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## News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area.



'Tis the season...there were lots of Easter eggs to be found last Saturday afternoon at the Anna-Jonesboro Elks Lodge.

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Local emergency services personnel were monitoring weather conditions on Tuesday.

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Prior to Tuesday, Union County had experienced 12 straight days with rain.

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Local observances are planned in commemoration of National Telecommunicators Week, which is scheduled April 8-14.

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The Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna is planning to host its first Ruck to Remember 5K Ruck March on Memorial Day, May 28, in honor of fallen service members.

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The Jonesboro Square was looking very colorful this week, thanks to spring-time blossoms.

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## Union County weather

# Heavy rain, threat of severe storms, cold, frost, snow

Spring-time frost and the possibility of snow were in the forecast for the Union County area following the threat of severe weather early this week.

The forecast posted on the website for the National Weather Service office in Paducah was calling for a chance of widespread frost before 8 a.m. Thursday, today.

A chance for rain and snow is in the forecast for Friday night. Widespread frost is expected again on Sunday.

On Tuesday, severe weather was possible in the region.

The weather service reported that Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky faced a slight to moderate chance for severe weather Tuesday afternoon and evening.

The potential existed for an outbreak of severe thunderstorms and isolated tornadoes, mainly during the afternoon and evening hours.

The weather service issued a tornado watch for the region Tuesday afternoon.

The weather service advised that the primary hazard with the storms was expected to be damaging winds.

The weather service also issued a wind advisory for the region which was in effect from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Southwest winds in the region were expected to average from 20 miles per hour to 30 mph. Gusts of over 40 mph also were possible.

The threat for severe weather on Tuesday followed on the heels of heavy rain which fell during the past week in the area.

Local weather observer Dana Cross recorded 4.69 inches of rain in Jonesboro during the period from March 27 through April 2.



## Heavy rain rerun

The scene has been a familiar one in recent weeks in the Union County area: heavy rain falls and leaves lots of water standing in low-lying areas on local highways. More heavy rain fell on the area last week. The picture was taken early Thursday afternoon, March 29, along part of old U.S. Route 51 in Cobden where heavy rain often leads to a very wet road.

# Shawnee College concerns addressed

By Bill Swinford  
Reppert Publications

ULLIN – Members of the faculty at Shawnee Community College are being joined by citizens of the college's district in expressing concerns about the school's leadership.

In response, the college's president released a statement Tuesday saying information being spread by some faculty members and others is "inaccurate and misleading."

The Shawnee College Education Association, SCEA, made up of faculty, met on March 28 and cast a unanimous Vote of No Confidence in the Board of Trustees and another one directed at SCC presi-

dent Dr. Peggy Bradford, also unanimous. The SCEA is calling inaction by the board "devastating to the institution."

The Votes of No Confidence don't require any action of the board. Their purpose is to state that college employees represented by the SCEA no longer have trust in the identified person(s) to provide effective quality leadership.

Last week's votes were followed by Monday evening's meeting of the trustees, where some faculty members and citizens raised concerns. Complaints were voiced at the board meeting about questionable expenditures and a work environment that one faculty mem-

ber classified as "hostile."

In a letter presented to the board, SCEA president Sheryl Ribbing stated that "on many occasions you (the trustees) have heard from various voters of our district and stakeholders, including all full-time faculty. Concerns have been voiced and itemized about the poor leadership at the top level of SCC. Our concerns have repeatedly been ignored, despite the continuing degeneration of quality due to current leadership at our institution."

"The lack of actions in response to these concerns that have been substantiated with evidence indicates that this Board has chosen to abdicate its responsibility

ties to Shawnee Community College, its employees, students, and community members. Your continued abuse of the power that was entrusted to you by the voters of this district has been devastating to the institution. The fact that you have allowed others to not adhere to Board Policy and procedures and have chosen to disregard it yourself indicates you no longer have a vested interest in the well-being of Shawnee Community College."

Another letter to the board directly mentioned the college's president.

"Because you have allowed poor leadership practices to continue unabated,

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# Child Abuse Prevention Month ceremony held

National Child Abuse Prevention Month is being commemorated during April with a wide range of activities in Union County.

WIBH radio in Anna again this year is joining in the commemoration of National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The radio station is spearheading a number of special events during April in the Union County area as part of its WIBH Blue Ribbons for Kids campaign.

The schedule of events

kicked off Tuesday morning, April 3, and continues throughout the month.

April 3 was designated as Proclamation Day. A ceremony was held at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Community members were invited to join local city and county officials, along with representatives of child advocacy organizations and agencies, in recognizing April's observance.

Displayed on the grounds

in front of the courthouse were more than 30 blue images of boys and girls. The images serve as symbolic efforts to help promote child abuse prevention awareness.

Organizers said the images of the boys and girls were created by the shop class at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

The images were painted blue by members of local Girl Scout Troop 8546 as their Silver Award project.

Local businesses and

other supporters are renting or buying the blue boys and girls to help support child abuse prevention efforts in the community.

Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel read a proclamation which declared April to be Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The proclamation read by the sheriff declared that "child abuse and neglect is a complex ongoing problem in our society, affecting many children in Union County.

"Every child is entitled to be loved, cared for and nurtured, feel secure and be free from verbal, sexual, emotional and physical abuse, and neglect.

"It is the responsibility of every adult who comes in contact with a child to protect that child's inalienable right to a safe and nurturing childhood.

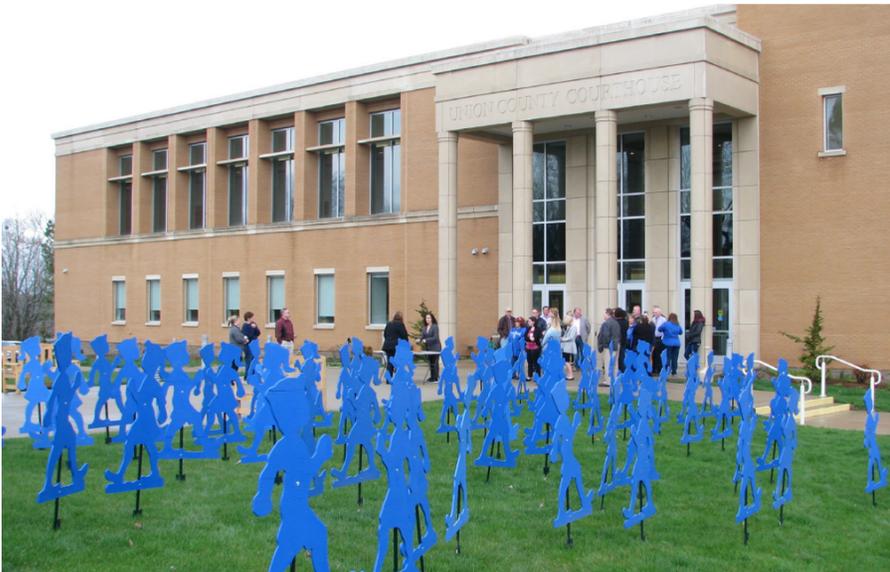
"Union County, Illinois, has dedicated individuals and organizations who work daily to counter the problem

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## Sheriff reads proclamation

Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel read a proclamation at Tuesday morning's ceremony which declared April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.



## Ceremony at courthouse

National Child Abuse Prevention Month activities kicked off Tuesday morning with a Proclamation Day event in front of the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.





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## Water along Lime Kiln Road near Anna

When heavy rain falls in the Union County area, an image like this often is seen along Lime Kiln Road near Anna. The picture was taken early Thursday afternoon, March 29. At the time, a steady rain was still falling.

## News Notes

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A scholarship gala is planned May 3 at Shawnee Community College near Ullin.

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Southern Seven Head Start/Early Head Start plans to have a family fun and fishing days event April 14 at Shawnee Community College near Ullin.

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Cougars will be featured at a movie night program which is planned Thursday evening, April 12, at the Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands Center near Cypress.

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April 2-8 is National Public Health Week. The Illinois Department of Public Health is joining in the commemoration of the week.

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April is National Donate Life Month. The commemoration is designed to promote organ/tissue donor awareness.

## Community health clinic set in Cobden

A free community health clinic is planned Saturday, April 7, in Cobden.

The clinic is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Technology Learning Center at 111 S. Appleknocker Dr.

Sponsors of the clinic include the Southern Illinois University Edwardsville College of Arts & Sciences; School of Education, Health & Human Behavior; School of Nursing and School of Pharmacy.

The clinic will offer blood pressure measurements, cholesterol screenings, dental care, diabetes screening, diabetes A1c screenings (for those who qualify), diabetes foot inspection, hearing screenings, nutrition education, public health education and height, weight and body mass screening.

Light snacks will be provided and there will be giveaways.

## Child Abuse Prevention Month

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of child maltreatment and to help parents obtain the assistance they need.

"Our communities are stronger when all citizens become aware of child maltreatment prevention and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe and nurturing environment.

"Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among families, social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community.

"All citizens, community agencies, faith organiza-

tions, businesses will work to increase their efforts to support families."

Those who attended Tuesday morning's ceremony were invited to join in signing the proclamation as a show of support for child abuse prevention awareness.

Other activities which are planned during April's observance of National Child Abuse Prevention Month in Union County follow:

April 6, National Wear Blue Day. Everyone is invited to wear blue to show support for a stand against child abuse. The blue represents the bruises of child abuse and neglect.

April 9, Blue March on

Main Street, Anna, 3:45 p.m. The community is invited to wear blue and to bring family friendly signs to join others at the flag pole at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School for a march down Main Street in Anna.

April 13, PJ's and Movie Night at Kiki's Coffee-House, downtown Anna, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Everyone can bring blankets, pillows and PJ's for a showing of "Hop." Donations of items to help local kids in need are welcomed. Snacks will be provided by the Anna Baking Company.

April 9-13, Courage Collections Days, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. "Courage items for kids" will be collected.

The items will help kids through the abuse recovery process. A list of items which are needed can be found at wibhradio.com. Information also is available by calling the station at 833-9424.

Courage Collection Day sites in the community include, by date:

April 9, Union County Hospital, Anna. April 10, Masters Choice Seed Corn, Anna. April 11, A-J National Bank, South Main Street downtown Anna location.

April 12, Children's Medical & Mental Health Resource Network, Anna, sponsored by Swafford Pediatrics. April 13, Emmanuel Praise & Worship Center near Cobden.

## Shawnee College

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Peggy Bradford persists in not adhering to established policies, practices, and procedures. She has demonstrated frivolous and costly spending habits while using institutional funds. And she actively creates and fosters a hostile work environment as evidenced by the loss of long-term productive employees and numerous letters of complaint citing the work environment," said the second letter, also signed by Ribbing.

On Tuesday, Dr. Bradford and the college issued a statement through Rob Betts, SCC's director of communications and public relations:

"We regret that the faculty has made their opposition a matter of public discourse that fails to provide the complete factual picture," Bradford said in the release.

"The reality is that since my inauguration there has been a continued dissemi-

nation of inaccurate and misleading information from some faculty members and others that have been primarily an attempt to undermine the process of implementing these changes.

"As Shawnee Community College president I have made a number of positive changes within the organization to help ensure our long-term success and I continue to remain willing to work with faculty members in an effort to ensure that we maintain our forward progress at Shawnee Community College so that we may serve the needs of our community in the most effective way.

"I came to Shawnee Community College during a time of preparation for a review that affects the continued accreditation for the college. This review means that both standards and practices must be adjusted in order to ensure that we remain in compli-

ance with the accreditation standards. I am continuing my efforts to increase enrollment, reach further into our partnering communities and provide greater accessibility to our community members to help them reach their educational and career goals.

"I remain committed to the success of Shawnee Community College," Bradford stated.

Dr. Bradford was chosen as the college's eighth president in June 2017, succeeding the retiring Dr. Tim Bellamey. She became the college's first woman president and its first African American president.

A native of Southern Illinois and a Shawnee Community College graduate, she previously served as the provost and vice president of academic affairs at State University of New York Westchester Community College in Valhalla, New York.

Bradford earned her doctorate in education in higher education administration from Northern Illinois University; juris doctor in corporate and business planning law from the University of Iowa College of Law; master of science degree in administration and community develop-

ment from Southern Illinois University Carbondale; and bachelor of science degree in counseling and administration from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

Faculty complaints began almost immediately, with first reports of their concerns reported after the September 2017 meeting.

In January, President Bradford complained of intimidation by a faculty member after a Facebook commenter suggested that "she should be strung up."

Shawnee professor Tony Gerard, a longtime employee of the college, created and moderates "The SCC Watchdog" Facebook page where someone else posted the comment. Gerard's page and the post were mentioned in a complaint Bradford filed with the Pulaski County state's attorney.

Gerard has denied that he created the page to intimidate, saying instead that it is being used to document and share information on expenditures, faculty unrest, falling enrollment figures and other college activities. He removed the post in the president's complaint from his page, saying he had previously removed other inappropriate posts.

