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## News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area



Smile...we may be headed back to the deep freeze by this weekend. The forecast includes a chance of snow and the return of bitter cold temperatures. A light dusting of snow covered some parts of the Union County area last Friday morning.

As of midday Tuesday, when this week's paper was going to press, the forecast suggested that we could have some very interesting weather by Thursday, today, and continuing into Friday, and maybe even Saturday...

U.S. Army 1st Sgt. Clint M. Clover has been selected to receive the 2017-2018 Shawnee's Best honor. Clover is a 2001 graduate of Shawnee High School at Wolf Lake. He will be honored on Jan. 20.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day will be observed Monday, Jan. 15.

A worship service is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, at Kornthal Church near Jonesboro.



## County bicentennial kick off event held

Union County's 200th birthday was celebrated last Saturday afternoon.

A kick off celebration to commemorate the county's bicentennial was held at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

An estimated 70 to 80 people gathered in the courthouse lobby on a cold and sunny January afternoon.

Those in attendance included elected officials, candidates who are running in 2018, local community members and visitors from out of town.

Many of those who came to the event were dressed in period clothing. Old-time music was performed.

Saturday afternoon's celebration in Jonesboro was sponsored by the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society.

Jonesboro, the home of the courthouse and the county seat, also is celebrating a bicentennial in 2018.

In his 1994 book titled "A House Divided: Union County, Illinois 1818-1865," local author and historian Darrel Dexter wrote that Jonesboro "holds a significant place in Illinois history. It was founded in 1818 and with the exception of Kaskaskia and Shawneetown, is one of the oldest towns in Illinois. It was a town before Illinois was a state."

The act creating Union County was approved on Jan. 2, 1818. Illinois, a territory at the time, would become a state in December of 1818.



### Act which formed Union County read

Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds, standing at center, portrayed Illinois territorial Gov. Ninian Edwards at last Saturday afternoon's bicentennial celebration. The event was held at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Dexter wrote in "A House Divided" that Union County "was named, probably at the suggestion of John Grammer, who represented the area in the 1818 territorial legislature.

"The name commemorates a union camp meeting held in the Dongola area about 1817 by two preachers, George Woolf, a Dunkard, and James Jones, a Baptist from Johnson County."

On the same day that Union County was created 200 years ago this month, Dexter wrote that "the legislature appointed George Woolf, Jesse Echols and Thomas Cox commissioners to meet at the house of Sen. John Grammer on the first Monday of February

and 'view the geography of the county and establish a permanent seat of justice as near the centre of the county as may be.'"

Mr. Grammer (and his wife), Mr. Woolf and Mr. Cox all were portrayed by local residents during last Saturday afternoon's celebration. Also present

was Illinois territorial Gov. Ninian Edwards.

Edwards was portrayed by Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds.

Mr. Grammer was portrayed by Duane Hileman. Lillian Milam portrayed his wife, Julia.

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### Old-time music performed

Marshall Poger of Webster Groves performed old-time music at the celebration.



### Bringing county's history to life

Union County residents helped to bring history to life during last Saturday afternoon's bicentennial celebration. From left are Darryl Parks, who portrayed Thomas Cox, one of Union County's first commissioners; Lillian Milam, who portrayed the wife of early settler and statesman John Grammer; Mike Estel, who portrayed early settler George Wolf (or Woolf), who also was one of the county's first commissioners; Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds, who portrayed Illinois territorial Gov. Ninian Edwards; and Duane Hileman, who portrayed John Grammer.

## Kornthal Church named Architectural Wonder

A landmark Union County church has earned special recognition.

Baysinger Architects in Marion on Dec. 29 announced its fifth annual Top 10 Architectural Wonders of Southern Illinois list.

The list for 2017 includes the historic Kornthal Church in Union County. Kornthal Church is located south of Jonesboro, just off Illinois Route 127.

The list of Architectural Wonders includes a church, a mansion, a bottling plant, a bridge and more.

The 2017 list of the Top 10 Architectural Wonders of Southern Illinois includes: Kornthal Church near Jonesboro, completed in 1852.

The Coca-Cola building at Du Quoin, completed in 1949.

The Gallatin County Courthouse in Shawneetown, completed in 1939.

The Massac Theatre in Metropolis, completed in 1938.

West Frankfort City Hall, completed in 1931.

Riverlore Mansion in Cairo, completed in 1865.

The old depot in Carbondale, completed in 1903.

Mary's River bridge near Chester, completed in 1854.

The Granada Theatre in Mt. Vernon, completed in 1937-1938.

The depot in Tamms, completed in 1899.

"As we celebrated the close of the year 2017, it's important we celebrate and recognize the rich architectural diversity of Southern Illinois," said Baysinger Architects managing partner Michael Baysinger.

Baysinger noted that the Southern Illinois area has a "rich, rich history" and many of the properties on the 2017 list reflect the growth and change of the region.

The Top 10 Architectural Wonders of Southern Illinois List was created in 2013.

With the announcement

of the 2017 list, a total of 50 structures have been recognized by Baysinger Architects.

Geographically, the 50 Architectural Wonders can be found in 34 communities covering 15 counties in Southern Illinois.

Six structures in Union County have been featured on the list over the years.

Along with Kornthal Church on the 2017 list, other local structures include, by year:

2016: St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Anna.

2014: the Cross of Peace on Bald Knob Mountain near Alto Pass.

2013: Stinson Memorial Library in Anna, the Goff Duncan Castle near Cobden and Giant City Lodge near Makanda.

The 2017 list, and lists from previous years, along with their locations on a map, can be viewed online at BaysingerintheCommunity.com.



### Local landmark

Kornthal Church in Union County has been named as an "Architectural Wonder" by a Southern Illinois firm.





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# Freezing rain, sleet, snow, bitter cold in forecast

Rain, freezing rain, sleet and snow could impact travel in the Union County area Thursday night and Friday.

Bitter cold temperatures also are expected to return to the region over the upcoming weekend.

Icy conditions could make driving treacherous. The Illinois Department of Transportation, IDOT, advises motorists to make preparations if they plan to be on the road.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah was advising area residents early this week that the region will be in a transition zone of precipitation types Thursday night, Friday and Saturday night.

Wintry precipitation is likely to impact Friday across much of Southeast

Missouri and southwest Illinois.

Some light snow may linger into Saturday morning. The weather service also advised that the "main story this weekend will be the arrival of much colder air." Highs are expected to be in the 20s on Saturday and Sunday, with early morning wind chills near zero early Sunday morning.

Here's a look at the forecast for the area which was posted Tuesday morning on the weather service office's website:

Thursday, today: Showers likely, cloudy, with a high near 59 degrees. Windy.

