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## News

### Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

Happy New Year to all of our readers.

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Once again...if you plan to celebrate the arrival of the new year, please do not drink and drive.

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The Union County Sheriff's Office has received a welcomed free supply of Narcan from Egyptian Health Services.

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The sheriff's office, and the Anna Police Department, both have new vehicles.

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The Union County Highway Department worked to repair some damage which was caused by recent heavy rainfall.

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Union County commissioner Darryl Harvell continues to push for the development and placing of a large statue of Abraham Lincoln in Jonesboro. The statue would be similar to one of Superman which stands in Metropolis.

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Martha Ann Webb received a lot of praise at last week's Anna City Council for the work she does with the Honor Wreaths for Veterans program. Webb is a member of the city council. Her goal is to have an Honor Wreath on the grave of every veteran in Union County.

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The Anna City Council last week approved an ordinance authorizing the issuing of water and sewer revenue bonds.

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A one-day Annabelle Festival is planned on June 11 in the downtown Anna area. Organizers are seeking support from the City of Anna for the event.

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A bid opening is planned Jan. 25 for a water project in Anna which includes work on the water tower along Florsheim Drive.

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## County clerk shares 2022 election updates

Plans for the 2022 election season were shared at last week's regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners.

The meeting was Wednesday morning, Dec. 22, at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Last week's session was the final meeting of calendar year 2021 for the county commissioners.

Union County Clerk Lance Meisenheimer pre-

sented information about the 2022 primary and general elections at the meeting.

Prior to the meeting, the county clerk had issued a update about the 2022 election.

"The 2022 primary and general elections are coming up soon," Meisenheimer shared in the news release.

The county clerk said there are some changes in

the dates for the primary election.

"Normally, the primary is in mid- to late-March, but with legislation changes by the state, it is now pushed back to a later than normal date," he said.

The primary election is scheduled in late June. The general election still is scheduled in early November.

The county clerk highlighted significant changes

that voters will need to know for the 2022 primary election:

Circulation of nominating petitions by candidates is set to begin on Jan. 13, 2022.

Candidates will begin filing nominating petitions on March 14, 2022.

Primary election early voting and voting by mail is scheduled to begin on May 19.

June 23 is the last day

for vote by mail ballots to be sent out.

Primary election day is scheduled on June 28.

On Sept. 29, general election early voting and voting by mail is scheduled to start.

Nov. 3 is set as the last day for vote by mail ballots to be sent out.

General election day is set for Nov. 8.

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### Southern Seven COVID-19 update

## 54 new cases in county

Southern Seven Health Department on Monday, Dec. 27, reported 54 newly confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Union County.

The update was for the period from Wednesday, Dec. 22, through Monday, Dec. 27.

The newly confirmed Union County cases involved eight children under 10 years of age, nine teens, three persons in their 20s, five in their 30s, 11 in their 40s, 12 in their 50s, two in their 60s, two in their 70s and two 80-plus years old.

Southern Seven Health Department's update also showed:

A cumulative total of 3,493 cases in Union County since the start of the pandemic. A total of 3,340 recovered cases had been reported in the county.

There were 102 active cases in the county. A total of 51 deaths had been re-

ported in the county since the start of the pandemic.

The health department serves Union, Johnson, Pope, Hardin, Alexander, Pulaski and Massac counties.

Southern Seven Health Department shared the following information about cases in the region in the update:

194 newly confirmed cases. 150 newly recovered. 428 total active cases. 184 total deaths. 12,228 cumulative total cases.

All of the statistics provided by the health department are provisional and are subject to change.

The health department reminds everyone to continue to follow COVID-19 safety measures in public settings, even after they have been fully vaccinated, to further control the spread of the virus.

## Illinois ramps up effort to battle COVID surge

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SPRINGFIELD - Local hospitals and health departments will get help from the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency to meet the healthcare demand during a COVID-19 surge, adding staffing to provide medical care and provide vaccines and testing.

The state will also help ramp up COVID-19 testing, now operating six days a week beginning Jan. 3 to increase availability.

"We are also increasing testing and continuing to distribute monoclonal antibodies, anti-viral pills and any treatments or personal protective equipment communities need," Gov. JB Pritzker said during a news conference Monday.

"I will continue to do everything possible to protect all the people of this state, whatever your vaccine status. But what kind of year 2022 turns out to be depends on all of us doing what is best for all of us."

Pritzker was on a call with President Joe Biden and the National Governors Association on Monday morning to discuss the response to the Omicron variant.

Illinois Department of Public Health director Dr. Ngozi Ezike confirmed that Illinois is seeing higher hospitalization rates.

The state is now averaging 500 hospital admissions a day due to COVID-19.

While Illinois was still battling the Delta variant of COVID-19, the Omicron

variant was introduced a couple of weeks ago.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention said earlier this month that the Omicron variant is the dominate strain of COVID-19 in the United States, with more than 73 percent of new cases attributable to the variant.

To protect from the COVID-19, harm reduction strategies will still need to be employed, Ezike said, like wearing masks, social distancing, hand-washing and staying away from large crowds.

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### Student at work

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School student Brett Smith utilized the equipment at the school's new welding lab. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

## Grant program expands tech education curriculum at A-JCHS

Grant money awarded to Anna-Jonesboro Community High School is being utilized to expand the school's curriculum and to give students additional options for hands-on instruction in marketable technical skills.

The program provides funds for school districts to create, improve or expand Career Technical Education, CTE, curriculums.

The discretionary formula grant utilizes Perkins reserve funds targeted to districts with demonstrated financial need.

Through the program, A-JCHS will receive \$68,000 a year for the next three years to develop and implement a new CTE program of study designed to prepare students for careers in high-skill, high-wage, in-demand employment, aligned to labor market data.

"This program offers

another route for students to get some meaningful courses in their curriculum and a better chance of success in the long run," said A-JCHS director of curriculum and instruction Scott Finders.

Phase one of the project has outfitted A-JCHS with a new welding lab, featuring six new welding machines, ventilation equipment, eight new welding booths, safety gear and training materials.

Funds were also used for the training of A-JCHS agriculture teacher Nick James to instruct a new series of welding classes for students.

Twenty A-JCHS students have enrolled in the welding training program this school year. With two more years of funding from the grant, A-JCHS is hoping to expand their CTE curriculum even further.

"As we move forward we will be looking to con-

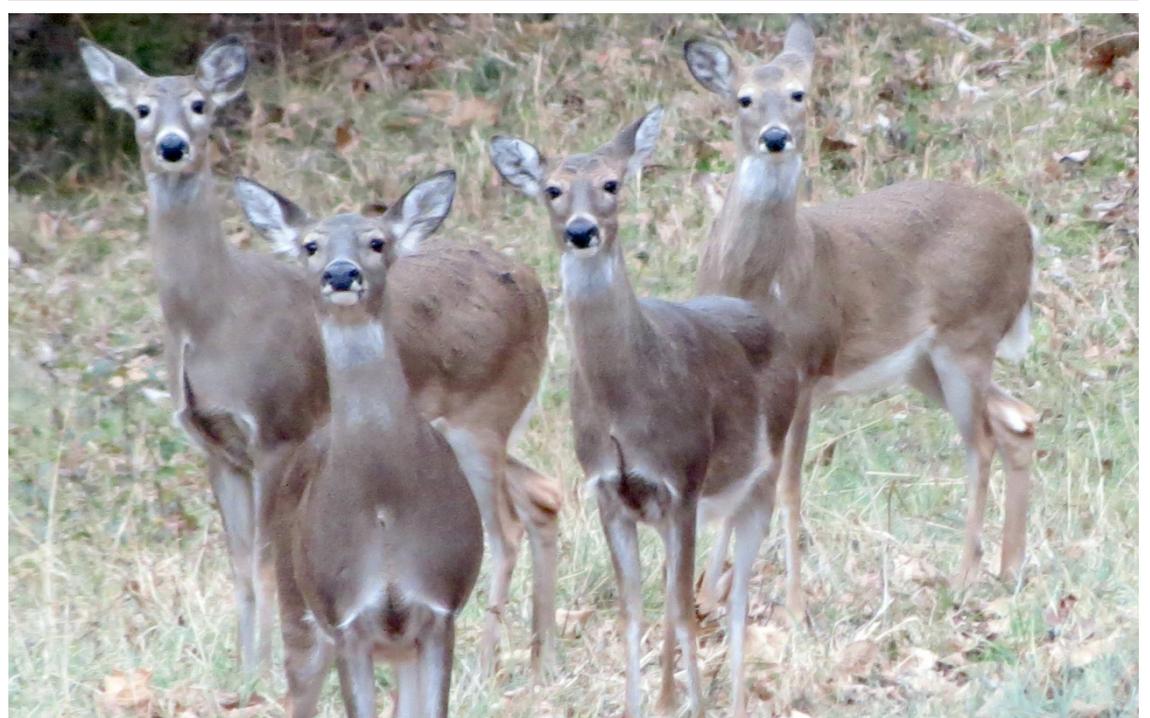
tinue to expand our CTE department," said Finders. "There's the potential to bring on another staff member to expand the classes available. Of course this is pending board approval."

Other possible future projects include restoring the greenhouse by the A-JCHS football field to offer horticulture classes.

There is also the possibility of teaming with Shawnee Community College in the future to offer dual credit for CTE classes.

"We could even expand our ag construction program and create what we think will be some additional functional electives for our students, where before they wouldn't have had that option," said Finders.

"This will open up our course offerings to include more options that some students might find more appealing and fulfilling."



### Wide-eyed whitetails

Four white-tailed deer were on full alert after they spotted the photographer. The photograph was taken on the afternoon of Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, along Mountain Glen Road near Cobden. Perhaps the deer were anticipating a visit from Santa Claus...and the arrival of their reindeer cousins Dasher, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen and the fellow with the red nose.



# 2022 election update

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## County Offices

The 2022 election will feature voting for the following Union County offices:

Union County commissioner, Seat C, six-year term.

Union County commissioner, Seat E, six-year term.

Union County sheriff, four-year term.

Union County treasurer, four-year term.

Union County clerk/recorder, four-year term.

Union County precinct committee men and women posts, all two-year terms.

The incumbents for the county offices include:

County commissioner, Seat C, David Gould. County commissioner, Seat E, Bobby Toler Jr.

Sheriff, Dale Foster. Treasurer, Leigh Burns. Clerk/recorder, Lance Meisenheimer.

All of the current office-

holders were in attendance at Friday morning's county board of commissioners meeting.

Gould, Foster, Burns and Meisenheimer all said that they plan to seek reelection. Toler said he does not plan to run.

## Resident Circuit Judge

Union County will also have a race for resident circuit judge to fill a vacancy.

The incumbent is Tim Denny. Denny announced his candidacy for 2022 in May.

## Statewide Offices

Union County voters also will be casting ballots for statewide offices, including:

U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative in Congress, governor and lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, comptroller, treasurer, state senator, state representative(s) and regional superintendent of schools.

## 'Voter Purge'

"We are also preparing to execute a 'voters purge' in January once the legislative districts lines are fully accepted and adopted," Meisenheimer announced.

"A 'voter purge' is when we send out voter registration cards to verify that the address you are registered to vote at is valid and correct.

"If you feel that your address is wrong or needing updated, please feel free to contact our office to verify we have your correct information.

"I do expect for Union County to change to just one state representative and one state senator in the whole county once the new maps are adopted.

"I plan to keep all the polling places and precincts the same so that there is no confusion to the voters at this time."

Looking back at the

county's election in 2020, the county clerk said in the news release:

"The 2020 primary and general elections were very successful and smoothly run here in Union County.

"My staff and I are preparing for this election with the same mentality that it will be a fair and correct election for you as voters.

"We are always looking for election judges to help work the day of the elections: if interested, please contact our office to find out how to become an election judge and help serve and keep our elections running.

"As always, if you have any questions, please contact me or my staff for help."

The county clerk's office is located in Room 116 at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro. The office's phone number is 833-5711.

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# News Notes

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The Anna City Council last week authorized the employment of Cody Hand as a full-time patrolman with the Anna Police Department.

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There's lots of speculation about the future of the former Bunny Bread property in Anna. Some tenants have already moved out. New owners have made no announcement.

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Tri-State RV has been sold. A large reduction in inventory is said to be temporary. Local staff is still in place.

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Curt's Classics auto sales is no longer operating at the four-way stop in Anna; the Dongola location is headquarters.

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The gas station at the intersection of Illinois Route 146 and I-57 east of Anna is under new ownership.

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The Union County Board of Commissioners had its last meeting of calendar year 2021 on Wednesday morning, Dec. 22.

Supervisors from each of Southern Seven Head Start's 11 locations, along with the service team and administrators from the central office, met Dec. 21 in Anna.

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The county is advertising for a full-time assistant state's attorney, a full-time assistant public defender and a full-time paralegal.

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The Union County Museum and shop are closed for the winter. The museum and shop are scheduled to reopen on March 5, 2022.

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Fifty years ago this month, state public health officials were voicing concerns about "a major polio problem" in Illinois related to low immunization levels in preschool children.

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Also...from 50 years ago this month...the high temperature on Christmas Day in Union County was 64 degrees...

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...and the high temperature on Christmas Day 2021 in Union County was 72 degrees.

# COVID surge

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"We have a vaccine that is highly effective at preventing severe illness and death," Ezike said.

"Currently, we are seeing a demand for booster doses, but it is critically important for those who have yet to receive even one dose of vaccine to get vaccinated."

The vast majority of cases, hospitalizations and deaths are among the unvaccinated, Ezike said.

Those most at risk are more than 65 years old; suffer from heart, liver or kidney disease; are immunocompromised or have diabetes.

Vaccine clinics will be held in Cook, DuPage, Lake, Will, Kane, St. Clair, McLean, Sangamon, Peoria, Winnebago, Jackson and Adams counties. Anyone age 12 older can get a first or second dose at these locations.

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# Weekly new COVID-19 cases reported in Illinois

- Dec. 24: 77,246
- Dec. 17: 59,312
- Dec. 10: 49,668
- Dec. 3: 42,559
- Nov. 24: 21,034
- Nov. 19: 28,280
- Nov. 12: 22,600
- Nov. 5: 17,462
- Oct. 29: 14,616
- Oct. 22: 15,131
- Oct. 15: 15,669
- Oct. 8: 19,244
- Oct. 1: 18,735
- Sept. 24: 21,787
- Sept. 17: 25,956
- Sept. 10: 26,062
- Sept. 3: 30,319
- Aug. 27: 25,636
- Aug. 20: 24,682
- Aug. 13: 21,334
- Aug. 6: 16,742
- July 30: 11,682
- July 23: 7,983
- July 16: 4,449
- July 9: 2,945
- July 2: 2,120
- June 25: 1,744
- June 18: 928

Source: Illinois Department of Public Health

# Update medical exams

Southern Seven Health Department says that if you have been avoiding, or even cancelled, routine medical exams and cancer screenings due to COVID-19, make time during January to schedule medical appointments for the year and get your health back on track.

The health department said in a news release that according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC, by June 30, 2020, because of concerns about COVID-19, an estimated 41 percent (that's 4 in 10) of U.S. adults had delayed or avoided medical care, including urgent or emergency care (12 percent) and routine care (32 percent).

This delay or avoidance of medical care could increase illnesses and deaths associated with both chronic and acute health conditions for years to come, the health department advised.

While doctors are reporting in-person appointments are increasing, many patients still haven't rescheduled annual exams such as colonoscopies, mammograms, and eye and dental exams.

Southern Seven Health Departments advises area residents that medical offices continue to take every precaution to keep you and your family safe, and encourage you to call if you have any questions.

To help make the most of your scheduling time, Southern Seven Health De-

partment has provided a brief list of the most common medical exams to consider when planning your appointment.

Talk with your doctor to find out what exams are right for you based on your particular health situation.

Here's a look at the most common medical exams to consider:

A wellness check-up to determine current health issues and next steps of care. Annual cancer screenings, including colonoscopies, mammograms, gynecologic, prostate, skin and others. You can also request a free at-home colon cancer screening kit from Southern Seven Health Department.

An eye examination. A hearing check. A dental examination and cleaning.

An immunizations update, including flu, pneumonia and shingles.

While it's normal to still have concerns about COVID-19, visiting your doctor is safe to do, the health department advises.

Continue to take precautions against the virus, such as wearing a mask, watching your social distance and washing your hands.

And if you still need your COVID-19 shot or booster, call Southern Seven Health Department at 618-634-2297 to schedule an appointment near you. For more information about COVID-19, visit the health department online at southern7.org.

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**Light of the season**

A nativity scene has been displayed for many years on the grounds at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church during the Christmas holiday season. A nearby light cast a star-like image over the nativity scene just a few days before Christmas, which was celebrated Dec. 25.

**Much colder weather expected by Sunday**

After an unseasonably warm Christmas Day in Union County, much colder weather is in the forecast for the second day of the new year.

The high temperature reached 73 degrees in the Union County area on Christmas Day, which was Dec. 25.

That was followed by a high of 72 on Monday, Dec. 27.

Mild temperatures were expected for a few more days in the region.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah on Tuesday posted the following forecast for the area which includes Union County:

Thursday, today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 56, with a low around 44 overnight.

