Creek School English and science teacher Heather Coffman recently gave her junior high students the assignment of writing a letter of appreciation to a local emergency service agency. The agencies included the Anna Police Department, the Anna Fire Department, Union County EMS, Illinois State Police and Shawnee Correctional Facility. Students expressed their gratitude and acknowledged the dangers and sacrifice of members of the agencies. After the letters were received, Lick Creek held an assembly. The Anna Fire Department and the Illinois State Police were represented at the assembly. Anna Fire Department chaplain Bob Richardson is in the picture with the students. The representatives talked about their jobs and how important it is for students to always do their best. Photo provided.

Shawnee students earn further recognition at regional history fair

Shawnee School District No. 84 teacher Jamie Nash-Mayberry has shared an update highlighting students' success in history fair competitions. The documentary titled "Senator Paul Simon: Taking a Stand for the Voiceless" by Drew McLane, Madi Ellet, Molly Lewis, Julian Harris and Abbey Livesay received a special recognition first award at the local level. The documentary advanced to Southern Illinois University regionals and received a first superior, thus advancing to state, and received best in show for group documentary. The documentary can be seen online at <https://youtu.be/K4BuepabeCo>. The exhibit board titled

"Southern Illinois' Vietnam War Involvement" by Evan Golliher, Trevor Gale and Shannon Stanley received a first locally, and at SIU regionals received a second excellent and also won best in show for a group exhibit. Tying with their project locally for first was the exhibit "Legends & Folklore of Grand Tower" by Payton Trammel and Kannen Wills, and at SIU regionals it received a second excellent. Receiving second place locally was the exhibit titled "The Railroad Killer: How the Town of Gorham, IL Lost its Innocence" by Brandy Baumgarte, and at SIU regionals it received a second excellent and placed best in show for an individual exhibit.

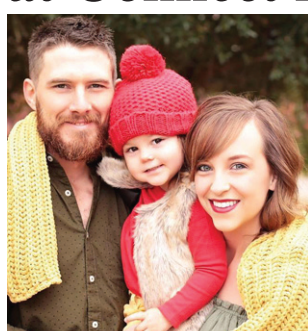
News from First Baptist Church, Cobden

Pastor Ed Falgout's message on Sunday, March 26, was titled "Moving Forward with God's Plan," with scripture from Genesis. The message was about "two paradoxes: The dignity and frailty of man and the judgment and grace of God." A Good Friday service is planned at 6:30 p.m. on April 14. A Easter egg hunt for children is planned after the morning service on April 16. The church plans to have a hospitality booth at the River-to-River Relay on April 22. Vacation Bible School is planned Sunday through Thursday evenings, July 23-27. A Family Fun Night is planned Friday, July 28. Sunday School begins at 9 a.m. Sunday morning worship service begins at 10 a.m. Sunday evening service begins at 6 p.m. Wednesday service begins at 6:30 p.m.

Supreme Court briefs available

The Illinois Supreme Court is making briefs available for each case in the court term's call of the docket on the court's website. The new procedure improves access to court information and begins with cases for the March term. The briefs for the March

Matt Cameron to preach at Connect Point Church



Matt, Lexy and Linny B. Cameron
Former Anna resident Matt Cameron is coming home to preach at a local church. Cameron is scheduled to preach at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, April 2, at Connect Point Church in Anna. The church is located at 208 Center St. in Anna. He will be joined by his wife, Lexy, and their daughter, Linny B. All are welcome to attend the service. Cameron played football at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. He left the area after high school to chase his dreams in Texas. While attending college at Texas A&M at Commerce, he rode saddle broncs on the college rodeo circuit. After college, Cameron competed in the United Professional Rodeo Asso-

SIU to close, raze Schneider Hall

To prepare for the construction of new residence halls, Southern Illinois University Carbondale plans to close Schneider Hall, one of three halls commonly referred to as "the towers," following the Aug. 21 total solar eclipse. The SIU Board of Trustees on Feb. 9 approved the exploration of financing and construction of one or two new residence halls on the Carbondale campus. The closing of Schneider is one step in a long-term master plan for campus housing. Jon Shaffer, director of University Housing, said Schneider Hall will be decommissioned for the fall 2017 semester, allowing time to remove the building's furnishings, fixtures and fittings before demolition. Items removed from Schneider will be reused in other campus housing areas, including the newly expanded undergraduate student apartments at Evergreen Terrace. Before the hall is closed, however, the university will rent rooms to visitors coming to town for the total solar eclipse on Aug. 21. Details are still in development but will be posted at eclipse.siu.edu. Shaffer said that while a timeline for demolition of Schneider and construction of new housing has not been finalized, closing the hall this fall will not displace many students. He noted that three floors of the hall were not utilized for the current academic year.

When at capacity, the hall could house up to 719 students, but only 385 students are living in Schneider at this time due to the recent decline in enrollment. Of these, 81 students have contracted for on-campus housing for 2017-18. These students will be offered other on-campus housing options. He added that the housing staff has developed plan to relocate Schneider based Living Learning Communities, which give students the chance to live with others who share similar majors or interests, as well as a few other students who may have planned to return to the hall next year. He added that closing the hall is likely to have minimal impact on University Housing staffing. "With more than 250 full-time employees and more than 700 student employees, University Housing remains one of the largest employers on campus," he said. "We normally have staff turnover between academic years, which will allow us to relocate many returning Schneider staff into similar roles in other buildings." The closing of Schneider follows a decision by the SIU Board of Trustees to explore a private funding arrangement, commonly referred to as a public/private partnership, for the construction of new housing. In this model, a private developer invests in building the new residence halls on university property. That investment is then repaid through room and board payments over a period of time similar to the traditional funding model for building campus buildings. This type of funding is reported to have been successful at other universities in Illinois and across the country. University Housing derives revenue exclusively through room and board paid by residents of the residence halls and apartments. No state funds or tuition dollars are utilized in housing operations, including building new residence halls. Shaffer said he is optimistic about the future of on-campus housing on the Carbondale campus. "We are looking forward to creating new housing on campus that will meet the needs of today's student," he said. "The towers have housed tens of thousands of students over the past 50 years, but it's time to look to the future."

News from Mt. Moriah, Salem Lutheran Churches

On Sunday, March 26, Pastor Mark shared that "the right time to do the right thing is right now." Bible study is scheduled at 7 p.m. each Tuesday, except for the third Tuesday of the month, at Mt. Moriah. Lenten services continue on Wednesdays. Prior to the service, a meal is served at 5:30 p.m. This week's service was planned at Mt. Moriah in Anna. Next week's service is scheduled at Salem. A free meal is served at Salem on the last Wednesday of each month.

Meeting rescheduled

The regular meeting of the Dongola Unit School District No. 66 Board of Education has been rescheduled. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. on April 3.

Apostolic Lighthouse
Quarterly Dinner
Friday, March 31st
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Notice of Public Hearing on Tentative Annual Budget of the City of Anna

A Public Hearing on the Tentative Annual Budget of the City of Anna shall be held commencing at 4:30 P.M. on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, in the chambers of the City Council at the Anna City Hall, 103 Market Street, Anna, Illinois. After such hearing or any adjournment thereof, the Tentative Budget, as presented or as revised after Public Hearing, shall be passed without any further inspection, notice, or hearing.

The Tentative Annual Budget is available for public inspection on the bulletin board available in the public area in the Anna City Hall, 103 Market Street, Anna, Illinois commencing March 31, 2017.

Dated March 31, 2017
Steve Guined, Budget Officer

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Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Sandra K. May; et al. DEFENDANTS
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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 3/8/2017, the Sheriff of Union County, Illinois will on 4/26/17 at the hour of 9:00AM at Union County

Courthouse 309 West Market 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:

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If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee, Aô's attorney.

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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-16-07301.

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HELP WANTED: City of Anna, Temporary Summer Job, The City of Anna Public Works is accepting applications for temporary summer help. Applications may be picked up and returned at Anna City Hall, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Position pays \$9.25 per hour. Positions will remain open until filled. EOE.

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HELP WANTED: Local healthcare office is seeking a personable, part-time office assistant willing to interact with patients and perform general office duties including scheduling, filing insurance, and managing daily accounts receivable for 16-20 hours per week. Experience preferred, education level and references required. Send resume to RLC, P.O. Box 529, Anna, IL 62906.

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Anna-Jonesboro CHSD #81 is accepting applications for the following vacancies:

- Temporary English/Language Arts Teacher (fill in for maternity leave beginning May 1, 2017)
- Part-time English/Language Arts Teacher (2017-2018 School Year)

Interested applicants should pick up an application or print one from our website at www.aj81.net and return, along with letter of interest, resume and credentials to Anna-Jonesboro CHSD #81, Attn: Brett Detering, Principal, 608 S. Main St., Anna, IL 62906. Please contact the Principal's Office at (618) 833-8502 for more information. The deadline for applying is April 21, 2017.

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Anna-Jonesboro CHSD #81 is accepting applications for the following vacancy:

- Custodian (must have or be willing to obtain bus driving license)

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IN MEMORIAM

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ESTATE OF NORMA JEAN GRAHAM, Deceased. No. 17-P-6

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Norma Jean Graham, of 108 Evergreen Dr., Anna, Union County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 7, 2017, to Jama Wolf, as Executor, whose attorney is Letisha Luecking Orlet, 236 East St. Louis Street, Nashville, IL 62263.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk in the Union County Courthouse, P.O. Box 450, 309 West Market St., Rm 147, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952, or both, on or before September 18, 2017, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. DATED: March 9, 2017.

By: Letisha Luecking Orlet, #6306478
Letisha Luecking Orlet, P.C.
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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN RE THE MATTER OF: Addison Jayde Roach change to: Addison Jayde Pinnon NO. 2017-MR-40

NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

TO: KYLE ROACH 103 Elm Street Dongola, IL 62926

Notice is given to you, the public, that on April 26, 2017, at 1 p.m., Addison Jayde Roach, a minor, by Brittany Pinnon, her mother and next friend, will request that this Court change her present name of Addison Jayde Roach to the name of Addison Jayde Pinnon.

The hearing will take place at the Union County Courthouse, 304 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois.

Addison Jayde Roach, a minor, by Brittany Pinnon, her mother March 9, 2017 13-15g

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

KATHY L. WALLACE,
Plaintiff,
and
CLYDE A. WALLACE,
Defendant.
2014-D-63

NOTICE OF
PUBLICATION

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this Court asking for a Di-
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sponse or otherwise file
your appearance in this
cause in the office of the
Circuit Clerk of Union
County, Courthouse, Jones-
boro, Illinois, on or before
the 3rd day of May, 2017, at
1 p.m. and other relief may
be granted as prayed for by
the Plaintiff.