Thursday night: Rain, freezing rain and sleet before 4 a.m.; then sleet, possibly mixed with snow between 4 a.m. and 5 a.m.;

then snow after 5 a.m. Low around 26. Windy.

Friday: Freezing rain likely, possibly mixed with snow before 3 p.m.; then rain likely, possibly mixed with snow. Cloudy, with a high near 33. Windy.

Friday night: A chance of rain and snow before 7 p.m., then a chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 21. Windy.

Saturday: A chance of snow before noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 27. Windy.

Saturday night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 10.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 24.

Sunday night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 11.

For those who have to travel in wintry conditions,

IDOT advises:

Take it slow, especially when approaching intersections, ramps, bridges and shady areas. All are prone to black ice, an invisible danger during some winter storms.

Make sure your gas tank is full. Keep a cell phone, warm clothes, blankets, food, water, a first aid kit, washer fluid and an ice scraper in your vehicle.

If you have to make a trip, check the forecast and make sure someone is aware of your plans.

Carry a cellphone. Reminder: Using handheld phones while driving is illegal in Illinois, unless it is an emergency situation.

Always wear a seat belt, whether you're sitting in the front seat or back seat. It's the law.

# Union County bicentennial celebration

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The role of Mr. Woolf was filled by Mike Estel. Darryl Parks portrayed Mr. Cox.

In his role as Gov. Edwards, Edmonds read the act which created Union County.

"Welcome, my fellow citizens," Edmonds said. "I have just come from Kaskaskia, our capital of this great Illinois Territory.

"I am pleased to tell you that on January 2 of this year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighteen, the Legislative Council and the House of Representatives enacted a law forming a separate county of Johnson County and this new county is to be called Union County."

A description of the new county's territory followed:

"All that tract of country lying within the following boundary: beginning on the range line between ranges one and two, east at the corner of townships ten and eleven south; thence south along the said range line, eighteen miles to the corner of townships thirteen and fourteen south; thence west along the township line, between townships thirteen and fourteen south, to the

Mississippi River then up the Mississippi River to the mouth of Big Muddy River; thence up Big Muddy River to where the township line between townships ten and eleven south crosses the same; thence east along the said township line to the beginning. Provided however, that all that tract of country lying south of township thirteen south, to the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, and west of the range line between ranges one and two east, shall until the same be formed into a separate county, be attached to and be a part of Union County."

The legislature further enacted that the courts in Union County would be held at the house of Jacob Hunsaker Jr. until a permanent seat of justice was established and a courthouse erected.

The legislature also enacted "that for the purpose of fixing the permanent seat of justice George Wolf, Jesse Echols and Thomas Cox are appointed commissioners to meet at the house of John Grammer on the first Monday in February, and after taking an oath before some judge or justice of the peace, in this territory, to faithfully and impartially take into

view the geography of the county, the convenience of the people, and the eligibility of the place as near the center of the county as may be found for the permanent seat of justice.

"Provided that the proprietor or proprietors of the land shall give to the county, at least twenty acres of land for the purpose of being laid out into lots and sold, or so much thereof as the county court may direct to be applied to defray the expenses of public buildings thereon for the use of the county.

"The county court shall allow to each of the commissioners two dollars per day for each day's necessary attendance in fixing the place for the permanent seat of justice.

"And be it further enacted that the citizens of Union County are hereby declared to be entitled in all respects to the same rights and privileges as are allowed in general, with other counties of this territory, and in the election of a delegate to congress and

representatives when the county shall be entitled to a member or members of the house of representatives by law."

The reading of the act creating the county concluded with a call to make Illinois the 21st state in the Union.

Historical exhibits were on display at the courthouse, including copies of the 1818 census of the county, plat maps showing the location of those owning property in the county and in Jonesboro in 1818, an 1819 Jonesboro Township poll book, a list of the 1807 and 1813 squatters in Union County and where they were living, maps showing the progression of the development of the State of Illinois and photographs of early Illinois statesmen.

First day of issue envelopes commemorating the bicentennial celebration were on sale.

Members of the Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club served refreshments.

# News Notes

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Anna city officials continue to work on details related to a new facility for Pets Are Worth Saving Inc. A change in the zoning designation for the site of the proposed facility appears to be one of the topics for discussion.

are planned Jan. 19 at Cobden High School and Jan. 20 at Shawnee High School at Wolf Lake.

A "Nothing But Net" Students Involved with Technology conference is scheduled Feb. 10 at Jonesboro School.

Looked like there was a bit of a change in the sign in front of the Anna Junior High School/Davie School building in Anna.

The Anna School District 37 and Cobden Scholar Bowl teams have competitions scheduled during January.

Tryouts are slated during January in Anna School District 37 for cheerleading, basketball, volleyball and bowling.

Birds in the back yard will be the topic of a program set for 1 p.m. Jan. 20 at the Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands Center near Cypress.

In the for whatever it might be worth when it comes to things that aren't seen a lot these days category...an Amtrak passenger train was spotted traveling north through Union County at around 8 a.m. last Friday.

# Chamber of commerce plans to have annual gala

Plans for an annual gala were on the agenda at a meeting of the Union County Chamber of Commerce which was held last week.

The meeting was Thursday, Jan. 4, at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Among the guests at the meeting were young people who are participating in the Union County CEO program.

The agenda included discussion about plans for the chamber's annual gala, which is planned Saturday, Jan. 27, at Blue Sky Vineyard near Makanda.

The gala will have a Roaring '20s theme. A social begins at 6 p.m. Dinner, catered by the Great

Boars of Fire, will be at 7 p.m. Live music and basket raffles are planned.

During the gala, the chamber plans to present awards for the business of the year, the new business of the year, business improvement of the year, citizen of the year and director MVP.

For more information about the gala, contact the chamber office at 833-6311.

Also on the agenda at last week's chamber meeting were plans for showing movies at the Anna City Park during 2018, a Union County CEO program trivia night event and discussion about the possibility of having a wine and beer tasting event in the fall.

# Counseling service honors Union County Hospital

Union County Hospital in Anna was honored recently by Union County Counseling Service for outstanding support provided by the hospital's emergency department nursing staff.

The outstanding service award was presented to Union County Hospital Emergency Department director Mary Jane Trexler.

The presentation was made during a special event hosted by Union County Counseling Service, which has its main office in Anna.

"I am pleased to receive this award on behalf of the Union County Hospital ER nursing staff," Trexler stated.

Trexler added that she is "very proud" to serve as

the ER director for "such a talented and skilled group of nurses. Our community is fortunate to have them here to serve."

The recognition signifies the contributions the organizations make in working closely with one another in the interest of serving the community.