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## Village of Mill Creek

The Village of Mill Creek is accepting bids for summer mowing and annual large item trash removal. Bids will be accepted until April 14, 2018, at P.O. Box 23, Mill Creek, IL 62961. Questions and appointment requests should be directed to Village Mayor, Teri Hammond, 618-697-1333.

## Academy plans dinner, auction in Anna

Shawnee Hills Christian Academy in Anna plans to host its annual spaghetti dinner and auction on Friday, April 6.

The dinner and auction will be at The Main Street Center in Anna.

Serving of the dinner is planned from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The menu for the all-you-can eat dinner will include spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert and a drink.

The costs will be \$8 for adults and \$4 for children ages 4 to 12. Children 3 and under are free.

A silent auction will feature many items which have been donated by local businesses and those from the surrounding area.

A live auction is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. The live auction will feature such items as tickets for a St. Louis Cardinals/Chicago Cubs baseball game, Holiday World passes, a night's stay at any Drury hotel, tickets to the Science Center (with different locations in the United States) and more.

Live music is planned throughout the evening.

The event benefits the students at the Shawnee Hills Christian Academy.

## Commercial filming on refuge topic of proposal

A Compatibility Determinations, CD, for commercial filming within the refuge boundaries on the Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge is available for public review through April 13.

Commercial filming typically involves creating a documentary film, taking still photographs or recording wildlife sounds that are intended to be sold for income or revenue or traded for goods or services.

The CD will be posted for 14 days at the refuge, at Shawnee Community College and at the Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands Center near Cypress.

Written comments, requests for the document or questions can be directed to Liz Jones, the assistant refuge manager, phone 618-634-2231. Emailed comments can be provided to the following address: Liz\_Jones@fws.gov.



## New Union County clerk appointed

A new Union County clerk was appointed Monday morning, April 2. Vonda Benefield was appointed to the post during a special meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners. The meeting was at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro. Benefield succeeded Terry Bartruff as county clerk. Bartruff resigned from the post. His resignation was effective March 31. Benefield, a Democrat has worked in the county clerk's office for 31 years. She previously had served in the post of county clerk in 2013. The oath of office for the clerk was administered by Union County Presiding Circuit Judge Mark Boie. From left are Union County commissioners Alex Foeller, Dale Foster and Max Miller; Judge Boie; Vonda Benefield; and county commissioners Danny Hartline and Bobby Toler Jr.

## State police plan special details in county

Illinois State Police District 22 is planning to conduct special details during April in Union County.

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

Roadside safety checks and nighttime enforcement patrols are planned in the county.

### Roadside Safety Checks

Alvey said in a news release that the use of roadside safety checks "com-

bine a strong sense of public awareness and enforcement in order to save lives of the motoring public."

The Illinois State Police have zero tolerance for impaired driving in the state.

Officers who are working the roadside safety checks 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.

Alvey said officers es-

pecially will be watching for motorists who are driving under the influence (DUI), safety belt and child restraint use, speeding, distracted driving and all Illinois Vehicle Code and criminal violations.

The state police noted that alcohol and drug impairment is a factor in more than 30 percent of all fatal motor vehicle crashes in Illinois.

In the United States, nearly 10,000 people die each year due to alcohol-impaired driving.

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

### Nighttime Enforcement Patrols

Nighttime enforcement patrols allow the state police to focus on preventing, detecting and taking enforcement action in response to impaired driving

and occupant restraint violations, especially between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.

The state police noted that the number of unrestrained drivers killed in traffic crashes is significantly higher at nighttime and, combined with impaired driving, means even more traffic deaths during these hours.

During the patrols, Alvey said officers will strictly enforce violations which include DUI, safety belt and child restraint use, speeding, distracted driving and all Illinois Vehicle Code and criminal violations.

Over half of all fatal crashes in Illinois occur at night.

Alvey stated that the nighttime enforcement patrols allow "officers to work even harder at removing dangerous impaired drivers from the road and making sure everyone is buckled up."

The details are funded through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

## Celebration of Life service planned to honor Tim Landis

An outdoor Celebration of Life service for Tim Landis, son of Floyd and Ann Landis of Anna, is set for 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 5, at the residence of family cousin Connie Lingle at 1895 Lick Creek Road.

In case of rain or inclement weather, the service will be held at the Anna VFW post home at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna.

Memorials can be made to the Stinson Memorial Library in Anna, where Ann began taking Tim when he was a young child,

A graduate of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School and Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Tim credited his mother and those early library visits in jump-starting his

lifelong love of books and a journalism career that started at The Gazette-Democrat and the former WRAJ radio station in Anna.

Tim most recently was business editor of The State Journal-Register in Springfield, a position he held for more than 20 years.

He died of coronary artery disease on Jan. 2 at his home in Chatham.

In addition to his parents, Tim is survived by his wife, Debra; a son, Matthew; a daughter-in-law Ellie and a granddaughter Adaline; a daughter Kelsey and her fiance Jason; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family is being served locally by Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna.

## Special testimony to be featured

Special testimony will be featured at an upcoming Calling America Back to God service in Anna.

The testimony will be shared by Bernice Leona Pyle at 6 p.m. Thursday, today, at Anna Heights Baptist Church. The church is located at 100 Turner Ave.

Pyle is the founder of Calling America Back to God. Her testimony will be titled "Out of Darkness into His Marvelous Light."

## Wildflower walks set

Spring wildflower walks are scheduled during April at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

Walks on the Trillium Trail at the park are planned from 10 a.m. to noon on April 7, April 14 and April 19.

The walks, which are free, will be led by the interpreter at the park.

Those who want to go on one of the walks are asked to register in advance by calling 618-457-4836 or by emailing Jennifer.randolph@illinois.gov.

## Blood drive set in Anna

An American Red Cross blood drive is planned Thursday, April 12, in Anna.

The blood drive is scheduled from noon to 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.

Appointments to give blood can be made by calling 800-733-2767.

## Weather

Temperatures during the period of March 27 through April 2 in Union County ranged from a high of 65 to a low of 34.

Precipitation for the period included 1.39 inches of rain on March 27, .40 of an inch March 28, 1.75 inches March 29, .01 of an inch March 30, .23 of an inch March 31, .82 of an inch April 1 and .09 of an inch April 2.

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

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Tuesday, March 27 58 49
Wednesday, March 28 56 46
Thursday, March 29 55 47
Friday, March 30 60 38
Saturday, March 31 65 35
Sunday, April 1 51 35
Monday, April 2 47 34

**March Weather**  
Weather observer Dana Cross recorded the following statistics for March in Jonesboro:

The high temperature for the month was 70 degrees, which was recorded on March 15. The average high was 54.

The low for the month was 21, which was recorded on March 14. The average low was 35.

During the month, precipitation totalled 6.60 inches.

The most rain in a 24-hour period was recorded on March 29, with 1.75 inches. A trace of snow was recorded on March 20.

Precipitation for 2018 through the end of March totalled 19.73 inches.

## Anna school screenings set

Anna School District No. 37 plans to have kindergarten screening on April 10.

Screenings are scheduled from noon to 6 p.m. at Lincoln School.

Children who will turn 5 by Sept. 1, 2018, are eligible for kindergarten.

The school district noted that a certified copy of a birth certificate must be brought to the screening.

# Time is running out...

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## Inman continues playing career

Former Anna-Jonesboro Community High School softball player Haley Inman had posted a .357 batting average for the University of Illinois Springfield softball team this spring.

Inman went 3-for-4 at the plate in a doubleheader sweep of McKendree University last weekend.

The junior left fielder had recorded 15 hits, scored 10 runs and had an on base percentage of .386.

The University of Illinois Springfield squad had a 10-2 record this spring through its most recent action.

## A-J players

### named All-South

The Southern Illinois Coaches Association named two players from Anna-Jonesboro Community High School to the Class 2A All South basketball team.

A-J's Jake Parr was selected for the boys' team.

Angel Helm was named to the girls' team.

## Umpire training set to begin for baseball, softball season

Training is scheduled to begin this weekend for persons interested in serving as umpires during an upcoming Union County baseball and softball season.

SIBSA is looking for interested individuals ages 16 and older to umpire youth baseball and softball games during the upcoming 2018 season.

The league notes that a good knowledge of baseball and softball is important for those who want to be umpires.

Games are scheduled to start May 7. The season is slated to finish in late June or early July. Umpiring

## Trail society planning to offer hike at Crab Orchard Refuge

The River-to-River Trail Society announces a guided hike which is planned Saturday, April 7, on the Rocky Bluff and Wild Turkey trails at Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge in Southern Illinois.

Those who want to go on the hike are advised to meet at 10 a.m. at the visitors center at the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge. The center is located at 8588 Route 148, Marion, about 2 miles south of Route 13.

The hike will pass two waterfalls and two old homesites.

The hike is free and open

# Sports

## A-J baseball posts wins over Harrisburg, Plano

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School baseball team picked up a pair of victories in recent action.

**A-J 9, Harrisburg 4:** Bryce Osman was 3-for-4 with a home run and 3 RBIs to lead the visiting Wildcats to the win Saturday, March 31.

Conner Jeralds was 2-for-3 with a stolen base and 2 RBIs. Ethan Krumrey was 2-for-4 with an RBI. Sheldon McGrath was 2-for-4 with a stolen base.

Levi Hall was 1-for-1. Dalton Goddard was 1-for-3. Hunter Ralls was 1-for-3 with 2 RBIs. Kyle Clover was 1-for-4 with a stolen base.

Osman, Ralls, Ross

equipment will be provided. The following schedule has been set for training of umpires:

Saturday, April 7, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 14, 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 15, 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 21, 7 p.m.

Monday, April 23, 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 29, 2 p.m.

Saturday, May 5, 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 6, 2 p.m.

All of the sessions will be at the grandstand at the Anna City Park in Anna.

The league stated that it is important to attend as many dates as possible.

For more information, contact Marlin Burd at 618-697-1199.

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The River-to-River Trail Society announces a guided hike which is planned Saturday, April 7, on the Rocky Bluff and Wild Turkey trails at Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge in Southern Illinois.

Those who want to go on the hike are advised to meet at 10 a.m. at the visitors center at the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge. The center is located at 8588 Route 148, Marion, about 2 miles south of Route 13.

The hike will pass two waterfalls and two old homesites.

The hike is free and open

Pinnon, Jackson Laster, Goddard and Blake Pena pitched, combining on a five-hitter to go with 5 walks and 5 strikeouts.

**A-J 11, Plano 1:** Ralls was 2-for-3 with 2 RBIs to lead the host Wildcats to the win Friday, March 30.

Osman was 1-for-1 with an RBI. Clover was 1-for-2 with a double and 2 RBIs. Krumrey was 1-for-2 with an RBI. Goddard was 1-for-3. Johnston and Pinnon had an RBI and scored a run apiece. Pena had an RBI and scored two runs.

Clover was the winning pitcher with a three-hitter to go with no walks and 6 strikeouts.

A-J, 2-4, is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at Pinckneyville.

### Commentary

## Continuing wet weather puts damper on sports

By Mike Estel

In all the years I've been involved with spring sports, I've never seen anything quite like this.

The wet weather this spring has prevented area prep softball and baseball teams from getting on the field to practice or better yet play a game.

With the season beginning about mid-March, several area teams have only managed to play a game. This is because of wet field conditions this spring that causes constant cancellations.

And, some teams have only been able to play a couple of games so far this season.

Even tarps on a field won't work if the rain continues constantly while the game is in progress. And, not that many schools have tarps anyway for their ball diamonds.

For sure, the softball and baseball teams with the pitching depth will come out the winners now. This will be mainly because when the weather does break, teams will be trying to catch up for those cancellations, especially conference games, and will



## A-J student athlete signs with Shawnee

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School senior Payton Alsip signed with Shawnee Community College's softball team on March 27. Payton is the daughter of Billy and Angie Alsip of Jonesboro. She played volleyball and softball for four years while at A-J. Seated are, from left, Angie Alsip, Payton Alsip and Billy Alsip. Standing is Shawnee Community College coach Terry Amis.

"Softball has been a part of my life since I was eight years old and I've loved every part of it," Alsip said. "I'm extremely grateful that (A-JCHS softball) Coach Seip believed in me enough to help me get this scholarship. Coach Amis was very welcoming and seems like an amazing coach, I'm very excited about playing for him. I'm very thankful for the chance to play longer as a Shawnee Saint and can't wait to see what the program has in store for me." Photo provided.

## Saluki Sports Update

By Fred Huff

Hail to Villanova's Wildcats. Hail to their coach Jay Wright.

And, don't forget their so-called sixth man, Donte DiVincenzo.

College basketball fans might as well get acquainted with the NCAA's splendid new champions. They're likely to retain their title next year.

Perhaps it's just because of our advanced age, but we don't recall a year when the new college champion was so dominating.

Villanova rules over the college basketball game and left no doubt about its program.

Fans enjoyed this year's tournament. It had a few highlights that not all previous tournaments have offered.

Particularly for Missouri Valley Conference fans who became temporary Loyola supporters. It simply was an enjoyable few weeks.

