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News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area



A candle was aglow during last Sunday afternoon's Carols at Candlelight Christmas holiday season event at historic St. Anne's Church in Anna.

Reminder: this year's WIBH Radio New Coats, New Hope Campaign wraps up on Friday, Dec. 13. Supporting the campaign helps to provide warm coats for children in the region.

Helping hands: the Jonesboro fire and police departments stepped in last Thursday to help with Anna's Shop with a Firefighter/Cop program. The Anna Fire Department was called out to a fire just as dinner was starting for the children who were going Shopping with a Firefighter/Cop.

All of those who were involved with last Saturday's Christmas in the Village celebration in Cobden are to be commended for a job well done. Many positive comments about the event were heard during the day.

Christmas programs continue at schools in Union County.

Christmas spirit was celebrated last week in Anna School District 37.

Winter Wonderland luncheons at PAST's Heritage House in Jonesboro continue Dec. 11-14.

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Remember... Honor... Teach...

Wreaths Across America Day ceremony set at Anna Cemetery

Each year on National Wreaths Across America Day, millions of Americans, a third of whom are children, come together to Remember the fallen, Honor those who serve and their families and Teach the next generation about the value of freedom.

Locally, this will be the first year the Anna Cemetery is participating in Wreaths Across America Day.

This year, National Wreaths Across America Day is set for Saturday, Dec. 14.

At the Anna Cemetery, the event is scheduled at 11 a.m.

Frankie Williams and the Boy Scouts will place American flags at the entrances to the Anna Cemetery.

The ceremony will take place at the cemetery's Anna American Legion section.

The order for the service will include:

Post of colors by the VFW. Opening prayer. Boy Scouts leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School chorus will sing the National Anthem.

Message of Honor. Symbolic wreath laying. Closing prayer. Moment of silence. "Taps" VFW retires the colors.

Laying of wreaths will follow the ceremony. Family members and volunteers will lay the wreaths.

Anna City Council member Martha Ann Webb initiated the local participation in the Honor Wreaths for Veterans ceremony.

At last week's regular meeting of the Anna City Council, Webb reported that nearly 300 wreaths had been purchased to honor veterans.

Each year, a new theme is chosen by the national organization to help local volunteers and supporters focus their messaging and outreach in our communities. This year, the theme is "Everyone plays a part."

The inspiration for this year's theme was a recommendation made by 10-year-old "Mighty" Miles Worcester, the grandson of the founders of Wreaths Across America, Morrill and Karen Worcester.

Last May, while in Washington D.C., for an event, Miles saw a U.S. service member in uniform at the hotel where he was staying.

As he always does, Miles walked up to the gentleman, reached out to shake his hand and thanked him for his service. And his response was simple and impactful: "Thank you... everyone plays a part."

Miles went directly to his grandmother, WAA executive director Karen Worcester, to tell her that he believed this statement would be the perfect theme because, as he said, "those serving in the military are doing their part, but it is our part as Americans to remember and honor them, and that's what Wreaths Across America does."

The millions of volunteers and supporters, from schoolchildren and educators, professional truck drivers, first responders, veterans, Gold Star and Blue Star families, to corporations and other non-profits, devote so much of themselves to the mission to Remember, Honor, Teach, in their own communities.

Each of them, playing a part in helping to plan and participate in local events and fund-raising activities, sponsor and transport wreaths, and raise awareness.

When asked how he feels to know so many people across the country come together each December to Remember, Honor and Teach, Miles said without hesitation, "It makes me feel proud to be an American."

In 2018, nearly 1.8 million veteran wreaths were placed on headstones at 1,640 participating cemeteries around the country in honor of the service and sacrifices made for our freedoms, with each name said out loud.

Christmas in the Village

celebrated Saturday in Cobden

The 11th annual Christmas in the Village was celebrated Saturday, Dec. 7, in Cobden. The day featured a wide range of activities, including a pancake breakfast, bazaars, a disc golf tournament, walking history tours, exhibits and a chance to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus.



Santa and Mrs. Claus were escorted through the village by the Cobden Fire Department. Their destination was The Old Feed Store, where they greeted visitors of all ages. Santa and Mrs. Claus made their appearance with some assistance from David Stewart and Rose Hogan. Austin Sellars of the Cobden Fire Department drove them through the village to The Old Feed Store.



The Cobden School band performed holiday season music at the village's downtown park late Saturday afternoon. The band performed in conjunction with the lighting of a community Christmas tree which is on display at a shelter at the park.

Illinois State Scholars announced

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission, ISAC, has announced 2020-2021 Illinois State Scholars.

Seventeen students from Union County's four public high schools have been named as Illinois State Scholars.

The State Scholars from Union County, by school, include:

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School: Braden Bennis, Hannah DeWitt, Morgan Keller, Julia Lasley, Bryce Massey, Luca Mays, Sophie Nesbit,

Bryn Poulos Keller, Abby Sartin, Jenna Watkins.

Cobden High School: Joseph Brumleve, Jamison Cowart, Christian Goins, Brennan Kinsey, George Remsey.

Dongola High School: Megan Theis.

Shawnee High School, Wolf Lake: Olivia Jackson.

Illinois State Scholars are outstanding high school seniors who are recognized for their superior academic achievement.

Illinois State Scholars, who rank in approximately the top 10 percent of grad-

uates from Illinois high schools, are selected annually based on their ACT and SAT exams and sixth semester class rank.

Illinois State Scholars are announced based on the year they would begin any postsecondary education, not based on the year they graduate from high school.

Each Illinois State Scholar receives a congratulatory letter from ISAC, a Certificate of Achievement and statewide recognition in traditional and social media outlets.



Shopping with a Firefighter/Cop in Anna

The spirit of the Christmas holiday season was experienced last week at the fire station in Anna. The first evening of Anna's 2019 Shop with a Firefighter/Cop program began at the home of the Anna Fire Department. The program involves the Anna Fire Department and the Anna Police Department.

Twenty-five students from Anna School District No. 37 were invited to come and have pizza from Casey's in Jonesboro. After dinner, the students were taken to the Walmart supercenter store in Anna to do Christmas shopping. The students were taken to Walmart in Anna Fire Department and Anna Police Department emergency services vehicles, including the fire department's light truck, complete with lights flashing and sirens sounding in the night. Firefighters and police officers went shopping with the children.

Anna's Shop with a Firefighter/Cop has been conducted for many years and receives generous support from many in the community. Shop with Firefighters/Cops programs also are conducted in other communities throughout Union County during the holiday season.



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

Warranty Deed. Grantor: H. Holcomb and Son Welding and Machine Works Inc. Grantee: ASL Real Estate Corp. Name: Forest Place Addition. Block 8. Lot 9.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Ethel M. Lechtenberger, Lindell L. Lechtenberger, Robert E. Richardson Jr., Harold D. Richardson, Jack W. Richardson. Grantee: Ernest D. Weaver, Regina L. Weaver. Tract Section 26 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Clyde D. Isom, Terrie M. Isom. Grantee: Betty J. Peterman. Name: Original Plat of Anna. Lot 31.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Roger Davis Enterprises Inc. Grantee: Forrest Freyberger. Ben L. Wiley's Add. Block F. Lots 10, 11, 12.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Robert Dale Morgan. Grantee: Richard Michael Morgan. Name: Daniel W. Browns 1st Add. of Anna. Lot 13.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Nancy J. Campbell, Robert D. Campbell. Grantee: Vikram Patel. Name: Ben L. Wileys Add. Block E. Lot 3.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Julia Awbrey, Mickey Awbrey. Grantee: Relo Direct Government Services LLC. Tract Section 32 Township 12S Range 1E. Tract Section 29 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Cory Dust, Erin Dust. Grantee: Evan Lewis. Tract Section 26 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Emma V. Reynolds, Richard D. Reynolds. Grantee: John T. Girardi, John T. Girardi Revocable Living Trust. Tract Section 32 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Dorothea M. Reynolds, Jim J. Reynolds. Grantee: Amy T. Smith, Todd A. Smith. Tract Section 17 Township 12S Range 1E. Tract Section 20 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Dennis E. Helton, Lori R. Helton. Grantee: Jessica Dean, Kyle Dean. Tract Section 24 Township 12S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Richard C. Parks. Grantee: Terri L. George. Tract Section 19 Township 12S Range 1W. Name: Orchard Drive Sub. Lot 96.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Megan Spurlock. Grantee: Ilse Easterly. Tract Section 7 Township 13S Range 1E.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: David M. Woolard. Grantee: Kimberly L. Webb-Woolard, David M. Woolard. Tract Section 3 Township 13S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Peggy Johnson. Grantee: Susan Bryan, Mary K. Law, Kimberly Pind. Name: Lewis 3rd of Anna. Lot 14.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Amanda Louis Sheridan, John Bradley Sheridan. Grantee: Derek Jones, Valerie Jones. Name: Warren T. Browns Add. of Anna. Block A. Lot 1. Name: Willis A. Hartline Sub. Block A. Lot 1.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: John R. Nimmo, Sara S. Nimmo. Grantee: Amanda L. Sheridan, John Bradley Sheridan. Tract Section 26 Township 12S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Violet Yavonne Eads, William Wille Eads. Grantee: Brady Jacqueline Eads, William Chad Eads. Tract Section 21 Township 11S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Misty L. Alcoriza, Misty Lerma Alcoriza, Zachary John Cote. Grantee: William B. Couch. Tract Section 9 Township 11S

Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Jean F. Leach. Grantee: Lora Leach Bain. Tract Section 24 Township 11S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Karen F. Smith. Grantee: Jonathan L. Barnhart, Kelly D. Key. Name: Grammers Add. of Jonesboro. Lot 64.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Nona Evans, Vickie Gordon, Billy D. Jackson. Grantee: Gwendolyn K. Colboth, John A. Colboth. Tract Section 29 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Lee Ann Borgmeyer, Jessica Lee Dwyer. Grantee: Nancy L. Cunningham. Tract Section 25 Township 13S Range 3W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Harley G. Rhodes, Patsy J. Rhodes. Grantee: Trena Renee (Rhodes) Hardin, Melanie Ann (Rhodes) Mattheis, Jeffrey J. Rhodes, Rodney Ray Rhodes. Tract Section 16 Township 13S Range 1W.

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Warranty Deed. Grantor: Desiree Zimmerman. Grantee: Joshua A. Johnson, Kelly R. Johnson. Tract Section 25 Township 12S Range 3W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jana L. Fear, Steven M. Fear. Grantee: Jamie L. Bosecker, Aimee M. Johnston. Tract Section 23 Township 13S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Dennis S. Yates, Jane Ellen Yates. Grantee: Dawn Lucille Weaver, Harold Lee Weaver. Tract Section 23 Township 12 Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jeremy G. Swartzell, Shannon H. Swartzell. Grantee: Christopher R. Plott. Tract Section 27 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Rhonda Ford. Grantee: Robert Shepard. Name: Corzine Add. of Balcom. Lots 7, 8.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Anna-Jonesboro National Bank. Grantee: Martin Flores Jr. Tract Section 16 Township 13S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Leland Mark Osman. Grantee: Terry Richardson. Name: T.M. Perrines 1st Add. of Anna. Lots 4, 5.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Alan Sommer, Julie Sommer. Grantee: Tyler Farris, Rachel Sommer. Tract Section 21 Township 12S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Barbara J. Penrod, Joe E. Penrod. Grantee: Ricky Joe Penrod. Tract Section 13 Township 13S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Michael L. Turner. Grantee: Capaha Bank, Southern Bank. Name: Lewis 4th Addition of Anna. Lot 3.

Traffic Citations
The following people were cited for speeding and were assessed \$164 in fines and court costs as recorded at the Union County circuit clerk's office in Jonesboro:

Tony R. Gaddis, Alto Pass. Kyle Lee Ballard, Mayfield, Ky. Michael Lee Otten, Anna. Teresa L. Clausen, Winter Springs, Fla. Cameron J. Carter, Cape Girardeau. Michael A. Farinelli, Cape Girardeau.

Angela D. Evans, Ullin. Eric William Sanchez, Effingham. Jim E. Covey, Marion. Kevin

L. Weaver, Bonnie. Eric L. Orr, Chicago. Baltazar Fabian Paneda, Alto Pass. Penchant Brooke Pieper, Jackson, Mo.

Vaios Papandreou, Sugar Land, Texas. Elizabeth J. Shlah, Carbondale. Burke A. Cawthon, Carbondale. Eric Claus Chilman, Jonesboro. Dewayne Thomas, Woodridge. Leonel Antonio Boscan Molero, Hialeah, Fla.

Robert Alan Hammond Jr., Mill Creek. Kristen Howard, Makanda. Mark A. Ebert, Ashley. Nicholas Shayne Dees, Mount Vernon.

The following people were cited for the indicated violations and were assessed \$164 in fines and court costs as recorded at the circuit clerk's office:

Jose Raul Bravo Briseno, Guadalajara, Mexico, no valid registration. Betty Jane Ledford, Cape Girardeau, electronic communications device.

Inna N. Kinsey, Anna, fail to reduce speed. Sheridan E. Savage, Sikeston, Mo., seat belt required/driver. Richard D. Kee, Tamms, electronic communications device.

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

Robert Cordell Christian, Carbondale, driving on suspended license, \$1,983. Derrica T. Carr, Marion, speeding, 15-20 mph above limit, \$75. Michelle L. Johnson, Carbondale, speeding, 11-15 mph above limit, \$120.

Marriage Licenses
The county clerk's office in Jonesboro issued a marriage license to:

Dale Wayne Yates, 55, of Anna, and Cathy Ann McHughes, 60, of Anna.

Nathan Ray Sweitzer, 25, of Anna, and Brittany Jessica May, 24, of Cobden.

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A Christmas party for residents is planned Saturday at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna.

The third annual Christmas with the Alpacas is planned Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 14-15, at Rolling Oak Alpaca Ranch on Hall Church Road in Union County.

The Union County Historical and Genealogy Society's annual Christmas Shop in downtown Cobden wraps up for the season on Dec. 15. The shop generates primary financial support for the Union County Mu-

seum in Cobden.

A Blue Christmas is planned at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, at the Cross of Peace on Bald Knob Mountain near Alto Pass.

The Village of Ullin is planning to host a Christmas parade on Saturday evening, Dec. 21.

Ozourn Chiropractic Clinic in Anna is hosting its ninth annual holiday toy drive.

Cobden High School's homecoming celebration is planned Jan. 10.

Southern Seven Health Department's incident command team met for a quarterly training session on Nov. 21.

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Accident in Jonesboro Monday afternoon
Injuries were reported following a traffic accident which occurred early Monday afternoon, Dec. 9, on the Illinois Route 146 hill in Jonesboro. The accident involved a passenger car and a pickup truck. Traffic was slowed to a stop at the scene in the aftermath of the accident. Multiple Union County emergency services agencies responded to the scene.



Accident near Cobden
Two passenger cars were involved in a traffic accident which occurred Friday afternoon, Dec. 6, on old U.S. Route 51 north of Cobden. Initial reports by authorities at the scene indicated that minor injuries were reported.

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Ribbon Cutting

Family and friends joined S.I. Hemp & CBD owners Josh and Kristi Lofton for a ribbon cutting ceremony, marking the grand opening of their store in Anna. Pictured are, from left, Carol Hoffman, Nicolas Boie, Nathan Won, Michelle Won, Kristi Lofton, Linley Lofton, Josh Lofton, Timothy Davidson and Tracey Smith. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

Chamber sponsors ribbon cutting at Anna business

The Union County Chamber of Commerce joined the owners of S.I. Hemp & CBD for a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the grand opening of their establishment on Saturday, Nov. 30.

S.I. Hemp & CBD is a CBD dispensary and wellness center located at 147 E. Vienna St. in Anna. They

offer a full line of CBD products, including tinctures, creams, oils and gummies.

The past few years have seen a rise in popularity of cannabidiol, known commercially as CBD, a compound found naturally in hemp plants.

CBD wellness products are taken for a variety of

ailments, including chronic pain, anxiety, insomnia, addiction, epilepsy and many others.

CBD products are non-psychoactive, meaning they don't produce the intoxicating effect that THC products do.

SI Hemp & CBD owners Josh and Kristi Lofton own both the dispensary as well as the fields in Cobden where the hemp is grown and produced, overseeing the production of their products from start to finish.

"We planted the seeds, we harvested, we processed. Our facilities in Cyprus at the old John Deere/Hudson's garage, that's where we processed all the product," said manager Nathan Won.

"It's all third party tested, all lab approved, state approved, the whole nine," Won continued. "But the

fact that it's homemade and not from some company out of California or Colorado, we know it's pure because we are the one that basically made that."

S.I. Hemp & CBD offers consultations for people unfamiliar with CBD products and questions about their possible benefits.

"All our prices are cheaper than internet prices," said Won. "We are extremely competitive with the internet."

S.I. Hemp & CBD is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, with expanded evening hours in the spring.

For more information, visit their Facebook page at facebook.com/sihempandcbd.

Dongola plans to host Tree Lighting

The third annual holiday season Tree Lighting is planned from noon to 5 p.m. Dec. 15 in downtown Dongola.

The day will feature a wide range of holiday activities.

Bounce houses, hot dogs, cotton candy and popcorn will be available free for the kids.

