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News

Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area.

Reminder: An American Red Cross blood drive is planned from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, today, at the First Baptist Church in Anna.

A worship service is planned Thursday evening, April 19, at Kornthal Church near Jonesboro.

Union County native Joe Wilkins is the author of a new book titled "Gates of the Arctic National Park: Twelve Years of Wilderness Exploration." Wilkins is scheduled to give a presentation Thursday evening, April 26, at St. Anne's Church in Anna.

Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week is April 8-14.

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council/Anna Arts Center is making plans to host its annual Paint the Town event on April 21.

The arts council/arts center also is planning to present "Scenes from Pooh" April 27-29.

The third annual Shawnee Hills Pottery Trail event is planned Saturday and Sunday, May 5-6, in Union and Jackson counties. Seven stops will be featured.

A fair number of folks were seen mowing their lawns in the sunshine and "balmy" weather Union County experienced on Thursday, April 5.



Union County experiences 'rare April snow'

Freeze warnings, a winter storm watch and light snow fall highlighted Union County's weather during the past week.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported on its website that a "rare April snow" was observed in the region early on Saturday, April 7.

Another round of light snow fell Sunday afternoon, April 8.

Local weather observer Dana Cross recorded .10 of an inch of snow on Saturday in Jonesboro. He also recorded a trace of snow on Sunday.

Winter Weather Advisory

The region was under a winter weather advisory from 3 a.m. until 10 a.m. last Saturday.

The advisory called for a chance of snow in parts of Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky. Accumulations of 1 to 2 inches were expected.

The weather service reported that as surface low pressure moved from east Texas into Mississippi and Alabama, the bulk of the precipitation on the afternoon and evening of Friday, April 6, missed the region to the south.

However, a secondary wave developed and interacted with enough leftover moisture to develop a band of precipitation overnight into the morning hours on April 7.

Cold air funneled into the region through the night, allowing precipitation to quickly change over to snow, with a very brief

transition period of sleet for some locations.

Many locations picked up anywhere from 0.5 of an inch to 1.5 inches of snow, particularly from far Southeast Missouri into far Southern Illinois and portions of Western Kentucky. Some isolated locales picked up close to 2 inches.

This was the first measurable snow in the month of April since 1983 for many locations, including Paducah.

The weather service reported that the last time that the area received any measurable snow during the month of April anywhere in our forecast area was in 2004, when far southern portions of Kentucky from Murray to Hopkinsville were blanketed with snow.

Winter Storm Watch

Late last week, the National Weather Service office in Paducah had posted the winter storm watch, which was in effect from last Friday evening through Saturday morning.

The watch covered parts of Southern Illinois (including Union County), Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky.

The weather service advised that "significant snow accumulations" were possible Friday night.

"Total snow accumulations up to 4 inches are possible," the weather service stated on Thursday, April 5. The weather service added that it could not rule out "isolated higher amounts" of snow.

The weather service also observed that "any chance

of this kind of snow in early April is unusual."

Warmer Weather Today, Then Cool Again

Warmer temperatures are in the forecast for Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The weather service forecast was calling for highs in the 70s on Thursday, today, and again on Friday, with a high in the 60s on Saturday.

However, by Sunday, very cool weather is expected to return. The forecast was calling for a high near 49 on Sunday.



Daffodils in the snow

Daffodil plants were dusted by snow which fell early Saturday morning, April 7, in the Union County area.



Snow falls Sunday afternoon

Motorists found themselves traveling through light snow which was falling in the Union County area last Sunday afternoon.

Legislator, A-JCHS students address school safety issues

By Benjamin Marxer

Students in Anna-Jonesboro Community High School civics classes received a visit from Illinois State Sen. Paul Schimpf, R-Waterloo, for a discussion and question-and-answer session on the subject of school safety on Wednesday, April 4.

Schimpf represents the 58th State Senate District, which includes parts of the Anna-Jonesboro area.

The visit came as the result of a letter-writing campaign begun by the students of A-JCHS social studies teacher Matthew Lewis.

As part of a unit on civic action, Lewis' Media Literacy and 21st Century Citizenship classes began writing letters to state representatives, senators and Gov. Bruce Rauner expressing their growing con-



cern about issues of school safety in Illinois. Following the shootings at Marshall County, Ky., and Parkland, Fla., the students' letters made a case for a statewide grant to implement and improve safety measures for Illinois schools.

Lewis says that his students have expressed interest in continuing their efforts to address safety concerns at A-JCHS and at schools throughout Illinois.

Many students have received responses to their letters, including replies from Gov. Bruce Rauner, State Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg, State Rep. Terri Bryant, R-Murphysboro, and State Rep. Natalie Phelps Finnie, D-Harrisburg.

Schimpf received letters from A-J students Alysa Acuff, Braden Harp, Bryce Lingle and Nathan Moss. In response, Schimpf agreed to meet with Lewis' classes to address their concerns.

In addition to the students' grant proposal, the senator discussed issues about mental health, active shooter training drills, gun control and the state budget.

Wet two months in Illinois

Statewide average precipitation for February-March was 8.69 inches.

That total made the period the fourth wettest February-March on record, according to Illinois state climatologist Jim Angel of the Illinois State Water Survey at the University of Illinois.

The wettest February-March was in 1898 with 8.96 inches.

Union County weather observer Dana Cross recorded a total of 17.58 inches of precipitation during February and March in Jonesboro.

The total included 6.60 inches in March and 10.98 inches in February.

The statewide average precipitation for March was

4.03 inches, which was 1.07 inches above normal.

The largest monthly precipitation total was 8.38 inches at Carlyle.

The snowfall pattern for March was largely the result of one storm on March 24-25 that extended from the Quad Cities to Danville.

The largest monthly snowfall total for March was 11.4 inches at Eureka.

The rest of the state saw little snow in March.

The statewide average temperature was 38.7 degrees, which was 2.6 degrees below normal.

The warmest reading for the month was 75 degrees at Kaskaskia River Navigation Dam on March 16. The coldest reading for the month was 10 degrees at Mt. Carroll on March 9.

Weather

High 72; snow, too

Snow was recorded in Union County last weekend.

A total of .10 of an inch of snow was measured Saturday, April 7, in Jonesboro. Another trace of snow was recorded Sunday, April 8.

Temperatures during the period of April 3-9 ranged from a high of 72 degrees to a low of 25.

Along with the snow, precipitation included .40 of an inch of rain on April 3.

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

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| Tuesday, April 3 | 72 | 47 |
| Wednesday, April 4 | 47 | 30 |
| Thursday, April 5 | 57 | 27 |
| Friday, April 6 | 61 | 33 |
| Saturday, April 7 | 44 | 26 |
| Sunday, April 8 | 42 | 25 |
| Monday, April 9 | 58 | 30 |



Blood drive at Anna Junior High School

Anna School District No. 37 hosted an American Red Cross blood drive on Wednesday, April 4. The drive was held in the lower gym at Anna Junior High School. The blood drive is a biannual event organized by the Anna Junior High School Student Council. The April 4 blood drive collected 28 pints, just one pint shy of the goal which had been set for the event. Student volunteers who helped with the blood drive included, from left, Ian Crunk, Camden Richardson, Barry Johnson, Nile Chotner, Blake Mays, Noah Treece, Caleb Mays, Reese Reynolds, Tyler Cunningham, Ava Vasicek and Victoria Perez. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.



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Investing in Southern Illinois young people

Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds and Hardin County State's Attorney Daniel Cockrum, both representing Fight Crime: Invest in Kids-Illinois, and Kristen Shull of the Saline County Chamber of Commerce and ReadyNation Illinois, met March 28 with State Rep. Natalie Phelps Finnie, D-Harrisburg, for a discussion about investing in Southern Illinois kids to prevent crime. Fight Crime Invest in Kids-Illinois is a bipartisan group of more than 300 prosecutors, police chiefs, sheriffs and survivors of crime who are advocating for early childhood education, after-school programs and intensive probation services for juveniles to help build strong, safe and prosperous communities. Edmonds serves as a state co-chair of Fight Crime Invest in Kids-Illinois. From left are Cockrum, Finnie, Edmonds and Shull. Photo provided.

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: Cynthia Dudek, Neth Hass. Grantee: Kamea Dudek Rhine. Tract Section 36 Township 12S Range 1W.
 Warranty Deed. Grantor: Andrea M. Ford, Andrea M. Hutcheson, William Hutcheson. Grantee: Scott D. Tripp. Name: Morgan and Wright Addition, Lot 7.
 Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Gilbert Mack, Lori Mack. Grantee: Gilbert Mack. Tract Section 13 Township 11S Range 2W.
 Warranty Deed. Grantor: Linda A. Boyd, Sharon K. Hileman. Grantee: Carl E. Mixen, Mary M. Mixen. Name: Forest Place Addition, Block 1, Lot 1.
 Warranty Deed. Grantor: Carl E. Mixen, Mary M. Mixen. Grantee: Lindell Lechtenberger, Tracey Lechtenberger. Tract Section 29 Township 12 Range 1E.
 Warranty Deed. Grantor: Judy Theis. Grantee: Frank Theis. Tract Section 3 Township 13S Range 1W. Name: Corzine Add. of Balcom, Lots 4, 5, Portion 7, Lot 6.
 Warranty Deed. Grantor: Frank Theis. Grantee: The

JAT Irrevocable Trust. Trustee: Carla Ramage. Tract Section 3 Township 13S Range 1W. Name: Corzine Add. of Balcom, Lots 4, 5, 6, Portion 7.
 Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jamie Longmire, John Longmire. Grantee: Barbara S. Bauer, Norman C. Bauer. Name: Lewis 4th Addition of Anna, Lot 12.
 Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Georgia A. Polach. Grantee: Georgia A. Polach, Steven Polach. Tract Section 10 Township 13S Range 1W.
Traffic Citations
 The following people were cited for speeding and were assessed \$120 in fines and court costs as recorded at the Union County circuit clerk's office in Jonesboro:
 Tejuan L. Roy, Cordova, Tenn. Rose Marie Staple, Cape Girardeau. Ivon Alvarado, Goldsboro, N.C. John T. Donoghue, Carbondale. Noor Mohammed Altayari, Cape Girardeau.
 Lauman Edward Kuykendoll, Cape Girardeau. Derek M. Flannigan, Cypress. Ethan G. Weshinsky, Carbondale. Bobby D. McBride, Carbondale. Coletta Ann Grant, Ullin.
 The following people were cited for the indicated violations and were assessed the accompanying fines and court costs as recorded at the circuit clerk's office:
 Debra A. Essick, Ava, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140. Walter D. Easterly, West Frankfort, improper traffic lane usage, \$1,105.
 Jeremy Michael Nice, Jackson, Mo., unlicensed, \$120. Alisha Nicole Mills, Jonesboro, seat belt required/passenger, \$60.
 Abdul Q. Kassim, Cape Girardeau, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140. Nicole S. Derossett, Wolf Lake, operate motor vehicle/registration/suspended, \$120. Benjamin M. Coleson, Anna, disregard traffic control device, \$120.

Marriage Licenses
 The county clerk's office issued a marriage license to:
 Pablo Gilberto Diaz Rey, 32, of Cape Girardeau, and Sylvia Batres, 50, of Cape Girardeau.
 Allen Scott Johnson, 49, of McClure, and Angela Yvonne Schlichtkrull, 39, of McClure.
 Robert J. Baril, 31, of Murphysboro, and Stephanie A. Meyer, 30, of Murphysboro.

Anna Council addresses budget, park concessions

A new budget and park concessions were among the topics discussed at last week's regular meeting of the Anna City Council. The meeting was held Tuesday evening, April 3, at Anna City Hall. The council approved placing the city's Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget on display for public viewing. The city's new fiscal year begins May 1. Final approval of the new budget is expected at the council's next meeting, which is slated April 17. The council also decided to move forward with plans to allow Jus10's Frozen Yogurt & Dessert Shoppe to provide concessions at the Anna City Park for 2018. The Anna business made a proposal that coincides with the opening of a new concession/restroom building at the park. In other business at last week's meeting: The council approved

financial support for the Union County CEO program. The city will allocate \$1,000 to the program each year for three years. The CEO program offers students from local high schools an opportunity to learn about entrepreneurial and business skills. Southern Seven Health Department representative Brad Rendleman discussed matters related to mosquito control. He explained that such controls were needed to prevent the spread of disease. The city administrator noted that Anna has a mosquito control program in place. The mayor suggested that the health department representative and city officials meet to pursue further discussion. A city resident addressed concerns about sewer line backup at his home. The mayor said the city would look into the matter.

Shawnee School District planning projects

The projects the board considered were for asbestos floor abatement and renovations in the high school science lab and the junior high restrooms. There were also plans considered for asbestos floor abatement for the superintendent's office and for improvements to the exterior doors of the junior and senior high school wings

of the school in Wolf Lake. The board approved the four bids proposed, with all present members voting yes. The total cost for the projects is \$581,743. The approved bids were placed by Samron Midwest Contracting and Schemel-Tarillion Inc. The renovations will be the latest of a series of campus improvements undertaken by Shawnee Community Unit School since 2013. Previously completed projects include various health and safety improvements, technology and communication upgrades, a new classroom addition built, roof and window repair, and numerous other building projects.

Anna police report issued

Anna Police Chief Mike Hunter has issued a monthly activity report for March. Highlights from the report follow:
 38 adult verbal warnings issued. 21 adult written warnings issued. 102 radio/officer initiated calls. 171 phone initiated calls. 34 walk in initiated calls.
 10 traffic misdemeanor arrests. Four warrant arrests. Five traffic juvenile arrests.
 One ordinance violation citation arrest. Eight criminal felony arrests. Three criminal juvenile arrests.
 One civil law violation arrest. 10 criminal misdemeanor arrests. 33 traffic citation arrests.

Governor appoints Britton to SIU Board of Trustees

Tom Britton, a retired Southern Illinois University vice chancellor, has been appointed to the SIU Board of Trustees. The appointment was announced April 9 by Gov. Bruce Rauner. "Tom has dedicated his life to public higher education and Southern Illinois University," Rauner said in a news release. "His connection to university staff, students and alumni, along with his proven track record in the advancement of higher education, make him uniquely qualified for this important position."

Britton began his lifelong relationship with SIU as a student, earning his B.A., M.S.Ed and J.D. degrees at the university in Carbondale before entering the administration. He was named to his first vice chancellor/vice president post at age 36 and spent 17 years in the university's central administration, serving as administrative counsel to the SIU Board of Trustees, executive assistant to the president, vice chancellor/president for administration and vice chancellor for institutional advancement. In 1992 he became the first SIU law graduate to be named associate dean at the School of Law, where he went on to serve as acting dean, associate professor, director of graduate studies and director of development before retiring to private practice in 2016. He has served as a senior consultant to the Illinois State Board of Education and trained administrative law judges on cases involving special need students. The governor's nomination was officially filed with the Illinois Secretary of State on April 9 and is expected to go before the Senate for approval this spring.

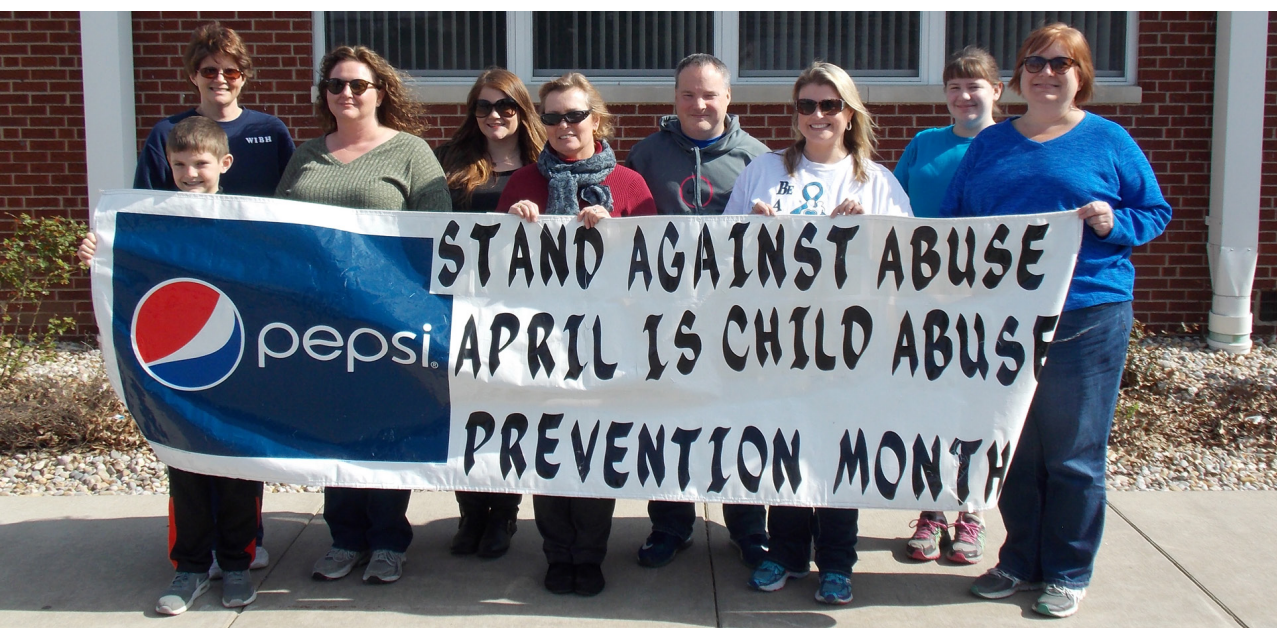
Sheriff issues monthly report

Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel has released his department's monthly activity report for March. Highlights from the report follow:
 Felony arrests, 21. Misdemeanor arrests, 23. Traffic arrests, 40. Total arrests, 84.
 Cases opened, 40. Drug investigations, three. Crash reports, 13. 911 calls received, 1,252. Miles patrolled, 10,142.

Third death in Illinois linked to cannabinoids

The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, on April 9 reported the death of a third individual who experienced severe bleeding after using synthetic cannabinoids, often called Spice, K2, or fake weed. Through April 9, IDPH reported that 107 people in Central Illinois and the Chicago area had experienced severe bleeding after using synthetic cannabinoids, including the three deaths. Two of the deaths occurred in men who were in their 20s; the third was a man in his 40s. Individuals who have been sickened by the synthetic cannabinoids have reported coughing up blood, blood in the urine, a severe bloody nose, bleeding gums and/or internal bleeding. Numerous samples have tested positive for brodifacoum, a lethal anticoagulant often used in rat poison. "Each day we've seen the number of cases rise," IDPH director Dr. Nirav D. Shah said. "Synthetic cannabinoids are unsafe. They are not regulated and people don't know what chemicals may be in them, like rat poison."