"Union County Hospital is committed to making our emergency department the best it can be - and this means pursuing a path of continual improvement," Union County Hospital CEO Jim Farris stated.

"When the people who live and work in Anna think about quality health care, we want them to think of Union County Hospital."

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Taking a look at state, regional, local weather highlights

2017 sixth warmest year on record in Illinois



Icy image Ice had formed at culverts in a ford over a creek near Kornthal Church. The church is located several miles south of Jonesboro. The picture was taken Thursday afternoon, Jan. 4.

Temperatures were above normal during the first three weeks of December 2017 in the region. Mild conditions gave way to icy cold temperatures in Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky as the final month of 2017.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported that the arrival of a cold snap on Christmas Eve kept temperatures below 40

degrees through the end of December.

Records Set in December

Some record low and record cold high temperatures were established during the last week of 2017, including one of the coldest New Year's Eves on record in the region.

In Paducah, a record cold high temperature of 22 degrees was set on Dec. 27. A record low of

10 was tied on Dec. 28.

Cape Girardeau had a record cold high temperature of 21 on Dec. 27. Another record cold high temperature - 18 degrees - was tied on Dec. 31.

Despite a lack of snow cover, low temperatures dipped into the single digits on many nights.

December was another dry month in the region. Drier than normal conditions were recorded across most of the area.

A few locations, mostly across Western Kentucky, had near normal precipitation during December.

In Paducah, a record for daily precipitation was set on Dec. 22, with 2.06 inches. A similar record also was set in Cape Girardeau, with 1.78 inches of precipitation.

Union County Weather in December

During December in Union County, weather observer Dana Cross recorded a high temperature for the month of 68 degrees on Dec. 4. The low for the month was 7, recorded on Dec. 31.

Precipitation for December totaled 2.64 inches. The most precipitation in a 24-hour period came on Dec. 22, with 1.35 inches. A trace of snow was recorded during the month.

2017 Weather in Union County

Weather observer Dana Cross shared weather statistics for the year 2017 in Union County.

Precipitation for the year totalled 56.8 inches. The county normally receives about 45 inches of precipitation during a year.

Here's a month-by-month look at the county's weather for 2017:

January: High of 69 on Jan. 21. Low of 4 on Jan. 7. 2.35 inches of precipitation. Half of an inch of snow was recorded.

February: High of 74 on Feb. 20. Low of 15 on Feb. 4. 1.21 inches of precipitation.

March: High of 79 on March 20. Low of 18 on March 15. 4.14 inches of precipitation. 1 inch of snow.

April: High of 85 on April 29. Low of 37 on April 8. 15.54 inches of precipitation.

May: High of 88 on May 29. Low of 41 on May 6. 6 inches of precipitation.

June: High of 96 on June 13. Low of 52 on June 8. 3.39 inches of precipitation.

July: High of 100 on July 21. Low of 60 on July 30, 31. 6.59 inches of precipitation.

August: High of 95 on Aug. 21. Low of 52 on Aug. 5. 1.76 inches of precipitation.

September: High of 93 on Sept. 20, 21. Low of 42 on Sept. 7. 3.51 inches of precipitation.

October: High of 87 on Oct. 14. Low of 28 on Oct. 31. 5.86 inches of precipitation. The first frost of autumn was recorded on Oct. 16.

November: High of 77 on Nov. 2. Low of 22 on Nov. 23. 3.81 inches of precipitation.

December: High of 68 on Dec. 4. Low of 7 on Dec. 31. 2.64 inches of precipitation. Trace of snow.

Regional Climate Summary for 2017

In taking a look back at 2017, the weather service

office in Paducah reported that for the second straight year, "temperatures were well above normal across our region."

Paducah tied 2016 for the third warmest year on record. Cape Girardeau tied for the seventh warmest year on record.

The only months that experienced below normal temperatures in Paducah were August and December.

As for precipitation, a large portion of the region experienced drier than normal conditions last year.

However, some areas in Ozark Foothills of Missouri, the Pennyryle region of West Kentucky and along the Tennessee border in Kentucky experienced near to above normal precipitation.

In Missouri, this was largely due to excessive spring rainfall - before a drought set in later in the year. For Western Kentucky, the remnants of several tropical systems played a big part.

Cape Girardeau had the fourth driest year on record last year.

During 2017, Paducah had the fourth warmest January on record, the warmest February on record and the warmest April on record.

Cape Girardeau had the fifth warmest January on record, the warmest and fourth driest February on record, the eighth warmest and fifth wettest April on record, the sixth driest July on record, the fourth coldest August on record and the sixth driest September on record.

2017: Sixth Warmest Year on Record in Illinois

2017 was the sixth warmest year on record in Illinois, with a statewide average temperature of 54.3 degrees, or 2 degrees above normal, in spite of the very cold ending to December.

Eight out of the 12 months in 2017 brought above-normal temperatures, according to Illinois state climatologist Jim Angel of the Illinois State Water Survey at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign.

Illinois experienced the warmest February on record, with a statewide average of 41 degrees, 10.1 degrees above normal.

On the other hand, Illinois' 10th coolest August on record came in 2017, with a temperature of 70.5 degrees, 3.1 degrees below normal.

The statewide average precipitation for the year was 37.65 inches, 2.31 inches below normal, despite dramatic precipitation events that occurred in 2017,

such as the heavy rains in Southern Illinois in spring, and in Northern Illinois in July and September.

Illinois received 6.86 inches of rain in April, 3.08 inches above normal, and the fifth wettest April on record.

Still, Illinois experienced its fifth driest September on record, with only 0.82 of an inch, which was 2.41 inches below normal.

Some exceptionally dry areas still exist in Central Illinois, around St. Louis and parts of southeastern Illinois. These will be areas to watch in spring for the 2018 growing season, Angel said.

December 2017 Snow, Temperatures in Illinois

Snowfall for the 2017-2018 winter season started slowly, but with some significant accumulations recorded by the end of December.

Snowfall totals ranged from 6 to 15 inches in the northern half of the state and down to almost zero in far Southern Illinois by Dec. 31.

Cissna Park, in Iroquois County, reported the largest winter snowfall total of 15.5 inches.

Mt. Carroll, in Carroll County, was in second place with 10.8 inches, and Chatsworth in Livingston County, was in third place with 10.5 inches.

The statewide average precipitation total for December in Illinois was 0.86 of an inch, which was 1.83 inches below normal and the eighth driest December on record.

Far Southern Illinois received 1 to 3 inches of precipitation, but the rest of the state received less than an inch.

December temperatures in Illinois were exceptionally mild until Christmas Eve. The cold and warm weather balanced out in December, leaving the statewide average temperature for the month at 28.9 degrees, 1 degree below normal.