Vendors will be at the community center.

Poor Boys BBQ and Hungry Hut will be serving food. Santa will be present for pictures.

A parade and tree lighting will start when it gets dark.

Cobden American Legion welcomes community support

The Cobden American Legion is welcoming support from the community.

The American Legion is a non-profit veterans organization which is dedicated to mentoring young people, sponsoring wholesome programs in communities, advocating patriotism, honoring and promoting national security, and supporting fellow service members and veterans.

Programs include Operation Comfort Warriors, scholarships, family and youth programs, community support and services, and fund-raising to assist veterans and their families.

Additional information can be found online at www.legion.org.

Those who may be aware of any assistance that is needed in the community are invited to share that information.

Those who have served on active duty in the U.S. armed forces since Dec. 7, 1941, and have been hon-

orably discharged or are currently serving can join the American Legion.

More information about the American Legion is available by contacting Mark Haddick at 618-559-4109 or Jeff Lingle at 618-201-8025.

Stinson to welcome stuffed animals

A stuffed animal sleep-over is planned Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13-14, at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna.

Children are invited to dress in their pajamas and bring their favorite stuffed animal to the library at 5 p.m. on Friday.

A bed-time story will be read. Stuffed animals then will be able to spend the night at the library.

Children can come back to the library at 10 a.m. on Saturday to pick up their stuffed animals.

A light breakfast will be served and children can hear about the adventures their stuff animals had.

Anna police chief issues activity report

The Anna Police Department has issued an activity report for the month of November.

The report was issued by Anna Police Chief Bryan Watkins.

Highlights from the report follow:

52 adult verbal warnings issued. 44 adult written warnings issued.

156 radio/officer initiated calls. 198 phone initiated calls. 40 walk-in initiated calls.

11 traffic misdemeanor arrests. 11 warrant arrests. Two traffic juvenile arrests.

Three ordinance violation citation arrests. Eight criminal felony arrests. Four criminal juvenile arrests.

One civil law violation arrest. 24 criminal misdemeanor arrests. 26 traffic citation arrests.

Weather High 61, low 22

Temperatures ranged from a high of 61 degrees to a low of 22 during the period of Dec. 3-9 in the Union County area.

Precipitation during the period included .04 of an inch of rain on Dec. 6 and .11 of an inch on Dec. 9. Fog was recorded on Dec. 8.

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

	H	L
Tuesday, Dec. 3	50	22
Wednesday, Dec. 4	60	29
Thursday, Dec. 5	61	28
Friday, Dec. 6	57	33
Saturday, Dec. 7	49	30
Sunday, Dec. 8	54	30
Monday, Dec. 9	60	36

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Sports

Wildcats score three wins, take third at Goreville Tournament

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' basketball team finished 3-2 to take third place at last week's Goreville Invitational Tournament.

A-J's Zach Overstreet and Blake Pena were named to the all-tournament team.

A-J 65, Johnston City 50: Overstreet led the way with 18 points and 2 rebounds in the final game A-J played at the tournament. The game was played Saturday, Dec. 7.

Noah McFarland added 11 points and 5 rebounds for A-J. Damareon Faust had 8 points and 5 rebounds.

Ta'Kevon Williford had 6 points and 5 rebounds. Maddox Thorpe had 5 points and 3 rebounds. Juan Valencia had 4 points and 2 rebounds.

Pena had 4 points and 3 rebounds. Lighton Mixen had 4 points. Landon Trammel had 3 points. Nate Belcher had 2 points and a rebound.

The Wildcats were 17 of 33 in shot attempts from the field, 7 of 16 from 3-point range and 10 of 10 from the free throw line.

The Indians were 13 of 34 in shot attempts from the floor, 6 of 18 from 3-point range and 6 of 11 from the free throw line.

Goreville 61, A-J 51: In a game that featured 50 fouls and 68 free throw attempts, the host Blackcats

came out on top earlier on Saturday.

Goreville was 23 of 43 from the free throw line and A-J was 16 of 26 from the stripe.

The host Blackcats led 20-4 after one quarter and 30-21 at the half. A-J pulled to 43-37 going into the final quarter.

The Wildcats fought back to tie the game 33-33 and pulled ahead 35-33 in the third quarter and were ahead 51-50 in the final quarter before Goreville went on a run.

Pena had 17 points and 3 rebounds to lead A-J.

Overstreet added 12 points and 7 rebounds. Valencia had 7 points and a rebound.

McFarland had 7 points and 2 rebounds. Faust had 4 points and 5 rebounds. Williford had 4 points and 2 rebounds.

A-J was 13 of 32 in shot attempts from the floor and 3 of 18 from 3-point range.

Goreville was 13 of 23 in shot attempts from the floor and 4 of 15 from 3-point range.

Benton 45, A-J 25: The Rangers pulled ahead 14-6 after one quarter and held on for the tournament win Friday, December 6.

Pena had 11 points and 5 rebounds for A-J.

Valencia had 5 points and 3 rebounds. Faust had 3 points and 3 rebounds.

Overstreet had 2 points and 2 rebounds. McFarland had 2 points and a rebound. Mixen had 2 points.

A-J was 7 of 24 in shot attempts from the floor, 2 of 13 from 3-point range and 5 of 7 from the charity stripe.

The Rangers were 12 of 27 in shot attempts from the field, 6 of 12 from 3-point range and 3 of 8 from the free throw line.

A-J 52, Hamilton County 34: The Wildcats took over in the second quarter on their way to the win at the tourney Wednesday, Dec. 4.

Overstreet led the way with 13 points and 4 rebounds.

Williford had 10 points and 4 rebounds. Pena had 10 points and a rebound.

McFarland had 7 points and 7 rebounds. Valencia had 6 points and a rebound.

Faust had 4 points and 2 rebounds. Landon Trammel had 2 points and 2 rebounds.

A-J was 19 of 41 in shot attempts from the floor, 3 of 12 from 3-point range and 5 of 10 from the free throw line.

Hamilton County was 11 of 31 in shot attempts from the floor, 2 of 10 from 3-point range and 6 of 11 from the charity stripe.

The Wildcats are scheduled to play again at Nashville Friday and at Cobden Saturday.

Cobden girls play two games

Cobden fell behind early and couldn't catch up in a 50-38 loss in girls' high school basketball to visiting Johnston City Tuesday, Dec. 3.

Jenna Hartline had 24 points to lead Cobden.

Katelyn Shadowens and Rhylee Sauerbrunn had 4 points apiece for Cobden. Aubrey Fisher, Gracelynn Fisher and Abby Ramsey added 2 each.

Pope County 56, Cobden 47: Hartline had 20 points to lead Cobden in the loss in the final game of the Galatia Tournament Saturday, Nov. 29.

Aubrey Fisher had 8 points for Cobden, followed by Ramsey 7, Gracelynn Fisher 5, Shadowens and Olivia Brumleve 3 apiece and Ava Nance 1.

Cobden is scheduled to play again Thursday, today, at Hardin County.

Lady Wildcats post 1-2 record in recent action

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' basketball team was 1-2 in recent action.

Marshall County, Ky., 54, A-J 42

The visiting Lady Wildcats couldn't hold a lead in the final quarter in the overtime loss Saturday, Dec. 7.

Mikayla Bunrdren had 11 points and 5 rebounds to lead A-J.

Anna Hess added 9 points, 5 rebounds and 2 assists. Jaylee Watkins had 9 points, 2 rebounds and 2 assists.

Kristin Edmonds had 6 points, 13 rebounds and 4 assists. Raegan Cruse had 5 points and a steal.

Addison Denny had 2 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists, a steal and a block.

A-J 48, Marion 24: The host Lady Wildcats took over early on their way to the win Thursday, Dec. 5.

Bunrdren had 20 points, including 4 3-pointers, 3 assists and 2 rebounds.

Disc golf tournament played Saturday in Cobden

A Cobden Christmas in the Village random draw doubles disc golf tournament was played Saturday morning, Dec. 7. The tournament, which involved 18 players, was played at a new disc golf course which is located at the Cobden Community Park. Tournament participants were from Cobden, Carbondale, Murphysboro, Herrin, Anna, Jonesboro, Carterville, Du Quoin, Cape Girardeau and McLeansboro. Members of the winning team were Mike Eddings of Anna and Jon Boster of Herrin.

The tournament was held in conjunction with last Saturday's Christmas in the Village celebration. An 18-hole tournament was played. All funds which were raised will help to support the Cobden disc golf course. The First Baptist Church of Anna donated refreshments for the event. The accompanying photographs were taken during Saturday's tournament.



Cyrus Lingle of Jonesboro follows through on a throw during Saturday's tournament.



Cody Livesay of Jonesboro throws his disc from a tee at the disc golf course at the Cobden community park.



A throw from under a pine tree was a special challenge for one of Saturday's tournament competitors.

CEO Holiday Hoops tournaments slated

The Union County CEO class of 2020 is planning and hosting Holiday Hoops on Sunday, Dec. 15.

Holiday Hoops is scheduled to start with an afternoon of 3 on 3 basketball tournaments in the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School gymnasium.

The event will continue with a variety of activities and games for all ages and will end with county-wide police versus firefighters' competition.

The 3 on 3 tournaments will be in two age groups: adult and high school, and 5th through 8th grade, which will start at noon.

Teams can be all male, all female or mixed. High school/adult teams are \$25 per player, up to four per team.

Fifth through 8th grade teams are \$15 per player, up to four, and one adult must be present for the team.

Participants need to register on the Union County CEO Facebook page or by

contacting Kathy Bryan at Kiki's CoffeeHouse or by phone 618-559-9138.

The final, main event will begin at 7 p.m. with a local police versus fire department basketball competition, starring police and firefighters from all over Union County.

The cost for spectators will be \$5 adults, \$3 for 5-12 year olds, with 4 and under free for the full day or to come and go.

In the late afternoon, games and activities will be available for kids with visits from Santa and the Grinch.

Then guests will have the opportunity to enjoy Jennifer Cleghorn's Famous Italian Beef and other treats while they cheer on their favorite players.

The profits from this event will be loaned to the CEO students for their personal businesses, and support CEO student activities, with a significant portion returned to the community during their "give back" at the end of the year.



Birthday celebration

Betty Odum celebrated her 93rd birthday by exercising at Shawnee Community College's extension center in Anna. Betty was joined by Gary Wright, Matt Odum, her son, and Linda Simpson. Betty exercises every day at the center. Photo provided.

Cobden boys' basketball goes 2-1 in recent action

Cobden High School boys' basketball team posted a 2-1 record in recent action.

Cobden 65, Lyon County, Ky., 45: The Appleknockers pulled ahead 14-11 after one quarter on their way to the win at the Harley-Davidson Shoot Out at Marion Saturday, Dec. 7.

Joe Brumleve led the way with 21 points. Noah Franklin added 18 points, Tyler Franklin 14, Dylan Lewey 5, Alex Ramsey 4, Landon Britt 2 and Sippy Zamora 1.

Cobden 63, Joppa 28: Cobden was ahead 20-2 after one quarter and 35-5 at the half against the host Rangers Friday, Dec. 6.

Tyler Franklin led the way for Cobden with 17 points. Lewey added 13 points, Brumleve and Britt had 8 apiece and Cooper Flamm 2.

Christopher 42, Cobden 38: The visiting Ap-

pleknockers let a halftime lead slip away in the loss Tuesday, Dec. 3.

Cobden, 6-2, is scheduled to play again at home Friday against South Egyptian Conference foe Shawnee and at home against Anna-Jonesboro on Saturday.

Dongola scores win over Shawnee

Evan Treat scored 18 points to lead host Dongola to a 33-20 win over Shawnee in high school boys' basketball Friday, Dec. 6.

Andrew Tarpley scored 16 points for the Demons. Joey Thomas had 13 points, Cameron Hogue 7 and Hunter Freeman 6.

Lathan Holtman had 14 points to lead the Redskins. Braden Freeman added 13 points, Justin Kaufman 10 and Koby McLane 4.

Dongola is scheduled to play again at Meridian on Friday, Dec. 13.

Cobden School readers honored

Cobden Elementary School has recognized students who reached their goals in November for the school-wide Accelerated Reading program. Students were required to read books and take comprehension tests on a computer to achieve their points. Photos provided.



100 Point Club: from left are Asher Miller, Mallory Adamitis, Natalie Storm and Layla West.



50 Point Club: in the first row are, from left, Gadiel Uribe, Timmy Clover, Jesse Miller and Finn Kaszubski. In the second row are Jayden Graham, Cooper Brinkerhoff, Maggie Clutts, Madge Stevens and Tyler Shoemate.



25 Point Club: in the first row are, from left, Luke Staley, Parker Fisher, Annaleigh Kaszubski, Bailey Greable, Jaylyn Stroehlein, Harmony Hilliard and Jonah Etherton. In the second row are Mackenzie Haynes, Marquez Pitts, Marlee Engelmann, Tyson Hernandez, Annabelle Kruse, Clara Long, Keylee Moore, Juan Garcia and Henry Pearson. In the third row are Alivia Kilpatrick, Naomi Stone, James Bergseth, Scarlett Bergseth and Ashley Carillo.

Legislation designed to support paraprofessionals in classroom

Legislation was signed on Thursday, Dec. 5, which is designed to strengthen the pipeline of paraprofessionals serving students in schools across the state.

Senate Bill 10 took effect immediately.

“Paraprofessionals play a vital role in classrooms and in our children’s lives,

particularly for students with special needs,” Gov. JB Pritzker said when he signed the legislation.

“This new law ensures that qualified aides get the opportunity to support our hardworking teachers and help our kids reach their potential, as we work to address teaching shortages across the state.”

The new law reinstates the opportunity for individuals who hold a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent to become licensed after passing a paraprofessional competency test.

Many paraprofessionals serve as aides to special education students.

The legislation also makes various changes to address teacher licensure.

Commencement scheduled at Southeast

Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau plans to have its fall commencement ceremonies at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Dec. 14 in the Show Me Center.

The 10 a.m. ceremony is for candidates in the College of Education, Health and Human Studies, and the Harrison College of Business and Computing.

The 2 p.m. ceremony is for candidates in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences; College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics; and the Holland College of Arts and Media.

Dr. Shonta Smith, professor of elementary education, will deliver the 10 a.m. address.

Dr. Susan Kendrick, professor of English and chair of the Department of English, will deliver the 2 p.m. address.

Legislator highlights activities

After a holiday weekend spent giving thanks, State Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg, continued work throughout the 59th District in Southern Illinois. Part of Union County is in the district.

During the week of Dec. 2-6, Fowler spoke about health care legislation, took part in a contracting workshop and attended a ribbon cutting ceremony.

To begin the week, Fowler attended a meeting about Opportunity Zones, which are an investment incentive designed to promote economic development and job creation in under-resourced communities.

Local stakeholders and meeting attendees were presented with an overview of the program and examples of types of projects that would be beneficial to Southern Illinois’ Opportunity Zones.

Fowler said he is optimistic that the Opportunity Zones program could allow for renewed investment in the region.

Also during the week, Fowler took part in a community leadership panel discussion at Southeastern Illinois College in Harrisburg.

Fowler spoke before the Harrisburg Medical Center Board of Trustees, providing an overview of health care legislation and discussing issues facing the health care industry of Southern Illinois.

Fowler joined U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth, D-Ill., for a contracting workshop at John A. Logan College in Carterville on Dec. 5.

Representatives from the Small Business Administration, General Services Administration, ManTraCon and Procurement Technical Assistance Centers presented information on the general contracting application process, the 8A contracting application process and workforce development.

Those who attended the event could also speak with representatives from Southern Illinois University Carbondale, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, South-

ern Illinois Healthcare and the Marion VA to discuss upcoming work opportunities in the region.

In other news for the week, Fowler was named as a 2019 Public Service Award recipient by the Illinois Electric Cooperative.

According to the cooperative, Fowler was recognized for his dedication to public service and for outstanding contributions to the rural electrification program.

On Dec. 5, Fowler attended a ribbon cutting ceremony for a new Centerstone outpatient center in Carterville.

Centerstone is a not-for-profit health care organization which provides mental health care, addiction treatment and community education in Illinois.

Fowler also attended a Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees luncheon.

At the luncheon, Fowler welcomed SIU’s new president, Daniel F. Mahony, to the university.

Mahony, who previously served as the president of Winthrop University in South Carolina, was confirmed by the SIU Board of Trustees on Dec. 5.

Fowler said he congratulates the new SIU president on his new position and looks forward to working with Mahony in the future.

Fowler said he is filming new footage for his ongoing Southern Illinois Treasures series.

The series is a tourism initiative done by Fowler to highlight some of the attractions in Southern Illinois, promote tourism and encourage visitors to explore the region.

Fowler invites people to visit his website and to check out his interactive Southern Illinois Tourism Map to see the locations he has already visited.

Fowler’s district office can be contacted at 618-294-8951 if someone has a location they would like to spotlight as part of the series.

State News

In state news, Fowler

reported that the watchdog group Truth in Accounting has issued a report that ranks Illinois among the least fiscally transparent states in the nation.

Fowler said Illinois has been ranked ninth-worst, with the state’s score negatively affected by such factors as the late delivery of its annual documents, a failure to have an external auditor look at the numbers, and a distorted net financial position due to misleading and confusing information on its report.

