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## News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

The American Legion's Townsend F. Dodd Post No. 344 has spearheaded improvements at the Veterans and Comrades Memorial near the four-way stop in downtown Anna. More on this to come...

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The Anna Fire Department responded to 153 calls during 2018, including one at about 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 31 which caused major damage to a pole barn/garage structure along Kaolin Road. Anna was assisted by the Jonesboro and Cobden fire departments. No injuries were reported.

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The A-J Junior Wildcats On the Prowl tournament is planned Sunday, Jan. 13, at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. Tournament action gets underway at 9 a.m.

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The Union County area received something in the range of 5.3 feet of precipitation during 2018.

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The National Weather Service reported that the Mississippi River at Cape Girardeau was expected to fall below flood stage Monday morning. A flood warning had been in effect.

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## Art club

### creates mural

The Anna School District No. 37 Art Club recently completed a mural for Quick's Skate Rink in Anna.

Joshua Shearer is the art teacher in District 37. Shearer shared that the club "is looking for more opportunities to get public art in Union County.

"Hopefully this can raise awareness about the inequality when it comes to visual art education across the county and the state.

"I hope to one day live in a county and a state where every child in public schools has an art teacher."

## 2018 climate highlights

# 63.61 inches of rain recorded in Union County

National Weather Service: 'The year with only two seasons: winter and summer' in region

The weather during 2018 in Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky was very wet and a little bit warmer than normal.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported that many locations in the region finished the year some 8 to 12 inches wetter than normal.

Normal annual precipitation in the region is around 45 to 50 inches. Numerous areas picked up more than 60 inches.

### Local Precipitation

Local weather observer Dana Cross recorded 63.61 inches of precipitation in Jonesboro during 2018.

Statistics tallied by Cross showed that February was the wettest month of 2018, with nearly 11 inches of precipitation.

July was by far the driest month of last year, with less than an inch of rain.

Here's a look at monthly precipitation numbers recorded by Cross for last year:

January, 2.15 inches. February, 10.98 inches. March, 6.60 inches. April, 5.23 inches. May, 7.77 inches. June, 6.60 inches.

July, .93 of an inch. August 3.49 inches. September, 7.42 inches. October, 3.77 inches. November, 3.64 inches. December, 5.03 inches.

Cross recorded a total of 9.53 inches of snow for the year.

January had 4 inches of snow. February had 2.75 inches. November had 2.5 inches. Snow was even recorded in April, with .10 of an inch.

### Regional Precipitation Totals

The weather service reported that the highest observed total amount of precipitation in the region

was 71.44, recorded in Trigg County, Ky.

Paducah and Cape Girardeau all finished with their top 10 wettest years on record. The wettest months, compared to normal, were February, June and September.

The highest annual rainfall totals in the region reported by the weather service for 2018 included:

71.44 inches in Cadiz, Ky. 67.11 inches in Kevil, Ky. 66.97 inches in Rosiclare. 64.10 inches in Cape Girardeau. 63.87 inches in Madisonville, Ky. 62.84 inches in Hickman, Ky. 62.55 inches in Murray, Ky. 62.16 inches in Carbondale.

Paducah had its 10th wettest year on record (with 60.64 inches). Cape Girardeau had its seventh wettest year on record.

### Regional Temperatures

The weather service reported that temperatures in the region finished above normal by around 1 degree last year.

The most abnormally warm months were May, June and September. The coldest months, compared to normal, were April and November.

"The lack of mild temperatures during the spring and fall months was incredible," the weather service noted.

"Essentially 2018 went down as the year with only two seasons: winter and summer."

The high temperature last year in Paducah was 98 degrees, which was recorded on July 5 and July 14. The average high was 69.1.

The coldest low temperature was 2 degrees, which was recorded on Jan. 2 and Jan. 14. The average low was 49.0.

The high temperature last year in Cape Girardeau

also was 98, which was recorded on July 5. The average high was 67.8.

The coldest low temperature was 3 degrees below zero, recorded on Jan. 2. The average low was 48.0.

### Local Temperatures

The high temperature for 2018 in Union County was 97 degrees, which was recorded on July 7. The average high temperature for the year was 67.

The low temperature for last year in the county was 5 degrees below zero, which was recorded on Jan. 2. The average low was 47.

A number of monthly records were posted last year in Paducah and Cape Girardeau.

### Paducah

January, fourth snowiest. February, fourth wettest and eighth warmest. April, third coldest. May, warmest.

June, fifth warmest. September, third warmest and eighth wettest. November, third snowiest and seventh coldest.

### Cape Girardeau

February, second wettest. April, coldest. May, second warmest. June, third warmest and second wettest. September, tied for fourth warmest and ninth wettest. November, third coldest. December, ninth warmest.



## Rainy last day of 2018

The morning of Dec. 31, 2018, was rainy in the Union County area. The photograph was taken at about 8 a.m. in downtown Anna.

# December weather

Wetter, warmer than normal; 5.03 inches of precipitation in county

Precipitation topped 5 inches during the final month of 2018 in the Union County area.

Weather observer Dana Cross recorded 5.03 inches of precipitation during December in Jonesboro.

The precipitation included a trace of snow on Dec. 4.

The most precipitation in a 24-hour period was 1.68 inches – recorded on Dec. 14.

Temperatures during the month ranged from a high of 67 on Dec. 1 to a low of 14 on Dec. 11.

The average high for the month was 49 degrees. The average low was 32.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported that December was wetter than normal across a large portion of the region, particularly across parts of Southern Illinois and Western Kentucky.

With a lack of cold air during most of the month, very little, or no, snow fell.

This was the fourth consecutive December to finish with no measurable snow in Paducah.

The year ended with a line of thunderstorms which produced damaging winds across the region during the late morning and early afternoon hours on Dec. 31. Above normal temperatures were common throughout much of December. Temperatures in the region finished 4 to 5 degrees above normal.

Several weather records were set in the area during December:

### Paducah

Record daily precipitation of 1.17 inches was set on Dec. 1.

Record daily snowfall of a trace was set on Dec. 9.

### Cape Girardeau

Record daily rainfall of 1.46 inches was set on Dec. 14.

The final month of 2018 was the ninth warmest December on record.

## Weather

Temperatures, precipitation for Dec. 18-Jan. 7

Temperatures ranged from a high of 64 degrees to a low of 22 during the period of Dec. 17 through Jan. 7 in Union County.

Precipitation during the period included .19 of an inch on Dec. 20, .02 of an inch on Dec. 26, .48 of an inch on Dec. 27, .12 of an inch on Dec. 30, .75 of an inch on Dec 31, 1.26 inches on Jan. 4 and .01 of an inch on Jan. 7.

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

	H	L
Tuesday, Dec. 18	51	24
Wednesday, Dec. 19	55	27
Thursday, Dec. 20	51	39
Friday, Dec. 21	39	27
Saturday, Dec. 22	51	22
Sunday, Dec. 23	43	23
Monday, Dec. 24	50	22
Tuesday, Dec. 25	53	30
Wednesday, Dec. 26	53	27
Thursday, Dec. 27	59	48
Friday, Dec. 28	56	31
Saturday, Dec. 29	35	28
Sunday, Dec. 30	49	26
Monday, Dec. 31	64	43
Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019	46	36
Wednesday, Jan. 2	39	35
Thursday, Jan. 3	42	31
Friday, Jan. 4	39	31
Saturday, Jan. 5	58	28
Sunday, Jan. 6	59	32
Monday, Jan. 7	59	53

## 200 years celebrated

The last Sunday of 2018 was a special day for one Union County church.

The First Baptist Church Jonesboro celebrated its 200th anniversary on Sunday, Dec. 30.

The church is located at 201 W. Walnut St. in the Union County community.

The church joined the City of Jonesboro, Union County and the State of Illinois in commemorating their bicentennials during 2018.

Dec. 30 was designated as "Old-Fashioned Sunday" at the First Baptist Church in Jonesboro.

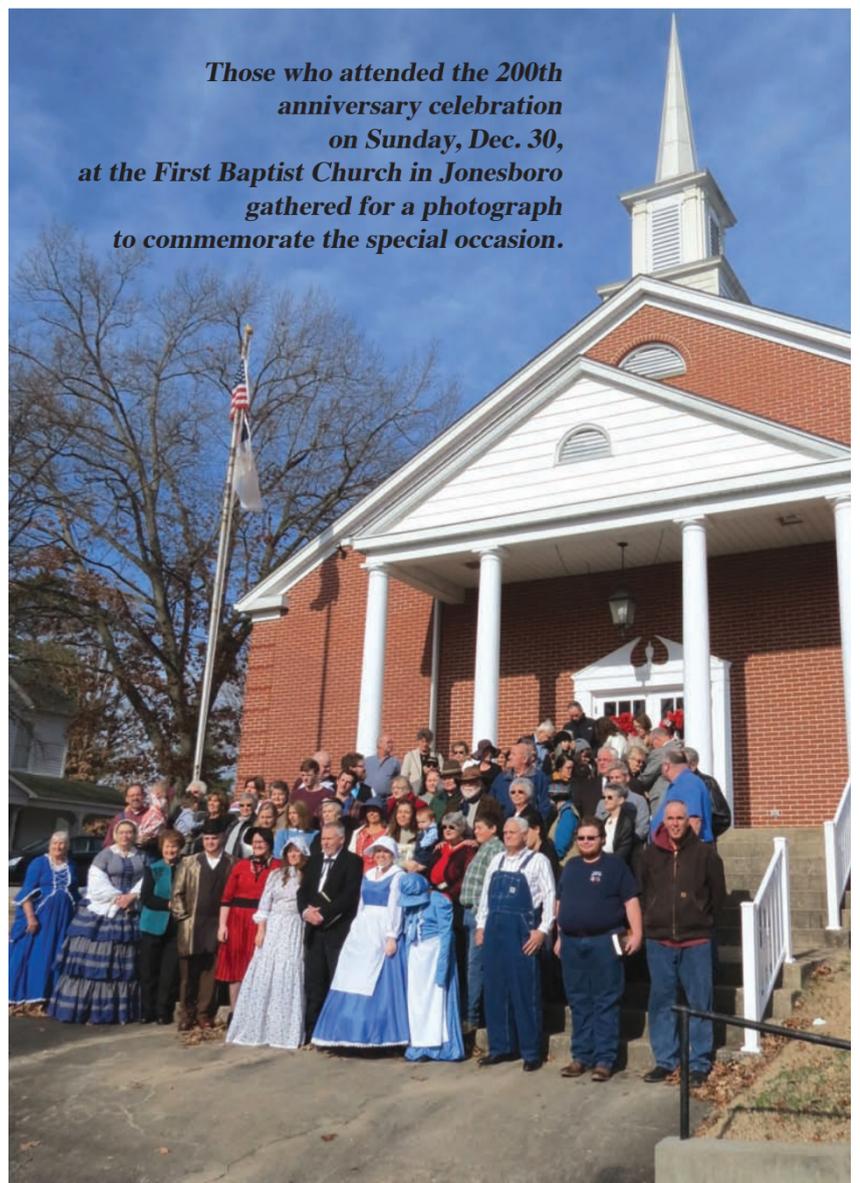
Music from the 1800s was heard at the celebration.

Many of those who attended the morning service on a bright and sunny Sunday were dressed in period clothing.

One former pastor, Phil Nelson, attended the festivities. Nelson was the pastor of the church from 1994 to 1997. He shared some memories about his time at the church.

Perry Williams is serving as the church's current pastor.

A potluck fellowship meal followed the service.



Those who attended the 200th anniversary celebration on Sunday, Dec. 30, at the First Baptist Church in Jonesboro gathered for a photograph to commemorate the special occasion.



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## News Notes

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A "special weather statement" issued by the weather service early this week alerted area residents to the possibility of 35 mile-per-hour wind gusts on Monday.

Some parts of the region were under a "wind advisory" on Tuesday. Wind gusts of up to 35 mph and 45 mph were possible.

The marquee in front of Anna Junior High School/Davie School in Anna showed a temperature of 60 degrees at 12:39 p.m. Tuesday...

...meanwhile, the National Weather Service forecast for our region was calling for a chance of rain and snow this Friday, afternoon, with "rain and snow likely, becoming all snow after 8 p.m."; "snow likely before 10 a.m." Saturday, then "rain and snow likely"; and a chance of snow Saturday night.

The Union County Chamber of Commerce is planning to have its fourth annual gala on Saturday evening, Jan. 26, at The Old Feed Store in Cobden. The gala will have a "wild west" theme.

Joyce Plott has been honored for 40 years of service with Walmart.

The Cobden Village Board of Trustees has approved the appropriation

## Jonesboro man faces drug charge

Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds reported on Jan. 4 that charges were filed against Kevin E. Smith, 51, of 301 S. Orange St. in Jonesboro in connection with a traffic stop conducted by the Jonesboro Police Department on Jan. 3.

Smith has been charged with aggravated unlawful delivery with the intent to deliver methamphetamine, which is a Class X felony.

Smith has been charged with possessing more than 15, but less than 100, grams of methamphetamine in a vehicle protected by a firearm.

Smith was being held at the Jackson County Jail in Murphysboro on \$500,000 bond.

Smith was scheduled make his first appearance at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro on Tuesday, Jan. 8.

of \$25,000 in state motor fuel tax funds for street and highway maintenance work during 2019.

Reminder: the Union County CEO program recently announced plans to host a Hometown Hoops basketball tournament on Sunday, Jan. 20, at Anna Junior High School.

The Illinois Department of Transportation has been doing maintenance work along old U.S. Route 51 between Anna and Cobden.

The Fellowship House in Anna and the Family Counseling Center in Vienna have created a community resource guide.

The National Newspaper Association is advising folks to stock up on U.S. Postal Service Forever stamps. The cost of the stamps is going from 50 cents to 55 cents on Jan. 27. The Gazette-Democrat is a member of the National Newspaper Association.

The 2019 calendar of events for Giant City State Park near Makanda features a wide range of activities, including hikes, nature programs and a junior naturalist day camp during the summer, to name a few.

## Special patrols conducted

Results of alcohol countermeasure enforcement patrols conducted in Union County during December by Illinois State Police District 22 have been announced.

The results were reported by Capt. Michael Alvey, who is the commander of District 22.

Alvey stated that the alcohol countermeasure enforcement patrols allowed the state police to focus on preventing, detecting and taking enforcement action in response to violations associated with impaired driving and illegal transportation or consumption of alcohol or drugs.

The following results were reported following the details:

Driving under the influence, DUI, citations, one. Other alcohol/drug citations, six.

Registration offenses, one. Driver's license offenses, three. Insurance violations, three.

Total citations/arrests, 16. Total written warnings, 26.

The details were funded through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

## National Stalking Awareness Month observed in January

Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds is alerting the public that January is National Stalking Awareness Month.

The focus of the month is to focus on a crime that has impacted as many as 7.5 million victims in a year.

Edmonds said in a news release that this year's theme is "Stalking: Know It. Name It. Stop It."

The theme is designed to challenge the nation to fight this dangerous crime by educating the public on the often subtle signs and the extent to which it is occurring.

The National Center for Victims of Crime started Stalking Awareness Month in 2004.

Stalking is defined as a course of conduct directed at a person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear.

In one of five cases, stalkers use weapons to harm or threaten victims, and stalking is one of the significant risk factors for homicide in abusive relationships.

Victims suffer anxiety, social dysfunction, and severe depression at much higher rates than the general population, and many lose time from work or have to move as a result of their victimization.

Unlike other crimes, stalking is not a single, easily identifiable crime but a series of acts, Edmonds said.

Stalking may take many forms, such as assaults, threats, vandalism, burglary or animal abuse, as well as unwanted cards, calls, gifts or visits.

One in four victims report that the stalker uses technology, such as computers, global positioning system devices or hidden cameras, to track the victim's daily activities.

Stalking is difficult to recognize, investigate and prosecute, Edmonds said.

Stalkers fit no standard

psychological profile, and many stalkers follow their victims from one jurisdiction to another, making it difficult for authorities to investigate and prosecute their crimes.

Communities that understand and recognize stalking, however, can support victims and combat the crime.

The Union County state's attorney's office in Jonesboro encourages community members to report incidents of stalking and take action to promote awareness and public education about stalking during the annual observance of National Stalking Awareness Month.

The state's attorney shared some tips to keep in mind if you believe you or someone else may be the victim of stalking:

- Trust your instincts. If you feel unsafe, take it seriously. Don't let others pressure you to downplay the stalker's behavior.

