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Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

Happy New Year to all of our readers.

As we often suggest: if you plan to celebrate the start of a New Year, please do not drink and drive.

The Union County Alliance of Churches' 2019 holiday season bell-ringing campaign is scheduled to continue through Monday, Dec. 30, at the Union County Market in Jonesboro, the Kroger store in Anna and the Walmart supercenter store in Anna.

The Union County Sheriff's Office is voicing appreciation to all of those who helped to support this year's Shop-with-a-Deputy program. Generous donations to the program made Christmas brighter for 31 children.

The Union County CEO program has wrapped up its first semester of the 2019-2020 school year.

The Poshard Foundation for Abused Children has received a \$5,000 grant from Ameren Illinois to support the foundation's Holiday Gifts for Kids programs and Camps for Kids.

Plans are already being made for a 2020 Honors Wreaths for Veterans ceremony at the Anna City Cemetery. This year's ceremony, the first to be held, has been deemed as a major success.

A leaf pick-up service conducted this fall in the City of Anna was termed as a success. The service was provided at 112 residences in the community. Leaves which were picked up were to be used as compost material.

The City of Anna is considering options for 2020 concessions operations at the Anna City Park and Anna City Pool.

The Cobden Village Board of Trustees recently approved year-end bonuses for employees.

Union County didn't have much of a chance for white Christmas

The chance's for a white Christmas in Union County for 2019 were pretty much zero.

Even though winter officially arrived last Saturday, the region has experienced spring-like temperatures.

Sunday in the Union County area started out cloudy and cool. By Sunday afternoon, the sun was shining and the temperature had climbed into the 50s.

More sunshine and a high temperature near 57 degrees were in the forecast for Monday in the Union County area, the National Weather Service office in Paducah reported on its website.

Tuesday, Christmas Eve, was expected to be partly sunny, with a high near 60.

The forecast for Christmas Day was calling for lots of sunshine and a high temperature once again near 63.

Thursday, today, is expected to be cloudy, with a high near 60. There's a chance for showers on Friday. Showers and even thunderstorms are in the forecast for Saturday. Highs on both days are expected to be in the 50s.

The weather service noted that the high temperature was expected to be warmer on Christmas Day than it was on both Thanksgiving and Halloween.

That has happened only

once before, dating back to 1938.

In 1954, the high temperature on Christmas Day was 54. The high on Thanksgiving was 44. The high on Halloween was 45.

For the record, the high on Thanksgiving Day in Union County was 39. The high on Halloween was 42.

Christmas Day Weather in Region

On Christmas Day in 2018, the high temperature was 55 in Paducah. The low was 33. No precipitation was recorded.

Weather in the region on Christmas Day generally is cold, with highs in the 30s and 40s, the weather service reported.

The high temperature reached a spring-like 71 degrees on Christmas Day in 2016 in Paducah.

The high was only 12 degrees on Christmas Day in 1983.

The low dipped to 8 degrees below zero in 2004. A low of 5 degrees below zero was recorded in 1983.

Measurable snowfall has been recorded only three times in recent years: 4.0 inches in 1969, 3.0 inches in 1992 and 2.0 inches in 1975.

Snow depth on the ground for Christmas Day included 9.0 inches in 2004, 5.0 inches in 1963, 4.0 inches in 1969, 3.0 inches in 2010 and 2.0 inches in 1966.



2012 memory

On the day after Christmas in 2012, a blizzard swept through the region. Snowfall amounts in the Union County area ranged anywhere from 5 to 11 inches. The photograph was taken in Cobden while heavy snow was falling on Dec. 26. File photo.



Huge donation

The top donors from each Jonesboro School home room are pictured with items collected during a food drive. From left are Logan Abernathy, Aiden McFadden, Stewart Busby, Miranda Bundren, Blake Abernathy, Meliana Bundren, Raelynn Bingham, Addilynn Ashman, Clara Mix, Titan Henderson, Landon Hill, Toby Snell, Kenzie Miller, Brooke Sheffer, Nathan Hubbs and Graydon Edmonds. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

Jonesboro School has food drive

By Benjamin Marxer

Nearly a ton of food was collected by Jonesboro School students for a local food pantry for their ninth annual Christmas food drive.

At the final count, 1,968 items weighing in at 1,921 pounds of canned food and dried goods were accumulated for the Shawnee Development Council's Union County food pantry.

This included over \$100 in cash donations, which was spent at Union County Market in Jonesboro at a special rate.

Jonesboro science teacher Dayna Will helped organize the event.

According to Brandy Sevenski, Union County coordinator for the Shawnee Development Council, the food pantry served over 1,500 individuals, including 574 families and 191 seniors, in the past month.

The food pantry is located on the grounds of the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna.

The food pantry operates solely on donations, and events like the Jonesboro food drive help the Shawnee

Development Council serve the region.

The organization runs a number of programs to help people in the region, including heating assistance, employment assistance, housing programs and senior services.

The food pantry is open every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

For more information on the food pantry or on the programs the Shawnee Development Council offers, contact Brandy Sevenski at 833-7431.



Donations for veterans

Jonesboro School students held a donation drive on behalf of the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna. New items of clothing were donated, as well as personal care products and specially requested items like electric razors. The program was organized by Jonesboro School science teacher Dayna Will and veterans home representative Donna Murray. Volunteers pictured are, from left, Hannah Morris, Ella Lingle, Kaytlynn Cunningham, Donna Murray and Scotti Murray. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition honored

The Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition has received the Wendy Allen Award for Institutional Excellence.

The award was presented Nov. 17 at The Lincoln Forum in Gettysburg, Pa.

Each year, The Lincoln Forum presents at its annual symposium a special award to a Lincoln or Civil War institution or organization that has achieved widespread recognition for bringing learning, scholar-

ship and enlightenment to a wide public audience.

"In honoring this group, we do honor to ourselves. 'Looking for Lincoln' has taken hallowed ground and made it accessible to more and more visitors," said

Harold Holzer, the chairman of the Lincoln Forum.

"As one who has often enjoyed the thrill of walking alongside Lincoln's Illinois pathways, I cannot overemphasize the importance of 'place' to history, and the importance of 'Looking for Lincoln' in leading the way to these places for all Americans.

"We are honored to receive this award for our efforts in preserving and telling the story of Abraham Lincoln in Illinois to visitors and residents alike," said Sarah Watson, executive director of Looking for Lincoln and the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area.

"We would like to thank The Lincoln Forum for their support of our efforts."

The Lincoln Forum is an assembly of people who share a deep interest in the life and times of Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War era.

Through a roster of ac-

tivities and projects including symposia, tours, student essay competitions, teacher scholarships, a newsletter and Lincoln studies, the Forum endeavors to enhance the understanding and preserve the memory of Abraham Lincoln.

More information about The Lincoln Forum can be found at: <https://www.thelincolnforum.org/>.

The Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition is the coordinating entity for the 43-county Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area.

The coalition is a partnership of organizations and individuals dedicated to enhancing the communities and landscapes of central Illinois through recognition and support of their significant natural, cultural and historical legacies.

More information about the Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition and the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area can be found online at www.lookingforlincoln.com.



Union County Lincoln site

A Looking for Lincoln sign is on display at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro. The U.S. Forest Service manages the picnic grounds, which were the site of one of the 1858 debates between U.S. Senate candidates Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas. The Jonesboro Lincoln-Douglas debate site is now included in the Looking for Lincoln Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area.



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County clerk’s office awarded grant for election security

The Union County clerk’s office has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$30,766.24 from the Illinois State Board of Elections.

Union County Clerk Lance Meisenheimer announced the awarding of the grant.

Meisenheimer said the Help America Vote Act grant, also known as HAVA, requires the Illinois State Board of Elections to implement a Cyber Navigator Program for local election authorities, and will assist jurisdictions with their Cyber Security for the 2020 election cycle and future elections to come.

Requirements for the Cyber Navigator Program include:

- Utilization of the Illinois Century Network for connectivity to State Board of Elections systems or have entered into an agreement to do so as soon as practical.
- Participation in the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Program by:

Registering with the Elections Infrastructure Information Sharing & Analysis Center, EI-ISAC.

Working with the Cyber Security Information Sharing Program Manager

to establish two-way data sharing.

Having at least one representative from the election authority complete security awareness training as offered by the Cyber Security Information Sharing Program Manager.

- Allowing Cyber Navigators to complete an on-site risk assessment.

The Union County clerk’s office met the requirements for the program and was awarded an initial amount of \$12,623.00 in grant funding.

Meisenheimer explained that since there were still many upgrades necessary, an additional \$18,143.24 in grant funding was awarded.

“Those funds have all now been used to secure our election process,” the county clerk said.

“For security purposes, the specific upgrades that have been implemented cannot be publically disclosed, but as your county clerk, I am pleased to announce that Union County’s elections will now be as secure as possible with the implementation of this new software and equipment,” he stated.



2019: Train in the snow
A Canadian National freight train was making its way north in heavy snow on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 19, in Cobden. At the time the photograph was taken, heavy snow was falling and strong winds were blowing.

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Wastewater treatment plant energy efficiency funds available

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Energy has announced up to \$1 million of grant funding is available for energy efficiency upgrades at public wastewater treatment plants.

Under the Wastewater Treatment Plant Energy Efficiency Program, grant awards ranging from \$5,000 to \$500,000 will aim to reduce energy usage for Illinois municipalities.

This round of funding follows the initial awards which were announced in April 2019.

The grant program seeks to invest U.S. Department of Energy State Energy Program, SEP, funds in energy efficiency projects, some of which were identified by no-cost energy efficiency assessments also funded by the Office of Energy, that will result in the greatest energy cost savings for Illinois residents.

As with the first cycle, grant applications will be ranked according to multiple factors including the energy savings per dollar (granted/invested), the energy rate paid by the applicant facility and the energy cost to treat 1 million gallons of water at the applicant facility.

Application materials are available at Illinois EPA's Office of Energy webpage. The application period closes at midnight on Feb. 28, 2020.

For more information about Office of Energy programming, including the Wastewater Treatment Plant Energy Efficiency Program, visit <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/energy/Pages/default.aspx> or call 217-785-8841.

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Review of fall weather in region: ‘straight from summer to winter’

The fall season is history in the region. Winter officially arrived on Saturday, Dec. 21.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported on its website that the meteorological season of fall, from Sept. 1, through Nov. 30, that temperatures averaged out near normal for the fall season in Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky.

The weather service noted that fall's temperatures "were no where near normal the majority of the time."

"The short version is we went straight from summer to winter, with very little in between," the weather service stated.

September into the first week of October were exceptionally warm, feeling much more like the middle of summer than fall.

September ranked as the warmest on record in Cape Girardeau and the second warmest in Paducah.

This was followed by the warmest October temperatures on record at both locations on Oct. 2.

The pattern changed rather quickly though, with near record lows being observed down into the 20s on Halloween.

Paducah had its coldest start to November on record through Nov. 18.

Temperatures moderated during the last two weeks of the month though.

November finished as the fourth coldest in Cape Girardeau and the ninth coldest in Paducah.

For the fall season, Paducah observed 31 days with high temperatures in the 60s or 70s, tying for the second fewest with 2018 and 1997. The record is 26 days set in fall of 1976.

Precipitation was above normal across the majority of the region, with 12 to 15 inches common across a large swath of the area.

The highest total observed in the forecast area for the weather service office in Paducah was 18.6 inches at a CoCoRaHS station in Scott City, Mo.

The exception to the wet conditions included portions of southeast Illinois and northwest Kentucky. These areas received near to slightly below normal precipitation amounts for the fall season.

Several locations observed their driest September on record.

Paducah went 29 days without any measurable rain, marking the longest dry stretch since 1999. But the year of plenty returned in October and November, making it a short-lived drought.

November Weather

Temperatures during November in the region were well below normal by around 5 to 7 degrees.

The brunt of the cold was focused over the first half of the month, before temperatures moderated during the last two weeks.

In Paducah, temperatures were well below normal for 17 of the first 18 days of November.

On Nov. 12, high temperatures remained in the 20s across the entire region, which was roughly 35 degrees below normal.

This shattered the previous record cold high temperatures for that date.

This was the earliest sub-freezing high temperature on record in Paducah (26).

Temperatures dipped into the teens and even a few single digit readings on the morning of Nov. 13.

"It definitely felt like we were in the heart of winter," the weather service noted.

November was another wet month, with wetter than normal conditions observed across the majority of our region.

Portions of Southern Illinois were observing a fairly dry month until a heavy rain event at the end of the month.

Many areas received over 6 inches of precipitation for the month, and a few locations topped 8 inches.

A rare early season snow event impacted the region on Veterans Day (Nov. 11), with 1 to 3 inches of snow across the region.

It was the third earliest measurable snow on record in Paducah (1.2 inches). This now marks the third time in six years with over 1 inch of snow in November in Paducah.

From 1972 to 2013, no November experienced greater than 0.4 of an inch of snow.

Federal funding supports fire, emergency medical services in rural areas

Funding in the amount of \$5 million has been included in the federal Fiscal Year 2020 appropriations bill for a new grant program that supports rural fire and emergency medical services, EMS.

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee and Senate Appropriations Committee, announced the funding Dec. 19.

The funding, created through Durbin's Supporting and Improving Rural EMS Needs, SIREN, Act, supports EMS agencies in training and recruiting staff, conducting certification courses and purchasing equipment – for everything from naloxone and first aid kits, to power stretchers or new ambulances.

Durbin's bipartisan SIREN Act was signed into law last year as part of the Farm Bill and this is the first year of annual funding for the grant program.

"In many small and rural towns in Illinois and across the country, rural fire and EMS agencies are a lifeline in their communities," Durbin said in a news release.

"One of the biggest challenges I've heard from rural EMS professionals is a lack of steady funding to support their operations."

"After meeting with rural EMS officials from Nauvoo, Illinois, I introduced the SIREN Act last year. I'm pleased this new grant program can finally start bringing much needed funding to our rural communities," Durbin said.

A decline in primary care and hospital service availability, great distances between health care facilities, and low insurance reimbursement for transport and emergency treatment have all strained rural EMS agencies, Durbin said.

At the same time, EMS agencies today are tasked with ever-greater responsibilities: preparing for natural and man-made disasters and bioterror threats, supporting the chronic and emergency care needs of an aging population, and responding on the front lines of the opioid epidemic.

These first responders are often the only health care providers in their area and face difficulty in personnel recruitment and retention, and securing expensive equipment, Durbin noted.

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Jonesboro Grade School

Sports

Lady Wildcats score wins over Massac, Du Quoin

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

A-J 42, Massac County 34: The visiting Lady Wildcats were 19 of 22 from the free throw line on their way to the win Saturday, Dec. 21.

Kristin Edmonds had 13 points, 5 rebounds and an assist to lead A-J.

Mikayla Bundren had 10 points, 4 rebounds and 3 steals. Raegan Cruse had 5 points, 2 steals, a rebound and an assist.

Addison Denny had 5 points, 4 rebounds and 3 assists. Anna Hess had 4 points, 6 rebounds, 3 steals and an assist.

Petey Foster had 2 points and 2 rebounds. Brodie Denny had 2 rebounds and a steal. Campbell Belcher had a rebound.

A-J 47, Du Quoin 30: The host Lady Wildcats took an early lead on their way to the win Thursday, Dec. 19.

Hess had 14 points, 4 rebounds, 3 steals and 2 assists to lead A-J.

Edmonds had 13 points,

Cobden girls post 1-2 record in recent action

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

Du Quoin Over Cobden:

The host Cobden High School girls' basketball team played shorthanded with a pair of starters missing and lost 60-16 to Du Quoin Saturday, Dec. 21.

Abby Ramsey scored 8 points to lead Cobden. Katelyn Shadowens had 6 points and Ava Nance 2.

Cobden 58, Dongola 24: Jenna Hartline and Abby Ramsey scored 21 points apiece to lead the visiting Appleknockers to the win Monday, Dec. 16.

Aubrey Fisher added 11 points for Cobden, followed by Ava Nance with 3 and Katelyn Shadowens with 2.

Cobden has 10-3 record

The Cobden High School boys' basketball team split in recent action.

Steeleville 61, Cobden 59: The visiting Appleknockers were edged in overtime on Saturday, Dec. 21.

Cobden coach Wendell Wheeler said his squad lost the game at the free throw line.

Joe Brumleve had 25 points to lead Cobden. Noah Franklin added 15 points, Dylan Lewey 14, Landon Britt 4 and Alex Ramsey 1.

Massac, Carterville score wins over A-J

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' basketball team lost twice last week.

Massac County 59, A-J 49: The visiting Patriots were ahead early on their way to the win Saturday, Dec. 21.

Blake Pena had 18 points and 4 rebounds to lead the Wildcats.

Noah McFarland had 14 points and 4 rebounds. Juan Valencia had 11 points and a rebound.

Damareon Faust had 4 points and 8 rebounds. Ta'Kevon Williford had 2 points and 3 rebounds.

A-J was 12 of 27 in shot attempts from the field, 7 of 18 from 3-point range and 4 of 8 from the free throw line.

The Patriots were 15 of 28 in shot attempts from the

field, 6 of 16 from 3-point range and 11 of 17 from the charity stripe.

Carterville 53, A-J 48: The visiting Lions pulled ahead early on their way to the win Friday, Dec. 20.

Blake Pena had 15 points and 3 rebounds to lead the Wildcats.

Noah McFarland had 10 points and 5 rebounds. Zach Overstreet had 7 points. Juan Valencia had 6 points and 4 rebounds. Ta'Kevon Williford had 4 points and 6 rebounds. Maddox Thorpe and Ethan Klett had 3 points apiece.

A-J is scheduled to face Harrisburg at 3:15 p.m. Thursday, today, at the Eldorado Tournament. The tournament is scheduled to continue through Saturday, Dec. 28.

Pinckneyville 49, A-J 44: The host Lady Panthers pulled ahead early on their way to the win Tuesday, Dec. 17.

Edmonds had 17 points, 6 rebounds, 4 assists and 3 steals to lead the Lady Wildcats.

Cruse had 7 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists, a steal and a block. Bundren had 7 points, 2 rebounds, an assist and a block.

Addison Denny had 5 points, 6 rebounds and 2 assists. Hess had 5 points, 4 rebounds, 3 steals and 2 assists. Ralls had 3 points, 3 rebounds and a block.

A-J is scheduled to play against Salem on Friday, Dec. 27, at the Rangerette Classic in Benton. The tournament concludes Monday, Dec. 30.

Alyssa Flores led the Lady Demons with 10 points. Ashlyn Wright and Hailey Ames had 5 points apiece. Emele Halphen and Arian Cosenzo scored 2 each.

Trico 58, Cobden 32: The Lady Pioneers took an early lead on their way to the win over the host Appleknockers Saturday, Dec. 14.

Hartline had 17 points to lead Cobden. Ramsey added 12 points and Gracelynn Fisher 3.

Cobden is scheduled to play Cairo at the Egyptian Shootout on Saturday, Jan. 4.

The Cobden junior varsity tournament is scheduled to run from Thursday, Dec. 26 through Saturday, Dec. 28.



2019: Big win for A-JCHS wrestling team

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School wrestling team continued a successful season with a runaway victory at the Illinois High School Association Class 1A regional championship tournament. A-J hosted the event, which was Saturday, Feb. 2. The Wildcats took first place in the tournament with 236 points, out-scoring the next closest team by over 100 points. A-J had 11 medal winners, including eight wrestlers who finished first at the regional. All medal winners advanced to sectional competition in Carterville. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

Our Union County Roots

Our Union County Roots is a monthly column by the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society.

In 2014 the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society hosted a Hometown Teams exhibit as part of the Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street program.

The exhibit included items from the Smithsonian's collection and local research and artifacts.

One of the areas of local interest was the history of the basketball teams that made up the Southern Illinois Conference of Colored High Schools. The SICCHS was founded in the early 1920s and continued through the mid-1950s.

The organization provided, among other things, the African-American schools in this region a venue for their own basketball tournaments culminating in a "state championship."

The Illinois High School Athletic Association board in 1929 began to help with the organization of basketball tournaments for the SICCHS, but no African-American team was allowed to advance to an all-white regional or sectional tournament.

Segregation in the regional basketball tournaments ended in 1946 when the Illinois High School Association permitted the winners of the two SICCHS district tournaments to be assigned to white regional tournaments.

Mounds Douglass played in the regional tournament hosted by Benton when other schools would not accept an African-American team.

Mounds Douglass beat West Frankfort, considered by many to be the best basketball team in the state, but was defeated by Johnston City for the regional title.

The district tourneys remained segregated until 1950, when Carbondale At-tucks and Colp played in the district tournament hosted by Elkhart, but not all of the district tournaments were integrated at this time.

The Illinois High School Association announced that

there would be no African-American district tourney in 1954 and that Mounds Douglass and Mound City Lovejoy would play in the Dongola district tournament.

Cairo Sumner, a larger school, would skip the district level and begin tournament play in the Shawnee regional at Wolf Lake.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, rather than Dongola, hosted the 1954 district basketball tournament.

Paul Houghton, principal and former coach at Anna-Jonesboro, invited Mounds Douglass and Mound City Lovejoy, both African-American schools, to play in the tournament along with Dongola, Ullin, Cobden, Goreville, Thebes and Grand Chain.

J.C. Penn, principal of At-tucks at Carbondale, said in an interview some time later that all of the other white schools refused to let the African-American teams play in their district tournaments.

Marianna Brown Riley, an Anna-Jonesboro student at the time, remembers that Mr. Houghton called

an assembly to discuss the upcoming basketball tournament in which segregated schools would be participating for the first time.

Brown Riley recalls that Houghton told the assembled students that he expected them to be good hosts and to make the students from the African-American schools feel welcome.

Mounds Douglass won the district tournament at A-J and the regional at Wolf Lake.

Paul Houghton and Benton High School principal, Floyd Smith, were credited by J. C. Penn in a 1969 interview with the SIU Information Service of helping to end segregation in all tournament play in sports.

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More than 250 new laws take effect Jan. 1 in Illinois

**By Len Wells
The Navigator
Grayville**

With the arrival of the new year comes a slew of new Illinois laws. Beginning Jan. 1, 2020, more than 250 new Illinois laws will take effect, covering everything from cannabis and cats to zipper merging.

One new law drawing a great deal of attention is Illinois' recreational marijuana law.

In drafting the law, legislators wrote "In the interest of allowing law enforcement to focus on violent and property crimes, generating revenue for substance abuse prevention and treatment, freeing public resources to invest in communities and other public purposes, and individual freedom, the General Assembly finds and declares that the use of cannabis should be legal for persons 21 years of age or older and should be taxed in a manner similar to alcohol."