The Truth in Accounting group measures each state’s comprehensive annual financial report and issues scores based on eight criteria: accessibility, searchability, if the states used an outside auditor, the auditor’s opinion, timeliness of the report, percentage of off-balance sheet liabilities, pension data timing, and deferred items.

Idaho, North Dakota and Nevada were ranked at the top of the report, while Connecticut was ranked 50th.

Commencement ceremony

planned at SIU

The academic achievements of more than 1,100 Southern Illinois University Carbondale students will be celebrated at fall 2019 commencement exercises, which are scheduled Dec. 14.

The commencement ceremony for all colleges, including the SIU School of Law, is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. at the Banterra Center (formerly the SIU Arena).

The commencement ceremony is open to the public and tickets are not required. More information is available at commencement.siu.edu.

The ceremony will be available via livestream by clicking on the “Watch Live” button on the commencement.siu.edu website.

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Sunday, December 15th
 10:15 a.m.
 Christmas Cantata

Tuesday, December 24th
 6:00 p.m.
 Christmas Eve
 Candlelight Service

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
 Cobden

Tuesday,
 December 24th
 Christmas Eve Midnight Mass

Wednesday,
 December 25th
 Christmas Day Mass
 10:00 a.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Church
 Anna

December 14th
 Cookie Walk • 8 A.M. - Noon

December 15th
 Christmas Program & Potluck
 4:30 P.M.

December 24th
 Children's Christmas Eve Mass 5 p.m.

December 25th
 8:00 a.m. Christmas Mass

Anna United Methodist Church
 111 W. Monroe
 Anna

December 24th
 9 p.m.
 Christmas Eve
 Candlelight Service
 w/Communion

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
 205 W. Jefferson · Anna · 833-2475

Advent Services
 December 11th and 18th • 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 Tuesday, Dec. 24th • 9:00 p.m.

Worship Service
 Wednesday, December 25th • 9:00 a.m.

Regular Sunday School & Bible Study @ 9:15 a.m.
 Worship Service @ 10:30 a.m.

First Baptist Church
 201 West Walnut · Jonesboro · 833-7981
 Bro. Michael Turner

Saturday, December 14th • 5:30 p.m.
 Gift to Community Service Event
 Call before attending for meal before service

Sunday, December 15 • 6:00 P.M.
 Gift to Community Service Event
 & Cantata

Tuesday, December 24 • 5 P.M.
 Worship Service with Communion

Anna First Church of the Nazarene
 100 Kirk St. · Anna, IL · 833-6702
 Randy Wright, Senior Pastor

December 15th
 Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:35 a.m. followed by Thanksgiving/Christmas
 potluck in honor of District Superintendent, Terry Armstrong
 Evening Worship Service 6:00 p.m.

December 22nd
 Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.
 Christmas Program featuring Children's Church & NYI 10:35 a.m.
 Anna Faith & Sophie Grace Berry Memorial Roll Certificate Presentation
 All Church Christmas Party 6:00 p.m.

December 24th
 Candlelight Christmas Eve Service 8:00 p.m.

Anna Heights Baptist Church

Christmas Services

Sunday, December 22nd

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Disciple Church 6:00 p.m.

100 Turner Ave. • www.annaheights.com • 833-5916

Christmas at Kornthal

Kornthal Church will hold its Christmas Service on Thursday, December 19th, at 6:30 p.m. (Note time change). Light refreshments will be available following the service. There will be no third Thursday service in January. Services will resume in February.

Kornthal is located 2.5 miles south of Jonesboro, IL off Illinois 127.

Salem and Mount Moriah Lutheran Church

Holiday Worship Schedule

December 11th at Mount Moriah - 7 p.m.
 December 18th at Salem - 7 p.m.
 Advent Midweek Services with Holy Communion.
 Supper served at 6:00 p.m. preceding each Advent Service.

December 24th at Salem - 7:00 p.m.
 December 24th at Mount Moriah - 5:30 p.m.
 Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

Salem - 101 E. Market St. • Jonesboro
 Mount Moriah Lutheran Church - 102 W. Jefferson • Anna

First Christian Church
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Wednesday, December 18th
 Christmas Candlelight Service and Play at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 22nd
 Christmas Candlelight Service and Play at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Everyone Welcome.
 Pastor Bob Richardson

 Anna First Baptist

Anna First Baptist Church
 409 Morgan St. • Anna
 833-5416 • www.annafirst.com

Sunday, December 22nd
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Candlelight Worship Service 6:00 p.m.

First Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Anna
 315 South Street · Anna · 833-5225
 Rev. David Fischler

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22
 Sunday School 8:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10 a.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

FIRST SOUTHERN BANK, Plaintiff,
vs.
CACHE CREEK ANIMAL RESCUE, INC., AN ILLINOIS NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATION, DONNA L. HAWK, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY-INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, UNKNOWN OWNERS, And NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
Case No. 2019-CH-14

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above court entered in the above entitled cause on October 8, 2019, the following described real estate will on the 8th day of January, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., in a courtroom of the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market St., Jonesboro, IL 62952, be offered for sale and sold at public venue by the Sheriff of Union County.

A. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Lawler Brown Law Firm, 1600 West Main Street, PO Box 1148, Marion, IL 62959, telephone (618) 993-2222.

B. The common address and other common description, if any, of the parcel of real estate is 6535 Lick Creek Road, Buncombe, IL 62912.

C. The legal description of the first parcel of real estate is as follows:

THAT PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE, 1 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT A ½" IRON ROD AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE N.89 DEGREES 41' 18" E., 686.81 FEET TO A ½" IRON ROD AND THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE N.89 DEGREES 41' 18" E., 548.76 FEET TO A ½" IRON ROD ON THE NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF LICK CREEK ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY, S.43 DEGREES 10' 50" W., 522.58 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1116.00 FEET IN LENGTH OF 241.96 FEET (CHORD BEARS S.49 DEGREES 23' 31" W., 241.49 FEET); THENCE DEPARTING FROM SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY, N.00 DEGREES 50' 12" W., 535.32 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 3.553 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. PER PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY SCOTT A. RICHARDS, ILLINOIS LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2996, RECORDED ON MARCH 27, 1997, IN RECORD BOOK 141 AT PAGE 369 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS;

Permanent Index Number: 02-09-00-748.

D. A description of the improvements on the real estate is commercial property.

E. The time and place of the sale are: Public sale at 9:00 a.m. on January 8, 2020, inside the Courthouse in Jonesboro, Union County, Illinois.

F. The terms of the sale are: Cash or certified check or the equivalent thereof at the time of sale. This property 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. Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY – JONESBORO, ILLINOIS

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff,
vs.
SCOTT CORDELL MYERS; JO E. MYERS A/K/A JO ELLEN MYERS A/K/A ELLEN MYERS; DELLA MCMAHAN SHEPARD; BETH MCMAHAN; ANNA HOSPITAL CORPORATION D/B/A UNION COUNTY HOSPITAL STATE OF ILLINOIS; UNKNOWN OWNERS-TENANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s).

Residential Mortgage Foreclosure

Case No.: 2019-CH-31

Judge: Presiding

Property Address: 166 Fair City Road Jonesboro, IL 62952

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, UNKNOWN OWNERS-TENANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, this case has been commenced in this Court against you and others, asking for foreclosure of the Mortgage held by the Plaintiff on the property located at 166 Fair City Road, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952, more particularly described as:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

A PARCEL OF LAND BEING PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, UNION COUNTY, STATE OF ILLINOIS, SAID PARCEL IS PART OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AND RECORDED IN BOOK 341, PAGE 282 IN THE UNION COUNTY COURT HOUSE IN THE NAME OF DOUGLAS R. CHARLES AND WENDY L. CHARLES, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT AN

IRON ROD FOUND AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER SECTION; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 12' 51" E, 169.80 FEET ALONG THE SOUTHLINE OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER SECTION TO AN IRON ROD SET AT A CORNER OF THE PICKEL PROPERTY (BOOK 195, PAGE 515), THIS BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE ALONG SAID PICKEL PROPERTY THE FOLLOWING FIVE (5) CALLS: THENCE N 10 DEGREES 47' 32" E, 144.57 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE N 13 DEGREES 13' 34" E, 126.48 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE N 17 DEGREES 17' 43" E, 142.76 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE N 67 DEGREES 49' 24" E, 92.36 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE S 62 DEGREES 18' 59" E, 177.55 FEET, PASSING AN IRON ROD SET AT 177.55 FEET, TO A POINT IN THE CENTERLINE OF FAIR CITY ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID CENTERLINE OF FAIR CITY ROAD THE FOLLOWING FOUR (4) CALLS: THENCE ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT WITH CHORD BEARING S 04 DEGREES 11' 36" E, 75.78 FEET, A RADIUS OF 208.72 FEET, AND AS ARC LENGTH OF 76.20 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S 02 DEGREES 03' 39" E, 70.87 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S 12 DEGREES 58' 32" E, 100.28 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S 21 DEGREES 32' 29" E, 124.07 FEET TO A POINT IN THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER SECTION; THENCE N 09 DEGREES 12' 51" W, 417.41 FEET ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, PASSING AN IRON ROD SET AT 21.62 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL TO CONTAIN 2.975 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. SAID PARCEL BEING SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF FAIR CITY ROAD AND ALL OTHER RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND EASEMENTS, RECORDED OR OTHERWISE. ALL SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Permanent Index Number: 09-20-06-435
Commonly known as: 166 Fair City Road, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952
UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Court of Union County at the Union County Courthouse located at

309 West Market, Jonesboro, IL 62952 on or before January 6, 2020, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE.

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Case No. 2019-CH-14

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C. The legal description of the first parcel of real estate is as follows:

THAT PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE, 1 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT A ½" IRON ROD AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE N.89 DEGREES 41' 18" E., 686.81 FEET TO A ½" IRON ROD AND THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE N.89 DEGREES 41' 18" E., 548.76 FEET TO A ½" IRON ROD ON THE NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF LICK CREEK ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY, S.43 DEGREES 10' 50" W., 522.58 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1116.00 FEET IN LENGTH OF 241.96 FEET (CHORD BEARS S.49 DEGREES 23' 31" W., 241.49 FEET); THENCE DEPARTING FROM SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY, N.00 DEGREES 50' 12" W., 535.32 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 3.553 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. PER PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY SCOTT A. RICHARDS, ILLINOIS LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2996, RECORDED ON MARCH 27, 1997, IN RECORD BOOK 141 AT PAGE 369 IN THE RECORDER'S

OFFICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS;

Permanent Index Number: 02-09-00-748.

D. A description of the improvements on the real estate is commercial property.

E. The time and place of the sale are: Public sale at 9:00 a.m. on January 8, 2020, inside the Courthouse in Jonesboro, Union County, Illinois.

F. The terms of the sale are: Cash or certified check or the equivalent thereof at the time of sale. This property 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. Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

G. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate.

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

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

Dated: November 25, 2019

LAWLER BROWN LAW FIRM
By: Adam B. Lawler

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311 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before June 12, 2020, 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 by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: December 6, 2019.

BRENDA L. GARVER
INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR
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

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLEAR CREEK LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT (no number assigned)

NOTICE

The Commissioners of the Clear Creek Levee and Drainage District have filed in my office on November 22, 2019, their Annual Report

showing the amount of monies collected by the District since the last report and the manner in which the funds have been expended.

Any owner of land within the District may file an objection to the report with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952, on or before December 23, 2019.

If any objections are filed within the time prescribed, the Court shall set a hearing at a time not later than four (4) weeks after the date of the filing of the report. If no objection to the report is filed, the Court may approve the report without a hearing.

Dated this 27th day of November, 2019.

TIFFANY BUSBY

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Union County, Illinois
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PRESTON LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT (no number assigned)

NOTICE

The Commissioners of the Preston Levee and Drainage District have filed in my office on November 22, 2019, their Annual Report showing the amount of monies collected by the District since the last report and the manner in which the funds have been

expended.

Any owner of land within the District may file an objection to the report with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952, on or before December 23, 2019.

If any objections are filed within the time prescribed, the Court shall set a hearing at a time not later than four (4) weeks after the date of the filing of the report. If no objection to the report is filed, the Court may approve the report without a hearing.

Dated this 27th day of November, 2019.

TIFFANY BUSBY
Clerk of the Circuit Court
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019

The summary must be published in the local newspaper.

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by December 1, annually. Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact:

Anna Community Consolidated School 301 S. Green St. Anna, IL 62906 (618) 833-6812 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
School District/Joint Agreement Name Address Telephone Office Hours

Also by January 15, annually the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019, will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website at www.isbe.net.

SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2019

	Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety	
Local Sources	1000	1,284,759	209,283	359,855	103,485	220,619	1	58,460	73,984	43,367
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Sources	3000	3,553,157	0	0	81,606	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	569,288	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		5,407,204	209,283	359,855	185,091	220,619	1	58,460	73,984	43,367
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		5,520,150	195,114	335,257	235,201	215,650	2,183	83,948	83,948	296,407
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	0	0	0	0	0	(13,000)	13,000	0
Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2018		385,911	97,271	64,422	222,782	82,427	2,478	2,045,645	429	276,034
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2019		272,965	111,440	89,020	172,672	87,396	296	2,091,105	3,467	22,994

SALARY SCHEDULE OF GROSS PAYMENTS FOR CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL AND NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

This listing must be published in the local newspaper, sent to ISBE, and retained within your district/joint agreement administrative office for public inspection.

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GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000	Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999	Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999	Salary Range: \$60,000 - \$89,999	Salary Range: \$90,000 and over
Nancy Bass, Paula Bierstedt, Reed Bigelow Julie Bullard, Marlin Burd, Andre Burnett Barbara Clymore, Penny Costa, Kasie Craft Connie Farhang, Alma Gomez, Olivia Gratz Monyshtka Harpalani, Cory Hastings Susan Hoyle, Paige Lacy, Jason Leek Mahala Montfort, Rebekah Piott, Stacey Piott, Carolyn Schramka Nancy Shearer, Timothy Smith, Cheryl Stewart, Shannon Thompson, Alyssa Tripp, Ann Unger, Christina VanAlstine Raechel Ward, Sherry Ward, Daria Wormick	Malori Lambdin, Andrea Laster, William McKenzie, Morgan Rathjen Leslie Thurston	Tammy Bailey-Smith, Angela Clay Karen Collier, Stella Dallas, Michael Eddings Michael Eudy Andrea Feloni, Karen Frick, Marjorie Frick Carolyn Gaddis, Sherri Goforth, Kevin Goins Rebecca Lannon, Terra Lyerla, Shelley Marshall, Tamara Mucher Holly Newman, Deena Reichert, Aaron Roberts, Anna Rodriguez Jenny Sadler, Joshua Shearer Ginger Staples, Erin Suggs, Brandy Thurston Hannah Youngman	Janet Boyd, Shelly Clark, Jennifer Hall Tonya Hammer, Barbara James, Lisa James Robert Lannon, Cheryl Ligon, Charlotte Massey, Jennifer Osman, Heather Reynolds, Lori Rich, Julie Solomon Gail Webb, Thelma Whittinghill	Charles Goforth, Mark Laster

GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000	Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999	Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999	Salary Range: \$60,000 and over
Julia Aubrey, Keelle Bartruff, Paula Bierstedt Julie Bonner, Bobbie Bracken, Marlin Burd Jacqueline Cates, Christopher Clark, Karen Collier, Penny Costa, Kasie Craft Stella Dallas, September Davis, Heather Eubanks, Matthew Ferrell Shawn Fleming, Payton Foeller, Michael Gambill, Kim Goddard, Erica Goines Alma Gomez, Miranda Hargrave, Connie Hileman, Devin Hinkle, James Jerolds Sara Jones, Brandon Kane, Brandy Kimmel Candace Linton, Michael Lohstroh Charlotte Massey, Benjamin McFarland Kristie Meneses Rebecca Merriman, Alan Mighell, LaDonna Miller, Carl Mixen, Brien Moore, Heath Newman, Janice Osman, Patricia Pitts	Katharine Hileman, Kristen Hodges Lisa Houseman, Margaret Jones Zach Newberry, Patricia Shaffer	Randy Frank, Sandra Landis, Nicholas Sadler Candice Sauerbrunn	Kathy Eaves, Robert Needling

Stacey Piott, Wesley Penrod, Paige Rails,
Kim Shirkey, Gail Short, Ramanda Snell,
Jessica Stark, Samantha Taylor, Kelley Thorpe
Lindsey Toler, Jonathan Vicenzi, Raechel Ward
Sheri White, Jamie Wilkins, Darrell Williams
Jeanie Wright, Susan Yates, Kimberly Yeast

Payments over \$2,500, excluding wages and salaries.