Of course, while all the banging, long-range shooting and superb defensive play was taking place, coaches were getting fired and hired.

Some of the happenings were to be expected. Like to our good friend Paul Lusk at Missouri State. But hardly like to Marty Simmons at Evansville.

The Bears, pre-season choice to win the MVC, struggled through another

disappointing season.

The Aces, meanwhile, hardly established records, but had their impressive moments/games, like the embarrassing blowout of SIU's Salukis in the final regular-season game.

Dana Ford, who for the past few years has been at Tennessee State, is replacing Lusk, while former Boston Celtics' assistant Walter McCarty will be Evansville's new leader. He's a one-time Evansville resident.

Drake, too, will have a new leader on the sidelines although for a different reason.

Milo Medved, who turned the Bulldogs' season around in just one year, resigned to accept a similar position at Colorado State, where he will be replacing the controversial Larry Eustachy.

The firings and the hirings are all over the place, but you can bet your lifetime savings that if there's any moves at either Villanova or Loyola, it will have been decisions by the present guy in charge.

That doesn't mean it couldn't happen. Only major difference is that it would be their decision, not that by a person occupying a top administrative chair like at SIU that cost the Salukis a competent coach or two many, many years ago.

It's all part of the game.

## Cardboard Boat Regatta planned at SIU

The 45th annual Great Cardboard Boat Regatta is returning to Campus Lake at Southern Illinois University Carbondale for 2018.

The event that has grown to be a worldwide phenomenon is set for April 28, with registration and inspection beginning at 10 a.m.

The races start at 1 p.m. and everyone is welcome, either as a participant or a spectator.

For more information, visit the Great Cardboard Boat Regatta Facebook page or the registration website, email Rachel Bollerjack at racmbol@siu.edu or contact Mary Kinsel at 618-453-6428.

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## Donation supports local community center/park

Each year, the America's Farmers Grow Communities program partners with local farmers to provide grants to local nonprofits. Grow Communities, which is sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, provides farmers with an opportunity to support and give back to nonprofit organizations they care about in their local communities by enrolling for a chance to direct a \$2,500 donation to a nonprofit of their choice.

Since 2010, the Grow Communities program has given more than \$29 million to nonprofits across rural America. The organizations reflect the makeup and character of rural America, including emergency response organizations, schools, youth agriculture programs, food banks and many others.

Union County farmer David McMahan directed a \$2,500 grant to the Wolf Lake Community Center/Park as part of the America's Farmers Grow Communities program.

The organization plans to use the funds to do some needed updates to the community center. "This money allows us to do some things that have been on the backburner for a while," treasurer Abbie Stegle said.

The America's Farmers campaign highlights the importance of modern U.S. agriculture through communications and community outreach programs that partner with farmers to impact rural America. The Monsanto Fund is the philanthropic arm of the Monsanto Company. Photo provided.

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### Trial success highlighted

Debbie McLane of Jonesboro shared the following message about a successful trial event which was held in St. Louis during March:

**So proud of my girl, Hexa du Chenille de Chasseur earning her IPO 2 title this past weekend (March 17-18) in St. Louis, Mo., hosted by The Wildwood Schutzhund Club.**

Hexa scored 280 points out of a possible 300 points. Hexa earned 91 points in tracking, 93 points in obedience and High in Protection with a score of 96. Also earning High in Trial for the weekend.

Thank you SV Judge Andreas Bolke and helper Joeri Veth. Also thanks to all the club members from The Wildwood Schutzhund Club and Capaha Schutzhund for the countless hours of training in the snow, sleet and rain in order to prepare for this trial. A huge thanks to Steve Petit Photography for the amazing shots.

Hexa is truly my little firecracker. Next on our agenda is to be ready for our IPO 3 this fall.

### Local ranch new member of American Angus Association

Carters Cattle Ranch of Anna is a new member of the American Angus Association.

The association is a national breed organization, which has its headquarters in St. Joseph, Mo.

The American Angus Association, with more than 25,000 active adult and junior members, is the largest beef breed association in the world.

The association's com-

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puterized records include detailed information on over 18 million registered Angus.

The association records ancestral information and keeps production records and genomic data on individual animals to develop industry-leading selection tools for its members.

The programs and services of the association and its entities, Angus Genetics Inc., Angus Productions Inc., Certified Angus Beef LLC and the Angus Foundation, help members to advance the beef cattle business.

Assistance is available to help members by selecting the best animals for their herds and marketing quality genetics for the beef cattle industry and quality beef for consumers.



**Egg hunt held at Elks Lodge**  
The fifth annual Theresa Pearl McKinney Easter egg hunt was held Saturday afternoon, March 31, at Anna-Jonesboro Elks Lodge No. 1641. Children through 12 years of age were invited to hunt for Easter eggs. Prizes were awarded. Snacks and refreshments were served.

## Little Grassy Literary Festival set at SIU

Pulitzer Prize finalist and Sumner native Lee Martin is scheduled to appear alongside a handful of fellow distinguished writers at the 10th annual Little Grassy Literary Festival.

The festival is scheduled April 11-13 at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

The three-day cultural festival plans to welcome fiction writers Rebecca Makkai and Aimee Hyndman, as well as poets Brendan Galvin, Ruth Awad, Kara van de Graaf and Erin Elizabeth Smith.

Each of the authors is scheduled to give a reading from their published works, to participate in open panel discussions and to interact with those attending the event during a book signing.

The festival is free and open to the public.

All Little Grassy events, with one exception, are scheduled to take place in the Guyon Auditorium in Morris Library on the SIU campus.

Aside from being hosted by SIU, the festival is also organized and run entirely by graduate students in the university's creative writing MFA program.

Martin is the author of 10 books and frequently uses rural Illinois as a backdrop for his stories.

His reading is scheduled to kick off the festival at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, alongside Awad, who is a recent SIU MFA alum and whose poetry has already garnered numerous publications and awards.

Events on Thursday, April 12, are scheduled to begin with an 11 a.m. reading by Makkai, a Chicago-area native and short-story writer whose latest novel, "The Great Believers," is due out this summer.

Galvin, the author of 15 books of poetry and a National Book Award finalist, is scheduled to read at 2 p.m. alongside van de Graaf, whose first poetry collection is forthcoming this year.

After a 3 p.m. book signing featuring all of the authors, Galvin, Makkai, Martin and van de Graaf are scheduled to return to the stage at 4 p.m. for a panel discussion entitled "Truth vs. Fiction."

Then at 7:30 p.m., the festival will hold its only off-campus event, a reading featuring additional SIU MFA alums at Molly's Pint Brewpub at 12 N. 13th St. in Murphysboro.

Friday's 10 a.m. reading pairs Hyndman and Smith, two women writers with a penchant for the fantastical.

Hyndman writes high fantasy and will be releasing the third novel in her Clockwork God Chronicles series this summer.

Smith, a Tennessee native and creative director at the Sundress Academy for the Arts, often uses Alice in Wonderland as a persona character in her poetry.

At 11 a.m., the festival is scheduled to conclude with another panel titled "The Writing Life" featuring Awad, Hyndman, Martin and Smith.

The writers will field questions about their creative processes, the challenges inherent to writing, and how to become a professional in the field.

The Little Grassy Literary Festival is an annual nonprofit event which is dedicated to showcasing diverse and impactful voices in contemporary American poetry and prose.

### State of Illinois fiscal situation topic of talk

Eileen Norcross, one of the nation's top experts on public finance, will focus on how Illinois got into its fiscal mess and review proposed solutions at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Norcross is scheduled to present the SIU School of Law 2018 Gene and Katy Simonds Lectureship in Democracy on Thursday, today.

Norcross' lecture, "Illinois Fiscal Breaking Points: Causes and Consequences of a State in Distress," is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. in the Hiram H. Lesar Law Building auditorium. The lecture is free and the public is invited.

Norcross is director for the State and Local Policy Project and Senior Research Fellow at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University.

### SIU presentation to feature artist

The life and works of Horace Pippin, an African-American soldier and self-taught painter, will be explored during a presentation planned at Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Morris Library at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, today.

Janice N. Harrington, the author of "Primitive: The Art and Life of Horace H. Pippin," is scheduled to speak in the John C. Guyon Auditorium.

The interactive presentation is free and open to the public.

### Child Abuse Prevention Month observed in April

The public is invited to join the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, Prevent Child Abuse Illinois, other child welfare stakeholders, elected officials and more for a month-long observance to share child abuse and neglect prevention awareness messages and to help promote prevention efforts across the country during Child Abuse Prevention Month in April.

This year's theme, Supporting Great Childhoods, is seen as a call to action to help prevent child abuse and neglect by providing parents and families with support for children to thrive.

"At DCFS, we are often 'first responders' when it comes to helping families in crisis, and every day we see some of Illinois' most vulnerable children and their families," Illinois DCFS acting director B.J. Walker said.

"Working together we can prevent serious harm to the children and reduce trauma that will potentially affect them all of their lives.

"In particular, we should join together, at the community level, to reach out and touch families who are struggling and do all that we can to support them so they can support their children."

In Fiscal Year 2017, there were 252,568 calls to the Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline resulting in an average of 1,500 investigations per week in Illinois.

The impact of abuse on children manifests itself in many ways.

Children may experience a range of emotional,

### Bicentennial beer debuts

The first cans of the official Illinois bicentennial craft beer recently made their debut in Springfield.

Gov. Bruce Rauner joined state Rep. Tim Butler and Springfield Mayor Jim Langfelder, both bicentennial commissioners, to debut the first cans of the official bicentennial craft beer at Binny's in Springfield.

The craft beer, 1818 Prairie State Farmhouse Ale, is available at most Binny's, Jewel-Osco's, Hy-Vee's and other select retailers statewide.

Hand of Fate Brewing Co. of Petersburg was chosen to create the special birthday brew after winning the bicentennial craft beer contest at the Illinois State Fair in August.

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**VS.  
RYAN FULTON BONE  
A/K/A RYAN F BONE,  
A/K/A RYAN BONE;  
JESSICA MARIE BONE  
A/K/A JESSICA M  
BONE, A/K/A  
JESSICA BONE,  
DEFENDANTS.  
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**107 NORTH  
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UNDER ILLINOIS  
MORTGAGE  
FORECLOSURE ACT**

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**PLAINTIFF,**  
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**THOMAS M. BARKER AKA THOMAS**

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AMBER BARKER;  
Defendants,  
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Contact your local Shawnee Development Council Office or the SDC Workforce Investment Office located on the Campus of SCC for an application packet. Hurry. . . Application deadline is April 20, 2018. Some Restrictions apply.

**LOOKING FOR ANYONE HAVING INFORMATION about a newer model black SUV that was involved in an accident at the corner of Main Street and Lafayette Street in Anna, Illinois, on Monday, March 26, at approximately 8 a.m. The driver of the SUV, a tall, slender white male, left the scene while I was calling 911. Please call (618)-614-6041 with any information.**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**STATE OF ILLINOIS CIRCUIT COURT UNION COUNTY**

**REQUEST OF NAME CHANGE (MINOR CHILD)**

**REQUEST OF: Jessica Ruth Pearson TO CHANGE NAME OF MINOR CHILD Mackenzie Jo Clark TO Mackenzie Jo Marie Pearson 2018-MR-20**

Notice is given you, the public, that on Wednesday, May 2, 2018, at 1 p.m., Mackenzie Jo Clark, a minor, by Jessica Ruth Pearson, his mother and next friend, will request that this Court change her present name of Mackenzie Jo Clark to the name of Mackenzie Jo Marie Pearson.