Under the recreational marijuana law, an individual over the age of 21 may purchase or possess up to 30 grams, or about one ounce of marijuana plant material, edibles totaling no more than 500 mg of THC (the active ingredient of cannabis) and five grams of cannabis concentrate products. Non-residents will be permitted to purchase half those amounts.

Recreational marijuana will be taxed in various ways.

Cannabis and cannabis-infused products with less than 35 percent THC will be taxed at 10 percent of the purchase price.

Cannabis infused products with more than 35 percent THC will be taxed at 20 percent of the purchase price with marijuana containing more than 35 percent being taxed at 25 percent of the purchase price.

Additionally, individual municipalities may also impose a tax on recreational marijuana sales.

Starting Jan. 1, existing marijuana dispensaries will begin selling to adults until new licenses are approved.

The state will start receiving and processing new licenses on March 15, 2020, with the new dispensary licenses being issued on May 1, 2020.

Some downstate marijuana dispensaries approved to begin selling recreational marijuana starting Jan. 1

include The Clinic in Effingham, HCI Alternative in Collinsville, Harbory in Marion and Phoenix Botanical Dispensary in Champaign.

Making fewer headlines than the state's recreational marijuana law are the following:

Minimum Wage: Illinois' minimum wage will increase to \$9.25 per hour starting Jan. 1.

A second increase will come on July 1, 2020 when the rate goes up another 75 cents, making the official rate \$10 per hour.

The wage hike is part of a multi-year plan to gradually increase the state's minimum wage to \$15 per hour by 2025.

Tipped workers may still be paid 60 percent of the regular minimum wage. The new law also includes a payroll deduction tax credit for employers of 50 or fewer workers.

Cats: A new law requires cats to receive a rabies vaccination with a tag and certification. The requirement does not apply to feral cats unless the feral cat is taken to a veterinarian for sterilization.

Animal Shelters: Changes the Animal Welfare Act and requires dog or cat kennel operator buildings to be equipped with a fire sprinkler or fire alarm system if the establishment is not staffed at all times.

Animal Health Month: Makes April Healthy Pet Month to be observed by reviewing your pet's health needs and making arrangements with your veterinarian to enhance and extend your pet's quality of life.

Cosmetics: Cosmetics that have been tested on animals will be banned in Illinois.

The new law prohibits manufacturers from selling cosmetic products developed by using animal testing with fines starting at \$5,000. The law applies to all products manufactured after Jan. 1, 2020.

Acupuncture: Changes the Acupuncture Practice Act to provide title protection for Chinese herbology.

Interest on Debt: Lowers the annual rate on consumer debt judgments valued at or below \$25,000 from 9 percent to 5 percent.

Revenge Porn: Creates the Civil Remedies for Non-consensual Dissemination of Private Sexual Images Act, which allows

victims of revenge porn to recover economic, non-economic and punitive damages.

Public Bathrooms: Requires single-occupancy restrooms in a public location to be identified as all-gender and designated for use by no more than one person at a time or for family or assisted use and requires exterior signage that marks the restroom as a restroom and does not indicate any specific gender.

Changing Stations: Requires all public restrooms in a public building to have a baby changing facility.

Genetic Testing: Prohibits companies that provide direct-to-consumer commercial genetic testing from sharing any test results or other personally identifiable information with any health or life insurance company without the written consent from the consumer.

Pay to Stay: Removes provision requiring incarcerated people to reimburse the Department of Corrections for the cost of their incarceration: Pay to Stay.

School Threats: Expands the offense of disorderly conduct to cover threats against schools that are made online or do not specifically mention a bomb.

Sexual Assault: Removes the statute of limitations for criminal sexual assault, aggravated criminal sexual assault and aggravated criminal sexual abuse for all ages, not just those 18 and under.

Education Savings Plan: Establishes Illinois Higher Education Savings Program and creates the Illinois Higher Education Savings Program Fund, which will deposit \$50 into a 529-style college savings account for every child born or adopted in Illinois after Dec. 31, 2020, for the purpose of expanding access to higher education. The Illinois treasurer says it will take most of 2020 to actually set up the program.

Math Classes: Requires students to take three years of math to graduate high

school but provides local school districts flexibility over required classes to remove barriers to graduation for some students.

Illinois History: Requires that, beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, current courses in U.S. history for K-12 students must also include instruction about the history of Illinois.

College Acceptance: All students in the top ten percent of their school's grade point average must be accepted at Northern Illinois University, Southern Illinois University, Western Illinois University or Eastern Illinois University provided other criteria is met.

Sex Education: Requires sex education course material instruction in grades 6 through 12 to include an age-appropriate discussion on the meaning of "consent."

Financial Aid: Permits transgender students and non-citizen students to be eligible for State financial aid at all institutions of higher education in the State of Illinois.

Medical Cannabis in School: Allows a school nurse or school administrator to administer or supervise self-administration of medical cannabis infused products to a student who is a registered qualifying patient of the Medical Cannabis Pilot Program.

Tips: Provides that gratuities to employees are the property of the employees and may not be retained by an employer.

University of Chicago Alcohol Sales: Allows the University of Chicago to sell liquor at its new hotel and conference center, preempting a 1950s referendum for a dry campus.

Strip Joints: Allows counties to regulate businesses that involve nudity and sexual activities.

Streaming While Driving: Clarifies that people cannot stream videos on a cell phone while they are driving.

Headlights: Bans tinted headlights from being installed on cars.

Construction Worker Safety: Increases the maximum penalty for hitting a construction worker to \$25,000 from the current \$10,000.

Line of Duty Deaths: Increases the burial benefit for a fireman, Illinois State Police or local law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

Gender Identification: Requires the Secretary of State to allow applicants to choose between "male," "female" or "non-binary" when designating the applicant's sex on their driver's license or identification card.

School Bus Safety: Raises the mandatory fines for illegally passing a school bus from \$150 to \$300 for an initial violation and \$500 to \$1,000 for a subsequent violation.

Emergency Lights: Allows deputy and assistant fire chiefs to operate a vehicle with red or white oscillating lights.

Freight Trains: Requires freight trains to be operated by a crew of at least two people.

Idling Diesel Trucks: Prohibits a diesel truck

from idling for more than a total of ten minutes within an hour if the vehicle is within 200 feet of a residential area.

Zipper Merging: Creates the Move Over Task Force and requires the Illinois Secretary of State to include "zipper merging" in the Illinois Rules of the Road.

What is zipper merging? Here's an example: When most drivers see the first "lane closed ahead" sign in a construction area, they often slow too quickly and move to the lane that will continue through the construction area.

This particular driving behavior can lead to unexpected and dangerous lane switching, serious crashes and even road rage.

A zipper merge occurs when the driver uses both lanes of traffic until reaching the defined area, and then alternate in "zipper" fashion into the open lane.

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A list of Lands, Town Lots and Mobile Homes in the County of Union and State of Illinois upon which the General, School, City, Village, Bond and Road District and Special Assessments (other than Municipal) remain due and unpaid for the year 2018 (Mobile Home 2019) and back taxes for the year 2017 (Mobile Home 2018) and prior years will be listed in the following county papers.

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COUNTY OF UNION)

Notice is hereby given that I, Leigh Burns, Treasurer and Ex-Officio County Collector of the County of Union, State of Illinois, will apply to the County Court of said county in the State of Illinois on the 4th day of February, A.D. 2020, being one of the regular days of said County Court, held at the Courthouse in the City of Jonesboro, in said County of Union for Judgment for the State, County, School District, City, Village, Bond, Road District, and Special assessments, (other than Municipal) Interests and costs against the Lands, Town Lots, and Mobile Homes for the satisfaction thereof:

And Notice is also hereby given that on Wednesday next succeeding the aforesaid 4th day of February, A.D. 2020 being the 5th day of February, A.D. 2020, all of the Land, Town Lots, and Mobile Homes for sale which an order has been made as aforesaid, will be exposed to public sale at the door of said Collector’s Office in the Courthouse, in the City of Jonesboro, in said County, and State, for the amount of taxes, special assessments, interest and cost due and unpaid thereon, said sale to commence at 10 o’clock, in the morning of the said date last mentioned, and all Lands, Town Lots, and Mobile Homes are offered for sale on the above date as required by law.

Leigh Burns
Treasurer/Ex-Officio Collector of Union County
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11-1E Parcel Count: 5

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| 01-14-00-117-F | DUNKIN, DENISE | \$68.79 |
| 01-15-00-138- | HUNTER, STEVEN & AMY | \$351.23 |
| 01-23-00-273-C2 | WILLETT, DAVID & ROBIN | \$579.84 |
| 01-35-00-518- | MOUTRIA, JAMES ALFRED | \$324.88 |
| 01-35-00-525- | LINGLE, DENNY | \$327.33 |

12-1E Parcel Count: 16

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|-----------------|----------------------------|---|------------|
| 02-02-00-606-A1 | SWEITZER, KAREE | X | \$189.46 |
| 02-07-00-706- | SADLER, MATTHEW & MISTY | | \$1,253.48 |
| 02-07-00-718- | BAITY, MICHAEL J | X | \$56.96 |
| 02-09-00-750-A | POOLE, SARAH J | | \$668.74 |
| 02-09-00-752- | MCCARVER, JOHN L | | \$1,846.59 |
| 02-11-00-790- | ORANGE, JAMES JASON | | \$1,201.93 |
| 02-11-00-792-A | MIXEN, KENNETH & JANET | | \$2,058.30 |
| 02-18-00-911- | BAITY, MICHAEL J | X | \$45.64 |
| 02-20-00-972-1 | WRIGHT, RANDY W & LEE ANN | | \$1,526.52 |
| 02-23-01-034- | LICKA, LOUIS L & BEVERLY K | X | \$518.50 |
| 02-27-01-098-B2 | HASTINGS, BARBARA | | \$548.52 |
| 02-29-01-129-A | MCALLISTER, RYAN | | \$1,669.09 |
| 02-30-01-149-B | PRIBBLE, MITCHELL G & SHIR | | \$360.35 |
| 02-30-01-154-A | HODGES, PHILIP & DORIS | | \$9,096.04 |
| 02-30-01-162-A | JONES, ROBT J JR & WANDA | X | \$306.58 |
| 02-35-01-255-1 | RION, LONNIE D & KATHY J | X | \$1,002.93 |

13-1E Parcel Count: 17

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| 03-01-01-289- | ASTIN, ALFRED C & DOROTHY | | \$748.99 |
| 03-01-01-299- | ASTIN, ALFRED C & DOROTHY | | \$265.44 |
| 03-01-01-305- | ASTIN, RANDALL | | \$1,686.67 |
| 03-01-01-306- | ASTIN, RANDALL | | \$53.78 |
| 03-01-01-308- | ASTIN, DOROTHY | | \$684.85 |
| 03-02-01-313- | ASTIN, RANDALL | | \$2,132.63 |
| 03-02-01-313-A | ASTIN, RANDALL | | \$315.87 |
| 03-05-01-387-B5 | SPARROW, TRACY L | X | \$40.05 |
| 03-08-01-455- | WILLIAMSON, MICHAEL S & JA | | \$1,273.37 |
| 03-14-01-576-A | LOVELACE, KATHY J | | \$1,220.57 |
| 03-14-01-581- | KEARNEY, LARRY R & BARBARA | X | \$1,112.00 |
| 03-18-01-654- | SCHULTZ, CHARLES | | \$683.02 |
| 03-18-01-654-A | MCCOMMONS, SCOTT & TINA | | \$487.58 |
| 03-20-01-725-A1 | SIMMONS, ANGELA | | \$1,031.94 |
| 03-30-01-913-D | RIDER, STANLEY | | \$3,324.34 |
| 03-30-01-918- | SEALS, RONNIE | | \$683.57 |
| 03-30-01-936-B | WILSON, DENNIS A & DIANA | | \$3,592.23 |

11-1W Parcel Count: 22

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| 04-07-02-127- | TREXLER, JOHN MICHAEL & MA | | \$306.97 |
| 04-08-02-129-A1 | RUSTLE HILL CABINS LLC | | \$323.76 |
| 04-10-02-166- | ERWIN, JIMMY B & VIRGINIA | | \$1,041.68 |
| 04-13-02-208-B | PRESTIA, SUSAN LYNN | X | \$644.09 |
| 04-17-02-281-A | TREXLER, JOHN M & MARY JAN | | \$2,652.13 |
| 04-18-02-298- | TREXLER, JOHN MICHAEL & MA | | \$590.37 |
| 04-19-02-353-A | NEWBERRY, DONALD RAY | | \$89.67 |
| 04-19-02-354-A1 | LAIRD, LARRY & EDNA | | \$341.00 |
| 04-19-02-355- | NEWBERRY, DONALD RAY | | \$1,033.93 |
| 04-21-02-409-A1 | MYERS, ETHAN W & KRISTINA | X | \$973.42 |
| 04-22-02-446-A | FOX, WESLEY | | \$658.15 |
| 04-26-02-507-A | SHADOWENS, SHEILA | | \$2,192.10 |
| 04-28-02-566-B2 | CARAKER, MARY | | \$60.37 |
| 04-29-02-626- | PALIGO, TERRY J & LINDA L | X | \$725.74 |
| 04-30-02-668- | LAWRENCE, ROBERT & LINDA | | \$200.11 |
| 04-30-02-720-B1 | ESTEL, CHARLES | | \$792.72 |
| 04-30-02-725- | JAMPOLIS, DAVID | | \$876.21 |
| 04-30-02-748- | LYERLA, LUCAS | | \$705.13 |
| 04-30-02-766-A | SHERWOOD, RICKY L & SUSAN | | \$152.07 |
| 04-30-02-769- | SHERWOOD, RICKY L & SUSAN | | \$2,316.82 |
| 04-32-02-824- | FLICK, JOSEPH ALLEN & RACH | | \$1,104.65 |
| 04-36-02-913-A1 | HAYNES, MICHAEL R ESTATE | | \$253.06 |

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| 05-05-02-994- | GEE, SHAUN CHRISTOPHER | | \$5,045.17 |
| 05-05-03-002-A | BUTWELL, STUART & NICOLE | | \$1,031.92 |
| 05-05-03-004- | LINCOLN, ROGER | | \$231.03 |
| 05-06-03-026- | HALL, LONNIE & VICTORIA | | \$1,276.15 |
| 05-07-03-046-E | HARRISON, BRENTON | | \$681.06 |

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| 05-09-03-096- | GARNER, CHARLES L & PATRIC | | \$517.38 |
| 05-11-03-140-A | SMILEY, DAVID K & BARBARA | | \$6,662.14 |
| 05-12-03-159-C | DILLOW, CARL D & SUZANNE | | \$4,112.07 |
| 05-13-03-173-AL | HALE, ROBERT & MISSY | | \$106.55 |
| 05-14-03-192-A1 | RICHARDSON, ROBERT E JR & | | \$2,395.42 |
| 05-15-03-219-A1 | LASLEY, TODD L & NINA R | F | \$2,956.54 |
| 05-15-03-224-A3 | ROACH, JACK D JR & PAMELA | | \$1,149.46 |
| 05-17-03-249- | STEGLE, JOSHUA A & ASHLEE | | \$2,162.44 |
| 05-17-03-258-B | ORANGE, JAMES | | \$1,328.07 |
| 05-18-03-277- | BOYD, JOHN | | \$410.19 |
| 05-18-03-295- | FOMBELLE, DAVID & PATRICIA | | \$16,062.22 |
| 05-19-03-343- | HOFFMAN, JERALD | | \$849.29 |
| 05-19-03-414- | DIXON, SUSAN | | \$886.30 |
| 05-19-03-439- | ODUOLA, KAREN | | \$88.23 |
| 05-19-03-443- | WILLIAMS, JOSEPH | | \$838.65 |
| 05-19-03-450-D3 | TREECE, SARAH PAIGE | | \$795.29 |
| 05-19-03-475- | ODUOLA, KAREN | | \$74.13 |
| 05-19-03-515- | HOWELL, CONNIE | X | \$28.27 |
| 05-20-03-552- | ALBERT, THEODORE | | \$143.59 |
| 05-20-03-594- | FULLER, JUDITH | | \$484.31 |
| 05-20-03-595-A | FULLER, GARY D & JUDITH M | | \$124.25 |
| 05-20-03-624- | CAVITT, CLARA | | \$851.28 |
| 05-20-03-677- | HILEMAN, BRENDA | | \$1,272.97 |
| 05-20-03-687- | HILEMAN, ROBERT E & DORIS | | \$45.28 |
| 05-20-03-689-A1 | HANNON, ZACHARY RYAN & ASH | | \$3,734.91 |
| 05-20-03-689-A1A | HANNON, ZACHARY RYAN & ASH | | \$81.29 |
| 05-20-03-696-A | MULL, MERCEDES | | \$167.61 |
| 05-20-03-705- | HILEMAN, ROBERT E & DORIS | | \$1,785.87 |
| 05-21-03-727-D1 | BENNETT, WILLIAM L JR | X | \$6,534.27 |
| 05-27-03-904- | GARNER, JUSTIN | | \$1,502.88 |
| 05-27-03-905- | ROACH, MICHAEL | | \$122.57 |
| 05-27-03-906- | GARNER, JOHN DAVID & DENIS | X | \$1,207.23 |
| 05-28-03-920-A | KEY, LEAH M | | \$634.44 |
| 05-28-03-928- | SHERWOOD, ADAM & TONIA | | \$1,413.38 |
| 05-28-03-932- | ESTES, MARGARET JANE | | \$1,990.46 |
| 05-28-03-940- | WHITE, BRADLEY G & KAREN R | | \$429.88 |
| 05-28-03-953- | YAKSIC, CARLOS F | | \$3,704.08 |
| 05-28-03-958- | PARKS, LINDA KAY | | \$975.06 |
| 05-28-03-978- | QUESADA, GRACIELA | | \$2,404.50 |
| 05-30-04-034- | HINES, JAMES | | \$1,018.33 |
| 05-30-04-034-A | HINES, LENNIE G LIFE ESTAT | | \$53.37 |
| 05-30-04-036-DL | NETWORK REAL ESTATE LLC | | \$2,352.96 |
| 05-30-04-053-A | SUHLING, TODD | | \$255.58 |
| 05-30-04-057- | SUHLING, TODD | | \$6,087.20 |
| 05-31-04-121-C | SCHOTT, JORDAN | | \$2,031.61 |

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| 06-02-04-265- | NIMMO, CARL & TERRY | | \$943.37 |
| 06-05-04-342- | EDDLEMAN, R EDWIN & CAROLE | | \$526.71 |
| 06-05-04-364- | EDDLEMAN, R EDWIN & CAROLE | | \$118.33 |
| 06-08-04-396-A | HALL, ROMMEL L & TAMMY R | | \$3,958.05 |
| 06-08-04-403-A | EDDLEMAN, R EDWIN & CAROLE | | \$807.63 |
| 06-09-04-419-A1 | BOLANOWSKI, ROBERT D & BEV | | \$2,491.59 |
| 06-10-04-445- | BLESSING, JARED | X | \$378.97 |
| 06-11-04-463-A | DUCKWORTH, MARK ALLEN | | \$2,036.66 |
| 06-11-04-467-A | MURRAY, JOHN M & NANCY | | \$5,697.38 |
| 06-15-04-532-A1 | HILEMAN, BRENDA | | \$606.63 |
| 06-16-04-546- | HILEMAN, RUSSELL & SHERRY | X | \$1,285.43 |
| 06-16-04-547-6 | POWELL, TRAVIS J & ELIZABE | | \$131.18 |
| 06-16-04-547-7 | POWELL, AUDRA R | | \$3,246.69 |
| 06-16-04-555-F | PLOTT, RYAN | | \$746.49 |
| 06-16-04-559-A | GIBSON, GREGORY D & BELIND | | \$147.02 |
| 06-18-04-579- | EDDLEMAN, R E & CAROL | | \$5,632.50 |
| 06-18-04-580- | EDDLEMAN, R EDWIN & CAROLE | | \$2,081.64 |
| 06-18-04-582- | EDDLEMAN, R EDWIN & CAROLE | | \$2,239.82 |
| 06-18-04-583- | EDDLEMAN, R EDWIN & CAROLE | | \$947.10 |
| 06-18-04-589-A | EDDLEMAN, R EDWIN & CAROLE | | \$374.15 |
| 06-18-04-590- | ELLIS, KEVIN & PATRICIA | | \$1,885.20 |
| 06-21-04-625-A | WYANT, BRADLEY & BILLIE | | \$737.23 |
| 06-21-04-628-A | NORMAN, ROBIN | | \$485.41 |
| 06-22-04-640-A | MEAD, ETTA | | \$1,314.05 |
| 06-24-04-702- | PECORD, GAYNES | | \$1,714.56 |
| 06-24-04-716- | TREXLER, ASHLEY DANIELLE | | \$627.13 |
| 06-24-04-733- | TREXLER, ASHLEY DANIELLE | | \$65.91 |
| 06-25-04-747-Z | FREEMAN, DELBERT & SHERRI | | \$634.28 |
| 06-25-04-748-C | FREEMAN, DELBERT & SHERRI | | \$508.56 |
| 06-25-04-749-Z | COHEN, STEVEN G | | \$48.20 |
| 06-25-04-762- | WHITNEY, THOMAS A & CRYSTA | | \$1,174.92 |
| 06-25-04-777-A | STOUT, JEFFREY L JR & LIND | | \$646.28 |
| 06-25-04-792- | STEWART, REBECCA | | \$136.61 |
| 06-25-04-796- | STOUT, JEFFREY L JR & LIND | | \$50.01 |
| 06-25-04-841- | NORMAN, ROBIN | | \$992.49 |
| 06-25-04-852- | NEWBERRY, STEVEN | | \$2,512.11 |
| 06-25-04-858- | HATHY, MARK | | \$1,265.12 |
| 06-25-04-870-1 | SMITH, ROBERT I & CHERI | | \$46.13 |
| 06-25-04-870-C | HATHY, MARK | | \$92.81 |
| 06-30-04-961-A | CAIN, GREGORY O & CATHY A | | \$1,739.19 |
| 06-32-05-030-A | KLEIN, KEITH | | \$830.33 |
| 06-34-05-056- | BARRINGER, MICHAEL D & CAR | | \$844.33 |
| 06-34-05-068- | BUTLER, MARY JO HIGHT & | | \$28.46 |