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Anna Community Consolidated School
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Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount	Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount
A & A Abatement Service	4,200	Jim Carter Tire	12196.57
ASH Credit Union	147,131	Lakeshore Learning	6431.10
AFLAC	18,182	L & P Carpet	2705.46
Anna State Bank	240,768	Lunsford Architects	9325.00
Beussink & Hickam	9,600	Marlin Leasing	7294.90
CDI Computers	6,853	Midwest Bus Sales	87291.12
Chester Dairy Company	34,758	Moby Max	2590.00
City of Anna	20,893	Nextera Energy Services	63377.74
Clearwave	16,241	Onarga	8016.69
Common Goal Systems	9,717	Osborne Office	8552.60
CRS Onesource	141,703	OTIS	2948.42
Curriculum Associates	75,839	Plott Construction	9211.13
D7 Roofing	239,625	A & W Plumbing & Heating	3726.47
District 37 Insurance	500,306	Quality Sheet Metals	21880.00
Dist 37 Revolving	20,791	Repperts	4558.12
Gurley & Sons Heating/AC	12,123	Security Alarm Corp	27619.77
Haddock Corporation	12,754	SI Builder Supply	7666.99
IASB	5,227	Southern FS	11776.37
Illinois Dept of Revenue	183,484	Specialized Data System	14000.00
II Ed Association	41,185	Sportsgraphics	5850.00
II School Dist Agency	45,051	Supplyworks	25272.04
II Teachers Retirement	313,745	T & I Office	20986.36
II Municipal Ret Fund	171,004	Teachers Health Insurance	68455.56
IMRF-Vac	3,070	Terrace Fence Company	8091.00
Bank Of America	21,120	Repperts Publications	4002.59
Tri-Co Special Ed	359648.65	Tueth, Keeney, Cooper	9197
US Bank (Goforth)	6746.75	US Bank (Jerolds)	2727.56
US Bank (Laster)	4689.92	US Bank (Landis)	28641.15
Verizon Wireless	4883.54	Walmart	3049.3
Waller Electric	3100	Wormick Trucking	8220
Workers Compensation	38055	Wrightway Transportation	30525.42

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Ruby J. Hunter of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on December 6, 2019, to Brenda L. Garver, 271 Lake Hill Road, Murphysboro, IL 62966, 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,

Obituaries

Ruth Marilyn Fife Zink

Ruth Marilyn Fife Zink was born on April 12, 1924, in Minneapolis, Minn., the daughter of Hazel Ruth McClard Fife and Glenn Delbert Fife. She died on Nov. 4, 2019, in Ocala, Fla.



She married Walter Leo Zink Jr. on Nov. 20, 1947. He preceded her in death on March 13, 2004.

She was a graduate of the University of Minnesota.

She was a teacher and synchronized swim coach for over 30 years.

Mrs. Zink was a member of the United States Synchronized Swimming Hall of Fame and the Minnesota Synchronized Swimming Hall of Fame.

She served as a national and international synchronized swimming judge. She was a member of the U.S. Synchronized Swimming Olympic selection committee numerous times.

Mrs. Zink was a member of the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna. She went on church mission trips to Jackson, Miss., and to Gulf Shores, Ala., to help with recovery after Hurricane Katrina. She visited shut-ins and was a member of the women's association. She went to Turkey in 2014.

Survivors include two daughters, Sandra Zink Thompson and husband Glenn Thompson of Ocala, Fla., and Barbara Lynn Haase and husband John Haase of Dongola; grandchildren Holly Hayward of Hudson, Wis., Heidi McCarty and husband Charlie of Minnesota, Hayley Thompson of Ocala, Fla., Melissa Corbit and husband Nathan Corbit of Vienna and Sean P. Haase; 12 great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her only brother, Robert Fife, who died during World War II over Germany; and by three sisters, Glenna Louise Fife Whitten, Dorothy Jane Fife Ash and Elaine Fife Riley.

A memorial service will be held at noon on Saturday, Dec. 14, at the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church at 315 South St. in Anna. A short time of visitation will precede the service.

Memorials can be made to the missions fund at the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna.

Betty Jean Dickerson

Betty Jean Dickerson, 89, of Jonesboro, died Friday, Dec. 6, 2019, at Union County Hospital Long Term Care in Anna.



She was born on Sept. 7, 1930, the daughter of Everett and Allie May Brown Frick.

She married James E. Dickerson on June 17, 1950, in Jonesboro. He preceded her in death on July 23, 1999.

She is survived by her children, Kathy (Lee) Houston of Jonesboro, Joyce Dickerson of Tamms and Donna (Steve) Anderson of Jonesboro; grandchildren Tonya (Ben) Hurst, Hannah (Mike) Youngman, Kade (Kalli) Corzine and Richard (Sherry) Tucker; great-grandchildren Journey Rushing, Teddy Hurst, Kenneth and Hazel Youngman, Koy Corzine and Aliyh Tucker; siblings Carol (Ken) Dillow of Anna, Bernice Kaupas of Anna and Helen Fern Dexter of Jonesboro.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, James E. Dickerson; a son-in-law, Denny Tucker; a brother, Sidney Frick; and sisters Mary Joann Sanders, Patricia Marsh and Katherine June Frick.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Jonesboro for more than 40 years. She liked spending time reading and studying her Bible, and she taught Sunday School for many years. She enjoyed flowers and gardening. She loved cooking and spending time with her family.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, at the First Baptist Church in Jonesboro, with the Rev. Billy Carter officiating. Interment was in the Jonesboro Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the First Baptist Church in Jonesboro.

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

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

Don C. Raby

Don C. Raby, 98, of Elco, died Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2019, at Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau.



He was born on Aug. 10, 1921, in Elco, the son of Charles C. and Rana Ruth Walters Raby.

Mr. Raby was a retired farmer. He was a member of Elco Baptist Church.

He is survived by many nieces and nephews. Mr. Raby is also survived by his church family: several, with their generosity, made it possible for him to remain in his home the past several years.

Mr. Raby was preceded in death by three brothers, Walter, Albert and Clarence, and by four sisters, Lula Pickett, Wanda Hartline, Ruth Raby and Esther Kemper.

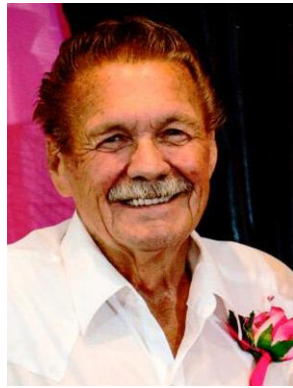
Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, at Elco Baptist Church, with the Rev. Lacie Betts and the Rev. Jay Franklin officiating. Interment followed in St. John's Cemetery near Dongola.

Crain Funeral Home in Tamms was in charge of arrangements.

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

Jerry E. Williamson

Jerry E. Williamson, 77, of Dongola, died at 1:22 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019, at his home.



He was born Jan. 17, 1942, in Leora, Mo., the son of Arvel and Frances Rankin Williamson.

He married Janet Sligar on June 1, 1963.

Mr. Williamson was a lifetime member of IBEW Local No. 702, where he worked as a lineman for many years.

He enjoyed horseback riding, hunting, was an avid trike builder and a master storyteller. But his biggest passion was his family and spending time with them.

Mr. Williamson was also a lifetime member of the NRA. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Ullin and the First Baptist Church of Dongola.

He is survived by his wife, Janet and great-grandson, Daylon Williamson, both of Dongola; sons Jerry (Cathy) Williamson of Florissant, Mo., and Jeff (Patti) Williamson of Dongola; eight grandchildren, Jeffrey Williamson, Megan (Joey) Johns, Jessica (Dakota) Sellars, Jared (Jessica) Williamson, Jordan Williamson, Jeremy Sheppard, Jason (Crystal) Sheppard, Jared Sheppard; 11 great-grandchildren; sisters Janus (Richard) Kling of Marion, Betty Ivester of Scott City, Mo., and Emma Nell (Don) Kimbrel of Bloomfield, Mo.; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother and sister-in-law, Lonell and Judy Williamson; a sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and John Dawes; a great-grandson, Rhyker Johns; his father and mother-in-law, Jack and Dodie Sligar; brothers-in-law, Sam Cole and Keith Ivester.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at Crain Funeral Home in Dongola, with Mike Cole officiating. Burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the family and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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



Crain Funeral Home in Dongola was in charge of arrangements.

Mary Lou Lang

Mary Lou Lang, 84, of Anna, died Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019, at the Lutheran Home in Cape Girardeau.



She was born on Oct. 2, 1935, the daughter of James Edward and Clyde Harris Dillow.

She married Carrol E. Lang on Oct. 9, 1953, in Jonesboro. He preceded her in death on July 5, 2013.

She is survived by her siblings, Bill (Lois) Dillow, Alma Osterholm, Kenneth (Carol) Dillow and James (Jackie) Dillow, all of Anna.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Carrol E. Lang; and two sisters, Juanita Freeman and Betty Grant.

She was a member of Gospel Assembly Church in Anna. She worked at Nutrition Headquarters in Carbondale for 22 years.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with the Rev. Gaylen Holden officiating. Interment will be in St. John's Cemetery near Dongola.

Friends can call from 11 a.m. until the service hour at 1 p.m. Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna.

Memorials can be made to the Gospel Assembly Church.

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

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

Jerry Dean Riley Sr.

Jerry Dean Riley Sr., 72, of Anna, died at his home, surrounded by his wife of 46 years and family members, on Friday, Nov. 29, 2019, at 7:42 a.m.



He was born on Jan. 20, 1947, in Thebes, the son of Jesse Tucker Anglin and Lillbourn Lee Riley.

He married Sharon Schwent on March 10, 1973.

Mr. Riley worked for Craftsman Concrete in Pensacola, Fla., for many years. He loved to hunt, fish and spend time with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Riley of Anna; two sons, Jerry Dean (Toni) Riley Jr. of Iron Mountain Lake, Mo., and Dean (Annette) Sucher of Cape Coral, Fla.; one daughter, Robin (Terry) Hamel of Anna; one sister, Sue Sivia of Anna; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Cremation will be accorded. Per his wishes there will be no services. Private inurnment will take place at a later date.

The family of Jerry Dean Riley Sr. voiced its gratitude to Hospice of Southern Illinois and their nurses for their service and care.

Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro is in charge of cremation arrangements.



Elsie J. Shaffer

Elsie J. Shaffer, 96, of Dongola, died Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2019, at Integrity Healthcare in Anna.



She was born on Aug. 14, 1923, at home in Olmsted, the second oldest daughter of Werner Wilhelm and Anna Josepha Holhubner Schnaare.

She married Russell Shaffer on Sept. 22, 1944, at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Olmsted. He preceded her in death on Oct. 20, 1999.

A graduate of Grand Chain High School, she enjoyed attending numerous class reunions.

During World War II, she worked as a detonator inspector at the Edison Plant in Cairo. She then worked at the Woodard Box Factory in Dongola assembling bands used for garden plants.

Next, she completed nutrition, food preparation, meal planning and management classes at Southern Illinois University, leading the way to becoming cafeteria supervisor and head cook for the Dongola School District, where she worked for 21 years. To this day, former students remember the fresh, homemade rolls and other items that were served.

She and her sister-in-law, Wanda Gulley, prepared "spoon burgers" for many years for the Dongola Homecoming. She also served her community for many years as a volunteer for the Red Cross, as well as an election judge.

She was a faithful member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Anna and was a member of the Over 50 Lutheran group.

She always loved family gatherings and spending time with those she loved. She enjoyed gardening, traveling and playing games, especially dominoes.

She was a loving and kind person not only to her family but to everyone. Although she only had three grandsons, she was affectionately known by many as "Granny."

Survivors include her daughter, Deborah Pass of Heroin; her son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Pat Shaffer of Dongola; her grandson, Jon Shaffer and his wife Tricia of Anna; two great-grandsons, Drew and Brandon Shaffer, both of Dongola; one sister, Agnes Thurston of Pulaski; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Russell Shaffer; her parents, Werner and Josie Schnaare; one son-in-law, Michael Pass; three brothers, John, Kenneth and James Schnaare; and four sisters, Bert Curry, Irene Florreich, Mildred Helig and Margaret Thompson.

Funeral services for Elsie Shaffer were at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at Crain Funeral Home in Dongola, with Pastor Tim Weiser officiating. Interment followed in St. John's Cemetery near Dongola.

Memorials can be made to Trinity Lutheran Church in Anna.

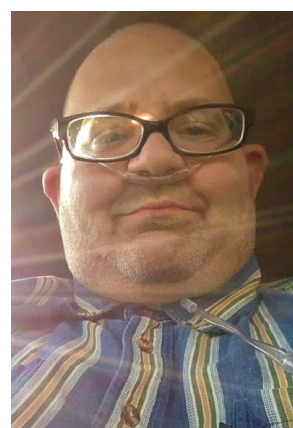
Crain Funeral Home in Dongola was in charge of arrangements.

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



Shaun Eudy

Shaun Eudy, 48, of McClure, died Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2019, at his home.



He was born on Oct. 5, 1971, the son of George Eudy and Vivian Twente Bennett.

He is survived by his mother, Vivian Bennett of McClure; a brother, Jay Eudy of McClure; a stepsister, Betty Chou of California; several aunts; uncles; cousins; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, George Eudy; and by his stepfather, Floyd Bennett.

He was a member of the East Cape Baptist Church. He worked as an LPN.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with the Rev. Dean West officiating. Interment was in the Jonesboro Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the East Cape Baptist Church.

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

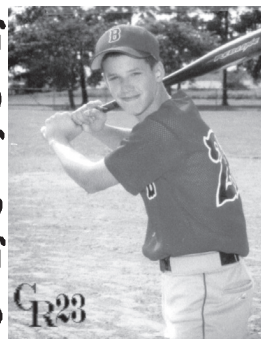
RENDELMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro was in charge of arrangements.

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In Memory

CODY RING

September 5, 1990 - December 7, 2004



Our hearts still ache with sadness, and secret tears still flow.

What it meant to lose you, no one can ever know.

*We miss you and love you
Dad, Mom, Brian
Grandpa & Grandma*

Obituaries

Stephen Lee McMahan

Stephen Lee McMahan, 58, of Anna, died Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019, at Integrity Healthcare in Anna.

He was born on Jan. 10, 1961, the son of Archie and Roberta Thorne McMahan.

He married Laura Dawley on Oct. 7, 2015, in Paducah. She preceded him in death on May 12, 2019.

Mr. McMahan is survived by his son, Merritt McMahan of Hayward, Calif.; a step-daughter Erica Penrod of Anna; stepgrandchildren Ethan and Chloe Penrod; a brother, Doug (DeNeille) McMahan of Anna; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by his wife, Laura McMahan.

Mr. McMahan worked many years as an over the road truck driver.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna.

Friends can call from 10 a.m. until the service hour at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna.

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

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Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna is in charge of arrangements.



Carols at Candlelight

Historic St. Anne's Church along South Main Street in Anna hosted an annual Carols at Candlelight holiday season event Sunday afternoon, Dec. 8. Back Porch Company, featuring Warren and Carla Anderson, Stuart Anderson, Richard Johnson and narrator Kay Johnson, presented a program of Christmas music. Carols at Candlelight has been presented during the Christmas holiday season at the landmark church for a number of years. The church was full for the event.

Nellie L. Boyd

Nellie L. Boyd, 77, of Villa Ridge, died at 11:42 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019, at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

She was born on Dec. 27, 1941, in Anna, the daughter of Shelby and Mary Lucille Wright Norman.

She was a housewife and homemaker.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, James "Jim" Virgil Livesay, in April 1998; and her second husband, William Herbert Boyd Jr., on Nov. 5, 2015.

She is survived by her children, Randy Livesay of Villa Ridge and Nickey (Teresa) Livesay of Cape Girardeau; six grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Friends can call between 10 a.m. and noon Thursday, today, at Jones Funeral Home in Villa Ridge, where funeral services will follow at noon, with Pastor Mike Sharp officiating. Interment will follow in the Mound City National Cemetery in Mound City.

To leave online condolences, visit <http://www.jones-funeral.com>.

Jones Funeral Home Villa Ridge is in charge of the arrangements.



Cobden students go caroling

The sounds of the Christmas season were heard Friday evening, Dec. 6, in Cobden. A group of students from the Cobden Unit School decided to go caroling in the Union County village. The carolers included Evelyn Campbell, Kim Adams, Kaylie Adams, Mackenzie Jackson, Lindsey Windings and Eden Kaszubski. The students made several stops, where they sang Christmas carols and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Sierra Club year-end gathering, plant pull activities scheduled

The Shawnee Group of the Sierra Club has scheduled three events during December.

Year-End Gathering: A member and guests year-end gathering is planned at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, today.

The gathering will be at the Carbondale Township Hall. The hall is located at 217 E. Main St. in Carbondale. The entrance is in back, off of Monroe Street.

Light refreshments will be served. Those who attend are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

LaRue-Pine Hills/Snake Road Service Outing: Saturday, Dec. 14, 11 a.m.

Those who go on the outing will be pulling and

lopping/treating bush honeysuckle and possibly other invasives.

Those who plan to go can meet by the big sign at the Murdale Shopping Center in Carbondale to carpool. They also can meet at noon at Winters Pond at LaRue-Pine Hills.

Volunteers are advised to bring water and to wear closed toe shoes.

Fern Rocks Nature Preserve, Sunday, Dec. 15, 1 p.m.

Those who want to go on the outing plan to meet at 1 p.m. at the visitors center at

Giant City State Park near Makanda.

Volunteers will carpool to the Trillium Trail at the park. Winter creeper, and possibly other invasives, will be pulled.

Fire destroys residence

Fire destroyed a one-story brick residence in the Mt. Pleasant community east of Anna on Thursday night, Dec. 5. No injuries were reported.