"While efforts are underway to get the contaminated drugs out of circulation, it's possible they could re-emerge. We urge people not to use synthetic cannabinoids - now or ever." Synthetic cannabinoids are human-made, mind-altering chemicals that are sprayed on to dried plant material. They can be smoked or sold as liquids to be vaporized in e-cigarettes and other devices. The chemicals are called cannabinoids because they are similar to chemicals found in the marijuana plant. The health effects from using synthetic cannabinoids can be unpredictable, harmful and deadly. Synthetic cannabinoids are found across Illinois and the United States in places like convenience stores, gas stations, drug paraphernalia shops, novelty stores and online. IDPH advised that anyone who has a reaction to synthetic cannabinoids, such as severe bleeding, should call 911 or have someone take them to the emergency department immediately.



Blue March On Main Street

Supporters of the Blue Ribbons for Kids campaign took to the streets of Anna on Monday for a wear blue day. A Blue March on Main Street was held in conjunction with the observance of National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Throughout April, child advocacy groups, both locally and nationally, are working to raise public awareness about child abuse, as well as funds for programs that aid the victims of child abuse and neglect. WIBH radio in Anna is leading local efforts to promote awareness of National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

Biodiversity field trip grant funds awarded to schools

Schools in Union County are reported to be sharing in \$107,000 in biodiversity field trip grants.

Awarding of the grants was announced Thursday, April 5, by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, and the governor's office in Springfield.

State officials said the funding will make it possible for 9,800 students from 35 counties to visit areas of the state where they can learn about nature and conservation this summer.

The grants, coordinated by the Illinois Conservation Foundation, ICF, will pay for 148 field trips in 2018.

The following grants were reported to have been awarded to Union County schools:

Jonesboro Elementary School District No. 43, Jonesboro. Grade: 8. Destination: Illinois State Museum, Springfield. Grant Award: \$1,280.

Jonesboro Grade School, Jonesboro. Grade: kindergarten. Destination: Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge, Marion. Grant Award: \$331.43.

Shawnee High School, Wolf Lake. Grades: 9-12. Destination: Touch of Nature Environmental Center, Makanda. Grant Award: \$3,000.

The grant funds come from private donations by

Independence Tube Corporation of Bedford Park, the Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Foundation of Skokie and the D. F. and M. T. Grohne Family Foundation of Wilmington.

"These grants offer Illinois students more opportunities to learn about the wealth of species and habitats in our state," Gov. Bruce Rauner said in a news release which announced the awarding of the grants.

"Field trips are an important educational tool that equip our young people with knowledge about conserving and protecting biodiversity in Illinois."

"We are pleased to be able to support learning outside the classroom with these grants. This program allows students to visit locations throughout the state to see firsthand what they've been learning about in the classroom," IDNR director Wayne Rosenthal said.

"Our future conservation leaders need the opportunity to experience Illinois' natural resources in-person."

The Illinois Biodiversity Field Trip Grant Program reached two milestones with the 2018 grant-distribution period.

More than \$1,101,000 has now been distributed through the program, and more than 103,000 students have been provided with

the opportunity to take part in a field trip since the program's inception in 2001.

Grant recipients are located throughout Illinois and represent students from pre-kindergarten through high school.

The competitive grant program allows Illinois teachers to apply for funds to take students on field trips to study Illinois' biodiversity.

Learning activities must directly relate to the school's curriculum.

The annual application deadline is Jan. 31. Funding administered by the ICF covers expenses such as the costs of transportation and substitute teachers.

"This program is a great example of a private-public partnership," ICF executive director Eric Schenck said.

"Thanks to the generous support of our donors, hundreds of schools and thousands of students have an opportunity to go on a nature-based field trip."

Information about the Illinois Biodiversity Field Trip Grant Program is available by contacting the IDNR Division of Education at dnr.teachkids@illinois.gov or 217-524-4126.

The Illinois Conservation Foundation accepts donations for the Illinois Biodiversity Field Trip Grant Program. Information is available online at www.ilcf.org.

The 2019 application form is available at <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/education/Pages/GrantsIBFTG.aspx>.



Triplet, twin Angus calves born

On March 25, triplet Angus calves were born on the Connie and Steve Boyd farm east of Anna. The Boyds reported: "We have had twin calves born quite frequently for years, sometimes three sets a year, but was quite excited for the birth of triplets, two bulls, one heifer. Triplet births are very rare with one study showing the odds of it happening are once in every 105,000 births. This is no April Fool's joke folks, and we are most excited to witness this rare phenomenon."

Then, on March 29, Connie Boyd shared the following information: "Steve called me yesterday when he went to check cattle, and said, 'you're not going to believe this, a cow just had twins.' Although that can happen on occasion, it still is unusual, a few days apart. That bull is something else. We slowly herded them through all the mud to get them into the lot with the triplets." Photos provided by the Boyds.

Hospital celebrates volunteers

It's been said that many hands make light work – one of the many reasons that volunteers are a valued part of Union County Hospital in Anna.

Volunteers are integral to Union County Hospital's commitment to the community, by supporting the hospital's mission of providing comprehensive care – physical, emotional and spiritual – to the residents of the Anna-Jonesboro community and surrounding areas.

During National Volunteer Week, April 15-21, Union County Hospital plans to recognize the many contributions that these important individuals make, year-round.

This year's celebration, with a theme of "Celebrate Service," highlights how valuable the volunteers are to the hospital and how they improve the lives of others around them through their incredible spirit of giving.

A strong base of volunteers is essential to a community hospital.

"Union County Hospital is fortunate to have the active involvement of more than 20 caring, generous individuals from the community who lend their time and talents to enrich the lives of others," says

Monica Schramm, Union County Hospital's director of marketing and volunteer coordinator.

The volunteers assist in the hospital gift shop, admitting and the Our Healthy Circle program.

During 2017 alone, approximately 22 volunteers provided 2,620 hours of service with Union County Hospital.

A luncheon is planned during the special recognition week for the volunteers. The volunteers also

will receive a gift, along with their paid membership to the Our Healthy Circle program.

The auxiliary and hospital are looking for a few more smiling faces to volunteer at the hospital admitting desk.

Those who may be interested in becoming a volunteer at Union County Hospital can contact Monica Schramm at 833-4511, extension 4359, for more information.

Governor joins in 50th anniversary celebration for Special Olympics

Athletes and volunteers were joined by Gov. Bruce Rauner on Friday, April 6, for Special Olympics Illinois 50th anniversary kickoff celebrations at the Touch of Nature Environmental Center near Carbondale.

"The Special Olympics has its roots in Illinois and is a major source of pride in our state history," Rauner said.

"For the past fifty years, the Special Olympics has made the world a more compassionate and inclusive place. We thank those

who laid the foundation for this life-changing organization."

In the 1950s, Southern Illinois resident Dr. William H. Freeberg, an early leader in therapeutic recreation, started a camp for children and adults with intellectual disabilities at what later became the Touch of Nature Environmental Center.

Freeberg's pioneering work provided invaluable guidance as Eunice Kennedy Shriver built programs across the country for the special needs community through the Kennedy Foundation.

Freeberg also was a consultant for Shriver and co-founder Anne Burke as they collaborated to plan the first Special Olympics, which was held at Chicago's Soldier Field in July of 1968.

"On that beautiful day in Soldier Field, while observing the gorgeous sunrise over Lake Michigan, 1,000 athletes from twenty-six states and Canada competed in the first Special Olympics," Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke said.

"Fifty years later, the games that were 'born in Chicago' started earlier as seedlings at Touch of Nature Educational Center in Carbondale. Special Olympics changed the world forever by celebrating the abilities of people who have disabilities."

The 2018 Special Olympics USA Games are scheduled July 1-6 in Seattle, Wash.

St. John's Cemetery Notice

The cemetery board would like everyone to know we are having a meeting to discuss and rectify the situation regarding the removal of shepherds hooks, flowers and other items from graves at the cemetery.

More details will be published in the paper next week following our meeting.

Little Muddy Film Fest set

A celebration of work by Southern Illinois University Carbondale students is scheduled to be showcased at the fourth Little Muddy Film and Media Festival.

The annual festival is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. April 13 in Morris Library's John C. Guyon Auditorium.

Admission is free and the event is open to the public. Refreshments will be served at 5:30 p.m.

Meet your Banker ERICA ZESCHKE



Erica Zeschke recently joined the staff of Anna-Jonesboro National Bank. She is a graduate of Dongola High School and Shawnee Community College.

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Sports

Ralls has no-hitter against Pinckneyville

A-J pitchers allow no hits in two victories

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School baseball team won twice in recent action.

A-J 10, Vienna 0: Sheldon McGrath was 2-for-3 with a triple, a stolen base and 4 RBIs to lead the host Wildcats in the non-conference win Friday, April 6.

Hunter Ralls was 2-for-3. Conner Jerolds was 2-for-4 with a double. Ross Pinnon was 1-for-3 with a double and 3 RBIs.

Kyle Clover was 1-for-3 with an RBI. Wyatt Johnson was 1-for-3 with a double. Bryce Osman had a stolen base.

Clover, Ethan Krumrey, Jackson Laster, Johnson and Trenton Newberry pitched in the win, combining on a no-hitter to go with 4 walks and 6 strikeouts.

A-J 10, Pinckneyville 0: Ralls fired a no-hitter to lead visiting A-J to the win in Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division action Thursday, April 5.

Ralls walked one batter and struck out 10 in the win.

Ralls also led the team's hitting attack by going 3-for-4 with a home run and 5 RBIs.

Pinnon was 2-for-2 with a double and an RBI. Osman and Jerolds were each 2-for-3. Dalton Godard and Krumrey were both 1-for-3 with a double apiece. McGrath was 1-for-4.

Anna-Jonesboro, 4-4, is scheduled to play Friday at home against Nashville and Saturday at home against Chester.

A-J softball defeats Vienna, outscored by Pinckneyville

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School softball team split in recent action.

A-J 14, Vienna 1: Tobie Treece and Lexi Macy were each 3-for-4 at the plate to lead the host Lady Wildcats to the win Friday, April 6.

Payton Alsip was 2-for-2 for A-J. Morgan Wendling was 2-for-4. Catie Mays was 1-for-2. Jasmin Foster and Lexi Smith were each 1-for-3. Britni Helton was 1-for-4.

Wendling was the winning pitcher with a six-

hitter to go with no walks and 4 strikeouts.

Pinckneyville 13, A-J 1: Wendling and Foster were each 1-for-2 at the plate for the visiting Lady Wildcats' only hits in the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division loss Thursday, April 5.

Helton was the losing pitcher, scattering 15 hits to go with a walk and a strikeout.

A-J, 2-4, is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at home against Century.

A-J girls' soccer team hosts Carbondale



Anna-Jonesboro, in light uniforms, hosted Carbondale Thursday afternoon, April 5, in a girls' high school soccer match. The match was played at Jonesboro School.



Carbondale's Audrey Meador, number 3, and Anna-Jonesboro's Kiersten Wright and Jenna Gomez go for the ball.

A-J's Parr selected for All-Star Classic

The 31st annual high school boys' basketball All-Star Classic is set for Sunday, April 15, at John A. Logan College in Carterville. Tipoff is set for 2 p.m.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School's Jake Parr has been selected to play in the game.

Okawville's coach Jon Kraus and Pinckneyville's Bob Waggoner will be the coaches for the event.

A-J soccer loses pair of games

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' soccer team lost a pair of games in recent action.

The Lady Wildcats lost 7-0 to visiting Carbondale Thursday, April 5, and lost 6-0 to host Sikeston, Mo., on Tuesday, April 3.

A-J is scheduled to play Monday, April 16, at home against Massac County.

A-J's Bierstedt, Detering earn coach of year honors

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School coaches Brandon Bierstedt and Brett Detering each have earned Southern Illinois Coaches Association coach of the year honors.

Detering was named as coach of the year in Class 3A in football.

This will be the seventh time Detering has been selected for the honor in the 17 seasons he has been coaching football at A-J.

"This award is shared by all of our players and coaches and is a result of

the success that our football team had in the fall," Detering said.

The Wildcats advanced to the Illinois High School Association Class 3A playoff semifinals this past season.

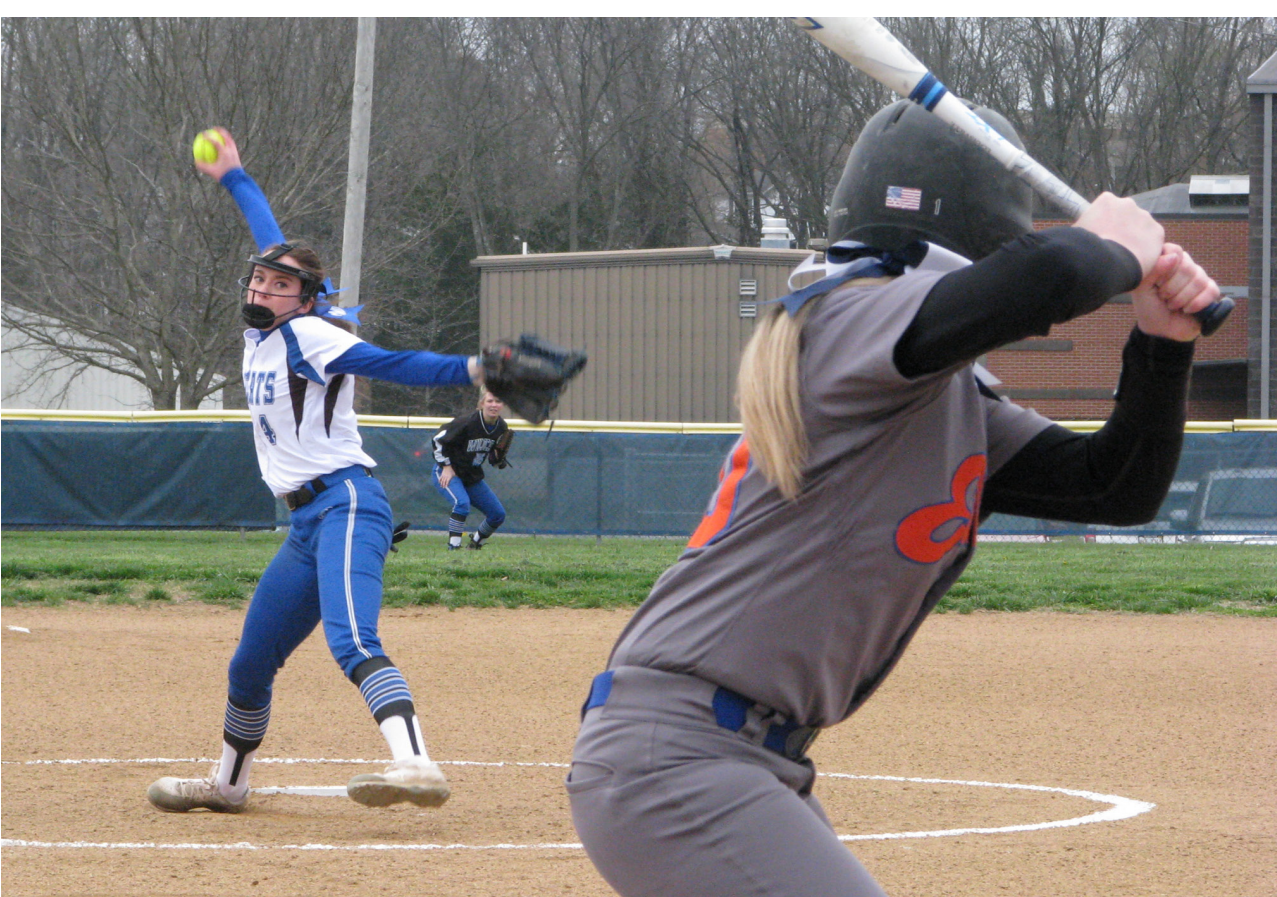
Bierstedt was honored as golf coach of the year in Class 1A.

"I'm very excited about the honor," said Bierstedt, who has been A-J's golf head coach for three seasons and 10 years prior to that served as an assistant coach.

A-J hosts Vienna in high school softball action



Anna-Jonesboro hosted Vienna in a high school softball game which was played Friday afternoon, April 6. The game was played at Jonesboro School. A-J was at bat and was looking to score some runs when the picture was taken. The game, won by A-J, was played on a chilly, blustery afternoon.



A-J's Morgan Wendling was the winning pitcher in the game against Vienna. The A-J hurler allowed six hits and struck out six Vienna batters during the game.

A-J track teams compete at Spring Fling in Benton

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls and boys track teams competed in the 2018 Spring Fling at Benton on March 31.

The boys finished in third place and the girls finished in second place at the 10-team meet.

Jaryt Tripp led the way for the A-J boys with a first place finish in the 200-meter dash in 24.07 and a second place finish in the 100-meter dash in 11.6.

Third place finishes for A-J were recorded by Tripp in the 400-meter run in 53.2 and A-J's 1600-meter relay team in 3:57.

A-J's Kyle McMahan had a fourth place finish in the 300-meter hurdles in 47.79.

A-J's 400-meter relay

team finished in first place in 55.3 to lead the girls' events.

The Lady Wildcats' Jade Marks finished in second place in the 400-meter run in 1:09.8.

Third place efforts for A-J were recorded by Julia Hall in the 3200-meter run in 14:16.9, Atarah Hart in the 100-meter dash in 13.9 and the 200-meter dash in 28.9, Addison Osman in the 100-meter hurdles in 18.4 and the 800-meter relay team in 1:59.7.

Fourth place finishes were recorded by Carsen Clements in the 300-meter hurdles in 55.84 and the 1600-meter relay team in 4:46.49.

Hall also finished in fifth place in the 1600-meter run in 6:32.47.

Cobden falls to West Frankfort

Cobden lost 13-5 to visiting West Frankfort in non-conference high school softball action Thursday, April 5.

Jamison Cowart was 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI to lead the Appleknockers at the plate.

Lexi Miller was 2-for-4. Molly Ellis and Brooke Bailey were each 1-for-3. Meredith Flamm and Lauren Sweitzer were both 1-for-4.

Flamm and Ellis pitched in the loss. Flamm pitched 3 1/3 innings and gave up 9 hits to go with 4 walks and no strikeouts. Ellis pitched 3 2/3 innings and allowed 4 hits to go with 3 walks and 3 strikeouts.