Tiffany Busby
CIRCUIT CLERK
14-16g

IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT FOR THE 1ST
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
UNION COUNTY -
JONESBORO,
ILLINOIS

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Unknown Heirs and
Legatees of
Sandra K. May; et. al.
DEFENDANTS
16CH 00012

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S
SALE OF REAL
ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS
HEREBY GIVEN that
pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale en-
tered in the above cause
on 3/8/2017, the Sheriff of
Union County, Illinois will
on 4/26/17 at the hour of
9:00AM at Union County
Courthouse 309 West Mar-
ket Jonesboro, IL 62952,
or in a place otherwise de-
signated at the time of sale,
County of Union and State
of Illinois, sell at public
auction to the highest bid-
der for cash, as set forth
below, the following de-
scribed real estate:
LOT NUMBER 11 IN
W. DAVIE'S ORIGINAL
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AND STATE OF ILLI-
NOIS.
PIN 14-00-07-984
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tial
COMMONLY KNOWN
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Anna, IL 62906
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of the highest bid by certi-
fied funds at the close of the

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

BANTERRA BANK,
a state chartered bank,
Plaintiff
v.
DAVID A. HARTLINE,
et al., Defendants,
No. 17-CH-9

NOTICE OF PENDEN-
CY OF ACTION

NOTICE is hereby given
to unknown owners and
non-record claimants of
the real estate described in
the Complaint for Foreclo-
sure filed in the above en-
titled case, defendants in the
above entitled case, pursu-
ant to the provisions of 735
Illinois Compiled Statutes
5/2-206, 5/15-1218, and
5/15-1502, that the above
entitled mortgage foreclo-
sure suit is now pending in
said Court and the day on or
after which a default may be
entered against said Defen-
dants is May 4, 2017, and
that the following informa-
tion applies to said foreclo-
sure proceeding:
1. The name of the Plain-
tiff 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: David A.

Hartline and Lisa Mae Har-
tline
4. A legal description of
the real estate sufficient to
identify it with reasonable
certainty is as follows:
Part of the Northwest
Quarter of the Northwest
Quarter of Section 30,
Township 11 South, Range
1 West of the Third Prin-
cipal Meridian, Union
County, Illinois, described
as follows: Commencing
at the Southeast corner of
the said Quarter-Quarter;
thence Westerly along
the South line of the said
Quarter-Quarter a distance
of 385.71 feet to the cen-
ter line of Baker Hill Road
and the point of beginning;
thence continuing westerly
along the said South line
a distance of 225.80 feet;
thence Northwesterly with
an interior angle to the left
of 103°23'50" a distance of
221.13 feet; thence North-
easterly with an interior an-
gle to the left of 117°46'17"
a distance of 195.46 feet to
the center line of Baker Hill
Road; thence Southeasterly
with an interior angle to the
left of 68°59'47" along the
said center line a distance
of 275.50 feet; thence
along the said center line
on a curve to the left of ra-
dius 1,236.94 feet a distance
along the arc of 92.06 feet to
the point of beginning; the
tract containing 1.318 acres
more or less.
5. A common address or

description or the location
of the real estate is as fol-
lows: 405 Baker Hill Road,
Cobden, IL.
6. An identification of the
mortgage sought to be
foreclosed is as follows:
Names of mortgagors:
David A. Hartline and Lisa
Mae Hartline
Name of mortgagee:
Banterra Bank
Date of mortgage: Janu-
ary 2, 2003
Date of recording: Janu-
ary 9, 2003
County where recorded:
Union County
Recording document
identification: Book 222 at
Page 854
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT
TO COLLECT A DEBT
BY A DEBT COLLECTOR
AND ANY INFORMA-
TION OBTAINED WILL
BE USED FOR THAT
PURPOSE.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Union County, Illinois

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Obituaries

Jack Mandeville

Jack Mandeville, 45, of Jackson, Mo., died on Sept. 25, 2013, at his home.

He was born on Oct. 12, 1967, in San Gabriel, Calif., the son of Darue and Peggy Mandeville.

He was survived by his son, Joshua Mandeville of Hesperia, Calif.; a daughter, Hannah Mandeville of Anna; a grandson, Vincent Gerrard Mandeville; his father and stepmother, Darue (Susan) Mandeville of Pomona, Calif.; a sister, Dawn Dannelley of McMinnville, Ore.; brothers Darue (Elizabeth) Mandeville and Thomas (Dena) White of Jonesboro; an aunt, Jerilynn Cummings Reugg of Petaluma, Calif.; other relatives and many friends.



He worked as the branch manager for the San Bernardino County Law Library for many years. He served in the Marine Corps from 1985-1987, then enlisted in the Air Force from 1987-1992, until his retirement. He was an avid fan of classical music and movies of all kinds. In his spare time he enjoyed fishing and dearly loved his children and grandson.

Graveside services for Mr. Mandeville were at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, at the Anna City Cemetery, with Father Federico Higuera officiating. Inurnment was in the Anna City Cemetery.

Graveside military rites were conducted by Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna and Scott Air Force Base honor guard.

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

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

Phillip Edward ‘Phil’ Zeigler

Phillip Edward “Phil” Zeigler, 81, of Red Bud, was born on July 29, 1935, in Anna, and died Saturday, March 11, 2017, at Red Bud Regional Hospital in Red Bud.



He was a third generation Mason and his son Tony is a fourth generation Mason. He was a member of Emeth Lodge 1030 A.F. & A.M. in Cahokia and he also attended Red Bud Masonic Lodge 427. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

He had worked for Wonder Bread, Kas and Lance. He was still working for Home Sweet Home Realty. He enjoyed real classical literature history and movies.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Lillian Zeigler.

He is survived by his son, Anthony “Tony” William Franklin Zeigler; his daughter, Cynthia Ellyn (Patrick) Leffner; his brother, Barry Kent (Wilma) Zeigler; his sister, Charlotte (Carl) Wilkins; other relatives and friends.

Memorials can be made in the donor’s choice.

Funeral services were Monday, March 20, at 11 a.m. at Koch-Liefer Funeral Home in Red Bud, with the Rev. David Krueger, officiating.

Following the services, Mr. Zeigler was cremated and inurnment was planned in the Anna City Cemetery.

Koch-Liefer Funeral Home in Red Bud was in charge of arrangements.

George H. Griffin

George H. Griffin, 62, of Tamms, died at 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 20, 2017, at Southeast Health in Cape Girardeau.

He was born on July 14, 1954, in Anna, the son of Golburn and Lula Hill Griffin.

He is survived by his sisters, Lou Musgraves of Olive Branch, Tammy Bracken of Tamms and Lee Dickerson of Anna; brothers Jessie Griffin of Tamms, Harold Griffin of Anna and Terry Griffin of Tamms. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He worked as a laborer for many years.

Private services for Mr. Griffin will be at a later date.

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES Rendleman & Hileman Fuenral Home in Jonesboro is in charge of arrangements.

Reynoldsville News

by Sue Eudy

Visiting with Sue and Steve Eudy were Kevin and Emma Eudy and Jonathon Bohnert, all of Cape Girardeau, and Ryan Wachter of Jonesboro.

We extend our sympathy to our pastor, Rev. Jamie Bridgeman, Maria and Clayton of Cape Girardeau, on the passing of his grandmother, Ellen Turner of Anna, on Thursday, March 23. Her funeral was Sunday, March 26, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna.

Danielle Shepard of Dexter, Mo., visited Monday with her grandmother, Dorothy Smiddy of Reynoldsville. They enjoyed shopping and eating in Jonesboro and Anna.

Shirley Miller of McClure visited Tuesday with Ollie Eudy at Union County Nursing Home and with Ermadell Elkins of Anna.

Kacie and Derek Gollier of Carbondale visited

Tuesday evening with Shirley Miller and they went to Cape Girardeau to eat.

Shirley Miller and Vera Garrett of Reynoldsville went to the visitation for Ellen Turner on Saturday night. Afterwards they enjoyed eating together in Anna.

Fawn and Carolyn Follis of Jonesboro visited with Lucille Choate at Lake of Egypt one day last week.

Congratulations to Kashe Mouser, grandson of Bonnie and Avery Mouser of McClure, on making the high honor roll at Shawnee High School, where he is a junior.

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

Rev. Jamie Bridgeman is the pastor.

Ellen Mae Turner

Ellen Mae Turner, 93, of Anna, died at 1:45 a.m. Thursday, March 23, 2017, at Union County Hospital Long Term Care in Anna.

She was born on Aug. 19, 1923, in Golconda, the daughter of Donald and Mary Wagner Coleman.

She married Paul Turner on Nov. 9, 1940. He preceded her in death on Nov. 30, 1981.

She was a member of Big Creek Baptist Church for over 50 years.

She is survived by her three sons, Terry (Carolyn) Turner, Lowell (Linda) and Danny Turner; six daughters, Lawanda (Harold) Hubbs, Neta (Terry) Mull, Margie (Rodger) Sheffer, Patsy (Doug) Bridgeman, Vickie (DuWayne) Glasco and Pauline Turner; 25 grandchildren, Paula (Paul) Turner, Jeff (Dawn) Turner, Rodney (Pam) Turner, Steve Hargrave, Lauri Van Buren, Missy Meskenas, Tim (Angie) Hargrave, Penny Trimble, Renee (John) Barresi, Amy (Jeff) Sturgeon, Tammy Turner, Michael Turner, Connie Salazar, Daniel (Cindy) Turner, Anthony (April) Pena, Nick (Catherine) Pena, Dane (Elizabeth) Mull, Rob (Becky) Lannm, Jamie (Maria) Bridgeman, Lisa Hartline, Cindy (Keith) Hutchason, Greg Glasco, Mark (Amy) Glasco, Amanda Glasco and Andrea Glasco; 51 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

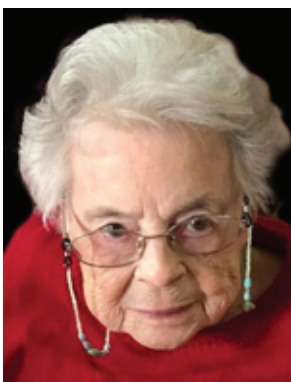
She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Paul Turner; one son, Rodney Turner; two brothers and five sisters.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 26, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro, with the Rev. LaRue Parr officiating. Interment was in Friendship Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Big Creek Baptist Church.