11-2W Parcel Count: 15

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| 07-10-05-276- | TRIPP, BEVERLY | | \$414.85 |
| 07-10-05-280-X3 | SCHILPP, ERICH | | \$22.23 |
| 07-10-05-281-A | MUETH, BETTY | | \$286.41 |
| 07-12-05-324-A | BRITT, GERALD LOUIS | X | \$1,390.04 |
| 07-13-05-332-B | NEWBERRY, DONALD RAY | | \$4,098.74 |
| 07-14-05-370- | SADLER, SANDRA JANE | | \$2,410.35 |
| 07-14-05-370-B | ADDISON, W CRAIG & TERRI | | \$2,692.73 |
| 07-15-05-397- | SUN INDUSTRIES INC | | \$394.42 |
| 07-15-05-401- | WRIGHT, TONY | | \$32.50 |
| 07-15-05-402- | WRIGHT, TONY | | \$314.73 |
| 07-16-05-426- | LEE, CHRISTINA | | \$29.42 |
| 07-17-05-440-1 | MANGRUM, EDWARD JR | | \$40.08 |
| 07-17-05-440-2 | LEE, WILLIAM C & MARY FRAN | | \$74.60 |
| 07-24-05-515-A | ABEL, LAURENT & JENNIFER | | \$113.99 |
| 07-35-05-657- | PETERMAN, JAMES E & DARLA | | \$5,035.84 |

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| 08-01-05-680-C2 | KIRKLAND, JAMES M | X | \$1,244.51 |
| 08-11-05-784-1 | HEERN, CODY ALLEN | | \$4,748.52 |
| 08-13-05-819-F1 | FOMBELLE, DAVID & ROBERT D | | \$5,349.86 |
| 08-13-05-834-D | REDMAN, SARAH | | \$259.65 |
| 08-13-05-834-E | REYNOLDS, KEVIN E | | \$1,385.42 |
| 08-14-05-852-A | BROWN, TERRANCE | | \$840.53 |
| 08-20-05-913-B | BUELNA, RANDY | | \$824.73 |
| 08-20-05-913-E | BUELNA, RANDY | | \$53.44 |
| 08-20-05-917-A | KINDER, CHARLES | | \$94.70 |
| 08-22-05-961-A | SMITH, LARRY JOE | | \$307.59 |
| 08-23-06-007-Z | KNIGHT, RICHARD | | \$198.43 |
| 08-24-06-054- | SPURLOCK, FRANK A & SCOTT | | \$800.69 |
| 08-24-06-055- | SPURLOCK, SCOTT & GINA | | \$978.33 |
| 08-24-06-058- | SPURLOCK, FRANK A & SCOTT | | \$203.60 |
| 08-24-06-070-A | BOLANOWSKI, ROBERT D & BEV | | \$930.91 |
| 08-24-06-073- | THOMAS, ROBERT & SHERRY | | \$545.40 |

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| 08-24-06-083-D | BASLER, JAKE R | X | \$1,222.68 | 14-00-08-950- | SAMPSON STELLA, HAMLIN-BRO | | \$636.31 |
| 08-25-06-121- | THOMAS, ROBERT & SHERRY | | \$47.06 | 14-00-09-017- | MUELLER, BECKEY & THOMAS | X | \$739.78 |
| 08-25-06-168-B4A | TWEEDY, RHONDA & RODNEY L | | \$219.14 | 14-00-09-028- | ASTIN, ALFRED C & DOROTHY | | \$676.68 |
| 08-25-06-168-B5 | TWEEDY, RHONDA & RODNEY L | | \$168.49 | 14-00-09-037- | POOLE, REBECCA | X | \$315.32 |
| 08-26-06-184-B | TWEEDY, RHONDA | | \$90.86 | 14-00-09-096- | NUNEZ, MARIA ELIZABETH | | \$352.97 |
| 08-26-06-187-B2 | LACY, CARA JEAN | | \$71.82 | 14-00-09-162- | ST, CIN PEGGY M | | \$658.57 |
| 08-27-06-209-A | HUELSON, LLOYD DONALD | | \$209.71 | 14-00-09-204- | JOHNSON, BRANDON K | F | \$144.91 |
| 08-29-06-221- | KINGDOM QUEST REALTY LLC | | \$367.37 | 14-00-09-228- | ORANGE, JAMES JASON | | \$606.30 |
| 08-36-06-259-A3 | AMES, JOSEPH R & MICHAELA | | \$1,085.90 | 14-00-09-258- | GOTTSCHALL, JEFF A & JENNY | | \$184.45 |
| 08-50-06-288-A | GRAHAM, JOHN & DIANE | | \$418.93 | 14-00-09-259- | GOTTSCHALL, JEFF A & JENNY | F | \$319.12 |
| 08-50-06-295- | CRANE, JAMES R SR | | \$2,979.04 | 14-00-09-260- | GOTTSCHALL, JEFF A & JENNY | | \$57.19 |
| 08-50-06-308- | KINGDOM QUEST REALTY LLC | | \$1,376.44 | 14-00-09-278- | HADLEY, JAMES | | \$1,302.39 |
| 08-50-06-311- | SHIPLEY, JIMMY | X | \$63.44 | 14-00-09-332- | FISHER, RENEE | | \$820.18 |
| 13-2W Parcel Count: 13 | | | | 14-00-09-340- | MUSSELMAN PROPERTIES LLC | | \$1,879.84 |
| | | | | 14-00-09-363- | COOK, ASHLEY | | \$256.49 |
| | | | | 14-00-09-391- | SULLIVAN, CATHERINE | | \$1,484.59 |
| 09-03-06-338- | WELLS, RENEE | | \$45.34 | 14-00-09-399- | HILEMAN, REBECCA D | | \$847.86 |
| 09-09-06-341-2 | CHARLES, RANDAL D & HEATHE | | \$321.39 | 14-00-09-664- | BUSSEY, LAURA HASE | | \$1,857.32 |
| 09-09-06-341-A | CHARLES, RANDAL D & HEATHE | | \$408.77 | 14-00-09-798- | SULLIVAN, JOHN & CATHERINE | | \$2,761.29 |
| 09-16-06-413- | FISHER, BETTY SUE | | \$230.01 | 14-00-09-821- | WEBB, JEFFREY | | \$1,938.12 |
| 09-17-06-418- | CHARLES, DAVID | | \$614.82 | 14-00-09-830-B09 | EDWARDS, ANTHONY W & CYNTH | | \$1,394.13 |
| 09-17-06-419- | HANKS, MARY | X | \$558.93 | 14-00-09-830-B14 | CHANEY, CURTIS | | \$2,388.49 |
| 09-20-06-424- | HANKS, MARY | X | \$25.14 | 14-00-09-834- | MILLER, BROOKE A | | \$3,367.27 |
| 09-25-06-489-A | CALHOUN, BRIAN D & MELISSA | | \$713.07 | 14-00-09-871- | AMESQUITA, J JESUS & MARIA | | \$262.29 |
| 09-28-06-529- | CLOVER, BRAD | | \$55.69 | 14-00-09-899- | LAWRENCE, ADAM | | \$255.39 |
| 09-28-06-534-1 | CLOVER, DON & JUAVATA E | X | \$131.73 | 14-00-09-906- | GIRTMAN, JOE & JOANN | X | \$682.38 |
| 09-28-06-555- | CHARLES, DAVID WAYNE | | \$273.51 | 14-00-09-913- | LAWRENCE, ADAM | | \$227.32 |
| 09-36-06-629-1 | BRADLEY, ROBERT & MARGARET | | \$3,022.90 | 14-00-09-937- | HOFMEISTER, CARL & CAROLE | | \$1,318.11 |
| 09-36-06-629-2 | BRADLEY, MARGARET A | | \$100.20 | 14-00-09-939- | HOFMEISTER, CARL & CAROLE | | \$940.77 |
| 11-3W Parcel Count: 3 | | | | 14-00-10-015- | WRIGHT, JAMES A & PHYLLIS | X | \$95.23 |
| | | | | 14-00-10-020- | HANKLA, JOHN LAFAYETTE | | \$289.72 |
| | | | | 14-00-10-031- | LYERLA, LUCAS | | \$87.51 |
| | | | | 14-00-10-035- | ALMANZA, MARIO A & MARIA G | | \$592.68 |
| 10-01-06-636-C | DUNCAN, KASSANDRA | | \$93.38 | 14-00-10-036- | GUZMAN, RUBEN & RAQUEL | | \$439.64 |
| 10-01-06-636-D | HICKAM, JANIE LOUISE | | \$77.65 | 14-00-10-037- | CHARICATA, ALBERTO & CATAL | | \$133.26 |
| 10-20-06-701-A | FORD, LINDA K | X | \$91.50 | 14-00-10-050- | ROMAN, JOSE LUIS | | \$294.25 |
| 12-3W Parcel Count: 3 | | | | 14-00-10-081- | DEAN, LAWRENCE M & JULIE | | \$627.70 |
| | | | | 14-00-10-081-A | DURAN, FRANCISCO | | \$766.91 |
| | | | | 14-00-10-151- | MORENO IBARRA, HECTOR | | \$821.56 |
| 11-04-06-846-Z | CRISP, JASON DENVER | | \$963.66 | 14-00-10-207- | FLAMM, JOSHUA BRIAN | | \$350.70 |
| 11-05-06-851-A | CLOVER, MATTHEW D & STEPHA | X | \$126.16 | 14-00-10-220- | LENCE, LINDA | | \$132.07 |
| 11-25-07-055- | HANCOCK, DANIEL L | F | \$68.20 | 14-00-10-228- | CASPER, TIMOTHY S & AMY M | | \$368.60 |
| 13-3W Parcel Count: 2 | | | | 14-00-10-269- | PALACIOS, MANUEL MEJIA | | \$1,321.52 |
| | | | | 14-00-10-307-A15 | REED, CLYDE W & SHELBA L | | \$836.31 |
| | | | | 14-00-10-315- | BIBLE, JODI | | \$2,285.27 |
| 12-25-07-162-A | MARR, PAUL & PAMELA | | \$934.89 | 14-00-10-316- | GOFORTH, DEWEY REX & CHERY | | \$2,849.97 |
| 12-26-07-170-A | MARR, PAUL & PAMELA | | \$48.12 | 14-00-10-329- | HITE, SHIRLEY LIFE EST | | \$497.37 |
| DO NOT USE Formerly LOTS Parcel Count: 206 | | | | 14-00-10-346- | MENDOZA, HENRY | | \$611.15 |
| | | | | 14-00-10-347- | MENDOZA, HENRY | | \$71.41 |
| | | | | 14-00-10-359- | MENDOZA, HENRY | | \$173.73 |
| 14-00-07-311- | NEWBERRY, DAVID | | \$1,108.83 | 14-00-10-432- | BROSKI, JEROME | | \$266.82 |
| 14-00-07-326- | NEWCOMB, RYAN ANDREW | | \$789.14 | 14-00-10-433- | BROSKI, JEROME | | \$348.82 |
| 14-00-07-331- | CURTIS, STEPHANIE N | | \$504.58 | 14-00-10-448- | LEWIS, MINDY | | \$459.27 |
| 14-00-07-338- | HINKLE, BRIAN & BRANDY | | \$597.62 | 14-00-10-456- | HUBBS, KEVIN | X | \$514.01 |
| 14-00-07-339- | LAND, CARL W JR | | \$166.39 | 14-00-10-462- | EBBERTS, RICK & REGINIA | | \$435.97 |
| 14-00-07-357- | TWEEDY, RICKY | X | \$2,589.50 | 14-00-10-470-A | KABAT, KENNETH & THERESA S | | \$786.07 |
| 14-00-07-368- | FOX, GRACE | | \$936.00 | 14-00-10-472- | JUNCKER, PHYLLIS | | \$1,742.82 |
| 14-00-07-371- | SMITH, TOMMY | | \$409.09 | 14-00-10-473- | COHEN, STEVEN G | | \$380.24 |
| 14-00-07-410- | STRAUSS, RICHARD | | \$298.60 | 14-00-10-476- | COHEN, STEPHEN G | | \$61.11 |
| 14-00-07-416- | STADELBACHER, ALAN D & MIC | X | \$633.92 | 14-00-10-517- | RYAN, BURNEYDEAN | X | \$190.15 |
| 14-00-07-437- | HARVEL, GENIE ELIZABETH | | \$1,376.76 | 14-00-10-518- | RYAN, BURNEYDEAN | X | \$37.07 |
| 14-00-07-460- | LOVELESS, RITA | F | \$132.84 | 14-00-10-519- | STEWART, REBECCA | | \$292.74 |
| 14-00-07-467- | BAKER, MICHAEL | | \$797.30 | 14-00-10-590- | SHARP, BERRY & CHRISTINE | X | \$43.03 |
| 14-00-07-468- | BAKER, MICHAEL | | \$1,878.70 | 14-00-10-607- | FISHER, RONALD | X | \$103.12 |
| 14-00-07-483- | SMITH, SCOTT & SHAWNA | | \$207.76 | 14-00-10-653- | ROWAN, JAMES W & BETTY | X | \$42.58 |
| 14-00-07-542- | HOWELL, CONNIE | X | \$771.04 | 14-00-10-654- | ROWAN, JAMES W & BETTY | X | \$469.64 |
| 14-00-07-547- | ODUOLA, KAREN | | \$678.14 | 14-00-10-676- | BRIDGES, MARY | | \$336.36 |
| 14-00-07-555- | ODUOLA, KAREN | | \$193.29 | 14-00-10-678- | MORRISON, DEBORAH D | | \$405.89 |
| 14-00-07-562- | ODUOLA, KAREN | | \$1,921.37 | 14-00-10-679-C | MORRISON, DEBORAH D | | \$48.20 |
| 14-00-07-564- | MENZ, RAYMOND & CINDY S | | \$59.16 | 14-00-10-709- | MCDERMOTT, BETTY & NOLAN T | | \$222.67 |
| 14-00-07-566- | RITA, OSCAR | | \$554.44 | 14-00-10-710- | MCDERMOTT, BETTY & NOLAN T | | \$46.57 |
| 14-00-07-567- | BAUER, JAMIE | | \$1,323.51 | 14-00-10-763- | RICHARDSON, DOUGLAS & FAIT | | \$73.03 |
| 14-00-07-627- | TWEEDY, RICKY | X | \$275.69 | 14-00-10-764- | RICHARDSON, DOUGLAS & FATI | | \$41.20 |
| 14-00-07-648- | WALLENMEYER, MATTHEW & DAN | | \$1,485.95 | 14-00-10-765- | RICHARDSON, DOUGLAS & FAIT | | \$41.20 |
| 14-00-07-664- | ODUOLA, KAREN | | \$2,523.63 | 14-00-10-911- | FOX, JASON | | \$237.73 |
| 14-00-07-708- | SUHLING, TODD A & CAROL J | | \$1,177.19 | 14-00-10-912- | FOX, JASON | | \$69.93 |
| 14-00-07-757- | STEWART, ALAN MIKEL | | \$1,542.89 | 14-00-10-972- | ROCKING SY INC | | \$1,789.68 |
| 14-00-07-838- | RODGERS, VALERIE R | | \$1,852.51 | 14-00-11-001- | CURLEE-HORN, KELLY | | \$58.42 |
| 14-00-07-879- | SMITH, JOHNNY F & | | \$138.17 | 14-00-11-002- | CURLEE-HORN, KELLY | | \$1,188.78 |
| 14-00-07-885- | WILLIAMS, BARBARA | | \$555.05 | 14-00-11-003- | CURLEE-HORN, KELLY | | \$80.17 |
| 14-00-07-927- | WIGGS, JAMES E & ALICE | X | \$847.82 | 14-00-11-014- | FIRST BANK & TRUST-MURPHYS | | \$37.98 |
| 14-00-07-934- | SCHIERHOFF, BETTY LOU | | \$2,482.00 | 14-00-11-015- | FIRST BANK & TRUST-MURPHYS | | \$1,314.65 |
| 14-00-07-973-C12 | STANLEY, DAVID JR & NATALI | X | \$754.46 | 14-00-11-025- | SCHILPP, ERICH | | \$204.13 |
| 14-00-07-978- | NEWMAN, RICHARD C | | \$1,150.05 | 14-00-11-031-A1B | SCHILPP, ERICH | | \$28.40 |
| 14-00-07-987- | BOOMER, MARK T & ANDREA | | \$1,427.64 | 14-00-11-146-A01 | FOX, WESLEY & PAMELA | | \$1,077.65 |
| 14-00-08-017- | HORN, MARTINA | X | \$954.13 | 14-00-11-147-C6 | MORELAND, BRUCE JR | | \$209.71 |
| 14-00-08-022- | ODUOLA, KAREN | | \$1,115.85 | 14-00-11-304- | HAYNES, CECIL R & REBECCA | | \$184.18 |
| 14-00-08-037- | HALL, ROMMEL L & TAMMY | | \$1,646.11 | 14-00-11-325- | RING, RICKY L & SHARON K | | \$658.76 |
| 14-00-08-116- | BOLANOWSKI, ROBERT | | \$1,175.23 | 14-00-11-371- | MOORE, SANDRA ETAL | | \$739.05 |
| 14-00-08-127- | SMITH, TYGE P & ASHLEY W S | | \$3,146.37 | 14-00-11-373- | COLE, GENE W & SARAH E | | \$386.69 |
| 14-00-08-130- | WILLIAMSON, CHRIS | | \$822.01 | 14-00-11-401- | CARR, JIM | | \$435.74 |
| 14-00-08-131- | WILLIAMSON, CHRIS | | \$706.86 | 14-00-11-403- | CARR, JIM | | \$68.20 |
| 14-00-08-144- | SULLIVAN, MATT | | \$913.14 | 14-00-11-404- | CARR, JIM | | \$68.20 |
| 14-00-08-149- | EDWARDS, ANTHONY W & CYNTH | | \$999.87 | 14-00-11-405- | CLOVER, PATRICIA | | \$171.38 |
| 14-00-08-182-Z | FULLER, GARY D & JUDITH M | | \$40.11 | 14-00-11-408- | CARR, JAMES | | \$424.95 |
| 14-00-08-207- | CUNNINGHAM, MICHAEL S & MI | | \$353.72 | 14-00-11-409- | AYERS, MARLAND | | \$191.96 |
| 14-00-08-213- | GUPTA, VINOD C | F X | \$314.41 | 14-00-11-410- | AYERS, MARLAND | | \$68.20 |
| 14-00-08-286- | DAVIS, PATRICK L & BARA CR | | \$2,120.25 | 14-00-11-425-E | PINNON, CLYDE | | \$1,107.82 |
| 14-00-08-315-A | FASSLER, CATHERINE MARIE | | \$591.79 | 14-00-11-426-B | ROSENTHAL, TIMOTHY | | \$1,668.16 |
| 14-00-08-321- | YOUNG, SHELBY | | \$1,122.54 | 14-00-11-443- | PINKERTON-BYRD, ROBERTA | | \$1,083.10 |
| 14-00-08-355- | CAVITT, CLARA | | \$736.95 | 14-00-11-448- | DUBOIS, TINA | X | \$535.99 |
| 14-00-08-358- | POOLE, KAREN | | \$488.55 | 14-00-11-450- | SIMUNDIC, MARK | | \$289.09 |
| 14-00-08-396- | SWEET, CAROLL | X | \$158.26 | 14-00-11-450- | SIMUNDIC, MARK | | \$99.79 |
| 14-00-08-402- | FLOYD, PATRICIA | | \$345.81 | 14-00-11-483- | FOX, RON ALLEN & DEIDRE SU | | \$172.35 |
| 14-00-08-412- | TRIPP, JERRY W & JERRY LYN | | \$855.37 | 14-00-11-484- | HANCOCK, CAROL LEE | | \$178.03 |
| 14-00-08-434- | LENCE, JAMES & LINDA | | \$1,011.87 | 14-00-11-487- | CASTLEMAN, STEPHEN R | X | \$388.38 |
| 14-00-08-438- | CAMPBELL, WILLIAM CODY | | \$257.24 | 14-00-11-498- | HANCOCK, JEREMY | | \$60.39 |
| 14-00-08-476- | EDDLEMAN, RODNEY | | \$606.21 | 14-00-11-501- | HANCOCK, WILLIAM R & ALICE | | \$86.68 |
| 14-00-08-500- | HOWELL, CONNIE | | \$639.81 | 14-00-11-529- | WRIGHT, ROBERT | X | \$50.09 |
| 14-00-08-530- | PINNON, LASHONNA | F | \$440.27 | 14-00-11-548- | ROGERS, JAMES ANDREW | | \$502.01 |
| 14-00-08-549- | SMITH, DARIC | | \$103.64 | 14-00-11-578- | MITCHELL, KIRK | | \$1,847.83 |
| 14-00-08-551- | SMITH, DARIC A & AMANDA J | | \$1,128.79 | 14-00-11-712- | WALLENMEYER, STEPHEN & JAN | | \$40.98 |
| 14-00-08-554- | NEWMAN, KEVIN & JUDY | | \$285.18 | 14-00-11-713- | WALLENMEYER, STEPHEN & JAN | | \$177.53 |
| 14-00-08-613- | WESTERMARK, ANETTE INGER | | \$2,227.88 | 14-00-11-719- | HERNANDEZ, JUANA | | \$395.42 |
| 14-00-08-638- | TAYLOR, PATRICIA | | \$1,348.02 | 14-00-11-726- | MESSAMORE, DONALD | | \$534.91 |
| 14-00-08-640- | MEALER, TASHA M | X | \$100.42 | 14-00-11-727- | MESSAMORE, DONALD | | \$308.60 |
| 14-00-08-652- | BLEVINS, DEAN R & JAMIE L | X | \$276.31 | 14-00-11-733- | MESSAMORE, DONALD | | \$46.09 |
| 14-00-08-718- | ALBERT, THEODORE | | \$98.47 | 14-00-11-831- | KARRAKER, MARTINA | X | \$1,898.59 |
| 14-00-08-728- | HUNTER, VERNON B | | \$932.75 | 14-00-11-832- | KARRAKER, MARTINA | X | \$95.99 |
| 14-00-08-756- | BAILEY, DUANE & GINGER | | \$240.06 | 14-00-11-902- | GREY, DAVID | | \$1,356.35 |
| 14-00-08-786- | BUELNA, RANDY | | \$481.80 | 14-00-11-903- | GREY, DAVID | | \$109.67 |
| 14-00-08-791- | MILLER, JEFFREY K & RACHAE | | \$534.83 | 14-00-12-030- | PERRY, SHANNON & DEBRA | | \$266.73 |
| 14-00-08-794- | BAILEY, KATHLEEN | F | \$421.60 | 14-00-12-054- | PERRY, SHANNON & DEBRA | | \$2,205.43 |
| 14-00-08-799- | SHIPMAN, LINDA | | \$742.79 | 14-00-12-216- | ADAMS, TIMOTHY | X | \$2,059.49 |
| 14-00-08-842- | YOUNG, SHELBY | | \$840.76 | 14-00-12-239-I | DENNY, DALE JR & DONALD WA | | \$762.33 |
| 14-00-08-849- | PINNON, LASHONNA | | \$85.55 | 14-00-12-308- | FRIENDSHIP DEVELOPMENT LLC | | \$198.95 |
| 14-00-08-922- | KARRAKER, MARTINA | X | \$905.01 | 14-00-12-310- | FRIENDSHIP DEVELOPMENT LLC | | \$268.01 |
| 14-00-08-925- | NIGRO, SABRINA | X | \$582.97 | 14-00-12-311- | FRIENDSHIP DEVELOPMENT LLC | | \$350.96 |
| | | | | Total Parcel Count: 424 | | | |