Cobden, 1-4, is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at Dongola.

Judged art competition extended

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council/Anna Arts Center reports that a 2018 judged art competition and exhibition has been pushed back to April 16 through May 6.

A closing reception is scheduled from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on May 6.

Art works can still be entered for the competition and exhibition.

Entries for the competition can be delivered to the arts center from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, today, or from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 14.

For more information, call 904-625-1109 or email vabchlee@gmail.com.



Tripp signs with McKendree University

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School senior Jaryt Tripp has signed with the men's soccer program at McKendree University in Lebanon. Jaryt is the son of J.D. and Gwen Tripp of Anna. Jaryt has played soccer and run track for four years while at A-J. He also kicked for the football team during his senior year. Seated are, from left, Gwen Tripp, Jaryt Tripp and J.D. Tripp. Standing are A-J soccer coach Mark Boomer and coach Sarah Konecek. "Soccer has always been very important to me, whether it was just kicking a ball around or playing in a state championship for A-J." Tripp said. "I'm so thankful for all the support I have received from my family, teammates, coaches and the community and for the opportunity to play at McKendree. I'm looking forward to representing A-J as I begin my college soccer career." Photo provided.

Cobden tops Dongola, edged by Pinckneyville

The Cobden High School baseball team split in recent action. **Cobden 22, Dongola 0:** Brayden Clark was 4-for-5 with 3 doubles and 5 RBIs to lead the host Appleknockers to the South Egyptian Conference win Thursday, April 5. Chandler Edwards was 3-for-3 with 2 RBIs. Jase Hutchason was 2-for-2 with a triple and 2 RBIs. John Russell was 2-for-2 with a double and an RBI. Zane Nance was 2-for-4 with a stolen base and 3 RBIs. Chandlar West was 1-for-2 with 3 RBIs. Cody Wieseman was 1-for-2 with an RBI. Clayton Flamm was 1-for-3 with 2 RBIs. Landon Britt and Alex Remsey were each 1-for-3 with an RBI apiece. Bryce Reynolds had a stolen base. Killian Hudgins was 1-for-1 for the Demons' lone hit. Britt, Ditterline, Noah Franklin, Hutchason, Nance, Remsey and West combined to pitch a one-hitter to go with no walks and 12 strikeouts. **Pinckneyville 6, Cobden 5:** Wieseman was 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI to lead the visiting Appleknockers in the non-conference loss Thursday, March 22. Remsey was 1-for-2 with 2 RBIs for Cobden. Ditterline was 1-for-3 with 2 stolen bases. Russell was 1-for-3 with a stolen base. Nance and Russell pitched for Cobden. Nance pitched 2/3 of an inning and allowed 2 hits to go with 2 walks and no strikeouts. Russell pitched 6 innings and allowed 7 hits to go with 3 walks and 6 strikeouts. Cobden, 2-1, is scheduled to play Friday at home against Shawnee.

A-J track teams in action at freshman/sophomore invitational in Chester

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys and girls track teams competed at the Chester Freshman/Sophomore Invitational Thursday, April 5. Nate Belcher led the way for the A-J boys with a first place toss of 95-11 in the discus. Second place efforts for the Wildcats were recorded by the 3200-meter relay team of Nathaniel Baggott, Zachary Overstreet, Jake Roach and John Michael Brimm in 9:47.8 and the 1600-meter relay team of the same members in 4:04.0. A-J's Roach had a fifth place finish in the 1600-meter run in 5:42.0. Teammate Lucas Carmack had a sixth place finish in the 110-meter hurdles in 20.6 and the 300-meter hurdles in 50.6. Baggott also had a sixth place finish in the 400-meter dash in 1:00. Anna Hess and Julie Lasley claimed first place finishes for the girls. Hess won the shot put with a toss of 32-5 and Lasley the pole vault with 10-6 effort. Second place efforts for the Lady Wildcats were recorded by Amiyah Hart in the 200-meter dash in 28.3 and Hess in the discus with 83-3 toss. Third place finishes were recorded by Julia Hall in the 1600-meter run in 6:38.4 and Hart in the 100-meter dash in 13.4. Fifth place finishes for A-J were posted by Addison Osman in the high jump with 4-8 and the 100-meter dash in 13.7 and the 400-meter relay team of Grace Girtman, Hart, Lasley and Osman in 57.3. Sixth place finishes for the Lady Wildcats were recorded by Maddie Lingle in the discus with a toss of 67-2, Hall in the 3200-meter run in 14:19.0 and Osman in the 100-meter hurdles in 18.9.

IDNR News Bits

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, shares the following items of interest: **2018 Licenses Available:** 2018 Illinois fishing, hunting and sportsman combination licenses are available from DNR Direct license and permit vendors throughout Illinois, or online through the IDNR website at www.dnr.illinois.gov. The new license year in Illinois began April 1, and 2018 licenses are valid through March 31, 2019. **LWCF Grant Applications Due May 15:** IDNR is accepting applications for grants through the federally-funded Land and Water Conservation Fund, LWCF. The grants provide up to 50 percent funding assistance to eligible local units of government to acquire land for public outdoor recreation areas. Local agencies must possess the ability to finance the cost of an approved land acquisition project prior to receipt of grant reimbursement funds. LWCF grants are awarded through a competitive application process. The deadline to apply for this round of LWCF grants is May 15. Local units of government which are interested in applying for a LWCF grant are advised to contact the IDNR Office of Grant Management and Assistance, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, Ill. 62702-1272; phone 217-782-7481; or email dnr.grants@illinois.gov. **Firearm/Muzzleloader Deer Permits:** Residents of Illinois can apply through April 30 for the first lottery drawings for 2018 Illinois firearm and muzzleloader-only deer season permits. Hunters can apply online through the IDNR website at www.dnr.illinois.gov. The first lottery drawings for firearm and muzzleloader-only deer permits are for Illinois residents only. Resident hunters can apply in both the firearm and muzzleloader-only lotteries. The 2018 Illinois firearm deer seasons are scheduled Nov. 16-18 (first season) and Nov. 29-Dec. 2 (second season). The 2018 muzzleloader-only permits may be used Dec. 7-9 (and in the second firearm season, Nov. 29-Dec. 2). **Turkey Hunting Safety Reminder:** Visitors to Illinois state parks, fish and wildlife areas, and other IDNR-managed sites with spring turkey hunting programs in April and May are reminded that hunting areas are closed to activities other than spring wild tur-

Online tool highlights Illinois natural resources

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, has launched a new online tool that will allow landowners, producers and chemical applicators to see the locations of sensitive natural resources in Illinois. The Natural Resources Awareness Tool for Applicators was created in response to reports that some agricultural herbicides can drift off-target and damage sensitive crops and natural areas. IDNR will be working with the Illinois Department of Agriculture, IDOA, and other partner organizations during the upcoming growing season to monitor natural areas. IDNR also will assist IDOA with reports of suspected herbicide damage to trees and other plants. "Our hope is to work proactively with agricultural interests to prevent problems, including potential drift injury to adjacent property," IDNR director Wayne Rosenthal said. "By providing additional information, IDNR can help farmers and applicators better comply with rules and statutes governing the use of herbicides." The Natural Resources Awareness Tool for Applicators is designed to complement the multi-state DRIFTWATCH program. The program allows farmers, producers and applicators to identify sensitive crop areas, which is critical as another growing season draws near. Producers can access the DRIFTWATCH site and enter the location of their fields. Pesticide applicators can then register and see the location of sensitive crops in the area, and receive email alerts when new fields are added. IDNR said the program is free, quick and easy to use; however, growers must be diligent in entering the location of their fields accurately in order for the system to work successfully. Those who are planning to apply any of the three dicamba products approved for over-the-top applications on soybeans and cotton in 2018 are required to adhere to all label requirements, including completion of a training program that utilizes materials developed by the registrants of the products (Monsanto, BASF or DuPont). Information regarding the required training for 2018 can be found on the Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association website. Those who participate in the training will receive a certification of completion that can be used as proof of training for record keeping purposes. IDNR noted that it is committed to working closely to promote proper and safe use of herbicides, and to increase awareness of sensitive areas of the state that include natural areas, Illinois nature preserves, state parks and other sites. For more information, visit IDOA's pesticide information page at <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Pesticides/Pages/default.aspx>.

Dongola Unit School District #66 will be having a special board meeting on April 16, 2018, at 6:00 P.M. 17GP

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Concerning the idea of "aiding and abetting," we find in Acts 7, the Jewish leaders had charged Stephen with speaking against the law. He answers them by saying it was they who were stiff-necked. They were sons of their fathers in habitually resisting the Holy Spirit. Their fathers had persecuted the prophets who foretold the coming of Christ. Now they had betrayed and murdered Him.

How did they respond to Stephen's accusations? V. 57-58: "...they...cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul."

Saul of Tarsus, later the apostle Paul - held the coats of those who stoned Stephen. In Acts 22:20, the apostle Paul says to the Lord: "...when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and held the raiment of them that slew him." Paul aided and abetted by holding the clothes of those who stoned Stephen. He never threw a stone, and yet he was guilty of that death. "Holding coats" is a sin, too.

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FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY; Plaintiff,

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

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, May 16, 2018, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. in the lobby of the Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
Commonly known as:
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P.I.N. 14-00-07-428.
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For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 17-038772 F2
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

REGIONS BANK DBA REGIONS MORTGAGE, PLAINTIFF, VS.

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

107 NORTH ACRE LANE JONESBORO, IL 62952

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

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

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COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

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Description of Improvements:

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

REGIONS BANK DBA REGIONS MORTGAGE, PLAINTIFF, VS.

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

107 NORTH ACRE LANE JONESBORO, IL 62952

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

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

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

RECTION AND PARALLEL WITH THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE AFORESAID PUBLIC ROAD A DISTANCE OF 120 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE IN A SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION AND PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF THE "JOHN ALLEN PROPERTY" A DISTANCE OF 100 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PARCEL II:
COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 5 IN W. M. CLINGSMITH'S 1ST ADDITION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS; THENCE N. 8 DEGREES 51' E. A DISTANCE OF 40.48 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF AN UNNAMED STREET; THENCE N. 90 DEGREES 00' W. ALONG THE SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING N. 90 DEGREES 00' W. A DISTANCE OF 206.65 FEET; THENCE N. 31 DEGREES 07' 38" E. A DISTANCE OF 221.00 FEET; THENCE S. 89 DEGREES 15' 57" E.; A DISTANCE OF 93.46 FEET; THENCE S. 8 DEGREES 51' W. A DISTANCE OF 70.00 FEET; THENCE S. 89 DEGREES 15' 57" E.; A DISTANCE OF 30.00 FEET; THENCE S 8 DEGREES 51' W. TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING THE TRACT CONTAINING 0.669 ACRES MORE OR LESS; PER TRACT I ON A PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY CHARLES L. GARNER, ILLINOIS LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2316, RECORDED ON APRIL 30, 1999, IN RECORD BOOK 168 AT PAGE 807 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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

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

The Judgment amount was \$98,220.18.

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

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

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

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

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

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the

assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

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

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

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

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

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

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

FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY; Plaintiff, vs. THOMAS M. BARKER AKA THOMAS BARKER; AMBER E. RODGERS AKA AMBER E. BARKER AKA AMBER BARKER; Defendants, 17 CH 37

NOTICE OF SALE

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

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

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

P.I.N. 14-00-07-428. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.

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

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 17-038772 F2 13082875

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

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC., PLAINTIFF, vs. WILLIAM BUTCHER, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DECEASED MORTGAGOR CLIFFORD H WRIGHT;

LYNN WRIGHT HEISNER A/K/A ELMIRA LYNN HEISNER; ELIZABETH ANN LINGLE; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES, FOR CLIFFORD H WRIGHT, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS. 17 CH 32

501 EAST BROAD STREET JONESBORO, IL 62952

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU,

Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Unknown Heirs and Legatees, for Clifford H Wright, if any Elizabeth Ann Lingle defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

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

Commonly known as: 501 East Broad Street Jonesboro, IL 62952 and which said Mortgage was made by,

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

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

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

Lorraine Moreland 309 W. Market 101 Jonesboro, IL 62952

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

By order of the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court, this case is set for Mandatory Mediation on May 21, 2018 at 9:30 am. at the Union County Courthouse; 309 W. Market St, Jonesboro, IL 62952. A lender representative will be present along with a court appointed mediator to discuss options that you may have and to pre-screen you for a potential mortgage modification. For further information on the mediation process, please see the attached NOTICE OF MANDATORY MEDIATION.

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

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

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

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1 N. Dearborn St. Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 Ph. (312) 346-9088 File No. 264582-138946 13081689 16-18g

NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE TENTATIVE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ILLINOIS FOR 2018-2019

A Public Hearing on the Tentative Annual Budget for the City of Jonesboro, Illinois, for 2018-2019, ef-

fective May 1, 2018, will be held on Monday, April 16, 2018, at 7 p.m., in the chambers of the Jonesboro City Hall, 1101 Public Square, Jonesboro, Illinois.

After such hearing and the adjournment thereof, the Tentative Annual Budget, as presented and/or as revised, shall be passed and adopted without any further notice, hearing, opportunity for inspection or change.

The Tentative Annual Budget will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby area of the Jonesboro City Hall, 1101 Public Square, Jonesboro, Illinois, and upon posting, will be available for public inspection during normal business hours, Monday through Friday.

Dated: April 3, 2018

BARBARA CASPER Jonesboro City Clerk 17g

NOTICE OF DISPOSITION:

Notice is hereby given of the disposing of the following described personal

property which is stored at the self storage facility known as Costa Store and Lock, 107 Cemetery Road, Jonesboro, IL.

1. Name of occupant: Erica Penrod
2. Property to be disposed of: Misc. personal property
3. Time and place of disposition: April 23, 2018

Costa Store and Lock 107 Cemetery Road Jonesboro, IL Phone: (618)-833-5653 17-18g

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Blossoms on Jonesboro Square With the use of a "solarize" tool in Photoshop, this image of spring blossoms on the Jonesboro Square was created.

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Signs of spring time

Even though the weather has remained on the chilly side lately, daffodils are a sign that spring is trying to arrive in Southern Illinois.

Marmaduke Scholarship Lecture slated

Amanda Vinicky, a correspondent and segment host with WTTW-TV's Chicago Tonight, is scheduled to present the Virginia Marmaduke Scholarship Lecture at Southern Illinois

University Carbondale.

Vinicky will discuss "Contemporary Journalism" at 7 p.m. Thursday, today, in Lawson Hall, room 101. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Vinicky's primary focus is on Illinois government and politics.

Prior to joining Chicago Tonight in 2017, she covered Illinois government and state politics for a decade as statehouse bureau chief for NPR and the Illinois Public Radio network.

The lecture honors the late Virginia "The Duchess" Marmaduke, a Southern Illinois native and ground-

breaking Chicago journalist.

A native of Carbondale who spent much of her later life in Pinckneyville, Marmaduke died in November 2001 at age 93.

The Marmaduke lecture series is the result of a \$1.22 million gift from Marmaduke's estate - the largest gift in SIUC's College of Mass Communication and Media Arts history.

The gift funds the Virginia Marmaduke Mass Communication and Media Arts Endowed Scholarship, along with a lectureship and media center activities research also named in her honor.



Spring time blossom display

Spring seems to have made a bit of a delayed entrance this year in Union County. Even so, lots of blossoms have been making an appearance. These blossoms appear each spring along the RAVE Inc. building on West Davie Street in Anna.

Smiling with Sarah

To all our friends in Cobden, AJ and Union County, **Thank You!**

For the love and support you have extended to our family over these many years-but in particular, over these last couple of weeks . . . Thank you.

For the cards, letters, phone calls, emails, facebook posts and stop by visits . . . Thank you.

For the nods in Kroger, the hand on the shoulder at the gas pump, the hugs when you couldn't find the right words . . . Thank you.

We've had some bad days these last few weeks, but thanks to all of you, they were way better than they might have been.

The Russell's,

Deb, JP, Rivanna, Nessa, Sarah, Jenny, Kate, 'Bekah, John

P.S. This is from Sarah, for all of you:

As I conclude, I want to thank each and every single one of you - those I know and those whom I've never met.

Your strength gave me strength. Your hope gave me hope.

Your love and prayers gave me a light when it seemed like the dark would last forever.

I do not have enough words to thank you for the impact you have had on my life.

I hope that my story has inspired someone along the way to look at life in a more positive light.

I want to be that strength for others like you have been for me.

I want to offer hope and love to others who may be having difficulty finding the light again.

Thank you for loving me - for loving my family, through this difficult chapter in our lives.

Let's close it now, and let your smile inspire!

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Far from fading away...

Far from fading away, community newspapers are a valued and trusted source of news and information in towns and counties nationwide.

More than two-thirds of respondents in a recent nationwide survey said that they read their local newspaper, either in print or online, and the largest segment of respondents said they preferred newspapers for their local news.

In fact, a majority of respondents who read their community newspaper said they trusted it over other news sources. More than 70 percent of those who read their paper said that the newspaper was useful to them personally.

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

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

The National Newspaper Association, founded in 1885, represents over 2,000 community newspapers across America. Its flagship monthly newspaper, Publishers' Auxiliary provides members with industry news and trends, editorial, advertising and business best practice information and advice from industry experts.

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My name is Kent Keller and I am a sales consultant at Coad Chevrolet-Buick-Ford in Anna, Illinois.

I have been with the Coad team for ten years. Before that I worked at A-J Motor Company dealing with all aspects of the automotive industry.

including sales, financing and service.

I graduated from Anna-Jonesboro Community High School so many years ago I can't remember. I am also a graduate of SIU. I have lived in Union County all my life and have a beautiful wife and two gorgeous daughters.

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Pooch wanted to play, too
A pooch appeared to have wanted to play, too, during a girls' high school match which was being played Thursday afternoon, April 5, at Jonesboro School. Anna-Jonesboro Community High School hosted Carbondale in the match. Action in the game paused while the friendly dog was quickly put back on a leash.

Shawnee School District recognizes honor students, those with perfect attendance

Shawnee School District No. 84 has announced students who made the high honor roll, the honor roll and had perfect attendance for the third quarter.

Students in high school, junior high school and the elementary school were recognized.

Shawnee Junior-Senior High School High Honor Roll

Seniors: Trevor Gale, Evan Gollhofer, Kashe Mouser.