Friday: A 50 percent chance of rain after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 61. Rain overnight and mostly cloudy, with a low around 51.

New Year's Day, Saturday: Rain likely, mainly before noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 61. Winds could gust as high as 21 miles per hour. Slight chance of rain before midnight; mostly cloudy, with a low around 25.

Sunday: A slight chance of snow. Mostly sunny, with a high near 33. Winds could gust as high as 21 mph. Mostly clear overnight, with a low around 20.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 40.

**Heavy Rainfall Possible**  
The weather service also was calling for widespread

showers and a few thunderstorms which could bring heavy rainfall and a flooding threat to the region late Friday through Saturday night.

**Weather**

**High of 73 degrees on Christmas Day**

The high temperature was 73 degrees on Christmas Day in Union County.

The period of Dec. 21-27 was dry, with no precipitation recorded.

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

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Tuesday, Dec. 21	53	24
Wednesday, Dec. 22	45	25
Thursday, Dec. 23	56	25
Friday, Dec. 24	67	56
Saturday, Dec. 25	73	42
Sunday, Dec. 26	65	37
Monday, Dec. 27	72	50

**Census Bureau: Illinois continues to lose population**

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SPRINGFIELD – New estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau suggest Illinois is continuing to lose population.

The latest estimates, released Tuesday, Dec. 22, pegged the state's population at 12,671,469 as of July 1, 2021, which was down by 113,776, or 0.9 of a percent, from the official 2020 census.

Several factors contributed to the change, but the single largest was domestic outmigration.

According to the data, 122,460 people moved from Illinois to other states during the period from April 1, 2020, to July 1, 2021, while only 5,766 people moved into the state, a net loss of 116,694.

Those losses were offset by a net gain of 5,766 people through international migration as well as a "natural" increase of 2,778 people – the difference between in-state births and deaths during the period.

The Census Bureau routinely estimates national, state and county populations each year following a decennial census using a variety of data sources. But those estimates have been off in the past.

In 2019, for example, the Census Bureau estimated that Illinois had lost more than 51,000 people since the 2010

census while the official 2020 census showed the state had lost about only 18,000.

Still, the latest estimates for Illinois reflect broader national trends of decreased international migration, lower birth rates and increased mortality, due in part to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Overall, the Census Bureau said, the U.S. population grew by 444,464, since the 2020 census, or 0.13 percent, the lowest growth rate since the nation's founding.

"Population growth has been slowing for years because of lower birth rates and decreasing net international migration, all while mortality rates are rising due to the aging of the nation's population," Census Bureau demographer Kristie Wilder said in a news release.

"Now, with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, this combination has resulted in a historically slow pace of growth."

The estimates showed that both the Midwest and Northeast regions saw net population declines over the year, while the South and West regions both gained population.

Over the past year, the Census Bureau said, the nation's population growth was due to a natural increase of 148,043, and net international migration of 244,622, marking the first time that net international migration

exceeded natural growth.

Between 2020 and 2021, 33 states saw population increases and 17 states and the District of Columbia lost population, 11 of which had losses of more than 10,000 people. This is a historically large number of states to lose population in a year.

On a percentage basis, Illinois had the third largest population decline, behind the District of Columbia, at 2.9 percent, and New York, at 1.6 percent. Idaho, Utah and Montana had the largest percentage increases.

On a numeric basis, Illinois also had the third largest population decline, behind New York and California. Texas, Florida and Arizona had the largest numeric population increases.

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U.S. Census Bureau "QuickFacts" information showed a population of 17,244 people for Union County on April 1, 2020. The county's population was 17,808 on April 1, 2010. Population estimate information for the county as of July 1, 2021, was not available.

With hope and gratitude in our hearts, we wish you a happy New Year and offer our thanks for your faithful support.

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# Sports

## A-J girls snap losing streak with win over Johnston City

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' basketball team snapped a five-game losing streak with a 48-26 win over visiting Johnston City Monday, Dec. 20.

"We needed that one," A-J head coach Matt Denny said.

Marlee Smith made three 3-pointers and Brodie Denny added another to lead the way in the first quarter as the Lady Wildcats built a 21-6 lead. A-J was up 31-16 at the half.

Addison Denny led the

way for A-J with 17 points, 25 rebounds, 2 assists and a steal.

Smith scored 16 points, with five 3-pointers, to go with a rebound and an assist.

Jenna Sadler had 7 points, 7 rebounds, 4 assists and 2 blocked shots. Brodie Denny added 5 points, 3 assists and 2 rebounds.

Macie George had 3 points, an assist, a blocked shot and a steal. Riley Cruse had 1 point, 2 rebounds and an assist.

A-J improved to 6-8 overall with the victory.

## Local teams in action at holiday tournaments

Holiday tournaments are on the schedule for Union County high school sports teams.

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' basketball team is scheduled to compete in the 57th annual Eldorado Tournament.

The tournament features the host Eagles, A-J, Carmi-White County, Harrisburg, Vienna, Hardin County, West Frankfort, Norris City and Edwards County.

The Cobden High School

boys' basketball team is scheduled to compete in the Sesser-Valier Holiday Tournament.

Along with Cobden, the tournament features the host Red Devils, Christopher, Altamont, Goreville, Johnston City, Sparta, Century, New Athens, Galatia, Zeigler-Royalton, Marissa/Coulterville, Waltonville, Thompsonville, Red Bud and Elverado.

The Dongola Christmas Round Robin boys' tournament will feature the host Demons, Pope County, Joppa and Egyptian.

The A-JCHS junior varsity and varsity girls' basketball teams are scheduled to compete in the Centralia Christ Our Rock Lutheran Winterfest Tournament.

The Centralia tournament also features Johnston City, Elverado, Carbondale, Greenville, Vandalia, Wesclin, Trico, Dupo, Webber Township and Madison.

The A-JCHS wrestling team is scheduled to compete at the Abe's Rumble Tournament this week in Springfield.

## Osman scores hole-in-one

Daniel Osman scored a hole-in-one while golfing on Tuesday, Dec. 21, at the Union County Country Club course in Anna.

Osman aced the 145-yard number 3 hole. He was using a 4 wood.

The shot was witnessed by Roger Vanderpool and Walt Zeschke.

## Du Quoin outscores Wildcats

Du Quoin built an early lead and held on for a 76-54 win over host Anna-Jonesboro in Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division high school boys' basketball action Tuesday, Dec. 21.

Dylan Harvel had 17 points and 7 rebounds to lead the Wildcats.

Landon Trammel had 11 points and 3 rebounds. Dawson Trammel had 9 points and 4 rebounds. Ethan Carver had 5 points and 4 rebounds. Payton Denny had 4 points and a rebound.

A-J was 15 of 31 in shot attempts from the field, 2 of 12 from 3-point range and 18 of 30 from the free throw line.

Du Quoin was 14 of 31 from the floor, 12 of 22 from 3-point range and 12 of 17 from the charity stripe.

A-J is scheduled to play this week in the Eldorado Holiday Tournament.

## A-J wrestlers in action

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School wrestling team competed twice in recent action.

The Wildcats competed in a dual meet at home Tuesday, Dec. 21, against Goreville and Marion and at the Mascoutah tournament on Saturday, Dec. 19.

Results from the home meet follow:

**A-J 64, Goreville 18:** Zoe Sadler, 120 pounds; Blake Mays, 138 pounds; T.J. Macy, 145 pounds; Drew Holshouser, 152 pounds; Matteo Vaca Diez, 170 pounds; Cameron Sperry, 220 pounds and Eddie Dahmer, 285 pounds, led the way for A-J — each wrestler recorded a pin.

Drew Sadler, 113 pounds, won on a major decision, 14-0, and Daniel Dover, 126 pounds; Oregon Dover, 132 pounds and Evan Victory, 195 pounds, each won by forfeit.

**Marion 39, A-J 36:** Dan-



## January 2021: Scoreboard in the snow

Mother Nature created ideal conditions for creating some snowballs on Wednesday morning, Jan. 27, at the Anna City Park. The photograph was taken at Kiwanis Field at the park. Kiwanis Field is the home field for the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School baseball team. The scoreboard stands just outside the outfield fence.

## Cobden wins at tournament

With 1.09 seconds remaining in the game and the score tied, Elliott Lowndes made a pair of free throws to lift the Cobden High School boys' basketball team to a 45-43 win over New Athens in first-round action at the Sesser-Valier Holiday Tournament Monday, Dec. 27.

Cobden was behind through the first three quarters of the game.

"We got outplayed until the final quarter," Cobden coach Wendell Wheeler said.

The Appleknockers outscored New Athens 20-10 in the final period to earn the come-from-behind win.

With the victory, Cobden won its seventh straight game.

Cobden, 8-6, was scheduled to play Goreville on Tuesday in tournament action.

## Fairfield defeats A-J

Fairfield pulled ahead early on its way to a 49-33 win over Anna-Jonesboro in a first-round game Monday, Dec. 27, at the high school boys' basketball Eldorado Holiday Tournament.

Landon Trammel led A-J with 20 points, including six 3-pointers and 3 rebounds.

Ethan Carver had 6 points and 4 rebounds. Dylan Harvel had 3 points and 4 rebounds. Dawson Trammel had 2 points and 3 rebounds. Bryce Henry had 2 points and a rebound.

A-J was scheduled to continue tournament play on Tuesday against West Frankfort.

## A-J girls win tourney game by forfeit

COVID-19 has impacted the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' basketball team's holiday tournament schedule.

Sandoval forfeited its first game at the Christ Our Lutheran Winterfest high school girls' basketball tournament to A-J.

The game was to have been played Monday, Dec. 27.

Sandoval forfeited the game because several players had contracted the virus.

A-J, 6-9, was scheduled to continue tournament play on Tuesday against Greenville.

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# SIU adjusts plans for return to campus in response to COVID

In response to the latest surge in COVID-19 cases, Southern Illinois University Carbondale has adjusted its plans for the spring semester.

SIUC chancellor Austin A. Lane sent the following email to the campus community:

With the recent spike in COVID-19 cases, we have adjusted our plans for spring semester.

Upon return to campus, all on-campus employees and students, including those who are fully vaccinated, must be tested for COVID-19 to ensure we maintain the public health of our campus community as we launch the spring semester.

Classes will proceed on Jan. 10, with precautions such as our continued requirement to wear masks in shared indoor spaces.

For fully vaccinated employees and students, this will be a one-time test to return to campus.

Employees and students who are not fully vaccinated will continue the weekly testing requirement, per the governor's executive order.

Through an agreement with Reditus Laboratories, we will provide COVID testing at Grinnell Hall at no charge to you. You will receive a \$5 Starbucks gift card after your on-campus test.

Getting a COVID test will be simple and convenient; the results will be uploaded automatically.

Learn more about testing on campus, including how to preregister and required documents.

**Faculty/instructors and staff:** You must complete

an on-campus COVID test within 48 hours of your return to campus from winter break.

For example, if you return to campus on Monday, Jan. 3, you must complete the COVID test by Jan. 5.

**On-campus residential students:** You must have a negative COVID test within 72 hours before returning to campus or be tested on campus by Jan. 11.

**Students not residing on campus:** You must have an on-campus COVID test by Jan. 11.

We are fortunate to have high vaccination rates, 77 percent for students and 84 percent for employees.

Shortly after classes start, we will host a vaccine booster clinic Jan. 19-20, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. in the Renaissance Room of the Student Center. Boosters for Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson will be available.

Details, including a link to sign up, will be posted at [siu.edu/coronavirus](http://siu.edu/coronavirus).

Vaccinations, with boosters, are the best strategy to avoid serious illness and death. If you want to receive a vaccine or booster now, visit [vaccines.gov](http://vaccines.gov) to find a site near you.

At this time, we plan to keep spring break in our calendar. However, COVID is unpredictable, and we will continue to monitor the situation and adapt our plans as needed to keep our campus community safe.

Given the significant uptick in COVID cases nationwide following the holidays, we are seeking full participation in this testing protocol. If you have questions, email [pandemicinfo@siu.edu](mailto:pandemicinfo@siu.edu).



**March 2021: A-J opens spring football season**

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team opened its 2021 spring football season in March with a road game at Carterville. The Illinois high school football season was not played during the fall of 2020 due to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. A-J had six games on its spring schedule. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

## New state law provides for licensure path for certified professional midwives in Illinois

**By Beth Hundsdorfer  
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Colleen Marotta has delivered hundreds of babies.

Marotta, 43, of Arlington Heights, became a nurse in 2001. Ten years later, she became a certified professional midwife, or CPM. When Marotta was a CPM the law barred her from delivering babies in Illinois, forcing her to drive to Wisconsin to deliver babies there.

On Tuesday morning, Dec. 14, Gov. JB Pritzker signed a bill that allows the certification and licensure of certified professional midwives in Illinois.

The new law sets qualification and educational standards for CPMs. It is effective on Oct. 1, 2022.

“With the legislation I sign today, the lifesaving and life-giving work midwives perform will be legally recognized here in Illinois. It’s a victory decades in the making and one that

recognizes the full worth and value of midwives in reproductive care,” Pritzker said.

“Most importantly, it ensures safe home births for every mother who chooses to deliver out-of-hospital: another step forward advancing health equity in communities across our state.”

The 2020 report to the General Assembly by the Illinois Task Force on Infant and Maternal Mortality Among African Americans stated that the pregnancy-related mortality rate in Illinois is 23 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births, a severe maternal morbidity rate of 51.4 per 10,000 births, and an infant mortality rate of 6.5 infant deaths per 1,000 live births.

In all of these categories, African American mothers and infants die or are injured at significantly higher rates than their white counterparts.

In addition to attending

at-home births, CPMs provide supervision, prenatal and post-natal care and advice to a pregnant woman during a low-risk pregnancy, labor and post-partum, as well as providing normal newborn care.

“Although our work is far from done, this is a good step that will reduce child and maternal mortality in Illinois,” State Rep. Mary E. Flowers, D-Chicago, said.

“This moment is years in the making and I look forward to continuing to work with the governor and my colleagues in the General Assembly to improve maternal health outcomes for low-income women.”

The COVID-19 pandemic has led more expecting mothers to turn to home births attended by midwives, instead of traditional hospital births, Marotta said.

“It provides autonomy, choice and support for the mother,” Marotta said. “As well as having whomever the mother, whomever they want in their labor space.”

In order to be licensed as a midwife, a candidate must be a certified professional midwife registered with the North American Registry of Midwives.

In addition, the candidate must complete a midwifery education program accredited by the Midwife Education and Accreditation Council.

Illinois is the 37th state in the United States to recognize certified professional midwives.

The bill took nine months

to “birth,” State Rep. Robyn Gabel, D-Evanston, said.

“Midwives are trained to do home births, but they haven’t been able to get the certifications they need to do that in this state,” Gabel said.

“Not only will having a formal process for certifying midwives make home births safer for mothers and babies, but it will also give new and expecting parents more options at such a critical time in their lives.”

Marotta earned her master’s degree and went on to become a certified nurse midwife around 2014 so she could handle more complicated cases and deliver in Illinois.

Marotta, the mother of four, gave birth to her children at home. She works for Midwives Care LLC in New Lenox, a practice that serves rural and suburban populations.

As CPMs become more prevalent, Marotta said she thinks that more women will choose at-home births.

“I think that there is an empowering feeling that a woman has having their baby at home,” she said.

“This experience and having loved ones around brings the family closer together because they shared that experience.”

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## Area legislator appointed to newly created Nonprofit Electric Generation Task Force

A Southern Illinois state legislator has been appointed to the newly created Nonprofit Electric Generation Task Force.

State Sen. Terri Bryant, R-Murphysboro, was appointed to the task force, which aims to investigate carbon capture and debt financing options for the Prairie State Energy Campus in Marissa.

"Prairie State is a vital economic driver that employs more than 600 permanent, full-time workers and stimulates an additional 800 jobs within Southern Illinois," Bryant said in a news release.

"Without Prairie State, 180 different communities would lose access to cheap and affordable electricity that provides power to more than 2.5 million families and businesses."

The Nonprofit Electric Generation Task Force has been charged with investigating the technical and financial options to install carbon capture, sequestration and direct air capture systems at the Prairie State Energy Campus.

The task force also will evaluate the existing regulatory construct and legislative support mechanisms needed to reduce carbon at the facility.

The members of the task force will be responsible for preparing and filing a report of their findings to the Illinois General Assembly and governor.

"I want to thank Senate Republican Leader Dan McConchie for appointing me to this task force so we can build upon the work that Prairie State has already started," Bryant said.

"I look forward to working with the other members of this task force as we strive to install a carbon capturing system that will allow the

generating station to continue to power homes and businesses for generations."

The Nonprofit Electric Generation Task Force will be composed of 13 members.

The members will include a legislator from each caucus, a representative of the local municipalities with an ownership interest in Prairie State and a representative of a labor union or building trade with technical experience at a coal generation facility, as well as various other energy and utility stakeholders.

## Donation presented

Ameren Illinois has donated \$5,000 to the Poshard Foundation for the 2021 Christmas toy giveaway to help abused, abandoned and neglected children in Southern Illinois.