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| Township Mobile Home Count: 1 | | | Address: LOT 16 ANNA MHCT 3610 LICK CREEK RD ANNA, IL 62906 | | |
| 01-013- | \$176.20 | SCHUETZ, RAYMOND | Park: MILLERS MOBILE HOME COURT | | |
| Address: 455 MARTIIN LN GOREVILLE, IL 62939 | | | VIN: 2538 | Model Year: 1972 | Sq. Ft.: 600 |
| Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | | 05-181- | \$154.30 | LASLEY, CHARLES L & MARY JANE |
| VIN: TNFL126A59139139SS12 | Model Year: 2003 | Sq. Ft.: 1216 | Address: 3610 LICK CREEK RD ANNA, IL 62906 | | |
| Township Mobile Home Count: 5 | | | Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | |
| 02-010- | | | VIN: 000000 | Model Year: 1985 | Sq. Ft.: 924 |
| Address: 745 MCCLOUD LOOP ANNA, IL 62906 | | | 05-316- | \$176.20 | TELLOR, MITCHELL & CHRISTINA |
| Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | | Address: 800 N GREEN ST LOT #6 ANNA, IL 62906 | | |
| VIN: 00000000 | Model Year: 2000 | Sq. Ft.: 1248 | Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | |
| 02-033- | \$194.20 | PRIBBLE, MITCHELL | VIN: CL9052941TN | Model Year: 2003 | Sq. Ft.: 1216 |
| Address: P O BOX 57 ANNA, IL 62906 | | | 05-331- | \$126.40 | WALLACE, CYNTHI C/O MICHELLE REYNOLDS |
| Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | | Address: P.O. BOX 362 ANNA, IL 62906 | | |
| VIN: 00000000 | Model Year: 1991 | Sq. Ft.: 1456 | Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | |
| 02-041- | \$155.35 | WHITNEY, JOHN | VIN: 0000A | Model Year: 1977 | Sq. Ft.: 552 |
| Address: FUSCO, BRANDY L 6850 STATE RT 146 E ANNA, IL 62906 | | | 05-414- | \$158.50 | LINCOLN, ROGER C/O ANTHONY LINCOLN |
| Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | | Address: 1435 CASPER CH RD COBDEN, IL 62920 | | |
| VIN: 01FP21125 | Model Year: 1989 | Sq. Ft.: 938 | Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | |
| 02-127- | \$185.80 | HILL, TODD | VIN: 00000000 | Model Year: 1977 | Sq. Ft.: 980 |
| Address: 90 TUCKER LANE ANNA, IL 62906 | | | 05-450- | \$164.20 | ROACH, MICHAEL & ASHLEY |
| Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | | Address: 785 EBENEZER CHURCH RD JONESBORO, IL 62952 | | |
| VIN: 00000000 | Model Year: 1995 | Sq. Ft.: 1344 | Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | |
| 02-149- | \$145.00 | MOWERY, JR DONALD L | VIN: 00000000 | Model Year: 1997 | Sq. Ft.: 1056 |
| Address: 495 HUMMINGBIRD BUNCOMBE, IL 62912 | | | 05-451- | \$176.20 | GARNER, JOHN & DENISE |
| Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | | Address: 825 FRIENDSHIP SCHOOL RD ANNA, IL 62906 | | |
| VIN: 00000000 | Model Year: 1960 | Sq. Ft.: 800 | Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | |
| Township Mobile Home Count: 4 | | | VIN: 00000000 | Model Year: 1993 | Sq. Ft.: 1216 |
| 03-029- | | | 05-472- | \$168.25 | GARNER, JOHN & DENISE |
| Address: 1940 FRIENDSHIP CH DONGOLA, IL 62926 | | | Address: 825 FRIENDSHIP SCHOOL RD ANNA, IL 62906 | | |
| Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | | Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | |
| VIN: 00000000 | Model Year: 1998 | Sq. Ft.: 1155 | VIN: 00000000 | Model Year: 1987 | Sq. Ft.: 1110 |
| 03-101- | \$164.80 | ANGLIN-BROOKER, MELISSA | 05-510- | \$169.00 | JACKSON, STEVEN |
| Address: 4190 CHRISTIAN CHAPEL ROAD DONGOLA, IL 62926 | | | Address: 108 PARK LOT# 10 JONESBORO, IL 62952 | | |
| Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | | Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | |
| VIN: MY9076527 | Model Year: 1990 | Sq. Ft.: 1064 | VIN: MSB951670SN17619 | Model Year: 1996 | Sq. Ft.: 1120 |
| 03-107- | \$153.25 | THOMAS, BILLY & EUGENIA | 05-688- | \$303.88 | EDWARDS, BRIAN & KIMBERLY |
| Address: 1540 GOODMAN POND RD DONGOLA, IL 62926 | | | Address: 1015 HESS SCHOOL LANE ANNA, IL 62906 | | |
| Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | | Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | |
| VIN: N02020718TNAB | Model Year: 2010 | Sq. Ft.: 2128 | VIN: 00000000 | Model Year: 2007 | Sq. Ft.: 2432 |
| Township Mobile Home Count: 10 | | | Township Mobile Home Count: 6 | | |
| 04-040- | | | 06-005- | \$176.20 | BARNHART, JOE L |
| Address: 250 BETHEL CH RD COBDEN, IL 62920 | | | Address: 120 W LEWIS ANNA, IL 62906 | | |
| Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | | Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | |
| VIN: CLR004764TNAB | Model Year: 1990 | Sq. Ft.: 1680 | VIN: 00000000 | Model Year: 1996 | Sq. Ft.: 1216 |
| 04-080- | \$152.20 | SHADOWENS, RUTH | 06-012- | \$167.80 | ACUFF, RICKY & STACY |
| Address: 436 S FRONT COBDEN, IL 62920 | | | Address: 336 SPRING ST DONGOLA, IL 62926 | | |
| Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | | Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | |
| VIN: 00000000 | Model Year: 1992 | Sq. Ft.: 1120 | VIN: 00000000 | Model Year: 2000 | Sq. Ft.: 1104 |
| 04-086- | \$176.20 | CHAPMAN, HERMAN | 06-037- | \$148.00 | YOUNGBLOOD, EUGENE PERRY |
| Address: P.O. BOX 355 COBDEN, IL 62920 | | | Address: SEALS, RONNIE JR 420 E CROSS ST DONGOLA, IL 62926 | | |
| Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | | Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | |
| VIN: 00000000 | Model Year: 1996 | Sq. Ft.: 1216 | VIN: 00000000 | Model Year: 1983 | Sq. Ft.: 840 |
| 04-087- | \$211.00 | SUTLIFF, JASON J | 06-151- | \$185.80 | GIBSON GREGORY & BELINDA |
| Address: P.O. BOX 88 COBDEN, IL 62920 | | | Address: 25 KIMBER RD DONGOLA, IL 62926 | | |
| Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | | Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | |
| VIN: 0168111 | Model Year: 1999 | Sq. Ft.: 1680 | VIN: 00000000 | Model Year: 1975 | Sq. Ft.: 1344 |
| 04-095- | \$232.00 | PITTS, VONITA | 06-156- | \$158.50 | WILLIAMSON, JEFFREY R & PATTI |
| Address: 3670 WING HILL RD COBDEN, IL 62920 | | | Address: P O BOX 102 DONGOLA, IL 62926 | | |
| Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | | Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | |
| VIN: 143T1368 | Model Year: 1999 | Sq. Ft.: 1960 | VIN: 00000000 | Model Year: 1986 | Sq. Ft.: 980 |
| 04-097- | \$238.90 | NANCE, JEFFERY | 14-367- | \$261.70 | RICHARDSON, DOUG & FAITH |
| Address: P.O. BOX 283 COBDEN, IL 62920 | | | Address: P.O. BOX 201 MILL CREEK, IL 62961 | | |
| Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | | Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | |
| VIN: 00000000 | Model Year: 1997 | Sq. Ft.: 2052 | VIN: 000000 | Model Year: 2003 | Sq. Ft.: 2356 |
| 04-231- | \$277.00 | CARAKER, BRANDI | Township Mobile Home Count: 5 | | |
| Address: 1835 BELL HILL RD COBDEN, IL 62920 | | | 07-001- | \$158.50 | RAFAEL, PAULO |
| Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | | Address: P.O. BOX 104 ALTO PASS, IL 62905 | | |
| VIN: 14375665 | Model Year: 2003 | Sq. Ft.: 2560 | Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | |
| 04-260- | \$128.47 | RUSSELL, JOHN PATRICK TRUSTEE | VIN: 00000000 | Model Year: 1978 | Sq. Ft.: 980 |
| Address: LENORE L RUSSELL TRUST 116 NO LARK LANE CARBONDALE, IL 62901 | | | 07-018- | \$176.20 | HERANDEZ, MODESTO |
| Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | | Address: 245 CEDAR ST ALTO PASS, IL 62905 | | |
| VIN: 00000000 | Model Year: 2009 | Sq. Ft.: 414 | Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | |
| 04-261- | \$128.47 | RUSSELL, JOHN PATRICK TRUSTEE | VIN: 00000000 | Model Year: 1996 | Sq. Ft.: 1216 |
| Address: LENORE L RUSSELL TRUST 116 NO LARK LANE CARBONDALE, IL 62901 | | | 07-094- | \$176.20 | WALKER, PAULA S |
| Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | | Address: 775 JAMESTOWN RD COBDEN, IL 62920 | | |
| VIN: 00000000 | Model Year: 2009 | Sq. Ft.: 414 | Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | |
| 04-274- | \$164.20 | STROEHEIN, TRACY | VIN: 00000000 | Model Year: 1997 | Sq. Ft.: 1216 |
| Address: 3105 WING HILL RD COBDEN, IL 62920 | | | 07-121- | \$164.80 | YATES, ANDY |
| Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | | Address: 545 STADELBACHER RD COBDEN, IL 62920 | | |
| VIN: 2440CK21E8957E9 | Model Year: 1969 | Sq. Ft.: 1056 | Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | |
| Township Mobile Home Count: 19 | | | VIN: 00000000 | Model Year: 1989 | Sq. Ft.: 1064 |
| 05-008- | | | 07-139- | \$181.60 | GARCIA, JORGE R |
| Address: 127 ASHLAR ST JONESBORO, IL 62952 | | | Address: 275 JAMESTOWN RD COBDEN, IL 62920 | | |
| Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | | Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | |
| VIN: 18260E | Model Year: 1999 | Sq. Ft.: 1404 | VIN: TNFLA27AB126RU13 | Model Year: 2010 | Sq. Ft.: 920 |
| 05-165- | \$115.00 | LASLEY, CHARLES & MARY JANE | Township Mobile Home Count: 5 | | |
| Address: 3610 LICK CREEK RD 426 E JEFFERSON ANNA, IL 62906 | | | 08-004- | \$223.60 | KINDER, CHARLES & LILLIAN |
| Park: MILLERS MOBILE HOME COURT | | | Address: 1528 MORGAN SCHOOL RD JONESBORO, IL 62952 | | |
| VIN: 52107623 | Model Year: 1967 | Sq. Ft.: 500 | Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | |
| 05-166- | \$154.30 | LASLEY, CHARLES L & MARY JANE | VIN: 00000000 | Model Year: 2000 | Sq. Ft.: 1848 |
| Address: 3610 LICK CREEK RD ANNA, IL 62906 | | | 08-099- | \$158.50 | MOORE, DONALD E. |
| Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | | Address: 1550 MORGAN SCHOOL RD JONESBORO, IL 62952 | | |
| VIN: 176288978 | Model Year: 1977 | Sq. Ft.: 924 | Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | |
| 05-170- | \$143.80 | LASLEY, CHARLES L & MARY JANE | VIN: 00000000 | Model Year: 1985 | Sq. Ft.: 980 |
| Address: LOT 7 3610 LICK CREEK RD ANNA, IL 62906 | | | 08-104- | \$158.50 | WILLYERD, STEVEN T |
| Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | | Address: 4890 ST RT 146 W JONESBORO, IL 62952 | | |
| VIN: 35421285U | Model Year: 1985 | Sq. Ft.: 784 | Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | |
| 05-173- | \$153.25 | LASLEY, CHARLES L & MARY JANE | VIN: 00000000 | Model Year: 1987 | Sq. Ft.: 980 |
| Address: LOT 11 3610 LICK CREEK RD ANNA, IL 62906 | | | 08-107- | \$202.60 | TWEEDY, RODNEY & RHONDA |
| Park: MILLERS MOBILE HOME COURT | | | Address: 140 TIMBER RIDGE RD JONESBORO, IL 62952 | | |
| VIN: 29458 | Model Year: 1985 | Sq. Ft.: 910 | Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | |
| 05-174- | \$140.65 | LASLEY, CHARLES L & MARY JANE | VIN: MY9744978A | Model Year: 1997 | Sq. Ft.: 1568 |
| Address: LOT 12 3610 LICK CREEK RD ANNA, IL 62906 | | | 08-522- | \$269.68 | BAC.TAX SERVICES CORP TX2975-02-01 |
| Park: MILLERS MOBILE HOME COURT | | | Address: LOVELESS,BRENDA THOMPSON & SCOTT P.O. BOX 850238 RICHARDSON, TX 75085-9817 | | |
| VIN: 2311849G | Model Year: 1973 | Sq. Ft.: 780 | Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | |
| 05-176- | \$139.90 | LASLEY, CHARLES & MARY JANE | VIN: 00000000 | Model Year: 2007 | Sq. Ft.: 2052 |
| Address: 3610 LICK CREEK RD ANNA, IL 62906 | | | Township Mobile Home Count: 2 | | |
| Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | | 09-026- | \$188.20 | BENEFIELD, BRUCE |
| VIN: 00000000 | Model Year: 1964 | Sq. Ft.: 732 | Address: 160 OLD CAPE RD JONESBORO, IL 62952 | | |
| 05-177- | \$126.40 | LASLEY, CHARLES L & MARY JANE | Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | |
| Address: LOT # 15 3610 LICK CREEK RD ANNA, IL 62906 | | | VIN: 16331E | Model Year: 1998 | Sq. Ft.: 1720 |
| Park: MILLERS MOBILE HOME COURT | | | 09-056- | \$162.76 | HILEMAN, KEVIN |
| VIN: 00000000 | Model Year: 1970 | Sq. Ft.: 552 | Address: 225 HILEMAN LN JONESBORO, IL 62952 | | |
| 05-179- | \$130.00 | LASLEY, CHARLES L & MARY JANE | Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | |
| | | | VIN: CLROIO347TNAB | Model Year: 1995 | Sq. Ft.: 1296 |
| | | | Township Mobile Home Count: 1 | | |
| | | | 10-012- | \$158.50 | STANLEY, GRACE |
| | | | Address: DALLAS, PRESTON A & ANDREA 5361 STATE RT 3 N WOLF LAKE, IL 62998 | | |
| | | | Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | |
| | | | VIN: 00000000 | Model Year: 1996 | Sq. Ft.: 980 |

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| Township Mobile Home Count: 1 | | | |
| 11-041- | \$211.00 | TAYLOR JR, PAUL D | |
| Address: 1245 VERBLE RD WOLF LAKE, IL 62998 | | | |
| Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | | |
| VIN: KYFL345AB04718LP13 | Model Year: 2003 | Sq. Ft.: 1680 | |
| Township Mobile Home Count: 9 | | | |
| 14-007- | \$135.40 | ODUOLA, KAREN | |
| Address: 301 E HEACOCK ST JONESBORO, IL 62952 | | | |
| Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN | | | |
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| 14-211- | \$154.30 | CUNNINGHAM, MICHAEL S | |
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News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

The Rev. Dee Ann Thompson’s sermon Sunday was titled “A Savior Has Been Born to You,” with scripture from Matthew and Luke.

In the selected scripture, attention was focused on how both Joseph and Mary were individually obedient to God’s call on their lives with such extraordinary circumstances.

The sermon shared that “Joseph and Mary could not have realized the way their obedience would change not only their lives, but all of history down through the ages.

“Jesus gave up the glory of Heaven to go to the cross to rescue us from sin.”

Rev. Thompson closed with the challenge: Are you willing to risk being obedient to God?

Addie Bonner lit the Advent candles, symbolizing Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. She was assisted by Sophia Boaz.

Aldi and Vodra Gerard received the offering.

During the opening part of worship, Karen Vaughn was re-installed as an active elder for 2020-2022. Rodney Miller will be rotating off the church session at the end of December.

Tony Gerard is Camp

Ground’s lead elder for the month of December.

A good crowd of neighbors, family and friends joined the congregation for a finger-food fellowship meal Sunday evening preceding the church’s annual program and candlelight service.

Moving into the sanctuary, the program opened with the lighting of the candles of the Advent wreath and the Christ candle by Karen Vaughn.

Recitations were given by Raelynn Bonner, Aldi and Vodra Gerard and Addi Bonner.

Joining Rev. Thompson in leading the program of readings, scripture and carols were readers Donna Jean Miller and Kenneth Thompson, and carol leader Rachel Bonner.

Amanda Batts sang “O Holy Night” as the congregation came to the altar and lit their candles and circled the sanctuary for the closing carol and benediction.

The congregation of Camp Ground Church wishes the staff and readers

of this newspaper a blessed New Year.

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

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The staff at the Union County Sheriff’s Office would like to take this time to thank all donors for the recent Shop-with-a-Deputy events held this month. Because of your generous donations we were able to help 31 children have a very Merry Christmas. It takes a lot of help to get this done and we would especially like to thank Pizza Hut and their generosity. Pizza Hut fed all the kids, deputies and community helpers before each shopping night, with absolutely no cost to the program. We would also like to thank Wal-Mart! Especially Cindy Hammer, Gene Hammer, Debbie Rhymer and Jessica Matlock. You always go above and beyond for the children and this year was no exception.

Thank you to all of the businesses that gave money and the citizens that gave their time and money. You are our heroes, because without you this program would not exist. Thank you again to all!

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The Shop Locally \$500 grand prize winner on Saturday, December 21, was Ethan Bowen (right) pictured with Sarah Clinton, bank employee of A-J National Bank. Ethan split his winnings between Jim & Dot's Shoe Store & Western Wear (\$100), Union County Market (\$100), Rusty's (\$100), The Sweat Shop (\$100), Kiki's (\$50) and Shop Juni (\$50).

Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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

Merry Christmas

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Texas Trip

Lyle and Tammy Woodrum traveled to Frisco, Texas, to celebrate the wedding of their son Jeremy and their new daughter-in-law Maria on Dec. 21. It was a beautiful wedding at Gray Acres venue in Pottsboro, Texas.

Tammy and Lyle had a wonderful time visiting with family and friends who attended the wedding.

They also spent a few days visiting their other son Geoffrey and his family in Grand Prairie, Texas.

Birthday Celebration

Janice Lewellyn went to Texas to help her grandson Christian celebrate his 16th birthday.

Honor Wreaths for Veterans

A special thanks to Billie Holdman for purchasing a wreath in memory of her husband Danny for Honor Wreaths for Veterans for our Anna Cemetery for next year for our laying of the wreaths in Anna 2020.

Danny worked for our Anna City Fire Department for many years and was a Marine.

Wreaths Across America will match any wreaths bought from now to Jan. 15 so one wreath will go

on Danny's and the other wreath will go on a veteran who doesn't have one.

We have over 800 veterans buried in our Anna cemetery so please help get them all covered to honor them. The wreaths are \$15.

Meeting Friends

Joy and Rick Fox along with their grandsons Archer Flinn, 3, and Dawson Flinn, 6, were eating at Patti's in Grand Rivers, Ky., when they saw Curt, Bessie Mae, Elijah Glen Ellis, Martha Ann Webb and Earl Miller.

Joy recognized Martha Ann right off and had taught Bessie Mae in school. Joy and Rick lived in Anna for 25 years where Joy taught school at Lincoln School. They now live in Murray, Ky.

Their daughter and son-in-law are Jessica Fox Flinn and Michael Flinn. Jessica graduated from A-JCHS in 2000.

Anna VFW Post

Friday, Dec. 27, at 2 p.m., will be bingo at the Illinois Veterans Home.

The Queen of Hearts drawing will be at 7 p.m. at the post.

Saturday, Dec. 28, C.W. Karaoke will be at the post from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m.

Birthdays

Katie Beth Stegle celebrated her 7th birthday Dec. 20.

Eva Meisenheimer cel-



Erika Parks was honored on her 23rd birthday Dec. 15 with a dinner by her mother Rosa Parks-Coles and Michael Coles.

ebrated her 7th birthday Dec. 20.

Christy Barra celebrated her birthday Saturday in Cape Girardeau and with several other birthday parties.

Early Christmas Dinner

Curt, Bessie Mae, Elijah Ellis and Martha Ann Webb had an early Christmas dinner at Dinner Bell II in Anna.

Art Exhibit

Marie Samuel is getting ready for her art exhibit at Southeastern College for mid January.

Guests

Lindsey Houston and family from St. Louis visited her parents Bill and Nancy Hooks, grandmother Doris Womick and Kathie and Ron Watkins.

Birthday Celebration

Geraldine Davis had a wonderful birthday starting on last Sunday eating out with family at Shoguns in Cape Girardeau.

Then Dec. 17 she went to Christmas party for her actual day. She had dinner, games with prizes. She saw friends and family. She had a wonderful birthday.

Red Hat Ladies

Twenty-three Little Egypt Red Hat ladies met in the Fellowship Hall at United Methodist Church Anna.

The Christmas dinner was hosted by Rev. Millie

Sloan. Linda Clutts played her guitar while everyone sang Christmas music.

Queen Mom Joan Graves Edwards attended and next year will be her 20th year of being Queen Mom. Linda Clutts was appointed interim Queen Mom.

One December birthday was celebrated: Barbara Kempasky from Metropolis.

The next meeting will be Jan. 15 at Pizza Hut in Anna hosted by Janice Lewellyn. The Red Hat Ladies meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 11 a.m.

Oregon Trip

Laurie Whitlen enjoyed a trip to Oregon to visit her sister on her birthday. They enjoyed the Oregon coast, Haystack at Canon Beach and Pittock Mansion Portland, Ore.

23rd Birthday

Erika Parks was honored on her 23rd birthday Dec. 15 with a dinner by her mother Rosa Parks-Coles and Michael Coles. They enjoyed lots of laughter. They are looking forward to spending Christmas with all eight of Michael and Rosa's children in Missouri.