Juniors: Katie Charles, Autumn McMahan, Chali Phelps.

Sophomores: Olivia Jackson, Koby McLane.

Freshmen: Raelynn Barnes, Courtney Smith.

8th grade: Alexis Allred, Connor Benbrook, Kayla Gore, Gabriella Smith.

7th grade: Jasper Rohlfing.

6th grade: Olivia Clover, Karsynne Livingston.

Honor Roll

Seniors: Chapman Hill, Cory Johnson, Conner Robertson, Deja Rohlfing, Shannon Stanley, Payton Trammel, Kannen Wills, Taylor Verble.

Juniors: Holden Criddle, Michael Partain, Laycee Presutti, Tre Rains, Nick Rose.

Trail Society guided hike scheduled

The River-to-River Trail Society announces a guided hike which is planned Saturday, April 14, at Panther Den Wilderness in Union County.

Those who want to go on the hike are advised to meet at 10 a.m. at the Goreville City Park at 313 W. Main St. (Goreville Road) in Goreville.

The hike is free and open to the public. The trail society said the hike will be about 4 1/2 miles in length, with a duration of about four hours.

The hike will be of at least moderate difficulty and is intended for people who are in good health who have done some hiking.

The hike will include several creek crossings and some off-trail hiking. The difficulty of the hike may be affected by high water or muddy trail conditions. Feet may get wet.

Boots or sturdy shoes, an extra pair of dry socks and a hiking stick are strongly recommended by the trail society.

The trail society asks hikers to not bring dogs.

For more information or directions, call Jim at 618-964-1196.

Sophomores: Anthony Buie, Jesse Ellet, Kylie Holmway, Nick McAlister, Jaycynn Presutti, Colton Ross, Ryan Schaefer.

Freshmen: Mariah Faire, Rachel Fox, Austin Heise.

8th grade: Autumn Derossett, Braden Freeman, Abigail Horn, Alexis Miller, Cyliegh Pearl.

7th grade: Cole Howell, Jack Taylor.

6th grade: Hallie Huffman.

Perfect Attendance

Seniors: Evan Gollhofer.

Juniors: Katie Charles.

Holden Criddle, Tim Mahoney, Nick Rose, Austin Warren.

Sophomores: Jesse Ellet, Olivia Jackson, Nick McAlister, Noveda Qualls.

Freshmen: Raelynn Barnes, Jesse Camp, Mariah Faire, Rachel Fox, Jasmine Graham, Austin Heise.

8th grade: Connor Benbrook, Autumn Derossett, Steven Graham, Dawson McAlister, Gabriella Smith.

7th grade: Dustin Barnes, Abbagell Davis, Colton Harris, Rylie Wahaib, Dryden Wills.

6th grade: Luke Choate, Olivia Clover, Kayman Ford, Kiersten Holloway, Karsynne Livingston, Jace Williams.

Shawnee Elementary School Honor Roll

5th grade: Kelci Baber, Miranda Crowden, Gracie Davison, Mallory Follis, Noah Mayberry, Mylee Mikel, Faith Moore, Cole Pender, Jaeda Qualls, Avery Stegle, Annie Williams.

4th grade: Juliana Avila, Alana Davis, Lily Ellet, Rayah Huffman, Keira Lietz, Braxton Owen, Cindy Price, Madelin Pulley, Daisy Tellor, Justin Temke.

3rd grade: Kolby Brown, Keaton Carmack, Adyson Choate, Nick Dallas, Olivia Derossett, Brock Ellet, Kasyn Estes, Akeylah Johnson, Malachi Johnson, D.J. Rushing, Isaac Sands, Madalyn Schuster.

2nd grade: Eva Ford, Lillie Griffin, Brayden Howell, Camryn Kelley, Sterling Livingston, Brody Maeser, Dylan McClain, Emma Neilson, Kyle Shirley, Matthew White.

1st grade: Gabby Barnes, Gracelynn Bigham, Thia Boucher, Logan Clymer, Nolan Ellet, Spencer Griffin, Nolan Hubbs, Ahanna Moore, Gretchen Myers, Lilly Park, Jacob Pickel, Katie Randles, Riley Shelton, Avery Sissom, Emma Wigley.

Child Find screenings for Union County schools are planned Friday, April 20, in Anna.

The screenings are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, which is located at 315 South St.

Screenings for children ages 0 to 5 will be offered at no cost to families in the Anna, Cobden, Dongola, Jonesboro and Lick Creek school districts.

Screening appointments can be made by calling 833-8932.

Families who may be interested in applying for preschool/Head Start for the 2018-2019 school year are advised to bring their child's certified birth certificate and proof of family income to the screening appointment.

Baskets full of school supplies and children's books will be offered as door prizes to participating families.

Hillbilly Dinner Theater planned

The Pulaski-Alexander Illinois Association of Home and Community Education plans to sponsor a Hillbilly Dinner Theater Saturday, April 14.

The dinner theater is scheduled from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Caledonia Church in Olmsted. The church is located along Route 37.

The dinner menu will feature ham and beans. Prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

The K&I Drifters will provide the entertainment. A live auction is planned. Brent Miller is scheduled to be the guest auctioneer.

All proceeds will be used to provide scholarships for graduating seniors from Century and Meridian high schools.

Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

We congratulate Kashe Mouser, of McClure, a senior at Shawnee High School, for making third quarter high honor roll at Shawnee High School. Also making high honor roll and perfect attendance for third quarter were senior Evan Gollhofer of Grand Tower and junior Katie Charles of Fair City.

We extend our sympathy

Head Start plans family fishing event

Southern Seven Head Start/Early Head Start are planning to host their annual Family Fun and Fishing Days.

The event is planned from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. April 14 at the pond on the campus of Shawnee Community College near Ullin.

Fishing equipment and live bait will be provided. A lunch also will be provided.

Other activities are scheduled to include milking a cow and face painting.

University of Illinois Extension plans to offer information about nutrition. Door prizes will be awarded.

For more information, call Julia Veach at 618-634-9340, extension 109.

The event is sponsored by Southern Seven Head Start/Early Head Start, Shawnee Community College and Fish Wildlife/Timberland Fisheries.

News from First Christian Church, Anna

"Loving People Where You Are" was the title of the sermon preached Sunday, April 8, by elder Tim Denny.

The message shared that as a church, "we need to start asking ourselves where we are. Every day you can demonstrate the love you received from Christ daily to someone else."

Birthdays: Brenda Stokes, March 21; Vicki Stout, Hal Barker, Kevin Cawthon, March 22.

Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. A worship service begins at 10:30 a.m.

The Sunday evening program begins at 6 p.m., including a junior high school youth group and senior high school youth group. Adult Bible study is at 6:45 p.m.

Awana clubs for young people meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. Wednesday Bible study is at 6:30 p.m.

to the family of Paul Vincent Dollman of Marion, who died last week. He is survived by a son, Devan Rand Dollman of Carbondale, a sister and brother-in-law, Darla and Bob Landgren, of the Chicago area, an uncle and aunt, Ernest and Doris Rhodes of Jonesboro, and other relatives and friends. A service will be held at a later date.

Happy birthday to my sister, Pat Johnson of Jackson, Mo., on Monday, April 16.

Fred and Maxine Pender of Fair City enjoyed brunch Saturday at the home of Brad and Lori Pender of Jonesboro. Granddaughter Kristin Pender of Indiana came home for the weekend. Also present were Austin and Allison Pender of Anna.

Barbara and Edwin Livesay of Anna visited one day last week with Dolores and Jack Reynolds of Reynoldsville.

Those helping River Kelley celebrate his 5th birthday Wednesday, April 4, at the home of his grandparents, Jackie and Jay

Jennings of Reynoldsville, were his great-grandparents, Dolores and Jack Reynolds, Amy Kaufman and Taylor of Jonesboro, Jonathan, Betsy, Brylee, Nash and Kyndal Oxford of Cobden and Valley Reynolds of Reynoldsville.

Visiting with Berniece McRaven of Fair City were David and Brandy Renshaw and Daphne Huffman, all of Thebes, and Darrell McRaven of Jonesboro.

Penny and Kerry Hill of McClure visited Thursday with Shirley Miller of McClure. Joe Schneider of Cape Girardeau visited with Shirley on Friday.

Thank you to Goldie Miller of Colorado Springs, Colo., for renewing her subscription to The Gazette Democrat and giving me the credit.

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.

Worship at Kornthal

Kornthal Church will hold its monthly worship service on Thursday, April 19, at 7:00 p.m. Make plans to attend a special sing-spiration at Kornthal on the third Thursday in May.

Kornthal is located 2 1/2 miles south of Jonesboro off Illinois 127.

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Obituaries

Valrey Sue Coleman

Valrey Sue Coleman, 75, of Anna, died at home on Thursday, April 5, 2018, days after being diagnosed with cancer, surrounded by all of her children. Valrey Coleman lived a life of love and laughter.



At the end of a hilly, curvy gravel road outside Anna, Ill., a road where deer are likely to jump in your path, is the redwood house built by the late Bill Coleman and his best friend, Bill Schildknecht. It's surrounded by hay fields and woods and in front is a pond with a fishing dock.

As beautiful and peaceful as the setting is, what made it home to Bill and Valrey Coleman, their five children and countless foster children were the bountiful dinners, front-porch conversations and ever-present laughter.

After Bill died in an accident in 2004, Valrey made sure that what made this house and its bucolic setting a home remained. Family, both immediate and extended, flocked there, especially for her lavish Thanksgiving dinners and joyful Easter egg hunts.

The former Valrey Lyerla married Bill on April 4, 1970, in Kankakee, Ill., and the couple immediately moved to Anna.

She worked for several years in the speech and hearing department of Anna State Hospital and he completed his degree at Southern Illinois University.

Over the years, the Colemans made children the focal point of their lives. They hosted scores of foster children and adopted five children. For however long the foster children were with the Colemans, the couple gave them a stable and loving home.

But Bill and Val took on other roles as well, serving as mentors to Bill's seven siblings and nieces and nephews. And Valrey remained in that role for the rest of her life.

"Val's personality was such that her love for you, her open-mindedness and sense of fairness were never in question," said Bill's sister, Laura Coleman Noeth. "Physically, she would wrap you in her arms and emotionally she would wrap you in her love."

"No matter how much love she gave you or others, her well never ran dry. And almost as much as she loved, she laughed. Val was a skilled storyteller and, no matter how many times you heard the stories, you eagerly listened because she was so good."

A member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Anna, Val had spirituality that ran deep.

"She didn't speak about it much. She chose to live it instead," said Noeth. "Anyone who knew her knew that her deep belief in God guided her life, whether it was as she expressed gratitude or sought help. And I know that, in the past few weeks as she battled her disease, she was both grateful for her life, accepting of her fate and that she anticipated what was to come."

Valrey is survived by her son Josh and daughter-in-law Lindsay Coleman of St. Louis; daughter Bethany Weger and son-in-law Michael Weger of Hennepin, Ill.; daughter Shanda Nagai and son-in-law Yusuke of Lewisburg, Tenn.; and daughters Rosie Coleman and Amanda Houseman, both of Anna.

She is survived by brother-in-law Larry Coleman and sister-in-law Marion Coleman of Kankakee, Ill.; sister-in-law Laura Coleman Noeth of Memphis, Tenn.; brother-in-law Neil Coleman and sister-in-law Laurie Coleman of Buncombe, Ill.; brother-in-law Jim Coleman of Raleigh, N.C.; and brother-in-law Jerry Coleman of New York City.

She is also survived by nine grandchildren, Henry Coleman, Madeline and Jaxon Weger, Hana and Kimi Nagai and Alexis Houseman, Olivia and Madison Marshall, Ashley Coleman, Mariah Okoragi and Brandon Smith. And a grand-dog named Charlie. She is also survived by former daughter-in-law Tonia Okoragi.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her mother, Georgia Lyerla; her father, Paul Lyerla; brothers-in-law John Coleman and George Noeth; and sister-in-law Eileen Coleman.

Funeral Mass was at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 10, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Anna, with Father Federico Higuera officiating. Interment was in the Anna City Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Envelopes will be available in the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home or mail to 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, Tenn. 38102 or at stjude.org.

To leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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

Kenneth Honey

Kenneth H. Honey, 73, of Tamms, died Sunday, April 1, 2018, in Olive Branch.

He was born on Nov. 9, 1944, in Cairo, the son of Ethel Carner Powless-Newman and Lorn Honey.

He enjoyed fishing, reading and, most of all, working in his garden and yard.

He is survived by a son, Robert (Kim) Honey of Smyrna, Tenn.; a daughter, Christina Honey of Knoxville, Tenn.; a sister, Sharon Robinson Laster (Don) of Jonesboro; nephews Mark Laster (Andi) of Anna and Neil Laster (Renee) of Jonesboro; and a great nephew and nieces, Jackson, Allie and Ainsley.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by his stepfather, Harold "Jim" Powless.

A celebration of life will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 14, at Crain Funeral Home in Tamms.

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

Crain Funeral Home Crain Funeral Home in Tamms is in charge of arrangements.



Linda G. Davidson

Linda G. Davidson, of Gold Canyon, Ariz., and formerly of Richmond, and Dongola, died on April 2, 2018, shortly after 5 a.m. at the Hospice of the Valley, Lund Home facility in Gilbert, Ariz.

Linda was the daughter of Paul and Imogene Davidson of Dongola.

Most of her teaching career took place in Richmond, where she taught business, accounting and computer classes for 30-plus years. She retired in 2005 and moved to MountainBrook Village in Gold Canyon, Ariz.

She was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Mesa, Ariz., and a former member of the Dongola Lutheran Church. She was an active member of the Lions Club and the local library district.

She graduated from Dongola High School in 1965 and Southern Illinois University Carbondale in 1969 with a bachelor of arts degree in business education. She later received her master's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

She was an avid cat lover and is also survived by her beloved rescue cat Porters, who delighted in belly rubs while upside down in her lap. During her retirement years, she loved to travel to foreign countries, especially Africa, where she fell in love with the big cats.

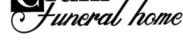
She is survived by her sister, Carole (Edwin "Sonny") Eddleman of Anna; her brother, Robert (Patricia) Davidson of Chandler, Ariz.; two nieces, Susan (Timothy) Nance of Anna and Laura (Daniel) Zehring of Tempe, Ariz.; two nephews, Rodney Eddleman of Anna and Greg (Andrea) Davidson of Gilbert, Ariz.; an aunt, Afton Davidson of Anna; 13 great-nieces and nephews, Nicole, Macayla, Landon, Mark, Aedyn, Lois, Joss, Ellie, Wesley, Hazel, Aubrey, Karissa and Bianca; and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Imogene Davidson, and by many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services for Linda Davidson were at Crain Funeral Home in Dongola on Wednesday, April 11, at 11 a.m. with Pastor Mark Hasty of Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro officiating. Interment was in St. John's Cemetery west of Dongola, beside her parents.

Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society or to the African Lion and Environmental Research Trust (<http://lionalert.org/>).

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



Crain Funeral Home in Dongola was in charge of arrangements.

William 'Willie' Robert Havlen

William "Willie" Robert Havlen, 59, of Caseyville, and formerly of Dongola, died at Barnes Jewish Hospital on March 22, 2018, in St. Louis.

He was born on March 14, 1959, in East St. Louis, the son of William D. Havlen and Edna Havlen.

He is survived by his mother, Edna Havlen of Dongola; four sisters, Kathy (Scott) Brady of Gadsden, Ala., Donna (Barry) Roslin of The Villages, Fla., Valerie (Tom) Hill of Anna and Meagan Wagner of Edwardsville; two children William A. (Dora) Havlen of Cleveland, Ga., and Amie Havlen of Dongola; seven grandchildren Harmony, William P., Devin, Kurtis, Robert, Kaitlyn and Lauren; one great-grandchild William Theodore; one aunt and four uncles; numerous cousins, nieces and nephews; and two ex-wives Evelyn Havlen of Cleveland, Ga., and Susan Havlen of Caseyville.

He was preceded in death by his father William Havlen.

He was an accomplished auto mechanic and often could be found helping family, friends or anyone in need with their vehicle. He was known for his quick wit and humorous personality, which allowed him to be the highlight wherever he went. He was very close to his family and friends. He was extremely close to many of his cousins and friends that he and his sisters grew up with who he considered "brothers and sisters."

Family and friends are invited on Sunday, April 22, to a celebration of life from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Collinsville Senior Center, 420 E. Main St., Collinsville. Then the family will continue with the celebration of life at 3 p.m. at Jessie's Hideout. Everyone is welcome to come and share stories with his family.

Mary Ellen Wilson

Mary Ellen Wilson, 90, of Cape Girardeau, died Wednesday, April 4, 2018, at Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

She was born on March 22, 1928, in Anna, the daughter of Arlie R. and Gladys Dollman Knupp.

She and Johnny Wilson were married on Sept. 27, 1945, in Jackson, Mo.

She loved flower gardening and loved to go dancing.

She was a member of Wolf Lake Methodist Church.

Survivors include her one daughter, Lisa (Greg) Mosby of McClure; one son, John W. (Phyllis) Wilson of Wolf Lake; two brothers, Paul Knupp of Florissant, Mo., and Gerald (Ann) Knupp of Phenix City, Ala.; three grandchildren, Amanda (Scott) Gallante of Casselberry, Fla., Justin (Lyndsey) Mosby of Brenton, Mo., and Tara (Greg) Kennard of Cape Girardeau; four great-grandchildren, Blake Mosby, Easton Mosby, Connor Kennard and Bennett Kennard.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one sister, Margaret Stark; and two brothers, Robert Knupp and John Knupp.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 7, at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau with the Revs. Barbara and Glenn Patterson officiating.

Burial was in the Jonesboro Cemetery in Jonesboro.

Memorials can be made to Saxony Village.

Online condolences can be made at www.fordandsons-funeralhome.com.

Ford & Sons Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Thomas Dale Maske

Thomas Dale Maske, 83, of Anna, died at 10:23 p.m. Saturday, April 7, 2018, at Integrity Health Care of Anna.

He was born on Sept. 3, 1934, in Iowa City, Johnson County, Iowa, the son of Dale and Margery Maske.

At the age of 16, he was diagnosed with polio and spent his remaining 67 years in a manual wheelchair because of the disease.

After graduating from high school in 1952, he went on to graduate from Oklahoma State Tech in 1954.

He married Sylvia Estal on Dec. 28, 1954, in West Branch, Iowa.