- Call the police. Report stalking to police. When it isn't an isolated incident, give police the full story explaining the pattern of behavior. If you feel you are in immediate danger, call 911.

- Keep a log. Keep a written log or record of the stalking behaviors including the date, time and location.

- Save emails, texts and social media posts. Save any written communication from the stalker to provide to police.

- Call for help. Help is available 24 hours a day from many resources including:

The National Domestic Violence Hotline, 1-800-799-SAFE.

The Women's Center Inc., 1-800-334-2094.

Stalking Resource Center, victimssofcrime.org/src.

## State police release activity reports for December, year 2018

Illinois State Police District 22 has released activity reports for the month of December and for the year 2018.

The reports were released by Capt. Michael Alvey, who is the district's commander.

District 22 includes Union, Johnson, Pope, Massac, Hardin, Pulaski and Alexander counties.

**December**  
 During December, District 22 officers:

Responded to 67 calls for service.

Issued 623 citations and 937 written warnings.

Arrested six motorists for driving under the influence, DUI.

Handled 35 crashes; including one fatal.

Conducted 227 motor carrier safety inspections; 23 of the inspections led to either the driver or vehicle being placed out of service for safety violations.

Assisted 79 motorists on the side of the road.

Made 12 criminal arrests.

The following statistics were for citations that were issued for the "Fatal Four" violations:

DUI, five. Speeding, 345. Occupant restraint, 79. Distracted driving, 32.

**2018**  
 During the year 2018,

District 22 officers:  
 Responded to 1,168 calls for service.

Issued 7,075 citations and 11,426 written warnings.

Arrested 55 motorists for DUI.

Handled 439 crashes; including 14 fatalities.

Conducted 3,962 motor carrier safety inspections; 285 of the inspections led to either the driver or vehicle being placed out of service for safety violations.

Assisted 1,497 motorists on the side of the road.

Made 145 criminal arrests.

The following statistics were for citations that were issued for the "Fatal Four" violations:

DUI, 55. Speeding, 3,502. Occupant restraint, 1,207. Distracted driving, 375.

**"Scott's Law"**

The Illinois State Police continue to remind motorists to follow "Scott's Law," or "The Move Over Law." The law requires motorists to:

Reduce the speed of their vehicle, to yield the right-of-way by changing lanes away from an authorized emergency vehicle and to proceed with due regard for safety and traffic conditions.

## Budget, audit reports on agenda at recent county board meetings

Approval of a new budget and an audit presentation highlighted discussion during Union County Board of Commissioners meetings which were held in December.

The commissioners had a special meeting on Friday afternoon, Dec. 21. A regular meeting was held Friday morning, Dec. 28. Both meetings were at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

### Dec. 21 Special Meeting: New Budget

The commissioners approved a budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 at the special meeting.

The county's fiscal year began on Dec. 1, 2018, and continues through Nov. 30, 2019.

The budget which was approved by the commissioners included appropriations totalling \$32,188,846 for all funds.

The appropriations include \$4,737,157 for the general fund.

The appropriations also include \$933,049 for the Union County Ambulance Service; \$727,198 for the county highway general fund; \$222,048 for the county bridge fund; \$192,976 in federal aid matching funds; \$412,120 for the county motor fuel tax fund.

\$333,632 for the unit road district fund; \$171,848 for the unit road district bridge fund; \$631,862 for the unit road district motor fuel tax fund; \$52,052 for the township bridge program.

\$106,000 for county tourism; \$452,746 for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund; \$52,000 for the Southern Seven Health Department; \$40,000 for University of Illinois Extension.

\$20,410 for the senior citizens fund; \$307,746 for Project Redeploy; \$61,475 for the VOCA fund; \$283,458 for the 911 fund.

In related business, the commissioners also approved tax levies for the fiscal year which began on Dec. 1.

In other business at the special meeting:

The commissioners approved an affiliation agreement between Union County government and the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees regarding interns.

The commissioners approved a grant agreement which involves the State of Illinois, the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority and Union County.

## Lick Creek Cattle Company joins American Angus Association

Lick Creek Cattle Company in Buncombe is a new member of the American Angus Association.

The national breed organization has its headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo.

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

The association's computerized 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 agreement was made on behalf of the Union County state's attorney's office.

An intergovernmental agreement was approved which involves the Illinois office of the comptroller and the Union County circuit clerk's office regarding access to the comptroller's local debt recovery program.

Board chairman Max Miller reported that \$6,000 in donations had been received toward reaching a goal of \$8,500 for the purchase of a truck for the Union County animal control program.

### Dec. 28 Meeting: Audit Report

At their regular meeting on Dec. 28, the commissioners heard a lengthy presentation about the county's 2017 audit by a representative of the Sikich Accounting Firm in Springfield.

The presentation highlighted a wide range of findings which are covered in the audit. Recommendations to resolve matters of concern also were shared.

Some of the topics which were addressed in the presentation included internal control over financial requirements and improving those controls; personnel records and the need to maintain them in a central, secure location; bank reconciliation records; fines and fees assessed by the court system; recording of time and attendance by employees, including calculation of payroll; a centralized policy related to capital assets; a policy regarding approval of lease agreements; and timely cash deposits.

The county has addressed, or is addressing, issues which were discussed.

Board chairman Miller did voice frustration about a lack of cooperation regarding implementation of some of the changes.

He also noted that the board has worked to address some of the matters with staffing that has received criticism.

Miller voiced appreciation to the accounting firm for the work which had been done on the audit.

In other business at the Dec. 28 meeting:

A presentation was made by a representative of Platinum Elections regarding equipment used in elections.

Union County Clerk Lance Meisenheimer has launched an effort to update the county's election equipment, which dates to the 1990s.

The first passenger train on the Illinois Central Railroad from Chicago to Cairo journeyed through the state on Jan. 1, 1856. The event spurred the development of villages and towns down the length of the state. Cobden and Dongola followed Anna as railroad towns.

## Girl Scouts have rededication ceremony; Rodgers presented with Silver Award pin

Union County Girl Scouts gathered Dec. 20 for a Christmas party and rededication ceremony.

At the ceremony, two new Daisy Scouts were given their pins.

Members of a second-year Daisy troop, 8487, were awarded their year pins.

Troop 8492 members were awarded their Bronze Award pins.

Troop 8548 members received recognition for what they have been doing.

Girl Scout Anna Rodgers, the daughter of Valerie Palmer and Roy Rodgers of Anna, was presented with her Silver Award pin.

The Silver Award is the

second highest honor that a Girl Scout can earn.

Anna earned her award by helping the Two Rivers Child Advocacy Center by making blankets for the older children the center serves and donating supplies for the center's clients.

She also helped by cleaning their play room and raising money to help the center's Green Bear program.

Anna and her troop also received their Bronze Award when they were in Junior high by collecting supplies for Two Rivers.

After the ceremony, the girls decorated their own cookies, and also made ornaments and Christmas cards.



**Earns Silver Award**  
Union County Girl Scout Anna Rodgers has earned her Silver Award pin. Photo provided.



### Ugly sweater contest

"Ugly" sweaters, and ugly sweater contests, are a traditional part of the Christmas holiday season. The crew at Rusty's Home Center in Anna had their annual ugly Christmas sweater contest on Christmas Eve - Monday, Dec. 24. Employees came dressed in their "ugliest" holiday apparel to compete for the honor of winning the contest. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.



### Party, ceremony held

Union County Girl Scouts had a Christmas party and rededication ceremony on Dec. 20. Photo provided.

### Illinois school library grant funds awarded

Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White has awarded more than \$1.3 million in Fiscal Year 2019 School District Library Grant Program awards to 694 public school districts.

More than 1.6 million Illinois students served by school library media programs have benefitted from the grants.

Schools in Union County are among those to receive funds.

Local school districts which received \$750 grants include:

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School District No. 81. Cobden School District No. 17. Dongola School District No. 66. Shawnee Community Unit School District No. 84 at Wolf Lake.

Appropriations from Fiscal Year 2019 that were approved by the Illinois General Assembly and the governor awarded school library grants based on a formula of 75 cents per student, with a minimum grant award of \$750.

The School District Library Grant Program is used for a variety of needs at Illinois schools.

**LOST DOG**

Last seen Sun., Dec. 23rd on Lick Creek Road near Woods Lane. 2 year old male German/Aussie mix. Recently missing tail. Answers to Bear.

Please call 618-202-8123 with any information. 3P4GC

## Cobden Police Department reports Shop with a Cop program was successful

The Cobden Police Department reported that its 2018 Shop with a Cop program was a success.

The department shared that the support and generosity of many individuals and businesses helped to provide gifts for 26 children in the community.

Donations to the pro-

gram totalled approximately \$2,800. An annual pancake breakfast generated \$740.

The funds made a shopping trip of \$2,735 possible. Remaining funds will be used for next year's program, the department reported.

The police department voiced its appreciation to ev-

eryone who made donations. Appreciation especially was voiced to:

Save-A-Lot in Jonesboro, which donated all of the food for the pancake breakfast.

Downtown Abbey Pizza in Cobden, which donated 15 pizzas for the children and their families.

Cobden Unit School for the use of the school's facilities for the pancake breakfast and for the pizza meal, along with assistance in providing the list of children.

Cobden Elementary School custodian Chuck Hankins for his help with the pancake breakfast and the pizza party.

The officers of the Cobden Police Department and the auxiliary police department voiced their sincere appreciation to all of those who make the Shop with a Cop program possible each year.

## Arts center event to feature historic women

The Anna Arts Center plans to pay tribute to some of history's most influential women and the fight for gender equality with an afternoon of theater performances and monologues.

The program is set for 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, at the arts center, which is located at 125 W. Davie St. in Anna.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door.

Among the performances

is the one-act play "Aquitaine," which focuses on the life of Eleanor of Aquitaine, a French duchess who rose to prominence in Europe in the 12th century.

The show will also feature dramatic monologues portraying other women throughout the centuries, including Joan of Arc, Harriet Tubman, Madame Marie Curie and even Eve herself.

Union County Chamber of Commerce  
**4th Annual Gala**  
**Saturday, January 26, 2019**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**The Old Feed Store, Cobden, IL**

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Please join us in welcoming Brandi Sissom to our A-JNB family. Brandi is a full time teller working at the Main Street facility. She is a graduate of Shawnee High School and has lived in Southern Illinois all her life. Brandi is married and has two children with her husband Logan. She looks forward to meeting and serving her community. Stop by and say Hello!

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# Sports

## Lady Wildcats' Helm scores 1,000th point during high school career

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' basketball team split in action last week.

**A-J 52, Murphysboro 32:** The visiting Lady Wildcats pulled ahead early and held on for the win Saturday, Jan. 5.

Angel Helm led the way with 11 points, a rebound and an assist. She now has scored 1,000 points in her high school career.

Jaley Watkins had 10 points, 3 assists and a rebound. Anna Hess had 7 points, 3 assists and 2 rebounds.

Kristin Edmonds had 6 points, 5 rebounds and 4 assists. Kaya Coleman had 4 points and 3 rebounds.

Julia Ellis had 4 points and 2 assists. Jacee Woodward had 2 points and 7 rebounds.

### Commentary

## Remembering stellar career of fast-pitch softball's Gary Endres



**Gary Endres**  
By Mike Estel

Several years ago a name stuck out throughout the area that few people can forget when the subject of fast-pitch softball is mentioned.

A lot of local teams played against him and can never forget the pitches that Murphysboro's Gary Endres delivered across the plate.

"Gary had a fantastic drop, a great riser, but most of all a tremendous desire to win," said Bill Pierson of Murphysboro, who was a catcher for him during that era. "He refused to lose."

He was widely regarded as the best pitcher ever in Southern Illinois.

His team, the Murdale Martin Oilers, won the Men's Major Fast Pitch State Tournament three consecutive years, 1970, 1971 and 1972. The team was the only team from the deep South to ever win the men's major state tournament.

"Endres was the most successful pitcher of this era," said Decatur Herald sports editor Bob Fallstrom, a big fan of men's fast-pitch softball.

If you mentioned the Martin Oilers fast-pitch softball team back then, no one could ever forget who watched any of their games the uncanny pitches he delivered.

"Definitely the best pitcher ever in Southern Illinois including the Southwest Illinois area and one of the top five pitchers I have ever seen in Illinois," said Don Brewer of Murphysboro, a long-time manager of the Martin Oilers and current Illinois State Softball Commissioner.

The Martin Oilers disbanded in 1976, but Endres was not finished. He went on to pitch for Godfrey

Morgan Wendling had 2 points and a rebound. Sydney Heath had 6 rebounds. Mikayla Bundren had 3 rebounds and an assist.

**Goreville 51, A-J 46:** The host Lady Blackcats pulled ahead in the second quarter on their way to the win Thursday, Jan. 3.

Helm had 13 points, 8 rebounds and 2 blocked shots to lead A-J.

Edmonds had 10 points, 4 rebounds, an assist and a steal. Wendling had 10 points and a rebound.

Watkins had 5 points, 8 rebounds, 2 assists and a steal. Bundren had 5 points, 2 rebounds and 2 steals. Woodward had 3 points, 5 rebounds and a steal.

A-J, 15-4, is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at Herrin and Saturday at the Eldorado Tournament.

## Wildcat wrestling team was busy in December

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School wrestling team has been busy recently.

The Wildcats competed at the Abe's Rumble at the Bank of Springfield Center on Dec. 28-29.

Fifty-five teams competed at the tournament. A-J finished 6-2 in the two-day event.

The Wildcats defeated Quincy Notre Dame and Normal University.

A-J tied with St. Joseph Ogden, 37-37, but lost due to tie-breaking criteria, with the final score 38-37.

A-J lost to the No. 4 ranked team in Class 2A in Coal City.

The Wildcats finished as the odd team out in the 32-team championship bracket, which put the team in the championship round in the bronze consolation bracket, which Anna-Jonesboro won.

The Wildcats defeated West Frankfort, Robinson,

## A-J wrestlers compete at Murdale Tournament

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School wrestling team finished in 14th place at the 23-team Murdale Wrestling Tournament held at Carbondale Saturday, Jan. 5.

Eleven Wildcat wrestlers placed at the tournament.

Medalists were Arojae Hart, 113 pounds, and Barry Johnson, 138 pounds, both with 4th place finishes; and Amiyah Hart, with a 6th place finish.

Others finishing for A-J were Reid Morrison, 195 pounds, 7th place; Bryce Lingle, 160 pounds and Garrett Fabec, 285 pounds, both in 8th place; Clayton Ramage, 132 pounds, 9th place; Chris Johnson, 152 pounds and Nick Sanders, 182 pounds, both in 10th place; David Kester, 120 pounds, 14th place; and Justin Kostal, 145 pounds, 18th place.

Anna-Jonesboro is scheduled to compete Thursday, today, in Marion against the host school, McCracken County, Ky., and Jackson, Mo.

## Nashville tops Lady Wildcats

The visiting Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' basketball team fell behind early and couldn't catch up in a 41-32 loss to Nashville in Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division action Monday, Jan. 7.

The Lady Wildcats trailed 4-0 at the outset until Kristin Edmonds countered with a 3-pointer. A-J's Jaley Watkins closed out the quarter with a pair of free throws with them trailing 10-5 at the end of the quarter.

A-J fell behind 17-11 at the half and 26-19 after three periods.

Watkins led the way in the loss with 9 points. Mikayla Bundren added 8 points, followed by Edmonds 5, Anna Hess 4 and Angel Helm, Julia Ellis and Morgan Wendling with 2 apiece.

Anna-Jonesboro, which fell to 15-5 overall and 4-2 in the conference, is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at Herrin and Saturday in the Eldorado Tournament.

Dwight and Carlinville in the championship bracket.

On Dec. 21, A-J competed at the Union County, Ky., Holiday Duels.

A-J defeated Caldwell County, Ky., 56-12. The Wildcats lost to the No. 1 ranked team of Kentucky, Union County, 56-15, and the top ranked team in Tennessee, 81-0.

Following the December competition, A-J's record was 16-6 overall in dual competition.

A-J was scheduled to wrestle Jan. 4-5 at the Murdale Tournament in Carbondale and Jan. 8 at West Frankfort.

## Saluki Sports Update

By Fred Huff

With the basketball Salukis well on their way to a 4-0 start in the Missouri Valley Conference race, it seemed like an ideal time to catch up with former SIU assistant coach Rodney Watson.