Anna Arts Center

The Board of the Shawnee Hills Arts Council (Anna Arts Center) wishes to thank Martha Ann Webb and her Anna News Column, for the excellent coverage of the Salute to Veterans Dinner in Nov. and the play, "Steel Magnolias." Great pictures.

Readers stay tuned as up coming events will also be covered in this column. Our second production of the 2020 Year of the Woman, will be "Women of Choice," written by Murphysboro playwright David Rush and directed by Anna's Lynn Steveson. Dates are Friday through Sunday, Feb. 28, to March 1. More information closer to performance.

This is a most unusual presentation about the lives of 10 different women of today from all walks of life. Mark your calendars.

Auditions will be Wednesday, Jan. 22, and Thursday, Jan. 23, at the



Matt and Mandy Endrizzi, Barbara Adams, Betty Carter and Beverly Bolanowski attended the Christmas Extravaganza at Badgett Playhouse in Grand Rivers, Ky.

Anna Arts Center from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. plus, weather permitting Mark your calendars now. Lynn Steveson.

Christmas Trip

Bessie Mae Ellis and Martha Ann Webb enjoyed a trip to Yule Cabin in Scott City. The also enjoyed going to Boomland and stopping in Cape Girardeau to shop for Christmas presents. They also shopped in Murphysboro and Carbondale.

Get-Well Wishes

Millie Halterman was suddenly in the hospital overnight at Cape Girardeau. Urgent breathing problem resulting from the aneurysm repair from October.

Guests

Betsy Borders from Munfordville, Ky., visited her son Ricky and Celeste and grandchildren Callysta, Trystan, Katrina and Sabrina.

She attended church with them at United Methodist Church Anna and saw her grandchildren in the March to the Manger and singing songs honoring Jesus birth.

Trip

Elaine Shepherd and a friend of hers Cheryl Denney from Cape Girardeau came to Anna and joined Alma Osterholm to lay wreaths for Honor Wreaths for Veterans. She visited with her sister Carolyn Ury, who was also at the ceremony.

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Elijah Starting celebrated his 1st birthday party Dec. 18 with his brother Jeremiah and parents Tanner and Halie.



Katie Beth Stegle celebrated her 7th birthday Dec. 20. She enjoyed a party Sunday with the theme of softball with her family and friends.



Willie and Terrie Rhymer attended the 13th birthday party for their granddaughter Ruby Mae Yates at her parents' home in Anna, Jamie and Rebecca Yates, along with her brothers and sister Mason, Miles and Violet and other family and friends on Sunday, Dec. 22. On Saturday, Dec. 21, Ruby and a friend along with her grandmother Terrie Rhymer spent the day shopping and seeing the movie Frozen Two.



Martha Ann Webb enjoyed visiting with Joy and Rick Fox along with their grandsons Archer Flinn, 3, and Dawson Flinn, 6, who were all eating at Patti's in Grand Rivers, Ky.



Friends met for Christmas dinner party at Flamingo Row in Paducah: Betty Eagle, Karen Toler, Mary Stroh, all of Anna, Loretta Sitter of Jonesboro and Sharon Goines of Paducah.



Nancy Ragain visited with Santa at Traders Mall in Reidland, Ky.



A special thanks for purchasing wreaths and for helping lay the wreaths at the Honor Wreaths for Veterans: from left front, Trevor Treece, Xavier and Knox Richardson, Kellen Pitts; second row, from left, Kristen Stegle, Jennifer Eastman, Madelynn Eastman, Natalie Richardson, Jordi Pitts, Chelsea Treece.



United Methodist Church Anna children led the March to the Manger and sang Christmas songs Sunday morning in church.

Anna News

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United Methodist Church, Anna
Dean Corbit welcomed everyone and opened with prayer. Barbara House led in the responsive reading. The lighting of the Advent candle was by the youth. The choir special was by Teri Goldsberry, Amanda Boreup, Chris Foster, Carla Anderson and Marcy Morris. The children dressed as Mary and Joseph, angels, shepherds and wise men led the March to the Manger and sang Christmas songs. **Guest** of Ruby Brimm was her daughter Beverly Minto from Tell City, Ind. Beverly helped lay the wreath on her dad Bob's

grave at Honor Wreaths For Veterans also. **Military Prayer List** Katelynn Williams, Lucas W. Davis, James Sullivan, Lindsey Keene, Jacob Schaefer, Jerod Schaefer, Creighton Laster, Reagan Morrison, Josh Stevenson, Josh Williams, Faith Odom, Jim Bonner, Jennifer Ann Bishop, Arin Whitemountain, James McWhorter, Nick Harvel, Nona Elizabeth Luke, Lucas J. Strickland, William Nathaniel Frankell, Ethan Maze, Lukas W. Davis, Tanner Anderson, Hayden Young, Garrett Goines, Kiefer Stull, Davis Jordan Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, C.J. Youngerman, Freddy Morse.



The Cobden Women's Club had a Christmas luncheon at the home of Carol Nebughr. The club welcomed two new members and honored Sue Brumleve for her many years as a member and club treasurer/secretary. A sterling silver cross was presented to Sue.



Sue Brumleve was recognized at the home of Carol Nebughr Friday, Dec. 13, for her years of service to the Cobden Women's Club and community. Sue has been a member since 1957, and served as treasurer/secretary for many years.



Sherry and Bob Yother had their Christmas with Sherry's brothers and sisters at Grand Chain at her sister's home.

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Joan Graves Edwards in 2020 will start her 20th year as Queen Mom of Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies. Joan appointed Linda Clutts interim Queen Mom at their December meeting.



Della McMahan-Shepard and Rev. Millie Sloan were hostesses at the Little Egypt Red Hat Christmas dinner.



2019: Career Fair at A-JCHS
Representatives from dozens of the region's employers, educational institutions and organizations gathered at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School for a Union County Career Fair. The career fair was held March 7 in the A-JCHS Union Hall gym. The event was open to all Union County high school students from grades 9 to 12. Southern Illinois University had a big presence at the career fair, with several different tables offering information about the various programs which are available at SIU. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

With Gratitude And Warm Wishes At The New Year

Wishing all of you a Happy New Year!
Hope it's a great success.

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Website will accept reports about blocked rail crossings

The Federal Railroad Administration, FRA, plans to establish a website where the public can report blocked rail crossings by freight trains in an effort to collect better data and prevent blocked rail crossings. U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., on Dec. 21 announced plans for the establishment of the website. In announcing the program, Durbin noted in a news release that blocked rail crossings "are jeopardizing safety in communities across Illinois." Durbin helped secure provisions in this year's Fiscal Year 2020 appropriations bill that directed FRA to create this website in order to improve passenger rail service throughout Illinois. "Blocked rail crossings are impacting Illinois communities much too often," Durbin said. "The new FRA website will help empower the public to hold the freight railroads accountable when they are blocking crossings that run through our state causing unnecessary traffic

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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

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Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. PLAINTIFF Vs. Gina Stokes; et. al. DEFENDANTS 2019CH21

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 08/30/2019, the Sheriff of Union County, Illinois will on February 5, 2020 at the hour of 9:00 AM at Union County Courthouse 309 West Market Jonesboro, IL 62952, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Union and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

PIN 14-00-09-645

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

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

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

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SELENE FINANCE LP, PLAINTIFF, VS. SALLY J BALLARD, DEFENDANT. 18 CH 19

205 WEST VIENNA STREET ANNA, IL 62906

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

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The Judgment amount was \$62,692.95.

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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 COR-

NER OF SAID SOUTH-WEST 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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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF RUBY J. HUNTER, DECEASED. IN PROBATE NO. 2019-P-41

NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

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, 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 52-2g

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JAMES R. CASEY, Deceased. 2019-P-39

NOTICE OF DEATH, INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of James R. Casey, of Anna, Union County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on December 3, 2019, to Nancy Elizabeth Modglin, 710 Friedens Road, St. Charles, Missouri, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is William B. Ballard, Jr., 500 South Main Street, Anna, Illinois.

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

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 Circuit Clerk of this Court

at the Union County Courthouse, 311 W. Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before June 19, 2020, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/19-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated December 19, 2019

NANCY ELIZABETH MODGLIN

WILLIAM B. BALLARD, JR.
ATTORNEY FOR INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR
500 SOUTH MAIN STREET
ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906
PHONE: 618-833-6432
ARDC# 0103640 1-3g

STATE OF ILLINOIS, CIRCUIT COURT UNION COUNTY

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT)

Request of: Pamela Jane Thompson 2019-MR-117

There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from: Pamela Jane Thompson to the new name of: Pamela Jane Sadler.

The court date will be held on January 21, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., at 309 W. Market Street, Jonesboro, IL, Union County, in Courtroom #1.

Pamela Jane Thompson 1-3g

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF POINSETT COUNTY, ARKANSAS CIVIL DIVISION

TRACI ANN SMITH, As custodian of BLYE SMITH-BOSECKER, a minor NO. CV-19-187

WARNING ORDER

To: John Bosecker

Take notice that on the 17th day of October, 2019, a Verified Petition for Change of Name was filed by Traci Smith, in the Civil Division of the Circuit Court of Poinsett County, Arkansas, in which Traci Smith is seeking a name change for her minor child.

A hearing on this matter is scheduled for January 28, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. at the Craighead County Courthouse in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing set forth above and show cause against such application, the Petition shall be taken as confessed and the name change granted.

Dan Ritchey
Circuit Judge

Dated this 12th day of December, 2019.

MISTY RICHARDSON RUSSELL, CIRCUIT CLERK BY: Deanne Jones

By: Kara L. Byars (#2011219)
Attorney at Law
107 North Gould
Harrisburg, AR 72432 2-4g

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

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. PLAINTIFF Vs. Gina Stokes; et. al. DEFENDANTS 2019CH21

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 08/30/2019, the Sheriff of Union County, Illinois will on February 5, 2020 at the hour of 9:00 AM at Union County Courthouse 309 West Market Jonesboro, IL 62952, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Union and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT NUMBER SIX (6) FIRST FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ANNA, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PIN 14-00-09-645 Improved with Residential COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

6 Fairview Ave Anna, IL 62906

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-19-05924. I3140670 2-4g

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

SELENE FINANCE LP, PLAINTIFF, VS. SALLY J BALLARD, DEFENDANT. 18 CH 19

205 WEST VIENNA STREET ANNA, IL 62906

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE

UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on December 17, 2019, Sheriff of Union County will on February 5, 2020, in UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 309 W. MARKET, JONESBORO, IL 62952, at 9:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Union, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

LOT NUMBER FIVE (5) IN GEORGE W. NORRIS' FIRST ADDITION TO THE TOWN (NOW CITY) OF ANNA, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS, AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY.

TAX NO. 14-00-08-633 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 205 West Vienna Street

Anna, IL 62906

Description of Improvements: White vinyl siding, one story single family home, no garage

The Judgment amount was \$62,692.95.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St. Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 267249

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

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

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Obituaries

Jesse W. Masterson

Jesse W. Masterson, 87, of Bethalto, died Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2019, at 9:40 p.m. at his home.

He was born on Aug. 2, 1932, in Thebes, the son of Ernest and Estella Bishop Masterson.

On Dec. 20, 1952, he married Vivian Daniels. She preceded him in death on Sept. 10, 2013.

He served in the U.S. Army and fought during the Korean War.

Mr. Masterson was a member of the Bethalto United Methodist Church. He lived in Bethalto for 58 years. He grew up working on his family’s farm. In his younger years he enjoyed bowling and playing softball. He was a St. Louis Cardinals fan. He enjoyed woodworking, fishing, traveling and camping.

He is survived by his children, Steven Masterson (Grace) of Villa Ridge, Mo., and Teresa Jones (David) of Bethalto; four grandchildren, Katie Nappier (Brian), Wesley Masterson, Gabriel Masterson (Heather) and Sarah Jones; and five great-grandchildren, Crosby Masterson, Lane Nappier, Jeremiah Masterson, Joshua Masterson and Bethany Nappier.

In addition to his wife, Vivian, he was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Stanley Neal Masterson; a brother, Donald Masterson; and a sister, Sara Kay Masterson.

Visitation to celebrate his life will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, at Elias Kallal and Schaaf Funeral Home in Bethalto. The family encourages everyone to bring their stories to share about Jesse.

Private services will be held at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens.

Memorials can be made to the American Parkinson’s Disease Association.

Online condolences can be made at www.eliaskallaland-schaaf.com.

Elias Kallal and Schaaf Funeral Home in Bethalto is in charge of arrangements.



John O. Gilmore III

John O. Gilmore III, 78, of Anna, died peacefully on Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2019.

He was born on March 31, 1941, the son of Charles Griffin and Nellie Mangrum Gilmore.

Mr. Gilmore is survived by his children, Robin Blumenfurth of Scottsdale, Ariz., Christopher C. Gilmore of Chandler, Ariz., and Lorna Gilmore of New York City, N.Y.; two grandchildren, Ryan Blumenfurth and Michael Blumenfurth; his wife, Pat Gilmore of Murphysboro; a sister, Pam Regulus of St. Louis; nieces and nephews; and many dear friends at the Anna-Jonesboro Elks Lodge. He had a beloved dog, Beau.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, James “Jim” C. Gilmore; a brother, Jimmy Gilmore; and a sister, Susan Diesbach.

Mr. Gilmore served his country in the U.S. Army during Vietnam as a combat medic. He graduated from Southern Illinois University. After obtaining his master’s degree, he began his career in education in 1976. He served in administration for Tri-County Special Education until 2000, when he retired.

Mr. Gilmore was a member of the American Legion and Anna-Jonesboro Elks Lodge No. 1641. He served as Past Exalted Ruler and was named Elk of the Year in 2017. He dearly loved his family.

A celebration of life was held at 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, at the Anna-Jonesboro Elks Lodge, with Pastor Chris Erdmann officiating.

A memorial scholarship is to be set up in his name. To leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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



Eugene C. ‘Gene’ Schaefer

Gene Schaefer, 94, of Navarre, Fla., and formerly of Anna, died Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019, at his home.

He was born on Aug. 19, 1925, in Wolf Lake, the son of Raymond C. and Lena M. Markert Schaefer.

He married Barbara Peters on Jan. 5, 2008, at the First Baptist Church in Jonesboro.

Mr. Schaefer is survived by is wife, Barbara Schaefer of Navarre, Fla.; daughters Carolyn (Tom) Tripp of Anna, Teresa (Paul) McCracken of Spicewood, Texas, Jeanine Schaefer of Anna and Ramona (Eric) Milles of Paducah; a stepson, Wendell Hastings of Navarre, Fla; 14 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren on the way; a brother, Jim Schaefer of Jonesboro; and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents;an infant daughter, Rachel Denise Schaefer; two brothers, Carrol A. and Cyril Schaefer; and one sister, Ellen Sergeant.

Mr. Schaefer honorably served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II. In recent years he was selected to attend the Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., with other local veterans. He was a member of Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna.

He worked many years for Trojan Powder Company in Wolf Lake and later as a security guard. He loved the outdoors, especially fishing. He and his wife Barbara attended the First Baptist Church in Jonesboro before moving to Florida.

Funeral services were at noon Saturday, Dec. 21, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with the Rev. Tony Foeller officiating.

Interment was in Jonesboro Cemetery. Graveside military rites were conducted by Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna and the U.S. Navy funeral honor detail.

Memorials can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

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

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



News from

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

On Sunday, Dec. 22, Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro and Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna had a combined service. Children from both churches presented a Christmas play about the birth of Jesus. Christmas Eve services were scheduled Tuesday, Dec. 24, at both churches.



Alyson Hasty lit the Advent wreath candles during mid-week Advent service for Mt. Moriah and Salem Lutheran churches. Photo provided.



Joseph and Mary seeking shelter: “Knock, knock, is there any room inside?” After several tries, the answer was “Yes, come on in.” Photo provided.



Children from both Mt. Moriah and Salem Lutheran churches participated in Sunday’s Christmas program. The children who participated were Alyson Hasty, Bailey Robinson, Khierstin Odoula, Maggie Clutts, Raelynn Bingham, Liam Brown, Brooke Meyer, Rowan LeFevre, Dallas Keller, Katie Stegle, Hasely LeFevre, Brianna Meyer and Maislyn Smalley. Photo provided.

News from

Walnut Grove Church

On the fourth Sunday of Advent at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church, Brock and Layleigh lit the altar candles while Johnathan played the musical prelude on the piano, and Gus collected the offering. Jim and Gerry read the fourth Advent litany that was about “Love” and lit the four Advent candles.

Everyone sang “Happy Anniversary” to Sandy and Gary Hartline for their 59 years of marriage.

Pastor Bobbi read scripture from Romans and from Matthew about the birth of Jesus, the son of God.

Prayers were requested for Jennifer who is doing well after her surgery.

Special music included “Mary Did You Know?”,

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

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Dec. 22, Pastor Perry Williams was scheduled to bring the message at both services. Dee Rose led worship.

Lucas Tehandon provided special music.

A Christmas Eve Communion service was scheduled Tuesday evening, Dec. 24.

The Titus 2 Bible study group plans to meet at 9:30

sung by Johnathan, “Silver Bells” and “We Wish You a Merry Christmas” and several Christmas carols that were requested by the congregation.

On Christmas Eve, a traditional candle lighting service was planned at 5 p.m. with Walnut Grove welcoming the Jonesboro Methodist Church and many friends and family members.

The next ladies lunch is planned Jan. 3 at 11:30 a.m. at Goddard’s Barn and Grill in Anna.

The Sunday service, which includes Sunday School for children, starts at 9:30 a.m.

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



Jack Richard Graves Sr.

Jack Richard Graves Sr., 63, of Cutler, and formerly of Percy, died Monday, Dec. 16, 2019, at his home.

Mr. Graves was born on April 7, 1956, in Detroit, Mich., the son of Charles Reuben and Helen Blanche Magasark Graves.

He worked at Gilster-Mary Lee as a forklift driver for several years. He loved to fish and watch sports.

He is survived by his son, Kevin (Mindy) Graves of Dongola; six grandchildren; a sister, Janice Sanchez of Herrin; best friend Ginny Drolen of Cutler; many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Jack Graves Jr.; and a daughter, Christine Graves.

Services were private. Cremation was accorded.

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

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

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



Pastor's Corner by Pastor Don Cox

There is no higher gratitude of "thanksgiving" than to our "Living God!" TRUE!

Congregational Church of Alto Pass
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.
Worship-Message at 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study - Wednesdays at 6 p.m.
Book of Revelation



It's Time to Look Ahead

At the beginning of the new year, we would like to express our gratitude for all of your loyal support this year. We hope that your holiday season will be filled with joy, and that a feeling of goodwill lasts all year long.

Happy New Year!

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Southern Illinois legislator previews new laws which take effect on Jan. 1

A number of new laws are scheduled to take effect on Jan. 1, 2020.

State Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg, shared a preview of some of the new laws.

Fowler said the new laws cover everything from transportation safety and increased traffic penalties, to supporting military personnel.

Strengthening Scott’s Law

Fowler said in a news release that “2019 will be a year the Illinois State Police never forget. With three tragic deaths and numerous other incidents causing injuries, 2019 broke records early in the year for the number of accidents involving our state troopers along Illinois roadways.”

The drastic increase prompted the Illinois State Police to ramp up patrols to enforce Scott’s Law, more commonly known as the “move over law.”

The law requires drivers to reduce speed and switch lanes when approaching an emergency vehicle on the side of the road.

As of Nov. 3, 5,860 tickets had been issued for Scott’s Law violations. During the same period in 2018, 738 citations were given.

The Illinois General Assembly and the governor also took the tragic incidents of 2019 seriously and passed several measures into law.

Beginning on Jan. 1, 2020:

The minimum fine for violating Scott’s Law will increase from \$100 to \$250 for the first violation and \$750 for the second violation.

Those who violate Scott’s Law and cause an injury or death will be charged with a Class 4 felony.

The Scott’s Law Fund will be created to educate motorists on the importance of Scott’s Law.

The Illinois Secretary of State will be required to include at least one question about Scott’s Law on the written driving test.

Increased Traffic Fines

Illinois motorists may want to think twice about disobeying traffic laws in 2020.

Starting Jan. 1, drivers can expect to pay more for

passing a stopped school bus and speeding through a construction zone.

House Bill 1873/PA 101-0055 increases the fine for passing a stopped school bus that has its stop arm displayed from \$150 to \$300 for the first offense and from \$500 to \$1,000 for the second or subsequent offense.

Similarly, Senate Bill 1496/PA 101-0172 increases the fine from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for failing to reduce speed when approaching a construction zone.

New Laws Support Military Personnel, Families

Laws supporting members of the military and their families are among those that take effect Jan. 1.

To make it easier for military spouses to find work in Illinois, House Bill 1652/PA 101-0240 will provide for expedited licensure reciprocity for service members and their spouses.

The new law requires professional licenses to be processed within 60 days of the submitted application.

Fowler noted that often, when military members and their families relocate to Illinois, the process of obtaining a professional license is cumbersome and can take months.

The goal of this new law is to help spouses quickly become licensed in their profession in Illinois, he said.

Also starting Jan. 1, veterans seeking to add the “Veteran” designation on their driver’s licenses have another option under the Illinois Secretary of State’s acceptable forms of proof.

In addition to providing a DD-214 or an NA-13038, veterans will now be able to submit a United States Department of Veterans Affairs summary of benefits letter instead.

Veterans will also be offered a wider variety of specialty license plates starting Jan. 1.

Senate Bill 944/PA 101-0536 makes the Disabled Veteran license plate and the ISERVE license plate available for motorcycles.

Under House Bill 2618/PA 101-0262, veterans can receive one set of any military series license plate for free.

Previously, only the Disabled Veterans and ISERVE

license plates were offered for free.

New Laws Impacting Agriculture

Farmers will no longer have to pay for certain license plate registration fees beginning in 2020.

House Bill 2669/PA 101-0481 removes the \$250 fee and size restrictions for a single unit self-propelled agricultural fertilizer implement.

Also beginning Jan. 1, those who sell agriculture products at farmers markets and retail stores have more flexibility in labeling their products as “local.”

House Bill 2505/PA 101-0258 modifies the term “local farm or food products” to include products processed and packaged in Illinois using at least one ingredient grown in Illinois.

Before this law, all ingredients had to be grown in Illinois for it to be considered a “local product.”

Paul Simon Public Policy Institute receives \$100,000 gift from Poshards

The Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University Carbondale has received a \$100,000 gift from Glenn and Jo Poshard.

The gift is for the institute’s annual “Renewing Illinois” summit. The summit is for college and university students in Illinois.

The gift will establish an endowment for the summit, which brings together students from across the state to generate new ideas.

These ideas transcend conventional thinking and give a voice to the next generation of leaders who will determine the future of Illinois.