Mackenzie Jo Clark, a minor, by Jessica Ruth Pearson, her mother. March 15, 2018 14-16g

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

**REGIONS BANK DBA REGIONS MORTGAGE, PLAINTIFF,**

**VS.  
RYAN FULTON BONE  
A/K/A RYAN F BONE,  
A/K/A RYAN BONE;  
JESSICA MARIE BONE  
A/K/A JESSICA M  
BONE, A/K/A  
JESSICA BONE,  
DEFENDANTS.  
17 CH 18**

**107 NORTH  
ACRE LANE  
JONESBORO, IL 62952**

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on March 21, 2018, Sheriff of Union County will on May 16, 2018, in UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 309 W. MARKET, JONESBORO, IL 62952, at 9:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Union, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

**PARCEL I:**  
A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION NINETEEN, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SET METAL CORNER, BEING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF "JOHN ALLEN PROPERTY" AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT OF A SURVEY MADE BY P. E. KOLLEHNER, DATED AUGUST 21, 1961, AND AS SHOWN BY A DEED RECORDED IN BOOK 98, PAGE 216, IN THE UNION COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE; THENCE IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF A PUBLIC ROAD A DISTANCE OF 120 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION AND PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE "JOHN ALLEN PROPERTY" A DISTANCE OF 100 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION AND PARALLEL WITH THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE AFORESAID PUBLIC ROAD A DISTANCE OF 120 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE IN A SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION AND PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF THE "JOHN ALLEN PROPERTY" A DISTANCE OF 100 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

**PARCEL II:**  
COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 5 IN W. M. CLINGSMITH'S 1ST ADDITION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS; THENCE N. 8 DEGREES 51' E. A DISTANCE OF 40.48 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF AN UNNAMED STREET; THENCE N. 90 DEGREES 00' W. ALONG THE SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING N. 90 DEGREES 00' W. A DISTANCE OF 206.65 FEET; THENCE N. 31 DEGREES 07' 38" E. A DISTANCE OF 221.00 FEET; THENCE S. 89 DEGREES 15' 57" E.; A DISTANCE OF 93.46 FEET; THENCE S. 8 DEGREES 51' W. A DISTANCE OF 70.00 FEET; THENCE S. 89 DEGREES 15' 57" E.; A DISTANCE OF 30.00 FEET; THENCE S 8 DEGREES 51' W. TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING THE TRACT CONTAINING 0.669 ACRES MORE OR LESS; PER TRACT I ON A PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY CHARLES L. GARNER, ILLINOIS LAND SUR

VEYOR NO. 2316, RECORDED ON APRIL 30, 1999, IN RECORD BOOK 168 AT PAGE 807 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

TAX NO. 05-19-03-483 COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

107 North Acre Lane Jonesboro, IL 62952 Description of Improvements:

The Judgment amount was \$98,220.18.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For Information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St. Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 262877

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

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

**FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY; Plaintiff,**

**vs. THOMAS M. BARKER AKA THOMAS BARKER; AMBER E. RODGERS AKA AMBER E. BARKER AKA AMBER BARKER; Defendants, 17 CH 37**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, May 16, 2018, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. in the lobby of the Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

The following described real estate, situated in Union County and State of Illinois,

to-wit: Lots Numbered One Hundred Twenty-Seven (127) and One Hundred Thirty-Four (134) in Grammar's Addition to the Town (Now City) of Jonesboro, Situated in Union County, Illinois.

Commonly known as 102 East Walnut Street, Jonesboro, IL 62952.

P.I.N. 14-00-07-428.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 17-038772 F2

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

**SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC., PLAINTIFF, VS.**

**WILLIAM BUTCHER, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DECEASED MORTGAGOR**

**CLIFFORD H WRIGHT; LYNN WRIGHT HEISNER A/K/A ELMIRA LYNN HEISNER; ELIZABETH ANN LINGLE;**

**UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES, FOR CLIFFORD H WRIGHT, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS. 17 CH 32**

**501 EAST BROAD STREET JONESBORO, IL 62952**

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU,

Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants

Unknown Heirs and Legatees, for Clifford H Wright, if any

Elizabeth Ann Lingle defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

LOTS NUMBERED 39 AND 46 IN JAMES AND DANIEL CRAVER'S ADDITION TO THE TOWN (NOW CITY) OF JONESBORO; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

Commonly known as: 501 East Broad Street Jonesboro, IL 62952

and which said Mortgage was made by,

Clifford H Wright, Helen L Wright

Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as a nominee for Mid America Mortgage Services of Illinois, Inc

Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Union County, Illinois, as Document No. 2011R1675; and for other relief.

UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this County,

Tiffany Busby 309 W. Market 101 Jonesboro, IL 62952

YOU MAY STILL BE ABLE TO SAVE YOUR HOME. DO NOT IGNORE THIS DOCUMENT.

By order of the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court, this case is set for Mandatory Mediation on May 21, 2018 at 9:30 am. at the Union County Courthouse; 309 W. Market St, Jonesboro, IL 62952. A

lender representative will be present along with a court appointed mediator to discuss options that you may have and to pre-screen you for a potential mortgage modification. For further information on the mediation process, please see the attached NOTICE OF MANDATORY MEDIATION.

YOU MUST APPEAR ON THE MEDIATION DATE GIVEN OR YOUR MEDIATION WILL BE TERMINATED.

on or before May 7, 2018, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE

COMPLAINT. PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1 N. Dearborn St. Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 Ph. (312) 346-9088 File No. 264582-138946 I3081689 16-18g

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# Obituaries

## Harold E. Orr

Harold E. Orr, 94, of Vienna, died Thursday, March 29, 2018, at 2:30 p.m. at Union County Hospital in Anna.

He was born on Jan. 30, 1924, in the Reynoldsville community in Union County. He was the third child and youngest son of John and Jesse McCloud Orr.

He married Vivian Fowler. To this union, two sons, John and Robert, were born.

On Jan. 15, 1955, he married Rose Mary (nee Hunt) Crain at the Vienna First United Methodist Church. She survives.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his sons, John E. (Carole) Orr of Star, Idaho, and Robert L. (Mary) Orr of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; three stepchildren, Michael E. Crain and Larry J. Crain, both of Vienna, and Patricia L. (Steve) Crain-Stroud of Raleigh, N. C.; eight grandchildren, John G. Orr, Robin Anders, Granger Roseberry, Michaeline A. Schuetz, Katrina Orr, Chadd Harbaugh, Travis Crain and Blake Crain; and several great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Carl Orr and Albert Orr, and a sister, Evelyn Livesay.

He attended the Big Barn Grade School near Ware, and was a graduate of the Wolf Lake High School. Following his high school graduation, he worked briefly for McDonnell Aircraft Corporation in St. Louis prior to his military enlistment. He served in the U.S. Navy Air Corps during World War II as a fighter pilot on the carrier Makin Island. During the Korean Conflict, he was recalled into service and served in the Mediterranean Sea. He was honorably discharged on April 16, 1954, having attained the rank of lieutenant. He was a member of Beggs-Gurley VFW Post No. 5222 in Vienna.

He had a love of the land and was a lifelong farmer in Union County. He raised row crops in the Ware Bottoms and did cattle farming in the Mt. Pleasant Community.

He had a passion for flying from the days he flew Corsairs during his military service and for many years afterward as a private aircraft pilot. He and Rose Mary flew all over the United States together. He also enjoyed the camaraderie and staying in contact with his flying buddies from Flight 4312.

He was of the Baptist faith. He enjoyed spending quiet time reading. He particularly enjoyed western novels.

A memorial service honoring the life of Harold Orr was held Wednesday, April 4, at 1 p.m. at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. The Rev. Dr. Joe Richard and Pastor Bill Littrell officiated. Military honors were accorded by Beggs-Gurley VFW Post No. 5222 and the U.S. Navy burial honors detail.

Interment will be at a later date in the Vienna Fraternal Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Illinois Veterans Home of Anna (employee benefit), 792 N. Main St., Anna, Ill. 62906.

To share a memory or to leave an online message of condolence for his family, visit [www.baileyfh.com](http://www.baileyfh.com).

Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna is in charge of arrangements.

## Linda G. Davidson

Linda G. Davidson, 70, of Gold Canyon, Ariz., and formerly of Dongola and Richmond, died at 5:05 a.m.

Monday, April 2, at the Lund Home in Gilbert, Ariz.

Arrangements were pending at Crain Funeral Home in Dongola.

## Reynoldsville News

by Sue Eudy

Easter Sunday dinner guests of Sue and Steve Eudy of Anna were Brian and Susan Eudy of Jackson, Mo.

Happy birthday to my sister, Venita Lingle of Anna, on Thursday, April 12.

Jack and Dolores Reynolds and Jackie and Jay Jennings were Easter Sunday visitors at Reynoldsville Missionary Baptist Church.

Easter Sunday dinner guests of Jack and Dolores Reynolds were Jackie and Jay Jennings of Reynoldsville and Jay's mother Marian of Anna, Rodney and Vicki Reynolds of Wolf Lake, Greg, Amy and Valley Reynolds of Reynoldsville and Andrew, Jessie and Rhiannon Livesay of Wolf Lake.

Ryan Wachter of Jonesboro visited Monday with his grandfather Steve Eudy.

Easter Sunday dinner guests of Maxine and Fred Pender of Fair City were Brad and Lori Pender of Jonesboro, Austin Pender of Anna, Russ and Patsy Pender of Olive Branch, Heather, Josh, Slayton and Chesleigh Miller of Tamms and Chesleigh's friend Jenica from Texas, Tony, Krista, Conner, Richard and Cora Pender, Toni Mae and Riley Pender and Drew Harris, all of Metropolis.

Those enjoying pizza

last Tuesday at Pizza Hut in Anna were Ermadell Elkins, Tammy Davis and Jady Samuels, Regan and Alexa Hinkle, all of Anna, Deanie and Jerry Hinkle of Jonesboro and Shirley Miller of McClure.

David and Kristy Miller of St. Charles, Mo., and Shirley Miller enjoyed eating at Dexter BBQ in Cape Girardeau on Saturday night.

Those enjoying Easter dinner at the home of Penny and Kerry Hill of McClure on Sunday were Kacie and Derek Gollhier of McClure, David and Kristy Miller and Shirley Miller.

Spending Easter Sunday with Berniece McRaven of Fair City were Darrell McRaven of Jonesboro, Renee Renshaw of Thebes, Clint, Chelsea and Athena Clover of Park Hills, Mo., Donna McRaven and Rachel Merriman, both of Dongola, and Rachel's friend and her three daughters of Marion. Daphne Huffman of Thebes visited Monday afternoon.

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.

## Mary Lucille 'Mamie' Gamby

Mary Lucille "Mamie" Gamby, 86, of Carbondale, died at 3:43 p.m. Friday, March 30, 2018, at Manor Court Skilled Nursing Facility in Carbondale.

She was born on Dec. 7, 1931, the daughter of Madge Marie Resh Sheffer and Archie Ray Sheffer of Zeigler. She was the last survivor of her siblings.

She married John Frank Gamby on April 10, 1951. John and Lucille survived their son, Michael Ray Gamby, who was stillborn in 1955. He was always in her heart.

John and Lucille lived in many places before returning to Southern Illinois to be near family.

She graduated with a bachelor's degree in education from Southern Illinois University in 1967. She was a lifelong learner who touched the lives of many families during her career as a teacher in Murphysboro. She taught at Carruthers Middle School from 1967-1987.

Lucille and John travelled extensively in the United States and across the world. She was an avid historian and spent many years working on her family genealogy in the years before the internet. John and Lucille spent many hours visiting places related to the Sheffer and Gamby family histories. She was a member of the University Baptist Church of Carbondale.

Lucille fought a valiant battle with Alzheimer's disease with John at her side. The family voiced appreciation to the caregivers at Manor Court Skilled Nursing Facility.

She is survived by her husband, John Gamby of Carbondale; a niece, Jill (James) Quisenberry of Urbana; a great-nephew, Will Quisenberry of Urbana; and many other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Michael Ray Gamby; and siblings Shirley Rogers, Maxine Dilbeck, Juanita Walker and Don Sheffer.

Graveside services for Lucille Gamby will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 7, at the American Legion Cemetery in Dongola, with the Rev. John Annable officiating. There will be no visitation, at the family's request.

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



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

## Shirley V. Maloy

Shirley Maloy, 82, of Cobden, died at 1:30 a.m. Sunday, April 1, 2018, at Union County Hospital.

She was born on Oct. 6, 1935, in Union County, the daughter of John F. and Ethel Norris Sanders.

She married Gary Maloy in 1982 in Makanda.

She is survived by her husband, Gary Maloy of Cobden; a daughter, Cheryl (John) Lehr of Cobden; sons Lonnie Bobb of Cape Girardeau, and Ronnie Bobb of Cobden; two grandchildren, Joshua Bobb and Brittany Howell; two great-grandchildren, Jeffery Kade Lence and Reece Nicole-Kay Lence; a cousin, Larry (Sandy) Norris; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by one sister, Jane Roberts.

She was an avid bingo player.

Funeral services for Shirley Maloy will be at 1 p.m. Monday, April 9, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden. Friends can call after 11 a.m. and until the service hour at 1 p.m. Monday, April 9, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden.

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

**RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN** Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden is in charge of arrangements. FUNERAL HOMES

## Bernard Lee

### 'Bernie' Steck II

Bernard Lee "Bernie" Steck II, 65, of Jonesboro, died at 5:45 a.m. Monday, April 2, 2018, at his home.

He was born on Aug. 2, 1952, in Alton, the son of Bernard Lee and Ruth A. Trammel Steck.

He married Randy J. Fazette on June 28, 1975, at Inspiration Point.

He is survived by his wife, Randy J. Steck of Jonesboro; a daughter, Becky (Jeremy) Wheaton of Jonesboro; six grandchildren, Jason Goodman, Tiffany Goodman, Christa Wheaton, Caitlyn Wheaton, Brody Gullledge and Nevaeh Wheaton; a sister, Sheryl (William) Bryant of Jonesboro; a niece, Jessica (Matt) Pearson of Jonesboro; other relatives and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He was a member of the Mill Creek Baptist Church. He was very creative with his hands and worked as a welder and metal fabricator. He was a lifelong Harley Davidson enthusiast, which coincided with his love for the outdoors. He was a self-taught herpetologist and an avid fisherman. Earlier in his life he was a tattoo artist.