Remember him? Rodney was a fixture in the area, serving as assistant coach at SIU for most of Rich Herrin's 13 years with the Salukis, then assisting Bruce Weber (1999-2003), Matt Painter (2004) and for the first five or six seasons of Chris Lowery's eight-year run.

Enough was enough for the capable Watson and he took advantage of the head job opening at nearby University of Southern Indiana. Applied and was hired.

It was a good move for Watson and the Indiana school which is located just a few miles west of Evansville.

The Eagles have fared well under Watson. Only once in his nine years there has USI failed to win 20 games and has several league titles to its credit under his leadership. His overall record going into this season is 203-65 and the Eagles are 9-4 this year.

Like several other teams we follow somewhat, USI has been slowed by an injury or two, but has what Watson described as "a true winner" in a kid named Aex Stein. He's a workhorse, plays 37 to 38 minutes a game and is averaging more than 20 points a game.

However, of more interest to Saluki fans is probably comments Rodney had about his family and former days spent at SIU.

"The Watson family is (which lived in Carterville) thriving. We're all well, have a new home and couldn't be happier" he told us this week in a brief phone call.

And, it was brief compared to some we've had in the past due to a scheduled meeting with his assistants.

Incidentally, Coach Watson had some interesting comments to make about Brad Korn, former Saluki standout player, who is still serving as an assistant on Weber's Kansas State staff.

"Korn is one of the finest assistant coaches I've ever known," Rodney said.

"Every head coach needs an assistant like Brad on his staff because he's such an outstanding player's coach. You don't have to worry about a player understanding or misunderstanding what was said as long as Korn is around. He can break everything and anything down into a player's level. Players love him for his ability, and desire, to communicate with them."

It almost sounded to me like what I once would have said about Coach Watson when he was at SIU.

I would not ask Watson if he was disappointed over never having a chance to coach the Salukis.

I know what the answer would have been. The guy grew up in mid-state Paris, Ill., and took his first coach-

## Cobden girls in action at Chester Tournament

The Cobden High School girls' basketball team finished 1-2 in the Chester Tournament held last week.

**Sparta 55, Cobden 23:** The game was tied 10-10 after one quarter before the Lady Bulldogs pulled ahead for keeps in the final three quarters of the final tournament game Saturday, Jan. 5.

Jenna Hartline, who was named to the all-tournament team, led the Appleknockers with 11 points.

Abby Ramsey added 7 points, Abby Clover and Olivia Brumleve 2 apiece and Aubrey Fisher 2.

**Cobden 52, Valmeyer 47:** Cobden pulled ahead

early in the tournament win Thursday, Jan. 3.

Hartline had 21 points to lead Cobden.

Ramsey added 14 points, Katelyn Shadowens 6, White and Clover 4 apiece and Fisher 3.

**New Athens 53, Cobden 28:** Cobden fell behind in the loss and couldn't catch up in first-round action at tournament Wednesday, Jan. 2.

Hartline had 21 points to lead the Appleknockers.

Fisher, Ramsey and White added 2 points apiece and Shadowens 1.

Cobden is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at Shawnee.

ing job at Coulterville before moving on to Madison before entering the junior college ranks and getting Coach Herrin's attention.

He still knows about the Salukis. Not like he once did, but he, like all coaches, follows the game.

And, he's heard all of the good things about this year's SIU club. He's aware of the injury or two and the recent suspension affair, but takes the coach's stand while wishing Hinson and his entire operation the best for the remainder of the season.

It's enjoyable to think back about the many head basketball coaches SIU has had since we've been closely associated with the Salukis. Can you believe nine?

Nine dating back to Harry Gallatin in 1960. He was "the horse" of the NBA. That was his nickname. Seems like he had started in more consecutive games than any other professional player during his days and before he joined the Salukis. What a guy.

And, I could say the same about all of the others. Maybe not for the same reason, but they all had their strong suits and we'd enjoy spending half-a-day with any and all of them today.

And, yes, that goes for even those that didn't have strong or enjoyable stays in Carbondale. Like Joe Gottfried and Allen Van Winkle. Things just didn't go their way for one reason or another, but I could write positive columns about them almost as easily as I obviously can about Rich Herrin, Bruce Weber or short-termer Matt Painter.

It's a difficult job, coaching that is, not writing. It's not the least bit difficult being a good person, however, and they all fit that description. In our mind, anyhow.

**Intended for Jan. 3**

Hardly spectacular, but last week was a good one thanks to all of the area high school tournaments and old, as well as new, friends.

A few fans at Centralia were totally unimpressed when we casually mentioned that we had seen the first game ever at the tournament, Du Quoin vs. Marion, in 1943.

That was back in the old days when Centralia players shot "the 'kiss shot'" which occasionally would go between the girders at Trout Gymnasium before swishing the net or, of course, banging the rim and being rebounded behind what is now known as the three-point line.

It was a two-handed shot with the ball placed at the lips of the shooter, thus described as "the kiss shot."

The days of Centralia's Dike Eddleman are firmly fixed in our mind. My new acquaintances at this year's tournament hardly smiled at mention of his name.

"You know, Dwight Eddleman, the first nationally famous high school athlete of all time," I said.

I changed seats when I suspected they were calling

the guys in white jackets. It's just a little difficult for me to realize that a couple of generations have come and gone since the days we first got involved in sports.

Before closing the "Eddleman Days," however, we've got to remind that the one-time Centralia prep later lettered in three sports at the University of Illinois. True.

An Olympic high jumper, "Dike" also was a U of I standout in football and basketball before earning his degree there and actually winding up as a member of the school's athletic department.

And, believe it or not, we had a similar experience between games of the Sesser tournament when we asked a somewhat elderly fan sharing our table and enjoying a drink if he remembered David Lewis when he was a better-than-average athlete at Sesser High.

"Never heard of him," he said. "Well, his dad was principal of Sesser's High School back in the mid-1940s," I offered.

He hadn't heard of Mr. Lewis either and, after giving me a look of wonderment, took off.

I even tried to impress another well-dressed scholarly-looking gentleman by asking if Sesser had ever recognized Dave for his many books and papers on Henry Ford, you know "the car guy." No luck. He, too, looked in the opposite direction.

It's fact, however, just like Eddleman becoming a famous athlete at the U of I, Lewis is noted world-wide as being the leading authority on Henry Ford's life.

He's also my friend as he's the person who first got me interested in collecting printed sports articles in newspapers and magazines.

When the Lewis family left Du Quoin for Sesser in 1944 and Dave became a standout on the Red Devils' six-man football teams, I replaced him as sports editor of the high school weekly newspaper.

Even though there are many, many memories, I must confess that I have never managed to read more than the opening two or three chapters of any of Dave's books on Henry Ford.

He, Ford, wasn't any kind of an athlete and Dave used far too many technical terms in describing the development of four-wheeled vehicles for me to appreciate.

So, you take the good with the not-so-good and believe me there were some outstanding individuals and teams playing at both Centralia and Sesser last week.

We're confident that the same could be said about Benton, Eldorado, Pinckneyville and Carbondale as well, but time became a factor.

And, now, we'll return to the college game as the Salukis make their bid for a Missouri Valley Conference championship. They definitely are overdue.

## Cobden wins consolation title at Sesser-Valier Tourney

The Cobden High School boys' basketball team built an early lead on its way to a 65-37 win over Odin to earn the consolation championship at the Sesser-Valier Holiday Tournament Saturday, Dec. 29.

Joe Brumleve led the way for Cobden with 31 points. Noah Franklin added 18 points, Zane Nance and Chandler West 5 apiece and Dylan Lewey, Alex Remsey and Landon Britt 2 each.

Brumleve and Franklin were both named to the all-

tournament team.

"We're getting a little better all the time," Cobden coach Wendell Wheeler said after the tournament.

**Cobden 47, Zeigler-Royalton 33:** Franklin led with 16 points in the tourney win on Friday, Dec. 28.

Nance added 15 points, Britt and Brumleve 6 apiece and Jose Lopez 2.

Cobden improved to 10-7 overall and finished 3-1 at the tournament.

## Cobden outscores Shawnee

Cobden built an early lead on its way to a 60-25 win over host Shawnee in South Egyptian Conference high school boys' basketball Friday, Jan. 4.

Noah Franklin, who made two consecutive 3-pointers to open the game, finished with 20 points to lead the Appleknockers.

Joe Brumleve added 18 points, followed by Zane Nance 9, Alex Remsey 4, Chandler West 3 and Jose Lopez, Landon Britt and Cody Wieseman 2 apiece.

Nick Rose had 8 points to lead the Redskins. Austin Warren added 6 points, Lathen Holtman 5, Justin Kaufman 4 and Ryan Schaefer 2.

Cobden, 11-7, is scheduled to play this week in the Chester Tournament.

## Du Quoin edges A-J

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' basketball team couldn't hold a lead in a 69-65 loss to host Du Quoin in Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division action Friday, Jan. 4.

Blake Pena scored 19 points to lead A-J. Noah McFarland added 18 points, followed by Zach Overstreet 11, Nate Belcher 8, Tyler Smith 6 and Carson Reynolds 3.

A-J, 3-11 overall and 0-4 in conference, plays Friday at home against Sparta in a conference game and Saturday in a non-conference game at Vienna.

A-J competes at the West Frankfort Tournament next week.

## Master Gardener training application deadline extended

The application deadline for upcoming University of Illinois Master Gardener spring 2019 training has been extended to Jan. 14.

University of Illinois Extension reports that the training is scheduled from Jan. 29 through April 23 at the Mees Center at John A. Logan College in Carterville.

The training is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each Tuesday.

After completing the training coursework, Master Gardeners provide service to their communities.

Acceptance into the pro-

gram will require a mandatory background check and an informal in-person interview.

The program has a \$200 fee, which covers the cost of the trainings and a Master Gardener manual.

Applications are available at local Extension offices.

The applications also are available online at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/ajmpu/mg/>.

Information about the program is available by contacting Extension educator Erin Medvecz at [emedvecz@illinois.edu](mailto:emedvecz@illinois.edu) or 618-833-6363.

## Pre-disaster mitigation planning addressed at county meeting

Local plans to meet the challenges of potential major disasters were addressed at a meeting which was held during December in Union County.

The Union County pre-disaster mitigation committee hosted the meeting, which was held Wednesday morning, Dec. 12.

While attendance was sparse at the public meeting, those who were present did address a number of important concerns regarding the impact of such disasters as flooding, tornadoes and earthquakes.

Among those who attended the meeting were Dana Pearson, Union County's emergency manager; Crystal Davenport, regional planner with the Southern Five Regional Planning District and Development Commission; Grant Capel, director of the Union County Ambulance Service; Gary Rider, the chief of the Anna Fire Department; and Levi Milliron, representing Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Milliron, who is a researcher in the SIUC geology department, facilitated the December meeting.

Pearson said that the county's pre-disaster mitigation committee is made up of representatives of various local jurisdictions and includes firefighters and other emergency services personnel.

The development of a

## River to River Trail hike topic of program

The challenges of a thru-hike on the River to River Trail in Southern Illinois will be the topic of a talk which is planned Sunday afternoon, Jan. 13, at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

The free talk is set for 2 p.m. in the visitors center at the park.

The presentation will be given by Chris Benda. In December, Benda hiked the River to River Trail from Elizabethtown on the Ohio River to Grand Tower on the Mississippi River. Benda blogged about his hike as he made the journey.

On Sunday, Benda will talk about the challenges of the hike. He also plans to talk about the ecology of the land and plants that he observed along the trail.

For more information about the event, contact the visitors center at 618-457-4836.

local mitigation plan is required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA.

FEMA and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, IEMA, are the funding agencies for the mitigation plan for the county.

Development of the Union County plan is scheduled to be finalized during 2019. The plan will be submitted to IEMA and FEMA, with approval to come from both agencies.

The focus of the meeting was to inform the public about potential disasters which could strike Union County, the losses expected from such events and how to reduce the vulnerability to the disasters.

Development of a multi-hazard mitigation plan for Union County has three goals:

- To identify, quantify and model disaster potential for Union County.

- To guide preparation of the FEMA-mandated disaster mitigation plan.

- To stimulate and secure funding for hazard mitigation projects.

Mitigation planning, as defined at the meeting, focuses on "preparedness, not recovery. It is any sustained action taken now - before the next disaster to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property from a hazard event."

Potential hazards which the county could face (and has faced) include:

Flooding. Dam/levee failure. Earthquakes. Tornadoes. Winter storms. Severe thunderstorms. Wildfire. Hazardous materials (hazmats).

"Winter storms and flooding have been our biggest issues," Pearson said during the meeting.

Local officials also voiced concerns about wildfires and hazardous materials.

The local committee plans to have a third meeting as work proceeds to finalize the plan this year.

## A-JCHS Board December meeting action highlighted

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School District No. 81 Board of Education had its last meeting of the 2018 calendar year on Dec. 17. The meeting was in the superintendent's office of A-JCHS.

Representing the student council, Jenna Watkins and Ana Markovic gave updates on student government events.

The student council participated in the Pay it Forward program, buying and wrapping holiday gifts for 15 children.

Following holiday break, they plan to enact their "Dude. Be Nice" campaign, which aims to promote a positive school environment by encouraging students to consider their actions and the effects they have on others.

Melody Thomas reported on recent happenings with the A-J faculty.

The culinary arts classes baked cookies and donated them to the Hadley's Haven Christmas Home Tour.

Julie Lewis took 10 of her students to Springfield to tour the Lincoln Museum and Lincoln's Tomb. The PAST organization of Union County donated the money to pay for the fuel for the trip and A-J National Bank paid for the students' dinner.

Students of Lewis' media literacy classes received special lectures from guest speakers Molly Parker, investigative journalist at The Southern Illinoisan newspaper, and Charles Ornstein, Pulitzer Prize recipient and editor of ProPublica. They spoke about the journalistic process, freedom of the press, fake news and muckraking.

Director of curriculum and instruction Scott Finders reported that A-JCHS will be offering two developmental English courses through the dual credit program at Shawnee Community College.

He also reported that foreign language teacher Grace Darmour-Paul has been awarded a \$500 Classroom Empowerment Grant from the Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative.

The board passed some motions as well, including a motion to approve the certificate of tax levy, and a motion to approve the short-term sub agreement with the regional office of education.

The board also discussed the approval of adding a resolution on the ballot for the April election.

The resolution would implement a 1 percent sales tax to be used for Union County school facilities. Funds generated would be able to be used only on the building and repair of school facilities.

Some retail items will be exempt from the tax, such as automobiles, most grocery items, farm equipment, medications and others.

For the resolution to make it on to the ballot, 50 percent of the county school boards (based on the number of students) must approve. On roll call, all present members of the board voted yes, and the motion was carried.

A motion was also approved for the A-J concert choir's trip to New York City, as well as a motion to approve Trish Burkhardt-Cripps as the head girl's soccer coach.

The first A-JCHS School Board meeting for calendar year 2019 is scheduled for Jan. 14.

## Egyptian tops Shawnee

Austin Warren scored 19 points to lead visiting Shawnee in a 60-41 loss at Egyptian in high school boys' basketball at the Egyptian Shoot Out Saturday, Jan. 5.

Ryan Kaufman added 9 points for the Redskins. Nick Rose had 7 points and Caleb Nicholson, Ryan Schaefer and Laythan Holtman 2 apiece.

Rose sustained an ankle injury in the game and could be lost for the season.

Warren was named to the Shoot Out's all-tournament team.

Shawnee is scheduled to play in the Mid-Winter Classic at Egyptian next week.

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### Cobden Elementary School caring project

Fourth grade students at Cobden Elementary School recently completed their annual caring project to benefit residents at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna. The students and their families donated money to purchase socks and other items for the residents. The students also created handmade Christmas cards for each of the 60 veterans at the home. Photo provided.

## Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative Member Topic

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# Top 2018 weather events

Year without spring and fall; tornadoes; derecho; oppressive heat, humidity; snow in April, November

The National Weather Service office in Paducah says that the year 2018 was noteworthy for the lack of spring and fall in the region.

As the year came to an end, the weather service took a look back at the 10 biggest weather events of 2018. The review was shared on the website for the weather service's office in Paducah.

Along with the missing spring and fall seasons, the top weather events in Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky, as well as southwest Indiana included:

- Rare late season snowfall in April, followed by rare early season snowfall in November.

- Several severe weather events impacted the region during the year, including Feb. 24, April 3, May 31 and June 28.