“This generous gift by Glenn and Jo Poshard provides a strong financial foundation to ensure the long-term future of the summit,” said John T. Shaw, the institute’s director, in a news release.

“It helps continue Paul Simon’s legacy, fosters opportunities for students, and inspires young minds to take part in public service. The gift will also help provide a unique opportunity for policymakers to connect with leaders of tomorrow.”

In a statement, the Poshards said the summit is an exceptionally constructive project which they enthusiastically support.

“Ten years ago, based upon a study completed for the Illinois Board of Higher Education called ‘Illinois, A Tale of Two States,’ the stark contrasts between ‘two Illinois’ was made clear.

“To quote the study, one Illinois is ‘prosperous and well educated with unlimited economic opportunities.’ ‘The other Illinois ‘struggles to make ends meet, lags in educational attainment, and is economically stagnant.’ Some in the public arena, for these and other reasons, seek to divide the state, calling for literally two states to be formed,” the Poshards said.

“Rather than dividing the state, the Paul Simon Institute and SIU, through a creative approach utilizing the best and brightest of our higher education students, seek to find the solutions to close this ‘prosperity gap’ in economic and educational attainment, thus creating ‘One Illinois.’

“No other institute or university in Illinois is more qualified to undertake this task and we want to be a part of it. We feel this is an important investment in the future of our state and SIU,” the Poshards added.

On March 28-29, 35 students from nine Illinois colleges and universities, both public and private, attended the institute’s inaugural Renewing Illinois summit, “Ambitious Dreams and Practical Steps to Revive the Prairie State.”

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Snowy Tuesday morning
The landscape in the Union County area was covered with about an inch of snow on Tuesday morning, Dec. 17. The photograph was taken along old U.S. Route 51 in Cobden.

‘What Christmas Means to Me’

Union County students share their thoughts about the holiday season

Rusty’s Home Center in Anna presented six area school children with an extra-large Christmas stocking filled with toys as part of an annual Christmas essay writing contest.

Six Union County elementary schools participated in the yearly holiday tradition, with students writing about “What Christmas Means to Me.”

A winner was chosen from each school and was presented with the big prize.

The winning entries follow:

**Jersey Shepard
Dongola Elementary School**

I think Christmas means to see family and friends to have fun. See people you have not seen in a long time. And pray for Jesus and all of the things he did for us. To give things to other people. Christmas means to thank people for all they did for us. See your loved ones and pray for the ones who past. Laugh, have an amazing time what Santa brought for us. And be very thankful for the gifts. For the tree, the lights, the yummy food people brought. Play games, do a gift exchange and pray for people who are very sick. To be kind to everyone and help others.

**Mallory Adamitis
Cobden Elementary School**

I love Christmas. The weather is beautiful, we can have fun in the snow, and lots more! My three favorite things about Christmas are family time, Jesus Christs birthday, and making food with family! So, have a great Christmas and enjoy!

My first thing I like about Christmas is Family time. I like love family time because it is fun and I get to see my aunt, uncles, and cousins I don’t get to see very much. Something my cousins and I do when they get here from a 10 1/2 hour drive and walk through the door we scream! Yes, I agree a bit disturbing but fun! Have fun with your family this Christmas.

My next thing I love about Christmas is Jesus Christ’s birthday. I love it because he always helps us with things, and he died on the cross to forgive us for our sins! Every year at church on Christmas Sunday we sing Christmas songs, we have church lunch, and we get and give presents to each other. Happy Birthday Jesus. Merry Christmas.

My final thing I like about Christmas is making food and treats with my family. This year we are going to make nutter-butter snowman cookies. It is really cute. You put white icing for snow, large m and m’s for buttons, mini m and m’s for a mouth and eyes and more! Enjoy your family’s yummy treats! Merry Christmas.

As you can tell there are many great things about Christmas. My top three favorites are family time, Jesus Christ’s birthday, and making food and treats with family! I hope you’ve had a great year and have a happy 2020! Merry Christmas.

**Max Toler
Jonesboro Elementary School**

Christmas means a lot to me because it is all about spending time with family and having fun and getting stuff for other people. I love spending time with family.

I love spending time with family. I love spending time with family because it is fun. You get presents. I see



Writing contest winners

Three of the winners of Rusty’s Home Center’s annual Christmas writing contest gathered at Rusty’s to pose with one of the prizes from the contest. Students wrote about “What Christmas Means to Me,” and one winner from each school was presented with a prize like the one pictured. Winners included, from left, Millie Morris, Antonio Parks and Max Toler.



Cobden winner

The winner of the “What Christmas Means to Me” writing contest from Cobden was Mallory Adamitis, pictured with her prize. Photo provided.

my whole family at Christmas. We meat at grandmas house, but we will probably meet at my dad’s house this year.

The next thing I like about Christmas is giving gifts to others on Christmas morning I will give my family ther presents. Those are some things I like about Christmas. My favert is hanging out with famly thats is what Christmas means to me.

**Millie Morris
Lick Creek Grade School**

I love Christmas. Christmas means a lot of different things to me.

These are my three favorite things about Christmas... family, traditions, and toys.

My family is very special to me. They love me. I have five aunts, Aunt Daine, Andrea, Sara, Liz, and Lisa. My Aunt Daine is very funny! Andrea, Sara, Liz, and Lisa spoil me with toys. I have three uncles, Derik, Tyler, and Erick. They’re weird and funny. I have three grandmas, Manga, Grandma Georgia, and Kat. They are all good cooks. I

have three grandpas, Popbob, Spencer, and Papa Jack. They are funny. One time, my cousins Delilah, Dray, and I played cops and robbers. Delilah was the robber. Dray and I were the cops. We started in the jail. Then Dray and I ran to the door and locked her in.

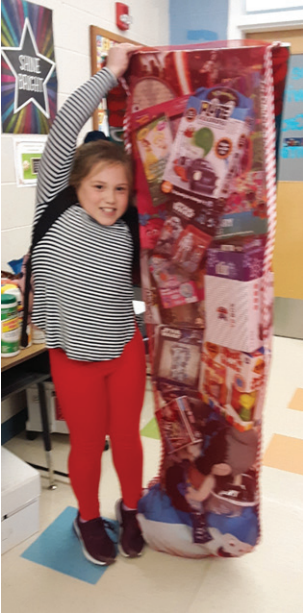
I love the traditions we do at Christmas. I love decorating for Christmas and going with Dad to find the perfect Christmas Tree. I love the Christmas music and peppermint bark. On Christmas Eve we have a big dinner at Pop Bob’s house. Then on Christmas Day we wait for my family to come to my house. I get to open one present while we have breakfast. After a big breakfast, more family comes with more presents and more food!

I like to see what toys I get on Christmas. It is fun to play with my new toys. I like to scare my mom with them. One time I put a fake snake in the cabinet and she screamed. It was funny! Then she didn’t take it out, and the same thing happened again! Then my



Shawnee winner

Jacob Pickel from Shawnee Elementary School in Wolf Lake stands with his prize. Photo provided.



Dongola winner

Jersey Shepard from Dongola reaches high to hold on to her Christmas stocking prize. Photo provided.

mom threw it in the trash. I also like giving Christmas gifts to my family. I really like giving gifts to my sister, cousins, and my mom and dad.

I love my family, traditions, and toys. I hope you enjoyed my What Christmas Means to Me Essay. Merry Christmas.

**Antonio Parks
Davie Elementary School, Anna**

Christmas means a lot of things to me. Christmas reminds me of my dad. I can’t see him any more because I’m in D.C.F.S. and it makes me sad some times. It reminds me of my 7th and 6th birthday when I got taken away. I was very sad, 5 different homes. Then, I went to a hospital and I was diagnosed with A.D.H.D and major depression and major anxiety. Then I met my God and I was really happy but still lonely until I met the best people in the world. Bob and Chris they made me happy and not lonely, but I have to wait a very longtime till I go there. This is what Christmas makes me think about.

**Jacob Pickel
Shawnee Elementary School, Wolf Lake**

I love Christmas because we watch Christmas movies every Christmas eve. Then we open presents then we make Christmas ornaments. And we bake cookies and put out milk for Santa Claus. Then the next day we go to familys houses and open presents. And my birthday is close to Christmas. And then we get a Christmas Ornament with my brother, mom, dad and me. We go sledding on the hills. Then we drink hot chocolate because we get cold.

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Section B



Supporting Operation Christmas Child

The Luther League at Dongola Lutheran Parish recently sponsored, filled and delivered 26 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, which is a project of Samaritan's Purse. Needy children around the world will receive shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items and school supplies, as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. This is the first year that the group participated in this event.

Operation Christmas Child is the largest Christmas organization of its kind. More than 10.6 million shoebox gifts were collected worldwide in 2018, with more than 8.8 million collected in the United States in 2019. Operation Christmas Child hopes to collect enough shoebox gifts to reach 11 million children in countries like Peru, the Philippines, Rwanda and Ukraine.

The group took their boxes to Friendship Baptist Church in Paducah. With Luther League's contribution, that church alone had over 2,000 boxes. Luther League continued their outing by going to Vertical Jump and Pizza Inn. Members who participated were Evan Taake, Natalie Taake, Adam Taake, Madilyn Turner, RJ Turner, Katelan Eddleman, Tyler Eddleman, Ethan Palmer, Alex Palmer and Austin Adams. Photo provided.



Service project

Dongola Lutheran Parish's WOW (Women of the Word) ladies group chose at its July meeting to collect personal hygiene items for nursing homes as a service project. The items were collected until the groups meeting in September. At the September meeting the items were sorted out and assembled into boxes or baskets to be delivered. The members delivered the items to Union County Nursing Home, Spanish Oaks, and Integrity all in Anna. Each of the facilities had members there. From left are WOW members Carol Palmer, Lucille Rich, Janice Eddleman, Sharon Hunter, Florence Bond, Kathy McClellan, and Pat Keil. Amy Taake, Lori Rich, Judy Etherton, Deena Swink, Nancy Schmidt, Elois Mowery and Karen Biggs could not be present for the picture. Photo provided.

IDNR Newsbits

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, shares the following items of interest:

Archery Deer and Fall Turkey Permits: Illinois archery deer and Illinois archery fall turkey seasons are open through Jan. 19, 2020. Permits are available over-

the-counter at DNR Direct license and permit vendors. Vendors can be found online at <https://bit.ly/2sBAK1I>.

Archery, Firearm, Muzzleloader and Late-Winter/CWD Seasons CWD Sampling: Deer hunters statewide are encouraged to allow samples to be taken from adult deer they harvest for chronic wasting disease, CWD, sampling. Check the IDNR website

at <https://bit.ly/2Rjt87w> for locations that are serving as CWD sampling stations, taking samples from entire deer or deer heads through Jan. 19, 2020.

Spring Turkey Applications: Hunters can apply through Jan. 13, 2020, for the second lottery for 2020 Illinois spring wild turkey season permits. Visit <https://bit.ly/37T5oxb> for more information.



Stovepipe hat and gloves

A stovepipe hat purported to have belonged to Abraham Lincoln is one of the items purchased by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation. Its authenticity, however, has been called into question and museum employees are doing further research on its origins to make a definitive determination. The blood-stained gloves that were in Abraham Lincoln's pocket when he died are among the artifacts the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation borrowed \$23 million in 2007 to purchase. Photo courtesy of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.

Lincoln artifacts will not be auctioned, foundation says

Group says a three-year loan extension will provide more time to raise funds

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SPRINGFIELD – The foundation supporting the 16th president's library and museum announced in early December that it no longer needs to auction off a collection of more than 1,000 Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln artifacts.

Officials with the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation secured a three-year extension on a loan used to buy historical items, including the bloody gloves the former president had in his pocket when he died and a huge number of Mary Lincoln documents, from former board member Louise Taper in 2007.

The terms of the original loan, for \$23 million, dictated Lake Forest Bank & Trust Company be paid back in October 2019.

After it stopped making significant payments and the state refused to contribute taxpayer dollars, the foundation threatened to sell pieces from the Taper Collection to raise the remaining funds.

But the foundation, a private organization formed in 2000 which retained ownership of the artifacts, now has until Oct. 31, 2022, to repay about \$8.8 million it still owes, Nick Kalm, a foundation board vice chair-

man, said.

"In addition to giving us the flexibility to continue fundraising, this extension means the foundation no longer needs to consider auctioning off any of the artifacts to satisfy the debt," Ray McCaskey, chair of the foundation's board of directors, said in a news release.

"Selling these unique artifacts was clearly something no one wanted to do. Now, this important collection will remain available to everyone who visits the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum."

Rep. Tim Butler, a Republican from Springfield, said it is "a good sign" the foundation was able to secure the new loan deadline, something he advocated for more than a year ago.

The collection, he added, is "one of the crown jewels we own collectively as a state."

"The foundation will tell you, at least they've told me, that this controversy surrounding the collection has resulted in a drop in their fund-raising ability, but I think...with collaboration between both the (museum on the) state side and the (foundation on the) private side, you can really leverage, hopefully, some good relationships and some good will to try to get things done," Butler said.

"At the end of the day, this is Abraham Lincoln. I think it's a great thing to raise money for, and hopefully the foundation should be able to raise the money."

A spokesperson for the museum declined to comment.

Library Foundation officials made a "larger-than-normal payment" earlier this year, according to a news release, and the new loan terms include "a more favorable interest rate," according to an announcement.

"Having a significant loan extension at more favorable terms allows us to continue and even accelerate our fundraising efforts," Kalm said in an email. "We have already paid down so much, and look forward to the day when we can pay it off completely."

Sarah Phalen, foundation treasurer, said in a news release the group has "secured a viable path forward to allow us to retire the debt in its entirety."

That path is "continued private fund-raising," Kalm said, which includes an event in Chicago in February.

The Taper Collection also includes a stovepipe hat that was believed to be one of three belonging to Lincoln, but documents obtained by WBEZ in September showed the FBI, Smithsonian National Museum of American History and Chicago History Museum could not authenticate that.

Several non-Lincoln-related items are in the collection as well. A black Marilyn Monroe dress included in the trove sold for \$50,000 at an auction earlier last year.

In the foundation's annual report, Phalen wrote it concluded the most recent fiscal year "with a strong increase in net assets over last fiscal year."

The Taper Collection is "certainly something that, we've said all along, want to remain in the hands of the state of Illinois and available to the public through Lincoln's Presidential Museum," Butler said. "I think it's a great thing for Illinois and I think it's a great thing for the people of Illinois."

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Unbearably cute special exhibit presented

The Union County Historical and Genealogy Society hosted a special exhibit on Saturday, Dec. 7, in Cobden.

The exhibit was one of the events held during Cobden’s 2019 Christmas in the Village celebration.

The exhibit, titled “Beloved Children’s Favorites Bears ‘n’ Chairs,” was on display at the historical society’s resource center in Cobden.

The displayed featured a variety of stuffed bears and a collection of vintage Christmas photos.

Those helping to make the exhibit possible included:

Beverly Anderson, Sandy Anderson, Paulette Aronson, Linda Austin, Marilyn Boysen, Bill Boysen, Teresa Fix, Bob Hageman, Carol O’Donnell, Father Uriel Salamanca, Francie Shafer, Rachel Skinner, Frances Swedlund, Charles Swedlund, Mary Beth Tipton, Julie Travelstead and the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society.

The accompanying photographs were taken during the exhibit.





Heading to the exhibit...
A jolly, smiling, furry fellow made a stop in Anna in early December. He barely stopped, but did say that he was heading to see a “Bears ‘n’ Chairs” exhibit which was on display at the time in Cobden. The exhibit, which is featured on page 2, was presented by the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society.

Illinois will participate in Girls Go CyberStart challenge

Illinois will participate in the 2020 Girls Go CyberStart challenge to encourage the growth of young women in the field of cybersecurity.

The training partnership with the SANS Institute will enable female high school students in Illinois to discover their talents in cybersecurity and learn more about computer security careers.

The Girls Go CyberStart program is designed for girls in grades 9 through 12 to help them explore topics such as cryptography and digital forensics.

Students can participate at home or at school and the program is free for both schools and students.

Teachers and students will not require knowledge or experience in IT or cybersecurity to participate in the program.

“The Department of Innovation & Technology (DoIT) is committed to growing STEM in Illinois and the Girls Go CyberStart makes a great addition to that effort,” said Illinois CIO and DoIT acting secretary Ron Guerrier.

“Our state will need a pipeline of new IT talent to fill future workforce needs and programs such as this one will provide young women with exposure to cyber careers, encourage interest in technology, and offer helpful resources to future cyber leaders.”

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Southern Seven Health Department Incident Command Team training held

In the event of a disaster, leadership for emergency management is assumed and maintained by local government officials.

However, due to differences between the structures of the many state, federal and other responses agencies involved in response and recovery efforts, a standardized system for communication, command, and control is required.

Southern Seven Health Department’s Incident Command Team, ICT, met Nov. 21 for quarterly training. The health department’s main office is near Ullin.

The ICT is a well-organized team of Southern Seven Health Department employees who are trained to manage critical incidents using the Incident Command System, ICS, and the National Incident Management System, NIMS.

“Each member of the Team is able to effectively communicate and manage resources during a crisis situation,” says Bobi Cavins, emergency preparedness coordinator/Medical Re-



Training participants
The Southern Seven Health Department Incident Command Team, ICT, met Nov. 21 for a quarterly training session. Southern Seven Health Department photo.

serve Corps coordinator for the health department.

“Although setting up and running an Open Point of Dispensing (POD) is one of their major tasks as a Local Health Department (LHD), they are trained and able to assist in other command centers if ever called upon to do so.”

The ICS is a standardized hierarchical structure that allows for a cooperative response by multiple agencies

both within and outside the government without compromising the authority of local command.

In the fall of 2020, the Southern Seven Health Department Incident Command Team is scheduled to participate in a statewide exercise which will focus on simulating and training for a possible disaster.

Participants in the training are slated to include

State of Illinois agencies, federal partners, Regional Health Care Coalition members, other health departments, hospitals and other interested partners to simulate and train for a possible disaster.

Those who are interested in participating in the exercise can contact Bobi Cavins at 618-634-2297, extension 123, for more information.

Ornamental plants begin preparing for winter through cold acclimation

Ornamental plants begin preparing for winter early through a process called cold acclimation.

The process is signaled by cooling temperatures and shorter day lengths.

Woody plants adjust to changing temperatures gradually, so that by the time the first frost hits, they are rarely damaged.

However, as winter progresses, especially in harsh years, even the most well-prepared plants can suffer.

“It is usually in the spring when damage that occurred during the winter is noticed,” University of Illinois horticulture educator Andrew Holsinger said.

For example, flower and leaf buds can die because of low or fluctuating temperatures. This damage can account for a low number of blooms in the spring.

“Cold temperatures can cause a variety of symptoms,” Holsinger said. “Preparing for the worst will hopefully leave you with the best results.”

By following a few basic tips, Holsinger said it is possible to lessen the damage to woody ornamentals.

Plant only varieties hardy to your area.

Choose sites that match your plants’ requirements.

Build your soil nutrition, as proper plant nutrition increases tolerance to cold injury.

Avoid pruning in late summer or early fall to prevent stimulating new growth.

Mulching can help retain moisture.

Make sure plants are well-watered (especially evergreens) to prevent desiccation.

Burlap has become popular as a decorative component during the holiday seasons indoors. Outdoors, burlap can be used to wrap plants or provide a wind barrier to evergreen woody plants.

Other wind barriers are of benefit when placed in the right location. Generally, winter winds come from the northwest.

“Determining if your plants have been damaged by the cold sometimes takes some investigation. Buds can be opened with a sharp knife to cut a cross-section of the bud’s top. If the bud has become discolored it may have been damaged,” Holsinger said.

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If You Celebrate: Drive Sober

December National Impaired Driving Prevention Month

WASHINGTON, DC – Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) is teaming up with law enforcement agencies across the country throughout the month of December, which has been recognized as National Impaired Driving Prevention Month for the 39th consecutive year. During this month in 2018, 839 people died in alcohol-related crashes, representing 29 percent of all traffic deaths, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve were especially dangerous, when drunk driving crashes claimed 108 lives in just two days, accounting for nearly half of all vehicle fatalities.

Christmas Day was also deadly, when drunk driving killed 35 people.

“This is shocking and staggering,” said MADD national president Helen Witty, whose 16-year-old daughter Helen Marie was killed by an alcohol- and marijuana-impaired driver.

“The pain caused by one person’s choice to drive impaired is often permanent. Yet every drunk driving death and injury is preventable.”

Drunk driving crashes increase throughout the month of December as more people travel and attend events where alcohol is served.

That is why MADD reminds everyone to plan for a safe ride home before they go out. MADD also stands with our law enforcement heroes who are out there risking their own lives to keep the roads safe this month and throughout the year.

“There is no excuse for driving under the influence of any mind-altering substance, including alcohol,” Witty said.

“Please, designate a non-drinking, unimpaired driver. Call a taxi or a ride share service. Take public transportation. It’s that easy. And it could save a life: your own or someone you know.”

Every U.S. President since Ronald Reagan has proclaimed December as National Impaired Driving Prevention Month.

President Donald Trump continued in that tradition this month, reaffirming his administration’s commitment

to prevent tragedies by making the decision to drive sober.

The proclamation also remembers victims of impaired driving, offers prayers for grieving families impacted by these tragedies and honors law enforcement who are on the front lines of the violent, preventable crime of impaired driving.

MADD is asking everyone to show their commitment to drive sober by choosing a non-drinking, designated driver and displaying a MADD Tie One On for Safety red ribbon or magnetic decal on their vehicles, which are available at local MADD offices around the country.

Started in 1986, TOOFS is MADD’s longest-running and most visible public awareness campaign.

“Whether you’re traveling to holiday festivities or hosting a party, always remember your designated driver,” Witty said.

“Everyone can help keep our holiday season joyous by planning ahead when celebrations include alcohol. Take personal responsibility for your own travel by choosing a non-drinking, unimpaired driver and remember to include festive drinks such as

Plan ahead: have a non-drinking driver

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) is reminding everyone to plan ahead for a non-drinking driver to get them safely to their destination during the holiday season.

MADD national president Helen Witty, whose 16-year-old daughter Helen Marie was killed by an alcohol- and marijuana-impaired driver, said that “every single drunk driving death is preventable. Every single drunk driving death forever leaves an empty seat at the table,” Witty said.

Drunk driving crashes increase dramatically every holiday season as more people travel and celebrate.

More than 1,000 people died in drunk driving crashes from 6 p.m. on Thanksgiving Eve through New Year’s Eve 2018.

10,874 fatalities in crashes involved BAC of .08 or higher

In 2017 there were 10,874 fatalities in motor vehicle traffic crashes involving drivers with BACs of .08 g/dL or higher.

This totaled 29 percent of all traffic fatalities for the year. (Note: It is illegal in every state to drive with a BAC of .08 g/dL or higher.)