Despite being confined to a wheelchair, Mr. Maske spent much of his career traveling the world, with visits to England, Germany, China, Taiwan, Japan, Korea, the Philippines and Australia. He and his family lived in Taipei, Taiwan, from 1970 to 1976, where he served as the director of purchasing for Admiral Overseas Corporation.

After returning to the United States, Mr. Maske served with several corporations and a nonprofit entity in a variety of positions typically involving purchasing. He spent 10 years before retirement as the owner of Jiffy Print in Evansville, Ind.

He was very active in civic organizations and the United Methodist Church. Some of the awards and citations that he received over his life include the Civitan Outstanding Lieutenant Governor Award (Mt. Carmel, Illinois Chapter) in 1985 and the Civitan Key Award in 1987.

He was an active Amateur Radio Operator (KA9EYS) for many years and received the RADIO-President's Award (Mt. Carmel, Illinois Amateur Radio Club) in 1984. He was awarded the Davenport Jaycee Club's Person of the Year Award in 1963 for co-chairing a mass-inoculation drive to eradicate polio.

He served as the church treasurer for the Anna United Methodist Church from 2003 to 2013 and also as a church trustee.

In addition to these activities, he enjoyed boating on the Mississippi River and Lake Michigan, photography and was an early advocate of personal computing starting in 1985 and continuing as an avid Mac user for the remainder of his life.

Beyond all these things, Mr. Maske was a husband and father, grandfather and great-grandfather who inspired his family by never allowing his handicap to dictate his circumstances. Whether living overseas, driving automobiles, all-terrain vehicles and boats, or navigating a flight of stairs in his wheelchair, he never let human obstacles get in his way and he relied on his Lord for the spiritual ones. This is his legacy and how he will be remembered.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Sylvia; children Mark (wife Mary) Maske of Austin, Texas, Jocelyn (husband James) Brown of Albion, Jay (wife Tara) Maske of Olathe, Kan., and Craig (wife Marjorie) Maske of Plantersville, Texas; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Dick (wife Judy) Maske of West Branch, Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dale and Margery, and by a granddaughter, Jessica Brown.

Graveside services for Thomas Maske will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 13, at McGinnis Cemetery, with Pastor Bill Minor officiating.

Memorials can be made to the United Methodist Church and will be accepted at the cemetery or funeral home.

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



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

Georgia Ann Polach

Georgia Ann Polach, 69, of Anna, died peacefully with her family by her side at 8:47 a.m. Saturday, April 7, 2018.

She was born on Dec. 23, 1948, in Kennett, Mo., the daughter of John and Edith Fisher Lutrell.

She married Charles S. Polach Jr. in 1978 in Belleville. He preceded her in death on June 13, 2012.

She is survived by her two sons, Sammy Debusk and Steven Polach, both of Anna; two daughters, Tammy (Bruce) Lannom of Dongola and Shirley (Mitch) Pribble of Anna; five grandchildren, Jessica, Brittany and Kerisha Lannom, Brenna Pribble and Christopher (Kyle) Higdon; two great-grandchildren, Jaydra Pender and Xander Lannom; three sisters, Shirley Phillips of Sparta, Vicky (Gene) Holston of Dexter, Mo., and Barbara Lutrell of Cape Girardeau; many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Charles S. Polach Jr.; and three brothers, Bob, Bill and Jim Lutrell.

She was of the Baptist faith. She enjoyed shopping trips and spending time with her grandchildren.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with Phillip Lutrell officiating. Interment was in Big Creek Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Steven to assist with expenses.

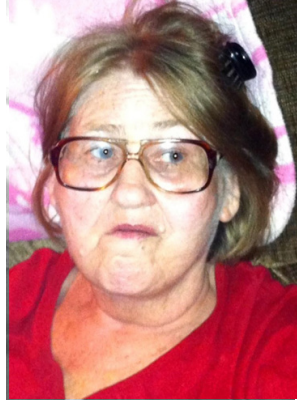
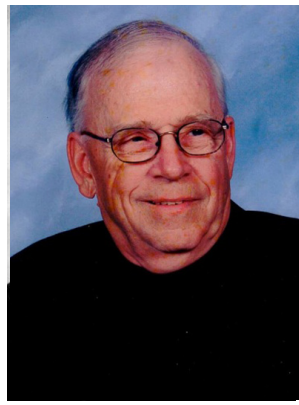
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Section B

Baker retires from U.S. Air Force Band

Master Sgt. Kent Baker recently announced his retirement from the U.S. Air Force Band.

Baker served the Ceremonial Brass for 20 years as a horn player and later as assistant drum major.

He also composed many feature works that were performed live on "The Today Show" and "Fox and Friends."

Baker is a 1983 graduate of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. He studied at Illinois State University from 1987 to 1992.

He is originally from Jonesboro. His Air Force career began in 1995.

Baker is the son of Sue Zapencki of Waterloo and Rolla Baker of Cobden.

(The accompanying pictures originally appeared on the Air Force Band website and a band Facebook posting.)



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Counterfeit Money in the Illinois Territory

The lack of one standard coin or paper bill that could be used as money in the early days of the Illinois Territory contributed to crime. As long as there has been paper currency, there has been counterfeiting. It is

Martin brought suit against George Smiley who had paid a debt with a counterfeit bank note. This is in a restricted file in the Johnson County Courthouse.

The bank note shown here is the actual counterfeit bank note that Smiley used to pay Edward Martin. The note is

Illinois as well. Several people were involved in the whole counterfeiting industry without having produced the fake currency. Some of them bought fake bank notes and then passed them on to others in transactions. One such transaction involved a boat load of flour sold to people in the



much easier to make a paper bill than it is to strike a gold or silver coin; and it would be useless to strike a coin that was worth no more than the material it was made from.

Old Johnson County saw its share of counterfeit money. A person receiving a bank note would have no way to measure its authenticity since there was not one standard note to compare it with. The only guard against taking a counterfeit note was to know the person that it was coming from.

One well documented case is a case in law whereby Edward

on a type of very thin paper that would have been referred to at one time as "onion skin." It is about the size of a modern one-dollar bill.

The bank note is supposed to be from the Bank of Kentucky. Everything about it would be authentic except when it was caused to be taken to the Bank of Kentucky for cash money, the bank recognized it as counterfeit, therefore denying payment.

There were gangs of counterfeiters that operated along the Ohio River, often entrapping people with worthless currency. These gangs were showing up in

Illinois Territory at Fort Massac, only to be paid in counterfeit currency.

A very professional counterfeiter had set up camp in Illinois, just north of the Golconda area near the Ohio River. The man was Roswell Sturdivant, an enterprising man who knew how to make money, literally.

The law against counterfeiting stated that the penalty for such action was death but this did not deter those determined to make money the easy way.

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Gem, mineral show planned

The Southern Illinois Earth Science Club plans to present its annual gem, mineral and jewelry show at the Pavilion of the City of Marion in Marion on Saturday and Sunday, April 14-15.

Hours for the show are

scheduled from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The Pavilion is located behind the Illinois Centre Mall off Route 13 and west of Interstate 57.

Admission to the show is \$2 for adults; children

18 and under are free. Free parking is available.

For more information, visit the Southern Illinois Earth Science Club's website at www.siesclub.org, or visit the club on Facebook at Southern Illinois Earth Science Club.

Ruck to Remember set on Memorial Day

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 in Anna is making plans to present its 5K ruck march in honor of fallen service members.

The Ruck to Remember is planned on Memorial Day, which will be observed on Monday, May 28.

The ruck march is scheduled to begin with registration 7 a.m. at Southern Bank, which is located at 358 S. Main St. in Anna. The march begins at 8 a.m.

Registration for the event is \$55. Those who register will receive an event t-shirt and a finisher medal.

A ruck march, as explained on the website military.com, involves "basi-

cally walking at a fast pace over rough terrain with a backpack at least 45 lbs. in weight."

Those who take a ruck march test carry a weapon and wear boots, battle dress uniform, load bearing equipment (shoulder harness with canteens with water) and a helmet.

Participant awards are scheduled to be presented at a Memorial Day service which is set for 11 a.m. on Memorial Day at the VFW post near Anna.

A free lunch will be served at the post. The Hollerboys are scheduled to perform from noon to 2 p.m.

Organizers noted that Curtis Walker with Curt's

Classics is one of the event's sponsors.

In conjunction with the Ruck to Remember, a 1948 Pontiac Silver Streak automobile will be raffled. Only 750 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$50 each.

The raffle will be conducted at 1 p.m. on May 28 at the VFW post.

The organizers of the event are looking for sponsors to help support the Ruck to Remember.

Information is available by visiting <https://annavfw.eventbrite.com> or www.facebook.com/annvfw, or by calling Kasie Craft at 618-713-3275 or Robert Craft at 618-713-3180.



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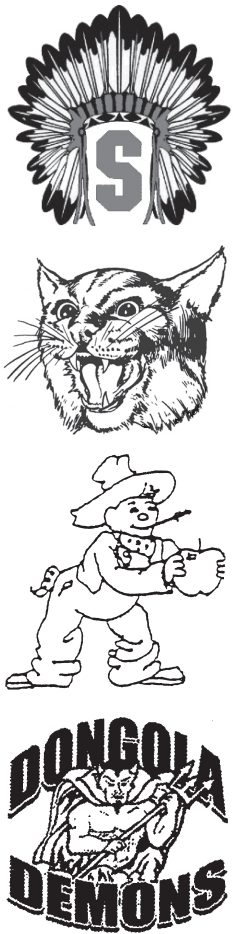
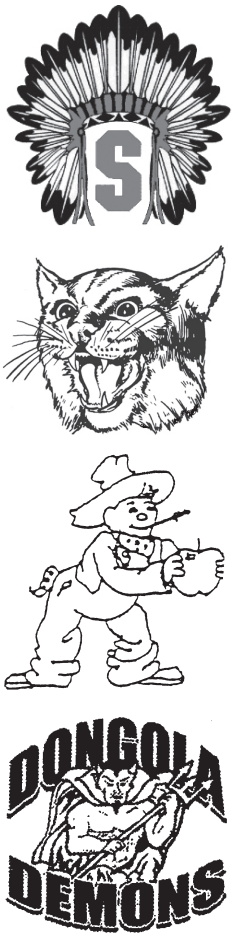


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Shawnee High School Boys Basketball
 First row, from left, Kaden Baltzell, Koby McLane, Justin Kaufman, Jordan Pendexter, Jesse Ellet and Nick Rose. Second row, Caleb Nicholson, Trace Faire, Trenton Matlock, Austin Warren, Kannen Wills, Dawson Johnson and Ryan Schaefer.



Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Girls Bowling
 First row, from left, Selena Rogers, Avery Page, BreAuna Stone, Jaselynn Shipley, Emma Goins and Kiersten Wright. Second row, Maggie Cripps, Grace Rendleman, Logan Brown, Nicole Nance, Jenna Watkins and Tee-Jay Hileman.



Cobden High School Girls Basketball
 First row, from left, Aubrey Fisher, Lauren Sweitzer, Meredith Flamm, Brooke Bailey and Sabrina Garcia. Second row, Olivia Schroeder, Alaina Hartline, Jenna Hartline, Emily White, Bridget Clark, Grace Rhodes and Jessica Sutliff. Photo provided.

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Cobden High School Boys Basketball

First row, from left, Sipriano Zamora, Riley Gearhart, Alex Kinsey, John Eck, Quinn Tunison, Evan Pardee, Mike Hawkins and Carlos Morales. Second row, Connor Allen, Dane Inman, Alex Remsey, John Russell, Cody Wiesemann and Dylan Lewey. Third row, Landon Britt, Clayton Flamm, Joe Brumleve, Josh Franklin, Clayton Eck and Zane Nance. Photo provided.



Anna-Jonesboro High School Freshman Boys Basketball

First row, from left, Maddox Thorpe, Carson Pengress, Dylan Smith and Juan Carlos Valencia. Second row, Colby Bowman, Jacob Doss, Nate Belcher, Levi Mourtria and Nate Baggott.



Dongola High School Girls Basketball

First row, from left, Nicole Reed, Shaylee Lingle and Michelle Wolford. Second row, Brianna Portwood, Karlie Eddleman, Alyssa Flores and Anabelle Durham. Not pictured is Mackenzie Prout and coach Rob Shepard.



Shawnee High School Girls Basketball

First row, from left, Katie Charles, Kylie Holloway, Autumn McMahan and Hannah Sichling. Second row, Laycee Persutti, Madisen Luttrell, Kirsten Pitts and Mariah Faire.

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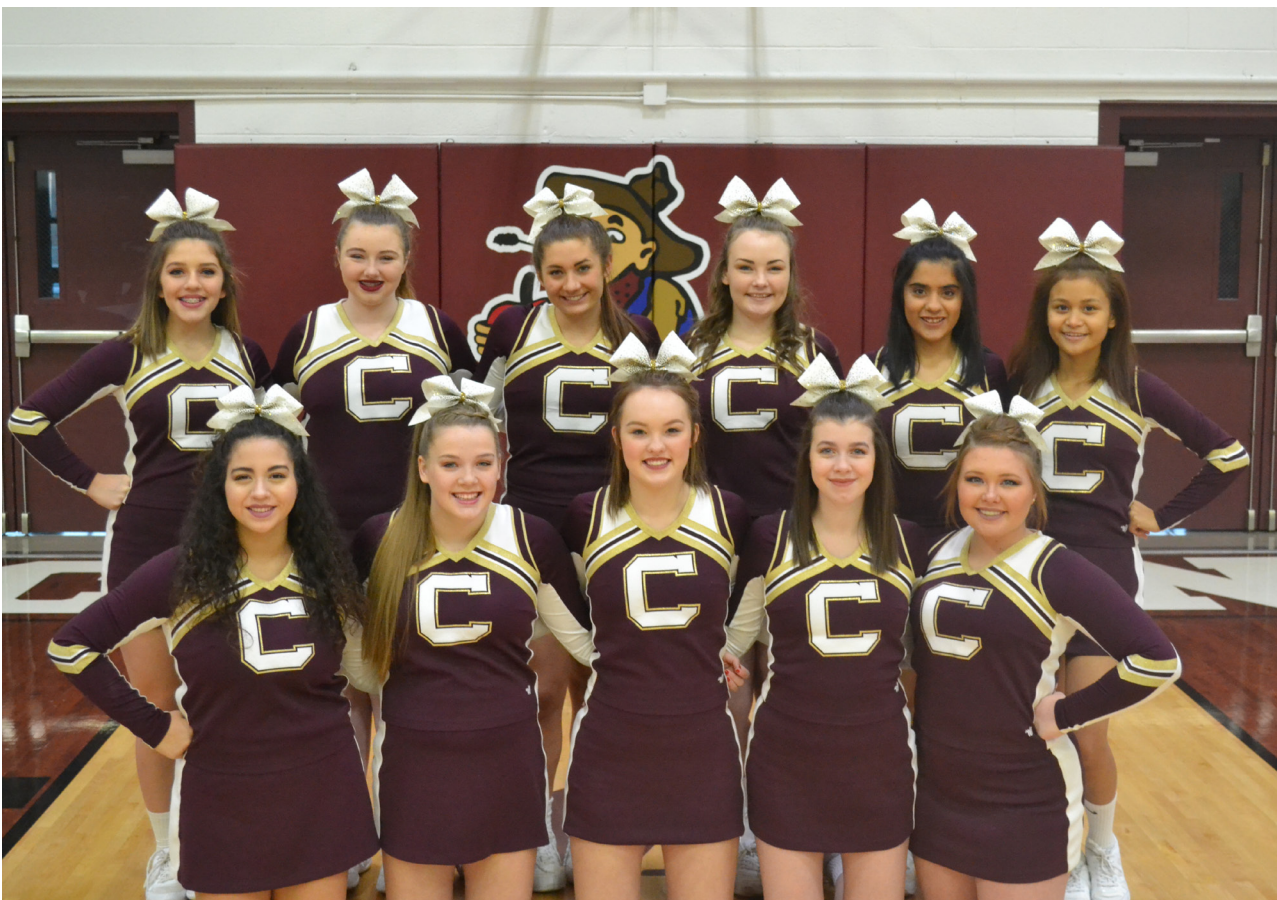
Dongola High School Boys Basketball

First row, from left, Hunter McCommons, Jacob Whitney, Jose Zavala, Matthew Aden and Cameron Hogue. Second row, Andrew Tarpley, Nathan Williams, Joey Thomas, Owen Kennedy, Evan Treat, Alex Ames and Colin Hall.



Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Boys Bowling


First row, from left, Darrian Quick, Andrew Odum, Aden Hopkins and Brandon Miller. Second row, Tyler Sutton, Seth Busby, Jacob Cross and Wyatt Jones. Third row, Alex Rogers, Evan Smoot, Zachary Odum, Zach Massey and Dalton Tucker.



Cobden High School Cheerleaders

First row, from left, Morgan Bass, Amanda Smith, Haley Smith, Maddie Bundren and Nicole Shields. Second row, Lillian Mason, Carlie Clausen, Katie Eck, Jessilyn Estel, Lilia Carmona and Nayeli Amesquita. Photo provided.

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First row, from left, David Kester, Tristan Dame, Reece Barrow, Amiyah Hart, Drake Roach, Justice Kostal and Bryce Bowers. Second row, Catie Mays, Nick Sanders, Reid Morrison, Taylor Hoekstra, Arie Hart, Jay Tellor, Garrett Fabec, Chris Johnson, Clayton Marshall Ramage and manager Hannah Baggott.



Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Boys Varsity Basketball
First row, from left, Cameron Tweedy, Sheldon McGrath, Jacob Zimmerman, Ross Pinnon, Blake Pena, Noah Smith and Conner Jerolds. Second row, Kyle McMahan, Carson Reynolds, Tyler Smith, Logan Sawyer, Noah McFarland, Zach Overstreet and Jake Parr.



Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Boys JV Basketball
First row, from left, Blake Pena, Ethan Klett, Carson Pengress, Avery Goines, Juan Carlos, Maddox Thorpe and Conner Jerolds. Second row, Zach Overstreet, Jacob Doss, Kyle McMahan, Tyler Smith, Noah McFarland, Noah Craig, Nate Belcher and Damareon Faust.

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Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Girls Varsity Basketball
 First row, from left, Jaley Watkins, Sydney Ralls, Reagan Cruse, Atarah Hart, Anna Hess, Hunter Denny and Julia Ellis. Second row, Mikayla Bundren, Connor Hadley, Angel Helm, Jacee Woodward, Lexi Smith, Jasmin Foster, Morgan Wendling and Sydney Heath.