Memorials can be made to the family.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

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

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



## Sarah Elizabeth (Russell) Mann

Sarah Elizabeth (Russell) Mann, 30, of Carbondale, and formerly of Cobden, died on Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018, surrounded by her family.

Sarah was born on Nov. 15, 1987, to parents John Patrick and Debra Russell of Cobden. She was sister to Rivanna, Nessa, Jenny, Kate, Bekah and John.

She was a graduate of Cobden High School, Shawnee Community College and Western Illinois University.

She was wife to Michael Mann, mother to Abigail, and friend to many.

Sarah was an incredible pianist, a fierce bowler, master of FRIENDS and music trivia and source of inspiration for those going through tough times. She enjoyed watching home movies, creating slideshows for special events and spending time with loved ones.

Sarah's fighting spirit and enduring positivity inspired so many people to live their lives fully every day, and were comforting to those going through their own tough times. Sarah experienced the miracle of life and joys of motherhood, the love and elation of her wedding day and the victory of being cancer free.

Sarah's legacy will be defined by her successes, including her significant contribution to a clinical trial that will provide treatment options to others battling cancer, her work in establishing the Festival of LIFE and her commitment to inspiring others with her smile.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, April 6, at Cobden High School in Cobden, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Funeral Mass will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 7, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Cobden, with burial to follow at Cobden Cemetery.

Sarah's childhood home is blooming with daffodils, in lieu of flowers or other arrangements, the family is requesting donations to be made to Sarah's Festival of LIFE through her website, [www.smilingwithsarah.com](http://www.smilingwithsarah.com).

Envelopes for donations will be available at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home, the school and the church.

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

**RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN** Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden is in charge of arrangements. FUNERAL HOMES



## Russell D. Fairless

Russell D. Fairless, 77, of Jonesboro, died at 11:46 a.m. Friday, March 30, 2018, at the Jonesboro Rehab Center.

He was born on Jan. 12, 1941, in Vienna, the son of Noah Dale and Violet Pauline Russell Fairless.

He is survived by his children, Marty (Loretta) Fairless and Marvin Fairless, all of Jonesboro; five grandchildren, Rusty Fairless, Kelsea Fairless and fiancée, Nick Harvel, Kendra Fairless, Kaylie Fairless and Hayden Young; one great-grandchild, Kensley, and one on the way; sister Iva Lee Fegan of Harrison, Ark., Nellie Medley, Annette McBride and Paula Roberts, all of Vienna; one brother; numerous nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and by two brothers, Robert Fairless and Paul Dean Fairless.

He loved to go hunting and fishing. He worked for the Illinois Central Railroad and retired after 20 years building and working on bridges.

Graveside services for Russell Dale Fairless were at 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 2, with the Rev. Clark Short officiating. Interment was in Casper Cemetery near Anna.

Memorials can be made to Residential Home Health & Hospice, formerly Celtic Hospice.

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

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

## John Richard Tucker

John Richard Tucker, 58, of Jonesboro, died at 8:20 p.m. Saturday, March 24, 2018, at Integrity of Cobden.

He was born on Sept. 14, 1959, in Gary, Ind., the son of Louis Frederick and Esther M. Palmer Tucker.

He is survived by his father, Louis Tucker of Shawneetown; a brother, Jim (Becky) Tucker of North Carolina; three sisters, Debbie Hall of Paducah, Diane (John) Jones of West Paducah, Ky., and Kathy (Deke) Denney of Gibson City; 12 nieces and nephews; several great-nieces and nephews; all of his friends at Hidden Valley in Jonesboro; other relatives and many friends. He was preceded in death by his mother.

His wishes were to be cremated and no public service will be held.

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

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



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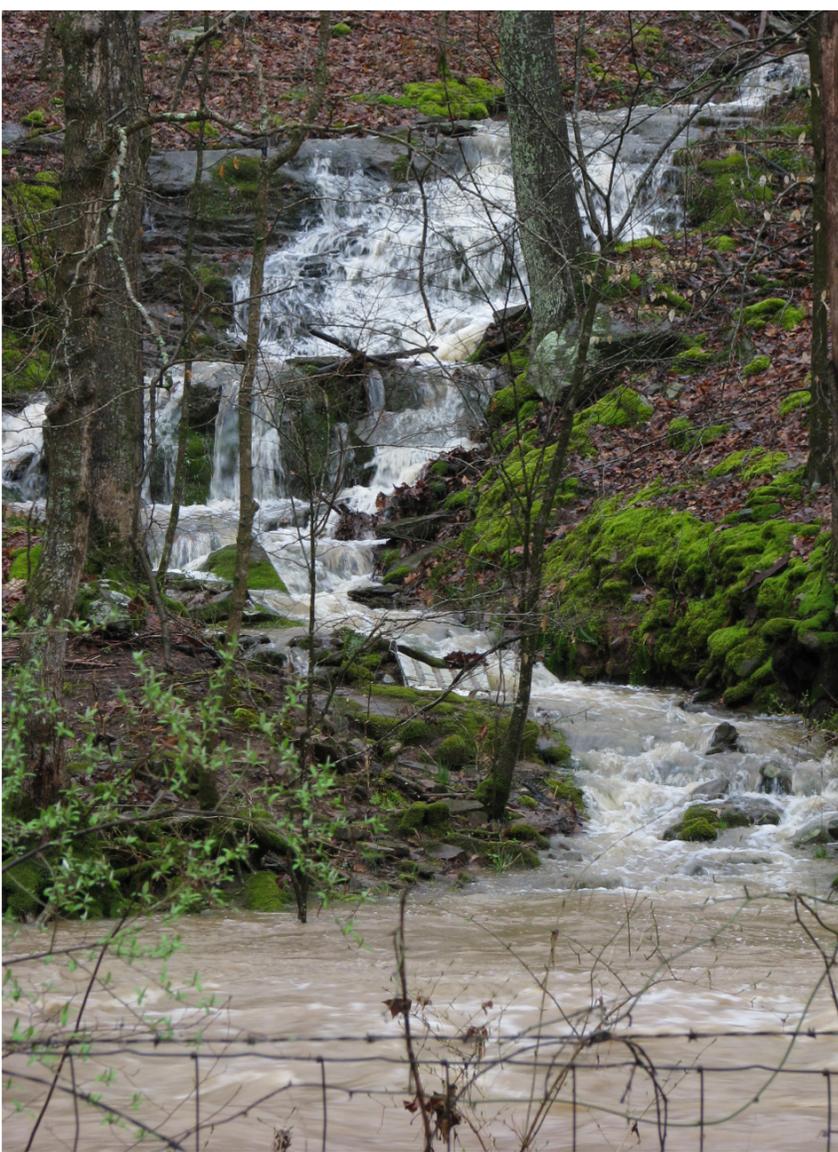
# THE GAZETTE-DEMOCRAT

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Thursday, April 5, 2018

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Section B



**Rainy afternoon in Union County**  
Rain was still falling when this image was captured Thursday afternoon, March 29, along the Spanish Bluff Road north of Anna. Water was flowing down a hillside into a creek which is located along the road.

## Legislation supports creation of broadband advisory council

As state and national infrastructure continues to develop at a fast pace, State Rep. Natalie Phelps Finnie, D-Harrisburg, is promoting legislation to create a broadband advisory council.

### Anna VFW plans to serve fish fry

Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna plans to serve a monthly fish fry on Friday, April 6. Serving is planned from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the post home, which is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna. The menu will include fish, potato salad and slaw for an \$8 donation. The public is welcome. Carry outs will be available. Star Karaoke will be at the post from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. A 50/50 drawing and a spring basket raffle also are planned.

band services for all Illinois residents. “I want to make sure that the people in Southern Illinois benefit from the continuing technology in the world we live in now,” Phelps Finnie said in a news release.

“As a resident of the one of the most rural counties in the state, I know firsthand the struggle that many face when it comes to acquiring or using broadband in their homes or businesses.

“Goods, services and information are constantly developing and people need to have access to quality, high-speed internet services and more so they aren’t left in the dark.”

Phelps Finnie is sponsoring House Bill 5752, which establishes the broadband advisory council.

Its purpose is to find the best ways to bring high-speed internet throughout Illinois, especially downstate, and to level the playing field for economic de-

velopment and streamline local governments.

The broadband advisory council will work through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to report its findings for quality broadband services to the governor and Illinois General Assembly.

“The age of dial-up and antiquated services is already being phased out in many places in the state,” said Phelps Finnie.

“It is time to have a frank and open discussion about what type of quality services our residents deserve in this economy, and it is my hope that this council will help in developing new broadband expansion in Southern Illinois.”

Phelps Finnie represents the 118th District in Southern Illinois, which includes all or portions of the following counties: Alexander, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski, Saline and Union.



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#### Money in the Illinois Territory

Coinage and bank notes were conspicuously absent during the territorial days of Illinois. Very few people had any and if they did, they saved it for things like land purchases. A few pieces of money did circulate but most of it was in the form of questionable bank notes, a few shillings and IOU’s.

Goods were as valuable as money and many debts were settled with cattle, salt, and salt peter. There were no United States coins available. An uninitiated person in the world of coins, would think that the 1804 silver dollar had been minted and should have been available, but that coin, although it said 1804, was never struck for circulation until 1830.

The most acceptable coin circulating in the United States and accepted

everywhere was the Spanish Milled Dollar, the Real de a Ocho, or the Eight Royals coin. The coin was silver and about the size of later U.S. silver dollars. It was commonly cut into eight pieces, also known as “pieces of eight.”



In the days of old Johnson County, the dollar was the standard monetary unit, the bit system was also used along with the cent. This will become evident to those who study the old documents. The Court system always used the dollar and cent but the common person used the bit system.

Most people had money on paper only; either owed to them or they in turn, owed money. When calculating debts or assets, the bit was even divided in half at a value of 6 ¼ cents. Shown below is how the bit system was used.

One half bit.....	6 ¼ cents
One bit.....	12 ½ cents
One & ½ bit.....	18 ¾ cents
Two bits.....	25 cents
Two & ½ bits.....	1 ¼ cents
Three bits.....	37 ½ cents
Three & ½ bits.....	43 ¾ cents
Four bits.....	50 cents
Four & ½ bits.....	56 ¼ cents
Five bits.....	62 ½ cents
Five & ½ bits.....	68 ¾ cents
Six bits.....	75 cents
Six & ½ bits.....	81 ¼ cents
Seven bits.....	87 ½ cents
Seven & ½ bits.....	93 ¾ cents
Eight bits.....	one dollar

Debts were often paid, not with cash but with goods. Salt was one of the valuable products to be traded, salt peter was another trade item.

IOU’s were often traded as cash when people trusted the person backing the note. Some IOU’s were reassigned as it was known in those early days.

When bank notes were used in transactions, their value was questionable. Banks issued their own paper currency and the reliability of those banks to honor those notes was not proven.

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## Kiosk which promotes earthquake preparedness honored by association

A media education organization has honored a current and former faculty member at Southern Illinois University Carbondale for their efforts in creating interactive media to promote earthquake preparedness.

Harvey Henson and Scott Hodgson won the Broadcast Education Association’s, BEA, Best of Festival award in its Faculty Interactive Multimedia and Emerging Technologies Competition.

Henson is interim director of the STEM Education Research Center and an assistant professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at SIU.

Hodgson, a professor at the University of Oklahoma, is a former faculty member in the Department of Radio-Television and Digital Media at SIU.

The pair won the award for a kiosk which was un-

veiled in February 2017 at the Southern Illinois Science Center, which is located in University Mall in Carbondale.

The kiosk was developed by a team of earthquake experts, including Henson and Hodgson, and was the first of its kind for the Midwest.

It features information and videos about earthquake hazards in Illinois, safety and ways to protect homes and businesses from earthquake damage.

The project is a collaboration between SIU and the University of Oklahoma in partnership with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the Central U.S. Earthquake Consortium, with funding support from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Motorola Solutions Foundation.

The project was one of just 18 Best of Festival win-

ners from a field of more than 1,540 entries. About 175 colleges and universities across the country competed this year.

The honor will send Henson and Hodgson to the BEA’s annual convention, which is scheduled April 8 in Las Vegas, as well as earn them a \$1,000 award.

Henson said the group is developing additional kiosks, including a traveling one that should be in place this summer.

He said his long-time research into earthquakes issues, coupled with Hodgson’s media expertise, made for a good combination.

Henson said IEMA is making it possible for the kiosk to remain at University Mall for the foreseeable future, and that software and media updates are planned for this summer, as well.



## Cross of Peace during Easter weekend

The sun made an appearance for a brief time late last Saturday afternoon and cast light on the Cross of Peace on Bald Knob Mountain near Alto Pass. An annual Easter sunrise service was held Sunday at the Southern Illinois landmark.

News from

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna



Children's sermon Pastor Mark gave the children's sermon on Easter Sunday. Photo provided.

Prior to the Easter service on Sunday, April 1, the Mt. Moriah men provided breakfast for members of Mt. Moriah and Salem.