The Anna Fire Department received a call about the fire at about 5:45 p.m. on Dec. 5.

Those who go are advised to bring water and to wear closed toe shoes.

For more information about the events, contact Barb at 618-549-9684 or text 618-534-7440.

The Anna, Buncombe, Dongola and Vienna fire departments responded to the call.

Firefighters were at the scene for about six hours. Anna Fire Chief Gary Rider said the cause of the blaze was undetermined.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

Congregational songs for Sunday morning's worship service were led by Pastor Randy Wright and the worship team.

Ushers for the morning worship service were Curly Ralls, Mark Smith, Noah Wiseman and Robert Smith.

The second Sunday advent reading, "The Candle of Peace," was read by Mark Smith and Noah Wiseman.

Special music was provided by Jacob Wells.

The morning message, "Peace When There Seems to be No Peace," was brought by Pastor Wright.

Congregational songs for Sunday evening's worship service were led by Pastor Wright and the worship team.

Ushers for the evening worship service were Mark Smith, Robert Smith and Terry Wiseman Sr.

Special music was provided by Stanley and Marilyn Elkins.

The evening message "God has a Plan for You," was brought by Pastor Wright.

Birthdays: Leonard Sadler, Dec. 8; Erikah Parks,

Pancake breakfast set in Wolf Lake

A pancake breakfast to support the Shop with a Fireman program is planned Saturday, Dec. 14, in Wolf Lake.

The breakfast will be served from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Ware-Wolf Lake Fire Station.

The fire station is located at 4960 State Route 3 North.

Photos with Santa will be available from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Dec. 13; Tobie Treece, Dec. 14.

Illinois district superintendent Terry Armstong is scheduled to visit the church on Dec. 15. A potluck meal is planned following the service.

Christmas program practice is planned at 10 a.m. on Dec. 21. Pizza will be served at noon.

The Christmas program is planned during the morning worship service on Dec. 22.

An all-church Christmas party is planned at 6 p.m. Dec. 22 in the fellowship hall.

A candlelight service, with Communion, is planned at 8 p.m. on Dec. 24.

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.

Quizzing is at 5 p.m. on Sunday for children in grades 1 through 6. Youth services and quizzing are at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

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Section B

Veteran remembers Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor

Editor's note: This is the last story in the Illinois Important Dates series, presented by the Illinois Associated Press Media Editors and Illinois Press Association. The Gazette-Democrat is a member of the Illinois Press Association.

Throughout the year, writers from newspapers throughout Illinois have marked milestones and holidays with articles noting their significance in the state.

Dennis Anderson (danderson@pjstar.com), executive editor of the Journal Star in Peoria, and Diane Dungey (ddungey@dailyherald.com), managing editor of the Daily Herald in Arlington Heights, have coordinated and edited the Illinois Important Dates series.

By Phil Luciano (Peoria) Journal Star
HONEY BEND, Ill. — Looking for a job and a future, Ken Potts saw little hope in Central Illinois.

Born and raised in tiny Honey Bend, Potts, like other teens on the brink of manhood, found few career opportunities as the Great Depression continued to squeeze America.

So, when he turned 18, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. The move seemed sensible: not only did the service mean steady work, but the United States seemed unwilling to poke its nose into growing political unrest in Europe.

Potts found his naval assignment to his liking, as a coxswain stationed aboard the USS Arizona at Pearl Harbor, amid sunny skies and a picturesque ocean.

But, that serenity, as well as the Arizona, suddenly exploded the morning of Dec. 7, 1941.

The Japanese sneak attack took 2,403 American lives, nearly half of them, 1,177 sailors and Marines, aboard the Arizona, which sunk after a cataclysmic bombing.

Amid the greatest loss of life ever aboard a U.S. warship, just 335 from the Arizona survived, including Potts.

Now 98, he is one of only three remaining survivors of the warship. When Potts thinks back to the world-shaking chaos, confusion and clamor, as well as the men he helped save and the bodies he recovered, he remains amazed at how the quickly and brutally hellfire rained down on that terrible morning.

"It was unbelievable how it could happen," Potts says. "It was turmoil."

Potts was born in Honey Bend, a hamlet about 40 miles south of Springfield.

The town consisted of about a dozen modest dwellings, a one-room schoolhouse, a post office and a general store.

For the first 12 years of Potts' life, his home had no electricity or indoor plumbing. But he remains wistful about a slice of yesteryear that, despite tough times, seemed a lot simpler.

"It's a different world today, buddy," Potts says. "There are a lot of things that are nicer now. But (life back then) was more honest. It was a nicer place to live."

The schoolhouse offered classes through eighth grade. To attend high school, teens had to commute on foot to Litchfield. Potts declined.

"Hell, I'd would've had to walk 14 miles a day," he says.

But dropping out meant he had to find a job, which were scarce not just in Central Illinois but across the country.

Many bread-winners went to great lengths to support a family: Potts' father worked for a radiator company in Springfield, where he would live in a cheap apartment weekdays and hitchhike back and forth to home on weekends.

Potts considered farming, but the pay was 50 cents a day, or \$9 in today's dollars.

For a while at age 17, he worked a Civilian Conservation Corps project near Congerville, more than 100 miles from home.

But all the while, like many other young men, he eyed the only reliable employer: the service.

A military tour or two seemed safe enough, Potts says. Though winds of war were blowing in Europe, America seemed intent on isolationism.

Besides, foreign news and politics rarely grabbed the attention of Potts and his pals.

"We weren't concerned about the war," he says. "Back in Honey Bend, we didn't give a damn. No TV, no radio: we didn't know what was going on."

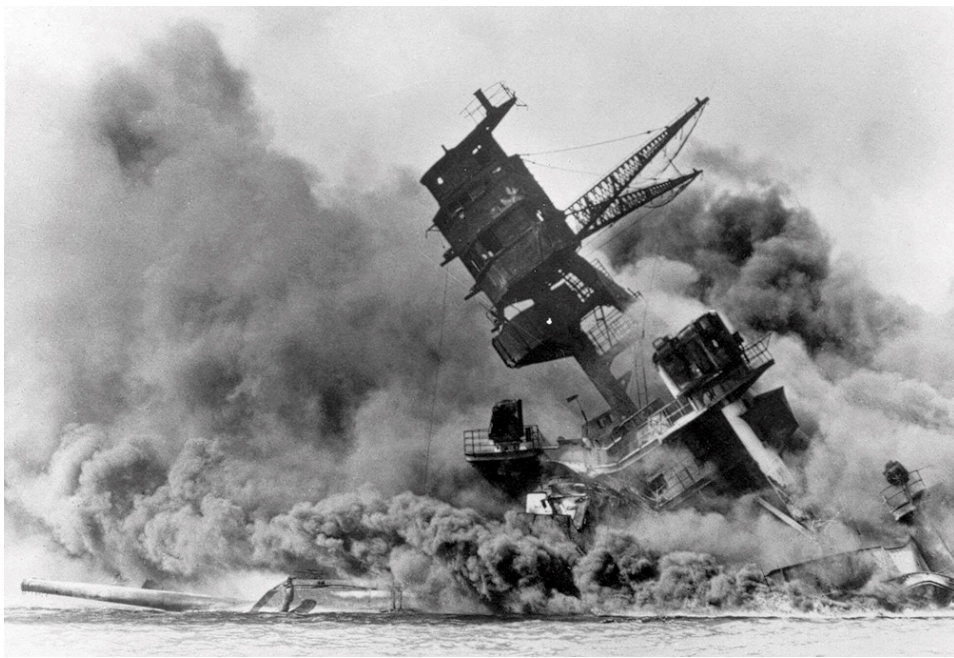
He wanted to join the Coast Guard, but its ranks were full.

So when Potts turned 18 in 1939, he joined the Navy. In December 1939, three months after Germany invaded Poland, triggering war in Europe, he sailed from San Pedro, Calif., aboard the USS Arizona, bound for Pearl Harbor.

By 1941 at Pearl Harbor, he had been assigned as a crane operator on the Arizona.

"Anything that went onto that ship or came off, I had something to do with," he says.

Potts spent Dec. 5 and 6



Smoke rises from USS Arizona

In this Dec. 7, 1941, photo, smoke rises from the battleship USS Arizona as it sinks during a Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Associated Press photo.

on liberty in nearby Honolulu. He headed back the morning of Dec. 7 during the 7 o'clock hour, returning to the ship with a load of fruit and expecting a quiet Sunday.

Instead, his world exploded.

At 7:55 a.m., a low whine in the air perked the ears of service personnel. From Ford Island in the harbor, a radio man sent out a Morse-code bulletin: "AIR RAID ON PEARL HARBOR X THIS IS NOT A DRILL."

The first of a swarm of Japanese warplanes, eventually more than 350, in two waves, descended on Pearl Harbor.

Explosions roared as bombs and torpedoes dropped from the sky while machine-gun fire strafed ships, with U.S. air-raid sirens screeching throughout the harbor.

Amid the tumult, the crew atop the Arizona scrambled to fire anti-aircraft guns. Meantime, one, two, three bombs struck and

stunned the ship, rendering return fire minimal and ineffective.

"We were just dead in the water," Potts says.

On Battleship Row, Japanese torpedo planes blew holes in the Nevada, Utah, California, Maryland, West Virginia and Oklahoma, the latter of which quickly listed toward one side. As warship fuel poured into the harbor, an inferno erupted.

"The whole place was on fire," Potts says. "The water was burning because the oil was on fire."

About 8:09 a.m., 14 minutes into the attack, a fourth bomb hit the Arizona, with devastating finality.

Dropped from a high-altitude plane, the armor-piercing bomb blasted through the forward deck, igniting a million pounds of gunpowder and sparking a massive fireball shooting flames 500 feet high.

"When it blew up, people say, it lifted up the Arizona," Potts says.

By some accounts, the massive ship jumped up as

much as 20 feet. Minutes later and mortally wounded, the Arizona began to sink.

Below deck, multitudes of sailors and Marines were trapped, accounting for most of the ship's 1,177 fatalities.

Up top, Potts and others abandoned ship in transport craft. Sliding through the flaming harbor, Potts and other crewmen pulled men from the water and headed to Ford Island. There, they regrouped as the attack raged 90 hellish minutes.

Later, Potts was assigned with five others with the grim task of pulling bodies from the Arizona. They looked for survivors, but found only bodies.

"That," he says with a sigh, "was a hell of a job."

After the clamor at Pearl Harbor subsided, Potts was assigned to the port director's office.

He delivered classified information to captains of ships, a job he held until he was discharged at the war's end, in 1945.

Back in the States, he

worked for a while in Decatur as a carpenter. Eventually, seeking new surroundings, he headed West. He'd heard Utah offered plenty of jobs, so he stopped there and caught on as a car salesman. He settled in Provo, where he and wife Doris have lived in the same house for 54 years.

The Arizona remains sunken in Pearl Harbor, the final resting place for more than 1,100 of its crew.

The USS Arizona Memorial straddles above the sunken hull of the battleship. Reunions of shipmates have grown tiny: two survivors died in the summer, leaving Potts just one of three remaining.

Though he has visited the site on previous Dec. 7 anniversaries, leg trouble will keep him home this year.

He otherwise is in good health, and recently renewed his driver's license. He muses about making a long road trip next spring to visit his hometown.

Over the decades, Honey Bend has become even smaller. Though a campground there is popular, the community consists of just a few houses and no commerce. Potts has not been back there in decades, but he'd like to take a glimpse come spring.

"If my legs get better by then," he says with a chuckle, "I'm going to get back there."

Sources for this story include the Pensacola News Journal, historynet.com, military.com, the Omaha World-Herald and wikipedia.org.

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Shawnee celebrates carnival

The music department at Shawnee Junior-Senior High School in Wolf Lake had its annual carnival on Saturday, Nov. 2. The court included retiring prince and princess Cole Pender and Mallory Follis and retiring king and queen Josh Hammonds and Courtney Smith. Candidates for 2019 prince and princess were Franco Pacheco and Alana Davis, Lincoln Ford and Avery Stegle, and Brody Wills and Olivia Clover. Candidates for 2019 king and queen were Braeden Rains and Sylvia Pacheco, Connor Benbrook and Gabriella Smith, Charles Williams and Savannah Brown, and Ryan Schaefer and Kirsten Pitts. The 2019 prince and princess are Brody Wills and Olivia Clover. The 2019 king and queen are Charles Williams and Savannah Brown. Photos provided.



2019 king and queen Charles Williams and Savannah Brown.



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Daily Bible Reading

Psalm 93	Psalm 94	Psalm 95	Psalm 96	Psalm 97	Psalm 98	Psalm 99
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By Martha Ann Webb

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They will be putting the large flags at the entrances to our Anna Cemetery for Honor Wreaths for Veterans.

When you see Frankie or a Boy Scout say thank you to them for all they do for our community.

Honor Wreaths for Veterans

At our Anna Cemetery this Saturday, Dec. 14, at 11 a.m. will be the Honor Wreaths for Veterans ceremony and laying of wreaths. A special thanks to Frankie Williams and the Boy Scouts who will place American flags at the entrances to our Anna Cemetery.

Wreaths will be laid all over the United States at the same time in our national cemeteries Wreaths Across America and the city cemeteries that have signed up for Honor Wreaths for Veterans. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The ceremony will be at the Anna American Legion section.

The order of service VFW posting of colors. Opening prayer. Boy Scouts leading us in our Pledge of Alliance to our flag of the United States of America. A-JCHS chorus will sing our Nation Anthem. Message of Honor. Symbolic wreath laying. Closing prayer. Moment of silence and Taps. VFW retrieving the colors.

Then the laying of the wreaths. Family members and volunteers will lay the wreaths. Please say each veterans name as you lay the wreath on their grave. Thanking them for their

service to our country.

Let us never forget, Remember the Fallen, Honor those who Serve, Teach our children the value of Freedom. Thanks to everyone who donated a wreath and to all those helping.

Cookies

Stop by the St. Mary's Catholic Church Saturday, Dec. 14, from 8 a.m. to noon for their sixth annual cookie walk.

Honor Wreaths

Bought this week for our Anna cemetery, Dana Cross for Howard Cross, Ranae Smith for Howard Davie and Russell Brown, Caron Sullens for a Veteran that doesn't have one, Marilyn Keller for Manuel Eugene Morgan, Ron Shepard for Frank Shepard and Della McMahan-Shepard for Robert (Sarge) McMahan. Barbara Brimm for Buddy Brimm, David and Barbara Cox for Anna Ray Cox, Carl Brimm, Leon Brimm. A special thanks to Lisa at Enchanted Gardens for donating the wreath holders for the Ceremonial Wreaths.

Special Thanks

A special thanks to our Anna Fire Department. They were eating with the children they were taking shopping for the shop with a fireman and police officer last Thursday night when they got called to go to a fire at Mt. Pleasant. They didn't get their supper and had to call in others to watch the children and take them shopping.

May God always bless and protect our first responders. They are always there ready to protect us. They stop what they are doing to help someone. They fight fires in all kinds of weather.

Christmas Party

Anna First Baptist Church Gleaners Sunday School

Class met at The Kitchen Dec. 4 for their annual Christmas party.

Those present were teachers Betty Mowery and Cissi Cuthertson, along with members Lillah Williams, Sandy Bush, Carlena Thompson, Pat Mowell, Jackie Burns, Betty Vincent, Loretta Milton and Carlene Tripp.

All of those present enjoyed the food, fellowship and the atmosphere.

Special Thanks

I got an email from Carol Frick telling me she sent a subscription to The Gazette-Democrat for Nancy Brust and a note saying to give me credit. Thanks so much Carol.

I also got an email from Karen and Tom Betts telling me they sent in their subscription to The Gazette-Democrat with a note saying to give me credit. Thanks for remembering me.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Jim and Shirley Harris of Anna hosted Thanksgiving dinner for family on Thanksgiving Day. Their son, Treg and his wife, Lauri, were there from Indianapolis for the weekend. Also, their two grandchildren, Emily, who is a student at University of Cincinnati, and Keely, who is a student at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, were there for the weekend.

On Thanksgiving Day, Jim's sister and brother-in-law, Tammie and Mike Weatherford from Metropolis came, along with their daughter and her husband, Brittany and Troy Anspaugh, and their son, Adam, age 3 1/2. Their daughter, Kelsey Weatherford, also from Metropolis attended.

Jim and Shirley's son, Matt, from Minneapolis, called and they all had a fun phone conversation. They all were thankful for the family to be together on this day of giving thanks.

Christmas Celebration

Janice Lewellyn and her sister Carol Gordon went to Marion Sunday after noon

for an early Christmas dinner party at Janice son Tim and Susan and family.

Trip

Lovella Graig, Marcy and Gary Morris, flew to Oakland, Calif., to celebrate the 90th birthday of Lovella's brother, Ret. Lt. Col. Bill Aldridge.

The party was hosted by Bill's son and daughter-in-law Jon and Pam Aldridge of San Jose, Calif.

Some traveling for the event were his daughter Helen Bottje of Alto Pass. His sister Pat Fuller of Mackinaw accompanied by her granddaughters Gabnelle Thomas from Bloomington and Lisa Thomas and friend Harrison from Chicago. Monica and Tod Trimble from Missoula, Mont., and Bill's brother-in-law Lawrence Tragnon from Canada.