More than 2,000 gifts were distributed to 550 children.

Those present for the recent donation included Jo Poshard from the Poshard Foundation for Abused Children; Tina Gibbs, Ameren Illinois community relations executive; and Dr. Kirk Overstreet, president of John A. Logan College in Carterville.

## New Cairo office, food

Arrowleaf has announced plans to open a new Alexander County office and a new food pantry.

The office and food pantry are located at 1401 Washington Ave. in Cairo.

An open house is planned from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 3 to celebrate the opening.

Arrowleaf is a human services organization serving the Southern Illinois area which has its main office in Vienna.



## Christmas Eve bell ringers

Christmas Eve bell ringers at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna were under the direction of usher Mike Stegle, right. The young bell ringers included Mt. Moriah members Katie Stegle, Lauryn Stegle (hidden), Rowan LeFevre, Hasely LeFevre and (front) guests Elliott Malnar, Brianna Ramos and Isabella Ramos from Orlando, Fla.

The historic bell has announced services for 119 years at Mt. Moriah's present location. It may have been moved from the church's original frame building, which was located on South Street.

The next worship service at Mt. Moriah is planned at 9 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 2. Photo provided.

## News from

### Anna Nazarene Church

A Sunday morning worship service was held Dec. 26 in the church and on Zoom.

Singing was led by Pastor Randy Wright and the worship team.

The morning message by Pastor Wright was titled "Set Apart for God's Purpose." Scripture was from Romans, Thessalonians and Colossians.

The message can be found on the church's website at annanaz.com and on the church's Facebook page.

A New Year's Eve party is planned on Dec. 31.

Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 2.

Adult and children's Sunday School is planned at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 2.

A morning worship service is planned at 10:35 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 2.

Quizzing is planned at 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 2.

The church can be contacted by calling the church office at 833-6702 and leaving a message if necessary or by calling Pastor Wright at 618-534-7103.

Check out The Gazette-Democrat on line at [annanews.com](http://annanews.com)

## News from

### First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Dec. 26, Pastor Perry Williams spoke at the morning service.

In his message, the pastor addressed the question: "Is Christmas really over or has it just begun?" The message shared that "we need to celebrate Christmas every day of the year because we have a savior, Jesus Christ." The message was based on scripture from Luke.

The services were sent via transmitter for worshippers who stayed in their cars on the church's lower parking lot while tuned in to their radios on station 87.9 FM.

The service also was live streamed on Facebook, where it can be viewed.

The church's Facebook page has videos and the latest information about possible closings.

Music director Dee Rose led the worship. Debbie York was the pianist.

Megan, Lucas and Isabel Tehandon provided special music, the song "Hallelu-Cobden church

sets reception for interim pastor

The First Presbyterian Church of Cobden is planning to host a retirement reception in honor of its interim pastor.

Pastor Dan Whitfield has served as interim pastor of the Cobden church for two years.

The retirement reception is planned Sunday morning, Jan. 2, 2022, following the church's morning worship service. The service is at about 11:15 a.m. The reception is open to all friends and family.

Pastor Whitfield attended Louisville Theological Seminary. He spent 15 years ministering to the Vietnamese community. More recently, he has pastored in Marion and Benton.

Men's Bible study was planned Monday night, Dec. 27.

Bible study was planned Wednesday evening, Dec. 29.

The church office is scheduled to be closed Friday, Dec. 31, in observance of New Year's Day.

Birthdays: Rachel Poole, Dec. 26; Tiffany Beasley, Larry Rendleman, Dec. 30; Mary Lou Wright, Dec. 31; Jean Lynn, Jan. 2.

The regular schedule for worship at Jonesboro First Baptist Church includes Sunday School classes on Sunday at 9 a.m., Sunday morning worship at 10 a.m. and Sunday evening worship at 6 p.m.

Prayer and Bible study are scheduled at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

## Trail society New Year's Day hike planned

The River-to-River Trail Society plans to offer a New Year's Day hike Saturday, Jan. 1, on the Sentry Bluff Trail at Bell Smith Springs in Pope County. The hike is free and open to the public.

The trail society said hikers should meet at 10 a.m. at the main parking lot at Bell Smith Springs.

The trail society advised that hikers should dress warmly in layers and wear boots or other appropriate footwear.

Hiking sticks are strongly recommended by the trail society.

Hikers are asked to bring their own water and a snack, and to not bring dogs.

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# Southern Seven: Health officials urge Hepatitis B vaccinations

Southern Seven Health Department reports that in early November, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's, CDC, Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, ACIP, recommended universal Hepatitis B vaccination for all adults ages 19 to 59 in the United States and for adults 60 and older who are at high-risk for hepatitis B.

Southern Seven Health Department has joined with other Illinois health providers to shed light on this hidden epidemic to raise awareness about HBV and encouraging priority populations to get tested and vaccinated.

Hepatitis B is a serious liver disease caused by the Hepatitis B Virus, HBV, that affects about 2.4 million Americans.

The CDC estimates that approximately 60 million Americans were born before universal infant vaccination in the 1990's and may not be protected.

The CDC's recommendation follows Southern Seven Health Department's recent selection by the Center for Asian Health Equity, CAHE, at the University of Chicago Medicine and the Hope Light Foundation, HLF, in October to receive a grant to engage

residents of the Southern Seven region in HBV awareness and prevention.

This is the second year in a row that the department has received funding for the HBV program, which will be used to create and disseminate HBV prevention information to area agencies, healthcare facilities, schools and other community partners.

"Deaths from all cancers continue to rise in the Southern Seven region," said Shawna Rhine, community outreach coordinator for Southern Seven.

"We are grateful to these agencies for equipping us to be able to increase HBV education that will enable timely treatment and vaccinations to reduce cancer deaths associated with Hepatitis B."

Though people with HBV may not feel sick, left untreated, about one in four will eventually die from HBV-related health problems, including cirrhosis or liver cancer.

Symptoms of liver cancer are uncommon in the early stages. Later, symptoms may include weight loss, loss of appetite, abdominal pain, bloating, nausea, vomiting, fatigue and yellowed skin and eyes.

The virus is spread by contact with an infected person's

blood or certain body fluids.

The most common way that HBV is spread is from mother to baby during childbirth. Pregnant women, and women who are planning to become pregnant, should get tested for Hepatitis B to find out if they are HBV positive, the health department advised.

Other individuals who may be at high risk for HBV include those who use injected drugs, men who have sex with men and individuals born in or whose parents were born in Asian or African countries.

Although there is no cure for HBV, it can be prevented by vaccination.

The HBV vaccine is highly effective and can prevent babies, children and adults from getting infected.

The CDC recommends all babies get their first shot at birth and follow the vaccine schedule to be fully protected.

Southern Seven provides the vaccine, which is covered by most insurance carriers, to children and adults.

For more information about preventing the spread of Hepatitis B or to schedule an HBV screening or vaccine appointment, contact Southern Seven at 618-634-2297 or visit the department online at [www.southern7.org](http://www.southern7.org).



**November 2021: Veterans Day parade held in Anna**  
Emergency service vehicles, with their lights flashing, were lined up behind an honor guard during the 2021 Veterans Day parade in Anna. The parade was presented Nov. 11 by Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna.

## Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas.

Those enjoying lunch at the home of Jackie and Jay Jennings of Reynoldsville were Dolores Reynolds, Justin Wilson and girlfriend Megan and Sophie, Gracie Wilson, Jonathan and Betsy Oxford, Brylee and boyfriend Cameron, Nash and girlfriend Megan, Kendyl Oxford and Jenna Hartline, Joseph and River Kelley.

On Christmas Eve night those celebrating at the home of Rodney and Vicki Reynolds of Wolf Lake were Adam and Marissa Reynolds, Brady and Brooke Reynolds, Bryce and girlfriend Taylor, Brock Reynolds, Sara and Joey

Choate, Addy and Luke, Lara Reynolds, Riley and Titan.

Hunter Wilson and girlfriend Skylar visited on Christmas Day with Dolores Reynolds.

Those celebrating Christmas on Sunday at the home of Greg and Amy Reynolds of Reynoldsville were Dolores Reynolds, Jackie and Jay Jennings, Gracie Wilson, Jessie and Andrew Livesay, Rhiannon and Lane, Valley and Corey and son Skylar.

Those spending Christmas at the home of Julie and Eric Burtin, Tessa and Micah in St. Peters, Mo., were Shirley Miller, Penny and Kerry Hill and David

and Kristy Miller.

Sunday, Dec. 18, Penny and Kerry Hill of McClure hosted a birthday celebration for the birthday of Shirley Miller. Around 23 friends and family helped her celebrate.

Those visiting with Fred and Maxine Pender on Thursday night were Russ and Patsy Pender, Leslie Grace, Brad and Lori Pender, Austin Pender, Heather, Josh, Chesleigh and Slayton Miller, Shelton, Kayde and Ridge Pender.

Enjoying Christmas Day at the home of Russ and Patsy Pender in Olive Branch were Fred and Maxine Pender, Josh, Heather, Chesleigh and Slayton Miller and Shelton, Kayde and Ridge Pender.

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

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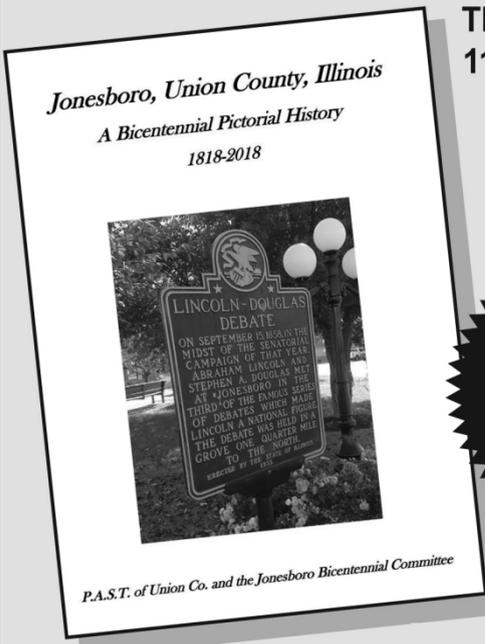
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Hannah did not go, explaining to her husband, "Once the child is weaned, I will take him to appear before the LORD and to remain there forever; I will offer him as a perpetual nazirite."

Once Samuel was weaned, Hannah brought him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and presented him at the temple of the LORD in Shiloh.

After the boy's father had sacrificed the young bull, Hannah, his mother, approached Eli and said: "Pardon, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood near you here, praying to the LORD. I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." Hannah left Samuel there. From the first Book of Samuel

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Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us. From the first Letter of John

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Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers.

When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. From the Gospel of Luke

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### Daily Devotional Reading

Luke	Titus	Titus	Titus	Revelation	Revelation	Ephesians
2:21-52	1:1-16	2:1-15	3:1-15	21:1-17	22:1-21	1:1-14

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Commission, INPC, programs. The grants are the first awards from the Illinois Natural Areas Stewardship Grant Program.

One of the grants is for an activity in Southern Illinois. The Illinois Audubon Society received \$60,000 for invasive species control at Round Pond Nature Pre-

serve in Pope County. The goal of the grant program is to increase the delivery of much-needed stewardship activities to natural areas permanently

protected within the INPC system. Funding for the grant program is derived from a portion of the Illinois Natural Areas Acquisition Fund.

## ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

The summary must be published in the local newspaper.

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021 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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Also by January 15, annually the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021, 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, 2021

		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	579,349	149,663	95,655	40,757	111,813	124,658	10,599	41,043	9,634
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Sources	3000	1,667,547	116,916	0	135,695	35,531	0	0	8,000	0
Federal Sources	4000	571,507	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Direct Receipts/Revenues</b>		<b>2,818,403</b>	<b>266,579</b>	<b>95,655</b>	<b>176,452</b>	<b>147,344</b>	<b>124,658</b>	<b>10,599</b>	<b>49,043</b>	<b>9,634</b>
<b>Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures</b>		<b>2,555,378</b>	<b>298,154</b>	<b>95,462</b>	<b>143,376</b>	<b>125,013</b>	<b>49,342</b>		<b>72,089</b>	<b>63,226</b>
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2020		755,112	142,877	52,532	166,225	45,187	61,085	357,639	33,908	53,592
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2021</b>		<b>1,018,137</b>	<b>111,302</b>	<b>52,725</b>	<b>199,301</b>	<b>67,518</b>	<b>136,401</b>	<b>368,238</b>	<b>10,862</b>	<b>0</b>

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

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### Know Consequences of Drinking, Driving

Each year in Illinois, hundreds of people die needlessly as the result of drinking or drugged driving.

Hundreds more are seriously injured or permanently disabled, and millions of dollars of property damage occur.

Here are some things you should know about the consequences of drinking and driving in Illinois.

#### DUI Conviction Penalties for Adults

**First DUI Conviction**  
Minimum of one-year loss of full driving privileges.

Possible imprisonment for up to one year.

Maximum fine of \$2,500.

.160 BAC and above mandatory minimum fine of \$500.00 and 100 hours of community service.

#### Second DUI Conviction

Minimum five-year loss of full driving privileges for a second conviction in a 20-year period.

Mandatory five days imprisonment or 240 hours community service.

Possible imprisonment for up to one year.

Maximum fine of \$2,500.

.160 BAC and above mandatory minimum fine of \$1,250.00 and 2 days in jail.

#### Third DUI Conviction: Class 2 Felony

Minimum ten-year loss of full driving privileges.

Possible imprisonment for up to seven years.

Maximum fine of \$25,000.

.160 BAC and above mandatory minimum fine of

\$2,500.00 and 90 days in jail.

#### Aggravated DUI

Class 4 felony (following a crash resulting in great bodily harm or permanent disfigurement).

Minimum of two-year loss of full driving privileges.

Mandatory 10 days imprisonment or 480 hours community service (with probation or conditional discharge).

Possible imprisonment for up to 12 years.

Maximum fine of \$25,000.

Source: Illinois State Police

### 2020 Illinois DUI Facts

254 people were killed in alcohol-related crashes, which was approximately 21 percent of the 1,195 total crash fatalities.

20,131 DUI arrests were recorded by the Secretary of State's office.

90 percent of all drivers arrested for DUI, who were eligible, lost their driving privileges.

244 drivers under age 21 lost their driving privileges due to Zero Tolerance law violations.

25 percent of those arrested for DUI were women, who represented 50 percent of all licensed drivers.

Males ages 21-24 had the highest DUI arrest rate (about 7 per 1,000 licensed drivers).

Source: Illinois Secretary of State

### 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

#### Driving After Drinking

Driving after drinking is deadly. Yet it still continues to happen across the United States.

If you drive while impaired, you could get arrested, or worse...be involved in a traffic crash that causes serious injury or death.

Approximately one-third of all traffic crash fatalities in the United States involve drunk drivers (with BACs of .08 g/dL or higher).

In 2019, there were 10,142 people killed in these preventable crashes.

In fact, on average over the 10-year period from 2010-2019, more than 10,000 people died every year in drunk-driving crashes.

In every state, it's illegal to drive drunk, yet one person was killed in a drunk-driving crash every 52 minutes in the United States in 2019.

#### Daily Deaths

Every day, about 28 people in the United States die in drunk-driving crashes: that's one person every 52 minutes.

In 2019, these deaths reached the lowest percentage since 1982 when NHTSA started reporting alcohol data, but still 10,142 people lost their lives. These deaths were all preventable.

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.

### Make Right Decision, Know How to 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-Hailing 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.

Source: NHTSA

### 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.

**Sources**  
Sources for information included websites for the Illinois State Police, the Illinois Secretary of State's office and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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# Without changes, patients risk 'going over the telehealth cliff'

By Tammie Sloup  
FarmWeek

For many patients and health care providers, telehealth has become an indispensable piece of the health care system, especially in rural areas.

More than 400 telehealth advocates sent a letter to congressional leaders this past summer stressing the need to take action to extend emergency measures approved during the pandemic.

"Many of the telehealth flexibilities are temporary and limited to the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency," the letter from 430 trade associations, hospitals, insurers and other groups said.

"Without action from Congress, Medicare beneficiaries will abruptly lose access to nearly all recently expanded coverage of telehealth when the COVID-19 (public health emergency) ends. This would have a chilling effect on access to care across the entire U.S. health care system, including on patients that have established relationships with providers virtually, with potentially dire consequences for their health."

There's been some movement in Congress: several bills introduced in the House and Senate outline measures that would make some of the loosened regulations and expanded access to telehealth permanent.

Telehealth refers to medical personnel providing health care through telecommunications, typically through the internet or a phone call.

A recent Senate hearing examined the importance of

telehealth access and how to structure future policy to address the needs of underserved communities.

While the underlying theme centered on expanding broadband access, discussion also focused on payment parity, improving digital literacy and removing geographical restrictions.

U.S. Sen. Ben Luján, D-N.M., who chairs the subcommittee on Communications, Media and Broadband, said telehealth visits increased more than 2,300 percent and nearly one in three health care visitors now use telehealth services.

Before the pandemic, about half of U.S. health care facilities were not equipped to offer telehealth services; today, that number is less than 5 percent.