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

Crain Funeral home Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro was in charge of arrangements.



Shelby Palmer

Shelby Palmer, 80, of Anna, died Thursday, March 23, 2017, in Carbondale.

Mrs. Palmer was born in Vienna, on May 5, 1936, a daughter of Everett and Ruth Morris Darnell.

She and her husband, Bob, have been residents of Anna for many years. She was a homemaker with a passion for interior decorating and it was evident when visitors entered her home

Memorial services were conducted at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna, with the Rev. Curtis Craig officiating.

Survivors include her husband, Bob of Anna; two daughters and one son-in-law, Brenda and Dan Parr of Murphysboro and Jill Rendleman of Anna; one son, Brad Palmer of Perryville, Mo.; five grandchildren, Jamie (Lisa) Edwards of Palm Coast, Fla., Kelly (Lance) Richter of Bossier City, La., Samantha (Bill) Krieger of Murphysboro, Ryan Palmer of Perryville, Mo., and Emily Fisher of Jackson, Mo.; two great-grandchildren, Jenna Richter and fiance Claude Daniel of Bossier City, La., and Hanna Edwards of Palm Coast, Fla.; one sister, Roma (Rudy) Boester of Marion; and other relatives and friends.

Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Crawshaw Funeral Home in Murphysboro was in charge of arrangements.



William Robert (Bill) Bierbaum

On Monday, March 13, 2017, William Robert (Bill) Bierbaum, 91, a longtime Pullman, Wash., resident died at home, ending his long battle with cancer.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy.

He is survived by his two sons Keith (with his wife Judy) and Bruce (with his wife Mariana), six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He made a career of working in universities. From 1950 to 1953, he was a student advisor at University of Illinois. In 1952, he moved to Washington State, WSU, to work as a program advisor. 1957 saw his relocate family, home and culture to the University of New Mexico, UNM. Starting as the student union director, he eventually headed up all auxiliaries and services.

He left UNM for WSU in 1975, where he was director of college housing. He was proud of his best work: the married student housing units, Chiook, at the south end of the university. During his time at WSU, he served as Rotary Club president.

He was well known in college housing and served as president of the International College Housing Association. He left the university to travel, with his wife, from Europe to the South Pacific. He joked that he had outlived his friends and he’d also outlive his enemies. His family said was a leader by example and in his own words, “tried to be a good person.”

Memorials can be made in his name to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation. No local services will be held.

Kimball Funeral Home in Pullman, Wash., was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences can be sent to www.kimballfh.com.



Earl Noble

Earl Noble, 61, of Anna, died at 1:35 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at his home.

He was born on June 7, 1955, in Anna, the son of Donald Richard and Carolyn Yvonne Isom Noble Sr.

He married Jo Vonna Hemby on Jan. 8, 1977. They had just celebrated 40 years of marriage together as spouses, partners and friends.

He worked for over 30 years as a copier technician in Southern Illinois and the Paducah area. He enjoyed fishing, but golf and football were his passions. He looked forward to time on the golf course with friends and his brother, Rich. He would happily engage at any time in conversations about professional football, knowing all the latest facts.

His pride and joy were his sons, Dylan and Austin. He loved watching his sons participate in sports and coached them for several years. He enjoyed seeing them grow up to be wonderful, fine young men.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Jo Vonna Noble of Anna; sons Dylan Noble of Paducah and Austin Noble of Edwardsville; a brother, Richard (Linda) Noble of Bettendorf, Iowa; a niece Katie Noble of Bettendorf, Iowa; an uncle Gary (Brenda) Noble of Jonesboro; a cousin, Sue Ann (Jack) Zimmerman of Anna; other friends and relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by a sister, Sherry Mitchell.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro, with the Rev. Alan Rhein officiating. Interment was in the Anna City Cemetery.

Immediately following the interment, there was a Celebration of Life and meal provided at First United Methodist Church in Carbondale for family and friends, including those who were not able to attend the services.

Memorials can be made to First United Methodist Church in Carbondale.

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

Crain Funeral home Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro was in charge of arrangements.

Evelyn L. Fry

Evelyn L. Fry, 87, of Cobden, died at 3:46 p.m. Friday, March 24, 2017, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

She was born on June 13, 1929, in Makanda, the daughter of Owen Ross and Stella E. Furlow Deming.

She married William W. “Bill” Fry on Aug. 12, 1974, in Kankakee. He preceded her in death on April 11, 1997.

She is survived by her children, Jack (Judy) Hankla of Cobden, Lisa (Donald) Newton of Springfield, Elizabeth (Tom) Minton of Swansea and John Hankla of Cobden; nine grandchildren, Jennifer Eagle, Sarah Ratermann, Beth Jones, Jackie McHugh, Emily Gebhardt, Rebecca Newton, Bradley Newton, Greg Minton and Shelley Wunderlich; several great-grandchildren; one brother, Donald Deming of Hammond, Ind.; nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, William W. “Bill” Fry; four brothers, Ross Deming, Charles Deming, David Deming and Roger Dale Deming; and two sisters, Juanita Welch and Jenny Baggott.

She was a member of the Anna VFW Ladies Auxiliary. She owned and operated her own beauty salon for many years.

Funeral services for Mrs. Fry were at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden. Interment was in the Cobden Cemetery.

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES Rendleman & Hileman Fuenral Home in Cobden was in charge of arrangements.

Betty Edwards

Betty L. Edwards, 87, of Dallas, Texas, and formerly of Peoria, died Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2017.

She was born to Russell and Oma Bryant on Jan. 8, 1930, in Flat Rock.

She is survived by her husband, John D. Edwards of Dallas, Texas; daughter, Nancy (Jim) Sherer; grandchildren Hayley and Sean of Carrollton, Texas; granddaughter Carmen (Gilli) Coren and great-granddaughters Nola and Nova of Reseda, Calif.; grandson Ben Clemons of Chicago; grandson Zack (Kayla) Clemons and great-granddaughters Sydnie and Addy of Oshkosh, Wis.; a sister, Violet Davis of Cape Girardeau; a brother, Robert (Joann) Bryant of Fairfield, Mont.; and her brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a daughter, Karla Clemons.

She was an avid reader, so the family asks that donations of books or money be made to local schools or libraries in her name.

A memorial service will be held in April.





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Inaugural 'Saluki Day of Service' scheduled

Nearly 1,000 Salukis plan to say “thanks” to the community for its ongoing support by participating in the biggest one-day service project in the history of Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

SIU’s inaugural “The Big Event: A Saluki Day of Service” is scheduled to take place at numerous on- and off-campus locations from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 1.

Hundreds of students, along with faculty and staff members, are volunteering their time and energy to help non-profit agencies and organizations and the people they serve throughout the greater Carbondale area.

Updates of the day’s activities will be posted, using #TheBigEvent, on Twitter @SIUC, as well as on Instagram and Snapchat @ThisIsSIU.

The Big Event is modeled after an event founded

at Texas A & M University in 1982 that draws more than 10,000 student participants annually.

The Big Event is now found on more than 100 campuses across the United States and beyond to universities in Spain, Australia, Germany, Pakistan and Italy.

Organizers of the event noted that community service is woven into the fabric of SIU, as more than 3,000 students contribute more than 30,000 hours of community service on average each year.

The Big Event is SIU’s first massive one-day student-run service event and preparations have been underway for two years, Bell said.

Some Big Event volunteerism involves ongoing service work activities and some focuses on special events.



Spring time on the square

Spring blossoms have filled the square in Jonesboro during the past week. Some of the blossoms created a nice frame for the Jonesboro City Hall last Friday.



Union County United event held

A program called Union County United took place at StarView Vineyards near Cobden on Thursday evening, March 23. The event was sponsored by Union County Women in Business, the Union County Chamber of Commerce and Union County Economic Development Corporation. The event was primarily a networking opportunity for businesses in Union County. Rollie Hawk gave a presentation on a new project, a website called unioncountypulse.com. The website offers businesses an opportunity to register their information. Consumers can visit the website and see a directory of Union County businesses. Photo by Lindsey Rae Vaughn.

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God's Plan for Righteous Living-Part 1

Thanks be to God that there is a remedy for the sins we commit as imperfect humans. The Bible teaches that in order to be forgiven of past sins and to become a Christian, one must: hear The Word (Rom. 10:17), believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God (Acts 8:36-37), repent of past sin (Luke 13:3), confess faith in Christ (Rom. 10:9-10), be baptized (1 Pet. 3:21, Acts 2:38, 22:16), and live faithfully (Rev. 2:10). In order for one to able to take these steps, he or she must be willing to yield to God. This requires:

Surrendering of one's stubborn will. The apostle Paul sums up best what must occur in one's life in saying, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:20). The human will must yield to God's will if one is going to turn from the error of his way. Pride, stubbornness, and a proud spirit will prevent one from surrendering to the will of God. One who will not surrender his own human will is never going to make needed corrections in his life.

Laying aside our sins. One must want to give up sin. Without that desire, one will remain in sin. So many living in sin give lip-service about going to Heaven, but have no desire to turn from their sin. God requires those who would travel the strait and narrow path to Heaven (Matt. 7:13-14) to "...lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1). Living like the world, dressing like the world, and acting like the world is not laying aside worldly sins.

There's more to be said, so we'll conclude our study next week, Lord willing. In the meantime, we invite you to be with us this Sunday as we begin a Gospel Meeting with Jeremiah Tatum, minister of the Willow Avenue church of Christ in Cookeville, TN. The theme: "Living Righteously In An Unrighteous World." A potluck fellowship meal will follow our morning services. Join us this Sunday at 9:30 a.m. for Bible Study; 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. for worship. Have a great day!

R.W. McAlister, Minister
Anna church of Christ

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News from

First Christian Church, Anna

On Sunday, March 26, Senior Minister Dee Armes's sermon was titled "The Heart on Target," with several scripture selections.

The message focused on several questions, including: "Am I fitting into God's plan?" "What are my longings?" "What are my abilities?"

Birthdays: Missy Naas, Zachary Moore, Carly James, March 28; John Michael Ligon, April 1.

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

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

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Project looks at impact of higher temperatures on ag production

Researchers at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign plan to use real crop data and computer modeling to better predict future impacts of higher temperatures on agricultural production and identify promising targets for adaptation.

The project is being funded with a \$420,000 USDA National Institute for Food and Agriculture grant.