Dongola High School Cheerleaders
 First row, from left, Emily Aldrich and Gracen Kern. Second row, Ashley Sullens, Natalee Chauvin and Jenna Wren.



Shawnee High School Cheerleaders
 First row, from left, Jaylin Rathert and Chali Phelps. Second row, Kassidy Baber, Courtney Smith and Abbey Ellet. Third row, Taylor Verble and Deja Rohlfing.



Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Girls JV Basketball
 First row, from left, Tae DeWitt, Olivia Capel, Petey Foster, Atarah Hart, Heidi Jones, Jaley Watkins and Julia Ellis. Second row, Sydney Ralls, Taylor Harvel, Mikayla Bundren, Jacee Woodward, Morgan Wendling, Raegan Cruse and Anna Hess.

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Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Boys Varsity Basketball and Cheerleaders

First row, from left, Hallee Menees, Hannah Lincoln, Miranda Miller, Cheyenne Roach, Addison Osman, Lily Yana, Jenna Clark, Lexie Lingle and Emily Bussey. Second row, Cameron Tweedy, Sheldon McGrath, Jacob Zimmerman, Ross Pinnon, Noah Smith, Blake Pena and Connor Jerolds. Third row, Ashley Detering, Kyle McMahan, Carson Reynolds, Tyler Smith, Logan Sawyer, Maddie Lingle, Noah McFarland, Zach Overstreet, Jake Parr and Mallory Cochran.



Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Cheerleaders

First row, from left, Hallee Menees and Addison Osman. Second row, kneeling, Maddie Lingle. Third row, Lily Yana, Ashley Detering, Lexie Lingle, Mallory Cochran, Cheyenne Roach and Jenna Clark.

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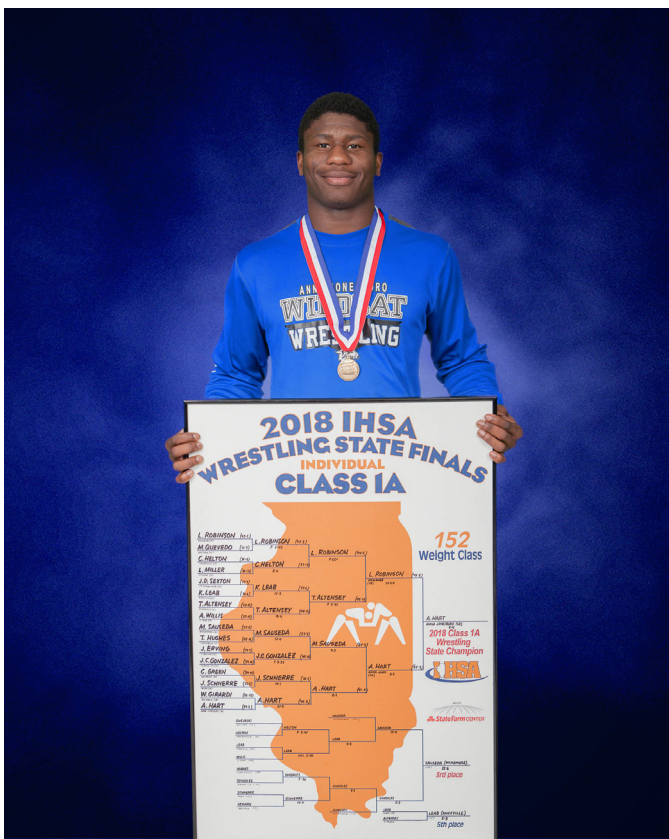
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A-J state champion wrestler honored

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School student athlete Arieh Hart was honored at a reception February 24, 2018. The reception was held in the cafeteria at the Union County high school. Many of the honors which Hart has received during a stellar wrestling career were on display at the reception.

On February 27, Hart, who is a senior at A-JCHS, won an Illinois High School Association Class 1A state wrestling championship. Hart wrestled in the 152-pound weight class. Hart is the first wrestler in A-J history to win a state championship.

A-JCHS head wrestling coach Eric Massey shared that Hart finished his last season as a high school wrestler with a 42-2 record. During four years of wrestling at the high school level, Hart compiled a 150-31

record. Massey credited Hart's hard work and dedication to the sport for his success. Massey also praised the work done by A-J assistant wrestling coach Chase Hargrave as a key to Hart's success in wrestling.

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News from

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

Pastor Mark was away, and Norm Bauer gave the sermon, which dealt with faith: believing even when you cannot see.

The message recalled that during the week after Easter, the disciples went into hiding behind locked doors in fear of the Jews. They figured if the Jews crucified Jesus, that they might do the same to them. Mary had told them she had seen Jesus alive, but

they didn't believe her. Thomas had to put his hand in the nail scar on Jesus' side before he could believe it was actually Jesus when he appeared to them in the Upper Room.

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

Davis and Starr Malnar, Dale Mowery, Tim Simpson and Deb Rossbert.

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

The Hands of Faith group met April 10 to work on quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

Plans are being made to celebrate LSSI during the 2018 Easter season.

Ladies Night Out is planned April 17, with plans to go to the Hideout in Marion.

A monthly church council meeting is planned at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 19.

Bible study is planned Tuesday, April 24, at 6:30 p.m. at Mt. Moriah.

On April 29, the fifth Sunday of the month, there will be a joint service with Salem, at Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro, with a potluck meal following the service.

The annual Boy Scout Troop 44 plant sale is planned Saturday, April 21, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Mt. Moriah church parking lot. The plants will be provided by McNitt Growers in Carbondale. They will have all varieties of hanging plants, annual, herbs, vegetables and much more.

Butter braids are scheduled to be delivered April 17.

News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

The guest speaker on Easter Sunday at Camp Ground Church was Adam Futrell of Paducah. Adam was Camp Ground's pastor for almost a year back in 2000.

His sermon was titled "The Good News Can Be Believed!" Scripture was from Philipians.

After discussing the good news of Resurrection Sunday, Mr. Futrell closed with the scripture that "all will believe when He returns to Earth, but not all will accept salvation before it is too late."

He challenged those in attendance "to spread the good news rather than let unbelieving friends and family say we never told them."

The speaker on Sunday, April 8, was the Rev. Rob Betts, also of Paducah. His sermon was titled "Loving As Jesus Loves," with scripture from the Gospel of John.

The selected scripture was the account of Christ washing His disciples' feet during their "last supper" together. He washed the feet of all, including Judas, whom He knew would soon betray Him.

There are many lessons from this scripture, but the one Rev. Betts shared Sunday was that "to love as Jesus loves, we must love even those whom we may not like, may have wronged us, or we have 'given up on'."

His closing challenge was to "let your light so shine that the world can see Jesus through you."

Receiving the offering on Sunday were Whitley and Torie Quick.

Camp Ground's elder for the month of April is Rodney Miller.

Belated birthday wishes go to Sara Rogers who had a birthday on the 6th.

April 15, during the

announcements, Camp Ground will have a special recognition. The celebration will continue as the church gathers for a potluck meal together at noon.

Camp Ground extends an invitation to worship at the church on Sunday. Coffee, donuts and fellowship are at 9:30 a.m. Bible study is at 10 a.m. Worship is at 11 a.m.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

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

Special music was provided by Harley and Madison Schnaare, with Matt Macy, Randy Wright, T. J. Macy and Terry Wiseman Sr. serving as ushers.

The morning message, "Godly People, Community in Christ," was brought by Chad Radford, a preaching ambassador from Olivet Nazarene University. Scripture was from Exodus and Matthew.

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

Special music was provided by Randy Wright, with Jack Shepard, Robert Smith, Jaida Smith and Blake Wells serving as ushers.

The evening message, "Christ Made Nothing To Give Us Everything," was brought by Pastor McBride.

Scripture was from 2nd Corinthians.

The message shared that "Christ became a servant for us and we are called to follow the same life."

Birthdays: April 9, Marilyn Elkins; April 11, Wendy Wiseman, Kaeden Ames.

Annual elections are planned April 15.

On Sunday, April 15, evening services will be dismissed so everyone can attend the 6 p.m. worship service with Dan Bohi at the New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene in Carbondale.

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

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, April 8, the Rev. Perry Williams brought the message.

Worship was led by Dee Rose. Special music was provided by Chris Rose.

A Women on Mission meeting is planned at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 12.

Birthdays: Isabel Tehandon, April 8; Eugene Benefield, April 10; Brooke Sheffer, April 15.

Anniversaries: Floyd and Edna Dallas, 66 years, April 8; Tom and Diane Wright, 33 years, April 13.

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

Awana meets at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday. An adult Bible study and prayer meeting are at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

News from

First Baptist Church, Anna

The guest preacher at Sunday morning's service was Dean Hamilton. The guest music leader was Phillip Gebbia.

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

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

Dongola church plans revival

A spring revival is planned Sunday through Wednesday, April 15-18, at the First Baptist Church in Dongola.

Services are planned at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday and at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

Guest speaker is scheduled to be Pastor Billy Carter.

The church is located at 203 E. Cross St. in Dongola. Michael Cole is the pastor.

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Daily Devotional Reading

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Medication disposal, document shredding event scheduled in Murphysboro

On Saturday, April 14, the Jackson County Health Department and the Jackson County Sheriff's Office invite area residents to participate in a drug take-back and confidential document shredding event which is scheduled from 8 a.m. to noon.

The event will be at the Jackson County Health Department, which is located at 415 Health Department Rd. in Murphysboro.

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office will be on-site to provide for safe and secure disposal of medications.

Participants will be able to drop-off prescription and over-the-counter medications (pills, creams, and patches) for disposal.

Items that will not be accepted include liquids, needles and inhalers.

The initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse.

DataLock Document Management Services of Mt. Vernon is scheduled to be on-site with a mobile shredder to provide document shredding.

Examples of paper items that residents can bring for shredding include bank statements, medical and insurance forms, personal files, old tax forms, and receipts.

Paper clips and staples are acceptable, but binders

and binder clips should be removed.

Proper management of such documents helps prevent identity theft.

This is a rain-or-shine event. Items from businesses, schools, governments, and other large generators will not be accepted.

Assistance will be available to those needing help removing items from their vehicle.

The event is sponsored by the Jackson County Health Department, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, the Jackson County Board and DataLock.

For more information about the event, call 618-684-3143, extension 128, or visit www.recyclejacksoncounty.org.

Duckworth joins active duty Army



Elijah David Duckworth
Elijah David Duckworth, 22, of Cobden, has joined active duty U.S. Army after five years in the Army Illinois National Guard.

Specialist Duckworth will be with the 1st Armored Division 1st Brigade Unit at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Duckworth has been living in Cobden with his grandparents, Larry and Susan Yates.

He is the son of Martha Bryan and Christopher and Sophia Duckworth of Missouri.

Jonesboro church to host upcoming event in support of Christian sports camp

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America at Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro are planning to host an event on Saturday evening, May 5, in support of Citikidz Christian Sports Camp in Rector, Pa. The evening gets underway at 5:30 p.m.

Director Timotheus Pope and his wife, Anna-Moehring Pope, have been with the camp since its origin in 2006.

On May 5, a free will offering "camp meal" of hot dogs, baked beans, chips and desserts will be served starting at 5:30 p.m.

Salem Lutheran Church also plans to host a contemporary service starting at 5 p.m. — prior to the meal. The service will include praise and worship songs, as well as camp songs.

The contemporary service and meal will be outside, weather permitting.

Each dollar which is donated at the meal, as well as during the month of May, will be matched.

Monetary donations will go toward assisting campers to attend camp, as well

as to assist with funds to provide the camp experience.

The public is invited to attend the May 5 events at the Union County church.

Citikidz is a Christian sport camp which is located in the Laurel Mountains, east of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Those involved with the upcoming event at Salem Lutheran Church shared that "Citikidz provides a safe and fun place where campers feel free to express themselves, train at a high level and compete to the glory of God."

"Citikidz encourages positive influence, empowers courageous leadership and equips the next generation for service in God's kingdom."

The camp offers a wide range of sports experiences and recreational activities.

Dongola Board sets special meeting

The Dongola Unit School District No. 66 Board of Education has scheduled a special meeting on April 16.

The meeting will be at 6 p.m. at the school.

With strategic plan in place, co-op rises to meet challenges



Power co-op officials

From left are Southern Illinois Power Cooperative attorney John Brewster, secretary-treasurer George Obernagel, Monroe County Electric Co-Operative Inc.; president/CEO Don Gulley; board president Frank Herman, Clay Electric Co-operative Inc.; and Cary Dickinson, Clinton County Electric Cooperative Inc. Photo provided.

During the Southern Illinois Power Cooperative, SIPC, annual meeting, held March 30 at its headquarters office at Lake of Egypt near Marion, president/CEO Don Gulley told members the cooperative is rising to the challenge.

Gulley explained that "these moments of truth are what help define who we are. For SIPC, we were facing our moment of truth closing out 2017 and heading into 2018."

He said that a loss of revenue, flat member loads and depressed energy markets had financial models projecting a double-digit rate increase for 2018.

With a strategic plan developed by the board of directors, seven priorities were identified: rate stability, financial strength, operational excellence, environmental stewardship, risk management, Prairie State Generating Campus and stakeholder communication.

Due to hard work by SIPC employees, the rate increase was held to 2.9 percent and is not expected to rise for the next three to five years.

Gulley reported that almost \$5 million was

trimmed from outages by relying less on contractors and more on employees.

The cooperative also continued to meet and exceed environmental requirements and has taken action to better manage its investment in Prairie State.

He closed by expressing his appreciation for the board and employees.

"When I first came here, I said we must re-establish a solid level of trust in the board room and with employees," he said.

"I'm happy to say trust is alive and well at SIPC. I care about this organization — the board, employees, their safety and our rich history."

"We are standing on the shoulders of giants...people who had the vision of what was needed, and what SIPC could become. We owe it to all to be good custodians for those that come after us."

Board chairman Frank Herman reported that over the past few years, the board of directors has been concerned with wholesale rates and tasked management with finding ways to stabilize rates while providing reliable power in an environmentally friendly way.

"It was a tall order, but

SIPC's staff rose to the challenge," Herman said.

"Don challenged his senior staff to significantly reduce operating and maintenance costs and, through a variety of measures, they managed to reduce costs without sacrificing other strategic priorities."

"We did have to impose a 2.9 percent rate increase, but it was far better than the projected 10 percent increase."

During his report, secretary-treasurer George Obernagel noted that through the many financial challenges SIPC has faced, it still remains strong with an increasing equity level.

"The board recognizes the importance of a strong balance sheet and higher equity," he said.

"Additionally, SIPC has a consistent credit rating from both Standard & Poor's Rating Services and Fitch Ratings of BBB stable, which places us securely as an investment grade credit."

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Symphony concert set

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Cougar featured

The cougar will be featured at a nature movie night which is planned Thursday, today, at the Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands Center near Cypress.

The free movie night is planned from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The center is located at 8885 State Route 37 South. For more information, call 618-657-2064.

Genealogical society event set in Vienna

The Johnson County Genealogical and Historical Society plans to meet Sunday, April 15, at the Vienna Public Library.

The library is located on the south side of the public square in Vienna. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

A program about the Johnson County Fair is scheduled to be presented.

A discussion will be presented and pictures shown of past fair activities.

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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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

Thanks

A special thanks to Doris Womick for giving me credit when she renewed her subscription to The Gazette-Democrat.

Anna First Baptist Church

On men's night out at Anna First Baptist Church the men celebrated Passover in as near to the historically way as possible in which Jesus and his disciples partook of it just before the Crucifixion.

Jewish recipes were used for preparation of the food by the men themselves. The meal included bitter herbs dipped in salt water, charoses, matzo ball soup, unleavened bread, brisket

substituted for lamb using a kosher recipe.

During Passover the story of Hebrew history from Abraham to Moses was recited to remind them of the Hebrews' past and how God had led them from slavery to Cana and how God had saved a nation of people known as Israel.

As Easter Sunday was approaching and the church would be observing The Lord's Supper, the Christian version of Passover, the men were reminded that it is a time of remembrance of Jesus's death, burial and resurrection.

Visiting Clydesdales

When Clara Cates was a little girl, she loved to go

with her dad to pick corn so she could drive the horses.

When the Budweiser Clydesdales hitch came to Cairo, her mom and dad took her to see them.

They were selling towels with the picture of the horses on them so her Mom bought her one. Clara has kept the towel down through the years.

This past week the Clydesdales were at the Arena Park in Cape Girardeau. Gaylon took her to see them.

She took her towel and asked one of the handlers if she could have a picture taken with them with the towel.

The handler was impressed with her having the towel all these years, so let her use some of the horses to take pictures with and helped her hold the towel in front of the horses while Gaylon took pictures.

It was a very exciting day and brought back a lot of memories. Years later and she still has the towel and still has the love for the Clydesdale horses.

Wedding Anniversaries

April 3 Scott and Johnna Russell 14 years, 3 Shirley and Jim Vines, 4 Don and Donna Sheffer 20 years, 5 Mark and Andi Laster, 6 Fred Nekola and Sarah Sullivan, 8 Walt and Robin Jackson.

Birthdays

April 5 Andi Laster, Garrett Miles, 6 Elaine Crain, Deborah Lewis, Carla Foskey, Ella Earnhart.

St. Louis Trip

Valerie Palmer, Donald and Anna Rogers and Lorraine Gee enjoyed a trip to St. Louis to see Hamilton at the Fox Theater.

Safe Celebration

Jus 10's Fro Yo and Desert Shoppe is proud to host a fundraiser for A-JCHS Safe Celebration.

Safe Celebration is held for the graduating class of 2018. This provides graduates with a "substance free" celebration.

This year's Safe Celebration will be held at SEMO. This encourages students to stay alcohol and drug free. Food, prizes and activities are provided at the celebration.

Jus 10's gladly donate 20 percent of their sales and their tip jar. Come out and have some Fro-yo to provide a fun and well deserved Safe Celebration for the Class of 2018.

Easter Dinner Guests

Jerry and Diane Hines are ready for spring but it has turned cold. They had Easter Sunday dinner with their daughter Stephanie and grandson Brendan. They also went to the movie I Can Only Imagine.

Baby Congratulations

Congratulations to great-grandmother Audrey Davis on the birthday of baby Phoebe Blake Davis.

Parents are Travis and Kelly Davis of Chesapeake, Va., and big sister is Harper. She almost got a birthday present. Harper just turned 4 about a week ago.