Weather

Temperatures ranged from a high of 41 degrees to a low of 5 below zero during the period of Jan. 2-8 in the Union County area.

Precipitation during the period included .27 of an inch of rain on Jan. 7 and .17 of an inch of rain Jan. 8. Fog was seen Jan. 9.

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

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22	-5
Tuesday, Jan. 2	22 -5
Wednesday, Jan. 3	30 -5
Thursday, Jan. 4	22 5
Friday, Jan. 5	27 10
Saturday, Jan. 6	25 6
Sunday, Jan. 7	41 18
Monday, Jan. 8	41 35

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# Sports



## Landmark scoring achievement

Cobden High School basketball standout Meredith Flamm scored her 1,000th career point Dec. 19 at Goreville. Flamm was honored for her special achievement at a Cobden home game which was played on Jan. 2. Photo provided.

## A-J improves to 12-4 with win over Du Quoin

Trailing at various times throughout the game, the host Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' basketball team fought back for a 60-58 win over Du Quoin in Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division action Friday, Jan. 5.

The Indians led 15-12 after one quarter, but the Wildcats came back to go ahead 32-27 at the half.

Du Quoin pulled ahead 46-44 going into the final period. A-J made a 16-12 run in the final quarter to take out the win.

A-J's Jake Parr made the go-ahead shot in the final seconds of the game. The Indians' final desperation 3-point shot missed at the buzzer.

Parr led the way with 24 points and 16 rebounds. Jacob Zimmerman added 13 points and 3 rebounds. Noah Smith had 5 points. Sheldon McGrath had 4 points and 6 rebounds.

Carson Reynolds had 3 points and a rebound. Tyler Smith and Noah McFarland each had 2 points and a rebound apiece.

A-J was 19 of 49 in shot

## A-J to play at West Frankfort Tournament

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' basketball team is scheduled to play in the West Frankfort Mid-Winter Classic Tournament Jan. 13-20.

The Wildcats are in Pool A with Christopher, Eldorado and the host Redbirds. Pool B consists of Carterville, Cairo, Herrin and Marion.

A-J is scheduled to begin tournament play at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15, against Eldorado.

The Wildcats are slated to play again at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, against the Redbirds.

A-J faces Christopher at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19.

The tournament continues Saturday at 3:30 p.m. with a 4th place game; at 5 p.m. with a 3rd place game; at 6:30 p.m. with a 2nd place game and 8 p.m. with the 1st place game.

## Lady Wildcats post 1-1 record in recent action

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

**Murphysboro 35, A-J 28:** The Lady Wildcats fell behind early in the loss to host Murphysboro on Saturday, Jan. 6.

Angel Helm had 9 points, 12 rebounds, 2 assists and 2 steals to lead A-J.

Hunter Denny had 9 points, all three 3-pointers, and a rebound. Sydney Heath had 5 points, 7 rebounds and an assist. Connor Hadley had 3 points, 6 rebounds and a steal. Lexi Smith had 2 points and 2 assists.

**A-J 55, Goreville 48:** The visiting Lady Wildcats built an early lead on their way to the win

in non-conference action Thursday, Jan. 4.

Heath had 28 points, (five 3-pointers), 5 rebounds, 3 assists and a steal to lead A-J.

Helm added 11 points, 16 rebounds and 4 assists. Julia Ellis had 10 points, 4 steals, 3 rebounds and an assist. Hadley had 2 points, 6 rebounds, 3 steals and an assist.

Morgan Wendling had 2 points and an assist and a rebound. Jasmin Foster had 2 points, 3 rebounds, 2 steals and an assist.

A-J, 6-11 overall, is scheduled to play at home Thursday, today, against Herrin.

A-J's junior varsity improved to 9-0 with a 44-33 win over Murphysboro and a 45-20 win over Goreville.



## A-J player in action

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School standout Connor Hadley plans to continue her basketball playing career at Westminster College in Fulton, Mo. Photo provided.

## A-J's Connor Hadley signs with Westminster College

James Arnold, head coach of the women's basketball team at Westminster College in Fulton, Mo., has announced the addition of Connor Hadley of Anna-Jonesboro to the roster for the 2018-2019 season.

"We are ecstatic Connor chose Westminster," Arnold said. "She adds another strong post presence for us next year and will help us right away."

Hadley has been a defensive standout at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School for the past two seasons. She was named defensive player of the year in 2016 and 2017.

In addition, she was named to the 2017 Fairfield all-tournament team and the 2017 Harrisburg all-tournament team.

"Connor has good feet, great hands, and plays really really hard," Arnold said.

"She has a high IQ and will not be outworked. I love that Connor is also not afraid to talk and she is a leader. Even as a freshman I think that her personality will be an asset to our program."

Hadley plans to go into the dual nursing program at Westminster.

While also a basketball standout, she's also been a member of the Beta Club, student council and the health advisory team. She also was the president of the National Honor Society.

"I chose Westminster

because of the high academic standard," Hadley said.

"I loved the small town feel and I felt like I would be at home in Fulton and with the basketball team and program."

## A-J bowling team post wins; boys' record 9-0

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' and girls' varsity bowling teams posted wins over Johnston City in recent competition. The boys' team also posted a win over Eldorado.

A-J defeated Eldorado by a score of 2,764-1,948. With the win, the boys' varsity team's record improved to 9-0 on the season.

High scores for A-J were recorded by Jonathan Parmlly with 204, 217 and 190, for a 611 series; Andrew Odum with 212; and Tyler Sutton with 222.

The A-J boys scored a 2,956-2,295 victory over Johnston City.

High scores for A-J were rolled by Zachary Odum, with 202; Jacob Cross, with 202, 236, 188, for a 626 series; Seth Busby with 200; Aden Hopkins with 221 and 221; and Evan Smoot with 214.

The A-J girls' team defeated Johnston City 2,299-2,148 and improved to 6-2.

High scores were recorded by BreAuna Stone with 205 and 188; and Logan Brown with 196.

## Legislator optimistic about port project in Alexander County

State Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg, said the start of a new year is bringing promising beginnings for development of a river port in Alexander County.

Fowler said he also began 2018 by preparing for the start of scheduled spring session, coordinating with local mayors throughout the 59th District to meet before lawmakers return to Springfield at the end of January and joining the students of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic School for their first day in their newly constructed school facility.

Fowler said that in an encouraging demonstration of support for the development of a port terminal in Alexander County, he had the honor of presenting the Alexander-Cairo Port District a \$100,000 contribution from the Rauner Family Foundation to begin making headway on the port project.

The money will go toward soft costs for the project, which includes marketing costs and identifying companies that will benefit from the development of the river port terminal, Fowler said.