U of I environmental scientist Kaiyu Guan is the project director. Carl Bernacchi and Elizabeth Ainsworth are co-project directors. Both are plant physiologists in the U of I Department of Plant Biology and Department of Crop Sciences.

The project will look at how temperature affects major plant processes such

as photosynthesis and respiration.

"Higher temperatures in the future may result in accelerated crop growth rate and shorter growing seasons," Guan said.

"There will likely be direct heat stress effects on the various stages in plant reproduction, including number of flowers and pods produced and aborted and the higher temps may increase the plants' demand for water. All of these factors will play a role in soybean crop yield."

Guan says the team will combine the temperature free-air controlled enhancement (T-FACE) experiment and a newly developed crop modeling framework (CLM-APSIM).

Infrared heating arrays will be used to heat three soybean varieties, representing the major groups planted across the Midwest for two growing seasons, and multiple physiological

and biochemical measurements will be taken simultaneously.

"We will then use the experiment results to improve and calibrate the model at the site level," Guan said.

"Using the calibrated model, we will attribute the historical yield loss due to increase temperature to different physiological mechanisms. Ultimately, we will project crop yield for the whole Corn Belt under the various climate scenarios, and quantify the contribution of each mechanism."

In addition to being an assistant professor in ecohydrology and geoinformatics in the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences at U of I, Guan has a joint appointment as a Blue Waters professor affiliated with the National Center for Supercomputing Applications.

4-H welcomes nominations for Family Spirit Award

The Illinois 4-H Foundation welcomes nominations for the 2017 4-H Family Spirit Award.

The Illinois 4-H Family Spirit Award recognizes a family with at least three generations and at least 15 different family members (including in-laws) who have either been 4-H members, leaders or volunteers with at least 100 cumulative years of 4-H membership or volunteerism represented within the family.

Selection is based on the total number of family members with 4-H connections, the total number of

years of 4-H involvement, the diversity of experiences and recognitions earned by the 4-H members and the collective impact that family members have made as advocates of their county and state 4-H programs.

On-line applications are available at <http://4hfoundation.illinois.edu/content/family-spirit-award>. Nominations are due May 1.

The first Illinois lottery tickets went on sale on July 30, 1974. In August, the first bonanza winner of the lottery was awarded \$300,000.

Early Voting Information

Consolidated General Election
April 4, 2017

Union County, Illinois

DATES
February 23 through April 3, 2017
309 W. Market Street, Room 116
Jonesboro, IL 62952
8 A.M. - 4 P.M.

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

Terry Bartruff
Terry Bartruff
Union County Clerk

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Student, teacher achievements highlighted at A-J board meeting

Students' achievements in a variety of fields were recognized at March's regular meeting of the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School District No. 81 Board of Education.

Teachers' accomplishments also were highlighted at the meeting.

The meeting was March 20 at the Union County school.

Highlights from minutes of the meeting follow:

Beta Convention

A-JCHS was represented by 24 students at the state Beta convention, which was March 1-2 in Springfield.

The following A-J students earned a top finish in their individual competition at the convention:

Natalie Marshall, first in photography, Maddie Lingle, first in colored pencil drawing.

Britni Helton, third in recyclable art. Colton Goins, first in language arts.

Hunter Miller, first in science. Madi Bigler, second in accounting. Alex Rodgers, third in computer literacy.

Goins, Miller, Marshall and Lingle all qualified to advance to national competition at the Beta national convention, which is scheduled June 29 through July 2 at Disney World.

Fish stocking orders accepted

The Union County Soil and Water Conservation District office is taking orders for fish to stock ponds and small lakes until April 10. Delivery of the fish is scheduled on April 15.

Several game species are available, including small pan fish, sunfish, largemouth bass and channel catfish.

Fat head minnows are available for fish forage. Grass carp are available to control weeds, grass and algae.

For more information on how to place an order and stocking rates, contact Edward Helf at the USDA office at 201 Springfield Ave. in Anna, phone 833-5666, extension 101.

Music Department

Members of the school's music department competed March 3 at the IHSA solo and ensemble contest, which was held at Carterville High School.

Thirty students competed in 23 separate events. The A-J students earned a total of 17 state division 1 ratings and six state division 2 ratings.

The students will receive medals from IHSA for their performances.

Math Department

The school's mathematics department was represented at the recent 32nd annual Conference on Teaching Mathematics, which was sponsored by ICTM and John A. Logan College at Carterville.

Teachers attended sessions on such topics as the 2017 total solar eclipse, the mathematics of the SAT and talking about math in a more positive way.

The A-J math team competed at the 2107 ICTM regional competition on Feb. 25.

The Algebra 1, geometry, Algebra 2 and pre-calculus teams all received second place.

The freshmen-sophomore two-person, freshmen-sophomore eight-person, junior-senior eight-person, calculator and oral teams all received second place.

A-J's team placed second overall at the competition.

Qualify for State

Hunter Miller qualified for state competition in Algebra 2.

The oral team of Hunter Miller and Ender Schmidt also qualified for the state competition, which is planned in May at the University of Illinois.

This is the third year in a row that Hunter Miller has qualified for state competition.

The math team was scheduled to compete March 28 at a Math Field Day event scheduled at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

A-J WYSE team mem-

bers Colton Goins, Hunter Miller and Trenton Newberry competed at the sectional event, which was held at SIU.

State Science Assessment

A-J teacher Courtney Garner has been selected for the spearhead group of persons who are grading the state science assessment for state tests which were given last year and in years moving forward.

Garner also was a presenter at an Illinois STEM conference which was held March 4 in Springfield.

Step Out of Apathy Project

Teacher Dana Stute's English 4 classes recently finished a Step Out of Apathy Project.

The students researched various topics, including genocide, gun violence, teen pregnancy and post-traumatic stress disorder.

The purpose of the unit was to create a presentation that informs an audience to care about relevant world issues and to become involved in research and possible solutions.

In the unit, students surveyed their peers, created group contracts and plans of action, created a meme to raise awareness of the issue and compiled their research into a presentation.

Teacher Appreciation

The FCCLA and Beta Club seniors put on a secret student appreciation week during March for A-J faculty members.

Each day of the week, teachers received a small gift of appreciation. A pancake breakfast was served on Friday morning.

Student Council

The student council plans to hold elections on the first Tuesday in April.

The student council is planning and scheduling appointments for an April 19 American Red Cross blood drive. The drive is planned from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

As soon as new officers have been elected, the student council plans to begin working on a theme for homecoming.

Lick Creek School has history fair

A history fair was held Tuesday, Feb. 21, for the 6th and 8th grade classes of teacher Angie Alsip at Lick Creek Grade School. Four judges reviewed 14 projects. The history fair was sponsored by the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society. Cash prizes were awarded. Winners are featured in the accompanying photographs. Photos provided.



First place, 8th grade: Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center by Cierra Thorn; and second place, 8th grade: Stinson Public Library by Julia Hall.



First place, 6th grade: How Did Jackie Robinson Change American Baseball? by Shealyn Thorn and Kaylee Stover; and second place, 6th grade: How Did Jacksonville Female Academy Change Women's Education? by Brodie Denny and Kiley Dailey.



Coloring contest winners

The Lick Creek Elementary School FFA recently sponsored a coloring contest. The winners were Jase Holshouser, Drew Holshouser and Kaitlyn Matuszewich. Photo provided.

Shuttle offered for Bald Knob service

A shuttle service will be available for those attending the annual Easter sunrise service at the Cross of Peace on Bald Knob Mountain near Alto Pass.

The 81st sunrise service at Bald Knob is planned Sunday, April 16. The service begins at 6:15 a.m.

The shuttle is scheduled to leave Walker Funeral Home at 425 Main St. in downtown Alto Pass at 5:15

a.m. on Easter Sunday.

The cost for the service is \$5, which can be paid in advance or when the shuttle is boarded.

Advance reservations are required. For more information, visit the Cross of Peace website at www.baldknobcross.com, call Tonya at 618-713-8516 or email info@baldknobcross.com.

Those who want to at-

tend the service still are welcome to drive their own vehicles to the cross.

The shuttle service is being provided to help ease parking congestion and to give those who attend an option to be driven to the cross.

Charles S. Deneen began his second term as governor of Illinois on Jan. 18, 1909.


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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS CAUSE NO. 2017-TX-2 TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS (AND IF DECEASED, TO THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES), AND TO THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND TO ALL INTERESTED DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES THEREOF, INCLUDING AMONG OTHERS UNION COUNTY CLERK, UNION COUNTY TREASURER, UNION COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL, ILLINOIS DEPT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPT OF HEALTHCARE & FAMILY SERVICES (PUBLIC AID) GENERAL COUNSEL, CITY OF JONESBORO, AND TO OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED IN THE PARCELS HEREINAFTER NAMED:

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Section B

State's community colleges sign CAREER agreement

The Illinois Community College Board, ICCB, reports that all 39 community college districts across the state have signed on to participate in the Comprehensive Agreement Regarding the Expansion of Educational Resources, CAREER, Agreement.

Anna District 37 screening planned

Anna School District No. 37 has scheduled kindergarten screening on April 4. Screening will be from noon to 6 p.m. at Lincoln Elementary School. The school district advises that parents who live in the district should bring children who turn 5 on, or before, Sept. 1 to the school. Parents are asked to bring a certified birth certificate and the child's Social Security card to the screening. Children will meet with teachers while parents meet with other staff members.

The agreement allows community colleges to share the career and technical education, CTE, programs of each institution and provide students with access to programs that might otherwise be unavailable to the student in his or her home community college district.

"The CAREER Agreement capitalizes on the finances, facilities, equipment, and personnel of each college to expand student access to degree and certificate programs in high demand career and technical education fields," said Dr. Karen Hunter Anderson, executive director of the ICCB, in a news release. "The fact that all 39 districts have signed on to participate in this voluntary agreement reflects the system's commitment to providing affordable, accessible educational opportunities for students."

Under the terms of the

agreement, students may take advantage of CTE programs offered at any other Illinois community college if the program is not offered in their home district.

The students benefit by paying the resident tuition and fee rates, despite living outside the community college district.

The agreement also eliminates charges assessed to the student's in-district community college when a student enrolls pursuant to this agreement at a community college outside his or her district.

The Illinois Community College Board is the state coordinating board for community colleges.

Illinois is home to 48 community colleges (including Shawnee Community College) in 39 districts and has the third largest community college system in the nation serving nearly 850,000 residents each year in credit and non-credit courses.