- The biggest river flooding event of the year occurred around March 1, due to excessive rainfall amounts in February.

- Relentless heat and humidity occurred during the first half of the summer season, resulting in one of the most uncomfortable July 4ths on record.

Here's a look at the top weather events of 2018:

## Jan. 12 Winter Storm

An Arctic cold front moved rapidly southeast across the lower Ohio Valley on the evening of Jan. 11.

Rain changed to a brief period of freezing rain, then to sleet during the overnight hours.

The sleet changed to snow on Jan. 12 as Arctic air flooded in.

A vigorous disturbance in the upper levels of the atmosphere prolonged the snow through much of the day on Jan. 12.

Snow amounts were the greatest over Western Kentucky, with amounts of 3 to 5 inches common. A few areas observed as much as 7 inches of combined snow and sleet accumulations.

## Snowfall on Jan. 15

A cold front moved south into the area and stalled out

in the region's southern counties.

The result was an extended period of snow. Snow fell for over 12 hours in Paducah and several other locations.

The heaviest amounts of snow were seen in parts of Southeast Missouri into Western Kentucky.

The weather service recorded 2 inches of snow in the Anna-Jonesboro area.

## Severe Weather Outbreak on April 3

A strong cold front moved rapidly east. A broken line of strong to severe thunderstorms formed along the front during the warmth of the afternoon hours over Southeast Missouri.

The line of storms progressed rapidly east across the lower Ohio Valley, accompanied by scattered reports of large hail and wind damage.

National Weather Service storm damage surveys revealed 11 tornadoes occurred across portions of Southeast Missouri, Southern Illinois and Western Kentucky.

The two strongest tornadoes were rated as EF-2s: these occurred from far eastern Williamson County into Saline County in Southern Illinois and in Livingston County, Ky.

## Spring 2018 Climate Summary

Despite temperatures averaging near normal across the region for the season, the spring of 2018 was anything but normal when you look at the individual months.

March was the only month that was anywhere near what you would typically expect, with temperatures averaging slightly below normal.

As the region progressed into April, many of the days felt like we were still in March.

In fact, it was one of the coldest Aprils on record across the area, with some locations experiencing their coldest April on record.

The region even had measurable snow in April for the first time since 1983 for several communities.

Then May 1 came, and temperatures suddenly

warmed up quite abruptly. A flip in the weather pattern resulted in above normal temperatures occurring on every single day of the month of May.

The end result was one of the warmest Mays on record across the region.

Paducah was one of many cities that experienced their warmest May on record. It literally felt more like you would expect in June.

"So essentially we flipped the switch and went straight from March to June, skipping April and May and all the nice mild weather that typically occurs in those months. 2018: The year without a spring? It sure felt like it," the weather service stated.

As far as precipitation, it was generally a wet spring for a large portion of the region.

This was particularly the case from Perry and Jackson counties in Southern Illinois, southeastward into the Jackson Purchase area of western Kentucky and also across much of southwest Indiana and into far northwest Kentucky.

There were some locations that were drier than normal, including across much of the Missouri Ozark counties (Carter, Ripley, Wayne) and up along the I-64 corridor in Illinois. Portions of Wayne and Jefferson counties in Illinois observed less than 10 inches for the season, compared to many locations observing 14 to 17 inches.

Seasonal snowfall was generally above normal across the region. Many locations even observed measurable snow in April for the first time since 1983, including Paducah.

## Severe Weather Event on May 31

Multiple rounds of thunderstorms impacted the region on the last day of May.

Damaging winds, large hail, flooding and three tornadoes were observed with this event.

The first round of storms moved through Southern Illinois, mainly north of Route 13 and into southwest Indiana and northwest Kentucky during the morning and early afternoon



## Bands in the sky

Bands in the sky over Union County accompanied the arrival of severe weather on June 28.

hours. Widespread damaging winds were associated with this line of storms.

Scattered thunderstorm development then began by mid to late afternoon, with coverage increasing as we progressed further into the evening hours.

Even after midnight, storms were still ongoing mainly up in southwest Indiana. By this time flooding had become the main threat.

An EF-1 tornado was reported at 7:54 p.m. near Wolf Lake.

The tornado touched down 3 miles southwest of Wolf Lake and lifted 2 miles south of Wolf Lake.

A very large equipment barn collapsed and another barn was destroyed with the loss of the roof and collapse of walls.

A one-story house was partially shifted off its foundation and had a window broken from flying debris.

All structural damage was along the Ware Wolf Lake Road. Dozens of trees were snapped or uprooted.

An EF-0 tornado was reported at 7:55 p.m. near Wolf Lake.

The tornado touched down 2.5 miles southwest of Wolf Lake and lifted 1 mile east of Wolf Lake.

Several tree limbs, mostly small, were broken. The roof of a barn was blown in on one side.

## June 28 Derecho

Two rounds of severe thunderstorms occurred on Thursday, June 28.

The first round during the midday hours was relatively minor.

The more significant outbreak occurred during the evening hours, when a thunderstorm complex raced southward across Southern Illinois and Western Kentucky.

Widespread wind damage occurred with the complex, which met the definition of a derecho.

## Oppressive Heat and Humidity, June 29 through July 5

Upper level high pressure

set up across the region to end the month of June and lasted through the 4th of July holiday week.

This resulted in high temperatures routinely reaching into the low to mid 90s across the region.

Oppressive humidity levels were in place much of the time as well, with dew points up into the mid to upper 70s on a daily basis. We even had some dewpoint temperatures hit 80 degrees, which is considered extremely oppressive and uncomfortable.

This resulted in daily heat index readings of 100 or above for seven straight days.

The most intense heat and humidity occurred on July 5th when high temperatures reached into the mid to upper 90s and heat index readings soared to between 110 and 115 across much of the region.

At 4 p.m. on July 5 in Jonesboro, the heat index was 118 degrees, local weather observer Dana Cross reported.

## Remnants of Tropical Storm Gordon

The remnants of Tropical Storm Gordon merged with a cold front over the mid-section of the country.

The tropical moisture squeezed out by the front produced widespread heavy rainfall Sept. 7-8.

Some flash flooding occurred in Southern Illinois and southwest Indiana.

During the afternoon hours, thunderstorms increased across southwest Indiana and western Kentucky.

Enough low-level wind shear was present for a few rotating storms in southwest Indiana and northwest Kentucky.

## Fall 2018 Climate Summary

Temperatures averaged near normal for the fall season (Sept. 1 through Nov. 30), but the season was far from normal.

September into the first 10 days of October were

a continuation of summer, with many record highs being established.

It was the warmest start to October on record with highs well into the 80s and lower 90s.

The region flipped the switch abruptly in mid-October, and for the most part, the rest of the fall season experienced below normal temperatures.

The region had a stretch of near record cold temperatures in the middle of October and several more stretches in November.

Typical highs in the 60s and 70s just weren't there in 2018. The region experienced about 43 to 44 days like this in a typical fall season. In 2018, there were only 31 days with high temperatures in the 60s or 70s in Paducah and 30 days in Cape Girardeau.

There have only been one or two other fall seasons on record to have fewer such "comfortable" days.

The majority of the region experienced a wetter than normal fall. The exception was portions of the Missouri Ozark Foothills that were slightly drier than normal, especially portions of Carter and Ripley counties.

Most locations east of the Mississippi River finished 2 to 6 inches above the seasonal normal, with a few locations even wetter than that.

Most of the region doesn't typically experience measurable snow in the fall season, but it happened this year with a system spreading wintry precipitation across the region Nov. 14-15.

## Rare Snow, Ice Event

A rare early season winter storm impacted the region from the afternoon of Nov. 14 into the early afternoon of Nov. 15.

The worst conditions were experienced during the late afternoon and evening hours on the 14th.

The rush hour commute was impacted as snow increased in intensity and began to accumulate on roadways, particularly across western Kentucky along and west of the Lakes region, far Southeast Missouri and Southern Illinois along and south of Route 13.

Snow continued to spread north and westward through the evening. In the Pennyrile region of west Kentucky into southwest Indiana, the predominant precipitation type was freezing rain or sleet, with a warm layer aloft present in this region during much of the evening/overnight period.

When the event wrapped up, many areas had 1 to 3 inches of snow, with a few locally higher totals in Southern Illinois centered near Marion.

Paducah received 1.9 inches, making this the second earliest snowfall of 1-plus inches on record, behind an Oct. 30, 1993, snow event when 2 inches occurred.



## Funnel cloud over Union County

A funnel cloud was seen in the sky over the Wolf Lake area Thursday evening, May 31. The image was captured by Aaron Hoevel and originally was posted online.



## Snow in January

Streets in Jonesboro were covered with snow on Jan. 12.

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

**Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust A PLAINTIFF**

**Vs. Raymond McLane; et. al. DEFENDANTS 14 CH 00025**

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 10/31/2018, the Sheriff of Union County, Illinois will on February 20, 2019 at the hour of 9:00AM at Union County Courthouse 309 West Market Jonesboro, IL 62952, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Union and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

PIN 10-32-06-778-A  
Improved with Single Family Home

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 275 McMahan Lane Wolf Lake, IL 62998

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

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

any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, 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 successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

**IFYOUARETHEMORTGAGOR (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: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-14-10484. I3109063 4-6g

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

**U.S. Bank National Association PLAINTIFF**

**Vs. Richard A Isaacs a/k/a Richard A Isaacs Jr.; et. al. DEFENDANTS 2018CH12**

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PIN 14-00-09-500  
Improved with Single Family Home

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 507 W Spring Street Anna, IL 62906

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject

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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-18-06682. I3109068 4-6g

## FOR RENT

**FOR LEASE:** Commercial Property. Retail Space, 1,105 sq. ft. Available 1/1/2019. 125 Leigh Avenue, Suite B, Anna, IL 62906. Call (618)-833-5636 for an appointment to view.

**FOR RENT:** 2 bedroom, all electric mobile home in the country. Water, sewer, W/D and trash removal furnished. Security deposit & credit check required. \$400.00 per month. Call (618)-893-4867.

**FOR RENT:** 2 bedroom, 1 bath, bi-level, fenced-in backyard. \$600.00 per month. 117 Young Avenue, Anna. Call (618)-615-3676.

**FOR RENT:** Homes, A-Frames and Mobile Homes For Rent in East Cape. Call (618)-661-1118.

## HELP WANTED

**HELP WANTED:** Direct Support Person to assist in providing training to individuals with developmental disabilities in a vocational, day training & residential program. High school diploma or GED required. Must be 18 years of age or older. Benefits for full-time staff of dental, vision, life insurance, and medical insurance are available. Workshop starting salary \$9.50/hour and residential \$10.00/hour. We have a dollar an hour differential increase for working the midnight shifts (\$11.00/hour). Overtime hours available. Training and certification provided. Experience preferred. Apply at Rave, Inc., 214 W. Davie, Anna, IL 62906. EOE.

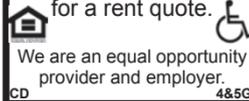
**HELP WANTED:** Payroll/ Receptionist position. Successful candidate should have payroll and receptionist experience, have pleasant personality, and be trustworthy. Duties involve payroll processing, answering the phone, greeting visitors, and involvement with transportation. Must have experience

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## HIDDEN VALLEY CARE CENTER

**204 S. Pecan Street, Jonesboro, IL**

Now hiring for full-time position and/or part-time position. The position is Saturday and Sunday, 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. and Thursday-Sunday, 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. Weekend differential adjusted pay for this job is available. The position offers well above the minimum wage pay. Please contact Hidden Valley at (618)-833-5740 or (618)-697-2351. We are looking to hire somebody with experience in the health care field.

## VACANCY NOTICE Title 1 Teacher

Dongola Unit #66 is seeking a Title teacher to provide direct services to children as directed by Title Coordinator. Applicants must have IL PEL in Elementary Education.

Specifics of the position are:

- 9 month position
- Work schedule is 7:40 - 3:10
- Benefits include sick, personal and bereavement leave
- Health, dental and vision insurance available
- Board paid life insurance policy
- Applicant must be able to work at a fast pace, possess computer skills, for required paperwork, display good organization skills, possess a good work ethic and the ability to develop a positive rapport with students and co-workers.

Applicants must submit a letter of interest, resume, valid PEL and three letters of reference to:

Dr. Paige Helm Maginel, Superintendent  
Dongola Unit School #66  
P.O. Box 190,  
1000 High Street  
Dongola, IL 62926  
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Position will be filled as soon as possible.

## BUSINESS

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## Request for Mowing Bids

Proposals are requested for the mowing and trimming of Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative's (SIEC) twelve (12) substation properties, Massac County facilities and Massac Office property for one year (2019). Work includes mowing and trimming outside of fenced areas at substation properties, mowing and trimming at our two (2) Massac County facilities. Properties are divided into three (3) groups consisting of "Massac Group", "North Group" and "South Group". Descriptions and addresses can be found in the bid packet.

Bid packages can be picked up at SIEC, 7420 U.S. Highway 51 South, Dongola, IL, Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Cooperative requires the successful bidder to provide and maintain public liability insurance, including but not limited to insurance on vehicles utilized in this job and property damage coverage. The Cooperative also requires the successful bidder to provide and maintain workmen's compensation insurance coverage on any individual who performs the mowing and trimming---including an individual who may be the sole owner/operator of the business.

Bids must be received by noon on Friday, February 15, 2019.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

**State of Illinois SS County of Union**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 31st day of December, 2018, under the Assumed Name of Heather Coffman Rentals with the place of business located at P.O. Box 198, Anna, Illinois 62906 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the Sole Owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Heather Coffman  
P.O. Box 198  
Anna, IL 62906

Lance Meisenheimer  
Union County Clerk  
4-6gc

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

**ESTATE OF AGNES J. MUELLER, DECEASED. IN PROBATE NO. 2018-P-69**

**NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE**

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Agnes J. Mueller of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on December 21, 2018, to Nancy Fleenor, 12462 IL-78, Havana, IL 62644, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of admission, you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses in open Court or other evidence, as provided by Section 5/6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21).

You also have the right, under Section 5/8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1), to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within six (6) months after admission of the Will to probate.

The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless, under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755, Par. 5/28-4), any interested person terminates Independent Administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk of this Court.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 311 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before July 10, 2019, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/19-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed

or before June 27, 2019, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: December 21, 2018.

NANCY FLEENOR

CAMERON LAW FIRM, LLC  
ELVIS C. CAMERON  
ATTORNEY FOR INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR  
205B N. MAIN ST.  
ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906  
PHONE: 618-833-2220  
ARDC# 6244394  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DAVID L. JAMPOLIS, Deceased. 2018-P-67**

**NOTICE OF DEATH, INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION AND CLAIM DATE**

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of David L. Jampolis, of Cobden, Union County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on December 19, 2018, to Jesse M. Jampolis, 214 East Poplar, Cobden, Illinois, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is William B. Ballard, Jr., 500 South Main Street, Anna, Illinois.

Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of admission, you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses in open Court or other evidence, as provided by Section 5/6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21).

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# Obituaries

## Rev. James Eugene 'Gene' Hart



Rev. James E. "Gene" Hart, 90, died on Jan. 5, 2019, at 1:15 a.m. at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna.

He is home now in Heaven rejoicing and celebrating with His Savior and loved ones.

He was born on Aug. 10, 1928, the eldest of 12 children born to James and Edna Krueger Hart in Jerseyville.

He is survived by daughter, Sandra (Glen) Gibbons of Marion; a son, Brent (Deena) Hart of Tamms; a son-in-law, Tim Hendershott of Cape Girardeau; granddaughters Stephanie (Dan) Little of Marion, Alexis (Micah Sardell) Gibbons of Eugene, Ore., and Ella Grace Hart of Tamms; grandsons Clinton Hendershott of Jackson, Mo., and Kirk (Trisha) Hendershott of Unionville, Mo.; great-grandchildren Hayden and Haylee Little, Caedann Hendershott, Konner and Kellan Hendershott; sisters, Marcella (Dale) Lance of McLeansboro, Marcia Dee Moore of Carrollton, Ga., Donna (John) Naas of McLeansboro, Joyce (Kent) Ewing of Granite Canon, Wyo., and Linda Trommer of Plymouth, Mich.; brothers Richard (Phyllis) Hart of Fulton, Ky., and Larry (Dixie) Hart of Livingston, Mont.; a brother-in law, Robert Lee of McLeansboro; a sister-in-law, Mary Hart of Cheyenne, Wyo.; many nieces and nephews; and members of his wife's family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Maudie Lou; a daughter, Debra Lynn Hendershott; infant twin sons, Wendell Dean and Randell Gene Hart; sisters Shirley Lee and Barbara Sue Hart; brothers Edward Hart and Marvin Lee Hart; and brothers-in-law, Jack Moore and Paul Trommer.