"It is not enough to simply expand access to broadband," said Dr. Sterling N. Ransone Jr., president of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

"Congress must ensure that patients in need can access end-user devices, such as tablets, to connect to digital health tools and invest in training and assistance so patients can confidently use those tools to ensure we don't further marginalize and disenfranchise them."

Ransone said the AAFP also recommends preserving access to audio-only telehealth and adopting coverage and payment policies that support physicians' and clinicians' ability to choose the most appropriate modality of care.

"No two patients or cases are alike, and I should be able to choose how to care

for them based on my clinical judgement, not based on arbitrary insurance rules," he said.

Deanna Larson, president of Avel eCare and founder of the American Board of Telehealth, urged the committee to extend telehealth regulatory flexibilities.

"Without this support, patients will lose access and we could run the risk of going over the telehealth cliff. The ability to provide modality-neutral telemedicine, such as phone-only care, asynchronous care and remote patient monitoring, has proven especially valuable."

While the benefits of telehealth are clear, regulatory and connectivity challenges remain, said Brendan Carr, commissioner with the Federal Communications Commission, FCC.

The FCC played a key role in launching the Connected Care Pilot Program, which helps cover the cost of broadband connectivity, among other things, for low-income or veteran patients to access connected care services.

The FCC also launched the COVID-19 Telehealth Program and Rural Health Care Program, and is in charge of doling out billions to boost broadband access.

But there's more the FCC can and should do, he added. The biggest challenge ahead is implementation. Funding, specifically for broadband expansion, has traditionally been spread across different departments, and they "need to move in a coordinated way."

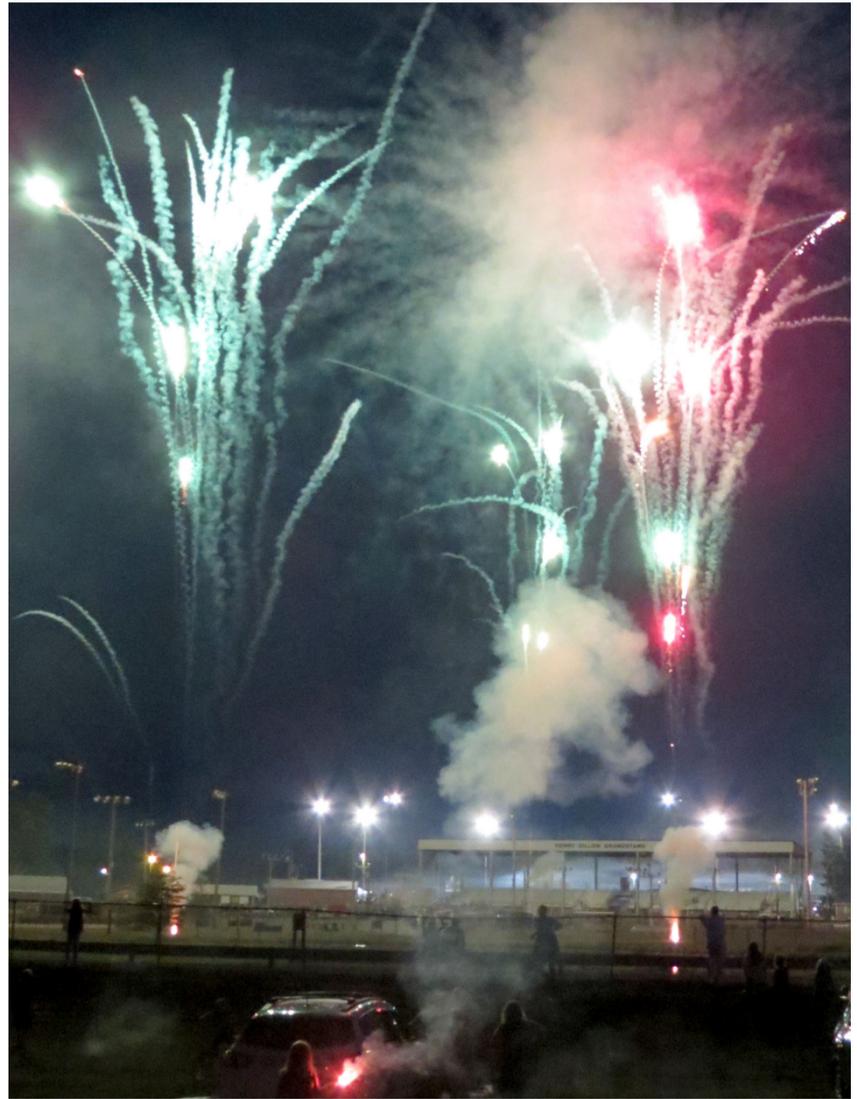
The other key issue is the broadband mapping, which entails gathering and analyz-

ing broadband accessibility data; the maps are needed to deploy millions of dollars of funding for telehealth services. Carr said he initially

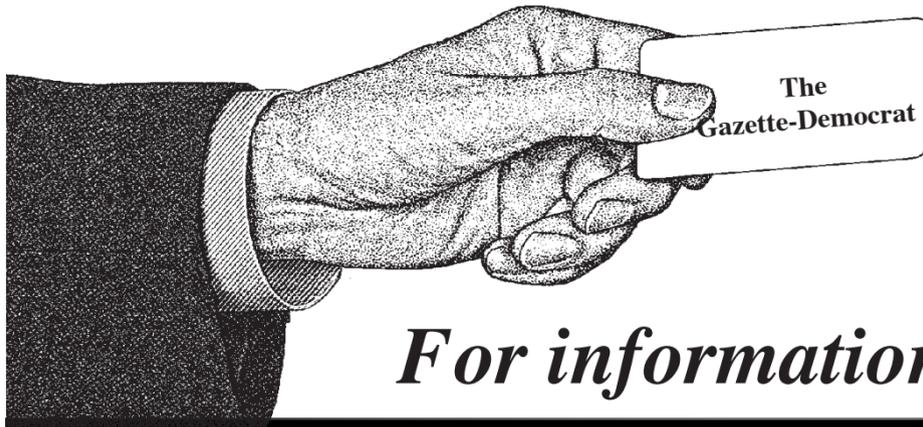
hoped the mapping would be completed this fall, which will not happen.

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**July 2021: Independence Day fireworks in Anna**  
The sounds of live music were followed by the bangs, booms and bright lights of a fireworks display on Independence Day at the Anna City Park. The fireworks were presented Sunday night, July 4, at the park. A very large, and appreciative, audience was on hand to watch the fireworks.



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# Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

Please have news to me by Sunday night. Email me at marthaannwebb@gmail.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.

## Happy New Year

Wishing everyone a wonderful, happy and healthy New Year.

## Home for Christmas

Steve and Pelesia Karsen are home for a month visiting family and friends. They are missionaries teaching in Paramaribo, Suriname, which is a Dutch speaking country in South America. Steve is the social studies teacher and Pelesia is the school counselor. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their work for our Lord.

## Christmas Celebration

Terry and Barbara House went to Harrisburg and enjoyed visiting with relatives for Christmas dinner. Lots of good food and company.

## Christmas Dinners

Brenda Allen spent Christmas Eve in Charleston, Mo., with her father John Paul Allen. Christmas

she spent with her cousin and family Steve and Patty Landreth and family in Jackson, Mo. Brenda says let us never forget the true meaning of Christmas the birthday of our savior Jesus Christ.

## Congratulations

Brock Patterson and Nikki Burrows were engaged on Christmas.

## Christmas Celebration

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Martha Ann Webb enjoyed spending with my daughter and family Bessie, Curt and Elijah Ellis.

## Christmas Guests

Shirley West enjoyed her family home for Christmas and all of them attending Christmas Eve service at United Methodist Church in Anna.

## Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club

GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's

Club will meet Monday, Jan. 3, at 1 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Anna. They will be working on their 2021 yearly reports to be sent in to District 25 and state.

## Sympathy

To Gary Dahmer and family on the loss of his stepmother Reba.

Sympathy to Janice Plemon and family on the loss of her stepdad. Prayers for all who have lost loved ones.

## Wisconsin Trip

Peggy Wickline has been visiting family in Lake Forest, Wis. Encountering swans on the Chain O' Lakes, Wis., was deluged with Canada geese at Lake Delavan and Geneva.

## Christmas Guests

Of Doug and Beth Hileman included Matthew and Sarah Song and children Joshua, Abigail, and Gideon from Fort Worth, Texas, Lucas and Rachael Hileman and Wyatt from Fort Branch, Ind., Norman and Barbara Bauer, Bonnie Hileman and Paul from Anna.

## United Methodist Church, Anna

Rev. Tim Gossett's Christmas Eve service message was Undercover God, with scripture from Luke.

Rev. Tim told the children how Jesus and Santa were alike.

Advent candle lighting was presented by Myra Gossett.

Special music by Carla Anderson was Mary Did You Know accompanied by Marcy Morris on piano.

Marcy also played beautiful Christmas music on her flute.

The congregation picked their favorite Christmas carols to sing.

Celebration of Holy Communion. Closing with lighting of candles as everyone sang Silent Night.

Sunday morning, the guest speaker was Sherry Smedshammer, director of the Wesley Foundation at SIU in Carbondale. She spoke on Will You Use That Gift? Hope, Peace, Love, Joy. What you are is God's gift to you. What you become is your gift to God.

The beautiful song I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day was sung by Barbara House accompanied by Marcy Morris on the piano. Barbara also told the story of the song written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

Liturgist Nelly Corbit welcomed everyone and led in the call to worship and prayer.

## Anna VFW

Peggy Jerrell will have her Star Karaoke New Year's Eve from 7 p.m. to midnight. New Year's Eve dinner will be at 6 pm.

## Honor Wreaths for Veterans

Great news Alyssa Penrod is going to be a new coordinator. She is going to cover St. John's Cemetery and American Legion Cemetery in Dongola.

Her mother-in-law Melodie Penrod is going to get volunteers to lay the wreaths in the American Legion Cemetery in Dongola at our Honor Wreaths for Veterans National Wreath laying day next December 2022.

Alyssa and her husband have recently bought Schaefer Excavating and have moved their business between Anna and Jonesboro.

They also think they have someone for Big Creek and another cemetery. How wonderful. It only takes a spark to get a fire going.

We have come a long way in three years. Anna, Jonesboro, Cobden, Alto Pass and now Dongola and the country ones being added.

Our goal is to cover every veteran's grave in Union

County 2022 who is buried in one of our cemeteries.

We have so many small cemeteries and need lots of help finding them. Some are on farms people have bought. We need them to let

us know who they are.

We would also appreciate them buying a wreath to put on them since most of them may not have family anymore to buy for.

Best time all year to buy



A special thanks to veterans from the Anna VFW Post for presenting the colors and taking them out at our Honor Wreaths for Veterans Ceremony at Anna Nazarene Church and for their service to our country.



Jimmy, Cheyenne, and Ava Trambley enjoyed Christmas together and with family and friends.



Willie and Terrie Rhymer of Dongola spent Christmas Eve with their family at the Yates home in Anna. Pictured are their grandchildren. Christmas Day was spent at the Rhymer home with a big breakfast with Jamie and Rebecca Yates, Ruby, Mason, Violet and Miles, Jordan and Alexis Rhymer, Junior, Hadley, Jaxson and Emmy. The Rhymer, along with the Yates family, celebrated the birthdays of Rebecca and Ruby at O'Charley's in Marion on Dec. 23.



Katie Stegle celebrated her 9th birthday with family at The Villa. Everyone enjoyed pizza and cake.



Congratulations to Katrina Karsen-Denham and Nicholas Denham on the birth of their son Malachi Travis Denham, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, length 20 1/2 inches, Dec. 15, 2021, at 5:55 p.m. Proud grandparents are Travis and Karen Denham and Steve and Pelesia Karsen.



Guest speaker at the United Methodist Church in Anna Sunday morning was Sherry Smedshammer, director of the Wesley Foundation at SIU Carbondale. Sherry lives in Herrin.



Magen Livesay and Bryan Watkins helped lay Honor Wreaths for Veterans in Alto Pass Saturday, Dec. 18. Alto Pass covered all of their veterans graves with an Honor Wreath For Veterans for their first year of laying the wreaths.



Nelly Corbit was liturgist at the United Methodist Church in Anna Sunday morning.



Christmas at the Bittles. Thanks to Tasha Bittle Faire for the picture. Tasha dressed her grandmother Marge Bittle as Mrs. Claus. Marge is 95 now but used to always host Christmas Eve.



Barbara House sang I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day and told the story of the writer Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and why he wrote the song accompanied by Marcy Morris on the piano Sunday morning at the United Methodist Church in Anna.



Pete Housman wants to know if anyone can guess where this beautiful ceiling was recently discovered in Anna? Email one of us, give us a call and leave a message or put on Facebook.

for 2022 is right now until Jan. 12 and that is not much time. Wreaths Across America will match a wreath for a wreath bought at this time.

The wreaths are still \$15 each and you can buy from any of us just be sure next December that you pick your wreath up if it is going out of town from where the person that you ordered from is.

If you pay online be sure and put where you want your Honor Wreaths for Veterans to go.

For Anna you can mail to me, Martha Ann Webb, at 118 W. Monroe St., Anna, Ill. 62906 or take your check to Anna City Hall and they will put in my mailbox. Thank you very much.

If you pay online be sure and hit what city and scroll down and enter our number ILAILA group number H0061P.

If you don't put what city and cemetery you want your donation to go to it will go to Wreaths Across America for one of our national cemeteries.

For Jonesboro you can buy your Honor Wreath for Veterans from Liz Wilkins at Country Roads Flowers & Gifts or leave your check made out to Honor Wreaths for Veterans at Jonesboro City Hall.

Cobden take your check to their city hall. Karen is coordinator.

Stop in between Anna and Jonesboro at Schaefer Excavating and give your check to Alyssa for St. John's and Dongola American Cemetery.

Monica Williams for Alto Pass.

You can buy your Honor Wreath from any of us but it will help us if you buy from the city your wreath is going to if we have a coordinator there. The smaller cemeteries can be bought from any of us also.

A special thanks to everyone who supports Honor Wreaths for Veterans.

**Christmas in Vienna**  
Nelly Corbit and her son Samuel enjoyed Christmas with Nelly's brother Nathan and family.

Her aunt Donna and Larry Dyer joined them there. They were on their way to Franklin, Tenn., to visit their son and family.

Nelly said the highlight of the day was seeing Aubrey, Laney, and Logan play with the walkie-talkies she gave them.

**Christmas in Australia**  
My cousin Gretchen and family are enjoying summer in Australia so they spent Christmas in shorts and short sleeves and went to the

beach at 7:30 a.m. to swim and beat the tourists rush. They only live 10 minutes from the beach.

They also enjoyed dinner and presents at her daughter Kim's home. Both of Gretchen and David's children live in Australia now and they have six grandchildren so lots of fun was had by all.

**Anna Heights Baptist Church**

Dec. 19 attendance 8 a.m. worship 72, 10:30 a.m. worship 152, small group Bible study 202, 6 p.m. worship 23.

Upward workers are needed. They are looking for Upward coaches and concession workers. Practices start the first week in January and games start soon.

The Pace and Barringer families invite the church family to a reception on Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Anna Heights FLC gym to celebrate the marriage of their children Bryanna and Corbin.

Pastor Darryl Williams' sermon this week was Our Joy This Christmas, God Sent his son from Galatians 4:4-5. It was a wonderful message and the song service featured many beautiful solos and congregation music.

# County Line News

(Mill Creek and Upper Elco)

By Suzan Harvel

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. Our Christmas was fairly quiet and I appreciated that. It was just my husband and myself, our children and grandchildren.

Each year I say we're going to go smaller and this year I nearly met that goal.

The weather was unbelievably warm and that allowed us to grill out. Christmas Day, it got so warm we opened up the windows and turned on some fans. 74 degrees on Christmas in the Midwest...very odd.

We thank Greg George for supplying our pulpit with a pastor this past Sunday.

His message came from the book of 1 John. The question asked was: "Why did Jesus come?"

Four points were given in answer to that question. The first answer was found in 1 John 1-2: Jesus came to reveal the gift of eternal life to us.

The second was found in 1 John 3: 4-6: Jesus came to take away our sin.

The third was in 1 John 3: 7-8: Jesus was sent to defeat the works of Satan.

The final answer came from 1 John 4: 7-10: Jesus came to reveal God's love to us. Thank you, God, for the gift of your Son, Jesus.

Stomach bugs, sinus infections, vacations, several other types of illness, as well as those who had to work, took our congregation down to half of what it was last week. The pastor and his family being among those ill.

Our prayer lists have expanded to include all of the Richardson family, continued prayers for Elaine Helton, who is not doing well at all, Lula Belle Tripp, Jim Fuller, Keith Robertson, Valerie Byrd, the family of Johnny Warren, Morris Hall, Rachel Miller, Dean Short, Debbie Newberry and Linda Keller.

The Mill Creek Village Board meeting was held Tuesday evening, Dec. 21. All taxes are current and the treasurer's report was approved.

A discussion on a proposed increase in the tax levy has been tabled until January.

The village is exploring other means of hanging

and removing the holiday decorations, as it's become a safety issue putting them up with ladders.