History fair held at Shawnee

A history fair was held on Thursday, Feb. 23, for the history class of Jamie Nash-Mayberry at Shawnee High School at Wolf Lake.

Six judges reviewed 14 projects. The event was sponsored by the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society and cash prizes were awarded.

Award winners are featured in the accompanying pictures. Photos provided.



Second place: The Railroad Killer, How the Town of Gorham, Illinois, Lost its Innocence by Brandy Baumgarte.



Special Merit of Achievement (video): Paul Simon: Taking a Stand for the Voiceless by Madilyn Ellet, Julian Harris, Molly Lewis, Abbey Livesay and Drew McLane.



First place (tie): Legends and Folklore of Grand Tower, Illinois, by Payton Trammel and Kannen Wills.



First place (tie): Southern Illinois' Vietnam War Involvement by Shannon Stanley, Trevor Gale and Evan Golliher.

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Celebrating National Professional Social Work Month

Hospice of Southern Illinois celebrates Social Workers' Month

When one thinks of the month of March, many things may come to mind. Whether it's the color green, specific sports, the anticipation of spring and flowers, or even four leaf clovers, many don't know about another important recognition for March. It is also National Social Worker's Month.

At Hospice of Southern Illinois, they celebrated social workers and bereavement counselors everywhere, as did many other organizations across the United States.

Their social workers and bereavement counselors play an integral role in the hospice circle of care. They help patients, and their families, with emotional and spiritual needs, as well as, a holistic approach towards meeting the needs presented during the end-of-life journey.

The 2017 theme for National Social Workers'

Month is "Social Workers Stand Up!"

The campaign during Social Workers' Month is to educate the public about contributions of social workers and why the professional title of social worker is so important.

There are multiple ways a community can help get the word out about social workers:

-Thank a social worker personally. A little thank you can go a long way, telling them how much they are appreciated.

-On social media websites like, comment, or share anything that is related to National Social Workers' Month and "Social Workers Stand Up!" Help to spread the word!

-Educate yourself on the many different occupations that social workers can have. Many social workers may hold positions you may not even consider, including social workers and

bereavement counselors for a hospice.

Social workers seek to impact not only the lives of patients and family, but are also available to provide resources to the public sector that can enhance their individual and collective well-being.

Social workers are available to help the public through speaking engagements, consultations and bereavement service that will maximize use of available resources within their own community supports.

Additional information about hospice services, careers for social workers and counselors, and advanced care planning is available from Hospice of Southern Illinois, a local not-for-profit hospice organization, at www.hospice.org, or by phone, 1-800-233-1708.

More information about National Social Worker Month can be found at www.socialworkers.org.



Two Rivers Child Advocacy Center in Anna.

Two Rivers provides child-friendly atmosphere for Southern Illinois

The Two Rivers Child Advocacy Center serves the children of Southern Illinois, during a very difficult part of their life.

The mission of the CAC is to coordinate a timely, comprehensive and multi-disciplinary response to child sexual abuse and serious physical abuse allegations in a safe, agency-neutral and child-focused setting.

The CAC began providing services for abused children in Southern Illinois in August 2001.

The center celebrated their anniversary last August with an open house and activities for children.

The CAC facilitates investigations, medical and treatment referrals, as well as assist with any consequent legal proceeding in order to protect on behalf of and support the children and their families.

The children are interviewed in a non-leading way and law enforcement receives a copy of the DVD so the child has fewer interviews about a traumatic experience.

They give the child a neutral, child-focused setting for forensic interviews, which are provided at the CAC. Specially trained professionals conduct the interviews using a child developmentally informed, research supported model.

The Children's Medical Resource Network is also located in the same building and are trained to look for physical and sexual abuse in a child friendly exam room.

An advocate is assigned to each child and family to act on behalf of the child's best interests and help connect the child and non-offending family with other community services such as counseling, medical care

and/or financial assistance.

Multi-disciplinary case review meetings are held monthly in each county the CAC serves, which is Alexander, Hardin, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski and Union County.

The CAC is able to provide child abuse education programs to community and civic organizations, PTS's, schools, churches and businesses. These programs are available at no cost to those interested.

The goal of the multi-disciplinary team approach is to reduce trauma to child victims during the investigation and prosecution of the crime committed against the child.

The team is comprised of members from the Department of Child and Family Services, law enforcement, state's attorney's offices, medical personnel and mental health counselors.

The team approach strives to hold offenders accountable through improved prosecution, seeks to decrease the trauma that children face when they have been victims of sexual or serious physical abuse through information sharing and coordination and reduces the number of interviews a child will participate in.

The CAC is always looking for volunteers over the age of 18 to help serve children at the center.

They are always in need of donations of paper towels, toilet paper, copy paper, juice boxes, individually wrapped snacks and disinfecting wipes.

Currently, what they need are items to give to teenagers, like crafts, sports equipment, etc.

The Two Rivers Child Advocacy Center is located at 109 Denny Drive in Anna.

They are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, contact child advocacy coordinator, Tracie Griffith, or prevention educator, Dawn Moren, at 618-833-7470 or visit www.tworiverscsc.org.

Blue Ribbons for Kids kick-off slated

WIBH radio in Anna is planning to kick off its 2017 Blue Ribbons for Kids campaign.

The campaign helps to highlights efforts to combat a growing number of child abuse cases in Southern Illinois and Union County.

Now in its seventh year, the campaign is a partnership involving WIBH AM 1440/FM 102.5 radio in Anna, the Children's Medical & Mental Health Resource Network of Southern Illinois and Two Rivers Child Advocacy Center, along with other supporters in the community.

The campaign focuses on education and awareness for parents, guardians and caregivers who live and work in the county.

To help show their support for this year's campaign, municipal and county representatives plan to meet on the steps of the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro on March 31 at 9 a.m. to sign proclamations recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

For more information about the Blue Ribbons for Kids Campaign, contact Shawna Rhine at WIBH at 618-833-9424 (WIBH) or visit www.wibhradio.com or the WIBH Blue Ribbons for Kids Campaign Facebook page.



Union County Counseling Service.

Union County Counseling on mission to meet mental health needs of community

Union County Counseling Service, UCCS, has been working in the community since 1972.

Its mission statement is "to meet the mental health needs of the community by providing the most effective prevention, early intervention and recovery services available."

Executive director Danuta Del Rio is a licensed clinical professional counselor and has been with UCCS since 1999 in a number of roles. She said that services are available for "all age groups and all functioning levels."

Outpatient services are offered for children and adults. These can include family support, sexual abuse, grief, anger management, mental illness and help with everyday stress.

Support programs are also available for people with severe mental illness and include psychosocial rehabilitation, community support and community support residential.

No appointments are

necessary. Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance are accepted. Where those are not possible, a reduced fee may be offered.

UCCS can refer patients to other appropriate agencies when necessary.

While many of UCCS's therapists are stationed there, several others are contracted social workers and SIU interns.

A large portion of their work is child-based.

Kim Honey, a licensed clinical social worker who specializes in children and adolescents, said that their trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy, TF-CBT, team is "able to assist a child beyond a trauma to a rich and satisfying life."

The TF-CBT side uses play therapy, trauma therapy and a multidisciplinary team to help children learn to effectively work with their surroundings.

"We're here to help, no matter what it is," Honey said.

"We try to be an integral part of the community," Del Rio said.

It participates in a Child Abuse Awareness Month walk in April.

UCCS hands out information on mental illness in May for Mental Health Month and uses bake sales to raise funds for patients' copays or personal care items and activities.

The 17th annual UCCS Golf Scramble is planned for June 2 at the Union County Country Club in Anna. Funds raised will buy Christmas presents for child patients.

An annual 5k run/walk is scheduled on Oct. 21 and benefits UCCS clients by providing them with basic needs and activities like school sports and community events.

Twenty-four hour crisis intervention can be obtained by calling 833-8551.

The counseling service is located at 204 South St. in Anna and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

More information is available at www.uccsinc.org, on the Union County Counseling Service Facebook page or at 833-8551.



Union County Counseling Service in Anna has a room for kids that features many toys and activities. UCCS therapists use this room with patients for play therapy.

March is

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News from

Anna Nazarene Church

Music for the Sunday, March 26, morning worship service was led by Randy Wright and Abby Barlow, who were accompanied by Johnathon Cauble.

The offertory was provided by Jessica Elkins. Robert Smith, Noah Wiseman, Curly Ralls and Dorris Johnson served as ushers.

The morning message, titled “The Unexpected Cross,” was brought by Pastor McBride from Luke.

He shared that “faith is only real in obedience. True Christians understand if we don’t really die to self we cannot ever really live for Christ. Christ calls us to count ourselves dead with Christ and then accept willingly whatever of self-denial, repentance, humility, and humble sacrifice that may be found in the path of obedient daily living.”

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

Offertory was provided by Bryan Morrison. Ushers for the evening service were Robert Smith, Curly Ralls, Curt Lyerla and Dorris Johnson.

The evening message,

News from

Trinity Lutheran Church, Anna

The pastor’s sermon last weekend was titled “Karma? I’ll Take Grace!” Scripture was from John.

The message shared that “we pray that Christ would open our eyes, that we might see him rightly as our crucified Lord and as the giver of all good by his pure grace.”

Midweek Lenten services are scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Sermons are based on the Ten Commandments.

The church is planning a yard sale on Friday and Saturday, April 7-8, in the fellowship hall. Items (but no clothes) will be accepted until the day of the sale. Proceeds will support missionary Daniel Conrad.

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

On Saturday and Sunday, April 1-2, both services will celebrate Holy Communion.

News from

First Baptist Church, Anna

In the Sunday morning service, Pastor Sinks’ sermon title was “Creating A Come-As-You-Are Church,” with scripture from 1st Corinthians.

Pastor Sinks plans to start a sermon series on Sunday, April 2, titled “How To Be Empty and Full at the Same Time.”

On Thursday, April 13, the American Red Cross Bloodmobile is scheduled to be at the church. A blood drive is planned from noon until 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Appointments can be made by calling the Red Cross.

Revival set

Oak Grove Baptist Church at Vienna plans to have revival services April 2-7.

Services are planned at 7 p.m. each day. The church is located at 2200 Old Cypress Rd.

The pastor, Jimmy F. Wilson, will be serving as the evangelist.

The song leader for Sunday through Tuesday is scheduled to be Susie Dixon.

The song leader for the remaining nights is scheduled to be Enloe Clemons.

News from

Walnut Grove Church

Walnut Grove welcomed the Rev. April Turner to preach on Sunday, March 26.