Speakers told of Bill's life when he played baseball for the U.S. Air Force, his close family ties and his years of coaching soccer.

The entertainment was a men's singing Cetet which his son Jon was a member.

On Tuesday, Lovella Graig, Marcy and Gary Morris, Monica and Ted Trimble flew to Portland, Ore., to celebrate the birth of Lovella's great-grandson, Clifford Graig Trimble born to Claire and Ray Trimble-Whitlow. They had Thanksgiving there with family, including Gary Morris, brother Steven Pope of Portland.

While in Portland, Monica and Marcy had visits from their cousins, Al Zimmerman of Coos Bay, Ore., and Becky Thomas of Beaver Creek, Ore.

Guests

Guests of Gaylon and Clara Cates have been their dear friends Bob and Joan Hernandez from Elwood.

90th Birthday

Gaylon and Clara Cates visited Gaylon's sister Edna Pool in Carbondale to help her celebrate her 90th birthday Dec. 4.

Trip

Bryan Kluesner of Chattanooga, Tenn., and formerly from Anna, attended a technology conference last week in Boulder (Westminster) Colorado.

A-J Women's Club

GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club meet Monday, Dec. 2, at the fellowship hall at the United Methodist Church Anna.

President Jane Bauer called the meeting to order and everyone stood and said the Pledge of Alliance to our Flag of the United States of America and the Club Collect.

David Howard, associate pastor of Anna First Baptist Church told about his life growing up, when he was saved, how his life changed when he accepted Jesus in his heart and his ministry to youth and families in our area and in foreign countries he has went on mission trips to.

He told of the need to help and love people right here in our community and teach them about Jesus. To give them Hope instead of Dope.

Clara Cates gave the devotion on Jesus being born and his life here on earth. Jesus died on the cross for our sins for me and you so that we can live forever someday with him in a place more wonderful than anyone here on earth can imagine. Jesus could have called 10,000 angels but he died alone for us.

Clara also told about the little donkey that carried Mary, the one that carried Jesus and the one that was with him when he was on the cross. The little donkeys from the Holy Land still carry the cross on their back that fell on them from the shadow of the cross Jesus was nailed to.

Two students from the A-JCHS band, Jaden Ebberts played her clarinet and Elijah Glen Ellis played the euphonium, entertaining with Christmas songs.



GFWC Illinois Anna Jonesboro Women's Club: Two students from the A-JCHS band, Jaden Ebberts, who played her clarinet, and Elijah Glen Ellis, who played the euphonium, entertaining with Christmas songs. Jane Bauer, president of the club, presented Jaden with a check to help with her band trip to Florida. The band students get to go to Florida one time the four years they are in school and march in the Disney parade.



Matthew Meller, with his grandfather, Dr. Joe D. Meller, wishing him a happy birthday. Matthew says his grandfather has taught him so much about life and the best cattle working buddy in the world.



A special thanks to Cody Acklin, director; Sophia Dudley, Annelle Dupuy/Desoto; Morgan Bunch, Shelby Eatenton, Angie Gordon; M'Lynn Eatenton, Elisabeth Collins; Truvy Jones; Nancy Kucera, Ouiser Boudreaux; Mary Beth Hileman, Clairee Belcher for a great performance of Steel Magnolias at the Anna Art Center last weekend



Clara Cates, Joan Hernandez and Rev. David Howard, associate pastor of Anna First Baptist Church, were guests of GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club.

The club presented Jaden with a check to help with her band trip to Florida. The band students get to go to Florida one time the four years they are in school and march in the Disney parade. They sell candles and have fund raisers to earn their money for their trip. Elijah went during his sophomore year.

The club voted to give donations to Shop with a Fireman and Police Officer for Anna and Jonesboro.

Susie Kessler read the minutes of the last meeting. Debbie Rossberg gave the treasurer's report.

Debbie Rossberg crocheted 13 children's afghans for the SIU School of Medicine Children's Medical and Mental Health Resource Network and they were delivered to them.

The UMC fellowship hall was decorated for Christmas and everyone enjoyed Christmas snacks.

Others present were guest of Clara's Joan Hernandez, Martha Schwegman, Barbara House, Barbara Bauer,



Congratulations to Tina Ramage on her new granddaughter, Lillian Joyce Herring. Proud parents are Cheriah and Richard of Metropolis.

Martha Ann Webb, Lillian Milam and Kay Johnson. Club member Lee Hackney was unable to attend. The club wishes her a happy December birthday.

Four of the ladies attended the District 25 meeting in Marion.

The next meeting will be on the first Monday in January at 11 a.m. at Anna El Jalapeno. The program will be on conservation with



GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Woman's Club Christmas party and meeting Dec. 2: In the second row are guests Elijah Glen Ellis and Jaden Ebberts from the A-JCHS band, who played their instruments, members Kay Johnson, Susie Kessler, Barbara House and Martha Ann Webb. In the first row are members president Jane Bauer, Barbara Bauer, Debbie Rossburg, who is holding one of the afghans she crocheted for the SIU School of Medicine Children's Medical and Mental Health Resource Network, guests Clara Cates and Joan Hernandez and members Martha Schwegman and Lillian Milam.



Dr. Kathy Swafford and Tiffany Vicente, medical assistant at SIU School of Medicine Children's Medical and Mental Health Resource Network in Anna, were presented several children's afghans made by Debbie Rossberg of GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club, president Jane Bauer and public relations Martha Ann Webb represented the club.



Class in Marion: Shown are eight ladies who were able to attend a stamp activity at Little Egypt Art Association with Teresa Boaz. She is shown second from the right, and Marie Samuel, leader of the fiber art group is by Teresa on the left. Several ladies explored making cards and others made tiles with stamping and alcohol ink. Teresa demonstrated using colored pencils for both crafts. Two ladies left early and are not shown. For information on joining the group for the Jan. 7 rock painting class, call Marie at 618-889-4145. There is a \$5 fee for non LEAA members and students will provide acrylics and the rocks as well as brushes. Peggy McPhillips will teach the Jan. 7 class.

Opinion and Commentary

Tips offered for shopping, travel, winter heating, more

With the holiday season in full swing, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, IEMA, is offering tips to help people stay safe now and into the new year.

From decorating the tree to traveling to grandma's house with a sleigh full of new toys, be sure to take simple steps to keep your family safe.

Holiday Decorating

Whether decorating for Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa or New Year's Eve, candles and strings of colored lights create a festive atmosphere but it's important to be careful when using them.

Candles should never be left unattended, and placed far away from flammable materials. Candles should also be placed on stable furniture in fire-safe holders that will catch dripping wax.

Holiday lights and electrical decorations should bear the name of an independent testing lab to prove they were safety tested.

Winter Heating

While the stockings are hung by the chimney with care, be sure that your fireplace is ready for the winter heating season. Chimneys, fireplaces and wood and coal stoves should be regularly inspected and cleaned when necessary.

Additionally, furnaces should be checked every year by professionals to ensure mechanical parts are functioning properly and that nothing is blocking the flue. Malfunctioning furnaces increase both the fire and carbon monoxide risks.

Under Illinois law, homes should be equipped with working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors within 15 feet of each sleeping area. The detectors should be tested monthly to ensure they're functioning and the batteries are still good.

Never use a gas or charcoal grill inside your home or attached garage because of the danger of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Holiday Shopping Safety

Whether shopping online or in the store, be sure to utilize smart shopping techniques this holiday season. If shopping online, connect with care.

Make sure your home wireless network is password protected, and set strong passwords that make it hard for cyber criminals to guess.

Also, remember the old adage, if it's too good to be true, it probably is. During the holidays, scammers may send fake emails requiring you to click a link for a special offer. Shop online through trusted retailers to avoid these scams, and do not click on links from unknown senders.

Holiday Travel

When traveling over the river and through the woods, whether by car, train or plane, be sure to utilize smart travel tips.

If traveling by car, remember to pack an emergency supply kit with essentials for all your passengers. Fill out an emergency communications plan and let others know about it. Also, before you hit the road, check local road conditions and avoid traveling during winter storms.

If you are traveling by plane for the holidays, be sure to review the Transportation Security Administration's security screening tips. When packing for your flights, consider a small emergency kit that includes a flashlight and spare USB power bank.

A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, Dec. 11, 1969

The Shawnee College board Monday night agreed to meet Dec. 22 to plan a proposed bond issue referendum to finance a permanent campus.

Approximately 300 persons met at the Giant City School Monday evening, Dec. 8, to protest the holding of a giant rock festival in the Jackson-Union County area. The festival is scheduled to be held sometime in May and is the first of many such festivals planned by the promoters at that location.

Both the Dongola and Anna Locker Plants will close their doors December 31, according to the president of the board of directors. The plants were originated in 1946, 23 years ago, at a cost of \$184,000, and financed by the shareholders. When the plants were first originated, very few persons had home freezers, as they do now, and the plants were a decided advantage for home owners.

The Union County area received another inch of snow this past week, accompanied by sleet and ice; however, the snow soon melted and streets and roads were covered in slush.

The new 10.72 mile stretch of highway between Anna and Carbondale opened to public traffic Friday afternoon, Dec. 5.

Thirty-five directors and their wives, and department heads of the Anna Fair, attended the annual dinner at the Elks Club Thursday evening, December 4.

All Union County 4-H Leaders were honored guests at the Annual Award Banquet Thursday evening, at the Farm Bureau Building in Jonesboro.

The monthly meeting of the Davie School Parent-Teacher Association will be held Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 2:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium. The topic will be "About Christmas Spirit."

If you enjoy delicious palatable food and an evening of fun, you should have been a guest in the beautifully decorated home of Ruth Penrod with the Be Square class of the United Methodist Church of Anna Monday evening, Dec. 8.

From the Ware news: The Ware community got one inch of snow Saturday morning, Dec. 6. The Ware community has had 43.9 inches of rainfall so far in 1969.

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner



Just in time for the holiday season, trees not far from the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro were decorated with vultures. The image was captured one afternoon last week.

'Tis the season...for vultures...

The holiday season has arrived. Christmas is less than two weeks away. Which does not seem possible.

With the holidays in full swing, our thoughts turn, of course, to vultures.

Truthfully, it's hard not to think about vultures these days. Some of the radio stations in our little corner of the world are playing nothing but our favorite vulture carols.

While tooling down the highway, you can turn on the car radio and hear a veritable flock of songs with a buzzard beat...

"Rockin' around the Vulture Tree." "Frosty the Vulture," who was a jolly, happy bird. "O, Come All Ye Vultures." "Oh, Vulture Tree." "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Vulture."

By now, you are probably shaking your head and thinking that the fellow who writes this column may have had one too many sips of egg nog. Besides, vultures aren't even cute like some of the other critters that show up during the holidays...like those eight tiny reindeer...which I am sure vultures would find quite tasty...need to stop right there...

Vultures came to mind one day last week when a fellow toiler at The Paragraph Factory asked yours truly a question about vultures.

Seems that this fellow toiler, who, while not of the fellow persuasion, in that she is a she, has vultures hanging around her abode in Union County. The question arose as to how vultures come to hang out where ever they happen to hang out.

Quite honestly, having vultures hanging around might be a little disconcerting, given their reputation for meals which involve the un-living. I don't think I'd want a bunch of vultures hanging around in my backyard.

Once again, thanks to the wonders of modern technology, we were able to learn a little bit more about our buddies the vultures.

For example, we learned that vultures are social critters, which, I suppose, explains why we might see a bunch of them hanging around together in a tree.

A website called thespruce.com explains that a "group of vultures is called a committee, venue or volt. In flight, a flock of vultures is a kettle, and when the birds are feeding together at a carcass, the group is called a wake." Guess

that kind of makes sense...and adds a whole new meaning to going to a wake.

Information shared on another website which was written by a biology student at Pennsylvania State University echoed the idea that vultures are gregarious birds. The article focused on turkey vultures, which, I think, is what we have in our little corner of the world.

"They roost in large, communal groups in specific locations that may be used for many generations. During the day, smaller, foraging groups of turkey vultures may pause in the high branches of a tree or on the roof of an abandoned building forming a group called a 'wake.' Actively foraging and flying turkey vultures form great flocks of individuals that can rise together in circular paths in the thermals of the heated atmosphere. These swirling flocks are called 'kettles' because of their resemblance to heated water boiling up in a heated pan."

Vultures, it would seem, are quite polite, as the article from Penn State explained: "At a carcass, turkey vultures feed in an organized, individual manner, each waiting for their turn by exhibiting a behavior called 'queuing.'" Sounds kind of British to me.

I'm guessing that it's probably not good news to know that if you've got vultures hanging around, they could be in your neighborhood for generations. And they can live up to the ripe old age of 25.

"The turkey vulture is nobody's favorite bird," the Penn State article concluded. "They are not beautiful to look at up close, they make no beautiful songs and they eat dead animals," which, it turns out, is a pretty good thing. "Their role...in clearing and cleaning up our terrestrial ecosystems is vital to the health of us all."

I'm still not quite sure why vultures might want to hang around somebody's house, but I do know a little bit more about the creatures.

Now that we know all of that good stuff about vultures, we can make plans to celebrate International Vulture Awareness Day, which comes around on the first Saturday in September of each year.

So, you've got lots of time to get your International Vulture Awareness Day shopping done...and you can practice some of those vulture carols...

"Deck the Halls with lots of vultures..."



They're everywhere...they're everywhere...just like the legendary "Chicken Man." I hadn't noticed such a thing before. However, since vultures were on my mind, I happened to catch a glimpse of the feathered carrion crunchers taking a break on top of a water tower near Anna-Jonesboro Community High School last week.

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Section C

Choate Center's 150th anniversary celebrated

By Benjamin Marxer

The Clyde L. Choate Mental Health and Development Center held a 150th anniversary celebration on Friday, Oct. 11. The celebration was held on the center's campus.

The theme of the event was "Remembering our past...celebrating our future."

The celebration included a variety of special events, including guided walking tours of the campus, a craft fair, a petting zoo and a museum exhibiting items and memorabilia used in the facility throughout the decades.

Kicking off the event was a ceremony in the Goodner Hall gymnasium featuring speeches from administrators, local leaders, elected officials and residents. Speakers discussed the past, present and future of the facility.

Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center facility director Brian Davis emceed the event.

"Our greatest asset is our staff," said Davis "who give every day with compassion, dedication, commitment and a desire to help our residents achieve their goals."

Secretary of the Illinois Department of Human Services Grace Hou was in attendance, representing her department, as well as Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker.

"I want to send regards from my boss, Gov. Pritzker, who truly values the importance of human services in improving the lives of Illinois residents," said Hou.

"We value the role that these facilities play in the community," Hou continued, "and we value the role of the facilities in the lives of our friends."

A quartet of state representatives consisting of Illinois State Sen. Paul Schimpf, R-Waterloo, State Rep. Terri Bryant, R-Murphysboro, State Rep. Dave Severin, R-Benton, and State Rep. Patrick Windhorst, R-Metropolis presented Brian Davis with a special certificate of recognition from the Illinois General Assembly.

"The State of Illinois 101st General Assembly of the House of Representatives and the Senate acknowledge Clyde L. Choate Mental Health and Development Center in recognition of the mental healthcare professional and supporting staff of Choate Mental Health and Development Center in Anna, Illinois, for 150 years of service for the people of Southern Illinois, offered by representatives and senators of the State of Illinois," said Severin.

President of the Friends of Choate, Rita Burke discussed the tradition of service and the dedication to the care for their residents.

"We are a team. Legislators, administrators, professionals, direct care staff and families. Every part is an important piece of the whole," said Burke. "And that is to serve our mission to do the best job that we can possibly do."

The final guest speaker was Ian Marlin, who represented the residents of Choate, and left the audience with some words of motivation.

"Be your own person. Live your own life. And remember, to always, always, be calm, think positive, and reach for the stars," said Marlin.

Finally, a proclamation issued by Gov. Pritzker's office recognizing the momentous day for the institution was read for the assembly.

"Whereas, this year, Choate Mental Health and Development Center will proudly celebrate 150 years of continuing service to the residents of Illinois.

"And whereas, since its commissioning in 1869, many individuals have found treatment, care and recovery in Anna, Illinois.

"And whereas Choate Mental Health and Development Center is proud of their history of providing a high standard of consumer driven care to individuals in mental health issues and developmental disabilities.

"And whereas Choate Mental Health and Development Center continues to take an innovative approach to their facilities and their services to improve the lives of the people they serve, and to create an environment supportive of recovery, treatment and advocacy.

"And whereas, since 1869, past and present staff members of Choate Mental Health and Development Center have dedicated themselves to providing quality care to the individuals they serve and to making a positive contribution to their community and state.

"Therefore, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 11, 2019 as the day for the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center's 150th celebration."

Part of the Community for 150 Years

Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center, located at 1000 N. Main St. in Anna, has been a part of the community for 150 years.

It has provided employment and a way of life for so many people in Southern Illinois.

The facility serves as a home and provides needed treatment for many mental health and developmentally disabled individuals.

Choate has provided service to some of the most vulnerable people in the State of Illinois for a century and a half.

This year, the center is celebrating its 150th anniversary. The special occasion will be a chance to both celebrate the past and share a commitment to the future.