Proud grandparents are Rick Davis, formerly of Jonesboro, and his wife Nancy.

A-J Women's Club

GFWC Illinois Anna Jonesboro Women's Club met at the Anna Arts Center Monday, April 2.

The room was decorated with beautiful paintings, decorated flamingos and part of the collection of Campbell Soup items of Amy McLaughlin's.

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

Lee Hackney was guest speaker and hostess. Those present were president Jane Bauer, secretary Suzie Kessler, treasurer Debbie Rossberg, Barbara House, Judy Smith, Marie Samuel, Lillian Milam, Joan Graves



Anna First Baptist Church men celebrated Passover in as near to the historically way as possible in which Jesus and his disciples partook of it at men's night out.



Barbara House, Lee Hackney, Mary Light and Judy Smith enjoyed looking at the dressed and decorated flamingos at the Anna Arts Center after their GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Cub meeting.

Edwards, Clara Nell Butler, Mary Light, Martha Ann Webb and guest of Joan Betty Lingle.

Lee told about the importance of the arts center and how it brought business to our city.

The plays that are performed there help the children learn to be better students and have better discipline.

There is a dance group that meets upstairs. A quilts group meets in the back.

Trinity Sweet, a junior at A-JCHS and her sister Daryl Leigh Addison were there painting the background for the play Scenes from Pooh that will be presented April 27-29. On April 29 the raffle ticket will be drawn for the quilt.

Lee told about the many other plays and activities at the arts center. She also gave a tour of where the dressed flamingos were decorating the wall next door.

Jane Bauer told about the district convention. Congratulations to Jane, Lillian and Marie, who won first on the item they took to the convention.

Congratulations to the club for the awards they received on their achievements they did last year.

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

Marie Samuel gave the current events on the school shootings and told how she was a teacher and some of the ways that could help prevent the shootings from happening.

A big one was children being taught discipline and respect from an early age before they attended school and then the discipline followed at school.

Jane Bauer gave the devotion. Some of the members paid for a years membership to the Anna Arts Center and also bought raffle tickets for the beautiful quilt hanging as you come into the arts center.

Clydesdale Horses

Jon and Beverly Schaefer took their nieces and nephew Allison, Max and Natalie to see the Clydesdale horses at Cape Girardeau and also enjoyed eating out.

Baby Congratulations

Brantley Colt Panel was born on Easter April 1 at 12:12 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Parents are Jr. and Kayla Panel, grandparents Scott and Tina McCommons and Jim & Denise Panel and Tomma Hogue. Grandparents are Bob and Sherry Yother and Terry and Chris Pierce and great-grandfather Frank Twenty.

Australia

For those of you who remember my cousin Gretchen Corbitt Robinson, her dad was my mother Besie's brother Rev. John Corbitt.

Gretchen and family live



A special thanks to Lee Hackney for hosting the GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club at the Anna Arts Center. Lee is with club president Jane Bauer in front of the Bicentennial 200 year celebration poster with the two flamigos. Jane dressed in honor of our county and state.

in Australia now and I got an email from her that her granddaughter Courtney is one of the junior student council members and she was chosen to represent St. Kitts, Carribean, in the closing ceremony of the Commonwealth Games held in their city. They live in the Gold Coast.

They all walked down the street to see the queen's baton being passed to the next person.

The tickets to see Courtney were \$250 a piece so her mother Kim and dad

Sean are the ones that will be going to see her.

Gretchen and David will babysit the boys and watch on TV. They all went to the hockey event that was not very popular and cost little.

The Commonwealth Games are like the Olympics except they include just the commonwealth countries, of which Australia and Canada and over 70 other countries are part of.

Usually the queen opens the Games, but seeing she is over 90 and Prince Philip at 96 just went to the



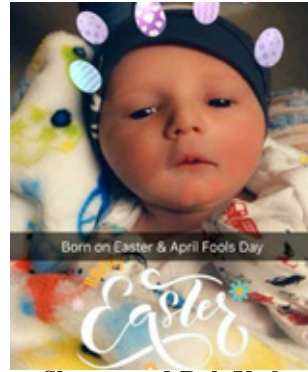
Shawna Rhine from WIBH started this year's Child Abuse Prevention Month with Proclamation Day April 3 at the Union County Courthouse. Terry Bartruff was one of the people who attended and signed the proclamation. A special thanks to Terry for serving our community as county clerk. Happy retirement.



Hanna Maze, who is in charge of Safe Celebration at A-JCHS, accepted a check from Martha Ann Webb, representing the GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club.



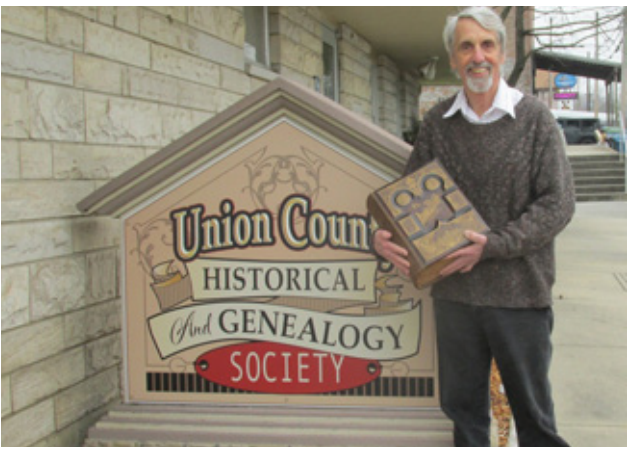
Trinity Sweet, a junior at A-JCHS is painting the background for the play Scenes from Pooh at Anna Art Center. The play will be April 27-29.



Sherry and Bob Yother are proud great-grandparents of Brantley Colt Panel, who was born April 1. Brantley's parents are Jr. and Kayla Panel. Grandparents are Scott and Tina McCommons and Jim and Denise Panel and Tomma Hogue. Other great-grandparents are Terry and Chris Pierce and Frank Twenty.



Brent and Angela Gordon have returned from Illinois state FBLA conference in Springfield where Graham is the Illinois state treasurer. FBLA stands for Future Business Leaders of America.



Darryl Parks of Anna has been assisting the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society in moving artifacts from the Union County Museum to the society's resource center. Darryl is holding an 1867 bible from the Hileman and Kimmel family that was donated to the society. The society purchased the former Cobden Medical Clinic to store its collection of local artifacts and to make the collection available to researchers.



Audrey Davis's son Rick, with his new grandbaby Phoebe Blake Davis.



Welcome to Anna Kati K. Rush, DPM, who has joined SIH Medical Group Podiatry. Kati is pictured with Stephany Hoehner office manager. SIH hosted the chamber of commerce meeting at Hebrewz last Thursday.



Beverly Schaefer took her nieces and nephew Allison, Max and Natalie to see the Clydesdale horses in Cape Girardeau.



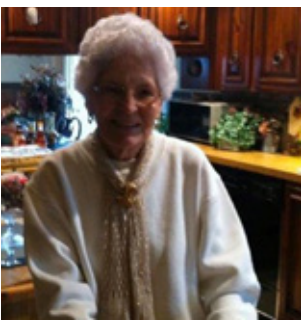
Clara and Gaylon Cates went to see the Clydesdale horses in Cape Girardeau.

hospital, Prince Charles and Camilla are there in her place.

Opening game tickets were over \$500 so they watched on TV. Closing games had some for \$250. The ones Kim and her parents have. It runs for 11 days. They all feel very honored to have their city as the hosts this year. Like the Olympics it's every four years.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Sympathy to the family of long time member Thomas Maske.



Paula Hawkins Hale wished her mother Eula Hawkins a very happy 85th birthday Sunday.

Rev. Carl Johnston's message was he was known to them with gospel lesson from Luke.

Welcome was by Frank LaFoon and the reading of the Hebrew scripture from the Psalms. Special music was by the ladies choir. Holy Communion was taken.

Anna VFW

5K ruck march is on Memorial Day. If you would like to register to participate or volunteer please notify Kasie Dillow Craft 618-713-3275.

Donations are being ac-



Nancy Ragain enjoyed **Ivan Parker** singing at **Mill Creek Baptist Church** last Friday.

cepted for the new roof that was recently put on the post home. Please send donations to Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455, VFW, 70 VFW Ln. Anna, Ill. 62906.

The post has long supported the community in many ways. The post and auxiliary members have participated at funerals with military rites for over 30 members and nonmembers and donated to families of deceased members.

They go to the veterans home, visit with them and help them play bingo. They send gifts overseas to our service people.

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keep doing all these things they have given to so freely from the heart.

A special thanks to the veterans for serving and protecting our country.

Sunday, there was a memorial service at the post to celebrate the life of Doc Walton. Sympathy to his wife Donna.

Thursday at 7 p.m. the post will hold a monthly business meeting. Election of officers for the upcoming year will be held at this meeting.

Saturday, April 14, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. C.W. Karaoke will be at the post. The Queen of Hearts is still growing.

A-J Rotary Club Anna-Jonesboro Rotary is going to be sponsoring a young lady from Italy for the 2018-2019 school year.

They are looking for two or three host families in the same Union County high school district who would be willing to have her join your family for a part of the year from August to June that she will be here.

If you are interested in hosting or in more information please contact Leon Russell 833-6356 or Wanda Honey at 833-7748 or contact any member of the Anna-Jonesboro Rotary.

Easter Fun

Mary Light, her sister Barbara Hash and husband Juan Garcia who were here

visiting from Texas, Nancy Ragain, Lou Curdie and Chris and Toni Livengood went to see the movie I Can Only Imagine.

After the movie they went to Trails End Lodge for supper and then to Jonesboro to hear the singing at Hebrewz Christian Coffee House.

Busch Stadium

David, Amy, Kaitlin and Emily Casper, Karen Davis and Ron Davis enjoyed the day in St. Louis attending the Cardinals baseball game.

Quilt Square

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council at the Anna Arts Center are looking for creative folks to design a quilt square pattern and border pattern for the bicentennial friendship quilt.

The 9 inch by 9 inch square must include 1818-2018 SIL somewhere in either the pattern or the quilting stitching.

Plant Sales

The A-JCHS Marching Wildcats will have their annual plant sale and yard sale at the school May 12 just before Mother's Day.

The United Methodist Church spring plant sale will be Saturday, May 12, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Connect Point Church

Food pantry and outreach is on the third Saturday at 10:30 a.m. If you need food please let them

know. The church is located across from the Anna Post Office.

Anna Eastern Star

The Anna Eastern Star meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge in the Anna Park.

Free Community Dinners

Loaves and Fishes free community meal is on the third Tuesday of each month from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Anna fellowship hall.

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

Military Prayer List

Hayden Young, Garrett Goines, Nick Harvel, Nona Elizabeth Luke, Lucas J. Strickland, William Nathaniel Frankell, Ethan Maze, Lukas W. Davis, Kiefer Stull, David Jordan Glasco.

Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, C J Youngerman, Freddy Morse, Reagan Morrison, Josh Steveson, Josh Williams, Faith Odom, Tommy Goff and family Janette, Jamison and Kaylynn.

Creighton Laster, Brandon Eaker, Jim Bonner, Jacob Schaefer, Jerod Schaefer, Jennifer Ann Bishop, Robert Jr. McMeely, James McWhorter, Arin White-mountain.

Television Listings

THURSDAY

APRIL 12, 2018

| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW |
|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|---|
| 6 PM :30 | Local Programs | Local Programs | (5:00) Local Programs | Local Programs | We the Fans "Dallas" | Last O.G. Seinfeld | Law & Order: SVU | BUNK'D BUNK'D | "The Mummy" (17) | "The Mummy" (17) | Homeland (HD) |
| 7 PM :30 | Grey's Anatomy (HD) | Bang (HD) Young | Gotham <i>Bruce's help.</i> | Superstore A.P. Bio | We the Fans "Dallas" | Seinfeld Seinfeld | Law & Order: SVU | Grav Falls Grav Falls | ★★★★ "Logan" (17, Action) Young mutant. (HD) | "Cradle 2 the Grave" (03) Jet Li. | "The Sense of an Ending" (17) Jim Broadbent. <i>Man confronts past.</i> |
| 8 PM :30 | Station 19 (HD) | (01) Mom Pieces | Showtime "Week 7" | Will (HD) Champions | We the Fans "Dallas" | Bang (HD) Bang (HD) | American <i>Daniel Gil.</i> | Raven Stuck Mid. | (20) Here and Now | (45) "Underworld" (03) <i>Monstrous war.</i> (HD) | |
| 9 PM :30 | Scandal (HD) | S.W.A.T. "Armory" | Local Programs | Chicago Fire (HD) | We the Fans "Dallas" | Bang (HD) Frontal | Family Family | Mack (HD) Bizaard | (20) "Andre the Giant" (18) (HD) | (50) <i>Strike Back</i> (HD) | Cartoon |
| 10 PM :30 | Local Jimmy Kimmel Live | Local (35) Late Show (HD) | Local Programs | Local (35) Tonight (HD) | SportsCenter (HD) | Conan (HD) Frontal | Family Family | Stuck Mid. BUNK'D Undercover | | | Homeland (HD) |
| 11 PM :30 | Nightline | Corden | | Late Night | SportsCenter (HD) | Conan (HD) | American <i>Daniel Gil.</i> | Raven | First Look | "Drag Me" | Billions |

THURSDAY

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| 7:00pm | FOX Gotham "A Dark Knight: That's Entertainment" Gordon reluctantly turns to Bruce to help him with his plan to capture all of the loose Arkham inmates; Barbara discovers what her new friends will do for her. TV14 (HD) |
| 8:00pm | NBC Will & Grace A gay lawyer offers his best friend a place to stay after she and her worthless boyfriend split, but the temporary situation becomes a permanent comfort. TV14 (HD) |

FRIDAY

APRIL 13, 2018

| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW |
|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|---|--|------------------------------|--|--|---|
| 6 PM :30 | Local Programs | Local Programs | (5:00) Local Programs | Local Programs | NBA Playoffs Special | "The Hangover Part III" <i>Friend kidnapped.</i> | Chicago P.D. (HD) | BUNK'D BUNK'D | "Covenant" (17) | "Kinsey" (04) <i>Sex research.</i> (HD) | "Patriots" (45) "Queen of the Desert" (16) <i>Woman on adventure.</i> |
| 7 PM :30 | Once Upon a Time | MacGyver (HD) | MasterChef Junior "Room Service; Tag Team" | Taken "Password" | MLS Soccer Orlando City SC vs Philadelphia | "The Hangover Part III" (11) <i>Thailand turmoil.</i> | To Be Announced <i>Info unavailable.</i> | Stuck Mid. Bizaard | "Atomic Blonde" (17) <i>British super agent.</i> (R) | ★★★★ "Taken" (09) <i>Teen kidnapped.</i> | |
| 8 PM :30 | (01) SHIELD (HD) | Hawaii Five-0 (HD) | Dateline NBC Investigative news. (HD) | Dateline NBC Investigative news. (HD) | First Take (HD) | | | Grav Falls Grav Falls | BUNK'D Bizaard | Real Time Maher (HD) | Rellik (HD) |
| 9 PM :30 | (01) 20/20 (HD) | Blue Bloods (HD) | Local Programs Local info. | | | | | Real Time Maher (HD) | VICE (HD) | Rellik (HD) | "Kirk Fox: Guy" (18) |
| 10 PM :30 | Local Jimmy Kimmel Live | Local (35) Late Show (HD) | Local Programs | Local (35) Tonight (HD) | SportsCenter (HD) | ELEAGUE (HD) (HD) | Chicago P.D. (HD) | Stuck Mid. BUNK'D Undercover | Real Time Maher (HD) | ★★★★ "Taken" (09) (HD) | "Crimson Tide" (95) <i>On the brink of war.</i> (HD) |
| 11 PM :30 | Nightline | Corden | | Late Night | SportsCenter (HD) | Conan (HD) | Chicago P.D. (HD) | Raven | | | Billions |

FRIDAY

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| 7:00pm | CBS MacGyver "Skyscraper - Power" MacGyver and Jack work on a plan to rescue a billionaire's son, who was taken hostage by a former Navy SEAL in the skyscraper the boys lives in. TV14 (HD) |
| 8:00pm | NBC Dateline NBC Investigative reports, breaking news stories, profiles of leading newsmakers and other features explore current events and topics of special interest. (HD) |

SATURDAY

APRIL 14, 2018

| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW |
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| 6 PM :30 | Local Programs | Local Programs | (5:00) UFC (Live) (HD) | Local Programs | Playoffs "Teams TBA" | Bang (HD) Bang (HD) | To Be Announced <i>Program information is unavailable at this time.</i> | "Teen Beach" (45) ★★ "Teen Beach 2" (15) <i>Time-travelers.</i> | "King Arthur" (17) | Rellik (HD) | "The Girl on the Train" <i>Shocking mystery.</i> |
| 7 PM :30 | The Crossing "Pilot" | Ransom "Alters" Plan (HD) | UFC Fight Night "Gaethje vs Poirier" (Live) | 2018 NHL Stanley Cup Playoffs "Teams TBA" (Live) | 2018 NBA Playoffs "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD) | Bang (HD) Bang (HD) | | Elvis Presley: Searcher "Part 1" | "Erin Brockovich" (00) <i>Secretary's crusade.</i> | | |
| 8 PM :30 | Station 19 (HD) | NCIS: New Orleans | | | | Bang (HD) Bang (HD) | | Stuck Mid. Bizaard | (49) Elvis Presley: The Searcher "Part 2" (HD) | (15) "Duplicity" (09) <i>Rival spies unite.</i> (HD) | "Before I Fall" <i>Reliving last day.</i> |
| 9 PM :30 | MCU: 10 Years (HD) | 48 Hours | Local Programs | | 2018 NBA Playoffs "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD) | Bang (HD) Frontal | Chrisley Chrisley | Bizaard | BUNK'D | | (40) Billions (HD) |
| 10 PM :30 | Local Programs | Local Programs Local information. | Love Connection (HD) | Local Saturday Night Live (HD) | | Last O.G. Conan (HD) | Unsolved (HD) | BUNK'D Liv Maddie | "Girls Trip" <i>Raunchy weekend.</i> | (20) Rellik (HD) | (40) Billions (HD) |
| 11 PM :30 | Local Programs | | Local Programs | | | | American <i>Daniel Gil.</i> | Liv Maddie | | | Billions |