Being the eldest, Gene took on many responsibilities and chores as a young boy. At age 7, he was hunting for food with his gun. At age 9, his dad would drop him off to plow a field with a horse on 100 acres on his Grandma Brake's place. His dad would then work construction for a \$1 an hour. Before age 12, he would drive a team of horses pulling a wagon to Dahlgren with cream, eggs and his Mom's grocery list.

He attended grade school near Dahlgren in a one-room schoolhouse and Hamilton County High School, and then later attended and graduated from Clarke Memorial College in Newton, Miss., in 1964.

In 1950, he was drafted into the Army during the Korean War. One defining moment with the possibility of not coming home alive, he made his peace with His Savior and accepted Jesus as Lord of his life.

The Army processed him at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri and he was then transported to Camp Carson, Colo., for basic training. He was placed in the 222 Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company. He shipped out to Japan and served there from 1951 to 1952. He returned to the United States and was discharged from the Army.

Gene was a hard-working man and held many jobs over the span of his life. He worked for the Soo Line Railroad out of Chicago. He worked on building the Joppa Power Plant. He served as an ordained minister from 1956 until 2009 and then continued to supply in various Southern Illinois churches.

He was a 52-year member of the Laborers' International Union of North America and retired as mason's assistant for Rathert Masonry.

In 1954, he met Maudie Lou Clinton and married her in January 1955. He surrendered to the Gospel Ministry and was ordained on Oct. 10, 1956, at Lake Milligan Baptist Church in Miller City.

During his ministry he pastored at Unity Baptist Church, Unity (May 1957 to December 1959), Mill Creek Baptist Church, Mill Creek (January 1960 to August 1961), Rock Branch Baptist Church, Union, Miss. (February 1962 to May 1964), Immanuel Baptist Church, Cobden (May 1964 to February 1972), First Baptist Church, Tamms (February 1972 to October 1985), New Hope Baptist Church, Buncombe (January 1986 to April 1992), and Lockard Chapel Baptist Church, Jonesboro (May 1992 to October 2009).

He was a beloved husband, brother, Dad and Pappa. His service to the Southern Illinois area has touched many lives and he will be deeply missed by family and friends.

Today you read that Gene Hart is dead. Don't you believe it. At this moment he is more alive than ever. He has gone higher...His physical birth in 1928 and his Spiritual birth in 1951. "That which is born of the flesh may die; that which is born of the Spirit will live forever." Prayer is that you are ready to live forever with the Lord Almighty.

Funeral services for Rev. Gene Hart will be Saturday, Jan. 19, at noon at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna. Interment will be in Green Lawn Cemetery in Villa Ridge.

Friends can call from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Jan. 19, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna.

Memories and stories, in lieu of flowers, can be sent to [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com).

Memorials can be made to the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna.

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

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

## Patsy Childers

Patsy Childers, 77, of Dongola, died Tuesday, Jan. 8, at her home.

Funeral arrangements were pending at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro.

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

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

## John Paul Keller

John Paul Keller, 76, of Parsons, Tenn., and formerly of Anna, died Thursday, Dec. 27, 2018, at Decatur County Hospital in Parsons, Tenn.

He was born on Oct. 2, 1942, the son of Donald Herbert Keller and Helen Pickles Keller.

Dad wore many hats during his long productive life, but his favorite job was being a salesman.

Whether selling insurance, cars or grain bins, he loved selling so much he always marveled that people paid him to do it.

What he loved most about the job was interacting with other people and telling stories.

You couldn't go anywhere in the Southeastern or Mid United States where he didn't know someone or knew where the good restaurant was.

As a result of selling grain bins for over 40 years, he would always point out grain bins that he was involved with while crossing the by ways and highways of America.

Dad's job involved a tremendous amount of driving, for which he was well known.

He would often meet with farmers one day, drive all night and meet with others the next day hundreds of miles away.

Even after his retirement, he was always up for a trip and always in a hurry to get there. His family sometimes referred to him as "gotta go."

When not working, he enjoyed fishing and golfing. You would be hard pressed to meet a crappie fisherman who knew more about it than he.

He would always remind everyone: "if you aren't getting hung up, you won't catch any fish."

When it came to golf, he was one of the few who was ever seen wearing cowboy boots on greens at the Union County Country Club.

Dad was born and grew up in Anna, Illinois, and graduated from Anna-Jonesboro Community High School in 1960.

Following graduation, he served in the U.S. Army Reserves for six years.

About 30 years ago, he moved to Central Tennessee, where he continued to live the remainder of his life. He referred to the people who lived on his hill with him outside of Parsons, Tenn., as his family.

He always went out of his way to help out those around him. In the family, they referred to him as the reform school where they sent members for help. His door was always open.

Others felt he went too far and people took advantage of his good nature, but he would explain he didn't want to go to his grave thinking that he might have helped out someone but hadn't.

He was an active member of Sardis Ridge Baptist Church in Parsons, Tenn., where he volunteered often for building projects. Dad enjoyed a relatively healthy life and never allowed anything or anyone to slow him down.

He is survived by his son, Tim Keller (Elaina) and children, Sydney Waters, Sailor Waters, Rosemary Waters, Elias Keller, Soren Keller and Will Keller; his daughter, Becky Hebel (Robert) and children, Samantha Nelson (Jedidiah) and children, Tatum and Caleb, Brandi Grice (Tommy); his sister Linda Kay Lence (Jim), and their family, Jeff Lence (Debbie), Jeffrey Lence, Jeffrey Lence, Reese Lence, Kylee Angel, Guinevere Angel, Eleanor Angel, Levi Lence, Brian Lence, Sabrina Lence and Chris Lence (Debbie); a special cousin, Mike Keller (Marilyn); and other cousins and relatives.

John's life was celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 31, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro. Those who attended were invited to share a story about John. Interment followed in Ebenezer Hall Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Ebenezer Hall Cemetery or to the American Diabetes Association.

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

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

## Lorene Jenkins

Lorene Jenkins, 95, of Anna, died Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019, at Union County Hospital Long Term Care in Anna.

She was born on June 24, 1923, in Anna, the daughter of Tullie and Beulah Lamkin Dillow.

She married Vernon Jenkins on Dec. 23, 1962. He preceded her in death on Jan. 13, 1966.

She is survived by many nephews and nieces; other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Vernon Jenkins; and six sisters, Maude Vidal, Esther Thorene, Lillian Edgar, Virginia Warnell, Isabel Lence and Imogene Kneip.

She was a member of the First Christian Church in Anna. She worked at the Florsheim Shoe Factory in Anna until her retirement. She dearly loved spending time with her family.

Graveside funeral services were at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, at the Anna Cemetery, with Bill Littrell officiating. Interment was in the Anna Cemetery.

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

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



## Jason Jerome Randolph

Jason Randolph, 37, of Anna, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019, at his home.

He was born on March 9, 1981, in Murphysboro, the son of James Dwayne and Barbara Ann Stevers Randolph.

He married April Maloy on April 15, 2006, in Carmi.

He is survived by his wife, April Randolph of Anna; two children, Veronica Paige Randolph and Jason Jerome Randolph Jr., both of Anna; his parents, James and Barbara Randolph of Harrisburg; two brothers, James Travis (Deanna) Randolph and Justin Dwayne Randolph (Jessica Grammer); three nephews, Konner Wesley, Zackory William and Bradley Vincent Randolph; aunts, uncles, cousins, many other family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Shelley and Rose Parks and Jerome and Lorraine Stevers.

He worked for Security Finance in Anna for 10 years. He was an Eagle Scout and worked with his son in Cub Scouts.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with the Rev. Bobby Richardson officiating. Interment will be in Salem Cemetery in Carrier Mills.

Memorials can be made for an education fund for his children. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

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

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

## Anita Maze

Anita Maze, 85, of Anna, died on Jan. 3, 2019, at Integrity Healthcare in Anna.

She was born on May 14, 1933, in Union County, the daughter of Benjamin Clay and Amanda Caroline Edmonds Sadler.

She married Riley Leroy "Tee" Maze on April 22, 1950, in Piggott, Ark. He preceded her in death on Oct. 17, 1991.

Mrs. Maze retired from Southern Illinois University, where she worked as a cook for many years. She was a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church near Cobden. She enjoyed cooking, baking, reading and spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her son, Dennis (Theresa) Maze of Cobden; grandchildren Jay (Silvia) Young of O'Fallon, Mo., and Kristi (Josh) Lofton of Cobden; seven great-grandchildren, Nicolas and Kaelyn Boie, Elena and Matteo Young, and Landon, Reese and Finley Lofton; numerous nieces and nephews whom she thought of as her children; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded by her parents; her husband, Tee Maze; seven brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services were at noon Monday, Jan. 7, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with Pastor Carl Dillow officiating. Interment was in Casper Cemetery near Anna.

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

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## Joshua Graves

Joshua Graves, 44, of Cypress, died Friday, Dec. 28, 2018, at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, Ind.

He was born on Oct. 1, 1974, in Morris, the son of Frankie Lynn and LaDonna West Graves.

He is survived by his mother, LaDonna (Russell) McDowell of Dongola; his father, Frankie Lynn (Chris) Graves of Marseilles; four sisters, Heather Coates of Olive Branch, Shiloh Graves of Cypress, Shanna Graves of Joppa and Jessie Graves of Metropolis; many nieces and nephews; his grandfather, Langley (Wanda) West of Vienna; a special uncle, Claude L. Smith of Dongola; and many other relatives and friends.

He worked as an auto mechanic.

Funeral services were pending. Interment will be in the Friendship Cemetery in Dongola.

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

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**Successful event**  
Union County Hospital collected more than 1,500 items during a Christmas holiday season food drive. Photo provided.

## Union County Hospital collects more than 1,500 items in food drive

The Christmas holiday season can be a very difficult time of year for many people.

The cost of buying food is sometimes expensive and adds to the pressure of buying gifts for others.

With those concerns in mind, Union County Hospi-

tal in Anna recently hosted a food drive to benefit area families during the Christmas holiday season break.

"We decided to make it a challenge because who doesn't love a little competition?" said Monica Schramm, marketing director at Union County Hospital.

Each hospital department was given an empty box and asked to fill it with as many non-perishable food items as they could fit into the box.

The response was overwhelming, Schramm said. Every department within the hospital participated and a final count revealed a total of 1,586 items were collected.

Judging criteria focused on quantity of items collected, with the hospital's admitting department being the clear winner of the challenge.

Due to the tremendously positive response by employees, the hospital was able to assemble gallon-sized gift bags to be delivered to area schools.

The gift bags were delivered to Lincoln Elementary School in Anna, Jonesboro Elementary School, Cobden Elementary School, Shawnee Elementary School in Wolf Lake, Lick Creek School and Dongola Elementary School.

The remainder of food was delivered to Bethany Village in Anna to help feed area families.

## A-JCHS plans to host career fair for students

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School is making plans to once again host a Union County Career Fair.

The career fair is scheduled Thursday, March 7, with hours from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The career fair is open to all Union County high school students in grades 9 through 12.

The event will offer an opportunity for students to explore a variety of careers by speaking with local pro-

fessionals.

More than 60 different presenters participated in the 2018 fair, representing local businesses, state agencies and post-secondary institutions.

Those who may be interested in participating in the 2019 career fair by sharing career knowledge with students are invited to contact A-JCHS school counselor Natalie McLean Miller for more information.

Miller can be contacted at nmiller@aj81.net or by phone at 833-8502, extension 119.

The deadline to enter to participate in the job fair is Feb. 1.

Students who are interested in learning more about the job fair can see their school counselor or administrator.

## Peterman on dean's list

Makynzie Peterman of Cobden was named to the fall semester dean's list at Greenville College.

Peterman is a senior at the college, which is in Greenville.

## Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Thank you to Keith Easton of Homer for renewing his subscription to The Gazette-Democrat and giving me the credit.

Those enjoying pizza at Pizza Hut in Anna Sunday night, Dec. 30, after church at Reynoldsville Missionary Baptist Church were Rev. Jamie, Maria and Clayton Bridgeman of Cape Girardeau, Shirley Miller, Penny and Kerry Hill and Derek and Kacie Gollhofer, all of McClure, David and Linda Parks and Danette and Dana Cross, all of Jonesboro, and Sue Eudy of Anna.

Those spending an early Christmas Eve at the home of Jackie and Jay Jennings of Reynoldsville were Jack and Dolores Reynolds of Reynoldsville, Justin, Brandy, Hunter, Gracie and Paxton Wilson of Cape Girardeau, Jonathan, Betsy, Brylee, Nash and Kyndal Oxford of Anna, Amy Kelley, River and Taylor of Jonesboro.

Those visiting with Rodney and Vicki Reynolds of Wolf Lake later on Christmas Eve were Jack and Dolores Reynolds, Adam, Marissa, Brody, Bryce and Brock Reynolds and Brock's friend Brooke, Sara, Joey, Luke and Addy Choate and Lara, Rylie and Titan Wahaib.

Those enjoying Christmas dinner with Dolores and Jack Reynolds were Jackie and Jay Jennings, Rodney and Vicki Reynolds, Sara, Luke and Addy Choate, Justin, Brandy, Hunter, Gracie and Paxton Wilson, Greg, Amy and Valley Reynolds, Andrew, Jessie and Rhiannon Livesay of Wolf Lake.

New Year's Day dinner guests of Dolores and Jack Reynolds were Rodney and

Vicki Reynolds, Greg, Amy and Valley Reynolds and Andrew, Jessie and Rhiannon Livesay.

Shirley Miller of McClure, Ermadell Elkins of Anna, Deanie and Jerry Hinkle of Jonesboro and David and Kristy Miller of St. Charles, Mo., enjoyed eating at Applebee's in Cape Girardeau on Christmas Day.

Those celebrating Christmas on Dec. 26, at the home of Penny and Kerry Hill of McClure were Shirley Miller and Derek and Kacie Gollhofer, all of McClure, David and Kristy Miller, Julie, Eric and Tessa Burton of West Palm Beach, Fla.

Shirley Miller and Penny Hill attended a 60th anniversary celebration for Ken and Barbara Phillips of McClure at Delmonico's in Jackson, Mo., on Saturday, Dec. 29.

Guests of Maxine and Fred Pender of Fair City on Christmas Day were Russ and Patsy Pender, Shelton and Kayde Pender and Leslie Grace, all of Olive Branch. Josh, Heather, Chesleigh and Slayton Miller of Tamms, Brad and

Lori Pender of Jonesboro, Austin Pender and Allison of Anna, Kristin Pender of Evansville, Ind., and Toni Mae Pender and Riley of Metropolis.

Russ and Patsy Pender of Olive Branch visited on New Year's Day with the Penders.

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.

## Sheriff issues monthly report

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

Highlights from the report follow:

Felony arrests, 17. Misdemeanor arrests, 11. Traffic arrests, 28. Warrant arrests, 10. Total arrests, 66.

Cases opened, 26. Drug investigations, five. Crash reports, 18. 911 calls received, 1,196. Miles patrolled, 13,128.

"The Preaching Pen"

**Are There Apostles Today?**

The question has been asked, "Are there apostles today?" Apostles were men who were directly commissioned by the Lord to preach the word and to plant churches. They had power to perform miracles (II Cor. 12:12) as a means of confirming the message they preached (Heb. 2:3-4). Together with prophets, their ministry was primarily concerned with the foundation of the church (Eph. 2:20). It doesn't mean that the apostles and prophets were the foundation of the church, for Christ is the foundation (I Cor. 3:11). They laid the foundation in what they taught about the Person and work of the Lord Jesus. The foundation they laid is preserved for us in the New Testament, though they themselves have been gone for centuries.

Miraculous gifts ended when the New Testament was completed. Paul writes in I Cor. 13:8-10: "Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away." For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. <sup>10</sup>But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away." Verse 8 teaches: "prophecies shall fail, tongues shall cease, knowledge will vanish away." While there were prophecies during the time of Paul, the need for direct revelations would end when the New Testament was completed. Tongues would cease in and of themselves when the sixty-six books of the Bible were finished, because they would no longer be needed to confirm the preaching of the apostles and prophets (Heb. 2:3, 4). Knowledge of divine truth was being given by God to the apostles and prophets, but this would also stop when the Bible was once for all time delivered.