Appreciation was extended to the Holy Smokers for their hard work and dedication.

Pastor Mark did the children's sermon today, combining an explanation of Easter and incorporating "April Fool's Day" into the story.

He said in a way, "God pulled an April Fool's joke on everyone because He called Jesus back to life, and it changed everything forever."

Pastor Mark concluded this story with an announcement that after the main service, the children could "hunt" for eggs hidden all over the sanctuary.

Each egg had a scripture inside, and the pastor encouraged the children to

read these scripture verses to their families later that day.

The main sermon shared that "all stories of the resurrection are filled with surprises."

The pastor shared that the book of Mark ends with the resurrection. Mark doesn't have Jesus appearing to anyone. All the other gospels do, however, agree that the women were the first to see Jesus.

He told the congregation to think about how they must have felt from Friday to Sunday, "they had thought a miracle might happen, and that Jesus would be spared, but it did not happen that way."

He said that when the women went to the tomb and it was empty, they thought someone must have stolen the body.

The message shared that

"Jesus and sin went into the tomb. Only Jesus came out. God is not our enemy, but our friend. He wants all of us to be saved, and this is why he allowed his own Son to die on the cross."

The congregation offered prayers for Will Eidson, Kenny Roach, Pam Wheaton, Charlotte White, Linda Starr, Annette Roach, Stacy High Anderson, Betty Mattheis, John Kern, Rob Salversen, LaShawn Masania, Gary Davis and Starr Malnar.

Other prayers offered were for those grieving for Tim Hunter, Shirley Earnhart and Walter Rehwalt, Virginia Davis, Larry Eddleman and Dr. Jerry Zang.

Several of the youth from Mt. Moriah and Salem went to Cape on Tuesday, March 27, to see a matinee.

The adult Bible class plans to meet April 24 at 7 p.m. at Mt. Moriah.

The men's group had a night out on Monday, April 2.

The Hands of Faith group plans to meet April 10 at 9 a.m. to work on quilts for Lutheran World relief. All are welcome to help.

Appreciation is voiced to everyone who helped to prepare for the Lenten services and Easter service.

News from

Walnut Grove Church

On Easter Sunday at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church, Loren lit the altar candles during the musical prelude played by Johnathan Cauble.

The congregation shared in communion during the Eucharist service.

Pastor Bobbi Shultz read scripture from the Gospel of John and reminded everyone that "from the darkness of the crucifixion came the light of Jesus' resurrection that brought all our souls the hope of everlasting salvation. When our days are dark, we must remember that the light will come eventually."

The church was glad to have the Moore family, the Wills/Ellet family and the Lamer family at Walnut

Grove for Easter. Prayers were requested for Karen and David Lamer, Carolyn Moore and Sandy and Gary Hartline.

The next ladies lunch is planned Friday, April 6, at 11:30 a.m. at Godard's Barn and Grill in Anna.

The next monthly music night is planned at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11. All musicians are welcome to come and practice or play music. Listeners are welcome, too.

The church's Sunday service, which includes Sunday School for children, starts at 9:30 a.m. The church is located at 3195 Mountain Glen Rd. near Cobden, and near Illinois Route 127.

News from

First Baptist Church, Anna

Easter was celebrated in the worship service on Sunday morning, April 1.

An Easter music special was presented. The special was presented by the church's 25-person Easter music team, which was joined by the congregation.

The Easter celebration also included readings, the Lord's Supper and preaching by Pastor David Howard.

The church welcomed many visitors and family members on Easter Sunday.

At the end of the service, the celebration continued with someone who received Jesus as their lord and savior.

The next Soup and Serve is planned Monday, April 9, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The meal is free. All are welcome.

An American Red Cross blood drive is planned from noon until 6 p.m. Thursday, April 12, at the church. Appointments can be made by calling 1-800-733-2767.

The church has a contemporary service from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

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

Special music was provided by Abby Barlow and Jessica Elkins, with Curly Ralls, Mark Smith, Jacob Wright and Terry Wiseman Sr. serving as ushers.

The morning message, "Lost and Found," was brought by Pastor McBride from Luke.

The message shared that "because of sin from the fall, mankind has lived in a state of great confusion. Our scripture says Jesus came on a rescue mission to seek and to save the lost. God pursues lost sinners until he finds them. When God finds lost sinners he keeps them safely."

The service was closed with a congregational song led by Randy Wright and Abby Barlow and prayer led by Pastor McBride.

An Easter egg hunt was held in the fellowship hall following the morning worship service.

The Sunday evening worship service was canceled.

Birthdays: April 4, Margo Mueller.

Chad Radford, a preaching ambassador from Olivet Nazarene University, is scheduled to be the guest speaker at the morning service on April 8. Communion will be served at this Sunday evening's service.

Annual elections are planned April 15.

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

News from

Gospel singing set in Villa Ridge

A gospel singing is planned Saturday, April 7, at Shiloh Baptist Church in Villa Ridge.

Singing begins at 7 p.m. Voices of Praise from Marion and the Gloryroad Travelers from Mounds will be featured.

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**Water on Anna street during heavy rain**  
More heavy rain fell on the Union County area. The heavy rain again left standing water at the entrance of the McDonald's restaurant in the 500 block of East Vienna Street in Anna.

## Student art exhibition set

"The Annual Juried Student Exhibition" is scheduled to be displayed in the Rosemary Berkel and Harry L. Crisp II Museum at Southeast Missouri State University's River Campus in Cape Girardeau April 6-29.

An opening reception for the exhibiting students is scheduled from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. April 6 and is open to the public.

The exhibition showcases art work created by students at the museum.

The Crisp Museum is located in the Cultural Arts Center at Southeast Missouri State University's River Campus, located at 518 S. Fountain St.

Museum hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Friday, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the first Friday of the month.

## Hospital auxiliary welcomes applications for scholarship

The Union County Hospital District Auxiliary is accepting applications for its annual scholarship.

To be eligible for the scholarship, an applicant must be accepted and enrolled into a full-time health career program at an accredited college or university.

Preference in awarding the scholarship will go to applicants who are residents of Union County or who are current employees of Union County Hospital in Anna.

If a position is available at Union County Hospital upon completion of the program, the hope is that the student would consider employment with the facility.

The scholarship is for \$1,000. Applicants must

complete the application, provide documentation of acceptance and enrollment in a health career curriculum and must remain in good standing academically.

Interested applicants can pick up a copy at the human resources office or gift shop at Union County Hospital during business hours, or leave a message for the auxiliary at 833-8216.

## Kornthal hosts Bingaman

Gospel recording artist and instrumentalist Annette Bingaman is scheduled to be at Kornthal Church at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 14.

Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the door.

## Senior fraud prevention seminar set

A senior fraud prevention seminar is planned Friday, April 6, in Metropolis.

The seminar is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. and will be at the Happy Hearts Senior Center at 701 Market St.

State Rep. Natalie Phelps Finnie, D-Harrisburg, is hosting the event.

The seminar is designed to help seniors protect themselves against financial abuse and predatory practices often executed by scammers.

For more information about the seminar, or to RSVP, contact Phelps Finnie's constituent service office by phone at 618-253-4189 or at [repphelpsfinnie@gmail.com](mailto:repphelpsfinnie@gmail.com).

## Public Record

from the files at the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro

### Realty Transactions

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

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Delores Schauer. Grantee: Stacey Busby, Steve Busby. Name: Original Plan of Dongola, Lot 22.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Debra Kay Grisham, Edward Grisham. Grantee: Debra K. Grisham, Debra Kay Hess, Dennis R. Hess. Tract Section 23 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Citizens Community Bank. Grantee: The Entrust Group Inc. Tract Section 27 Township 11S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Brenda A. Kidd, Billy D. Schluter. Grantee: Lisa M. Mead, Randy G. Mead. Tract Section 23 Township 13S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Austin M. Mead. Grantee: Lisa M. Mead, Randy G. Mead. Tract Section 15 Township 13S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Julie A. Harvel, Debra L.

Hicks, Julie A. Kahn moui, Debra L. Siegfried. Grantee: Jack D. Bennett, Shirley Bennett. Name: Orchard Drive Sub., Lot 99.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation. Grantee: Tammy Rowan. Name: E. Leavenworth's 1st Add. of Dongola, Portion 137.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Andrea R. Dahmer, Gary C. Dahmer. Grantee: Rosco J. Bridges, Kendra M. Russell. Tract Section 24 Township 11S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Terri L. Hutchason, Terry A. Hutchason. Grantee: Dillon M. Harris, Loren M. Scott. Tract Section 14 Township 12S Range 1W.

### Traffic Citations

The following people were cited for speeding and were assessed \$120 in fines and court costs as recorded at the Union County circuit clerk's office in Jonesboro:

Cynthia K. Dees, Cape Girardeau. Derek Paul Voelker, Cape Girardeau. Carrie J. Dixon, Dongola. Kane Isreal Wilson, Murphysboro. Richard Scott Tucker, Anna.

Delashawn Rivers-McCray, Carbondale. Ashley Marie Michel, Cape Girardeau. Michael Ray Poston, Benton, Ky. Jerry D. Wilson, Franklin, Ind. Bryce P. Dillow, Anna.

Matthew R. Helmke, New Lenox. Uishnu V. Yagateela, Cape Girardeau. Nasra N. Meshakhis, Cape Girardeau. Floyd J. Dailey, Salem.

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

Jason James Orange, Buncombe, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200. Howard A. Heumann, Du Quoin, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Rachael M. Sims, Jones-

boro, seat belt required/driver, \$60. David W. McKee Jr., Grand Chain, electronic communication device, \$120.

Gabriel J. Wece, Carbondale, electronic communication device, \$120. Crystal L. Starkey, Blue Springs, Mo., speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140.

Robert Earl Williams, Mounds, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Thomas F. Healy, Evergreen Park, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140.

Wesley Allen Conkle, Dongola, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Beatrice Anna Taylor, Anna, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140.

Jerald Steven Reynolds, Anna, electronic communication device, \$120. Cipriano Gutierrez, Rio Grande City, Texas, electronic communication device, \$120; improper traffic lane usage, \$120.

Benjamin Ryan McFarland, Cobden, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Erin Taylor Godinez, Dongola, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Breanna N. Dillow, Jonesboro, fail to reduce speed, \$120. Austin L. Gunn, Anna, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200. Ezekiel L. Sutton, Cairo, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200.

### Marriage Licenses

The county clerk's office issued a marriage license to: Robert L. Gore, 38, of Anna, and Valerie A. Caraker, 38, of Anna.

Donald D. Myers Jr., 60, of Cobden, and Carrie Jo Inman, 26, of Cobden.

Daryl Robert Grammer, 50, of Murphysboro, and Teri Louise Tish, 51, of St. Louis.

Robert Bricker, 56, of Wheeling, and Joy Shamsabad, 41, of Wheeling.

Richard S. Pribble, 40, of Anna, and Cara A. Althoff, 36, of Anna.

Adam F. Stanczak, 23, of Cobden, and Samantha C. Fischer, 24, of Jonesboro.

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These results come from a recently completed survey conducted by Susquehanna Polling and Research of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for the National Newspaper Association.

The survey demonstrates that Americans find their local community newspapers to be relevant, useful and necessary in today's digital-focused environment. It reinforces that people want to know what is going on in their communities, and find that their local newspaper provides that important news and information. Susquehanna Polling surveyed 1,000 households across the country between March 6 and April 5, 2017.

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# Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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## St. Patrick's Day Weekend

Susan Whitemountain enjoyed St. Patrick's Day weekend in Sterling with her mom, Mary Sitter.

She arrived Friday afternoon, March 16, and enjoyed chatting with her mom, brother Randy and sister-in-law Concha about the good old days.

Saturday morning brought a mixture of rain and snow, but sunshine arrived right before the start of the St. Patrick's Day parade at 1 p.m.

The evening was spent at the Knights of Columbus in Dixon for corn beef and cabbage and some favorite Irish tunes played by a local band.

Sunday afternoon was spent visiting with cousins, watching the ducks and fishermen float by on the river, and talking about the next Sitter reunion on June 23 in Anna.

Susan was happy to spend the weekend with her mom.

**Easter**  
Hope everyone had a very blessed Easter

**Easter Trip**

Angela M Hewitt, her daughter Kelli and her boyfriend (Nate), traveled to Gadsen, Ala. They enjoyed Nocalula Falls and park. They also enjoyed spending time with my family.

**Marching Bands**

The Union County Marching Band of Southern Illinois enjoyed a trip to Orlando, Fla., during spring break.

The marching band was comprised of students from Anna-Jonesboro, Cobden, Dongola and Shawnee High Schools.

The band marched during a parade held at Universal Studios theme park.

They also attended a

musical workshop at Universal Studios where they recorded a musical score for a movie.

While in Orlando they also enjoyed going to Islands of Adventure theme park, Volcano Bay water park, Hard Rock Cafe and attended a performance by the Blue Man Group.