An average of one alcohol-impaired-driving fatality occurred every 48 minutes in 2017.

The estimated economic cost of all alcohol-impaired crashes (involving alcohol-impaired drivers or alcohol-impaired non-occupants) in the United States in 2010 (the most recent year for which cost data is available) was \$44 billion.

Of the traffic fatalities in 2017 among children 14 and younger, 19 percent occurred in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes.

The 21- to 24-year-old age group had the highest percentage (27 percent) of drivers with BACs of .08 g/dL or higher in fatal crashes compared to other age groups in 2017.

The percentage of drivers with BACs of .08 g/dL or higher in fatal crashes in 2017 was highest for motorcycle

mocktails for the designated drivers who are guests in your home.”

Visit madd.org/toofs to find out more about the campaign and to get one of our iconic red decals.

Founded in 1980 by a mother whose daughter was killed by a drunk driver, Mothers Against Drunk Driving is the nation’s largest non-profit working to end drunk driving, help fight drugged driving, support the victims of these violent crimes and prevent underage drinking.

MADD has worked to help save over 390,000 lives, reduce drunk driving deaths by more than 50 percent and promote designating a non-drinking driver.

MADD’s Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving calls for law enforcement support, ignition interlocks for all offenders and advanced vehicle technology.

MADD has provided supportive services to nearly one million drunk and drugged driving victims and survivors at no charge through local victim advocates and the 24-Hour Victim Help Line 1-877-MADD-HELP. Visit www.madd.org or call 1-877-ASK-MADD.

Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve are so dangerous that almost half of all traffic deaths on those days are caused by drunk driving.

In addition to planning ahead for a safe and sober ride home, MADD encourages party hosts to reward non-drinking, designated drivers with festive, non-alcoholic drinks and good food.

Thank law enforcement heroes and support them in any way you can.

Show your support for MADD’s long-running Tie One On For Safety campaign and remind everyone that drinking and driving never mix by displaying one of MADD’s iconic red ribbons on your vehicle.

“We want everyone to have a fun, festive holiday season,” Witty said. “We also want everyone to make it home.”

riders (27 percent), compared to drivers of passenger cars (21 percent), light trucks (20 percent) and large trucks (3 percent).

The rate of alcohol impairment among drivers involved in fatal crashes in 2017 was 3.6 times higher at night than during the day.

In 2017 among the 10,874 alcohol-impaired-driving fatalities, 68 percent (7,368) were in crashes in which at least one driver had a BAC of .15 g/dL or higher.



Sources
Sources for the information which appears on these pages include the websites for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the Illinois State Police.

Concentration

- Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) in G/DL**
- Typical Effects, Predictable Effects on Driving**
- .02. Some loss of judgment; relaxation, slight body warmth, altered mood. Decline in visual functions (rapid tracking of a moving target), decline in ability to perform two tasks at the same time (divided attention).
 - .05. Exaggerated behavior, may have loss of small-muscle control (e.g., focusing your eyes), impaired judgment, usually good feeling, lowered alertness, release of inhibition. Reduced coordination, reduced ability to track moving objects, difficulty steering, reduced response to emergency driving situations.
 - .08. Muscle coordination becomes poor (e.g., balance, speech, vision, reaction time, and hearing), harder to detect danger; judgment, self-control, reasoning, and memory are impaired. Concentration, short-term memory loss, speed control, reduced information processing capability (e.g., signal detection, visual search), impaired perception.
 - .10. Clear deterioration of reaction time and control, slurred speech, poor coordination, and slowed thinking. Reduced ability to maintain lane position and brake appropriately.
 - .15. Far less muscle control than normal, vomiting may occur (unless this level is reached slowly or a person has developed a tolerance for alcohol), major loss of balance. Substantial impairment in vehicle control, attention to driving task, and in necessary visual and auditory information processing.

Drunk driving: some signs, suggestions

- Signs of Drunk Driving**
Quick acceleration or deceleration. Tailgating. Weaving or zig-zagging across the road.
- Driving anywhere other than on a road designated for vehicles. Almost striking an object, curb or vehicle.
- Stopping without cause or erratic braking. Drifting in and out of traffic lanes.
- Signaling that is inconsistent with driving actions. Slow response to traffic signals (such as a sudden stop or delayed start).
- Straddling the center lane marker. Driving with headlights off at night.
- Swerving. Driving slower than 10 mph below the speed limit. Turning abruptly or illegally. Driving into opposing traffic on the wrong side of the road.
- What Do You Do If You See a Drunk Driver?**
First, stay as far away from the other vehicle as possible. Second, do not try to pass the vehicle or signal the driver to pull over. Doing so could result in a collision. Third, take notice of the license plate number along with the vehicle including make, model and color. Drivers are warned not to compromise their own safety trying to obtain this information. Finally, pull over and call 911. Give the exact location of the vehicle, including the name of the road or cross streets and the direction the vehicle is traveling. Give a complete description of the vehicle and the manner in which the vehicle is being driven.
- Tips to Prevent Someone from Driving Drunk**
Be as non-confrontational as possible. Suggest alternate ways of getting to their destination. Talk a bit more slowly and explain things more fully than if the person were a sober person. Explain that you don’t want them to drive because you care and you don’t want them to hurt themselves or others. Suggest that they sleep over. Enlist a friend to help or to act as moral support: it’s more difficult to say no to two (or three or four) people than one. If possible, get the person’s keys. It is far easier to persuade the potential driver when holding this leverage. If all else fails, call law enforcement. It’s better to have a friend arrested than injured or killed.

Please drive safely

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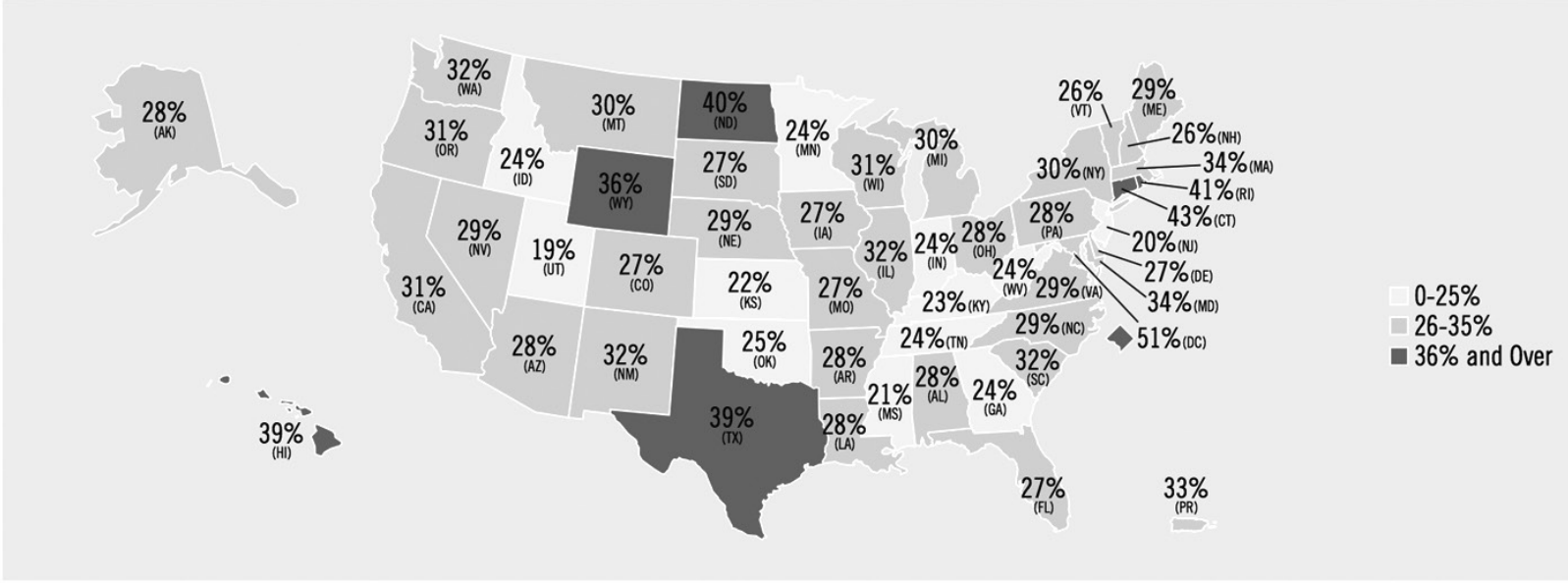
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Percentage of Alcohol-Impaired-Driving Fatalities by State, 2017



(From the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website.)



When you celebrate, make right decision and stay safe

You’ve made the right decision to not drive impaired, now the next step is finding a safe way home.

Before you pick up your phone to book a driver or call a taxi, it’s important that you know how to stay safe.

Ride-Sharing, Ride-Hail-ing and Taxis

Confirm your ride by checking the license plate.

Before getting into a ride-hailing vehicle, make sure the car and license plate match what you booked through the app. Many of these cars can look alike.

You should also look at the driver and ask them their name, to confirm it matches the name and photo in the app.

Find a Safe Spot to be Picked Up

Pick up locations for ride-hailing services aren’t usually centralized.

You should pick a location where you can wait inside until the driver arrives.

If that’s not possible, choose an area to wait that’s away from the roadway, well lit, and where your driver can safely stop.

Request that your driver drop you off in a safe spot too.

Don’t step into the road to flag down a ride. Go to a taxi stand, call for a cab or request someone call a ride for you.

It’s never a good idea to accept a ride from a stranger

who may stop after seeing you looking for a ride.

Wear a Seat Belt

Even if it’s a quick ride and you’re in the back seat, you should always buckle up, and make sure that your driver wears their seat belt, too.

Bikes and Scooters

Don’t ride a bike or scooter after drinking alcohol or using drugs.

About 26 percent of the bicyclists who died in 2017 had been drinking. Even a small amount of alcohol can cause balance issues and delayed reaction time.

If you’re impaired, leave the bike or scooter behind, and choose a safe form of transportation.

Walking

Know that walking home drunk or high can be dangerous.

An estimated 32 percent of deadly pedestrian crashes in 2017 involved a person who was drunk and walking. Avoid walking home if you’ve been drinking or using drugs.

If you choose to walk, remember to obey traffic signs and signals. If there isn’t a sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from vehicles as possible.

Be visible, especially at night: 75 percent of pedestrian deaths in 2017 happened when it was dark.

Public Transportation

Be vigilant. When using a bus or train to get home, be aware of your surroundings, especially if you’re traveling alone. Choose a seat near the driver or operator. Don’t sleep on a bus.

While it’s best to plan ahead for a sober driver, or consider staying over, it’s important to know how to stay safe when considering other forms of transportation. And remember, never drive drunk or high.

Responsible behavior

Plan your safe ride home before you start the party, choose a non-drinking friend as a designated driver.

If someone you know has been drinking, do not let that person get behind the wheel. Take their keys and help them arrange a sober ride home.

If you drink, do not drive for any reason. Call a taxi, a ride-hailing service, or a sober friend.

If you’re hosting a party where alcohol will be served, make sure all guests leave with a sober driver.

Always wear your seat belt: it’s your best defense against impaired drivers.

If you see an impaired driver on the road, contact local law enforcement. Your actions could help save someone’s life.

This holiday season, give one of the greatest gifts: driving sober

For many, the holidays are a time of giving, and one of the greatest gifts is sober driving.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is partnering with law enforcement agencies throughout the nation during the holiday season to spread the messages:

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over and If You Feel Different, You Drive Different: Drive High Get a DUI.

The campaign began on Dec. 11 and continues through Jan. 1, 2020.

The campaign aims to educate people about the dangers and consequences of driving drunk and high, and that law enforcement will be stepping up patrols to get impaired drivers off the roads.

Drunk driving is a problem on our nation’s roads every day, but it’s more prevalent during the holidays.

During the New Year’s and Christmas periods in 2018, there were 285 drunk-driving-related fatalities. These deaths are 100 percent preventable.

Last year, there were 10,511 people killed nationwide in drunk driving crashes, accounting for nearly one-third of the yearly driving fatalities.

The tragedy of these deaths is felt year-round, but for many, most strongly during

the holidays.

Like drunk driving, drug-impaired driving is illegal in all 50 states.

In 2017, 45 percent of the drivers killed in fatal crashes who were tested for drugs, tested positive.

Whether the drug is obtained legally or illegally, drug-impaired driving can be deadly for drivers, passengers, and others on the road.

If you have holiday parties or festive gatherings on your calendar over the next few weeks, make smart choices and plan out how you’re going to get home safely once the celebration ends.

Designate a sober driver, or plan to use public transportation or a ride-hailing service, and encourage your friends to

do the same.

If you are the designated driver, make a commitment to 100 percent sobriety to keep you and your friends safe. If you see an impaired driver on the road, contact local law enforcement immediately. Doing so could save the life of the driver, passenger, and others on the road.

And, if you have a friend who is about to drive impaired, take away their keys and help them make arrangements to get home safely: it will be the greatest gift you ever give them.

This holiday season, give the gift of sober driving, and help us spread the word that impaired driving is more than just a bad choice: it is deadly, illegal and selfish behavior.

Consequences of drinking and driving

Interactions between alcohol and other substances in the body such as certain medications or illegal drugs increase impairment and make driving more risky.

Driving a vehicle while impaired is a dangerous crime.

Tough enforcement of drunk-driving laws has been a major factor in reducing drunk-driving deaths since the 1980s.

Charges range from misdemeanors to felony offenses, and is felt year-round, but for many, most strongly during

revocation, fines, and jail time.

It’s also extremely expensive. A first-time offense can cost the driver upwards of \$10,000 in fines and legal fees.

Some states require offenders to install ignition interlock devices at the driver’s own expense.

An ignition interlock device is a breath test device connected to a vehicle’s ignition.

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Jesus said to his disciples: “Beware of men, for they will hand you over to courts and scourge you in their synagogues, and you will be led before governors and kings for my sake as a witness before them and the pagans. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say. You will be given at that moment what you are to say. For it will not be you who speak but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will hand over brother to death, and the father his child; children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but whoever endures to the end will be saved.” From the Gospel of Matthew

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Veterans Learn, Earn Breakfast held at Shawnee College

By Benjamin Marxer

Shawnee Community College near Ullin hosted a special informational event for area veterans on Wednesday, Dec. 4. The event was originally scheduled for Nov. 12, but was postponed due to inclement weather.

The “Veterans Learn & Earn Breakfast” featured a catered breakfast, which was followed by presentations from faculty and staff on the various programs and benefits that Shawnee Community College offers former members of the United States armed services.

The keynote speaker

for the event was Allison Hasler, a U.S. Army veteran and Southern Illinois Women Veteran Ambassador for Illinois Joining Forces, an organization that connects service members and veterans with community resources throughout Illinois.

Hasler discussed the difficulties she faced when returning from deployment, and the way that seeking out the resources available to veterans helped to improve her life.

“We were stuck somewhere between college student and mission-ready soldier with no mission anymore,” said Hasler. “A

lot of that transcended into PTSD, alcoholism and anger issues.”

“I wasn’t highly decorated in bronze or silver or purple. I wasn’t even an NCO or an officer of any kind,” she continued.

“But I did hold to a fact. That I have the same benefits as everyone else who served. And I accessed the VA behavioral health system to get the much needed paradigm shift that I needed.”

“The hardships, whatever they were, and whatever they are in the future, they can be used as fuel to drive your success. For you to become wiser, stronger,

and more successful.”

Members of the Shawnee Community College staff followed to discuss the programs that the college has to benefit veterans.

Dr. Tammy Capps, the director of financial aid, as well as the coordinator of veterans and military personal student services, discussed several options available to veterans, including tuition waivers for disabled veterans, free classes for students over 60, and the Illinois Veterans Grant.

“The Illinois Veterans Grant does not have a time limit,” said Capp. “So if you were an Illinois res-

ident six months prior to enlisting and you returned to Illinois six months after discharge, you could have some benefits still available.”

Beverly Warfield discussed the veterans outreach center at Shawnee Community College. The veterans outreach center is available to assist veterans with job placement or benefits research and is open to all veterans of the community, not just SCC students.

“If you raised your hand and said the oath of enlistment or you signed the contract to be a commissioned officer, you are entitled to

benefits,” said Warfield.

“If this is going to make our life better or the life of our families better, we need to utilize those benefits,” Warfield continued.

Shawnee Community College plans to host an evening “Learn & Earn” program for veterans on Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2020, starting at 6 p.m.

For more information about the programs that Shawnee Community College has available for veterans, contact Dr. Tammy Capps at tammyc@shawneecc.edu or 618-634-3280, and Beverly Warfield at beverlyw@shawneecc.edu or 618-634-3396.

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:

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|---|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| SHAWNEE COMM UNIT SD 84 | 3365 ST HWY 3 NORTH WOLF LAKE IL 62998 | 618-833-5709 | 9AM-3PM |
| <i>School District/Joint Agreement Name</i> | <i>Address</i> | <i>Telephone</i> | <i>Office Hours</i> |

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@ 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 | 1,769,122 | 339,039 | 537,983 | 125,904 | 72,804 | 77,112 | 34,478 | 284,484 | 31,214 |
| Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District | 2000 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| State Sources | 3000 | 943,028 | 0 | 0 | 270,634 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Federal Sources | 4000 | 532,138 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Direct Receipts/Revenues | | 3,244,288 | 339,039 | 537,983 | 396,538 | 72,804 | 77,112 | 34,478 | 284,484 | 31,214 |
| Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures | | 3,269,187 | 487,106 | 548,772 | 529,761 | 124,076 | 723,488 | | 283,942 | 121,933 |
| Other Sources/Uses of Funds | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50,000 | 700,000 | (750,000) | 0 | 0 |
| Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2018 | | 808,401 | 183,700 | 91,151 | 296,422 | 100,225 | 53,299 | 1,379,535 | 0 | 168,055 |
| Other Changes in Fund Balances | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2019 | | 783,502 | 35,633 | 80,362 | 163,199 | 98,953 | 106,923 | 664,013 | 542 | 77,336 |

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

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GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

| <u>Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000</u> | | <u>Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999</u> | <u>Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999</u> | <u>Salary Range: \$60,000 - \$89,999</u> | <u>Salary Range: \$90,000 and over</u> |
|---|------------|--|--|--|--|
| Zeigler | Davidson | Duke | Smith C | Ellet C | Reynolds a Clover Hill |
| Leek | Burd | McClain | Lomax | Rose D | |
| Saunders | Hanson M | Miller T | Riedle | Mezo | |
| Simmons | Blanchard | Houston | Phillips | Spring | |
| Stroehlein S | Clutts | McKinney | Smith CG | Schaefer K | |
| Burnett | Ward | | Nash-Mayberry | Pender S | |
| Hogue | Reynolds V | | Heller | | |
| Verble | Haldeman | | Whitaker | | |
| Wilson D | | | Richbourg | | |
| Briscoe | | | Norris | | |
| Raymond | | | Schultz | | |
| Shearer | | | Griffin | | |
| Pluta | | | Chamness | | |
| Heuring | | | Wilson M | | |
| Pengress | | | Marks | | |
| Bowser | | | Bachmann | | |
| Thomas | | | Hudson | | |

GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

| <u>Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000</u> | <u>Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999</u> | <u>Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999</u> | <u>Salary Range: \$60,000 and over</u> |
|---|---|--|--|
| Smith D, Hubbs W, Hanson D, Rose J, Stevens, Ford, Pender J, Rhymer, Rose C, Miller J, Shelton, Schuster, Pender T, Derosselt, Plumley, Glodo B, Taylor, Hammer, Hathaway, Wilson V, Myers, Bade, Livesay J, Tapley, Pinnon, Ralls, Hileman, Deem, Jackson R, Smith R, Folles, Nicholson T, Nicholson W, Gallion, Ellet M, Glodo T, Carmack, Hammonds, Chapman, Burdick, Park, Jordan, Schildknecht, Miller L, Garver, Seagle, Bridges, Stroehlein J, Schaefer TC, Marsh, Faire, Balance, McGee, Hill, Pitts S, Pitts N, Dallas | Pennington Casper Baltzell Jackson D Graham J Murphy Livesay M Warren Toler | Graham L | |

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

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| <u>Person, Firm, or Corporation</u> | <u>Aggregate Amount</u> | <u>Person, Firm, or Corporation</u> | <u>Aggregate Amount</u> |
|--|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Houghton Mifflin Co | 2,546 | Beussink & Hickam PC | 9600 |
| Supplyworks | 2,546 | RDA Systems Inc | 9928 |
| Tipton Linen Service | 2,562 | Walmart | 12983 |
| Cheerzone | 2,649 | Employers Preferred Ins Co | 14462 |
| School Outlet | 2,755 | PCM-G | 14877 |
| Quality Sheet Metals LLC | 2,760 | School Specialty | 16362 |
| Loruso's on Grand | 2,800 | Tueth, Kenney, Cooper, Mohan & Jackstadt | 18748 |
| Acco Brands USA LLC | 2,959 | Farmer Environmental Services LLC | 19382 |
| Gym Floor Service Inc | 2,999 | HSG Mechanical Contractors Inc | 20411 |
| Mobymax | 3,237 | Cape Janitor Supply | 21455 |
| IASB | 3,238 | Osborne Office Equipment Inc | 23530 |
| Clearwave Communications | 3,244 | Prairie Farms Dairy Inc | 24348 |
| Lowes | 3,346 | Sheldon Laboratory Systems | 26865 |
| Elverado CUSD 196 | 3,360 | Cohn Raznick LLP | 31029 |
| Renaissance Learning Inc | 3,462 | Ramza Insurance Group Inc | 34535 |
| Diskey Architectural Signage Inc | 3,489 | Egyptian CUSD 5 | 36040 |
| Shawnee CUSD 84 | 3,500 | Revolving Fund | 36562 |
| Norman's Carpet & Interiors | 3,595 | Southern FS, Inc | 38095 |
| 472 Praxair Distribution Inc | 3,650 | A-1 Lock Inc | 38336 |
| Debra Barnes | 3,679 | Evvard-Strang Construction | 47010 |
| The Earthgrains Company | 3,908 | McGraw-Hill Co | 49803 |
| Flinn Scientific Inc | 4,523 | Robins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton & Taylor | 49851 |
| Russell Electric Contracting LLC | 4,612 | US Foods | 50694 |
| DE Martin Roofing Co Inc | 5,150 | Bankcard Center | 51297 |
| Lakeshore Learning | 5,332 | Sonitrol Security Systems | 70888 |
| Nixon Insurance Agency Inc | 5,595 | Tech Guy Inc | 77096 |
| Lee's Sports | 5,684 | Southern IL Electric Coop | 89026 |
| Decker Inc | 6,775 | Egyptian Employee Benefit Trust | 90066 |
| Johnson Control Fire Protection | 7,190 | Baysinger Architects PLLC | 95465 |
| Presentation Products Inc | 7,195 | Schemel-Tarrillion Inc | 102600 |
| Spurlock Trash | 7,385 | Jackson County Treasurer | 108580 |
| Pearson Education | 7,482 | Tri County Special Education | 313636 |
| IXL Learning | 8,032 | First Student Inc | 505561 |
| Five County Regional Vocational System | 8,146 | Samron Midwest Contracting | 510288 |
| Cook Sales Inc | 8,735 | First Southern | 548772 |

Mahony named SIU president; to begin job March 1, 2020

Daniel F. Mahony, the president of Winthrop University in South Carolina, has been selected to serve as president of the Southern Illinois University System.