Everyone sang “Happy Birthday” to Grace Gaffney, Sandy Hartline and

Palm Sunday service set at Kornthal

In preparation for Resurrection Sunday, the board of Kornthal Church near Jonesboro has scheduled a Palm Sunday service.

The service is planned at 2 p.m. on April 9. Music and the message for the service will focus on the passion account of Jesus Christ which is found in the gospel record.

The service is being held in keeping with a long-standing tradition for a worship event to be held at Kornthal Church during the Easter season.

A third Thursday service at Kornthal Church will not be held during April. The church’s regular schedule is slated to resume in May.

Kornthal Church is located south of Jonesboro, just off Illinois Route 127.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, March 26, Pastor Mike Turner continued his series, “Malachi: Confronting Complacency in Marriage, Money and Ministry,” with the message, “Two Questions You’re Afraid to Ask About God’s Love,” based on scripture from Malachi.

Music was directed by

Anna church plans to host gospel meeting

A gospel meeting with Jeremiah Tatum is planned April 2-5 at the Anna church of Christ. The church is located at 104 Nile St. in Anna.

The theme for the gospel meeting will be “Living Righteously in an Unrighteous World.”

Meeting times are set for 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, April 2; and 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, April 3-5.

A potluck meal is planned following the Sunday morning services. All are welcome.

associate pastor of worship Paul Lemon. The praise team and the choir both presented special music.

Birthdays: Carol Ann Ralls, March 28; Juanita Willis, March 29; Rusty Shipley, March 31; Gerry Boehne, April 1; and Gerry Smith, April 2.

Anniversary: Larry and Mary Carolyn Rendleman, 52 years on March 26.

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

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

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

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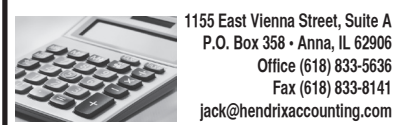
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Ribbon cutting held

A new vacation rental in Union County opened its doors to the public Saturday, March 18, with a ribbon cutting by the Union County Chamber of Commerce and a blessing from a local priest, Father Federico Higuera. What was once an abandoned, tornado damaged home in Alto Pass, Havisham House is now a renovated piece of history. Owners Nick and Jerri Schaefer purchased the home and are ready to book reservations to bring more tourism to Southern Illinois. Nearly 500 people toured the home at the open house which was held on March 18. “Our plans were to keep the integrity of this historic home, built in 1892, while adding modern touches and conveniences. We think tourists will love this home as much as we do,” Jerri Schaefer said in a news release. More information can be found online at havishamhouse.com.

Da Vinci Days showcase innovation, creativity

Southern Illinois University Carbondale plans to honor the spirit of research and creativity in April, when Da Vinci Days arrive again on campus.

Da Vinci Days is a celebration of SIU’s innovation and creativity in the sciences, humanities, and arts, organizers said.

The celebration is ad-

School screenings scheduled

Union County schools Child Find screenings and preschool/Head Start registration for the 2017-2018 academic year have been scheduled.

The screenings and registration are planned from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 28, at the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, which is located at 315 South St. in Anna.

Screenings at no cost for children ages 0-5 will be offered to families in the following school districts: Anna, Cobden, Dongola, Jonesboro, Lick Creek.

To schedule an appointment, call 833-8932.

Those who are interested in applying for preschool/Head Start for the 2017-2018 academic year are asked to bring the child’s certified birth certificate and proof of family income when they come to register.

Baskets full of school supplies, children’s books and Walmart gift cards will be raffled off to participating families, at no cost.

ministered by the vice chancellor for research office and features a variety of faculty, students and staff members presenting their research and creative work.

The weeklong event takes its name from Renaissance-age inventor, artist, scientist and architect Leonardo da Vinci, who epitomized a rebirth in education, art, science, philosophy and literature, and helped to usher in the Modern Age.

The event runs April 3-7, with each day highlighting

Kindergarten screening set at Jonesboro

Kindergarten screening sessions for the 2017-2018 academic year have been scheduled at Jonesboro Elementary School.

Screenings are planned from noon to 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 6, and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, April 7.

Children who will be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2017, are eligible for kindergarten.

To make an appointment for the screening, parents can call Jenny or Cathy at the school’s main office at 833-5148.

School officials noted that in addition to their children, parents need to bring the child’s original birth certificate to the screening.

Each child’s academic readiness skills will be checked, along with hearing and vision screening.

various activities around campus with lectures, keynote addresses, music, demonstrations and more.

One of the events on the schedule is titled “A Bard and Some Beer.”

It will feature Matt McCarroll, director of the SIU Fermentation Institute and professor of chemistry and biochemistry, who will discuss the history of beer and beer-making (including a tasting) while Ryan Netzley, professor in the SIU Department of English, reads poems of Robert Herrick, whose own work talked about beer as a catalyst for collective creativity. The event is planned from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, in the John C. Guyon Auditorium in Morris Library.

In another presentation, Angela Aguayo, associate professor of cinema and photography, and Bruce DeRuntz, professor of technology, plan to talk

about leadership in the two very distinct communities. The event begins at 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, in the Guyon Auditorium.

A major part of Da Vinci Days features the 15th annual Undergraduate Creative Activities and Research Forum, which is planned in the SIU Student Center ballrooms on Monday, April 3. Poster judging will run in two sessions: 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., followed by an open session for the public that runs from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. An awards presentation is scheduled to start at 3 p.m.

Other events will feature the nationally award-winning SIU robotics team and its inventions along with the SIU Concert Choir, which will serenade the contestants of Morris Library’s Edible Book Contest. Student filmmakers will be feted during Friday night’s Little Muddy Film Festival.

Spring wildflower hike set at Limekiln Springs Trail

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service reports that a spring wildflower hike is planned Thursday evening, April 20, at the Limekiln Springs Trail. The hike is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The hike is scheduled to leave from the Limekiln Springs west access trailhead.

Hike organizers provided the following directions to the trailhead: drive south on Illinois Route 37. Turn right onto Shawnee College Road. Turn right onto Cache Chapel Road to the Limekiln parking lot, which is just south of the bridge over the Cache River.

The trail follows the Cache River and ends at Limekiln Springs.

There is no charge to go on the hike. Those who want to go are asked to register in advance.

For more information, or to register, call the Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge at 618-634-2231.

Organizers noted that the hike is expected to take place during the peak of spring wildflower blooms on the Limekiln Springs Trail, as well as during the peak of

spring bird migration.

Those who plan to go on the hike are advised to bring binoculars and cameras.

State trail van tours scheduled

Guided van tours of the Tunnel Hill State Trail in Southern Illinois are planned Thursday, April 13.

The tours are designed for senior citizens and for persons with physical limitations.

Three trips, with various departure times, are scheduled.

The tours will give participants an opportunity to explore a section of the Tunnel Hill State Trail between Vienna and the Cache River State Natural Area and Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands Center.

The focus of the tours will be on spring flowers, wildlife, history and the hydrology of the Cache River watershed.

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Economic development on mind of area legislator

Cairo economic development was on the mind of State Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg, when he and Illinois Senate Republican Leader Christine Radogno, R-Lemont, toured the far southern tip of Illinois on March 17.

Fowler's visit was his sixth to the Alexander County community since he took office more than two months ago.

It is widely believed that is has been decades since one of the four Illinois legislative leaders toured the historic community, the legislator noted in a press release.

Cairo and the Cairo Public Utility have been working in recent years to remove dilapidated buildings and clear lots for possible redevelopment.

A several-hundred-acre site on the Mississippi River side of the town is being eyed for a major port development.

Fowler said that such a development would provide Southern Illinois farmers, coal producers and other major manufacturers another port opportunity to ship their goods down the Mississippi River to foreign countries.

Cairo's physical location makes it a perfect place

for a modern river port because of its close proximity to interstate, rail and the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, Fowler stated.

The river depth also makes it less susceptible to low river conditions and Cairo is also the most northern point of the Mississippi River, which never freezes in harsh river conditions.

The two legislators were accompanied by a delegation of local elected leaders and river industry stakeholders. It is estimated that a port could be developed within the next decade, but an initial series of steps must be taken before construction can start.

Visit to Veterans Home

Fowler was joined by neighboring State Sen. Paul Schimpf, R-Waterloo, when the two freshmen lawmakers toured the Marion Veterans' Medical Center and the Illinois Veterans' Home in Anna.

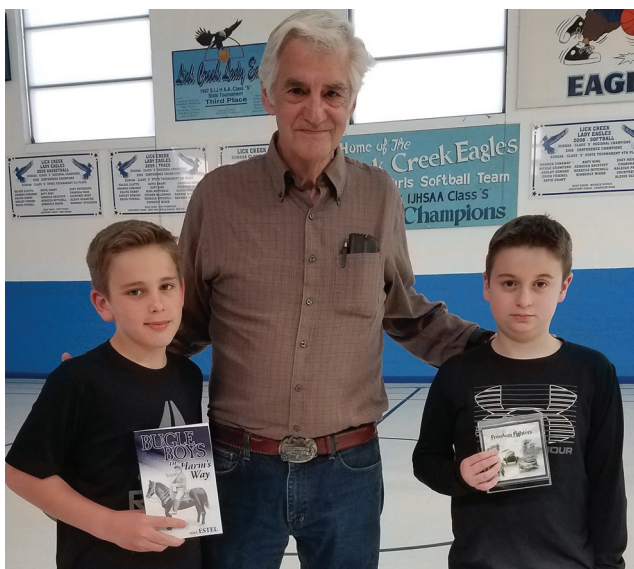
The two facilities are hubs of health care and convalescence for World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the most recent veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Both lawmakers said they were impressed with the staffs at both centers.

Lick Creek School welcomes local author



Author and song writer Mike Estel of Anna, standing at right, gave a talk Wednesday, March 8, to students at Lick Creek School. Estel talked about the Civil War and the books he's written and had published about the war. The talk was given in the gymnasium at the Union County school.



A drawing was held for one of the books Estel has written, as well as a CD featuring his music. He presented the book and CD to Lick Creek students Brisan Dirden, left, and Ethan Minckler. Photos provided.

VFW Auxiliary plans to host upcoming events

The Auxiliary to the VFW's Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 in Anna is planning two upcoming events.

The auxiliary plans to host a flea market from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at the post home, which is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna.

Several vendors are scheduled to be present. Antiques, primitive items, yard sale items and more will be offered.

Proceeds will help to

support the Honor Flight program to take veterans to Washington, D.C.