Fowler said he has been a vocal advocate of the port's development, pushing for economic growth throughout the region and encouraging investors and businesses to see the potential of a port authority in Cairo.

Fowler said he is confident that Cairo's location, at the confluence of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers, is ideally situated for the development of a successful river port and argues that Southern Illinois' potential is worth the investment.

Underscoring the need for economic development in the region is Illinois' continued decline in population, which has resulted in the state falling from the fifth most populous state in 2016 to the sixth in 2017, according to recently released data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Fowler contends that the continued out-migration of Illinois residents highlights the importance of bringing opportunities, jobs and tourism to the state and the region through projects like the river port and the

Sahara Woods off-highway vehicle park project announced late last year.

As the new year began, Fowler said he was gearing up for the start of a new spring legislative session.

Preparing for the return to the State House, Fowler said he is coordinating meetings with local mayors to get some final feedback on the needs, concerns and developments within the communities of the 59th District. Part of Union County is in the district.

Fowler also was invited to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic School in Herrin for the first day of classes in its new regional Catholic school facility.

Fowler joined a parade of students and administrators as they walked from the old campus to their newly constructed school building to begin their day in the classroom.

In other news, as cold weather continued to bear down throughout the state, Fowler echoed calls from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, IEMA, to "resolve to be prepared" in 2018.

As part of its initiative, IEMA and local emergency management agencies will be providing information about safety and preparedness topics each month throughout the year, including tips on winter weather readiness.



## Students promoted

Coffman Martial Arts Academy in Anna announces the promotion of four students in bojutsu. Students who earned promotions are, from left, Eric Chen, Cooper Johnson, Jacob Cross and Logan Thompson. Photo provided.

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# Obituaries

## Tim L. Landis

Tim L. Landis, 66, of Chatham, passed away at 6:46 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018, in his home.

Tim was born Nov. 19, 1951, in Anna, the son of Floyd and Ann Childers Landis.

He married Debra Chandler on May 2, 1981, in Chariton, Iowa.

At the age of 16, Tim began working as a sports reporter for The Gazette-Democrat in Anna. He also worked for the Anna radio station, WRAJ, as a reporter and a disk jockey.

He graduated from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale in 1984 with a bachelor's degree in liberal arts. He covered agriculture and Southern Illinois politics for the Southeast Missourian from 1980 to 1982. From 1982 to 1990, he was an assistant Metro Editor and covered politics and government for The Southern Illinoisan with a focus on social justice.

Tim also served as the Statehouse Bureau Chief for the Gannett News Service from 1990 to 1994. He was the business editor for The Rockford Register Star in 1994 until he came back to Springfield in 1995, when he joined The State Journal-Register as a legal affairs reporter.

In 1996, Tim became the business editor for the SJ-R. He helped establish the SJ-R Newspaper Guild to advocate for improved salaries and benefits for the journalists. Throughout his more than 50 years in journalism, Tim won numerous awards, including honors from the Illinois Press Association and the Associated Press.

Tim was a member of the Historic Grace Lutheran Church, where he lovingly supported the food pantry. He was a lifelong St. Louis Cardinals fan and a member of the Ultimate St. Louis Cardinals Fan Club.

When he was younger, Tim sang and played drums in several bands and most recently played drums at Historic Grace Lutheran Church. He especially loved to read, as well as spend time outdoors hiking, swimming, running, and visiting the ocean. Above all, Tim was dedicated to his family.

Tim is survived by his wife, Debra Landis of Chatham; his parents, Floyd and Ann Landis of Anna; a son, Matt (Ellie) Landis and granddaughter Adaline of Kent, Wash.; a daughter Kelsey (Jason Weaver) Landis of St. Louis; and several cousins. He had a beloved dog, Chandler.

Cremation was accorded by Butler Cremation Tribute Center in Springfield prior to ceremonies.

A Celebration of Life was held at noon Saturday, Jan. 6, at Historic Grace Lutheran Church in Springfield, with the Rev. Thomas B. Christell Jr. officiating.

Burial will follow at a later date at Ebenezer Hall Cemetery in Lick Creek.

Memorials can be made to the Historic Grace Lutheran Church Food Pantry, 714 E. Capitol Ave., Springfield, Ill. 62701; the Animal Protective League, 1001 Taintor Rd., Springfield, Ill. 62702; or to the Illinois Press Association Foundation, 900 Community Dr., Springfield, Ill. 62703.

Kirlin-Egan & Butler Funeral Home in Springfield is in charge of arrangements.

Visit [butlerfuneralhomes.com](http://butlerfuneralhomes.com) to offer condolences.

## Norma Lee Jordan

Norma Lee Jordan, 60, of Anna, died Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

She was born on Nov. 25, 1957, in Chicago, the daughter of Joseph S. and Joyce Fay Utter.

She is survived by all her family and friends at Mulberry Manor and ILS. She was preceded in death by her parents.

She worked at the J.R. Center and loved life.

Funeral services for Norma Lee Jordan were at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 5, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with Susan Middleton officiating. Interment was in the Anna City Cemetery.

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

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

## Reynoldsville News

by Sue Eudy

Jack and Dolores Reynolds attended a birthday celebration for Carol Tabor of McClure at Friendship Baptist Church in Cape Girardeau on Saturday. There were several friends and family members attending.

Those helping Amy Reynolds of Reynoldsville celebrate her birthday, Sunday, Jan. 7, at Cracker Barrel in Cape Girardeau were Greg and Valley Reynolds, Jack and Dolores Reynolds, all of Reynoldsville, and Andrew, Jessie and Rhianon Livesay of Wolf Lake.

Joe Schneider of Cape Girardeau visited Thursday with Shirley Miller of McClure. Shirley Miller visited Friday with Alma Linson of Jonesboro at the Lutheran Home in Cape Girardeau. Those helping Kacie Golliher of McClure celebrate her birthday on Sunday, Jan. 7, at Broussard's in Cape Girardeau were her husband, Derek, Penny and Kerry Hill and Shirley Miller, all of McClure.

Visiting with Maxine and Fred Pender on Friday was Gary Gibbs of Jonesboro. Lori and Brad Pender of Jonesboro visited Saturday afternoon.

Those having supper last Monday night at the home of Penny and Kerry Hill of McClure were Shirley Miller and Kacie and Derek Golliher, all of McClure, and Julie and Tessa Burtin of West Palm Beach, Fla.

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.

## Harvalee David Harvick

Harvalee David "Lee" Harvick, 95, of Mesa, Ariz., and formerly of Anna, died on Dec. 29, 2017, at his son's home in Mesa, Ariz.