Mahony's selection follows a national search advised by a committee representing the system's two universities, SIU Carbondale and SIU Edwardsville, as well as representatives of the board of trustees and alumni and community members affiliated with the campuses.

Mahony will begin his new responsibilities on March 1, 2020.

J. Phil Gilbert, chair of the SIU board, said Mahony's collaborative leadership style, strategic planning experience, and effectiveness improving Winthrop's financial position made him stand out in the national search.

"Dr. Mahony is a proven leader and problem solver who has been described as a visionary in his professional experience," Gilbert said in a news release.

"He has had success in key areas of importance to SIU to include enrollment strategies, diversity and inclusion, improving finances, and communicating effectively with internal and external agencies to include foundations and legislative bodies."

"We were especially impressed by his ability to work with legislators to articulate the needs of his university," Gilbert added.

"He will be an articulate advocate for the system and understands the importance of Southern Illinois University to the region and the state."

Ed Hightower, chair of the search advisory committee and vice chair of the board, said the committee valued Mahony's commitment to open communication and his wide range of varied experiences.

"The search advisory committee was pleased by the pool of candidates; however, Mahony was the overwhelming preferred choice of the search advisory committee," Hightower said.

"Committee members liked many qualities about Dr. Mahony. They were especially impressed by his past successful academic work experience serving in a number of higher education administrative roles in Midwestern universities and that he has been able to create change at his current institution with large support of constituent groups."

"Dr. Mahony is a respected, consultative leader who has demonstrated the ability to bring a community together around shared goals," Hightower said.

"His emphasis on metrics to measure progress will be transparent and

effective to move the SIU system forward."

Mahony has been president of Winthrop University, a 6,000-student public institution in Rock Hill, S.C., since July 2015.

He has overseen the development of a strategic plan, an institutional rebranding, and improvement in student and employee satisfaction.

Under his leadership, Winthrop set a record for freshman applications in the fall of 2019, exceeding the previous record by more than 15 percent.

Graduate enrollment increased more than 16 percent this year, four-year graduation rates increased by 7.7 percent over three years, and the diversity of faculty and managerial staff increased from 14 to 21 percent in less than three years.

He said he looks forward to the opportunity to lead SIU.

"I'm excited about working across the system to advance all of SIU," Mahony said.

"The level of commitment to the system's success and to the welfare of its campuses is clearly strong, from the board of trustees to faculty and staff to community members, alumni and donors."

"SIU has a powerful impact on students and the SIU region, and I look forward to building on its strong foundation."

Prior to accepting the Winthrop presidency, Mahony was dean of the College of Education, Health and Human Services at Kent State University in Ohio from July 2008 to June 2015.

He held positions at the University of Louisville in Kentucky from July 1995 to June 2008, serving as director of the sport administration program;

chair of the Department of Health Promotion, Physical Education and Sport Studies; acting dean and associate dean of the College of Education and Human Development; and assistant and associate university provost.

Before his academic career, Mahony worked in both public accounting and intercollegiate athletics.

He holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, a master's degree in sport management from West Virginia University and a doctoral degree in sport management from Ohio State University.

Originally from Clinton, New Jersey, Dr. Mahony has been married for more than 25 years to wife Laura, with whom he has two children, son Gavin and daughter Elena.

The SIU System is made up of SIU Carbondale, including the SIU School of Medicine based in Springfield, and SIU Edwardsville, including the SIU School of Dentistry based in Alton. With a total budget of approximately \$867 million, the system employs more than 7,000 faculty and staff who serve more than 28,000 students.

Mahony replaces Randy J. Dunn, who resigned from the position in July 2018.

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‘Tool kit’ helps first responders stay safe around illicit drugs

First responders have always had dangerous jobs, but concern over police, fire and medical personnel being injured by illicit drugs while doing their jobs is growing.

This danger has been greatly elevated by the increased prevalence of fentanyl, a synthetic opioid that is 50 times stronger than heroin and that can pose great danger to first responders on aid calls and during criminal investigations.

A “tool kit” of materials to help train emergency personnel on staying safe while working around illicit drugs was recently compiled by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, NIOSH.

The materials, including training videos, downloadable posters and postcards, are available at <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/fentanyl/toolkit.html>.

“Our police, fire and medical first responders have extremely difficult jobs. But as they rush to save others’ lives, they need to also protect their own. Synthetic opioids such as fentanyl are extremely dangerous,” said Michael Kleinik, the director of the Illinois Department of Labor.

Additional training on the threat illicit drugs pose to first responders is desperately needed, said Lockport Police Chief Terry Lemming, who is also past president of the Illinois Drug Enforcement Officers Association.

“We especially need education on the dangers of fentanyl because a tiny little bit could kill you.”

Firefighters know these dangers all too well, according to State Fire Marshal Matt Perez.

“In most overdose cases our first responders are the first on the scene to initiate medical intervention,” said Perez.

“Being aware of the health risks present in an environment with illicit drugs, and how to mitigate them, will help keep our first responders safe while providing treatment to their patients.”

Lemming believes the problem is likely going to get worse.

“Right now, there is more fentanyl in the country than ever before,” said Lemming.

“Some people predict that fentanyl will take over for heroin and cocaine because it’s cheaper, it’s more potent. And if fentanyl does take over and really starts being the drug, we’ve got a world of trouble ahead of us.”

Lemming and Lockport Police Investigations Commander John Arizzi said a recent fatality involving suspected fentanyl prompted the department to take extra precautions and not field test the drugs at the crime scene.

Instead Arizzi did the testing wearing full protective gear. But Lemming points out that in such a case, officers had warning of what they were likely up against.

“My concern is officers who encounter fentanyl during a regular activity like a traffic stop. I don’t think they are prepared because they don’t know what it is at first,” said Lemming.

“I know it sounds crazy but treat everything as if it has fentanyl in it because we are seeing it not just in heroin but now mixed with cocaine,” said Arizzi, noting that officers also need to take care not to allow their police dogs to be exposed either. “They can certainly be killed by it.”

NIOSH offers some guidelines for all first responders who must work

- in an environment that contains such drugs:
- Do not eat, drink, smoke, or use the bathroom while working in an area with known or suspected fentanyl.
 - Do not touch the eyes, mouth, and nose after touching any surface potentially contaminated with fentanyl.
 - Field testing of fentanyl or its analogues is not recommended due to an increased risk of exposure to responders performing field testing.
 - Avoid performing tasks or operations that may aerosolize fentanyl due to increased exposure risks.
 - Wash hands with soap and water immediately after a potential exposure and after leaving a scene where fentanyl is known or suspected to be present to avoid potential exposure and to avoid cross contamination. Do not use hand sanitizers or bleach solutions to clean contaminated skin.



Moon rising over Anna
The moon was on the rise over the pond at the Anna City Park on a recent cold and very still December evening.

Television Listings

| THURSDAY | | | | | | | | | | | | DECEMBER 26, 2019 | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 PM | Local Programs | Local Programs | (5:00) Local Programs | Local Programs | Coll. Fbl | Bang (HD) | (5:01) "Harry Potter & Half- lows 1" ('10) | Raven | His Dark Materi- als | "BlackKkKlansman" | "Harry" | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 PM | New Year Book report. | Young Unicorn | 9-1-1 (HD) | Superstore Harmony | College Football "2019 Quick Lane Bowl" | Bang (HD) | (HD) | Unsitbale | Real Sports (HD) | ★★★ "Hanna" ('11, Thriller) | "The Help" ('11) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 PM | American Baking Show Holiday cookies. | (01) Mom Carol's | The Moodys (HD) | "Dolly Parton's Coat of Many Colors" ('15) | Pittsburgh vs Eastern Michi- gan (Live) | Bang (HD) | (5:58) "Harry Potter & Hal- lows 2" ('11) | Unsitbale | "The Town" ('10) Ben Affleck. A Boston thief. | Teen assassin. (HD) | Unlikely friend- ship in a small town. (HD) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 PM | | Evil "Vatican III" (HD) | Local Programs Local info. | | | Bang (HD) | (HD) | Just Roll | | "The Operative" ('19) | Gen. Q "Lost Love" | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 PM | Local | Local | | Local | | Conan | Family | Andi Mack | | "Belichick & Saban: Art" ('19) | Woman spies on Iran. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 PM | Jimmy Kimmel Live | (35) Late Show (HD) | Local Programs | (35) Tonight (HD) | SportsCenter (HD) | Seinfeld | Family | Andi Mack | | | Work | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Nightline | Corden | | Late Night | | Conan | Family | Jessie | | (55) "The Meg" ('18) | "Mile 22" ('18) CIA unit rescue. (R) | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| FRIDAY | | | | | | | | | | | | DECEMBER 27, 2019 | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 PM :30 | Local Programs | Local Programs | (5:00) Local Programs | Local Programs | (5:45) College Football Oklahoma State vs Texas A&M (Live) (HD) | "Hitch" ('05, Comedy) Romance coach. (HD) | Law & Order: SVU | Raven | (5:45) Mel Brooks (HD) | "Hero" ('02) Jet Li. | "Fast" | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 PM :30 | Housewife (HD) | Hawaii Five-0 (HD) | WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live) (HD) | "Dolly Parton's Christmas" Parton family. | | | Law & Order: SVU | "Sing" ('16) Singing competition. | "A Star Is Born" ('18) Musical career. (R) (HD) | "The Darkest Minds" ('18) (HD) | New Order: Decades British band. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 PM :30 | 20/20 Investigative news. (HD) | Magnum P.I. (HD) | | | | "The Hangover" ('09) After the party. (R) (HD) | Law & Order: SVU | Unsitbale | | | Duran Duran: There's | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 PM :30 | | Blue Bloods (HD) | Local Programs Local info. | To Be Announced | College Football "2019 Cheez-It Bowl" Air Force vs Washington State | | Law & Order: SVU | Sydney Raven | "Just Like Heaven" ('05) Man loves ghost. | "Lights Out" Danger for family. (HD) | Flack "Calvin" (HD) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 PM :30 | Local | Local | | Local | | ELEAGUE (HD) | Family | Just Roll | | (10) "Casino Royale" ('06) High stakes. (HD) | Gen. Q "Lost Love" | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 PM :30 | Jimmy Kimmel Live | (35) Late Show (HD) | Local | (35) Tonight (HD) | | | Family | Mickey | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Nightline | Corden | Local | Late Night | | | Family | Jessie | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Family | Jessie | | His Dark Materials. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| SATURDAY | | | | | | | | | | | | DECEMBER 28, 2019 | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 PM :30 | Local Programs | News Local | Local Programs | Local Programs | Peach Pre/Post | "The Hangover" ('09) | "Harry Potter & Chamber" ('02) | (5:10) ★★★ "Sing" ('16) | (4:45) "Shazam!" ('19) | (4:50) "Deja Vu" ('06) | Shameless (HD) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 PM :30 | Paisley (HD) | NCIS: L. A. (HD) | 9-1-1 "Rage" (HD) | The Voice (HD) | Fiesta Bowl Clemson Tigers vs Ohio State Buckeyes (Live) | Bang (HD) | Bang (HD) | Big City | Big City | "POKEMON Detective Pikachu" | ★★★ "Enemy of the State" Framed for murder. | Shameless (HD) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 PM :30 | The Rookie (HD) | S.W.A.T. "Lion's Den" | The Resident (HD) | Dateline NBC (HD) | | Bang (HD) | (4:46) "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" ('04) | Big City | Big City | His Dark Materials | Showtime Championship Boxing "Davis vs. Gamba" (Live) (HD) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 PM :30 | 20/20 (HD) | Separation (HD) | Local Programs | Sat. Night Live (HD) | | Bang (HD) | | Unsitbale | Unsitbale | (4:5) "Cold Pursuit" ('19) Hunting killer. (HD) | (15) "Ram-page" ('18) Huge animals attack. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 PM :30 | Local Programs | Local Programs Local info. | Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours (HD) | Local | (4:40) SportsCenter with Scott (HD) | Frontal | Family | Raven | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 PM :30 | Local Programs | | Local | Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy. | | The Misery Jokers | Family | Just Roll | Jessie | "BlackKkKlansman" | R. Donovan | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Family | | Jessie | "Long Shot" | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| SUNDAY | | | | | | | | | | | | DECEMBER 29, 2019 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 PM :30 | Videos (HD) | NFL (Live) | NFL (Live) | Football America (HD) | SportsCenter (HD) | (5:00) ★★ "Batman Forever" ('95) | Law & Order: SVU | Raven | His Dark Materials | "Armageddon" ('98) | Ray Donovan (HD) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 PM :30 | Kids Say (HD) | 60 Minutes (HD) | The OT | (20) Sunday Night Football (HD) | Sports | | (54) SVU | Just Roll | His Dark Materials | "Deadpool 2" ('18) Cyborg from future. (HD) | Ray Donovan (HD) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 PM :30 | Shark Tank (HD) | Unicorn | Flirty Dancing (HD) | | CFB 150 | ★½ "Batman & Robin" ('97) Threat to Gotham. (HD) | (36) SVU | Just Roll | Unsitbale | "Rise of Planet of Apes" ('11) | Shameless (HD) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Carol's | The Harts | | ESPN Original Documentaries | | Law & Order: SVU | Unsitbale | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Fam Guy | | | | | Dare Me (HD) | Star Wars | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 PM :30 | Shark Tank (HD) | Carol's | Local Programs | Local Programs Local info. | | | | Star Wars | | "Get Carter" Enforcer's revenge. (HD) | Gen. Q "LA Times" | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | All Rise "Pilot" (HD) | Local info. | | SportsCenter (HD) | ★½ "Batman & Robin" ('97) Threat to Gotham. (HD) | Law & Order: SVU | Big City | (45) ★★ "Hellboy" ('19) Half-demon man. (HD) | | | Work | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 PM :30 | Local Programs Local info. | Local | | | | | | Raven | Just Roll | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Local Programs | | | SportsCenter (HD) | | Law & Order: SVU | Jessie | | | | | (45) "Z for Zachariah" ('15) (HD) | Gen. Q "LA Times" | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 PM :30 | (35) Local | Local | Local | | | | | Jessie | Gumbel | | Shameless | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| MONDAY | | | | | | DECEMBER 30, 2019 | | | | | | |
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| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW | |
| 6 PM :30 | Local Programs | Local Programs | Colt. Ftbl | Local Programs | Colt. Ftbl | Fam Guy | Law & Order: SVU | Sydney | "The Mule" (18) (HD) | "The Operative" (19) | Shameless (HD) | |
| 7 PM :30 | "Spider-Man: Homecoming": Hero balances school & crime-fighting. | Neighbor. | 9-1-1 "Athena Begins" | The Voice Hopefuls coached. (HD) | 2019 Orange Bowl Florida Gators vs Virginia Cavaliers (Live) | Fam Guy | WWE Monday Night Raw (T) (HD) | Unsitbale | "Her Smell" (19) | "Casino Royale" '06, Thriller) Daniel Craig. High stakes. | ★★★ "Pavarotti" (19) Opera singer. (HD) | |
| 8 PM :30 | | Bob Hearts | | | | Fam Guy | | Unsitbale | "Raven | | | |
| 9 PM :30 | | All Rise (HD) | Prodigal Son "Q&A" | | | Fam Guy | | Raven | | | | |
| 10 PM :30 | Local | Bull "Jury Duty" (HD) | Local Programs | (01) Bluff City Law | | Dad (HD) | | Raven | His Dark Materials | (25) "The American" (10) (HD) | "Five Feet Apart" (19) Teen patients. (HD) | |
| 11 PM :30 | Jimmy Kimmel Live | (35) Late Show (HD) | Local | (35) Tonight (HD) | (40) SportsCenter with Scott (HD) | Conan | Dare Me (HD) | Big City | (20) "Bridesmaids" (11) Maid of honor. (HD) | "Margin Call" (11) (R) | God (HD) Gen. Q | |
| | Nightline | Corden | Local Programs | Late Night | | Conan | Family | Jessie | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Family | Austin | | | | |

| TUESDAY | | | | | | | | | | | | DECEMBER 31, 2019 | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 PM :30 | Local Programs | Local Programs | (5:00) Local Programs | Local Programs | Scoreboard | "Intelligence" ('16) | Law & Order: SVU | Sydney | (5:00) "Hellboy" ('19) | (5:10) "Twins" ('88) | "Road House" ('89) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 PM :30 | Dick Clark's Primetime "Part 1" | NCIS "Friendly Fire" | FOX's New Year's Eve with | A Toast to 2019! A celebration. (HD) | 2019 Valero Alamo Bowl" Utah Utes vs Texas Longhorns (Live) | Bang (HD) | Law & Order: SVU | Unsitbale | "Shazam!" ('19) Orphan gets power. (HD) | "Beautician and the Beast" ('97) | Ray Donovan (HD) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 PM :30 | | FBI "Invisible" (HD) | | | | Bang (HD) | Law & Order: SVU | Raven | | | Inside the NFL (HD) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 PM :30 | New Year's "Part 2" | FBI "Apex" (HD) | Local Programs | NBC New Year's Eve | | Bang (HD) | Law & Order: SVU | Raven | (:15) "Aquaman" ('18) Search for ancient power source. (HD) | ★★★ "Crazy Rich Asians" ('18) Wealthy family. | Shameless (HD) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 PM :30 | Local | Local | FOX's New Year's Eve with | Local | SportsCenter (HD) | Conan | Law & Order: SVU | Big City | | | Inside the NFL (HD) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 PM :30 | Dick Clark's New Year's "Part 1" | (35) Late Show (HD) | Local | NBC New Year's Eve | SportsCenter (HD) | New Girl | Law & Order: SVU | Big City | | (:50) "Death Becomes Her" ('92) | Ray Donovan (HD) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 PM :30 | Nightline | Corden | Local | Tonight | | Conan | Law & Order: SVU | Austin & Jessie & Ally | "A Star Is" | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| WEDNESDAY | | | | | | | | | | | | JANUARY 1, 2020 | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 PM | Local Programs | Local Programs | (5:00) Local Programs | Local Programs | (4:10) 2020 Rose Bowl (Live) | "We're the Millers" | Law & Order: SVU | Amphibia | (4:45) "Widows" (18) | (5:10) "In Time" (11) | "Little Women" (94) Sisters grow up. (HD) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 PM | Goldbergs Schooled | Evil "Genesis 1" (HD) | Flirty Dancing (HD) | Chicago Med (HD) | (5:0) 2020 | Bang (HD) | WWE NXT (HD) | Amphibia | ★★★ "Shutter Island" (10) Asylum secrets. | ★★★ "Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom" (18) | "On the Basis of Sex" Discrimination case. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 PM | Family | Evil "177 Minutes" | Almost Family (HD) | Chicago Fire (HD) | Allstate Sugar Bowl Georgia Bulldogs vs | Bang (HD) | | Player | Big City | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 PM | Single | | | | Baylor Bears (Live) | Bang (HD) | | Parker | Big City | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 PM | Stumptown (HD) | Evil "3 Stars" (HD) | Local Programs Local info. | Chicago P.D. (HD) | | Bang (HD) | Law & Order: SVU | Big City | (20) "The Town" (10) A thief struggles to go straight. (HD) | "Pacific Rim: Uprising" A new Kaiju threat | "Five Feet Apart" (19) Teen patients. (HD) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 PM | Local | Local | | Local | | Frontal | Conan | Big City | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Jimmy Kimmel Live | (35) Late Show (HD) | | (35) Tonight (HD) | | Frontal | Law & Order: SVU | Big City | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Local Programs | | Pre/Post | New Girl | Family | Star Wars | | "The Prestige" (06) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Nightline | Corden | | Late Night | SC (HD) | Conan | Family | Star Wars | "El Royal" | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |



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Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

'Tis the season...fa...la...la...la...

‘Tis the season for tradition...fa la la la la la la...
By the way,did you know that “‘Tis” is an “old,” as in “very old contraction of ‘it is’”?

Dictionary.com was kind enough to inform me that “the apostrophe replaces the ‘i’ in the word ‘it’ to create ‘tis.”

It seems that ‘tis was a “fan favorite in the early 1700s, even though merriam-webster.com says that the first known use of ‘tis was in the 15th century. No, the word did not make its first appearance in this column.

Furthermore, dictionary.com continues, ‘tis “is known as a proclitic.” I’m guessing you already knew that. A proclitic “is a word that ‘is closely connected in pronunciation with the following word and does not have an independent accent or phonological status.” So, there.

‘Tis “was probably popular because it was easy to say, especially if you needed to express yourself in a hurry or in the lyrics of a catchy tune...”

...as in “Deck the Halls,” which is where we find the word ‘tis and that catchy little connection of f’s, a’s and l’s...as in fa la la la la.

“Deck the Halls” debuted in 1862, and apparently had its origins in a Welsh New Year’s Eve song called “Nos Galan.”

Fa la was another one of those really, really old-time things that first showed up in the late 1500s and is described as a “meaningless sound sequence” or “meaningly syllables” which occurred in the refrain of a song. I like the idea of meaningless syllables, since I use a lot of those.

Now that I have completely wasted your valuable time, let’s get back to where this started...
...with the idea of tradition...
...for a while now, I’ve been sharing some of my favorite critter photographs with you folks as the year came to an end. As 2019 nears its end, we’ll continue the tradition.

The images you see on this pages were all seen in Union County during the past year. By the way, thank you for the kind words some of you folks have shared during the year. I especially am grateful for the “anonymous” note which arrived at The Paragraph Factory one day last week.

Next week, if all goes as planned, we’ll continue the tradition with some of my favorite photos of squirrels.

Happy New Year to everybody. Hope you enjoy the pics...



June 30. Egret. In floodwaters near Ware.



July 23. Dragonfly. Jonesboro.



July 7. Some sort of bird. Somewhere in Union County.



April 17. Well-fed rabbit. Cobden.



May 16. Canada geese. At a pond in Union County.



March 21. Hawk. Somewhere in Union County.



March 23. Killdeer. Cobden.



March 24. Snail. Trail of Tears State Forest, Union County.



May 9. Turtle. Pond, somewhere in Union County.