There was also discussion on the need to acquire asphalt to repair numerous potholes. Liberty Utilities are supposed to repair road damage incurred as a part of their upgrades.

Bids were also being accepted for snow plowing this coming winter.

Additional repair needs were discussed on the village hall and when to accomplish these.

The next meeting is scheduled Jan. 18 at 6 p.m.

Are you making plans for a special New Year's celebration? We are not party people. We'll be lucky to stay awake to watch the ball drop on television.

Given the drastic drop expected in the temperatures, I also don't want to venture out.

I hope all of you stay safe whether you are staying in or going out. I know a great number of folks leave town for the warmer climates of the south too. Wherever you go, whatever you do... Let's make 2022 a much better year.

Happy New Year to all. Stay safe.

# Television Listings

## THURSDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	(10) 2021 Peach Bowl	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Hobbie	Gumbel	"Sunshine" (09)	(15) ★★★ "The Guest"
<b>7 PM</b>	Feud (HD)	Young	Burgers	The Blacklist (HD)	(10) 2021 Orange Bowl	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Hobbie	How To	"The Relic" (14)	Mysterious soldier.
<b>8 PM</b>	Press Your Luck (HD)	Ghosts	Call Me	Law & Order: SVU	Pittsburgh Panthers vs Michigan State Spartans (Live)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	★½ "R.I.P.D." (13)	★½ "Hellbenders"	Dexter: New Blood
<b>9 PM</b>	Home	Bull	Local Programs	Organized Crime (HD)	College Football Wisconsin vs Arizona State (Live)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie	(40) Landscapers	(27) ★★½ "The Relic" (97)	"Zola" (21)
<b>10 PM</b>	Local	Local	Local	Local	Frontal	Frontal	"Movie"	Jessie	Insecure	(19) "12 Monkeys" (96)	The Best (HD)
<b>11 PM</b>	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	Young	Young	"Movie"	Miraculous	"Gatsby"	Past's virus sought.	"Django"

## DECEMBER 30, 2021

## FRIDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Pregame	★★★½ "Superbad" (07)	Law & Order: SVU	Hobbie	"In Heights"	★½ "The Comebacks"	Your Honor (HD)
<b>7 PM</b>	Dick Clark's	New Year's Eve	Fox's New Year's Eve (HD)	Home Sweet Home	(40) 2021 Orange Bowl Georgia Bulldogs vs Michigan Wolverines (Live)	"Central Intelligence" (18)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	"Wonder Woman 1984" (20)	"This Is 40" (12)	Your Honor "Part Ten"
<b>8 PM</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Dateline NBC Investigative News	(19) A detective pursues a wealthy criminal	(05) "Shaft" (19)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven About BUNK'D	Raven About BUNK'D	"Foes face off."	To Be Announced
<b>9 PM</b>	Dick Clark's	Local	Local	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	"Shaft" (19)	Law & Order: SVU	Austin & Jessie & Ally	How To	★★ "2 Minutes of Fame" (20)	Boxing (T)
<b>10 PM</b>	Dick Clark's	New Year's Eve	Fox's New Year's Eve (HD)	Local	(10) SportsCenter (HD)	Dad (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Liv Maddie	How To	"Aspiring comic."	"Death Proof" (07)
<b>11 PM</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Late Night	Sports	Frontal	Law & Order: SVU	Phineas	Big City	"Bad Words" (14)	(HD)

## DECEMBER 31, 2021

## SATURDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b>	News	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	College Football (HD)	"Future III"	Chicago P.D. (HD)	(5:20) "Movie"	"Godzilla vs. Kong"	(5:15) "Rocky IV" (30)	Dexter: New Blood
<b>7 PM</b>	Videos (HD)	S.W.A.T. (HD)	I Can See Your Voice	La Brea	Scoreboard	Burgers	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Big City	"Fast & Furious 6" (13)	★★★ "Rocky Balboa" (06)	Yellowjackets (HD)
<b>8 PM</b>	When (HD)	FBI	9-1-1: Lone Star (HD)	Dateline NBC	College Football (HD)	Dad (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Big City	(15) Euphoria "Pilot"	(43) "Cop Land" (97)	★★★½ "Titanic" (97)
<b>9 PM</b>	When "Omen Cat"	48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live (HD)	College Football (HD)	Dad (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Big City	(10) Euphoria "New friend" (HD)	"Reasonable Doubt" (14, Crime)	(15) Yellowjackets
<b>10 PM</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.	Wipeout	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Owl House	Jessie	"Bourne ID"	
<b>11 PM</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local		Wipeout	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Jessie	Jessie		

## JANUARY 1, 2022

## SUNDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b>	Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	NFL (Live)	Football America (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	★★★½ "Rush Hour 3" (07)	Law & Order: SVU	★★★½ "Zootopia" (16)	(4:25) "Wonder" (20)	"Against the Ropes"	Your Honor "Part One"
<b>7 PM</b>	Celebrity Wheel of Fortune	The Equalizer (HD)	Next Level Chef (HD)	(20) Sun. Night Football Minnesota Vikings at Green Bay Packers (Live)	Sports 30 for 30 (HD)	Triad in Paris. (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Amphibia	★★★ "Promising Young Woman" (20)	★★★ "Gangster Squad" (13)	Your Honor "Part Two"
<b>8 PM</b>	Supermarket Sweep	NCIS: L. A. (HD)	Simpsons	Local Programs	30 for 30 (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Amphibia	Euphoria	"Runner Rumpert world."	Dexter: New Blood
<b>9 PM</b>	The Rookie (HD)	S.W.A.T. "Survive"	Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Dad (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	The Ghost	(50) Euphoria "Rue's Christmas."	(28) ★★★ "My Cousin Vinny" (92)	Yellowjackets (HD)
<b>10 PM</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Wipeout	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	(55) "Memento" (01)		Dexter: New Blood
<b>11 PM</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Wipeout	Law & Order: SVU	Big City			Yellowjackets (HD)

## JANUARY 2, 2022

## MONDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	Monday Countdown	Bang (HD)	"Karate Kid, Pt. II"	Big City	★★★ "King Kong" (05)	★★ "Admission" (13)	★★★ "Hereditary" (18)
<b>7 PM</b>	The Bachelor	Neighbor.	9-1-1: Lone Star (HD)	The Voice	Monday Football Cleveland Browns at Pittsburgh Steelers (Live)	Bang (HD)	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	Big City	"Profile" (21)	"Chasing Amy" (97)	Dexter: New Blood
<b>8 PM</b>	Search for love. (HD)	Bob Hearts	The Cleaning Lady	Hopetuls coached. (HD)	Monday Football Kansas State Wildcats vs LSU Tigers	Bang (HD)		Big City	"High Rise" (16)	"Jay and Silent Bob Strike" (01)	Billions Big moves.
<b>9 PM</b>	Elementary	NCIS: Hawai'i	Local Programs	Ordinary Joe (HD)	Monday	Dad (HD)	Chicago Fire "Pilot"	Big City	(50) Real Sports (HD)	"Identity Thief" Stolen identity.	Billions "Copenhagen"
<b>10 PM</b>	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Dad (HD)	Chicago Fire (HD)	Big City	Raven	"Country"	Yellowjackets (HD)
<b>11 PM</b>	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	NFL Rewind	Burgers	Chicago Fire (HD)	Raven			"Zack & Miri" (08)

## JANUARY 3, 2022

## TUESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball Kentucky vs LSU (Live)	Bang (HD)	★★★ "The Karate Kid"	Big City	"Wolverine"	"High Fidelity" (00)	(5:45) "Titanic" (97)
<b>7 PM</b>	Judge Steve Harvey	FBI "Fostered"	Gordon Ramsay's Road Trip (HD)	The Voice (HD)	College Football 2022 TaxAct Texas Bowl	Bang (HD)	WWE NXT "NXT 653" (Live)	Jessie	★★★ "Real Steel" (11)	"The Personal History" David Copperfield.	Romance blooms on the doomed vessel. (HD)
<b>8 PM</b>	Elementary	FBI: International	Local Programs	La Brea	Texas Bowl	Bang (HD)		Jessie	★★★ "Promising Young Woman" (20)	(13) Mob king. (HD)	Yellowjackets (HD)
<b>9 PM</b>	Queens "Bars" (HD)	FBI: Most Wanted	Local Programs	New Amsterdam (HD)	Wildcats vs LSU Tigers	Bang (HD)	(08) "The Karate Kid" (84)	Jessie	How To	"Matchstick Men" (03)	Dexter: New Blood
<b>10 PM</b>	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	Monday	Dad (HD)	Chicago Fire "Pilot"	Big City	(40) In Season	Artist father. (HD)	Billions "Copenhagen"
<b>11 PM</b>	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	Sports	Burgers	Chicago Fire (HD)	Raven	Chillin	"Hacksaw Ridge" (R)	"Wrong Turn" (21)

## JANUARY 4, 2022

## WEDNESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA (Live)	Bang (HD)	To Be Announced	Big City	"Bourne ID" (88)	(4:58) "Colors" (88)	"Django Unchained" (12)
<b>7 PM</b>	Goldbergs	The Amazing Race	I Can See Your Voice	Chicago Med (HD)	(45) NBA Basketball Golden State vs Dallas (Live)	Bang (HD)	To Be Announced	Big City	(25) Murders (HD)	★★★ "The Counselor" (13)	Rescuing wife. (R)
<b>8 PM</b>	Conners	Home	Next Level Chef (HD)	Chicago Fire (HD)	Texas Bowl	Bang (HD)	To Be Announced	Big City	BUNK'D	"Pulp Fiction" (94)	A day in the crimes of Los Angeles.
<b>9 PM</b>	The Chase (HD)	Good Sam "Pilot" (HD)	Local Programs	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Wildcats vs LSU Tigers	Bang (HD)	To Be Announced	Big City	BUNK'D	"A Simple Plan" (99)	Trio learns greed. (HD)
<b>10 PM</b>	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	Monday	Dad (HD)	Chicago Fire "Pilot"	Big City	Unstable	How To	Dexter: New Blood
<b>11 PM</b>	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Burgers	Chicago Fire (HD)	Raven	Sydney	(10) "Solaris" (02)	(03) "This Is 40" (12)

## JANUARY 5, 2022

## THURSDAY

	7:00pm
<b>HBO R.I.P.D.</b> ★★★½ (2013, Action)	Jeff Bridges, Ryan Reynolds. A wise-cracking senior officer and a young detective join together to defend the world against a monstrous brand of criminals disguised as humans. PG-13 (HD)
<b>FOX Bob's Burgers</b> "Loft in Bedstation"	Linda and the girls give themselves one day to make a loft bed for Louise; Bob and Gene organize a tabletop role-playing game session with a group of gamers. TVPG (HD)

## FRIDAY

	7:00pm
<b>NBC Home Sweet Home</b>	Two families agree to swap homes to see how different other households are from their own, and they learn to appreciate a new way of life. (HD)
<b>TBS Shaft</b> ★★★½ (2019, Action)	Samuel L. Jackson, Jessie Usher. An NYPD detective attempts to uncover incriminating evidence against a wealthy man who fled the country after committing a racially motivated murder. R

## SATURDAY

	8:00pm
<b>CBS FBI</b> "Brother's Keeper"	A dangerous bomber kills one man before the team sets off to catch them; Maggie hopes her sister is avoiding trouble after moving to New York City. TV14
<b>ABC When Nature Calls with Helen Mirren</b>	"The Optimistic Mosquito" A mosquito hopes to add some goodness to the world; a chipmunk attempts to outsmart the TSA after overpacking his suitcase; an old wild boar searches for love. (HD)

## SUNDAY

	7:00pm
<b>CBS The Equalizer</b> "Separated"	A woman is separated from her son at the border when she tries to seek asylum in the United States; so McCall and Mel work to reunite their family. TV14 (HD)
<b>ABC Supermarket Sweep</b>	"That's How You Say It In Compton!" Contestants from California, Ohio and Arizona compete in teams as they show off their skills and grocery store knowledge to win the grand prize. (HD)

## MONDAY

	7:00pm
<b>NBC The Voice</b>	After being judged solely on their voice, hopeful musicians are divided into teams and coached by professionals, before moving on to the live competition. TVPG (HD)
<b>TBS The Big Bang Theory</b>	"The Romance Resonance" Sheldon feels that major scientific breakthrough makes him a fraud; Howard's romantic gesture to Bernadette leads Penny to try harder with Leonard. TVPG (HD)

## TUESDAY

	8:00pm
<b>NBC La Brea</b>	A massive sinkhole in Los Angeles swallows hundreds of people and buildings into its depths, and those below find themselves in a dangerous, primeval land.
<b>ESPN College Football</b>	"2022 TaxAct Texas Bowl" Kansas State (7-5) is 1-1 all-time in the Texas Bowl after defeating Texas A&M, 33-28, in 2016; LSU (6-6) won the inaugural meeting, 21-0, in 1980. (HD)

## WEDNESDAY

	7:30pm
<b>ABC The Wonder Years</b>	"Lads and Ladies and Us" Bill and Lillian hope to positively influence Kim and Dean by joining the Lads & Ladies high society club; Lillian has a hard time fitting in. (HD)
<b>MAX A Simple Plan</b> ★★★½ (1999, Thriller)	Bill Paxton, Billy Bob Thornton. The discovery of \$4 million aboard a crashed airplane causes three men with good intentions to lose their collective reason and turn on one another. R (HD)

# Obituaries

## Clarence L. Lang Sr.

Clarence L. Lang Sr., 81, of Dongola, died Saturday, Dec. 25, 2021, at Shawnee Senior Living in Herrin.

He was born on Dec. 18, 1940, in De Soto, the son of Samuel and Clara Duty Lang.

He married Effie Pearl Poole on May 29, 1959, in Jonesboro. She preceded him in death on Sept. 25, 2012.

Mr. Lang is survived by his son, Clarence L. Lang Jr. of Anna; six grandchildren, Amanda McKay, Samantha Smith, Kasondra Freeman, Rebekah Benefield, Hunter Freeman and Chelsie Lang; seven great-grandchildren, Ruger, Remington and Rossi Freeman, Emilye and Effie Smith, Cadey Sims and Caison Allen; two great-great-grandsons, Greyson Alexander Baucom and Myles Baucom; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Effie Lang; a son, Terry Lang; a daughter, Marilyn Freeman; and several siblings.

Mr. Lang worked over 20 years for Transcraft before its closing. He owned and operated Lang Sonoco in Metropolis for many years and he also farmed.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna. Interment will be in the St. John's Cemetery near Dongola.

Friends can call after 11 a.m. and until the service hour at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, at the funeral home.

Memorials can be made to the funeral home to assist the family with expenses. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

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

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

## Hadley Dale Allen

Hadley Dale Allen, 58, of Anna, died Friday, Dec. 24, 2021, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

He was born on Oct. 12, 1963, in Perryville, Mo., the son of Hadley Francis and Velda Sivia Allen.

He married Bonnie Allen. She preceded him in death on Dec. 24, 2017.

He is survived by his mother, Velda Brown of Dongola; a daughter, Sarah Allen of Centralia; a sister, Sheila (Gary) Dillow of Lick Creek; stepsisters, Debbie (Mike) Ayers and Sharon (Lee) Gibson, both of Jonesboro; a stepbrother, Wayne Brown of Ivesdale; a niece, Rachel Dillow of Aurora; a nephew, Allen (Morgan) Dillow of Carterville; a great-nephew, Ezra Dillow of Carterville; other relatives and many friends. He was preceded in death by his father and his wife, Bonnie Allen.

He managed a bakery in Bloomington for many years. He loved spending time in the boat fishing and hanging out with his best friend, fur baby Shelly.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022, at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Dongola, with Brent Miller officiating. Interment will immediately follow. Those attending are asked to go directly to the cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Wetaug Church of Christ or to the Christian Chapel Cemetery Fund.

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

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## Thelma Mae Smothers

Thelma Mae Smothers, 98, of Jackson, Mo., and formerly of Olive Branch, died at 2:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021, at The Lutheran Home in Cape Girardeau.

She was born on April 26, 1923, in East St. Louis, the daughter of Walter and Mattie Pulliam Minton.

She married Thomas Sherman Smothers on Jan. 28, 1942, in Cape Girardeau. He preceded her in death on June 28, 1993.

Mrs. Smothers spent years as a homemaker and taking care of her children. She also worked as a seamstress in Mounds and as a clerk at the grocery stores in Olive Branch and Tamms.

She was a member of the Alexander Freewill Baptist Church. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, baking, sewing, working puzzles and loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her daughters, Sheila (Harold) Hale and Fairan Kae (Larry) Naeger; eight grandchildren, Beverly (Bryan) Miller, Karla (Mark) Simmons, Tommy (Bobbi) Smothers, David (Joey) Hale, John (Shannon) Hale, Becky (Lee) Gerler, Kevin Naeger and Kelly (Jeff) DeClerk; numerous great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Ruth Rosenthal; a brother, James (Shirley) Minton; several nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Tom Smothers.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27, at Crain Funeral Home in Tamms, with the Rev. Sam Ramdial officiating. Interment followed in Olive Branch Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Olive Branch Cemetery. Crain Funeral Home in Tamms was in charge of arrangements.