He was born on March 16, 1922, in Wood River, the son of Thurman and Iva Karraker Harvick.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Marla Harvick of Mesa, Ariz.; his grandsons, Shawn Harvick of Maryland Heights, Mo., and David Harvick of Nashville, Tenn.; a great-grandson, Preston Harvick and a great-granddaughter, Jaydn Richardson; other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Ann Harvick; an older brother, W. T. "Slim" Harvick; and two sisters, Laverne Moffit and Linna Mae Eddleman.

The family soon moved to Dongola, where he grew up, learning to fish and competed as a high jumper. He lived in the Anna area for most of his life. He was a founding member of the Anna church of Christ.

He served in the U.S. Army, where he spent close to four years fighting in the Asian theatre of combat; a part of his life of which he rarely spoke.

Returning from the war, he met and married the love of his life, Mary Ann Crissip, on Jan. 3, 1946.

He followed in the footsteps of his father and older brother, becoming a carpenter. Southern Illinois, particularly Union County, has many homes and buildings, still standing today, that can be attributed to this master builder. In 1961, Lee and Ann adopted their son, Mark.

Funeral services for Mr. Harvick will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with Brian McAlister officiating. Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery in Dongola.

Friends can call after 10 a.m. and until the service hour at 11 a.m.

Memorials can be made to the Christian Chapel Church.

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

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



## Mary L. Riley

Mary L. Riley, 72, of Anna, died Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

She was born on June 12, 1945, in Jonesboro, the daughter of David William and Mary Jensen Karraker.

She married James R. Riley on May 5, 1961, in Anna.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, James R. Riley of Anna; four children, Cathy Ann Acosta of Chicago, James R. Jr. (Jody) Riley of Townville, Pa., David (Tracy) Riley of Langhorne, Pa., and Ralph Adam Riley of Anna; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; other family and many friends. She was preceded in death by her parents.

She was a faithful member of Lockard Chapel Baptist Church in Jonesboro for over 20 years. She loved to sing and regularly was the song leader for services.

Funeral services for Mrs. Riley were at noon Wednesday, Jan. 10, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with the Rev. Jack Richardson officiating. As per her wishes, cremation will follow.

Memorials can be made to Lockard Chapel Baptist Church.

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

Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro was in charge of arrangements.



## Johnny A. Schneider

Johnny A. Schneider, 39, of Anna, died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018, at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

He was born on March 19, 1978, in Carbondale, the son of John and Darlene Hammer Schneider.

He is survived by his parents, John and Darlene Schneider of Anna; one daughter, Justice Ann Green of Pulaski; two sisters, Paula (Joel) Doolin of Murphysboro and Elizabeth Stell of Aliceville, Ala.; one brother, Tracy Bramlett of Anna; three nephews; six nieces; other relatives and many friends.

Mr. Schneider worked with his father in his janitorial business. He was an avid golfer and worked at the Union County Country Club in Anna.

Memorial services for Mr. Schneider will be Monday, Jan. 15, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with Mike Hammer officiating. Friends can call after 4 p.m. and until the service hour at 6 p.m.

Memorials can be made to the funeral home.

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

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



## \$45 million settlement in mortgage lending case

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, along with the attorneys general of 48 states and the District of Columbia, as well as more than 40 state mortgage regulators, have announced a \$45 million settlement with New Jersey-based mortgage lender and servicer PHH Mortgage Corporation.

The settlement resolves allegations that PHH, the nation's ninth largest, non-bank, residential mortgage servicer, improperly serviced mortgage loans from Jan. 1, 2009, through Dec. 31, 2012.

The agreement requires PHH to adhere to comprehensive mortgage servicing standards, conduct audits and provide audit results to a committee of states.

Madigan's lawsuit alleged that PHH failed to properly apply loan payments, properly execute foreclosure paperwork and respond to borrowers' requests for information about

their loans.

The \$45 million settlement includes \$30.4 million in payments to borrowers.

Under the settlement, Illinois consumers are expected to receive approximately \$1.5 million in direct cash payments.

Borrowers who were subjected to PHH foreclosures during the eligible period will qualify for a minimum \$840 payment.

Borrowers who faced foreclosures that PHH initiated during the eligible period, but did not lose their home, will receive a minimum \$285 payment.

As many as 2,800 borrowers in Illinois could qualify for payments.

The attorney general's office said that eligible residents will be contacted by a settlement administrator.

For more information, consumers can call the attorney general's Homeowner Helpline at 1-866-544-7151.

## Hess News

By Glenn Heisner

Louise and Bruce Williams celebrated Christmas on Dec. 30 with family and friends. There were 50 in all.

Our children and grandchildren were all planning to come here, but sickness prevented it.

Don Fisher is scheduled to be the guest singer on Jan. 16 for the Young at Heart group at Anna Heights Baptist Church.

I thank M. Gafner for the credit on the renewal for The Gazette-Democrat.

The Union County Saddle Club is scheduled to

meet Jan. 20 at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna.

Birthdays: Foster Needling, Jan. 3; Nancy Pind, Jan. 8; Josh Schlenker, Jan. 10; Gary Roach, Jan. 12; Delores Pribble, Jan. 19; Holly Barringer, Jan. 23.

Anniversaries: Harley and Patsy Rhodes, Jan. 27; Louise and Bruce Williams, Jan. 31.

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*Green be the turf above thee,  
Friend of my better days!  
None knew thee but to love thee,  
Nor named thee but to praise.*

*In memory of  
Rebecca Lutz Brimm  
who died January 23, 2016  
A wife, mother and friend.  
There is no joy in our hearts, but sorrow  
since you went to be with the Lord.*

**Worship at Kornthal**  
*Kornthal Church will hold its Third Thursday, January 18, at 7:00 p.m. Note the starting time returning to 7:00 p.m. Kornthal is located 2 1/2 miles south of Jonesboro off Illinois 127.*

**"The Preaching Pen"**  
*God's Will for Me*

Ever wonder what God's will is for your life? Admittedly, as we examine our lives event by event, we may question our purpose and be unclear as to God's will. However, it's not nearly as hard to know what God's will is for mankind in general. Let's consider that today.