**Easter Guests**  
Hileman Easter dinner guests included Sarah Song and children Joshua, Abigail and Gideon from Fort Worth, Texas; Jacob and Nadia Hileman and children Finlay, Emmie and Leah Hileman from St. Louis; and Lucas and Rachael Hileman from Fort Branch, Ind.

Also visiting with the Hilemans were Norm and Barb Bauer, Anna; Lou and Deb Bauer, Chesterfield, Missouri; and Tim and David Bauer from Brookfield, Wisconsin.

**Dinner Guest**

Stephen Burns visited his sister and family in O'Fallon, Mo., for Easter and enjoyed dinner with them.

**Trip to Illinois**

Janice Lewellyn from Florida southern trip began when her grandson, Sean Lewellyn, offered to pick her up in Ashton, Ill., along with his daughter, Madison and bring them down to and attend church at Janice's home church at Anna United Methodist.

Janice was so blessed to enter this great occasion, see all the smiling faces and God's glory.

To enhance her pleasure, they were accompanied by Janice's brother Clarence and sister Carol.

Pastor Carl's message was another blessing from God. The church, Janice is sure, will be blessed with

whomever the Lord sends in his stead; but they will miss Pastor Carl's guidance.

They spent the Easter weekend on flying wheels with Janice's son Tim, charming wife Susan and family, daughter, Virginia, husband George Whaley and children, Ashlynn and Daven of Dixon.

Sean then took them to Evansville, Ind., to visit Janice's son Jack Lewellyn and their friend Gail Lee before taking them back north to Ashton, where Janice stayed with a friend, Martha Arneson and family.

The main focus of Janice's trip from Florida was to see granddaughter, Ashlynn star/perform in her school play.

Janice is a proud grandma and other benefits will be the added joy of spending precious time with son Ron and his family of South Elgin, along with another long-time and dear friend Lynne Lawson Crawford and Earl. A few dear friends and retirees of Elgin Mental Health plan to share some memories also.

**Anniversary Party**

Betty Eagle and Valerie Murray spent Sunday and Monday in Collinsville. They went to attend a surprise wedding anniversary party for Jan and Darel Casillas.

They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Ravanelli's in Collinsville Sunday. Afterwards they visited with Jan and Darel and Jamie Richardson.

Monday, Betty, Valerie, Anna to visit and attend church at Janice's home church at Anna United Methodist.

**Easter Trip**

Janet Verble's daughter Joy and husband Dave Roberts picked Janet up Good Friday and she spent the Easter weekend at their home in Mt. Carmel.

They attended Janet's great-grandson's 5th birthday party at Janet's granddaughter's home, Brooke and Micelle.

Saturday evening, Joy,



The Union County Band from A-JCHS, Cobden, Dongola and Shawnee enjoyed a trip to Florida. They marched at Universal Studios.

Dave and Janet had dinner out then went to see the movie "I Can Only Imagine," which was very good.

Janet attended worship service with all the family on Easter.

Janet's grandson Tyler, Jessica and son Silas joined them with all the family having Easter dinner Janet's daughter had prepared.

Janet said it was so good to be with family she doesn't get to see often.

**Florida**

Joe, Rachel, Sara, Kayla, Emily Flick and Will Charles enjoyed a trip to Myrtle Beach, Fla., and several different attractions. Great time was had for spring break.

**Easter Guests**

Josh, Jade, Layne and Matthew Murray visited with their grandmother Betty Eagle Easter Sunday afternoon.

**Easter Dinner**

After church Easter Bessie, Curt, Elijah Ellis, and Martha Ann Webb were treated to Easter dinner by Earl Miller at Cracker Barrel in Cape Girardeau.

**Anna VFW**

Thursday the auxiliary will hold a monthly business meeting at 6 p.m. Election of officers will be held.

Star Karaoke will be at the VFW Friday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. A fish dinner will be served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. There will be a drawing for the spring gift basket. Everyone welcome.

**Chicago Trip**

Lisa Spiess enjoyed a trip to Chicago with her sister Mary Ann. They went to see the Broadway play "Pretty Woman" while there.

**Guests**

Great weekend Palm Sunday week. A bus load of 50 people stopped at The Here & Now Shop Saturday morning, March 24, in beautiful down town Anna.

Sunday, cousins from St. Louis stopped by to visit Lee Hackney and Susan Whitemountain.

**Texas Guests**

Guests of Cheryl Stamp were her daughter Camille Moorad and daughters Mariel and Ellie from Texas. They also visited with other family members and friends.

I also enjoyed visiting with them and they met my daughter and grandson Bessie and Elijah. They enjoyed the musical "Emma."

**Easter Trip**

Bernice Pyle took a trip to Knoxville, Tenn., to spend time with her family for Easter.

Her daughter Suzie Wright, granddaughter Sarah Brown and great-grandsons Xander Smith and Liam Brown went with her.

They met her son Shane Pyle and family, Freda, Zeke, Maddie and Zach Pyle in Knoxville, Tenn.

They traveled there from their home in New Kent, Va. While there they enjoyed going to the zoo and many other things.

**GFWC Women's Club's**

The GFWC Illinois 25th District 113th annual convention was held at the Hartley Fine Art Gallery and Event Center in Herrin Monday, March 26.

The theme was Anchor in the Arts. Decorations were red, white and blue with boats and anchors.

Those who attended from GFWC Illinois Anna-

Jonesboro Women's Club were Jane Bauer, Marie Samuel, Suzie Kessler, Lillian Milam.

Congratulations to Jane Bauer, the new president of District 25, Wanda Burklow, president-elect, Jackie Hancock, vice president leadership, Claire Giles, communication, public relations, Nikki Staley, secretary-treasurer.

A business meeting was held.

Awards were given to the achievements of each category the different clubs did during the year of 2017.

Lillian Milam, education chairman, presented the district scholarship to Audrey Elliot from Eldorado.

Arts and crafts were displayed from club members. From the A. J. club Jane Bauer got first on a prayer shawl, dresser scarf and flamingos.

Lillian Milam got two first for candle stick and compote dish she had made from antiques dishes.

Marie Samuel got first on her barn wall hanging.

A special thanks to Marie for all the pictures she took and shared with me at the convention.

The GFWC Illinois Anna Jonesboro Women's Club met Monday, April 2, at Anna Arts Center, with Lee Hackney in charge of the program.

The club has been looking a long time for a place to store the history of the over 100 year old club.

A special thanks to Susan Whitemountain for storing the information at her business the Gathering Place in beautiful downtown Anna.

Now people can stop by and read the history of the club and enjoy learning about our town and other interesting things in history for Susan.

A special thanks to Susan and Lee Hackney for buying the former Hase Pharmacy buildings and making two new businesses for Anna and working on a third one.

The Here and Now store is their other new business where you can buy all kinds of material and other crafts.

Also a special thanks to them and all other volunteers at the Anna Arts Center. Anna is blessed with wonderful volunteers who are helping our city to grow.



Alexis and Ariel Nekola celebrated confirmation at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Federico Higuera, Melissa Shoulta and grandparents Judy and Bill McClure.



New officers of General Federation Women's Club Illinois District 25: Wanda Burklow president-elect, Jackie Hancock, vice president leadership, Claire Giles, communications, public relations, Nikki Staley, secretary-treasurer, Jane Bauer, president.



Nona Trambley was honored on her 70th birthday with a dinner party at Blue Boar in Anna. Family members from Trambley, Pierson and Mount helped her celebrate.



Susan Whitemountain visited her family in Dixon on Sunday, March 18. From left are cousins Carlene Augustine and her parents Sam and Betty Wells, mom Mary Sitter, Susan Whitemountain, sister-in-law and brother Concha and Randy Sitter.



Jane Bauer, Lillian Milam and Marie Samuel are with a donated gift basket raffle for the District 25 Women's Club Convention from the GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club. Many items in the basket were grown or made in Union County.



First place winners at District 25 Women's Club conference: Jane Bauer won first and a blue ribbon for a piece she knitted, embroidery work and two decorated flamingos. Marie Samuel won first and a blue ribbon for her hand quilted wall hanging titled "Farm Life." It was entered at state also. Lillian Milam won first and a blue ribbon for a glass candle holder.



Doug and Beth Hileman hosted the grandchildren and their families at the 5-H Farm near Anna for the Easter holiday. Doug is holding Leah and Emmie Hileman. Beth is holding Gideon and Abigail Song. In front are Finlay Hileman and Joshua Song.



At Easter in Anna, great-grandparents Norm and Barb Bauer had their hands full of funny bunnies. Seated with Norm and Barb are Leah Hileman, Finlay Hileman, Gideon Song, Emmie Hileman and Joshua Song. In back is Abigail Song.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Maudy Thursday, Rev. Carl Johnston's sermon was on the fellowship of the upper room. Communion was taken.

Maggie Johnston Davis read the scriptures. Darryl Parks put a candle out after each scripture.

Songs were sung and everyone left in silence to honor our Lord Jesus Christ and the sacrifice he gave for us.

Easter Sunday call to worship was by Frank LaFoon Christ is Risen and New Testament Lesson from 1 Corinthians.

Special music was "He's Alive" by Teri Goldsberry and the ladies choir.

Rev. Carl told the children that a long time ago people used to dye all the Easter eggs red to represent the blood of Jesus. Then when they cracked them open they were white to represent new life.

Rev. Carl Johnston's sermon was on Jesus is Risen, with the gospel lesson from Luke.

Special guest from Florida, formerly of Anna, was Janice Lewellyn with her grandchildren Sean and Madison, sister Carol Gordon and brother Clarence Tweedy.

Guests of Al and Susan Kamp were their grandchildren Korey and Alexis from Tompkinsville, Ky., and great-grandchildren of Eunice Chambers.

Shooter Belcher was celebrating his 8th birthday Sunday morning.

It was good to have Marilyn Belcher from Sparta back visiting her family.

Shirley West's granddaughter was visiting. Amanda, Eric Boreup, children Ava, Paxton, and Hayden's aunt from Michigan was visiting.

Janet Boyd was there will all her family.

April is the golden anniversary of the new sanctuary, along with its offices, choir room and two classrooms first used in April

1968.

An order of worship for the consecration of the new sanctuary was held on May 26, 1968, with Rev. Frank Pierce.

On April 29, there will be an all church potluck and also being planned is an all church photo.

Congratulations to Maggie Johnston-Davis, who is going into the ministry. Please keep her in your prayers. She will be going to school to complete her bachelor's and master's degree.

Rev. Carl and Maggie will be teaching a class on the book of discipline of the church.

A special thanks to Dean and Elizabeth Corbit for the eggs they bring for everyone.

Solo potluck will be at noon on Wednesday, April 11

Game night will be April 13, with the meal being breakfast for supper.

For the Loaves and Fishes March meal, 146 people were served. The April meal will be Tuesday, April 17, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. The meal will be roast pork, baked potatoes and salad. A special thanks to everyone who helps with the meal.

A spring plant sale will be Saturday, May 12, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Set up for the sale will be Friday, May 11. If you would like to help please contact Wanda Dillow, Jack Zimmerman or Darryl Parks.

Thanks

A special thanks to Ruby Brimm for giving me credit when she renewed her subscription to The Gazette-Democrat and to Allen Brimm for taking out a new subscription.

Birthday Celebration

Gerald Glasco celebrated his 88th birthday March 22 with his brother Garry and his several nephews having breakfast together in Union County.

Calling America Back to God

Calling America Back to God will meet Thursday, to-

day, at Anna Heights Baptist Church. Bernice Leona Pyle will give her personal testimony Out of Darkness Into His Marvelous Light. Everyone welcome.

Connect Point Church Good Friday was observed with an evening service and communion.

They have two services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Wednesday Bible study is at 7 p.m.

Food pantry and outreach are on the first and third Saturday at 10:30 a.m. They deliver food to several homes. If you need food please let them know.

The church is located across from the Anna Post Office.

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

Proclamation Day

Shawna Rhine from WIBH started this year's Child Abuse Prevention Month with Proclamation Day April 3 at Union County Courthouse. Local

city and county officials, along with local child abuse agencies, signed this year's proclamation.

State Retirees Meeting Martha Ann Webb won the door prize at the March meeting.

AFSCME Retirees Chapter 90 meets at Anna Heights Baptist Church in Anna on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m.

Birthdays March 29 Nona Trambley, Cheriah Herring, Jax Watkins, 30 Kay James, Sarah Denny, Delores King, Carl Dillow, 31 Angie Gordon, Nola Wenger, April 1 Shooter Belcher, 2 Kelly Carter, Jennifer Burgess, 3 Janet Boyd, 5 Emily Goins, Marcy Morris 6 Elaine Crain, 13 Jessica Anderson, 14 Adeline Wilde, 15 Brian West, 17 Bryton West, 19 Danny Kamp, 20 Michelle Wiseman, 21 Natilyn Corbit, 22 Christian Goins, 23 Lynn Steveson, 24 David Swink, 28 Gayle Caraker, 29 Rebecca Corbit.