The auxiliary plans to host a quarter auction Saturday, April 8, at the post home.

The auction begins at 1 p.m. Doors open at 12:30 p.m.

Several vendors plan to be in attendance. Prizes from local businesses will be awarded.

Proceeds will help to support community and veterans events.

Art classes for young people planned at Anna Arts Center

Art classes for young people are planned at the Shawnee Hills Arts Council's Anna Arts Center. The center is located at 125 W. Davie St. in Anna.

Artistic Beginnings will be offered for children age 3 to 7. Artistic Journeys classes will be for young people ages 8 to 16.

Instructors are scheduled to be Lee Hackney (artist), Jane Nimmo (artist and art teacher) and guest artist Josh Shearer.

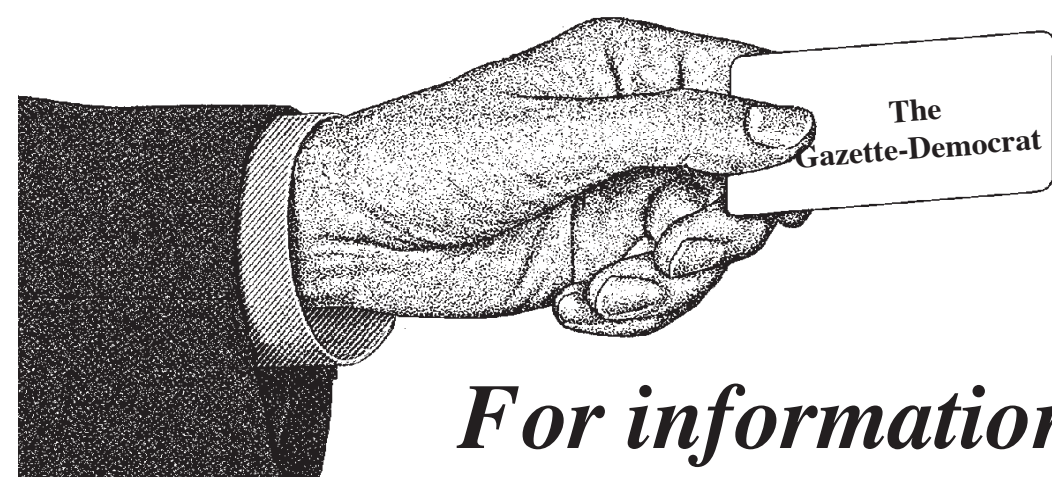
Classes are scheduled to last for six weeks. Sessions are planned from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Thursdays

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Costs are \$40 for six weeks and \$10 for supplies; three kids for \$100; or come for the classes that you can make for \$9 a class.

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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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

“The Sound of Music”

The A-JCHS musical, “The Sound of Music,” is this weekend. Shows are Friday, March 31, at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 1, at 7 p.m. and Sunday afternoon, April 2, at 2 p.m.

The students have practiced so hard for this musical. I hope everyone can come see it one night. I have tickets for all performances. You can buy your ticket at the door if you don’t have one.

19th Birthday

John Dew was honored on his birthday with a party.

Those present were his mother Maryann Dew, his sister Elizabeth Dew, Louie and Tina Bryant, Will Bracken, Robert, Amber and the girls, Linda and Mia Comte and friends.

Guest

Janice Lewellyn’s recent guest in Florida was Pat Fahlberg of Anna. Janice reported they had a good time, which included a trip to visit Janice’s family Edie and Darrell Lewellyn in Haines City.

Birthday Celebration

Magen Brumleve celebrated her birthday with a trip from her husband Kyle to Louisville, Ky. They got to see President Donald Trump and hear him speak. They stayed in a mansion and enjoyed going to the zoo.

57th Birthday

Sandy Gibson celebrated her 57th birthday with her sister Debbie Lence, brother Lee Gibson and Brenda Allen Friday night, March 17.

Guests

Carol Frick enjoyed a visit on Friday with her daughter and family Nancy, Mark and Sydney Brust of Evansville, Ind.

On Saturday, they drove to Mt. Washington, Ky., for a surprise visit and cookout with her daughter and family, Christine, Lukas and Andrew Davis.

Lukas is on leave from the USMC, and will leave on Sunday for his next duty station at Cherry Point, N.C.

Andrew is attending a junior college in Louisville, Ky., and made the dean’s list this quarter.

Scams

Be aware there are people making phone calls telling people they are from Publishers Clearing House and the IRS.

It’s best not to answer your phone if you have caller ID and see a number you don’t know. Do not believe them if they tell you they are going to give you money. They are trying to get your money.

Betty Warden got a phone call like this last week that said they were from Publishers Clearing House and wanted her to meet them.

I kept getting one that said I owed the IRS money. Believe me they will never tell you that over the phone. I would never answer my phone but they kept leaving messages on my answering machine.



Jonathan Dew celebrated his 19th birthday March 18 with family and friends.

I finally got tired of getting the calls and took the phone number on my caller ID and the phone number they left on my answering machine to call and sent it to Terri Bryant’s office and told them what the calls were. I haven’t received any since then.

Florida Trip

Christian Frampton went to Port Charlotte, Key West and Daytona (bike week).

She snorkeled at John Pennekamp State Park where the reef is. She kissed the dolphin at Key Largo, ate at her favorite spot, Mangrove Mammals at Sugar Loaf Key, and spent a return visit to Key West for a day.

The weather was warm and water very swimmable. She only saw one alligator on the way and it was at a park in the everglades. Christian went down the gulf side and came back the Atlanta side. She loves Florida.

Easter Egg Hunt

Open to all of Union County children age 10 and under on April 14, at 2 p.m. at Integrity Healthcare of Anna at 315 Brady Mill Rd.

Butter Beans

The Butter Beans enjoyed a meal at Giant City Lodge.

Ullin Trip

Linda Clutts of Makanda enjoyed a trip to Ullin to play music last Friday night.

Gospel Crusaders

The Gospel Crusaders will be singing at Shiloh Baptist Church in Villa Ridge Saturday, April 1, at 7 p.m.

Cancer Research

The Common Threads Quilt Guild has donated a quilt to the American Cancer Society for a fund raiser. The quilt will be raffled on June 2. All proceeds will be given to support cancer research.

Raffle tickets are available from Common Threads Quilt Guild members or members of the First Presbyterian Church of Cobden.

The quilt is on display at The Here & Now Shop at 319 S. Main St., the new quilt shop downtown Anna. Tickets can also be purchased there.

VFW

On Friday, March 31, Joe will be at the post with Wild Willie Karaoke from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The VFW Auxiliary will be hosting a flea market at the post on Saturday, April 1, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will be inside and outside of the VFW.

The profit is for the Honor Flight to send World War II veterans to Washington, D.C. For more information, call Diana at 614-2168.

Auction

3D Auctions held the FFA auction Saturday with the help of Dale Millis to benefit local FFA chapters. They were celebrating their 10th anniversary of having it. It was held at the Anna City Park.



Clara Cates sang “Are You Washed in the Blood” Sunday morning at the United Methodist Church in Anna.

Note from Barbara Bauer

Martha, I want to tell you about the recent visit Norm and I made to Tallahassee, Fla.

I have been in touch with third cousin Robert (Bob) Boyd for some time, but we had never met before. Bob’s great-grandfather, James Richard Boyd of Lick Creek, was a brother to my great-grandfather Christopher Jerry Boyd of Anna.

Bob was born in Wetaug and attended school in Donagola until his family moved to Manteno, where he was raised, and there raised his family. He and his wife Linda Peterson Boyd (from Kankakee) retired and now live in Tallahassee.

Norm and I were invited to visit with the Boyds and attend a get-together with their Friday night clubs, all retired Illinoisans from Kankakee. All but one, that Robert Bob Walker is formerly from Anna. Bob and his wife Jan are neighbors of the Boyds.

Bob Walker came to the dinner with his A-JCHS yearbook and photocopies of his senior picture and my freshman picture. (His sister, Shirley was my classmate and friend. She is now Shirley Giaritta, and lives in Maryland.) We had such a good visit.

One sad note that Bob Boyd and I shared was the recent death of our cousin Jerry Miltenberger in Carbondale. The three of us had renewed our family friendship in recent years as we worked together on genealogy.

Jerry’s mother, Nellie Boyd Miltenberger, will be remembered by Union County residents as a long-time, dedicated teacher at Davie Elementary School in Anna.

Bob Boyd recently had a DNA test done and as a result we are on the track of some ancestors we had not previously discovered. It is amazing what information is available for research today. It was so good to talk over memories of Union County and A-JCHS with Bob Walker and our Boyd family relationships with Bob Boyd in Tallahassee.

Women’s Club Meeting

The Anna-Jonesboro Women’s Club will meet at Shawnee Community College in Anna for a program by Shawna Rhine from WIBH.

The theme is “End Child Abuse, Blue Ribbon Campaign.” Hostesses will be Suzie Kessler and Debbie Rossberg. Devotion will be by Clara Nell Butler. Current events by Mary Light.

Hosting Simulcast

On April 8, Anna Heights Baptist Church will host Priscilla Shirer via a live simulcast from Tulsa, Okla.



Pastor Steven Guined and the church family of Connect Point delivered food to people Saturday morning.



Tallahassee, Fla., resident Robert “Bob” Walker, left, brought his A-JCHS yearbook, the An Jo Co Hi, to share with Barb and Norm Bauer. Bob is a former Anna resident and graduated from A-JCHS in 1950.

Sew & So April Fibers Exhibit

The Little Egypt Art Association downtown Marion on the square will have an exhibit of fiber, quilted works, paintings and photos of quilts, shawls and afghans April 4-28. Pick up is May 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Sympathy to the family of Rev. LeRoy Pittman, a former pastor of the church.

Rev. Carl Johnston’s sermon was “The Good Shepherd,” with scripture from John. Barbara House had the call to worship and led the singing.

Rev. Carl told the children if they were ever afraid to just remember that the good shepherd would always be with them and protect them.

Special music was by Clara Cates, who performed “Are You Washed in the Blood?”

After church, everyone gathered in the fellowship room for snacks and fellowship.

Thursday at 6 p.m. is Lenten Bible study.

Saturday is a clean-up day at the church.

Sunday, April 9, will have an Easter cantata. Monday, April 10, is the Passover Seder at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 13, is the Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. April 14 is the Good Friday prayer vigil from noon until 3 p.m. Easter services are planned on Sunday, April 16.

State Retirees Meeting

AFSCME Retirees Chapter 90 meets at Anna Heights Baptist Church at 100 Turner Ave. in Anna.