Signs were connected with the early years of the church. They were gifts of the Holy Spirit, but once mankind had the full revelation of God in the Bible, the miraculous gifts were no longer needed and were done away with.

Furthermore, Phillip received the Holy Spirit from the apostles in Acts 6:5-6; yet, he could not pass it on to the Samaritans. Peter & John had to come down to do this (Acts 8:14-18).

In short, the answer is, "no." Miraculous gifts have ended, and the apostles were all chosen by Christ and had to be witnesses of His resurrection (Acts 1:22).

We invite you to learn more about this and other Bible truths at 104 Nile St. every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. We hope you'll come visit and wish you a great day!

R.W. McAlister, Minister  
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Section B



Shawnee Elementary School's DARE graduation class members were joined by Union County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Jeff Stroehlein and Officer Al Kamp, the class instructor, for a graduation photo.

## Shawnee Elementary hosts DARE graduation

Shawnee Elementary School at Wolf Lake hosted a DARE graduation ceremony on Tuesday, Dec. 11. DARE stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education.

Officer Al Kamp taught the 16-week education program for 5th grade students at the school. DARE's goal is to prevent the use of controlled drugs, membership in gangs and violent behavior.

Officer Kamp was joined at the graduation ceremony by Sgt. Jeff Stroehlein from the Union County Sheriff's Office.

During the ceremony, students were honored for essays they had written and posters they had created. A Spirit Award also was presented.

The accompanying photographs were provided by Shawnee Elementary School.



Essay winners were, from left, Rayah Huffman, third place; Lily Ellet, second place; and Daisy Taylor, first place. The winners are with Sgt. Stroehlein and Officer Kamp.



Spirit Award winner Emma Young, with Officer Kamp and Sgt. Stroehlein.



Poster winners were, from left, Lily Ellet, third place; Amberlynn Dodson, second place; and Rayah Huffman, first place. The winners are with Sgt. Stroehlein and Officer Kamp.

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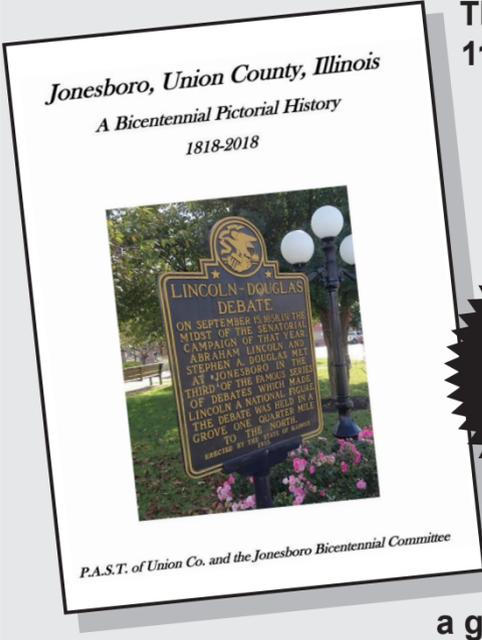
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## Waterfowl hunt helps to support Baptist Children's Home and Family Services

Hunters from across Southern Illinois participated in an annual waterfowl hunt fund-raiser for Illinois families served by the Baptist Children's Home and Family Services, BCHFS.

The hunt was sponsored by Banterra Bank and Master's Choice Inc. and was hosted by Grassy Lake Hunt Club near Ware.

Unusually warm weather kept the waterfowl from flying and limited the number of birds which were shot.

Organizers noted, however, that the weather and limited harvest didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the hunters who supported the work of BCHFS.

BCHFS shared in a news release it was grateful for those who supported the hunt, which raised \$4,600.

Appreciation also was voiced to Collin Cain of Grassy Lake Hunt Club, who has hosted the event since it began in 2002. Over the years, the hunt has raised a total of \$96,031.

BCHFS is a Carmi-based agency with service locations throughout the state that specialize in providing Christ-centered services to protect, heal and restore children and families in crisis.

BCHFS voiced appreciation to Collin Cain and his staff at the Grassy Lake Hunt Club for hosting another



**Supporting children's home**  
A waterfowl hunt was held recently in Union County to support the Baptist Children's Home and Family Services. Photo provided.

successful event.

BCHFS also voiced appreciation to Banterra Bank and Master's Choice Inc.; to the hunters who participated in the event; and the area churches which provided a

noon meal for the hunters, including Harvest Church of Anna, Anna First Baptist Church, Dongola First Baptist Church, Cobden First Baptist Church and Big Creek Baptist Church.

## Backyard maple syrup production workshop set at Dixon Springs Ag Center

The fourth annual backyard maple syrup production workshop is planned Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Dixon Springs Agricultural Center at Simpson.

The free workshop is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is open to the public. The ag center is located at 354 State Highway 145 N.

The workshop is scheduled to be taught by Chris Evans, a University of Illinois Extension forester, and Jesse Randall, a Michigan State University outreach specialist.

From 10 a.m. to noon, those who attend the workshop will have an opportunity to learn the basics and to see firsthand the entire process of backyard maple syrup production.

A free lunch will be served at noon. Following lunch, the scaling up of production, advanced techniques and equipment demonstrations are planned from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

University of Illinois Extension plans to offer activities for children during the morning session. The activities will include taste testing of real maple syrup. Organizers of the workshop noted that maple sap collection and syrup pro-

duction are easy, relatively inexpensive to start and a late winter project that can involve the entire family.

Sugar maple trees, the species typically thought of for sap collection, are abundant in Southern Illinois. Other species also can be tapped to make syrup.

Those who want to attend the workshop can come to the morning session, the afternoon session or both sessions.

Registration is needed to attend the workshop. Registration is available online at [https://web.extension.illinois.edu/state/calendar\\_event.cfm?ID=80344](https://web.extension.illinois.edu/state/calendar_event.cfm?ID=80344).

## Snowy owl topic of film

The snowy owl will be featured in a movie which is scheduled to be shown Thursday, today, at the Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands Center near Cypress. The center is located at 8885 State Route 37 South.

Two presentations of "Magic of the Snowy Owl" are planned: one from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and the other from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information about the presentations, call 618-657-2064.

## Agriculture seminar slated

The Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District plans to host a seminar on Jan. 29 in Mt. Vernon.

The seminar is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the DoubleTree at 222 Potomac Blvd.

The seminar will focus on nutrients, conservation practices and general agricultural knowledge.

The cost is \$30 when paid prior to the seminar; and \$40 at the door. Lunch is included.

Those who want to attend are asked to RSVP. To RSVP, or for more information, contact Stacy Helm at the Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District, phone 618-244-0773, extension 3.

News from

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

Mt. Moriah had a candle-light Christmas Eve service on Dec. 24, with the choir presenting "Bethlehem Wind" as the anthem.

Mt. Moriah also had a service on Christmas morning, Dec. 25.

On Sunday, Dec. 30, Mt. Moriah had a combined service with Salem Lutheran Church, with a potluck meal afterwards.

Miss Paula presented the children's sermon, which was about the gospel. She explained that "this is the place where we learn what Jesus actually said and did."

She asked the children: "What do we have to do to find Jesus?"

"We have to go back to the Bible," she said. She quoted scripture about feeding the hungry, clothing those who had nothing to wear and going to church.

The main sermon was about Epiphany. The sermon shared that Epiphany is 12 days after Christmas and that "this is when we are to learn more about

what Jesus did as a child and then later in his ministry."

On Jan. 6, Epiphany was celebrated, recalling the arrival of the three wise men (or kings, or most appropriately the magi) in Bethlehem.

The message shared that a star "led the magi to believe something important was happening."

Prayers for healing were offered for Donna Bunyard, Ricky Wright, Terry Reynolds, Sarah Sims, Brenda Cole, Keith Johnson, Ann West, John Schwegman, Charlotte Fear, Charles Harwell, Kohen Moore, Rick Hicks, Tasha Faire, Pat Jones, Bill Heisner, Pat Jones, Carolyn Webb, Linda Starr, Jeff Starr, Randy Bridges and Craig Bass.

Prayers were also given for those grieving for Gerald Bauer.

Confirmation class is planned at 3 p.m. on Jan. 13 and 27 at Salem Lutheran Church.

Plans are being made for the 150th anniversary of Mt. Moriah on Feb. 17.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Jan. 6, the Rev. Mickey Williams filled in for Pastor Perry Williams.

Dee Rose led worship. Meghan Smith provided special music.

Women on Mission plan to meet at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, today.

Titus 2 plans to meet at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 12.

Birthdays: Jerry Hunter, Aaron Sheffer, Jan. 7; Andy Bundren, Sue Clary, Amy Sheffer, Jan. 10; Denna

Williams, Jan. 11; Robert McCain, Jan. 12.

The schedule for worship at the church for this coming week includes Bible study at 9 a.m. on Sunday, and worship services at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Youth meet at 5 p.m. on Sunday. Dig-In Children's Ministry is planned from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday and is for children from 3 years of age through 6th grade.

An adult Bible study and

prayer meeting is planned at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Intended for Last Week On Sunday, Dec. 30, the church celebrated its 200th anniversary. The day was designated as "Old-Fashioned Sunday."

There was music from the 1800s. People were dressed in period clothing. A potluck meal featured foods from 200 years ago.

The event was well attended. The congregation welcomed some old friends

who visited for the celebration.

Phil Nelson, who was the pastor at the church from 1994 to 1997, attended the festivities and shared some of his memories about his time at the church.

Some of the church's former pastors who could not attend the celebration corresponded and sent their greetings and memories.

The Dig-In children's program is on break and is scheduled to resume on Jan. 9.

Birthdays: Jean Lynn, Jan. 2.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

At the morning worship service on Sunday, Jan. 6, congregational songs were led by Pastor Wright, Abby Barlow, Jessica Elkins, Harley and Madison Schnaare, accompanied by Jack and Nina Shepard.

Ushers were Curly Ralls, Mark Smith, Jason Elkins and Terry Wiseman Sr.

The offertory was provided by Teddy Anderson, who sang, with the congregation, "I'll Fly Away." Special music was provided by Patti Mulback.

The message, "The Power and Love of God" was

brought by Dr. Jim Kraemer, Illinois District Church of the Nazarene superintendent, from Ephesians.

The message was followed by an installation service, with church board members John Reeves, Wendy Wiseman, Mark Smith and Leonard Sadler participating in reading scriptures, with other board members, Rose Reeves, Jack Shepard, Carla Ramage, Kathy Cook and Lottie Smith standing on the platform in support of Pastor Randy Wright.

Dr. Kraemer closed the

service with communion and prayer.

A church potluck was held in the fellowship hall following the installation service in honor of Pastor Randy and Lea Wright and their children, Madison and Jacob, as they begin a journey as the pastoral family at Anna First.

Many members of the Wright family were at Anna First in support of Pastor Randy and his family.

Music for the Sunday evening worship service was led by Pastor Wright, Abby Barlow and Jessica Elkins, accompanied by Jack and Nina Shepard.

Ushers for the Sunday evening worship service

were Terry Wiseman Sr., Robert Smith, Jason Elkins and Mark Smith.

Special music was provided by Abby Barlow and Jessica Elkins.

The message "A Path to a Double Portion," was brought by Pastor Randy Wright from 2 Kings.

Birthdays: Dorris Johnson, Jan. 7; Kaylee Smith, Jan. 12.

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. Children's Bible quizzing is planned at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday and 5 p.m. on Sunday.

News from

Walnut Grove Church

On the Epiphany of the Lord Sunday, Brock and Katelyn Ellet lit the altar candles while Johnathan Cauble played the musical prelude.

The guest pastor was Rev. Dr. Ray Long. The congregation shared in communion during the Eucharist service.

Rev. Long read gospel from Luke 15 about how lost people matter to Jesus: the poor, the sick, the lonely and the neglected. The message shared that "these lost sheep should also matter to us. God has called us to seek and save those whom are lost."

Prayers were requested for Pastor Bobbi and her son Tim, and Jennifer and Steve Brown. Donna reported that her son-in-law received a good health report.

The Lamer and Ellet families were visiting. Barb Norton taught Sunday School.

The year-end financials were reported and the budget was posted. Also, a new American Red Cross first aid kit is available if needed.

The church ladies met for lunch last Friday at Pizza Hut in Anna. The next ladies lunch is planned at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 1, at a location to be determined.

The church's Sunday schedule includes Sunday school for the children and starts at 9:30 a.m.

The church is located at 3195 Mountain Glen Rd., near Cobden, and near Route 127.

News from

First Baptist Church, Anna

In the morning service on Sunday, Jan. 6, Associate Pastor David Howard led the congregation in the Lord's Supper.

Don Kelley was the guest music leader.

The next free Soup and Service meal is planned from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14, in the fellowship hall. Doors open at 4 p.m. The menu will include pasta Fagioli, garlic cheese bread, lemon cake, coffee, tea and lemonade. All are welcome.

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**Legislator takes oath of office**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Mike Bost, R-Ill., was sworn in Thursday, Jan. 3, as a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives for the 116th Congress. Bost received his Congressional pin from his wife, Tracy. Bost represents Illinois' 12th Congressional District. Union County is in the district.

"It's moments like this when I have to pinch myself and say, 'Wow, I'm just a kid from Murphysboro,'" Bost said in a news release. "It's the honor of a lifetime serving as the representative for my fellow Southern Illinoisans. Moving forward, I'm going to seek common ground with anyone, Republican or Democrat, without compromising my Southern Illinois values. I'll continue working in a bipartisan way to fight for working families, our veterans, our farmers, our steelworkers and all residents of Southern Illinois. This is my home and I will always fight for it. Always."

**Solar energy to be topic of event set in Carbondale**

"Embracing the Future: Bringing Rooftop and Community Solar to Southern Illinois" is the theme of a program which is planned Thursday, Jan. 17, in Carbondale.

The program is set for 7 p.m. in room 108 at the Carbondale Civic Center.

The event is sponsored by the Shawnee Group of the Sierra Club and the Carbondale Community Solar Working Group.

Presentations and discussion are scheduled to include three guest speakers who will share the latest details about funding for

clean energy to make rooftop and community solar happen in the area.

Panelists are scheduled to include:

Rebecca Judd, Sierra Club Illinois clean energy advocate, with an overview of funding through the Future Energy Jobs Act.

Scott Allen, environmental outreach representative for the Citizens Utility Board, who will discuss renewable energy, energy efficiency and other options for consumers.

Brent Ritzel, co-chair of the Illinois Solar Energy Association Committee on

Rural Electric Co-ops and Municipal Electric Utilities, with considerations about choosing rooftop versus community solar, including costs, rates of return and net metering.

For more information about the program, contact Jane Cogie by phone at 618-549-4673 or jane.cogie@gmail.com.

**News from**

**Camp Ground Church, Community**

Rev. Todd Hawkins' sermon Dec. 30 was titled "The Challenge of Advent," with scripture from Luke and a couple of Old Testament prophecies.

The sermon asked: "Did we use Advent to focus on Christ? As a time of renewing our faith? A willingness to do what He asks of us? Being faithful in all things?"

"We must challenge ourselves through the Word of God to be all that we can be for Him."

Prior to the sermon, Amanda Batts and Sandy Boaz sang a duet, "It is Well with My Soul."

Rev. Ramon Stacy spoke Jan. 6. His sermon was titled "Preparation Before Confrontation," with scripture from Revelations.

The sermon shared that "life for Christians in America is becoming more difficult. Society is becoming more influenced by darkness rather than the light of Jesus.

As Christians, God is calling us to live for Him in a time of intense preparation so that we can stand against that which is ahead; otherwise, we will be swallowed up in the darkness of the world."

Prior to the sermon, Monisha Stacy sang a solo "Total Praise."

Seventeen members of Wayne and Maudie Miller's immediate family gathered at their home on Christmas morning for breakfast and visiting.

Those enjoying a Christ-

mas day meal at the home of Larry Vaughn were Doug and Teresa Vaughn, Luke and Sophia, Jim and Karen Vaughn, Kim Emery, Josh, Karle and Nathan Smith, Bobby McPhail, Rich Chamberlain and Susie McPhail.

Deloris Pribble spent Christmas in Marissa with her brother Jack and Janet Treece.

On Christmas evening, Rodney and LaDonna Miller hosted their immediate family for pizza and gift exchange.

Mark and Kayla Boaz and family, Morris and Chad and Amanda Batts, Martin, Tenn., spent New Year's week with Dwight and Sandy Boaz.