**Crain** Funeral Home

## Russell Mertz

Russell Mertz, 75, of Paducah, and formerly of Anna and Cairo, died Monday, Dec. 27, 2021, at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah.

He was born on Dec. 9, 1946, the son of Everett and Charlotte Russell Mertz in Cairo.

He married Ellen Rose on Aug. 16, 1975. She survives.

He was a graduate of the Cairo High School class of 1965 and a graduate of Murray State University. He was a lifetime member of Evangelical Lutheran Church and its predecessors.

He worked in newspaper advertising sales and on air radio work. He served four years in the U.S. Navy and was stationed in the Republic of the Philippines.

Survivors include his wife, Ellen; his daughter, Jennifer (Mike) McCann of Ledbetter, Ky.; a grandson, Vincent McCann of Paducah, Ky.; a brother-in-law, Ralph "Chico" Travis of Anna; and several other relatives and friends.

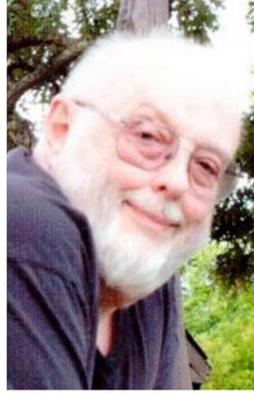
He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Carol Travis; and a niece, Sarah Prather.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, at Lutheran Church of the Cross in Metropolis. Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 31, at the church, with Pastor David Deem officiating. Interment will be later in Mound City National Cemetery.

The family requests with gratitude that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to PAWS Place Animal Shelter, 52 Dogwalk Rd., Anna, Ill. 62906 (pawspaws.org). Envelopes will be available at the church.

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

**Crain** Funeral Home



## Robert Lee 'Bob' Spiller

Robert Lee "Bob" Spiller, 80, of Anna, died Sunday, Dec. 26, 2021, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

He was born on Aug. 26, 1941, in Carbondale, the son of John Dee and Mary Louise Clutts Spiller.

He married Laura King on Sept. 6, 1960, in Reynoldsville.

Mr. Spiller is survived by his wife, Laura Spiller of Anna; daughters Dianne Spiller of Jonesboro, Debbie Spiller of Cobden and JoAnna (Mike) Galloway of Marion; grandchildren John David (Niki) Wingate, Sarah (Matt) Watkins, Joshua (Jessica) Flamm and Tim (Kami) Yates; several great-grandchildren; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Dionne Spiller; a granddaughter, Amanda Paige Flamm; a sister, Patty Westbrooks; and son-in-law, Timothy Free Yates.

Mr. Spiller served in the U.S. Air Force. He worked for many years for ET Simonds as a laborer.

He loved traveling, vacationing with his wife and spending time with his family. He loved to play the guitar, to sing, hunting and playing golf.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 31, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden. Interment will be in the Cobden Cemetery.

Friends can call from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, today, at the funeral home.

Military rites will be conducted by Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna and the Scott Air Force Base honor guards.

Memorials can be made to the family. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

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

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



## Lois Janiece Penrod

Lois Janiece Penrod, 74, of Jonesboro, went home to be with the Lord, Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021, surrounded by her family.

She was born on Feb. 15, 1947 in Anna, the daughter of Howard Orvil and Crettie Aldean Fuller Ellis.

She married Donald Richard Penrod on Nov. 2, 1964, in Murphysboro. He preceded her in death on Oct. 21, 2018.

Mrs. Penrod is survived by her children, Richard (Tammy) Penrod of Murphysboro, Monica (Brian) Bartimus of Harrisburg, Michael (Jackie) Penrod of Jonesboro, Leslie (Thomas) Bauman of Dongola and Amanda Sweet of Jonesboro; 18 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; sisters Kathy (Randy) Wheaton of Jonesboro and Karen (Jack) Hicks of Pomona; a brother, David (Pam) Ellis of Pittsburg; numerous nephews and nieces; sisters-in-law Ruth, Norma and Pam Ellis; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, two great-grandchildren, Tommy and Steven Schemonia; an infant sister, Leone Ellis; and four brothers, Leon, Deon, Eldon and Delmond Ellis.

Mrs. Penrod was a faithful and devoted member of the Trinity Pentecostal Tabernacle in Jonesboro. She was the center of her family and a mentor to many. She witnessed to countless followers the good word of Christ. She was an amazing cook and loved spending time with her family.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, at Trinity Pentecostal Tabernacle in Jonesboro, with Geoff Bond officiating. Interment was in Dutch Ridge Cemetery in Pomona.

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

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



## Craig Lamburth

Craig Lamburth, 58, of Cape Girardeau, died unexpectedly on Sunday, Dec. 19, 2021, at his residence.

He was born on June 20, 1963, in Cape Girardeau, the son of Billy Vaughn and Patricia (Diggs).

He attended Egyptian High School in Tamms, where he was a star athlete on the baseball and basketball teams that won the state championship.

He owned and operated River City Cleaning for over 30 years, where he enjoyed working alongside his brothers, daughters and grandchildren.

In his free time, he enjoyed watching sports, playing blackjack and just spending time with his family.

Survivors include his daughters, Jamie Lamburth and Ashley (Justin) Williamson; four grandchildren, Brionna Lamburth, Jaylen Carter, Danielle Carter and Byron Carter; two great-grandchildren, Marshawn Patterson and Nevaeh Carter; his mother and stepfather, Pat and Larry Lamburth; his father, Billy Vaughn; brothers Bryan Lamburth (Rebecca Scott) and Gene (Dena) Vaughn; a sister, Terry Vaughn; nephews Tyler Vaughn and Mark Vaughn; and an aunt, Shirley Diggs.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Brent. Funeral services were at noon Monday, Dec. 27, at Crain Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau. The Rev. Doug Atkins officiated. Interment followed in Green Lawn Memorial Gardens in Villa Ridge.

To view the obituary or to leave online condolences for the family, visit [www.crainsonline.com](http://www.crainsonline.com). Crain Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau was in charge of arrangements.



## Betty Zimmerman

Betty Zimmerman, 87, of Ava, and formerly of Anna, died Monday, Dec. 27, 2021, at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

She was born on Sept. 11, 1934, in McClure, the daughter of Henry N. and Myra L. Wilson Davis.

Mrs. Zimmerman is survived by her children, Dennis (Selma) Zimmerman of Ava and James (Julie Ann) Zimmerman of Anna; 11 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; a brother, George Davis of Branson, Mo.; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by two daughters, Lana Romero and Kimberly Zimmerman.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 3, at the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with Pastor Clay Yoakum officiating. Interment will be in the Valley Mission Cemetery.

Friends can call from 10 a.m. until the service hour at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 3, at the funeral home.

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

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



## William Joe Sullivan

William Joe Sullivan, 83, of Anna, died Tuesday, Dec. 28.

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

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

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



***In Loving Memory of Our Dad and Husband, Dale A. Farris***  
1/03/1953-8/14/21

*As we remember our wonderful dad and husband on his birthday, we thank God for his life. We also thank God he is no longer in pain but safe in the arms of our Savior. Always and forever in our hearts.*

*See you later Dad.  
See you soon Sweetheart*

*Chris, Mindy, Zak,  
Bryson and Gertie, too*

## Ruby G. Hartje

Ruby G. Hartje, 98, of Du Quoin, died at 5:38 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021, at Integrity Healthcare in Wood River.

She worked for the International Shoe Company while living in Chester in 1941.

In Anna, she was employed by Bean Jewelers for seven years then worked at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro for 16 years.

Mrs. Hartje was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Anna, where she taught Sunday School for many years. She most recently had been a member of the Bethel Lutheran Church in Du Quoin.

She was asked to join Beta Sigma Phi Sorority's Chester chapter in 1946. She was a lifetime member. In her 67th year of membership, she was given the highest degree Beta Sigma Phi offers, which is titled "The Torch Bearer." This was a special event in her life.

She was born July 24, 1923, in Fountain Bluff in Jackson County, the daughter of Arthur B.H. and Agnes Groh Dietrich.

She and her parents were members of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church of Jacob, where she attended the Lutheran school. She graduated from Gorham Community High School in 1941.

She married William R. Hartje on Oct. 25, 1947, in St. John's Lutheran Church in Chester in Randolph County. He preceded her in death on April 27, 2012.

She is survived by one daughter, Barbara Ann Croessman and husband John of Okawville; grandchildren Angela Nelson and husband Brian of Okawville, Alex Croessman and wife Brittany of Okawville, Andrew Croessman of Austin, Texas, and Shane Boyett of Du Quoin; great-grandchildren Sydney Pollmann and husband Trevor of Carlyle, Emily Boyett of Du Quoin, Jacob Boyett of Du Quoin, Evelyn Croessman of Okawville and Caroline Croessman of Okawville; great-great-grandchildren Lexi and Reid, both of Carlyle; one sister, Arlene Havin of St. Clair, Mo.; many nephews, nieces, other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one grandson, David William Bayles; and one brother, Edgar Dietrich.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, at Bethel Lutheran Church in Du Quoin, with the Rev. Alan Kornacki officiating.

Burial was in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Chester. Memorials can be made to Bethel Lutheran Church, St. John's Lutheran Cemetery or to the charity of the donor's choice and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Searby Funeral Home in Du Quoin was in charge of arrangements.

For additional information or to sign the memorial guest register, visit [www.searbyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.searbyfuneralhomes.com).

## Patricia Elaine Horn

Patricia Elaine Horn, 76, of Cobden, died Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2021, at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

She was born on July 25, 1945, in Makanda, the daughter of Earl and Evelyn Cobb Lott.

She married Paul Horn on May 16, 1966, in Mt. Vernon.

Mrs. Horn is survived by her husband, Paul Horn of Cobden; a son, Michael Horn of Cobden; a grandson, Paul Christian Wenzell; siblings Judith (Gene) Horn of Cobden, Linda Lawrence of Washington State, Peggy Nannie of Alto Pass, Jerry (Marilyn) Lott of Wilmington, N.C., and Darla (Rodney) Bilderback of Johnston City; many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and by a grandson, Kenneth Allen Davidson.

She worked many years as a seamstress.

According to her wishes, there will be private family services at a later date.

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

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

## Edith Ellen Tompkins

Edith Tompkins, 98, of Nashville, Tenn., died on Dec. 11, 2021.

She was born in Dongola, the daughter of Calvin and Bessie Keller.

Edith passed away peacefully holding the hands of those she loved dearly. The hands that she helped create, the hands that she nurtured, were the ones that grasped tightly as she made her transition.

She loved deeply and without hesitation. It didn't matter if you were a child of her own or someone she just met, she loved you with the same intensity.

Her laugh could brighten even the darkest moments. Her humor and humility kept us all entertained and forever adoring. She will truly be missed by those remaining and embraced by those who have been awaiting her arrival.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Wanda Fuller; her husband, Roy Tompkins Jr.; and her daughter, Karla Kay Reynolds.

She is survived by her son, Kevin Tompkins; a son-in-law, Jack Reynolds; granddaughters Lincy Reynolds and Kaylie Taylor; and a great-grandson, Rawlee Taylor.

The family will be celebrating her life in a private ceremony.



## Jerry Alsip

Jerry Alsip, 72, of Anna, died Monday, Dec. 27, 2021, at 1:18 p.m. at OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center in Alton.

He was born on May 9, 1949, in Southern Illinois, the son of Dallas and Naomi Walker Alsip.

He married Cheryl Isom on Feb. 22, 1979. She survives.

Mr. Alsip was the owner of Alsip Landscaping for three and a half years in Florida. After moving back to Southern Illinois, he continued Alsip Landscaping in the Union County and Carbondale area.

He was part of the Jehovah Witness Marion Congregation. He enjoyed making knives with wooden handles and custom knives.

Survivors include his wife, Cheryl Alsip; daughters Carolynn Alsip (Roger Newfarmer) of Jonesboro, Abi (Kim) Alsip of Anna and Lydia Alsip of Anna; a son, Marshall (Christina) Alsip; two granddaughters, Caley (Brandon) Evans of Metropolis and Ashley (Cody) Martinez of Sikeston; four grandsons, Dustin (Cassey) Wilda of Anna, Hunter Godwin of Anna, Parker Alsip of Anna, and Grayson Anderson of Metropolis; six great-grandchildren; a sister, Paula Hanzel of Anna; and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by a brother-in-law, Bill Hanzel.

Per the family's wishes, cremation rites will be accorded. Inurnment will take place at a later date at Casper Cemetery near Anna.

Memorials can be made to Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Marion, Illinois.

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



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

## James Riley

James Riley, 65, of Cobden, died Friday, Dec. 24, at Cobden City Care. He was born on Jan. 11, 1956.

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

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

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

## Innovation, entrepreneurship winners honored at SIU event

Creativity and development throughout the region were highlighted at the 2021 Innovation and Entrepreneurship Showcase at Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center in early December.

The event recognized some of the university's and region's innovators and entrepreneurs, along with projects by student entrepreneurs.

The inaugural Regions Bank Business Plan Competition was established to help advance small business development in Southern Illinois.

The 16 completed competition submissions featured a strong representation of technology-focused innovations, traditional business concepts and product development ideas, according to organizers.

The winners, listed by place, their prize award and brief descriptions of their business concepts, included:

First place: Brand Advocacy Group, Nathan Colombo, \$5,000.

Colombo founded the company, which is new to the SIU Research Park.

His vision is to transform the region into a film, television and digital content production hub by produc-

ing small-scale media projects but with a large-scale media idea.

By investing that revenue into world-class production facilities in Southern Illinois his goal is attracting national and global production activity.

Second place: Hot Hut Outdoors, Andrew Croxell, \$3,000.

Croxell conceived the Hot Hut Outdoors product and concept from his personal experience hiking the River-to-River Trail across Southern Illinois.

Croxell worked to discover a scientific approach in creating a solution that addresses tent condensation and moisture accumulation after his own 15-hour battle with moisture penetration in his tent that required an emergency rescue call after eight days.

Third place: Energao, Yong Gao and Rong Jiang, \$2,000.

Gao and Jiang founded the company in 2016 with a focus on energy storage and research, which has resulted in two patent applications.

They will use the award along with other funding resources to further develop their technology to help homeowners and communities build resilient, self-sufficient mini-grid and micro-grid systems.

## Georgia Capshaw Anderson

Georgia Capshaw Anderson, 62, of Perryville, and formerly of Cape Girardeau, died Monday, Dec. 20, 2021, at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

She was born on July 31, 1959, the daughter of Herschel and Janet Snyder Capshaw in Cape Girardeau.

She married David Anderson in 1993. He preceded her in death in 2004.

Mrs. Anderson worked as a presser for Ken's Cape Cleaners and as a homemaker. She attended the Cape Cowboy Church.

She loved bingo, traveling with her friends and her cats. Her devotion to family was the primary motivation in her life.

Survivors include her daughters, Misty Capshaw and Stephanie Carlson; a son, Jamie Ozment; seven grandchildren, Alivia, James, Tera, Shayla, Remi, Colton and Payton; a brother, Doug (Doris) Gleason; significant other Lynn Leible and his children, Misty, Sarah and Zachary; numerous nieces and nephews; a brother-in-law, Lynn Anderson; sisters-in-law, Burnell Abercombie, Joyce Anderson and Pam Anderson; and several other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, David Anderson.

Funeral services were at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, at Crain Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau. Interment will take place at a later date at Cummins Cemetery in McClure.

For more information or to sign the memorial guest register online, visit [www.crainsonline.com](http://www.crainsonline.com).



Crain Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau is in charge of arrangements.

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*New Year's Day - Closed*

**Anna-Jonesboro National Bank - Anna**  
*New Year's Eve - Closing at 3 p.m.*  
*New Year's Day - Closed*

**Farmers State Bank - Alto Pass**  
*New Year's Eve - Regular Hours*  
*New Year's Day - Closed*

**First State Bank of Dongola**  
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*New Year's Eve - Regular Hours*  
*New Year's Day - Closed*

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Dated: December 14, 2021.

MARSHA YATES  
INDEPENDENT  
ADMINISTRATOR

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

**In re the Estate of:  
CHARLES WARD  
GOFORTH,  
Deceased.  
No. 2021-P-52**

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

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of CHARLES WARD GOFORTH of 124½ Williford Road, Jonesboro, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued to Charles J. Goforth, whose address is 480 Shawnee Meadows Lane, Anna, Illinois, on December 17, 2021, as Independent Executor of the estate, whose attorney is H. Wesley Wilkins, P.O. Box 128, Cobden, Illinois 62920. NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that an Order was entered by the Court on December 13, 2021, admitting the Will to probate. Within six (6) months after the effective date of the original Order of Admission of the will, you may file a Petition with the Court to contest the Will and/or the appointment of the Independent Executor, pursuant to Sections 6-21 and/or 8-1 of the Illinois Probate Act.

The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless, pursuant to Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 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 of Charles Ward Goforth must be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of this Court at 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois, on or before June 25, 2021. Any claim not filed on or before that date is forever 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 20, 2021.