*It's God's will that we worship Him, but only "in spirit and in truth" (Jn. 4:24). My heart must be engaged in worship of God and I must worship as the Bible prescribes. Not everything I may choose to do in honor of God will be pleasing to Him, so if I worship God "in truth," then I'll observe the acts of worship detailed in the New Testament. God's will is that we worship Him, and do so "in spirit and in truth."*

*It's God's will that we give Him our loyalty. Our love and loyalty is demonstrated by obedience to God. It's God's will that we obey Him. Jesus commanded in John 14:15, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." He asks in Luke 6:46, "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" Our loyalty to God is demonstrated by our adherence to the Bible and by the things we do.*

*It's God's will that we live godly lives. This requires some effort, such as:*

- 1) You must surrender your human will. The apostle Paul sums it up best when he says in Gal. 2:20, *"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."* Pride & stubbornness will keep you from surrendering to the will of God.
- 2) You must lay aside your sins. God requires those traveling the strait and narrow road to Heaven (Matt. 7:13-14) to *"...lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us"* (Heb. 12:1). Living like the world, *dressing* like the world, speaking like the world, and acting like the world is not laying aside worldly sins!
- 3) You must repent and repent of your sins. The Lord is clear in teaching, *"Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him"* (Luke 17:3). Notice the conditional "if" in this verse. If you don't repent, you can't be forgiven! It's God's will that man repent of past sin and be baptized for the remission of his sins (Acts 2:38).
- 4) Walk humbly in the light. I Peter 2:21: *"...Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that we should follow his steps."*

Dear Soul, the "bottom line" is this: God's ultimate will for man is for: *"...all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth"* (1 Tim. 2:4). Have you done that? Have you responded in obedience to the Lord's will? If not, study with us at the Anna church of Christ. We hope to see you this Sunday at 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., or 5 p.m. Have a great day!

R.W. McAlister, Minister  
Anna church of Christ

# 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.



**Rich, with his grandmother, Carolyn Harvel.**

## Happy New Year

Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year.

## Prayers

Sending prayers for all those who are sick and have lost a loved one this year.

## Thanks for Serving Our Country

Rich Harvel graduated from basic combat training from Fort Sill, Okla. He is home on leave before leaving for Fort Gordon, Ga., where he will be in AIT for 16 weeks.

He is the son of Richard and Pam Harvel. He is also visiting his grandmother Carolyn while here.

## Birthday

Gaylon Wayne Cates celebrated his birthday Saturday, Dec. 23, in Chicago.

He was going to come visit his parents Gaylon and Clara for his birthday and Christmas, but Clara has been very sick with a high fever and pneumonia, so he didn't make the trip. Please keep Clara in your prayers.

## Christmas Party

Darla Womick enjoyed eating at Cape Texas Road House with the whole Knight family.

Mary had to work a 12 hour shift at Carbondale Hospital on Christmas Day.

They enjoyed watching it snow while Mayli opened her presents. Jake made pancakes and bacon for everyone.

## Birthday Celebration

Shirley Pribble took donuts to school for breakfast decorated with golden icing and glitter to celebrate the golden birthday of her daughter Brenda Pribble, who turned 14 on Thursday, Dec. 14. They were so pretty.

That evening, they went to dinner at El Jalapeno and then went to the Christmas program at Anna Junior High.

## Special Thanks

Some people who live on Wilson and Sycamore Streets really appreciated the help given them from city worker Steve Kelley and Officer Jason Leek when a hit and run driver on their street did damage pulling wires from a home, a light pole, stop sign and then fled from the accident. Some had no power for a few hours.

They appreciated Police Chief Mike Hunter coming

to talk to them also.

No matter how scared you get if you have an accident it's better to stay there and call the police than to leave and have to explain later what happened.

## Christmas Vacation

Jane Baker spent Christmas with her friend Janet Murray Goff and family in Fort Eustis, Va.

She arrived the day Tommy flew back to Japan, where he is deployed. They all enjoyed dinner together and then they took him to the airport.

Tommy got to come home for a surprise visit for his daughter's 8th birthday.

## Thanks

A special thanks to Betty Eagle, Darryl Parks and T. Betts for giving me credit when they renewed their subscription to The Gazette-Democrat.

The Betts only had the initial so I am not sure who that is but I really appreciate them thinking about me.

## Guests

Guests of Shirley West were her daughter Lisa Jianakoplos and husband from St. Louis.

## United Methodist Church, Anna

Rev. Carl Johnston's sermon was Who do you want us to talk to? The gospel lesson from Luke was on Jesus birth.

Darryl Parks told the Hebrew words for different ways to praise God.

Barbara Treece, Pat Fahlberg and Elaine Thady read the scripture and did the lighting of the Advent wreath.

The choir sang the beautiful song Rose of Bethlehem. Special music was Little Drummer Boy played on the piano by Jessi Riley while the offering was taken.

Christmas Eve there was a candlelight service. Thursday at 6:30 p.m., there is a church service for those who can't be at church on Sunday mornings or anyone who would like to attend.

New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, at 6 p.m. there will be a special game night. Please bring any interactive games you might have. Bring snack foods because you will get hungry playing all the games.

## Kansas Trip

Bethany Nork went to Kansas City, Kan., with her uncle Rev. Helden Nork from Memphis, Tenn., who accompanied the Nork family to the In House of Prayer conference and workshop.

## Retirement

Candy Eastwood retired from Shawnee Community College. Candy has done so much for the Union County Economic Development Corporation. She will be missed.

## Anniversary

Richard and Cheriah Herring celebrated their wedding anniversary Dec.

## 19. Christmas Celebrations

Earl Miller, Bessie Mae, Elijah Glen, Curt Ellis and Martha Ann Webb enjoyed a day in Grand Rivers, Ky.

They ate at Bill's next to Patti's settlement and enjoyed going in the shops. The Christmas lights everywhere were beautiful. They also stopped in Paducah to shop at the mall.

Elijah, Bessie, Curt and Martha Ann had dinner and a Christmas party with Elijah's girlfriend, Alleigh Curtis.

Bessie, Curt, Elijah and Martha Ann enjoyed going to see the new Star Wars movie.

Christmas Eve dinner at Bessie and Curt's was celebrated with Elijah, Martha Ann and Earl. They enjoyed opening presents after dinner.

## Red Hat Ladies Meet

The Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies met at the Vienna Diner last Wednesday for their Christmas dinner and meeting.

The meeting was in a lovely room with a fire to welcome them in the fireplace.

Hostesses were Marie Samuel from Carterville and Martha Schwegman from Metropolis.

Mary Bell Morgan of Dongola and Barb Kremposkey of Metropolis were honored for their December birthdays.

The lunch blessing was given by Marge Davidson of Marion.

Christmas songs were led by Linda Clutts from Makanda and hostess Martha Schwegman shared her signing ability in a beautiful carol demonstration.

Queen Joan Graves Edwards gave membership cards and a special Christmas card.

Other ladies brought cards as well as hostess Marie Samuel who shared cards with candy in them.

Queen Joan announced Little Egypt Red Hat Chapter is 17 years old. The January 2018 meeting is being planned to be in Cobden.