Steve and Sharon Robbs of Simpson joined the Boaz clan for their Christmas dinner New Year's Eve afternoon. Donna and Gary Taylor joined the group for the evening meal and to see in 2019.

Sunday evening, Dec. 30, Jim and Karen Vaughn and Kim Emery enjoyed a family gathering at the home of Josh, Karle and Nathan Smith in Carbon-

dale.

Camp Ground invites everyone to join them in study and worship. Coffee and fellowship is at 9:30 a.m. Bible study is at 10 a.m. Worship is at 11 a.m. The church is located at 50 Tunnel Ln., east of Anna.

**Jobless rate 4.2 percent**

The Illinois Department of Employment Security, IDES, reports that the state's unemployment rate remained at 4.2 percent in November.

Nonfarm payrolls increased by 5,900 jobs, based on preliminary data provided by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and released by IDES.

An October jobs gain was revised downward from the preliminary report, from a gain of 10,300 jobs to a gain of 6,800.

The state's unemployment rate was 0.5 of a percentage point higher than the national unemployment rate reported for November 2018, which held at 3.7 percent.

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"The newspaper is a greater treasure to the people than uncounted millions of gold." Henry Ward Beecher

"Were it left to me to decide if we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter." Thomas Jefferson

"Most of us probably feel we couldn't be free without newspapers, and that is the real reason we want newspapers to be free." Edward R. Murrow

"People don't actually read newspapers. They step into them every morning like a hot bath." Marshall McLuhan

"Every time a newspaper dies, even a bad one, the country moves a little closer to authoritarianism..." Richard Kluger

"I'd love to rise from the grave every ten years or so and go buy a few newspapers." Luis Bunuel

"All I know is what I read in the papers." Will Rogers

# Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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

## Joyce Plott Honored

In October, assistant manager Joyce Plott celebrated 40 years with Wal-Mart.

Her career began in 1978 at the old location setting up the store for the grand opening celebration the following month. In 1998 the store was moved to its current supercenter.

Joyce was featured in the December issue of Wal-Mart World magazine.

The company also invited Joyce and her husband Roger to the December Fourth Quarter Milestone Celebration in Bentonville, Ark.

The trip included a behind the scene tour of the Wal-Mart home of-

office, Sam's 1950 store in Bentonville-Walton's 5 & 10, the Wal-Mart Museum, and Alice Walton's-Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art.

During the Friday night meet and greet, Joyce was able to meet several leaders in the company, including Doug McMillon.

The trip wrapped up at the Corporate Saturday Morning Meeting, which included guests Martina McBride, Patti LaBelle and magician Justin Flom.

Joyce says, "It has been an honor to serve the community for the last 40 years and feels very blessed for being part of a great team of associates, that she will always consider her family."

## Florida Trip

Lloyd and Carlene Thompson spent Christmas in Florida with Michele, Brian and grandson Xander. Had a wonderful time with them.

They were saddened at how badly things are in Panama City and Lynn Haven. Even though Hurricane Michael happened in October. So many homes uninhabitable or needing severe repair. The mall, hospital and others businesses waiting to be taken down or repaired.

On Friday, they returned home and celebrated Christmas with Daniel and his family and Karen and her family.

Karen's daughter, Faith, who is in the Air Force, was home and they enjoyed a couple of visits with her.

## Special Honor

Sheree Fahlberg has been honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award by Marquis Who's Who.

In addition to the Lifetime Award, Sheree lived in Anna-Jonesboro for 38 years. She taught school in Carbondale.

Sheree's husband Mark was a teacher at Century Unit School for 30-plus years. Their sons, Zach and Todd, graduated from Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

For the past five and a half years, she has lived in Jonesboro, Ark., and is involved with the Elks Lodge No. 498, NEA Memorial Baptist Hospital Auxiliary, the Foundation of Arts-Women's Share Circle, Craighead Election worker/ Poll Sheriff, attends Central Baptist Church, Joneboro's Newcomer's Club, Trim Gym member, and signed up to substitute teach in the area schools.

## Guest

Jane Bauer had an overnight guest Saturday, her nephew Todd Anderson from St. John, Ind.

He had attended the funeral service for his brother-in-law Ken Johnson of Dallas, Texas. He was 52. His wife Susan stayed in Texas to be with her mother.

## Thanks

A special thanks to Aaron Hart from Florida for giving me credit when he renewed his subscription to The Gazette-Democrat and a gift for his cousin Stephen Burns in St. Louis. Also to the person who gave me credit that there was no name with.

## World Day of Prayer

On March 1, the Union County Alliance of Churches will be hosting the World Day of Prayer/Women of Faith Prayer Luncheon at the EPC Main Street Center at Jefferson and Main streets, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Christmas in Arkansas

Jim and Shirley Vines spent three days at Cherokee Village, Ark., as a Christmas present from their daughters, Kim and Steve Norton, Karen Shay and David Bean and Kirsty Gardner and family.

Karen drove from Ten-

nessee, picked Jim and Shirley up and took them. Kirsty and kids came from Iowa and Kim and Steve drove from Texas and met them there.

## Christmas Guests

Christmas weekend guests of Doug and Beth Hileman included Matthew and Sarah Song and children Joshua, Abigail and Gideon from Fort Worth, Texas, Jacob and Nadia Hileman and children Finlay, Emmie and Leah from St. Louis, and Lucas and Rachael Hileman from Fort Branch, Ind.

House guests of Norm and Barb Bauer were Lou and Debra Bauer from St. Louis, Tim Bauer from Brookfield, Wis., and David and Cameron Bauer from Brookfield, Wis.

The Bauers, Songs and Hilemans gathered at the Hileman's 5-H Farm for a traditional country Christmas.

In addition to church services, special dinners and gift exchanges, the guests enjoyed horse-drawn carriage rides and helping with chores on the farm.

## Celebrating Christmas

David and Marie Samuel

had a quiet Christmas Eve with family, a turkey dinner with all children and grandchildren except a newly married granddaughter living in Virginia Beach.

## Baby Congratulations

Congratulations to Jer-



Abigail and Joshua Song, great-grandchildren of Barbara and Norm Bauer, when they discovered the first egg produced by the chickens they raised.



Unique Christmas gift: Joshua Song, 6, cares for his chickens on his family's mini-farm near Fort Worth, Texas. Along with sister Abigail, 4, he helps care for their seven chickens, a lamb called Brownie, a horse named Chadwick, two goats and a cat. Their mom, Sarah Hileman Song grew up on a farm in Union County and knows very well, the benefits of country life and growing up with responsibilities. The Song family visited in Anna for Christmas and gave gifts of eggs from their farm.



Abigail Song, 4, pictured with her great-grandmother Barbara Bauer, along with her brother Joshua Song, 6, care for their chickens on their family's mini-farm near Fort Worth, Texas. The Song family visited in Anna for Christmas and gave gifts of eggs from their farm.



Most unique Christmas gift: Abigail Song and Joshua Song, not pictured, have raised chickens on their small farm in Texas. They carefully gathered and saved those very special eggs to give to great-grandparents Norm and Barbara Bauer as a Christmas gift. What a very special omelet that will be.



Doug McMillon, president and CEO of Wal-Mart Stores Inc., with Joyce Plott, who was honored with 40 years of service.



Elaine Crain and her family celebrated 60 years in Anna New Years Day.



Jerod and Jacob Schaefer visited their parents during the week of Christmas. Jon, Jerod and Beverly went to see Jeff Dunham in St. Louis on Sunday, Dec. 30. A special thanks to Jerod, who is serving our country in Hawaii, and Jacob, who is serving our country in Kansas.



Jon and Crystal Smith, along with two of their 4 children (Mackenzie and Madison) celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary with a quick trip to New York, where the highlights were ice skating at Bryant Park, visiting the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree and seeing Lion King on Broadway.



Disney vacation: Willie and Terrie Rhymer, along with Jamie and Rebecca Yates and children, Ruby, Mason, Violet and Miles left Dec. 26 to go to Florida to stay at a Disney Resort and experience the parks at Hollywood Studios, Magic Kingdom and Animal Kingdom. The parks were very busy and at Animal Kingdom 3-year-old Miles was chosen to be in the Lion King Show. It was a very busy three days at the parks. The Yates family headed home Dec. 31 and the Rhymer's headed to Daytona for a couple of days of sun, beach and relaxing in the 80 degree weather.

emy and Becky Wheaton on the birth of Alexia Jaylee, who weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

**Get Well Soon**

Howard and Cathy Ziegler celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary on Dec. 20 while in Up-swing Recovery Care at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital.

Cathy was determined that hospitalization would not interfere with their anniversary.

While she was gone staff got flowers, a balloon and decorated a table.

Since then Howard has been moved to St. Louis hospital and is having many tests run. Please keep Howard and Cathy in your prayers.

**Christmas Party Trail Ride**

Mike Meisenheimer invited friends from Northern Illinois to a Christmas party trail ride.

They parked at Von Jacob Winery, rode behind the winery to Cedar Lake and reported our area to be beautiful country. They returned to Von Jacob for a Christmas party.

**Birthdays**

Dec. 23 Louise Pitts celebrated her birthday. Fred Clutts celebrated his birthday with his wife Linda and family at their home.

New Year's Day Brenda Allen celebrated her birthday. She and Roxie went to Charleston, Mo., to celebrate with her dad John Paul Allen. Brenda also celebrated with her dad on his birthday Jan. 2.

Jan. 2 Troy Wiseman, 3 Guiola Moreland, 5 Dale Johnson, Mason Musgrave,

Jan. 8 John Foley enjoyed a surprise vacation from his wife Tracee.

8 Austin Wilde, 9 Melba Nork, 13 Denise Pippins, 15 Jerry Goddard, 16 Tyler Zachary, 17 Randy Hindman, 31 Al Dammann.

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to the Anna Jonesboro Junior Wildcat wrestling team for a team win at the Carterville Wrestling Tournament.

**New Year's Eve**

I got to talk to my cousin Nathan Corbitt in North Carolina. We reminisced about our childhood and our family.

He is restoring a cabin in North Carolina, but is retired now and he and his wife Vicky live in Charleston, S.C. Nathan was one of the founders of Build a Bridge.

**From Donna Pitts from California**

Good morning Martha, I spent part of the Holidays in Palm Springs. Had a great time shopping and enjoyed a dinner at Arnold Palmer's restaurant. The weather was crisp in the evening and warm during the day.

I stayed at the La Quinta resort. Just a wonderful place with shops, restaurants, tennis, a gym for working out and three



**Congratulations to Sheree Fahlberg, who received a Lifetime Achievement Award by Marquis Who's Who.**



**Fred Clutts celebrated his birthday Dec. 23 with a party given by his wife Linda at their home with their family.**



**Dennis and Eva Prater enjoyed their 45th wedding anniversary Dec. 30 with their son Jason and Aaliyah at Great Boars for lunch.**



**Rage and Titan Henderson went to Tennessee to go ram hunting over their Christmas vacation. Both boys were excited to harvest their ram.**

pools. Happy New Year to you and all my family and friends in Anna.

I got another message from Donna New Years Day that read Donna's son-in-law's nephew was walking home and was struck and killed by a drunk under the influence of marijuana. He was only in his late 20s and their only child. So very senseless and devastating to the family.

Donna says please people don't drink and drive. Innocent people pay the price. Please keep their family in your prayers.

**Christmas Guests**

Christmas dinner guests of Fred and Linda Clutts were their family.

**Wedding Anniversaries**

Dec. 23 Dale and Louise Pitts, Gaylon and Clara Cates Jan 15.

**Correction**

Marie Samuel said the National Quilt Museum in downtown Paducah will not

be open on Sunday until March.

The museum is still open through the week now. Hours until then will be Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Marie's work will be on display until April 9.

**United Methodist Church, Anna**

On Sunday, Dec. 30, Rev. Richard Sullins sermon was "Therefore": We should live our lives to honor God.

Special music by the choir, with singing by the children led by Terri Goldsberry, was Silent Night.

Clayton Bridgeman played his viola with Carla Anderson playing the piano. Others leading the singing were Nancy Hooks and Kathie Watkins.

Jan. 6 was the Epiphany of the Lord. The Lord's Supper was taken.

Rev. Sullins told the children the Epiphany was when the three wise men

traveled to see baby Jesus so they could worship him and that we should want to come to worship him still today.

Special music was "Rise Up Shepherd and Follow" by Callysta Borders singing and Carla Anderson playing the piano.

Rev. Sullins sermon was "God's Covenant." Leading the singing were Barbara House, Marilyn Sullins and Elizabeth Corbit.

**Red Hat Ladies**

The Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies will meet for their January dinner and party in Metropolis at China House Jan. 16 at 11 a.m.

**Anna VFW**

New Year's Eve was celebrated by a steak dinner at the post with Star Karaoke.

On Saturday, Jan. 5, the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen winners were honored at Mounds Post No. 8891.

Apost meeting is planned

at 7 p.m. Thursday, today.

Saturday, Jan. 12, C.W. Karaoke will be at the post from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

**Anna Eastern Star 522**

A meeting is planned at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17.

**Military Prayer List**

Tanner Anderson, Hayden Young, Garrett Goines, Nick Harvel, Nona Elizabeth Luke, Lucas J. Strickland, William Nathaniel Frankell, Ethan Maze, Lukas W. Davis, Kiefer Stull, David Jordan Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, CJ Youngerman, Freddy Morse, Reagan Morrison, Josh Steveson, Josh Williams, Faith Odom, Tommy Goff and family Janette, Jamison and Kaylynn, Creighton Laster, Jim Bonner, Jacob Schaefer, Jerrod Schaefer, Jennifer Ann Bishop, James McWhorter, Arin Whitemountain.

**Television Listings**

**THURSDAY JANUARY 10, 2019**

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Wom. College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Seinfeld	NCIS (HD)	BUNK'D	"Life of" (96)	"A Time to Kill" (96)	★★★ "Denial" (16) <i>Woman must prove.</i> (HD)
7 PM :30	Family	Bang (HD)	Gotham (HD)	The Titan Games	Seinfeld	NCIS "Witness" (HD)	Raven	Coop & Cam	"Super Troopers 2" (18) (R) (HD)	"The A-Team" (10) <i>Team seeks justice.</i> (HD)	★★★ "Thank You for Your Service" (17) (HD)
8 PM :30	Truth and Lies: Monica	(01) Mom	The Orville "Home"	Brooklyn Place	College Basketball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	NCIS <i>Falling death.</i>	BUNK'D	"The Greatest Showman" <i>Circus showman.</i>	"Machete" <i>Cop seeks revenge.</i>	Ray Donovan (HD)
9 PM :30	Local	Fam (HD)	Local Programs	Law & Order: SVU	Local	Bang (HD)	NCIS "Pop Life" (HD)	BUNK'D	"Icebox" (18) <i>Boy seeks asylum.</i>	"Predators" <i>Aliens hunt killers.</i>	"Closer" (04) (R) (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld	NCIS (HD)	Raven			
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld	NCIS: L. A. (HD)	Stuck Mid.			

**FRIDAY JANUARY 11, 2019**

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA (Live)	Burgers	Family	"Moana" (16) <i>Girl's adventure.</i>	(5:10) "Clash" (10)	"The Newton Boys"	(05) "The Bourne Ultimatum" (07, Thriller)
7 PM :30	Boat (HD)	MacGyver (HD)	Man (HD)	Blindspot (HD)	NBA Basketball <i>Indiana Pacers at New York Knicks</i> (Live)	Burgers	Family		"The Beach" (00) <i>An island commune.</i> (HD)	"American Animals" (18) <i>Steal books.</i> (HD)	ALL ACCESS
8 PM :30	20/20 <i>Investigative news.</i> (HD)	Hawaii Five-0 (HD)	Hell's Kitchen (HD)	The Blacklist (HD)	Local	"Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" (16) <i>Superhero war.</i> (HD)	Family	Raven			ALL ACCESS
9 PM :30	Local	Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs	Dateline NBC (HD)	NBA Basketball <i>Los Angeles Lakers at Utah Jazz</i> (Live)	"Step Up 2: The Streets" (08, Drama) (HD)	Family	Coop & Cam	"Rampage" <i>Huge animals attack.</i>	"Bruno" (09) <i>Fashionista's goal.</i>	ShoBox: The New Generation (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Family	Coop & Cam	"Game Night" (18) <i>A murder mystery.</i>	"Secretary" <i>Masochistic woman.</i>	ALL ACCESS
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	Sports	Family	Family	Stuck Mid.			