On Oct. 11, the Choate Center opened its grounds to celebrate 150 years, remembering life at Choate from the beginning and celebrate where we are today.

Those working on the celebration shared the following glimpse of Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center's history:

In 1869 legislation was passed for the construction of the "Asylum for the Insane in Southern Illinois."

Construction was underway, the buildings were built in the Kirkbride style of architecture. This consists of a plan with central areas and wings.

Patients began filling the buildings in 1873. After 1877, many of the auxiliary buildings were established including barns, stables, shops and a chapel.

In 1881 and 1895, fires destroyed parts of buildings.

To give an idea of the wages in 1879, employees were paid monthly, averaging \$27 a month and were expected to sleep at the facility.



150th anniversary

Many dignitaries and special guests were on hand for the 150th anniversary celebration at the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna.



Museum display

A temporary museum was set up in the Main Building which highlighted the history of the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center.



Craft show

Project Pride had a craft show during the 150th anniversary celebration.



150 years of service

Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center's 150 years of service to the community were featured in the 2019 Pumpkin Town displays at the center.

In that time period many obstacles had to be overcome, such as adequate and safe water, transportation issues, staffing and phone service to name a few.

In 1920, the Nurses Home was built. By 1923 the facility consisted of 35 buildings on 720 acres of land.

By the early 1900s the

facility had approximately 1,100 patients and 300 staff.

In 1912 the name of the facility changed to the Anna State Hospital. That name is still in tile on the floor of the main building today.

In the 1950s and 1960s, the wings of the main building were removed and replaced with the residential

units which exist today: Cedar, Cypress, Sycamore, Redbud, Dogwood and Magnolia.

At the facility's peak in 1953, there were a total of 2,431 patients served and 900 employees.

In 1968 the facility began providing services for individuals with developmental

disabilities. That then turned the hospital into two separate hospitals. This resulted in the name change for the facility in 1975 to the Anna Mental Health and Developmental Center.

This facility proved itself to be an important part of the local community, Union County and Southern Illinois.

In 1988 the facility underwent its last name change to the Clyde L Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center.

Clyde Choate received a World War II Medal of Honor for his heroism. Clyde was also a long-time Southern Illinois legislator and was known as the "Guardian Angel of Southern Illinois."

As the "Guardian Angel" it was Clyde's life mission to help people, all people, and he demonstrated that throughout his career.

Choate received a lifetime achievement award in 1995 for his countless accomplishments and compassion in life. Clyde L. Choate passed away in 2001.

Currently, Choate Mental Health Center is still one of the largest employers in Southern Illinois.

The facility provides jobs to approximately 600 employees and provides services and treatment for mental health, developmental disabilities, dual diagnosis, forensics and forensics step down.

Clyde L Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center remains unique with its two-division setting.

It also provides the only forensics unit for individuals that have a developmental disability that are involved in a crime. This program began in 1996 and is vital to the entire State of Illinois with its unique service.

Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center over time has undergone many changes, survived disasters, construction, and new systems yet still remains a vital asset to today's community.

Choate has carried on in the vision of "The Guardian Angel of Southern Illinois" by continuing to help people.

150th Anniversary Celebration

For the Celebration of Our Past and Commitment to Our Future, Choate Mental Health Center invited the community to come out and take part in this 150th anniversary celebration.

Celebration activities were held Oct. 11, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The schedule included:

Flag ceremony conducted by Boy Scout Troop No. 7851.

National Anthem sung by Ashley Hatfield.

Speakers, including individuals from the facility, state employees and officials.

Music by Brian Pender and Veronica Bowden.

Guided walking tours of past and present.

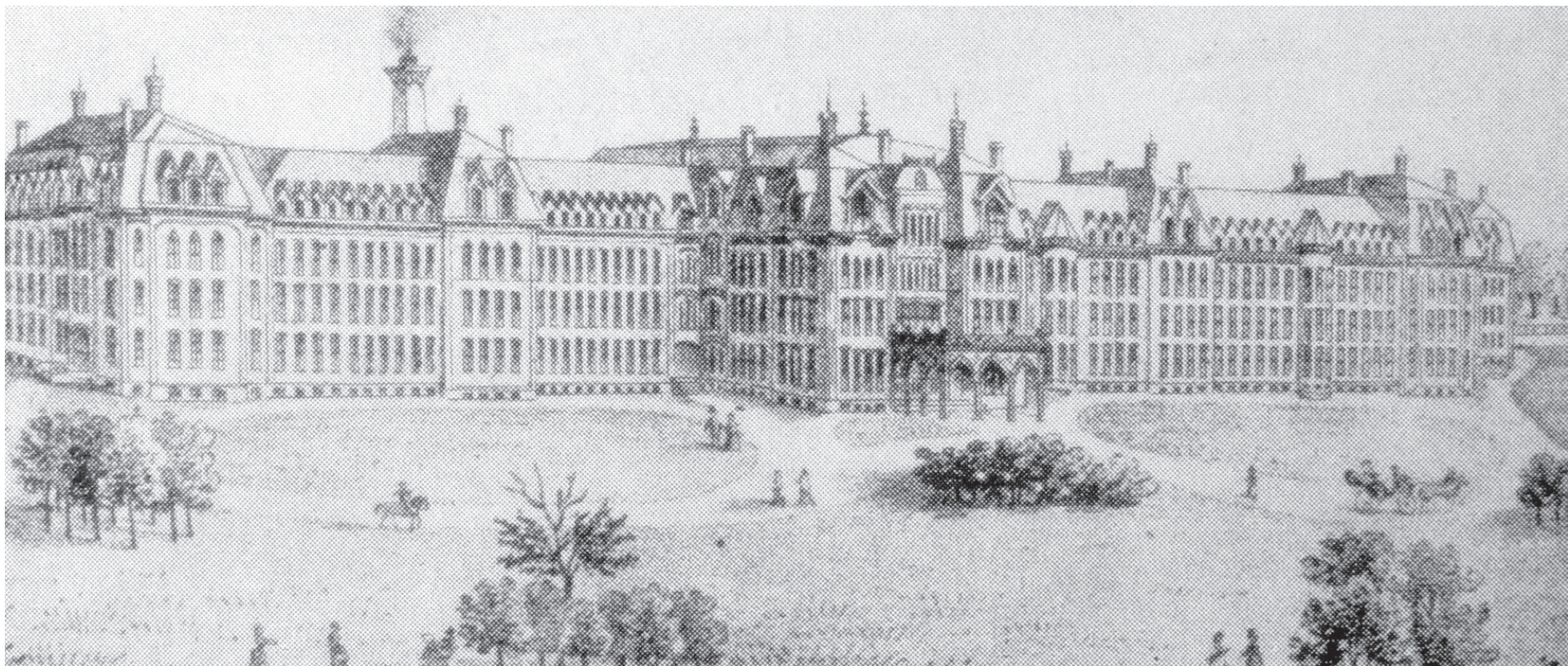
Surrey rides around campus to view the campus and the ColorFest Pumpkin Town displays.

Small petting zoo in front of the administration building.

There will be cake, punch, sno cones and popcorn.

A museum will be in the Main Building consisting of memorabilia of the past at the facility.

Project Pride vocational programs will have a craft fair.



Anna State Hospital

Anna State Hospital, now Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center, from a 1954 book published for the celebration of the City of Anna's centennial.

Choate Mental Health Center started in 1869

Editor's note: the following history of Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna was written by Richard Wilson in 1994. The history was written in conjunction with the 125th anniversary of the center.

Choate Center Started in 1869

**By Richard Wilson
Business Administrator**

The hospital began when the legislature, in 1869, passed an act approving the construction of an "Asylum for the Insane in Southern Illinois" and authorized a board to determine the exact site.

The board of commissioners, headed by Lt. Gov. John Dougherty and other members, including Col. Benjamin L. Wiley of Jackson County, Dr. G. L. Owen of Marion, Col. H. W. Hall of McLeansboro and D. R. Kingsbury of Centralia, were appointed as a site selection commission.

In 1870, the present location was selected and the legislature appropriated \$125,000 toward the purchase of land and erection of buildings.

The plans and specifications were adopted; and, in 1870 work began on the North Wing. Richard Shinnick of Chicago was low bid and was selected.

The City of Anna voted \$6,885 towards the project. The original tract of land contained 290 acres.

A board of commissioners of the Southern Illinois Insane Asylum and the Southern Illinois Normal University had oversight of the construction.

Board members were R. H. Sturges, Hiram Walker and F. M. Malone. The Honorable John L. Beveridge was Governor of the State of Illinois.

Initial officers of the hospital were: Trustees, (May 2, 1873): Amos Clark, president, Centralia. Cornwall Kirkpatrick, secretary, Anna. William N. Mitchell, treasurer, Marion. W. R. Brown, member, Metropolis. John C. Boyle, member, Sparta.

Allen T. Barnes, M.D., medical superintendent. Frederick W. Mercer, M.D., senior assistant physician. Thomas Wheeler, apothecary. Charles M. Olmsted, clerk. James F. Fulton, engineer. Mrs. S. Douglas, matron. Thomas A. Whitten,

supervisor. Mrs. F. V. Cole, supervisor.

Initial appropriations were:

Act approved April 1869, \$125,000, site acquisition, design, initial construction.

December 1871, \$65,000, north wing.

April 1872, \$143,000, north wing and Domestic Building.

May 1873, \$99,000, Center Building.

(In this period, the appropriation rolled over to be added to future appropriations if not spent.) Aug. 22, 1873, Dr. R. S. Dewey, first assistant physician to the state hospital at Elgin, was appointed as superintendent. Dr. Dewey resigned in September and Dr. A. T. Barnes of Centralia became superintendent.

On Dec. 15, 1873, the north wing was formally opened to receive patients. Two floors were furnished for occupancy and the first floor was used by officers and employees. The two "halls" housed 100 people each and were soon filled. So, the fourth floor was opened. The completed north wing was designed for 225 patients.

Problems

More space was needed for clients because of the increase of "consumption" (tuberculosis). Building the farming resources and an adequate water supply were first-year problems.

Other problems were defective ventilation, water closets emitted sewer gas because there were no vents or traps; washing machines purchased were low bid and not functional (iron rust ruined clothing); and the water reservoir became turbid after rains and bloomed with algae in the summer.

Original facility design of the rooms, dining rooms and recreation areas was ill-conceived. There was an issue over the inequity of the law because people of means in Southern Illinois had to pay for services, while people at Elgin and Jacksonville facilities were not required to pay.

Staff and management were pushing for the completion of the main building for employee and administrative staff use and the south wings completion to handle patient overcrowding.

The first operating budget follows: Ordinary ex-

penses \$50,000, furnishings \$2,000, needed repairs and improvements, \$2,000, dam and reservoirs, \$4,000, pump house, \$1,000, extension of sewers \$2,000, ice house and vegetable cellar, \$7,000, fencing and grounds improvement, \$5,000, roadway to Anna, \$8,000, coal house for storage, \$3,500, carpenters shop, \$2,000, additional livestock and patient's carriage \$1,500, Center Building \$8,000, library, musical instruments, etc. \$2,000, building towers for water closets \$3,000 and framework below water tower and painting, \$ 700.

Many items were donated by the community: books, billiard table, magazines, newspapers, livestock, plants, pictures and money. Nov. 30, 1874, there were 133 patients on the north wing after 158 admissions and 25 discharges.

After completion of the south wing, it was projected that the hospital would serve 450 of the insane of the state. The south wing was built to accommodate 225 patients. This was later revised upward to 240 on each wing for a 480-bed capacity.

April 10, 1875, ap-

propriations were passed \$18,500 for the heating and completion of the "Center Building" and \$140,000 for erection of the south wing. Messrs. Walch and Jungerfield of St. Louis were the architects; T.L. Kempster, Chicago, contractor; R. Shinnick, Chicago, contractor; Isaac Richards, Philadelphia; installed the dumb waiter; A. Crozier & Co., St. Louis, installed the elevators; Wilmarth Bros., Chicago, installed gas fittings (lighting), and S. I. Pope, Chicago, installed heating and plumbing.

On Oct. 23, 1875, the North Wing was totally completed on all floors. Funding for furniture was inadequate, so operating funds were diverted to equip the facility with needed furniture. The center building was completed in November of that same year.

An ice house was constructed in 1875 to hold milk, vegetables, meats and other perishables. A pond or water reservoir and pump house were also constructed that year. It was located behind the residential building to the east and in front of Barnes Hall, which had not yet been constructed.

Heat for the buildings came from a bank of two boilers built by A. Crozier & Co. of St. Louis, Mo. Their capacity to heat was 1,264,000 cubic feet; the total capacity of the north, center and south wings was 1,960,609 cubic feet. People were cold in the dead of winter.

Lighting came from a pneumatic system that forced a mixture of compressed air and gasoline to fixtures through a tubing network and was driven by a steam engine compressor made by Buckeye of St. Louis. The engine room is still called the Buckeye Room and exists behind our central dietary building.

The engine also operated other mechanical equipment located in the basement of the "Domestic Building." The original oven often

needed repairs and did not have the proper capacity.

The basement of the center building is where the laundry was located. Steam coils were used to operate a "dry closet." This is where clothing, towels and linens were dried after washing. (Today, this is still the hottest space in the facility.) This is also where all items were ironed.

The first of several fires occurred in 1875. Spontaneous combustion on the fourth floor near one of the wooden elevators was discovered and extinguished by the night watch.

On May 6, 1876, a tornado did major and extensive damage to the fourth floor of the center building and the roof of the north wing.

It was reported to the governor on Oct. 1, 1876, that

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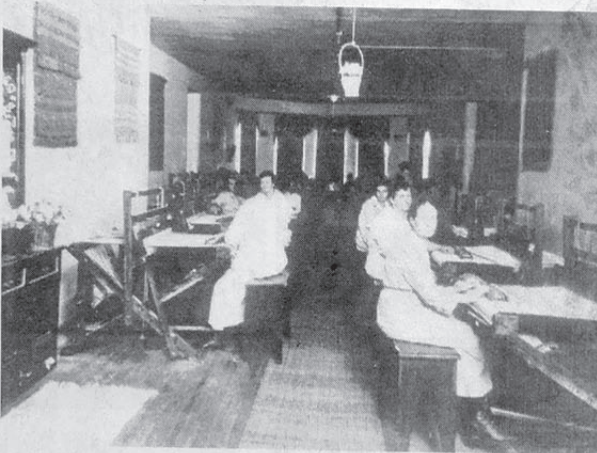
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Choate Mental Health Center started in 1869

(continued from page 2) there were numerous construction defects that lead to bad ventilation, plumbing in the bathrooms emitted sewer gas, gasoline lights burned the oxygen from the air and emitted carbon monoxide and because the windows wouldn't open, fresh air was not available.

Steam pipes were too large and transferred excessive amounts of heat (a condition that still exists in the center building), and fire extinguishing systems were non-existent.

Other needs included grounds improvement, a finished road to Anna, a coal house, a carpenters' shop, a brick barn, a fire pump and hose, a rotary oven, dry closet and various repairs and improvements.

Since roads were bad and coal was hauled by using six mules, it was requested the road be finished and a coal storage building be constructed so that coal would not need to be hauled in the winter.

In the early years, fences and roads were constructed and repaired with patient labor on an annual basis. Funds were expended on a library, musical instruments and pianos, billiard tables, a "Magic Lantern" with photographs and materials for theatrical entertainment.

In 1876, the census was averaging 238.35 patients daily. At that time a capacity of 480 was projected when the South Wing was completed. Our first superintendent projected overcrowding because of the large admissions district (25 counties).

Counties were supposed to pay for the clothing of their pauper insane; some did not pay at all and some paid with "orders" (credits). Many of the first admissions came from other state facilities, county homes and jails, a trend that continues even today.

The winter of 1875 and 1876 saw an epidemic of phthisis (tuberculosis), erysipelas, dysentery and typhoid fever, caused by environment deficiencies.

Several people died in 1875 and 19 died in 1876. Early photographs disclose the facility had a horse and carriage for transportation in addition to the commercial teams and wagons. Tight board fences were in the budget for 1875 so that patients would have three "airing courts."

In November 1877, the south wing was completed. A new barn was constructed for livestock and hay. A new "dry closet" and a coal house were built. Also in 1877, two new boilers were installed to generate more heat with less coal. And, a new trustee, treasurer, Mr. R. B. Stinson or Anna, replaced Mr. William

N. Mitchell of Marion in a scandal over misappropriated funds, \$2,996.10, all of which were recovered by civil legal process.

On Aug. 6, 1878, Dr. Horace Wardner of Cairo became the second superintendent, following Dr. Barnes resignation. In September 1878, the facility had 458 patients. In the period 1876 to 1878, nearly 1,800 ornamental trees were planted and gravel paths were laid out as sidewalks.

"Many who arc brought here with clouded and darkened minds have been discharged cured and have gone away rejoicing in restored reason." Dr. Horace Wardner, M.D., medical superintendent.

The north wing sewer main under the building leaked and emanated sewer gas. The water supply would pollute itself with algae in the summer months. The pond was silting in and the dam had leaks from various animal burrows. Sewers needed to be extended some distance from the building.