SATURDAY

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| 7:00pm | ABC The Crossing "Pilot" After 47 refugees end up in a small fishing town, local sheriff Jude Ellis joins DHS agent Emma Ren to evaluate their unusual claim. TVPG (HD) |
| 8:00pm | TBS The Big Bang Theory "The Mommy Observation" When Sheldon visits his mother in Houston, Texas he is forced to confront a new reality; Raj's "Murder Mystery" party starts fights among the guests. TV14 (HD) |

SUNDAY

APRIL 15, 2018

| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW |
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| 6 PM :30 | Home Videos (HD) | 60 Minutes (HD) | Burgers Burgers | Dateline NBC (HD) | Baseball (Live) (HD) | Bang (HD) Bang (HD) | Law & Order: SVU | "The Swap" (40) ★★ "Zombies" (18) <i>Zombie population.</i> | "The Italian Job" (03) <i>Gang stages heists.</i> | "Dawn of the Dead" (HD) | Billions (HD) |
| 7 PM :30 | American Idol "111 (Top 24 Solos)" (HD) | The 53rd Academy of Country Music Awards <i>Reba McEntire.</i> (HD) | Simpsons Brooklyn Nine-Nine Last Man | Little Big Shots (HD) | MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Houston Astros (Live) (HD) | Bang (HD) Bang (HD) | Law & Order: SVU | Bizaard | Here and Now (HD) | ★★★ "Underworld" (03) <i>Monstrous war.</i> (HD) | The Circus |
| 8 PM :30 | Station 19 (HD) | NCIS: New Orleans | | Genius Junior (HD) | | Bang (HD) Bang (HD) | Law & Order: SVU | Stuck Mid. | Here and Now (HD) | "Before I Fall" <i>Reliving last day.</i> | The Circus |
| 9 PM :30 | A Higher Loyalty: The | | Local Programs Local information. | Timeless (HD) | | Bang (HD) Joker Wild | Law & Order: SVU | Bizaard | Sil Valley Barry (HD) | (05) "A Perfect Getaway" (09) | Billions (HD) |
| 10 PM :30 | Local Programs | Local Programs | Local Programs | Local Programs Local information. | SportsCenter (HD) | Joker Wild Drop Mic | Family Family | BUNK'D Bizaard | Oliver | | Billions (HD) |
| 11 PM :30 | Local Programs | Local Programs | Local Programs | | | Last O.G. Conan (HD) | Family Family | BUNK'D Undercover | Here and Now (HD) | ★★ "Psycho" (98) <i>Motel madness.</i> | Homeland "Clarity" |

SUNDAY

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| 7:00pm | CBS The 53rd Academy of Country Music Awards Musician Reba McEntire comes back to host the annual Academy of Country Music Awards in celebration of the contributions made to country music. (HD) |
| 7:30pm | FOX Brooklyn Nine-Nine "Nutriboom; DFW" Jake and Charles are drawn into a multi-level marketing scheme; Jake offers his half-sister, whom he recently learned of, a place to stay with him in New York. TV14 (HD) |

MONDAY

APRIL 16, 2018

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| 6 PM :30 | Local Programs | Local Programs | (5:00) Local Programs | Local Programs | MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago Cubs (Live) (HD) | Fam Guy Fam Guy | Family Family | BUNK'D BUNK'D | Oliver | "Abandon" (02) (HD) | "Sense" (The Circus) |
| 7 PM :30 | American Idol "111 (Top 24 Celebrity Duets)" (HD) | Kevin Plan (HD) | Lucifer (HD) | The Voice "The Live Playoffs, Night 1" (HD) | | Fam Guy Fam Guy | WWE Monday Night Raw (HD) | Grav Falls Grav Falls | "I Am Evidence" (18) (HD) | "Annabelle: Creation" (17) (HD) | Homeland "Clarity" |
| 8 PM :30 | Station 19 (HD) | Superior Living | The Resident | | | Fam Guy Fam Guy | | Raven | Problem | (50) "Drag Me to Hell" (09) <i>Woman cursed.</i> | Billions (HD) |
| 9 PM :30 | The Crossing (HD) | Scorpion (HD) | Local Programs Local info. | (01) Good Girls (HD) | SportsCenter (HD) | Fam Guy Daat (HD) Space | Unsolved (HD) | Stuck Mid. Mack (HD) | Bary (HD) | "Wonder Woman" (17) <i>Gal gadot. Amazon heroine.</i> (HD) | Homeland "Clarity" |
| 10 PM :30 | Local Jimmy Kimmel Live | Local (35) Late Show (HD) | Local Programs | Local (35) Tonight (HD) | SportsCenter (HD) | Conan (HD) | American <i>Daniel Gil.</i> | Bizaard | Here and Now (HD) | ★★½ "The Mummy" Ancient terror. | Billions (HD) |
| 11 PM :30 | Nightline | Corden | | Late Night | SportsCenter (HD) | Space Conan | (05) CSI: Crime (HD) | BUNK'D Undercover | Elvis Presley "Part 1" | (04) (R) | The Circus "Wolves" |

MONDAY

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| 7:00pm | CBS Kevin Can Wait "Phat Monkey" Monkey Fist gets a big account from Alviti to offer security services for his parking garages; Kendra and Chale look for an investor for their pub brew idea. TVPG (HD) |
| 8:00pm | FOX The Resident "Haunted" Conrad's old medical professor begins having hallucinations of old patients; Devon is charged with admitting a stubborn Conrad; Nic loses a patient. TV14 |

TUESDAY

APRIL 17, 2018

| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW |
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| 6 PM :30 | Local Programs | Local Programs | (5:00) Local Programs | Local Programs | Special | Bang (HD) Bang (HD) | Family Family | BUNK'D BUNK'D | Real Time | "Adaptation" (03) (R) | "Girl on Train" (16) |
| 7 PM :30 | Roseanne | NCIS "Sight Unseen" | Lethal Weapon (HD) | The Voice (HD) | Special | Bang (HD) Bang (HD) | WWE SmackDown (Live) (HD) | Grav Falls Grav Falls | ★★★★ "Girls Trip" (17) <i>Raunchy weekend.</i> | "Jackass: The Movie" (02) (HD) | Shameless (HD) |
| 8 PM :30 | black-ish Splitting | Bull "Justified" (HD) | LA (HD) New Girl | (01) Rise (HD) | Hey Rookie | Bang (HD) Bang (HD) | | Raven | Problem | "Half Baked" (98, Comedy) (HD) | Homeland "Clarity" |
| 9 PM :30 | For the People (HD) | NCIS: New Orleans | Local Programs Local info. | Chicago Med (HD) | SportsCenter Special | Bang (HD) Last O.G. | Unsolved (HD) | Stuck Mid. Mack (HD) | Problem | (50) "Drag Me to Hell" (09) <i>Woman cursed.</i> | Billions (HD) |
| 10 PM :30 | Local Jimmy Kimmel Live | Local (35) Late Show (HD) | Local Programs | Local (35) Tonight (HD) | SportsCenter (HD) | Conan (HD) | Law & Order: SVU | Bizaard | Sil Valley Barry (HD) | (55) Rellik (HD) | The Circus |
| 11 PM :30 | Nightline | Corden | | Late Night | SportsCenter (HD) | Space Conan | Law & Order: SVU | BUNK'D Undercover | Here and Now (HD) | (18) Rellik (HD) | Homeland "Clarity" |

TUESDAY

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| 7:00pm | SHOW Shameless "Icarus Fell and Rusty Ate Him" When a lonely tenant dies, and Fiona is left to clean out the apartment, she begins to reflect on her own life; Debbie fears she may be pregnant. TVMA (HD) |
| 7:30pm | ABC The Middle "The 200th" A milestone is celebrated; Frankie is reminded that she must find something to place in the Orson time capsule; Brick attempts to win Cindy back. TVPG (HD) |

WEDNESDAY

APRIL 18, 2018

| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW |
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| 6 PM :30 | Local Programs | Local Programs | (5:00) Local Programs | Local Programs | MLB Baseball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD) | Bang (HD) Bang (HD) | Law & Order: SVU | BUNK'D BUNK'D | Garry | "Cradle 2" (03) Jet Li. | "Patriots Day" (17) |
| 7 PM :30 | Goldbergs | Survivor (HD) | Empire (HD) | The Voice (HD) | | Bang (HD) Bang (HD) | Law & Order: SVU | Grav Falls Grav Falls | Problem | ★★★ "Tight-rope" (84) <i>Cop hunts killer.</i> (R) (HD) | ★★★ "Crimson Tide" (95) <i>On the brink of war.</i> |
| 8 PM :30 | Family Alex, Inc. | Criminal Minds (HD) | Star Vie for track (HD) | Law & Order: SVU | | Bang (HD) Bang (HD) | Suits (HD) | Raven | Stuck Mid. | | Homeland "Clarity" |
| 9 PM :30 | Designated Survivor | Criminal Minds (HD) | Local Programs Local info. | Chicago P.D. "Saved" | | | | | | | |

Opinion and Commentary

Organ/tissue donation highlighted in campaign

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White has unveiled a new ad campaign which highlights the Jan. 1 law which allows 16- and 17-year-olds to register to become organ/tissue donors during his annual kick off of National Donate Life Month in April.

"Teenagers are making a difference across the country," White explained. "They are making their voices heard and people are listening. Here in Illinois, they are expressing their intention to help others when they sign up to become organ/tissue donors. So far this year, more than 11,500 young people have registered. We are proud of these young people and their efforts to help others and save lives."

Currently, there are more than 6.4 million people registered to become organ/tissue donors in Illinois. However, approximately 4,700 people are on the waiting list and about 300 die each year waiting for an organ transplant.

In the public service announcement, a young woman explains how teenagers are "gaining respect and changing the future." She encourages teens to make a difference in Illinois now that they are eligible to register with the Secretary of State's Organ/Tissue Donor Registry.

The television, radio and digital ads will run in English and Spanish statewide throughout the month. The commercial will also be played on more than 400 movie screens throughout the state.

White will attend events throughout Illinois in April to encourage donation. Organizations will be working together statewide in an effort to promote donor awareness.

During April, high schools will be distributing organ/tissue donor materials and hosting donor drives. Colleges and hospitals will also be hosting donor drives and featuring displays statewide.

"We encourage all Illinoisans to join the organ and tissue donor registry," White said. "One person can improve the quality of life for up to 25 people."

Illinois residents can register with the Illinois Secretary of State's Organ/Tissue Donor Registry at Life-GoesOn.com, 800-210-2106 or by visiting their local driver services facility. A facility is located in Anna.

Page from the Past

From the files of The Gazette-Democrat

50 Years Ago, April 11, 1968

Holy Week services that are being held in churches in the area will be climaxed by special Sunday services at many churches, and special Easter morning and evening services.

Facets of Illinois history will be the theme of two Easter Sunday religious services at Starved Rock State Park near Ottawa and at the Cross of Peace on Bald Knob Mountain near Alto Pass in the southern end of the state. Pealing bells will open the 32nd Annual Sunrise Service at 6 a.m. atop Bald Knob Mountain.

The Community Good Friday Service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Anna at 7:30 p.m.

Easter Vesper services will be held at Kornthal Memorial Church Sunday afternoon, April 14, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

Holy Week services, which began Monday, April 8, will continue to be held at St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Anna.

The annual Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Anna City Park Saturday, April 13, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Mary Whitney, Anna City Clerk, has announced that City Hall will close at noon on Friday, April 12.

Voters in all Union County School districts will go to the polls Saturday, April 13, to cast their ballots for members of their respective boards.

Wednesday evening, April 3, Union County Civil Defense went on storm alert about one hour before the first official warning was received, and remained alerted until midnight.

Despite the rather extreme variances in the daytime and evening temperatures in the Union County area, it does seem as though Spring has actually arrived in the area.

The Big Appleknockers are returning to play in the benefit basketball game to be held on Saturday night, April 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Cobden Gymnasium. The Appleknockers will be playing an independent team of boys from Anna and Cobden. Their coach, Dick Ruggles, who now is a resident and coach in Nashville, will also be here with the Appleknockers.

Letters to the editor

The Gazette-Democrat welcomes letters to the editor. Any letter which is submitted to the paper must be signed by the person who wrote the letter. We ask that letters be of local interest and must be as brief as possible.

Each letter must include an address and phone number for the person who wrote the letter. This information is needed so the identity of the person who wrote the letter can be verified. Letters which do not include this information will not be used.

The deadline to submit a letter to the editor is noon on Thursday. Letters which are submitted after the deadline will be held for the following week.

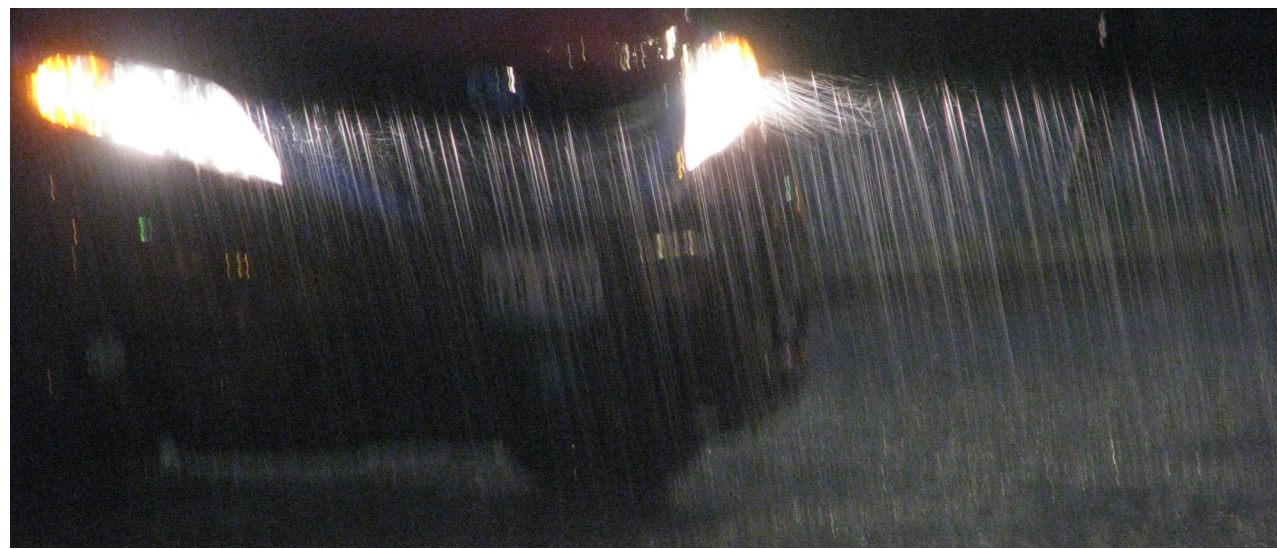
The newspaper reserves the right to edit all letters. Please limit the length of letters to 300 or fewer words. The newspaper reserves the right to reject letters which are deemed inappropriate for any reason. Personal attacks are not allowed.

Political campaigning is accepted as paid advertising only; letters used for campaign purposes will not be published.

Letters can be submitted in several ways. Letters can be mailed to the paper; send them to The Gazette-Democrat, P.O. Box 529, Anna, Illinois 62906. Letters can be sent by fax at 618-833-5813. Letters also can be emailed to news@annanews.com.

Please read this. . .

by Geof Skinner



Rain, rain, go away...at least for long enough that a guy can get in a walk. Smart people would have stayed inside, where it was warm and dry.

Go for a walk in the rain...you get wet...

This week...some sage advice from somebody who's been around the block once or twice...

...really. I go around the block once or twice for my daily walkabouts.

First bit of advice...if you decide to go for a walk when it's raining, you are going to get wet...

One evening last week, while The Other Half was finishing up her duties at The Salt Mine, yours truly decided to go for a walk in the evening. At the time, rain which had been falling appeared to have come to an end.

Well, I managed to take about 30 steps off the front porch, and the rain started to fall again. I hot-footed back to the porch, and waited for the rain to stop. And waited. And waited.

The precipitation eventually stopped, and my walk resumed. In a manner of speaking. About halfway through the walk, the rain started again. I was able to find some shelter from the wet, and got to wait again. At least it wasn't snowing.

Next bit of sage advice...perhaps, as is often the case, I should not have uttered the words I spoke out loud...

...cause you know what can happen when you actually utter words which would have been better left unsaid.

A couple of weeks ago, The Other Half and yours truly were doing a little bit of spring cleaning and picking up of things on the front porch at our humble abode.

The words "spring cleaning" are only used in the sense that the calendar had suggested that spring actually had arrived. Such has not been the case in Little Egypt in the Year of Our Lord 2018.

There were a couple of tarps and a few bungee cords which were kind of hanging around on the front porch. The items had been used back in month one of what seems to have been the beginning of a winter season which just might stretch into June, July or maybe even the week of the Union County Fair in Anna. Maybe instead of tractor pulls, we could have sled dog races and ice fishing competitions.

Yours truly had used a tarp and some of the bungee cords to cover the vehicle he drives back and forth, from home to The Paragraph Factory. A winter storm, complete with ice and snow and various other forms of frozen precipitation was in the forecast.



Snow...SNOW...on the 8th day of April! Normally, your writer does not like to use exclamation marks, but this time it just seemed appropriate.

Policy institute director to present talk at SIU

John Shaw, the director of Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, plans to discuss the perils and possibilities of resurrecting the past in an upcoming talk.

Shaw is scheduled to present "Resurrecting the Past" at noon on April 18 in the SIU Communication Building, room 1032.

Hosted by the SIU School of Journalism, the Global Media Research Center and the Simon Institute, the event is free and open to the public.

Shaw plans to discuss his career in journalism and historical writing and describe his efforts to chronicle the work of leading diplomats, lawmakers and academics over more than 25 years.

He will reflect on the different challenges posed by "real time" journalism and historical writing.

Shaw will argue that while both journalists and historians start their research with a "theory of the case" they must be open to evidence that challenges and even overturns their preconceptions.

Prior to becoming institute director in January, Shaw, a 26-year veteran congressional reporter with Market News International, covered political and economic issues for the global news service.

He was a contributing writer for the monthly magazine The Washington Diplomat for the past 20 years.

Shaw's "People of World Influence" column profiled international affairs leaders including Colin Powell, Madeleine Albright, James Baker, Sam Nunn and Zbigniew Brzezinski.

A native of Peoria, Shaw earned his bachelor's degree

in political science from Knox College in Galesburg.

He earned his master's degree in history from the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia and did graduate work in international relations at The Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.

He has been a congressional analyst for media outlets including C-SPAN, ABC's "20/20," "The PBS News-hour" and SkyNews Australia.

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