**SATURDAY JANUARY 12, 2019**

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	CBS Weekend News	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball	"Dawn of" (HD)	NCIS "Shiva" (HD)	★★★ "Wreck-It Ralph" (12) (HD)	"Ready Player One"	"The Ring Two" (05)	Shameless (HD)
7 PM :30	The Good Doctor	To Be Announced	Gotham "Year Zero"	America's Got Talent <i>Talent search.</i> (HD)	Sports	Bang (HD)	NCIS "Detour" (HD)	Coop & Cam	★★★ "Ocean's 8" (18) <i>Jewelry heist.</i> (HD)	"Cabin Fever" (03, Horror) (HD)	Shameless (HD)
8 PM :30	A Million Little Things	To Be Announced	The Orville (HD)	Local	Top Rank Boxing (Live)	Bang (HD)	NCIS "Status Update"	Raven		"Cabin Fever 2" (09, Horror) (R)	★★★ "I Feel Pretty" (18) <i>Insecurities.</i> (HD)
9 PM :30	A. Baldwin (HD)	48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live (HD)	Local	Bang (HD)	NCIS "Skeleton Crew"	Raven	Crashing	"AVP: Alien vs. Predator" (04)	"A Bad Moms Christmas" (17)
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Hell's Kitchen (HD)	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Frontal	Miz & Mrs	Andi Mack	"Ocean's 8" (18) <i>Jewelry heist.</i>	"Secretary" <i>Masochistic woman.</i>	ALL ACCESS
11 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live <i>Sketch comedy.</i>	NFL Primetime (HD)	"Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" (16) <i>Superhero war.</i> (HD)	Miz & Mrs	Stuck Mid.	"Dark Hall"	"Invasion"	R. Donovan

**SUNDAY JANUARY 13, 2019**

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Home Videos <i>A prank.</i>	60 Minutes (HD)	Simpsons	"Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" (01) <i>Orphan learns magic.</i>	SportsCenter (HD)	"Bad Words" (14) (R)	Law & Order: SVU	★★★ "Dr. Seuss' The Lorax" (12) (HD)	(05) ★★ "Ocean's 8" (18) <i>Jewelry heist.</i> (HD)	"Usual Suspects"	"Den of Thieves" (18) <i>\$30 million heist.</i> (HD)
7 PM :30	Videos (HD)	God Friended Me	Simpsons	Local	NFL Primetime (HD)	★★★ "Horrible Bosses 2" (14) <i>Kidnapping plot.</i> (R) (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	True Detective	"Dunkirk" (17) <i>Historic rescue.</i>	Ray Donovan (HD)
8 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	NCIS: L. A. (HD)	Fam Guy	Local	SportsCenter with Scott Van Pelt (HD)	★★★ "Horrible Bosses" <i>Murdering employers.</i>	Law & Order: SVU	Coop & Cam	"12 Strong" (18) <i>Green Berets try to capture Taliban city.</i>	"I Feel Pretty" (18) <i>Insecurities.</i>	Ray Donovan (HD)
9 PM :30	(01) Shark Tank (HD)	Madam Secretary	Local Programs	Dateline NBC (HD)	Local	★★★ "Horrible Bosses" <i>Murdering employers.</i>	Family	BUNK'D	"The A-Team" (10) <i>Team seeks justice.</i>	"Alien: Covenant"	R. Donovan
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Game Day Prime (HD)	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	"Change Up"	Family	Raven	"True Detective" (HD)		
11 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local	NFL Prime.		Family	Stuck Mid.	"True Detective" (HD)		

**MONDAY JANUARY 14, 2019**

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball <i>Syracuse vs Duke</i> (Live)	Fam Guy	NCIS (HD)	BUNK'D	"Cop Out"	★★★ "Galveston" (18)	★★★ "Wild Hogs" (07)
7 PM :30	The Bachelor (HD)	Neighbor. Happy	The Resident (HD)	America's Got Talent <i>Notable acts.</i> (HD)	College Basketball <i>Texas vs Kansas</i> (Live)	Fam Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	Andi Mack	★★★ "Pacific Rim: Uprising" (18)	"Predators" <i>Aliens hunt killers.</i>	Ray Donovan (HD)
8 PM :30	Family	Magnum P.I. (HD)	The Passage (HD)	Local	Local	Fam Guy	Local	Coop & Cam	(50) True Detective	(50) "The A-Team" (10) <i>Team seeks justice.</i>	"The Reel" (17) <i>Vengeful father.</i> (R) (HD)
9 PM :30	The Good Doctor	Bull <i>Diana Lindsay.</i>	Local Programs	Manifest (HD)	Local	Dad (HD)	Local	BUNK'D	(50) True Detective	"Date Night" <i>Mistaken identity.</i>	Ray Donovan (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan <i>Anna Kendrick.</i>	Family	Raven	★★★ "Get Him to the Greek" (10)	"In the Cut" (03) <i>Affair with cop.</i>	Ray Donovan "The Dead" (HD)
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld	Family	Stuck Mid.			"Dream"

**TUESDAY JANUARY 15, 2019**

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball <i>Teams TBA</i> (Live) (HD)	Burgers	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D	"Losers"	★★★ "Wall Street" (10)	"Friday Night Lights" <i>High school football</i>
7 PM :30	Connors	NCIS "The Last Link"	The Gifted (HD)	Games (HD)	Local	Burgers	WWE SmackDown (HD)	Raven	"Traffic" (01) <i>Effects of international drug smuggling.</i> (R)	"Dead Man on Campus" (98) (R)	Inside the NFL (HD)
8 PM :30	black-ish	FBI <i>Protect America.</i>	Lethal Weapon	This Is Us (HD)	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	BUNK'D	Bizaard			Ray Donovan (HD)
9 PM :30	The Rookie (HD)	NCIS: New Orleans	Local Programs	(01) New Amsterdam	Local	Bang (HD)	Temptation Island	BUNK'D	"Game Night" <i>A murder mystery.</i>	"Date Night" <i>Mistaken identity.</i>	Inside the NFL (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	★★★ "Annabelle" (17)	"50 First"	"Monster's Ball" (02)
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	Stuck Mid.			

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 16, 2019**

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA Countdown (HD)	Burgers	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D	"Hangover"	"Mr. Right" (16) (HD)	"Major League" (89)
7 PM :30	Goldbergs	Survivor (HD)	Empire (HD)	Chicago Med (HD)	NBA Basketball <i>Toronto Raptors at Boston Celtics</i> (Live)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	"Blockers" (18) <i>Prom night pact.</i>	★★★ "Me, Myself & Irene" <i>Personalities clash.</i>	"Bull Durham" (88) <i>Baseball groupie.</i> (R) (HD)
8 PM :30	Family	SEAL Team (HD)	Star <i>Becoming a star.</i>	Chicago Fire (HD)	Local	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D	(45) True Detective	"American Animals" (18) <i>Steal books.</i> (HD)	★★★ "Field of Dreams" (89) (HD)
9 PM :30	Match Game (HD)	Criminal Minds "300"	Local Programs	Chicago P.D. (HD)	NBA Basketball <i>New Orleans vs Golden State</i> (Live) (HD)	Frontal	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D	(45) True Detective	"Life of the Party" (18) (HD)	(45) Inside the NFL
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Conan <i>Ellen Page.</i>	Family	Raven			
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Frontal	Family	Stuck Mid.			

# Opinion and Commentary

## Issues in the news and their impact at home

### Time moves faster than it used to

One of the interesting developments I have become aware of in recent years is how much faster time moves than it used to.

A recent example of how I have seen this affect me is with the growth of drones. During my military service I became aware of these unmanned aircraft that could fly independently over large areas and send back photos of large areas to keep track of traffic and other developments. Recent reports, however, remind me how far behind the times I have fallen.

It was more than a little surprising for me to read recently about drone development in fast food delivery. Articles in larger cities referred to the utility of drones in providing swift and inexpensive delivery of fast foods.

While I have not yet taken advantage of these services, they describe the services becoming available in ways that exceed my full understanding.

For example, in some places today and in others it will be available tomorrow to simply take out my phone and dial a fast food restaurant, order two cheeseburgers, fries and a soft drink, pay with a credit card, and perhaps within 30 to 35 minutes my phone rings again with an announcement that my order has been delivered to my front porch.

I know it has to be more complicated, but the concept is fascinating. For example, how will my German shepherd, who loves the front porch, know that the cheeseburgers are mine and not his? Who do I tip?

In my lifetime I have seen many advances in technology, but it seems to me that the speed in advances of technology may have exceeded my ability to adapt.

Perhaps we will have to develop frequent intervals in our adult lives to attend courses allowing us to adapt to these new technologies.

### Through sharing, we are blessed

After a long and wonderful series of holidays, we are returning to more normal times. I hope that you, like I, were grateful for all we had to celebrate. There were religious holidays, national holidays and even family holidays.

First, I am grateful for all we have to celebrate as a nation. Even though we have differences in politics and religion, even culture and heritage, we can all enjoy the common benefits we share as Americans.

As we look at the strife in the world around us, we appreciate the ways in which we have been uniquely blessed. It is our opportunity and obligation to share these blessings with others. It would be easy to concentrate primarily on all we have received, but even better to think of all we have to share with others throughout the world.

Each of us is familiar with the words of "God Bless America," but what applies to us as a nation should apply to our individual lives. It is through sharing that we are all blessed. Before we all finish putting away the material gifts, we have an obligation to consider how to share those gifts, physical and material, with others. There are many others who have not yet known the joy of a bountiful Thanksgiving dinner, nor the joy of opening gifts found under a Christmas tree.

Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day have come and gone, but it is not too early to seek ways to make these celebrations better for others in the year ahead and thus make them better for us.

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## A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, January 9, 1969

A fire Saturday night completely gutted the main building of the Baptist Church in Jonesboro. Fire departments from Anna, Jonesboro, Cobden and the State Hospital battled the flames in sub-freezing weather. The church will continue to operate in the educational building until reconstruction plans are drawn up.

Voters in (Anna-Jonesboro Community High School) District 81 voted down the \$875,000 bond issue in the election Saturday, Jan. 4. It carried in Anna by a vote of 571 to 508 but was defeated in Jonesboro with 272 against and 146 for; it was also lost in Lick Creek with a vote of 108 against and 36 for.

A low of four degrees was recorded January 4.

Santa Claus Helen Burnett of Cobden told a Gazette-Democrat reporter that she visited in 29 homes this year taking gifts and bringing happiness to the young and old.

A new store opened in Anna today called Lot-O-Savings. It is located on South Main St. in the former Mattheis Electric location.

Hunters bagged 21,376 Canada geese during the 1968 season in Southern Illinois. In Union County, 6,515 geese were bagged.

The Jonesboro Odd Fellows and Rebekahs held their annual New Year's Eve potluck dinner Tuesday, Dec. 31, at the IOOF dining room. There were 20 Odd Fellow and Rebekahs present to enjoy the delicious food.

From the Alto Pass Happenings: Monday morning ice is on the roads and all schools are closed for the day. Temperature was just 32 degrees and rising. Ice will soon be off. Many of the persons who had to drive to other places to work were unable to get to their jobs.

## Please read this...

By Geof Skinner



The white-tailed deer on the left seemed to be striking a pose to be admired, while the other critter was keeping an eye on the photographer.

## Wandering around on a Sunday afternoon...

Nope. No partridge in a pear tree. Looked just to make sure. Not a feathered creature to be seen.

This little bit of a story has its origins on the fifth day after Christmas, when my true love and I decided to go on a Sunday afternoon drive through the countryside. Besides, given that it was the 30th day of December, we had something like 8 or 9 more minutes of daylight to enjoy the sights.

The two of us seemed to have reached a point in our lives when a big date involves taking a nap and then, maybe, driving around on an otherwise lazy Sunday afternoon to look for critters. Feather critters. Furry critters. Whatever critter happened to show up.

With that in mind, the final Sunday of 2018 proved to be a success.

We didn't have to go very far to spot our first critter of the afternoon...a beautiful, all white kitty which appeared to be out for a stroll. We seem to have lots of kitties in our little corner of the world, but we hadn't seen this one.

We headed west, along Mountain Glen Road, through the little community of Mountain Glen itself and in the general direction of woods and what turned out to be a gravel road out in the middle of the proverbial nowhere, which, of course, was somewhere.

Not far from Mountain Glen, we spotted our first white-tailed deer. Three of them. In a field, near a creek. The deer were kind enough to just kind of stand in the field, and watch us...as we watched them.

Yours truly pretty much just stopped in the middle of the road to take a photograph, or two, or three. Fortunately, there wasn't much going on in terms of traffic.

We continued to head west, motoring across Illinois Route 127 in the general direction, more or less, of Bald Knob Mountain. We meandered around in the aforementioned middle of nowhere. Paved road gave way to gravel road. Well, kind of. In some places, the gravel was, well gone. We could see gravel that we assumed had been on the road at some point in time that now was in a ditch alongside the road.

Back to Route 127. Then north to Aldridge Road. Then east on Aldridge Road. Headed home, you see.

### Commentary

## Times have changed

By Mike Estel

I know I might sound like an old fuddy duddy, but I really don't like to go to a movie and hear a lot of foul language.

My wife and I recently went to see the movie "A Star Is Born" and I was somewhat disappointed.

I would be the first to admit that Lady Gaga is a first class singer and from her movie acting debut I believe her acting was top notch as well.

The problem I had with the movie was the profanity, especially the use of the F word. Oh sure, I'm not naive. I've heard plenty of that talk previously when I played sports in high school in the locker room, or in the bar scene years ago and especially when I was in the military and this is not to mention when I was full time in the working world as well.

But cut me some slack. This movie was rated R and there were several youth in attendance under the age of 18. How did they get in?

The F word popped up several times throughout the movie. Sam Elliott even managed to get the GD word in there as well.

I hope this is not what our kids are hearing in the hallways of school these days.

My point is, our kids don't need to talk like this or hear this kind of language.

I guess Holly Wood was trying to tell folks that this is what people want to hear on the big screen. No, I really don't believe it belongs there.

Is this a new era now where this is supposed to be the norm and what society is now accepting? I surely hope not. Years ago, these words were not anywhere near the big screen at all. Have times really changed that much?

I know the Grammy Awards are looming right around the corner and this movie will probably be nominated. However, I think it would be a lot better without the unneeded foul language. That is just my opinion.



An owl was probably wondering why some crazy person would stop his car in the middle of the road to take a picture. The Other Half was wondering the same thing.

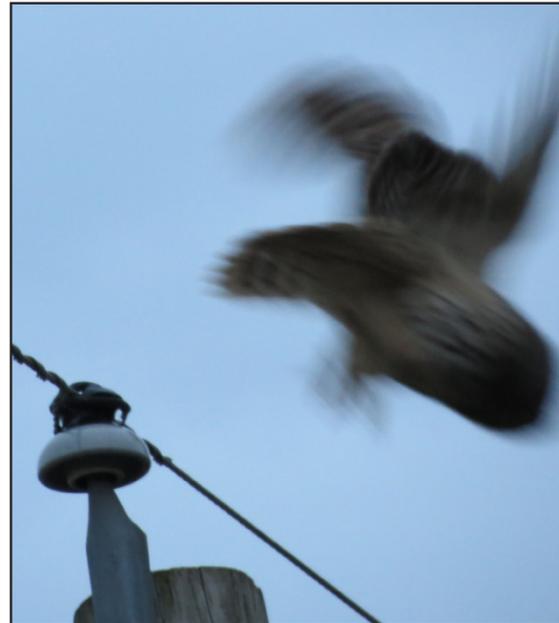
As we were motoring east, we spotted an owl perched atop a utility pole. Once again, yours truly just stopped in the middle of the road to take a photograph or two or three. And, once again, The Other Half questioned my driving technique. The owl seemed to have a similar take on the situation.

Not far from the owl sighting, we spotted some more white-tailed deer. Once again, the deer cooperated for a photo opportunity. Oh, and once again, yours truly just stopped in the middle of the road to use his camera.

The final tally of critters for our Sunday afternoon adventure included seven white-tailed deer, an owl, two black cats, one white cat, a white dog and a bunch of cows.

And, as noted earlier, no partridge in a pear tree.

To be honest with you, I don't even know if we have partridge birds in Southern Illinois. We do, however, have a pear tree in our backyard. Perhaps, someday...



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