The facility had rapidly outgrown the size of its kitchen by 1878 and made request to the legislature for funds to build a new one. The original washing machines had worn out and three new ones were requested. A new fire protection system utilizing a steam driven pump to improve pressure, volume flow and hose length was obtained. A fire corps of male attendants was organized and drilled.

On Sept. 1, 1878, a yellow fever quarantine was placed on the facility. It lasted until the 23rd. Local donations included a lot of house plants donated by Mrs. James Bell of Cobden and The Farmer and Fruit Grower, a local publication in Anna.

A water shortage problem was solved by drilling a well at "Big Spring" about 1/3 of a mile south and east of the south wing. It became necessary to replace the lead pipes in the hospital with iron pipes because rats were gnawing through the lead.

A new kitchen was constructed in 1879. It was built with bricks that were handmade on the grounds by patients. Many native trees and flowers were planted in 1879 and 1880. Also in 1880, the high board fences were removed to improve the appearance of the grounds.

On Sept. 30, 1880, there were 501 patients in the hospital. Telephone service was installed in 1880, but, of course, that was only local calls. Long distance communication was to be by telegraph for a long time yet.

With the introduction of spring water and the extension of the sewers, the health of the inmates improved and the deathrate greatly decreased. The housing of convict patients was a seriously noted problem during the early years of the facility. It had a detrimental effect on other patients and required a more secure environment to prevent escape.

The hospital was repeatedly struck by lightning which called attention to the need for the installation of lightning rods. During 1879, there were 33 deaths and in 1880 there were 21 deaths. Employees organized an orchestra; there were weekly dances, plays, readings, vocals and minstrels provided for the patients' entertainment.

The Southern Illinois Fair Association of Anna and the Union County Fair Association of Jonesboro were very generous to permit the patients free admission. The farm began raising chickens and pigs. Messrs, Cleveland and French (landscape architects and engineers of Chicago) were hired to design the grounds in 1879.

In 1881, the "Big Spring" water supply was being polluted with surface water from runoff as it settled in the limestone cracks and sink holes surrounding it. Additional radiators were added to provide more heat in the residential areas. A major fire on April 19, 1881, destroyed the north wing with the loss of one life.

A temporary barracks for men patients was constructed of wood (\$12,000) and work began on the reconstruction of the north wing (\$90,000). This temporary barracks would become Barnes Hall in 1899. Rebuilding was completed in May 1882.

All previous construction deficiencies with heating, lighting, ventilation, poor windows, etc., were eliminated. The number of patients at the end of 1882 was 500. Due to the rising utilization of the institution, it was requested that a permanent male cottage replace the wooden barracks.

In 1883, the settling basin and filter was constructed to purify the water pumped from "Big Spring." The facility put in an additional fire pump and fire plugs. A new main sewer was installed. One-hundred-sixty additional acres were purchased to the east because more building space and farm land was needed. The first request to fund electric lights was submitted in September 1884, and on Sept. 30, 1884, there were 595 patients.

In 1885 an ice house was built, cattle sheds were constructed, a gatehouse was built, a slaughterhouse was constructed and a greenhouse was constructed. Also, two new boilers were purchased in 1885. This is the third set. The system was changed from high-pressure steam to low-pressure steam.

In 1886 the facility refused 176 admissions for lack of room. The population in general, in the 25 counties of Southern Illinois, was growing rapidly during these years. There were 634 patients at the end of September 1886. This year saw the beginning of the unlocked or open ward policy on some units.

Electricity was introduced to the facility in this year also. In 1887 fire escapes were erected on the end of each wing and the Center Building. In order to improve the water quality and supply, wells were drilled. The 1885 gatehouse later became the farm manager's home and was constructed at the location beside the present gate house.

Management reported that the laundry and the bakery were too small and suggested that a new building be constructed for the laundry and the existing laundry be converted to a bakery. Again in 1886 and 1887, 262 applications for admission were refused because of lack of bed space. At the end of September 1888, there were 630 patients.

Dr. E.B. Elrod of Flora replaced Dr. H. Wardner as superintendent in January 1890. A new laundry building was constructed in 1890 and that building is the present day stores building.

A new hospital building was also constructed in 1890 (M&S Building, later named Rehabilitation Services Building). The residential building received electric clocks and thermostats. A new vegetable cellar was constructed to preserve the produce raised on the farm for patient use.

"Consumption" or tuberculosis was becoming an epidemic cause of death in 1890 and requests were submitted for construction of a building to isolate these patients. During 1890 and 1891 considerable research and study of consumption was conducted by hospital staff using patients and animals.

In 1891 an additional bakery oven was installed, and a new water tower was erected, a refrigeration plant was

constructed (old cold storage building, now scheduled for demolition).

Also, in 1891, a "new building" which was to accommodate 300 new beds was completed. (This building became known as the Annex and later Hamilton Hall).

A printing press was purchased and was operated by patients for the purpose of job printing. The patient census at the end of June 1892 was 840. In 1893 Dr. E. B. Elrod resigned and W. C. Lence succeeded him. Patient census at the end of June 1894 was 815.

In January 1895, a fire broke out in the attic of the Administration (Center) Building. The Administration Building and south wing were entirely destroyed.

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Mental health center named in honor of Clyde L. Choate

Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna is named in honor of Clyde L. Choate.

Mr. Choate, of Anna, earned a Congressional Medal of Honor during World War II. He served for three decades in the Illinois General Assembly. Mr. Choate was a graduate of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

Mr. Choate's bravery during World War II is recalled on the Illinois Secretary of State's website as part of a feature titled "Illinois at War, 1941-1945."

A tribute to Mr. Choate explains that the Medal of Honor, bestowed by the Congress, is the highest military award for bravery that the United States can give to one of its citizens.

The Medal of Honor was first instituted in 1861 to recognize outstanding battle actions during the Civil War.

Regulations required that the deed performed had to be proven by uncontested evidence and attested to by two eyewitnesses.

It went to the member of the armed forces who "distinguished himself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty."

During the course of World War II a total of 433 Medals of Honor were authorized.

Individuals in the Army received 294, Navy 57, Marines 81 and Coast Guard one. Thirty-eight of those going to the Army went to members of the Air Corps.

The story behind Mr. Choate's Medal of Honor heroics also is featured on the Illinois Secretary of State's website:

From September through December 1944 Allied forces were advancing slowly along a broad front in Europe north of Switzerland in the south, out from the Moselle River valley in far eastern France, to the western border of Luxembourg, through the Ardennes Forest in Belgium, into western German territory near Aachen, and into the Netherlands from Belgium in the north.

Resistance was at times light and at other times fierce as the German army retreated to its own soil.

The Allies were being careful not to outrun their supply lines which by early

November were being fed mainly by shipments arriving from the port city of Antwerp in Belgium.

As a staff sergeant with less than three years in the service, Clyde Choate was receiving a base pay of \$96 a month. Combat duty earned him an additional \$5 for each pay period. The Medal of Honor carried with it a monthly cash award of an extra \$2.

Medal of Honor winners usually were restationed back in the United States where these genuine war heroes were used effectively to help promote war bond drives and war plant morale.

Anna is located in Union County in far Southern Illinois. Much of that county is made up of the Shawnee National Forest.

Mr. Choate went on to serve 15 terms as a Democratic Party state representative in the Illinois General Assembly. He held numerous leadership positions during his lengthy service in the General Assembly.

Chicago Tribune Tribute to Clyde L. Choate

When he died in October of 2001, the Chicago Tribune newspaper ran a tribute to Mr. Choate which was written by staff reporter Rudolph Bush:

Clyde Lee Choate, 81, a

30-year member of the Illinois General Assembly who received the Medal of Honor in World War II, died after a long illness Friday, Oct. 5, in Memorial Hospital, Carbondale.

One of 12 children born into a poor Illinois coal-mining family, Mr. Choate grew up to become a war hero, a staunch Democrat and one of the state's most powerful legislators.

Born in West Frankfort, Mr. Choate was raised in Anna, and, apart from his time in the war and his trips to Springfield, he lived there all his life.

In the early days of World War II, Mr. Choate joined the Army as a private and rose to the rank of staff sergeant, said his friend Ted Lechowicz, a member of the Cook County Board and a former state legislator who served with Choate in the House of Representatives.

The defining moment of his military service, and much of his life, came on Oct. 25, 1944, in Bruyeres, France, near the Vosges Mountains.

That day, Mr. Choate's company came under attack from German infantry supported by a tank, Lechowicz said.

Mr. Choate ordered his men to retreat but returned to the battle himself and single-handedly destroyed the tank, preventing a German advance.

For that action and other displays of bravery, Mr.

Choate received the Medal of Honor.

At the presentation ceremony, President Harry Truman suggested that Mr. Choate run for office after the young veteran expressed concerns about the coal industry in southern Illinois, Lechowicz said.

In 1946 he ran for office for the first time, winning the house seat from Union County that he would occupy for 30 years until his retirement in 1976.

In 1947 Mr. Choate married his wife, Madonna, who still lives in their home in Anna.

Over the years, he served as both majority and minority leader of the General Assembly.

Much of his success came from his kind, down-to-earth personality and reputation for honesty, Lechowicz said.

"He was a person that kept his word," Lechowicz said. "If he told you something, it was carefully researched, and he didn't warm it to the mood of the general public."

Though a close ally of Mayor Richard J. Daley, Mr. Choate was known to oppose the mayor's agenda if it didn't fit his conscience.

In 1969 he led a downstate Democrats' revolt against a Daley plan to establish an across-the-board state income tax of 3 percent. Mr. Choate insisted that corporations pay a higher rate of 4 percent and individual rates be set at 2 1/2 percent.

"He would stand on his own two feet; he was never averse to that. But he loved Mayor Daley and thought he was a great mayor," former U.S. Rep. Glenn Poshard said.

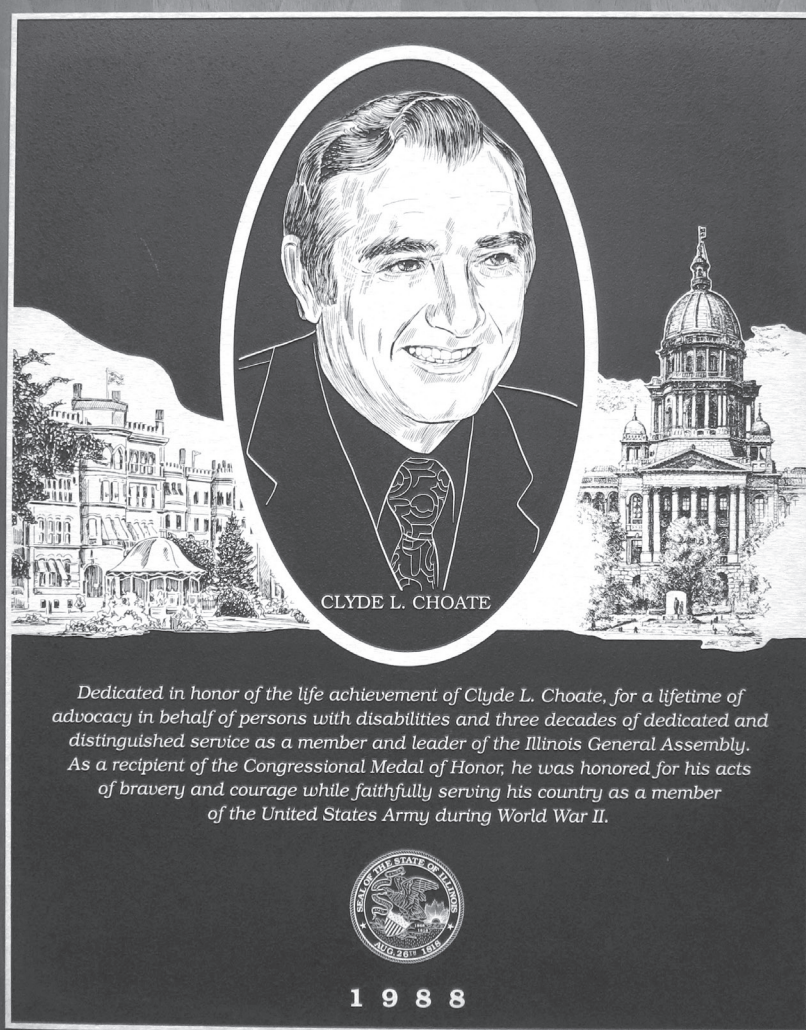
Poshard, vice chancellor for academics at Southern Illinois University, said that building up that institution was one of Mr. Choate's highest priorities.

Besides his wife, Mr. Choate is survived by two daughters, Elizabeth Wood and Kim Hughey, and two grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna.

Clyde L. Choate honored

A plaque at the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna honors the center's namesake: Clyde L. Choate.



Clyde L. Choate's Medal of Honor Citation

He commanded a tank destroyer near Bruyeres, France, on 25 October 1944. Our infantry occupied a position on a wooded hill when, at dusk, an enemy Mark IV tank and a company of infantry attacked, threatening to overrun the American position and capture a command post 400 yards to the rear.

SSgt. Choate's tank destroyer, the only weapon available to oppose the German armor, was set afire by two hits. Ordering his men to abandon the destroyer, SSgt. Choate reached comparative safety. He returned to the burning destroyer to search for comrades possibly trapped in the vehicle, risking instant death in an explosion which was imminent and braving enemy fire which ripped his jacket and tore the helmet from his head.

Completing the search and seeing the tank and its supporting infantry overrunning our infantry in their shallow foxholes, he secured a bazooka and ran after the tank dodging from tree to tree and passing through the enemy's loose skirmish line. He fired a rocket from a distance of 20 yards, immobilizing the tank but leaving it able to spray the area with cannon and machine-gun fire.

Running back to our infantry through vicious fire, he secured another rocket, and, advancing against a hail of machine-gun and small-arms fire reached a position 10 yards from the tank. His second shot shattered the turret.

With his pistol he killed two of the crew as they emerged from the tank; and then running to the crippled Mark IV while enemy infantry sniped at him, he dropped a grenade inside the tank and completed its destruction. With their armor gone, the enemy infantry became disorganized and was driven back.

SSgt. Choate's great daring in assaulting an enemy tank singlehandedly, his determination to follow the vehicle after it had passed his position, and his skill and crushing thoroughness in the attack prevented the enemy from capturing a battalion command post and turned a probable defeat into tactical success.

(From the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation. The foundation was founded by the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, which consists exclusively of the living recipients of the Medal of Honor. The foundation is dedicated to educating and inspiring Americans about the values embodied in the Medal of Honor: courage and sacrifice, commitment and integrity, citizenship and patriotism.)

Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center Profile from Illinois Department of Human Services

Individual Profile - Updated 11/05/19

Number	Data
194	Current Census
39.87	Average age of persons served (21-78+ age range)
15.18%	Severe or Profound M.R. range
14.94%	Nonverbal, use sign language or gestures to communicate
95.876%	Have a behavior intervention program
81.44%	Receive Psychotropic medications

Location: Anna - Union County

Clyde L. Choate Center offers a variety of treatment programs/services including but not limited to: Psychiatric/psychological, medical/physical, social, educational, vocational/ rehabilitation, recreational, speech, language and hearing, pharmacy, dental, and dietary services, and referrals and special consultations.

The campus consists of six living areas (5 civil living units/1 forensic living unit). Individuals from the 5 civil units attend multiple on-campus and off-campus workshops.

The forensic unit is a self contained unit, due to the specificity of the individuals residing on this unit. The forensic populations have been placed there through incidents with police and court systems of Illinois.

The individuals have either been found Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (NGRI) or have been found Unfit to Stand Trial (UST). The unit remains locked and specially trained staff, (Security Therapy Aides) are assigned.

The Choate Center was initially opened in 1869. The majority of occupied buildings were constructed from 1950-1965. The facility is located on the northeastern edge of Anna, Illinois, in Union County. Union County is geographically situated in Southern Illinois, 30 miles north of the confluence of the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers.

Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center occupies more than 220 acres and has 6 buildings for individual care, treatment and habilitation. Additionally, the campus maintains a hospital for the acute psychiatric treatment of patients.

The Choate campus also houses numerous Illinois state and local agencies:

- Family Community Resource Center
- Department of Rehabilitative Services
- Office of State Guardian
- Office of Inspector General
- Southernmost Illinois Tourism
- Shawnee Development Council
- ASH Credit Union
- Fellowship House Treatment Facility
- Tri County School District
- Homeless, Inc.
- Sunrise Preschool (a child and infant daycare)
- Southern 7 Head Start

Proclamation

issued by Gov. JB Pritzker honors
Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center, Anna



Proclamation

Presented this 23rd day of September 2019

WHEREAS, this year Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center will proudly celebrate 150 years of continuous service to the residents of Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, since its commissioning in 1869, many individuals have found treatment, care, and recovery in Anna, Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center is proud of their history of providing a high standard of consumer driven care to individuals with mental health issues and developmental disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center continues to take an innovative approach to their facilities and their services to improve the lives of the people they serve and to create an environment supportive of recovery, treatment, and advocacy; and,

WHEREAS, since 1869, past and present staff members of Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center have dedicated themselves to providing quality care to the individuals they serve and to making a positive contribution to their community and state;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 11, 2019 as the day for the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center's 150th Anniversary Celebration.



JB Pritzker

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Governor, State of Illinois