H. Wesley Wilkins  
H. WESLEY WILKINS  
Attorney for the Estate  
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**ASSUMED BUSINESS  
NAME ACT**

**State of Illinois  
SS  
County of Union**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 20th day of December, 2021, under the Assumed Name of ALtrU Wellness with the place of business located at 1004 Enterprise Drive, Anna, Illinois 62906, and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole

owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Amanda Lilly  
565 Murphy School Road  
Anna, IL 62906

Lance Meisenheimer  
Union County Clerk  
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**ASSUMED BUSINESS  
NAME ACT**

**State of Illinois  
SS  
County of Union**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 15th day of December, 2021, under the Assumed Name of Lazy Q Ranchwear with the place of business located at 835 Bartsch Lane, Cobden, Illinois 62920, and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Logan Quertermous  
835 Bartsch Lane  
Cobden, IL 62920

Lance Meisenheimer  
Union County Clerk  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT  
COURT OF THE FIRST  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
UNION COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS**

**ANNA STATE BANK,  
An Illinois Banking  
Corporation,  
Plaintiff,  
THEODORE ALBERT  
III  
AND  
TRACY ALBERT  
AND UNKNOWN  
OWNER.  
Defendant.  
No. 2020-CH-7**

**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 August 26, 2021, the Sheriff of Union County, Illinois will on January 27, 2022 at the hour of 9:00 A.M. at the Union County Courthouse, Front Door of the Courthouse, 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:

TRACT I:  
APART OF THE SOUTH-EAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING

AT A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF LIME KILN ROAD IN THE CITY OF ANNA WHICH IS 139-1/2 FEET NORTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF THE WEST LINE OF SAID LIME KILN ROAD AND THE NORTH LINE OF LINCOLN STREET; THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING NORTH ALONG SAID WEST LINE OF LIME KILN ROAD 57-1/2 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE WEST 88 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT;

THENCE SOUTH 55 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT WHICH IS 134 FEET NORTH OF THE NORTH LINE OF LINCOLN STREET; THENCE 88 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SITUATED IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

TRACT II:  
LOT FOUR (4) IN WILLIAM M. EDDLEMAN'S FIRST ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ANNA, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.  
PIN 05-20-03-552 & 14-00-08-718

Common address:  
107 and 108 Lime Kiln Road,  
Anna, Illinois 62906

Sale Terms: 10% due by cash or certified funds at the time of sale and the balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, specials 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 sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to 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 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.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: D. Brian Trambley, 803 W. Vine Street, P.O. Box 899, Vienna, IL 62995, (618) 658-2182.

D. Brian Trambley,  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
Reg. #6217256  
803 W. Vine Street,  
P.O. Box 899  
Vienna, IL 62995  
Telephone: (618) 658-2182  
trambleylaw@gmail.com  
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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO  
ISSUE BONDS  
AND RIGHT TO FILE  
PETITION  
AND HEARING ON  
PROPOSED ISSUANCE**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Ordinance No. 2021-28, adopted December 21, 2021 (the "Ordinance"), the City of Anna, Union County, Illinois (the "City"), intends to issue its Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds (the "Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds") or, in lieu thereof, its General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) (the "Alternate Bonds"), in the principal amount of not to exceed \$1,500,000, and bearing interest per annum at not to exceed the maximum rate authorized by law at the time of the sale thereof, for the purpose of (i) financing various capital improvements within the City including but not limited to construction of a new water tower and extension of water/sewer lines to an undeveloped area of the City for a local business to operate, as well as road improvements necessary as a result of such construction (the "Project"), and (ii) paying certain costs related to the issuance thereof. The Alternate Bonds would be payable from (a) net revenues of the Waterworks and Sewerage System of the City, and (b) ad valorem taxes of the City for which its full faith and credit have been irrevocably pledged, unlimited as to rate or amount. A complete copy of the Ordinance follows this notice.

Notice is hereby further given that, if a petition signed by 313 or more electors of the City (the same being equal to 10% of the registered voters of the City) asking that the question of the Project, as provided in the Ordinance, and the issuance of the Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds therefor, be submitted to the electors of the City is filed with the City Clerk within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of the Ordinance and this notice, the proposition (the "Water and Sewer Revenue Bond Proposition") shall be submitted to the electors of the City at the general primary election

to be held on the 28th day of June, 2022, unless there are no voters scheduled to cast votes for any candidates for nomination for, election to or retention in public office, in which case the Water and Sewer Revenue Bond Proposition shall be submitted to the electors of the City at the general election to be held on the 8th day of November, 2022. If no petition is filed with the City Clerk within said 30 day period, then the Ordinance shall be in full force and effect and the Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds shall be authorized to be issued.

Notice is hereby further given that if a petition signed by 234 or more electors of the City (being equal to the greater of (i) 7.5% of the registered voters in the City or (ii) 200 of those registered voters or 15% of those registered voters, whichever is less) asking that the issuance of the Alternate Bonds be submitted to referendum is filed with the City Clerk within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of the Ordinance and this notice, the proposition (the "Alternate Bond Proposition") shall be submitted to the electors of the City at the general primary election to be held on the 28th day of June, 2022, unless there are no voters scheduled to cast votes for any candidates for nomination for, election to or retention in public office, in which case the Alternate Bond Proposition shall be submitted to the electors of the City at the general election to be held on the 8th day of November, 2022. If no petition is filed with the City Clerk within said 30 day period, then the Ordinance shall be in full force and effect and the Alternate Bonds shall be authorized to be issued.

The forms of petitions shall be provided by the City Clerk at the principal office of the City, located at 103 Market Street, Anna, Illinois, to any individual requesting one.

By order of the Council of the City.

Dated this 21st day of December, 2021.  
Anna Valencia

City Clerk  
City of Anna,  
Union County, Illinois

**ORDINANCE NO.  
2021-28**

An Ordinance authorizing the City of Anna, Union County, Illinois, to issue Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds or, in lieu thereof, General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) (said bonds being general obligation bonds to be issued in one or more series, on a taxable or tax exempt basis, for which property taxes, unlimited as to rate or amount, may be levied, but which are expected to be paid from the net revenues of the waterworks and sewerage system of said City) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,500,000, for the purpose of paying the costs of capital improvements within the City.

WHEREAS, the City of Anna, Union County, Illinois (the "City"), is a duly organized and existing municipality created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois (the "State"), and is now operating under the provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code, as amended (the "Municipal Code"), and, having the powers, objects and purposes provided by said Municipal Code, has for many years owned and operated a waterworks and sewerage system as set forth in Division 139 of Article 11 of the Municipal Code (the "System"); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City (the "Corporate Authorities") have determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the best interests of the City to (i) finance various capital improvements within the City including but not limited to construction of a new water tower and extension of water/sewer lines to an undeveloped area of the City for a local business to operate, as well as road improvements necessary as a result of such construction (the "Project") and (ii) pay certain costs of issuance

of the Bonds (as such term is hereinafter defined), all for the benefit of the inhabitants of the City; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the Project, including legal, financial, bond discount, if any, printing and publication costs, capitalized interest, if any, and other expenses (collectively, the "Costs"), will not exceed \$1,500,000, and the City has insufficient funds on hand and lawfully available to pay such Costs; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities have further determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the best interests of the City that the Project be completed and, in order to finance the cost of the Project, it will be necessary for the City to issue bonds payable from the net revenues derived from the operation by the City of the System ("Net Revenues" generally, means gross revenues minus operating and maintenance expenses) as authorized to be issued at this time pursuant to Division 139 of Article 11 of the Code (the "Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds") or, in lieu thereof, alternate bonds (the "Alternate Bonds"), being general obligation bonds payable from the Net Revenues of the System (the "Pledged Revenues"), in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000, as authorized to be issued at this time pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, if the Pledged Revenues are insufficient to pay the Alternate Bonds, ad valorem taxes of the City for which its full faith and credit have been irrevocably pledged, unlimited as to rate or amount (the "Pledged Taxes"), are authorized to be extended to pay the principal of and interest on the alternate bonds; and

WHEREAS, up to \$1,500,000 of alternate bonds need to be issued at this time pursuant to the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State, as amended, 30 ILCS 350/1 to 350/18 (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Section 15 of the Act, the City is authorized to issue revenue bonds or, in lieu thereof, alternate bonds, in one or more series, on a taxable or tax exempt basis, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for the purpose of providing funds for the Project and to pay the Costs;

NOW THEREFORE, Be It Ordained by the Mayor and Council of the City of Anna, Union County, Illinois, as follows:

**Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles.** The Corporate Authorities hereby find that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Ordinance are full, true and correct and do incorporate them into this Ordinance by this reference.

**Section 2. Determination to Issue Bonds.** It is advisable, necessary and in the best interests of the City to complete the Project in accordance with the estimate of costs as hereinabove described, and that for such purpose, there are hereby authorized to be issued and sold the Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds or, in lieu thereof, the Alternate Bonds, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.

**Section 3. Publication.** Within ten (10) days after the adoption of this Ordinance, this Ordinance, together with a notice in the statutory form, shall be published once by the Corporate Authorities in *The Gazette Democrat*, being a newspaper of general circulation within the City, and if a petition, signed by 313 electors (said number being 10% of the registered voters in the City), is filed with the City Clerk within thirty (30) days after the date of the publication, asking that the question of the issuance of the Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds (the "Water and Sewer Revenue Bond Proposition") be submitted to the electors of the City, then the Water and Sewer Revenue Bond Proposition shall be submitted to the electors of the City at the general primary election to be held on the 28th day of June, 2022, unless there are no voters scheduled to cast

votes for any candidates for nomination for, election to or retention in public office, in which case the Water and Sewer Revenue Bond Proposition shall be submitted to the electors of the City at the general election to be held on the 8th day of November, 2022. If no petition is filed with the City Clerk within said 30 day period, then this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect and the Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds shall be authorized to be issued. A petition form shall be provided by the City Clerk at the principal office of the City, located at 103 Market Street, Anna, Illinois, to any individual requesting one.

This Ordinance, together with a notice in the statutory form, shall be published once by the Corporate Authorities in *The Gazette Democrat*, being a newspaper of general circulation in the City, and if a petition, signed by 234 electors (said number being the greater of (i) seven and one half percent (7½%) of the registered voters in the City or (ii) the lesser of 200 registered voters or 15% of registered voters), asking that the question of the issuance of the Bonds (the "Alternate Bond Proposition") be submitted to the electors of the City, is filed with the City Clerk within thirty (30) days after the date of the publication, then the Alternate Bond Proposition shall be submitted to the electors of the City at the general primary election to be held on the 28th day of June, 2022, unless there are no voters scheduled to cast votes for any candidates for nomination for, election to or retention in public office, in which case the Alternate Bond Proposition shall be submitted to the electors of the City at the general election to be held on the 8th day of November, 2022. If no petition is filed with the City Clerk within said 30 day period, then this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect and the Alternate Bonds shall be authorized to be issued. A petition form shall be provided by the City Clerk at the principal office of the City, located at 103 Market Street, Anna, Illinois, to any individual requesting one.

It is expressly provided that, in the event there shall be filed with the City Clerk in a timely manner a petition asking that the issuance of the Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds be submitted to referendum, the Alternate Bonds payable from Net Water and Sewer Revenues, shall not be authorized to be issued until such time as the issuance of the Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds shall have been submitted to the electors of the City and a majority of the votes cast on such question shall have been in favor thereof.

**Section 4. Additional Ordinances.** If no petition with respect to the issue of the Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds or, in lieu thereof, the Alternate Bonds, and meeting the requirements of applicable law is filed during the petition period hereinabove referred to, then the Corporate Authorities may adopt additional ordinances or proceedings supplementing or amending this Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of the Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds or, in lieu thereof, the Alternate Bonds, and prescribing all the details of the Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds or, in lieu thereof, the Alternate Bonds, so long as the maximum aggregate principal amount of the Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds or, in lieu thereof, the Alternate Bonds, as set forth in this Ordinance is not exceeded and there is no material change in the Project. Such additional ordinances or proceedings shall in all instances become effective in accordance with applicable law. This Ordinance, together with such additional ordinances or proceedings, shall constitute complete authority for the issuance of the Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds or, in lieu thereof, the Alternate Bonds, under applicable law.

**Section 5. Additional**

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**Proceedings.** If no petition meeting the requirement of applicable law is filed during the petition period hereinabove referred to, then the preparation and distribution of a preliminary official statement relating to the Bonds is hereby approved, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to deem the preliminary official statement nearly final.

**Section 6. Severability.** If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause, or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance.

**Section 7. Repealer.** All ordinances, resolutions or orders, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

**Section 8. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

PASSED this 21st day of December, 2021.

APPROVED by me this 21st day of December, 2021.

Steve Hartline  
Its: Mayor,  
City of Anna,  
Union County, Illinois

ATTEST:  
Anna Valencia  
Its: City Clerk,  
City of Anna,  
Union County,  
Illinois  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
CIRCUIT COURT  
UNION COUNTY

**PUBLICATION NOTICE  
OF COURT DATE FOR  
REQUEST FOR NAME  
CHANGE  
(MINOR CHILD)**

**REQUEST OF:  
TINA GRANT  
TO CHANGE NAME OF  
MINOR CHILD  
WESLEY TYSON  
GRANT  
2021-MR-85**

There will be a court date on a request for name change (minor child) to change the name from WESLEY TYSON GRANT to the new name of WESLEY TYSON GRANT STROEHLIN.

The court date will be held on FEBRUARY 9, 2022 at 9 a.m. at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois, in Courtroom 1.

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

**IN THE INTEREST OF:  
XANDER ROWAN,  
MADYSON HILL,  
KALYNN HILL,  
Minors.  
NO. 2019-JA-41  
2019-JA-42  
2019-JA-43**

**NOTICE BY  
PUBLICATION  
PURSUANT TO  
705 ILCS 405/2-16**

**to ALL WHOM IT MAY  
CONCERN:**

TAKE NOTICE that on 10/29/2021 a motion for termination of parental rights was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by PATRICK D. DALY, as Special Prosecutor, in and for Union County, Illinois, in the Circuit Court of Union County entitled "In the interest of XANDER ROWAN, a minor", "In the interest of MADYSON HILL, a minor", and "In the interest of KALYNN HILL, a minor" and that in Judge Amanda Byassee Gott courtroom at Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois on Tuesday, the 15th day of February, 2022, at the hour of 2:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a termination hearing will be held upon the motion to have the child

declared to be a ward of the court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Keri Clark  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Dated: December 30, 2021  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT  
COURT OF THE FIRST  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
UNION COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS**

**IN THE INTEREST OF:  
ANTWON HOFFMAN,  
GRAYSON BRETTHOLD,  
Minors.  
NO. 2019-JA-28  
2019-JA-29**

**AMENDED NOTICE BY  
PUBLICATION  
PURSUANT TO 705  
ILCS 405/2-16**

**Jason D. Brethold, and  
to ALL WHOM IT MAY  
CONCERN:**

TAKE NOTICE that on 9/7/2021 a Motion for Termination of Parental Rights and for Appointment of Guardian with Power to Consent to Adoption was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by PATRICK D. DALY, as Special Prosecutor, in and for Union County, Illinois, in the Circuit Court of Union County entitled "In the interest of ANTWON HOFFMAN, a minor" and "In the interest of GRAYSON BRETTHOLD, a minor", and that in Judge Amanda Byassee Gott courtroom at Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois on Tuesday, the 18th day of January, 2022, at the hour of 1:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a termination of parental rights hearing will be held upon the motion to have the child declared to be a ward of the court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

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Keri Clark  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Dated: December 30, 2021  
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**November 2021: Christmas in Downtown Anna, Small Business Saturday**

The arrival of the 2021 Christmas holiday season was celebrated Saturday, Nov. 27, in Anna. Christmas in Downtown Anna and Small Business Saturday featured a full day of special activities. The day came to an end with a holiday lights parade along South Main Street and the lighting of a community Christmas tree near the four-way stop in Anna. A municipal parking lot along East Davie Street was a busy place during the day, with many vendors on hand. A skating rink also was set up in the parking lot.