AFSCME retirees meet the fourth Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. at Anna Heights Baptist Church. They encourage other state retirees to join them.

Red Hats

The Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies meet the third Wednesday of the month at 11 a.m. Bring a gift if you would like to be in the gift exchange. The ladies are always looking for new people to come join them so bring a friend. The April meeting will be at Pizza Hut in Anna.

Anna Eastern Star

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

Spark Ministries

The nondenominational church meets at the old McClure grade school at 11 a.m. Sunday mornings.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

The annual Blue Ribbons for Kids Union County Proclamation Day will

be March 31 at 9 a.m. at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Proclamation Day is an important recognition that we all stand together to end child abuse in our county. If you have any questions, call Shawna at WIBH Radio station at 833 -9434, extension 301 or email shawn-narhine@gmail.com.

Birthday Celebrations

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

Free Community Dinners

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

Connect Point Church

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



Anna-Jonesboro Garden Club is celebrating 65 years this month. Virginia Housman is a charter member.

Military Prayer List

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

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



Barbara Boyd Bauer met with third cousin Robert “Bob” Boyd recently in Tallahassee, Fla. They were amazed to find they looked like they came from the same family tree.



Linda Clutts, director of the District 7 Garden Clubs of Illinois, with past director Susan Sherwin. Historian Karen Giffen presented Susan with a scrapbook of her two-year term as district director.



Pete Housman had the program, “Be Playful with Your Floral Designs,” for the Anna-Jonesboro Garden Club District meeting. Everyone enjoyed watching him make the flower arrangements.

Competition exhibit scheduled at arts center

A Shawnee Hills Arts Council/Anna Arts Center judged art competition exhibit is scheduled to begin April 3 and continues through May 7. The arts center is located at 125 W. Davie St. in Anna.

The judged art competition features three categories: painting and drawing, photography and fine crafts.

Entry fees for adults will be \$10 for one item or \$20 for three items. Entry fees for students/young people are \$5 for one item or \$10 for three items.

Entries can be delivered from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, today, or from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 1.

Awards will be presented to adults and to young people.

The exhibit is set to be open from April 3 through May 7. Arts center hours are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

A reception is set from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. May 7; awards will be presented at 3:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free.

For more information, contact Lee Hackney at 904-625-1109 or by email at vabchlee@gmail.com.

50th anniversary celebration set

David and Bonnie Hogue of rural Vienna are celebrating their 50th anniversary.

David and Bonnie’s children, Michael (Heather) and Michele (Tim), invite everyone to a come-and-go reception which is planned in their parents’ honor.

The reception is planned from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 1, at the Harvest Church of Southern Illinois, which is located at 602 E. Davie St. in Anna. The couple requests no gifts.

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Opinion and Commentary

Too Good for Drugs reaches more than 700 students in two counties

The Fellowship House prevention program, Too Good for Drugs, is an evidence-based curriculum that is taught in 5th through 8th grade classrooms in several Union County and Massac County schools.

The program is designed to decrease risk factors and build protective factors against problem behaviors.

Throughout the 10-week course, students gain knowledge and understanding to become empowered to meet the many challenges they face day to day.

Lessons build on skills that were introduced in earlier grades such as goal setting, confidence building, peer pressure refusal strategies, responsible decision-making skills, identifying and managing emotions, and effective communication skills.

Additional skills learned are pro-social bonding, conflict resolution and media literacy.

Students also learn how their bodies and brains are affected by tobacco, alcohol and other drugs.

Lesson extenders are shared with the classroom teacher at the end of each Too Good for Drugs lesson.

The extenders are designed to incorporate topics taught to continue into the classroom setting to reinforce what the students learned in the program.

At the end of each lesson, students are given a Home Workout to share with their family.

The Home Workouts are used to keep families informed with what is being taught as well as encouraging them to practice and reinforce the skills at home.

It is true that “It Takes a Village To Raise A Child,” keeping everyone involved helps to engage in staying on board to continue building and enhancing social-emotional skills that are needed to create success in school and in life.

The Too Good for Drugs program is taught by trained preventionists Teresa Goddard and Mandy Hazel, who are employed by The Fellowship House.

In Fiscal Year 2017, the program reached approximately 760 students in six Massac County schools and in five Union County schools.

“Providing youth prevention education in the hope to give students the confidence and skills needed to grow into happy, healthy adults is why I do what I do,” Goddard said in a news release.

To learn more on how to make a difference, become involved or for more information about prevention services, call Teresa Goddard or Mandy Hazel at 833-4460. For treatment services call 833-4456.

Funding for the program is provided in whole or in part by the Illinois Department of Human Services and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

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by Geof Skinner

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An extremely rare wood vine snake, seen on the left, had wrapped around its prey when it was spotted on one of my walkabout misadventures. The wood vine snake, which is generally an extremely shy creature whose only natural enemy is a termite, often does not show its head.

One of the biggest days of the year is fast approaching. Without an onslaught of TV commercials, special preparations in stores or even choirs practicing their favorite music of the season.

We're talking about the imminent arrival of April 1th, which, if my calendar is correct, once again is going to arrive on April 1th. April 1th is, as I hope you know, April Fool's Day, which is a wonderful day for fools like me.

The pending commemoration of the special day got me to wondering about the history of April Fool's Day. Nah. It didn't really. But I needed some sort of transition paragraph to fill the space.

A search on Google about the history of April Fool's Day came up with approximately 43 bazillion results, which is 43 with a whole bunch of zeroes after it. And, since the information was on the internet, it had to be true.

I learned that April Fool's Day was begun in 1700 in England. Or, it might have debuted in 1582 in France. Or, it may been in 1392, when famed author and person who spells Jeffrey correctly Geoffrey Chaucer supposedly made some sort of connection between the first day of April and foolishness. Geoffrey's apparently come by foolishness naturally.

History.com shared that, even without Facebook, April Fool's Day was able to spread throughout Britain during the 18th century. People didn't have as much to do back in the 18th century, so they had plenty of time to engage in "pranks" and other "such thyngef of a frivylouf nature," like using the letter "f" where the letter "s" should have been used.

In Scotland, history.com noted, "the tradition became

a two-day event, starting with 'hunting the gowk, in which people were sent on phony errands (gowk is a word for cuckoo bird, a symbol for fool)." Hunting the gowk soon became "hunting the snipe," a fine tradition which continues to this day.

By the way, if you take a really, really close look at the Illinois Department of Unnatural Resources website, you can find an application for a gowk hunting license. The season runs from April 1 to April 1.

Day Two of the April Fool's celebration in Scotland was called Tailie Day, "which involved pranks played on people's derrieres, such as pinning fake tails or 'kick me" signs on them."

The history website recalled some rather fascinating examples of April Fool's Day hoaxes which were created by the media, such a man landing on the moon and the Cubs winning the World Series in 2017. Only kidding, folks. Only kidding.

Even before there was fake news, though, there was real fake news. For example, in 1957, "the BBC reported that Swiss farmers were experiencing a record spaghetti crop and showed footage of people harvesting noodles from trees." That one reminded me of the time that The Other Half attempted to grow doughnuts in the garden.

CNN.com recalled another example of British wit. In 2008, BBC ran a video of "flying penguins as part of a story for its series 'Miracles of Evolution.' The presenter explains that the penguins escaped the cold, harsh Antarctic weather by flying to the tropical rainforests of South America." Come to think of it, a couple of the penguins must have gotten lost on the way, 'cause I'm sure we've seen penguins on one of our visits to the Trail of Tears State Forest.

I haven't checked to see if we're going to have a full moon on April 1th. That would make things really fun, but it would make it really hard to see the big comet that's supposed to hit the earth on Saturday.

Happy April Fool's Day. Have fun. And be sure to duck.



Even more rare than the wood vine snake is the flowering cardinal dogwood tree. As far as I know, this is the only one growing in Union County. The tree blooms on its trunk. These trees are in the midst of recovering from the obnoxious Cubs virus, which was in full bloom last year.

Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

50 Years Ago, March 30, 1967

Spectacular Fire Demolishes Buildings Fire Completely Destroys Six Establishments In Downtown Anna Saturday



(File photo.)

It was a beautiful spring day last Saturday, March 25, 1967, the day before Easter. Sunny skies welcomed the early shoppers to the stores which were all resplendent in their symbols of the Easter season.

Then the wail of the fire siren sounded and the fire which apparently commenced in the Elks Club, destroyed three buildings and six establishments.

The first alarm was sounded at 9:05 a.m. and in a matter of minutes, huge clouds of billowing black smoke blackened the skies which could be seen for many miles.

Firemen called for help from surrounding communities and firefighters from Jonesboro, Dongola, Cobden, Anna State Hospital and Carbondale answered the call.

Then, one by one, the buildings adjacent to the Elks Club caught fire, The Moose Lodge, Gebhart's Store,

The Anna Cleaners, and above the Elks, Teen-Town, which had recently been remodeled and new fixtures installed in readiness for the spring events. The Grill also went up in flames.

The Anna Retail Merchants wish to express their thanks to everyone who helped in containing the fire that occurred Saturday morning, March 25, 1967.

Despite the disastrous fire, Saturday, March 25, the annual Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt went on as scheduled. Several hundred children showed up to search for the 60 dozen eggs hidden by the Kiwanians and the silver and gold eggs.

Approximately 1200 persons from six states attended the Easter Sunrise Services atop Bald Knob Mountain, Sunday, March 26.

School board elections will be held throughout Union County on Saturday, April 8.

Humble Oil & Refining Company has announced plans to drill a wildcat test in Union County, Illinois, approximately six miles southwest of Jonesboro.

Once again the temperature has fluctuated in the Union County area from a low of 46 to a high of 82.

The Cobden Grade School was inspected Tuesday, March 28, by the Principal Dorris Garner, the School Board, School architect and the contractors, and found ready for occupancy.

The Anna-Jonesboro Wildcats opened the season with a practice game against the Cobden Appleknockers on March 23 on the Cobden diamond. The Wildcats won the game by a score of 9-4.

"Cowboy on the Moon," a musical play, is being presented tonight, Thursday, March 30, by students at the Davie School.

SIU named Tree Campus

For the second consecutive year, Southern Illinois University Carbondale has earned the Tree Campus USA designation.

The Arbor Day Foundation awarded SIU the designation for 2016 based on the university meeting five sustainable campus forestry standards.

The university's commitment to environmental stewardship includes having a tree advisory committee and a campus tree-care plan incorporating annual tree expenditures.