Wedding Anniversaries

March 31 Jimmy and Valeria Meller, April 14

Terry and Barbara House, 26 Tyler and Muriel Zachary, Mr. and Mrs. John Lehman.

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

Free Community Dinners

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

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

Military Prayer List

Please send me a name if you want them in the military prayer list please. 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.

Hayden Young, Garrett Goines, Nick Harvel, Nona Elizabeth Luke, Lu-

cas J. Strickland, William Nathaniel Frankell, Ethan Maze, Lukas W. Davis, Kiefer Stull.

David Jordan Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, C J Youngerman, Freddy Morse, Reagan Morrison, Josh Steveson, 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.

Easter Vacation

Lou and Mia Comte enjoyed an Easter week vacation in Russiaville, Ind. They planned to leave Monday to come home and it was snowing and already had about 4 inches.

Guest

Guest of Jennifer and Steve Brown is their son Michael from Portland, Ore. Michael will get to stay until April 10.

Television Listings

THURSDAY APRIL 5, 2018

Table with 12 columns (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW) and 6 rows of programming for Thursday, April 5, 2018.

FRIDAY APRIL 6, 2018

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SATURDAY APRIL 7, 2018

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SUNDAY APRIL 8, 2018

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MONDAY APRIL 9, 2018

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TUESDAY APRIL 10, 2018

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WEDNESDAY APRIL 11, 2018

Table with 12 columns (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW) and 6 rows of programming for Wednesday, April 11, 2018.



Lillian Milam, scholarship chairman for District 25 of the Women's Club, presented the scholarship award to Audrey Elliott of Eldorado at the district meeting in Herrin. With Audrey is her mother Kellie.



Susan Whitemountain celebrated St. Patrick's Day with her mom, Mary Sitter. They enjoyed corn beef and cabbage and some good Irish music by a local band at the Knights of Columbus in Dixon.



Louie Bryant helped his mother Nola celebrate her 98th birthday March 31.

# Opinion and Commentary

## Warning issued about synthetic cannabinoids

The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, is warning people about the dangers of synthetic cannabinoids, often called fake weed, K2, and spice, after six people who used synthetic cannabinoids suffered severe bleeding.

"Despite the perception that synthetic cannabinoids are safe and a legal alternative to marijuana, many are illegal and can cause severe illness," IDPH director Dr. Nirav D. Shad said in a news release.

"The recent cases of severe bleeding are evidence of the harm synthetic cannabinoids can cause."

Synthetic cannabinoids are not one drug, but hundreds of different chemicals manufactured and sold.

These chemicals are called cannabinoids because they act on the same brain cell receptors as the main active ingredient in marijuana.

Synthetic cannabinoid products are unsafe. It is difficult to know what's in them or what your reaction to them will be, health officials warned.

The health effects from using synthetic cannabinoids can be unpredictable and harmful – even life threatening.

The health department reported that in March, six people in northeastern Illinois had suffered severe bleeding. All reported using synthetic cannabinoids.

IDPH continues to investigate the cases to try to identify a common product.

Anyone who has a serious reaction to synthetic cannabinoids should call 911 or go to the emergency department immediately, the health department stated.

## Letters to the editor

### Making a problem worse

To the editor,  
"There is no problem so bad you can't make it worse" is a phrase I heard in an interview with international space station astronaut, Chris Hadfield.

Making a bad problem worse is exactly what our Union County Commissioners did before passing the 2018 budget. Before discussing the 2018 budget, a look at previous decisions our commissioners made is important.

In 2013 the five commissioners hired a County Administrator to help with a workload that once was performed by three commissioners. This administrator was paid \$60,000, given four weeks paid vacation and one sick day per month along with other benefits. When totaling salary and benefits this administrator cost the taxpayers nearly \$86,000.

In 2014 the commissioners created a Chief Information Officer position, which became fulltime in 2016, at a cost to the taxpayers of \$76,000.

Several years ago our commissioners created another position in the County Treasurer's office which is costing the Union County taxpayers nearly \$70,000 a year.

Despite a revenue decrease of nearly \$200,000 for the 2018 fiscal year which was largely caused by the State of Illinois keeping more of Union County's sales tax dollars, our county commissioners created a Human Resources Director position. When totaling salary and benefits this position will cost the taxpayers nearly \$78,000.

Even more befuddling, the commissioners, despite this loss of sales tax revenue, approved yearly pay raises totaling over \$7,000 for the administrator position and over \$6,000 for the human resources position by the year 2020.

All this was decided while our State's Attorney, County Clerk, Circuit Clerk and Treasurer are now being required to perform their constitutionally mandated duties with less personnel. The majority of these personnel earn far less than the Human Resources Director position.

Since my retirement in 2014, I have regularly attended the Board of Commissioners meetings and watched this unfold.

Commissioners Hartline and Miller voted in favor of creating the human resources position and Commissioners Foeller, Hartline and Miller voted for the pay raises. Commissioners Toler and Foster were opposed to both.

The commissioners might be able to justify the need for a Human Resources Director in times of plenty but we aren't in those times and their arrogance in giving pay raises totaling over \$13,000 and creating a position that will cost taxpayers nearly \$78,000 while asking our County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Treasurer and State's Attorney to either not fill positions or layoff personnel is incorrigible.

The cost of total compensation for all four positions created by our county commissioners since 2013 comes at cost of over \$300,000 to the taxpayers. While it is true that the State of Illinois is responsible for some of the counties budget problems, some of our budget woes are self-inflicted. "There is no problem so bad you can't make it worse."

Thank you for looking at this letter. Tom Sadowski, Anna

### Writing competition welcomes entries

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White has announced that entry forms are available for the 14th annual Illinois Emerging Writers Competition. Winners will receive the Gwendolyn Brooks Poetry Award.

The award is named in honor of the late Pulitzer Prize-winning Illinois Poet Laureate Gwendolyn Brooks and is cosponsored by the Illinois Center for the Book.

The competition is open to Illinois residents age 18 and over. Entries must be postmarked by June 30. Cash prizes will be awarded.

Entry forms can be found at [http://cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/center\\_for\\_the\\_book](http://cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/center_for_the_book).

## Please read this. . .

by Geof Skinner

### Don't know much about...well...lots of stuff

Amazing.

At the time this was being started last Friday morning, Mother Nature was sharing a little bit of sunshine with us. Seemed like the last time we had seen the light of the sun might have been sometime last October.

Then again, the forecast was calling for the return of clouds...and rain...and snow...SNOW????...on Easter Sunday. As that blockhead Good Ol' Charlie Brown might exclaim...AAARRRRGGHHH...

This week, allow me, if you will, to share with you folks a couple of things that yours truly really does not know much about.

Actually, such things could fill an encyclopedia, or whatever the early 21st century equivalent of such volumes of wisdom might be. I will be the first to admit that there's a whole bunch o' stuff in this great big wide world that yours truly has limited knowledge about.

Consider the mushroom that I saw on a walkabout one afternoon when rain was not falling from the sky. A picture of said mushroom accompanies this week's meanderings.

Actually, there were a couple of the mushrooms. They were growing in a yard, a few steps away from a sidewalk. The mushrooms were light brown and about the size of a small fist.

The mushrooms reminded me of a brain, which would be something that journalists aren't really familiar with. Or, so I've heard.

To be honest with you, I had no idea what kind of mushroom I was looking at. I am vaguely familiar with mushrooms which come in little cans, which, in turn, come from the grocery store.

I believe that these mushrooms are products of France. Why do we have mushrooms from France? I do not know. The Other Half buys them. We do not discuss canned mushrooms very often.

Perhaps, if you are bored, and you probably are by now, and if you happen to be a mushroom expert, you could let me know sometime what kind of mushrooms I saw.

(Pause in the writing...wow...the sun is still shining...)

Mushrooms may, or may not, like the rainy, cool weather we've been having lately. Most of the folks I've talked to would be glad to feel the warm breezes of spring and to see at least a day or two without rain.

It probably would be bad to just flat out say "I wish it would stop raining." Never know how that might end up.



**A snack for the Tin Man? This mushroom was spotted one day recently while the photographer was on a daily walkabout. By the way, even if you are the Tin Man, please do not go out and just start munching on mushrooms you find in the great outdoors.**

## Page from the Past

From the files of The Gazette-Democrat  
50 Years Ago, April 4, 1968

The 32nd Annual Easter Sunrise Service atop Bald Knob Mt. near Alto Pass will begin at 6 a.m. Easter Sunrise morning, April 14. It will have a Sesquicentennial theme. Wayman Presley said this scenic little mountain is a fitting place to celebrate the 150th birthday of Illinois.

All members of the Cross of Peace Choir are requested to attend final Easter rehearsal Saturday evening, April 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Methodist Church in Jonesboro.

Easter services will be held at historic old Kornthal Church on Sunday, April 14, at 3:30 p.m.

The annual Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 13, at the Anna City Park.

About 300 members of the Anna State Hospital Local 141 will vote on whether to strike today, Thursday, April 4, according to a spokesman for the Union.

Only the Dongola Unit District 66 and the Jonesboro Elementary School District 43 have contests in the April 13 School Board elections.

All Union County schools will dismiss Friday, April 5, due to the Union County Educational Association meeting being held on that day. Schools will be dismissed from Monday, April 8, through Friday, April 12, for spring vacation.

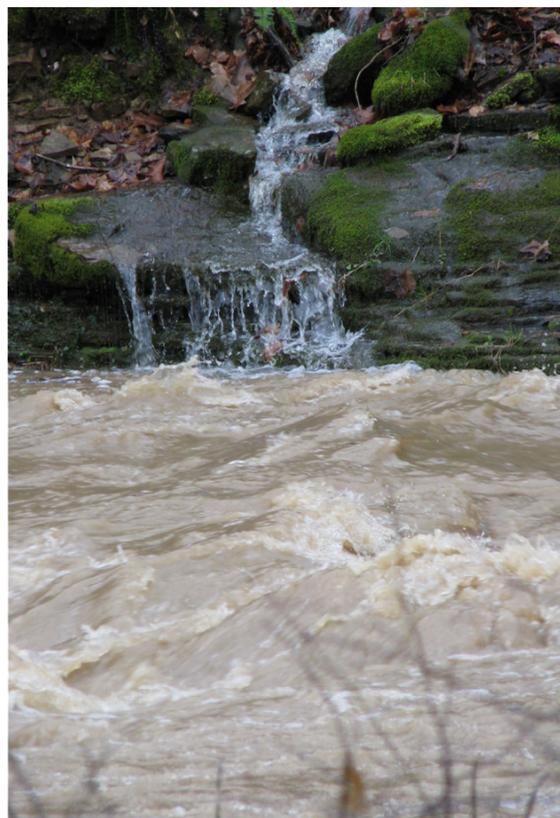
The month of March went out like "the proverbial lion" with high winds and rainfall Sunday, March 31. The temperature on that day ranged from a high of 70 to a low of 51.

Chief of Police Dallas West has announced that the new 1968 Ford custom police car which was purchased recently was put into operation on Monday, April 1.

Mrs. Ida Pulliam of Anna celebrated her 93rd birthday Sunday, March 24. Mrs. Pulliam enjoyed the day by attending church at New Hope, then enjoyed a birthday dinner at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lowell Stokes.

Open House will be held at Anna-Jonesboro Teen Town Thursday, April 4, for members of the 8th grades of Anna Junior High, Jonesboro Grade and Lick Creek schools.

The Lincoln School Festival will be held tonight, Thursday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.



**A simple black and white picture simply does not do justice to some of the forces of nature which were at work one afternoon last week in Union County.**

Last Thursday afternoon, yours truly went out looking for pictures of water. Steady rain was still falling. As it had been doing for days and days.

Finding pictures of water was not hard to do. A drive along Spanish Bluff Road near Anna offered plenty of opportunities to see water in action.

In case you are not familiar with Spanish Bluff Road, it's worth a visit. Spanish Bluff is a "classic" country road which offers views of rocky bluffs and a creek.

(How Spanish Bluff came to be called Spanish Bluff is another one of those things that yours truly does not know about. Seems like I may have actually heard the story some time in the forgotten past.)

The creek was the focus of my attention last Thursday. At one point, I stopped and got out of the car to take a picture or two or three. Thanks to the heavy rain we'd been having, the creek had become a raging torrent of brown water. (Yes, I know. "Raging torrent" most likely is an overused cliché for lots of water. Sorry.)

The image of the "raging torrent" was quite impressive. And so was the sound track which accompanied the visuals. The "raging torrent" was accompanied by sounds not often heard in the creeks of Union County. A sense of awe comes to mind.

Awe was the word that came to mind when I got to thinking about the amount of water which was falling from the sky on Union County...and where that water might end up.

I'm guessing ('cause I don't know for sure...imagine that) the creek ends up in a bigger creek, which eventually ends up in the Ohio River or the Mississippi River, which eventually ends up in the Gulf of Mexico, where some of the water evaporates, and cycles into the sky, then it heads north and falls from the sky on Union County, and eventually ends up in a creek along Spanish Bluff Road...

...and the sun is still shining.

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