**Public Record**

from the files at the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro

**Realty Transactions**

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

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Kristie Stevenson. Grantee: Helen F. Middeke, Jerome E. Middeke Sr. Subdivision Name: Winstead Davies 3rd Add. of Anna. Lot 25.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Benjamin Goins, Christian Goins, Lean Goins, Glenda Little. Grantee: Beverly Goins. Subdivision Name: McElhaneys 2nd Add. of Jonesboro. Lot 33.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Catherine J. Chamness, Catherine J. Smith. Grantee: Michael D. Smith. Tract Section 30 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Eric Kyle Corzine. Grantee: Eric Kyle Corzine, Wilma Jane Corzine. Tract Section 10 Township 13S Range 1E.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Pamela K. Bierstedt, Gregory S. Bittle, Terry W. Bittle. Grantee: Curtis J. Carter, Kathryn A. Carter. Tract Section 20 Township 12S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jenna R. Webb, Tyler Webb. Grantee: Adam Webb, Jeannette Webb. Tract Section 21 Township 13S Range 2W. Section 28 Township 13S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Heidi J. Robinson. Grantee: Brady Andrew Jiter, Sarah Kristine Jiter. Subdivision Name: Perrys 2nd Addition Jonesboro. Lot 6.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: David E. Fellows, Larry M. Franklin, Robert C. Goodman, Kevin Smith, Harry Stewart, Harry Stewart Jr., Harlan Swearengin, Harlon Swearengin. Grantee: David E. Fellows, Evan Franklin, Larry M. Franklin, Ken Goodman, Robert C. Goodman, Kevin Smith, Harry Stewart, Harry Stewart Jr., Harlan Swearengin, Harlon Swearengin. Tract Section 25 Township 12S Range 3W. Subdivision Name: Flynns Add. of Ware. Lot 14. Tripps 1st Add. of Ware. Outlot B.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: David E. Fellows, Larry M. Franklin, Robert C. Goodman, Kevin Smith, Harry Stewart Jr., Harlan Swearengin, Harlon Swearengin. Grantee: David E. Fellows, Evan Franklin, Larry M. Franklin, Ken Goodman, Robert C. Goodman, Kevin Smith, Harry Stewart, Harry Stewart Jr., Harlan Swearengin, Harlon Swearengin. Tract Section 25 Township 12S Range 3W. Subdivision Name: Julia Flynns 1st Add. of Ware. Lots 12, 13. Tripps 1st Add. of Ware. Outlot 8.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: David Ross, Ingrid Ross. Grantee: Collin Freund, Emily Freund. Tract Section 17 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor:

Timothy Alan Clover. Grantee: Caleb Mixen, Jeanne Mixen. Subdivision Name: Village of Cobden. Block D. Lots 4, 5.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Confluence Development LLC. Grantee: MSI Investments LLC. Tract Section 20 Township 12S Range 1W. Subdivision Name: Hartline Brothers North Add. Lots 1, 2, 3.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Carly S. McKinnis, Lucas K. McKinnis, Carly S. Schuffler. Grantee: Carly S. McKinnis, Lucas K. McKinnis. Subdivision Name: George W. Browns Add. of Alto Pass. Block 1. Lots 1, 2, 7, 8.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Stephen L. Zinn Sr., Corey S. Zinn. Grantee: Corey S. Zinn, Stephanie R. Zinn. Tract Section 24 Township 13S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Curtis J. Carter, Kathryn A. Carter. Grantee: Duane A. Bierstedt, Pamela K. Bierstedt. Tract Section 20. Township 12S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Curtis J. Carter, Kathryn A. Carter. Grantee: Robert Loveless, Tanya Loveless. Tract Section 20 Township 12S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Curtis J. Carter, Kathryn A. Carter. Grantee: Bethann Marie Fravel Seibold, Chad Jason Siebold. Tract Section 20 Township 12S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Christopher Timothy Moore, Nancy Sue Moore. Grantee: Brian K. Herrell, John C. Herrell. Tract Section 24 Township 11S Range 1E. Subdivision Name: Wilderness Trail Acres Sub. Block 1. Lots 58, 59.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Miranda Nicole Hargrave. Timothy Chase Hargrave. Grantee: Benjamin M. Coleson. Subdivision Name: W.H. Simpsons 1st Add. of Anna. Lot 12.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Pam Lentz, Pamela J. Lentz. Grantee: Bridget G. Reames, William F. Reames. Tract Section 25 Township 13S Range 1W. Subdivision Name: Leavenworth Add. of Dongola. Lot 75.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Anthony Bryant. Grantee: Sherri J. Bryant. Subdivision Name: Village of Dongola. Lot 100. E. Leavenworth's 1st Add. of Dongola. Lot 106.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: John M. Johnson, Judi H. Johnson. Grantee: John M. Johnson, Judi H. Johnson, the Johnson Family Trust. Tract Section 25 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Rebel G. Short. Grantee: Edward M. Aldrich II, Rebecca A. Aldrich. Tract Section 21 Township 12S Range 1W. Subdivision Name: Applewood Estates. Lot 17.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Alice Zeschke. Grantee:

Peter M. Zeschke. Tract Section 20 Township 12S Range 1W.

**Traffic Citations**

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

Alexsia L. Higgins, Carbondale, seat belt required/driver, \$255. Victor J. Mansour, Peoria, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257.50.

Dashawanna L. Tolbert, Herrin, driving 11-14 mph above limit, \$164. Nevilon J. Meadows II, Monee, log violation, \$257.

Eddie Lewis, Carbondale, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Joshua J. Hunt, Cape Girardeau, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$257.

Kamden W. Richardson, Anna, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Shamaudre C. Barber, Cape Girardeau, transport/carry alcoholic liquor/passenger, \$255.

Brandon L. Wilson, Alton, driving on suspended license, \$257; driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$25. Jason S. Henry, Murphysboro, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

David H. Redcloud, Anna, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Benjamin M. Henson, Carterville, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Kevin H. Ward, Cape Girardeau, electronic communication device, \$164. Mark J. Fullagar, Sesser, obstructed front windshield, \$164.

Michael F. Gladish, Katy, Texas, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Joseph Powell, McGehee, Ark., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Charlotte F. Roberts, Jonesboro, seat belt required/driver, \$164. Rudolph Alexander, Cairo, electronic communication device, \$255.

Kane D. Williams, Duson, La., driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$255. Veronica K. Brown, Springfield, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Debra A. Sutliff, Jonesboro, seat belt required/

driver, \$164. Timothy W. Below, Cape Girardeau, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$255.

Alvin D. Rhodes, Cudahy, Wis., operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$731. David A. Cardenas, Anna, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Melesio Zamora, Cobden, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Grace E. Kemp, West Frankfort, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Catherine J. Ross, San Francisco, Calif., operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$731. Victoria A. Edwards, Anna, disregard traffic control device, \$255.

Elizabeth J. Brimm, Jonesboro, disregard stop sign, \$164. Amanda L. Sheridan, Jonesboro, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Dakota N. Miller, Jonesboro, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Seth I. Chandler, Ullin, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164.

Alonzo C. Madison, Cairo, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164. Ryan W. Johnson, Lake in the Hills, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Daniel J. Valentine, Cape Girardeau, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Jason T. Ralls, Dongola, no valid registration, \$164.

Deo V. Long, Paducah, child restraint violation, \$164. Ruben Lopez Zamora, Alto Pass, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Corey Jeron Grier, Cuthbert, Ga., fail to reduce speed, \$164. Angella S. Stephenson, Dongola, electronic communication device, \$164.

**Marriage Licenses**

The county clerk's office issued a marriage license to: Jarell Aramis James of Marion and Ashlee Lynn Webb of Marion.

Juan Garcia of Anna and Glorinela Navro Najera of Anna.

George Robert Scott III of Jonesboro and Breanna Lea Dodd of Jonesboro.

Bryant Mathew Busby of Sikeston, Mo., and Haley Marie Ford of Sikeston, Mo.

Tyler Keith McCormick of Eldorado and Skylar Dawn Edminster of Eldorado.

Kyle Martin Bond of Wolf Lake and Sarah Elizabeth Dodson of Wolf Lake.

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**August 2021: Harness racing at Union County Fair**

The 2021 Union County Fair was held during August at the Anna City Park. Harness racing action was one of the many activities featured at this year's county fair in Anna.

**New state laws set to take effect on Jan. 1 in Illinois**

By Peter Hancock  
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**SPRINGFIELD** – Minimum wage workers in Illinois will see a boost in their hourly pay to \$12 per hour starting Jan. 1, while tenants in affordable housing units will be allowed to keep pets.

Those are just some of the more than 300 new laws that take effect in the new year.

The minimum wage increase is actually the result of a 2019 law that phases in a state minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2025. This year, it will increase by one dollar to \$12 an hour.

The law allowing public housing tenants to keep pets is the result of Senate Bill 154, by Sen. Linda Holmes, D-Aurora, and Rep. Stephanie Kifowit, D-Oswego.

The law provides that tenants of multifamily housing units that are acquired, built or renovated with money from the Illinois Affordable Housing Trust Fund may keep up to two cats or one dog weighing less than 50 pounds.

It applies to residents of housing units that are designated as affordable housing for low- and very-low-income families. The bill passed both chambers in its final form on May 30 and Gov. JB Pritzker signed

it into law Aug. 6.

Other new laws include: **Vehicle taxes:** SB58 raises the private vehicle tax, which is a sales tax paid on the purchase of vehicles, by \$75 for each model year where the purchase price is less than \$15,000 and by \$100 for vehicles priced above that amount. However, the registration fee for trailers weighing less than 3,000 pounds will drop to \$36 instead of \$118.

**College admissions:** HB226, establishing the Higher Education Fair Admissions Act, prohibits public colleges and universities from requiring applicants to submit SAT, ACT or other standardized test scores as part of the admissions process, although prospective students may choose to submit them if they wish.

**Drug prices:** SB1682 requires pharmacies to post a notice informing consumers that they may request current pharmacy retail prices at the point of sale.

**FOID card changes:** HB562 enacts several changes to the Firearm Owner Identification card law. Among other things, it provides for a streamlined renewal process for FOID cards and Concealed Carry Licenses for people who voluntarily submit fingerprint records. It also allows the Illinois State Police to issue a combined FOID card and Concealed Carry License to qualified applicants, and it establishes

a new Violent Crime Intelligence Task Force to take enforcement action against people with revoked FOID cards.

**Student mental health:** HB576 and SB1577 allow students in Illinois up to five excused absences to attend to their mental or behavioral health without providing a medical note. Those students will be given an opportunity to make up any work they missed during the first absence and, after using a second mental health day, may be referred to the appropriate school support personnel.

**Official flags:** HB605 requires state agencies and institutions to purchase Illinois and American flags that are made in the United States.

**Hair styles:** SB817 prohibits discrimination in schools against individuals on the grounds of wearing natural or ethnic hairstyles, which include dreadlocks, braids, twists and afros.

**Lemonade stands:** SB119 prohibits public health authorities from reg-

ulating or shutting down lemonade stands or similar operations that are operated by children under the age of 16. Known as "Hayli's Law," it was inspired by 12-year-old Hayli Martinez, whose lemonade stand in Kankakee was shut down by local officials.

**Juneteenth:** HB3922 recognizes June 19, or "Juneteenth," as an official state holiday that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. In June, President Joe Biden also signed a bill designating Juneteenth as a federal holiday.

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**State police conduct special patrols**

Results have been announced from Special Traffic Enforcement Patrols which were conducted by Illinois State Police District 22 during November in Union and Johnson counties.

The results were announced by Capt. Michael Alvey, the commander of District 22.

The patrols allowed the Illinois State Police to provide increased enforcement for impaired driving, occupant restraint, speeding and distracted driving violations during a national Click It or Ticket campaign.

The following results were reported:

Occupant restraint violations, two. Driving under the influence and drug/alcohol-related citations, 14.

Speeding citations and warnings, 132. Total citations, 159. Total written warnings, 45.

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# Opinion and Commentary

## Drive sober, arrive alive

The Illinois Department of Transportation, IDOT, the Illinois State Police and more than 200 law enforcement agencies throughout the state are joining together to remind motorists that the most important gift they can give to friends and family is their safe arrival.

During this busy travel time, law enforcement will be increasing its life-saving efforts to keep impaired drivers off the roads and make sure that all travelers buckled up.

"The winter holidays are the perfect time to show your friends, family members and communities how much you care," said Cynthia Watters, IDOT's bureau chief of safety programs and engineering.

"I can't think of a better way to do that than by giving the gift of safety. Drive sober and make sure your loved ones do the same. When it comes to seat belts, check them twice for a safer ride. Everyone around you will be merry and bright when you show how much their safety means to you."

According to preliminary data, as of Dec. 16, there had been 1,149 fatal crashes and 1,265 fatalities in Illinois in 2021. This represents an increase of 115 fatalities from the same period in 2020.

Before you head over the river and through the woods to enjoy your holiday festivities, keep the following tips in mind:

If you're under the influence of alcohol or another impairing substance, don't drive.

If you think a driver is impaired, don't get in the car. Instead, take their keys and help them get home safely.

If you are going to drink alcohol, use marijuana or take another impairing substance, plan ahead for a sober ride home.

If you see an impaired driver on the road, pull over and contact local law enforcement.

The enforcement campaign runs statewide through Jan. 3, and is funded with federal highway safety funds administered by IDOT.

## Letter to the editor

### Family planning services

To the editor,

Perhaps one may be unaware that sometime in the last decade the Illinois Health Department lost their funding for much needed Family Planning Services. The following services are what Family Planning did and are not available now. Illinois Health Departments Family Planning never did or gave referrals for abortions. However, by providing much needed birth control products the pregnancy rate for unwanted pregnancies naturally would be much less.

A major function of Planned Parenthood was to test for and treat STDs. Without this service Sexually Transmitted Diseases may go untreated for longer than necessary which in turn infects many others. The Health Department also provided the necessary medications such as antibiotics to treat the STDs for those who could not afford it.

Gynecological well exams were also an important part of Family Planning Clinics, including Pap Smears to check for cervical cancer. Having a place to obtain these services is also important, even for ones who have a family doctor, as not all consumers are comfortable getting such exams with their doctor. Whereas, the anonymity of seeing a nonjudgmental Health Department Provider could make the difference of getting seen or not going at all.

The Illinois Health Department also did referrals with vouchers for mammograms. Losing these important services has certainly hurt Illinois communities.

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Please help support the return of Family Planning and its related services to Illinois Health Departments as soon as possible. One may write or call the Governor and or Legislators.

Signed, Cheryl E. Connolly, Cobden

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## Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

### Sharing one more holiday tradition...

As mentioned last week, it's the season for traditions. That's why you get to see some photographs of critters again this week.

Before we get to the critters, a few words about a couple of other holiday traditions...

...yours truly made an annual Christmas Eve journey. The adventure did not involve going over a river, a horse that knew the way or a sleigh. I did, however, come back to a grandmother's house, 'cause that seemed like the sensible thing to do on Christmas Eve.

And the journey certainly did not involve any snow. It was way, way too warm for snow on Christmas Eve in Southern Illinois. As a matter of fact, on Christmas Day, it was 72 degrees on our front porch.

My day-before-Christmas journey did, however, involve going through the woods on the way to a creek bed. We've been making the trip to the woods on Christmas Eve for a number of years, which, I suppose, makes it a tradition.

Generally, when we've gone in the past, the adventure had involved some very cold weather, and maybe even some ice in the creek bed. Not in 2021. I had expected to see mosquitoes flying around looking to make me their holiday dinner. Didn't see any, though.

After spending about an hour enjoying the balmy late December weather, it was time to head back home...to get ready for one more Christmas Eve tradition...

For, lo, these many years, yours truly has cooked some-

thing on the grill on Christmas Eve. I do not remember when this tradition started. I have cooked in bitter cold, snow, sleet, rain and now, for a couple of years, in a pandemic.

Seems like there have been a couple of times when it was so cold outside that I'm pretty sure the meat I was cooking refroze on the grill. And The Other Half insists that I tried to catch our front porch on fire one time. I do not recall that...

For Christmas Eve 2021, we had hamburgers cooked on the grill, along with homemade french fries (made with potatoes The Other Half grew this year in the garden), homemade applesauce and some other goodies. The tradition continued...

Now, let's focus on the photographs...kind of a foto focus...or maybe a photo phocus...

They are some of my favorite photographs of squirrels from 2021. Just like the images of critters which appeared in last week's paper, all of the squirrels you see this week were seen in Union County over the course of the past year.

Squirrels make for good photographs. They're cute. They have big eyes and big, fluffy tails. And, they are prone to the occasional silliness, which I really enjoy.

I don't know if squirrels celebrate the arrival of a new year. I guess I don't even know if squirrels know that a new year is arriving. I'll have to ask them...

Enough for now...stay safe...and have a very Happy New Year...



June 8



December 12



October 15



March 27



August 20



The end...

## A Page from the Past from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

### Thursday, December 30, 1971

Three chartered buses, one displaying a huge sign lettered "Appleknocker Band" departed from Cobden early Wednesday morning, Dec. 29, for their long-anticipated trip to Texas. The "Appleknocker Band" will play in the Sun Bowl Parade in El Paso, Texas, on New Year's Day.

The annual Anna-Jonesboro Teen Town New Year's party will be held Friday, Dec. 31. This is the 14th year the party has been held. "Big Muddy" will provide music for the evening.

The area did not receive a "White Christmas" this year,

in fact the thermometer soared to a warm 64 (degrees on) Christmas Day, under sunny skies.

County Clerk Fred Blaylock has announced that no one has withdrawn his name as not being available for candidacy for a position on the March 21 ballot.

Illinois Attorney General William J. Scott said in an opinion today that 18 year olds who have registered to vote are also qualified to serve on juries.

Health officials have warned of "a definite possibility of a major polio problem in Illinois in the near future." "The appearance of low immunization levels in pre-school children and the presence of isolated polio virus

in Illinois indicated an immediate urgency to immunize all pre-schoolers and to protect the rest of the population with a booster dose of the trivalent vaccine," Dr. Franklin D. Yoder, director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, announced.

From the Casper Church news: Christmas is past for 1971 and we are now wishing all a full year of health and God's blessings through 1972.

From the Friendship news: Christmas is over and we sure hope everyone had a nice time, although we know some homes are saddened by death and sickness. We wish everyone a Happy New Year.