## Birthdays

Dec. 20 Damon Archey 19 years old, Dec. 21 Emma Ray 17 years old,

## Welcome Home

Reagan Morrison is home visiting her family and friends. Thanks for serving our country.

## Retirement

Congratulations to Brenda Mayberry on her retirement as an R.N. at Choate Mental Health after working there for 31 years.

## Birthday

Saydee Rose Ellis celebrated her birthday Dec. 20 with a party at her home. Dec. 23 Jennifer Goines.

## Christmas Party

Jane Bauer attended a family Christmas party at the home of Larry and Mary Carolyn Rendleman and family Sat. night.

## Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club to Meet

The Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club will meet Jan. 2 at the United Methodist Church Anna at 1 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Jim Koonce who will speak about laying wreaths on the national cemetery at Mound City.

The ladies will then work on filling out their annual papers to be turned in to the District.

## Art Showing

Randy Bridges will have an Art Showing at the Varsity Theater in Carbondale through Jan. 8.

## Calling America Back to God

Calling America Back to God will meet on the first Thursday in January at 6 p.m. at Anna Heights Baptist Church.

## Free Community Dinners

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

## Military Prayer List

Nona Elizabeth Luke, Lucas J. Strickland, William

Nathaniel Frankell, Ethan Maze, Lukas W. Davis, Kiefer Stull, Garrett Goins, David Jordan Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, CJ Youngerman, Freddy Morse, Reagan Morrison, Josh Stevenson, 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 Whitemountain.

## Anna VFW

There will be a steak dinner New Year's Eve at 6 p.m. Please call to reserve your steak. Star karaoke is at the VFW New Year's Eve starting at 7:30 p.m.

## Christmas Dinner Guests

John and Angie Bryant of Ullin enjoyed Christmas dinner at Kim and Toni Capel's house in Anna.

Others present were Jason Hacker, Callie Nigro, Jeremy, Stephanie, Elizabeth and Ben Capel, Tim, Andrea and Paige Goodman. Toni's house looked very festive.

## New Business Opening

The Gathering Place, owned by Susan Whitemountain, will be open Tuesday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays by appointment beginning Jan. 3.

## Christmas Get-Togethers

Christmas Eve Stephen Burns of St. Louis, and a long time friend Tim had dinner at a restaurant named The Feasting Fox.

The Feasting Fox is in a building which was built by Adolphus Busch as a rest stop for his horses as he commuted from Grants Farm to the brewery daily. He traveled in a wagon that was expected of a person of status and great wealth.

His building is now a restaurant that has a committed following because of the welcoming staff, very German menu and decor.

Following their meal they attended Mass at the Church of St. Margaret of Scotland. The snow was falling heavier and it was beginning to feel like Christmas.

Christmas Day Stephen spent with family members. Stephen's sister put a lot of hard work and love into her preparations and it was appreciated by all in

attendance.

Another sister in attendance was spending her second Christmas with them as she lived away

for many years. She lived in Denver for 43 years and returned to St. Louis two years ago. They were all happy to be together.



**Hostesses were Martha Schwegman and Marie Samuel at the Little Egypt Red Hat Christmas dinner at the Vienna Diner Wednesday, Dec. 13. Pictured with them is Queen Mom Joan Graves Edwards.**



**Marybell Morgan of Dongola and Barb Kremposkey of Metropolis were honored for their December birthdays at the Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies dinner in Vienna.**



**Terry and Billie Henderson hosted Christmas for the Sullivan family on Dec. 22. Their guests included T.J., Tanette, Rage and Titan Henderson, Linda Cain, Hannah and Mayci Hileman, Ellie Penrod, John, Cathy, Eian, Easton and Arrianna Sullivan, Gene and Lisa Sullivan, Rusty, Rachel and Daisy Sullivan and Jake and Kati Sullivan. Billie's parents Joe and Joyce Sullivan and Billie's niece Amy and her husband Jason Penrod were missed. They all felt better on Christmas Eve and were able to get together on Christmas Eve. Pictured are Rage Henderson, Ellie Penrod, Mayci Hileman, Daisy Sullivan, Hannah Hileman, Eian Sullivan, Arrianna Sullivan, Titan Henderson and Eastin Sullivan.**



**Helping our community; Curt Lyerla, Jeremy and Brianne Hileman and Brian Freeman, representing the Shawnee Hills Christian Coon Hunters Club, made a donation to Union County Ministerial Alliance.**



**Santa made a surprise visit to the home of Rage and Titan Henderson on Sunday, Dec. 17. The boys and their friends were excited to see him.**

## \$12 million settlement announced

A \$12 million settlement with a company that manufactures a device used primarily in spinal surgeries has been announced.

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan reported that the settlement with Medtronic Sofamor Danek, Inc. and Medtronic Sofamor Danek USA Inc. (Medtronic) resolves allegations that the company misled consumers about the safety of its Infuse Bone Graft Device.

According to the attorney general's complaint, Medtronic used deceptive company-sponsored scientific literature to make false and misleading claims

about Infuse's safety, effectiveness and quality.

The false marketing created an artificial demand for Infuse in a range of fusion surgeries, Madigan stated.

The company's fraudulent conduct was the subject of a 16-month investigation by the U.S. Senate Finance Committee.

Joining Madigan in announcing the settlement were the attorneys general of California, Massachusetts, Oregon and Washington.

Under the settlement, Illinois will receive \$2.4 million. The judgment is subject to court approval.

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

**JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,**  
vs.  
**NATASHA CASEY AKA NATASHA A. CASEY, BEN E. CASEY AND ANNA HOSPITAL CORPORATION DBA UNION COUNTY HOSPITAL, Defendants.**  
17-CH-15

**PROPERTY ADDRESS: 311 FOREST ST. ANNA, IL 62906**

### NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on November 1, 2017, the following described real estate, to-wit: Permanent Index Number: 14-00-09-358

Commonly known as: 311 Forest St., Anna, IL 62906

will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on February 7, 2018, at 9:00 AM, at the front door of the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois.

The Judgment amount is \$64,646.86.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Union County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity

of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

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

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

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 111 East Main Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719

The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1).

If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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.

Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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**NOTICE: All real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation, or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination."**

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FOR RENT ANNA: Nice 2 bedroom mobile home. References & deposit required. No pets. Call (618)-614-2035.

FOR RENT JONESBORO: 3 bedroom, 2 bath duplex. W/D hook-up. Very nice location. References required. \$600.00 per month plus \$600.00 deposit. Call (618)-833-7334.

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

FOR RENT: All electric 2 bedroom house with basement. Call (618)-697-2338 for more information.

## HELP WANTED

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY SHAWNEE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC. is now accepting applications for the following: ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Shawnee Development Council, Inc. is seeking applicants for an Administrative Assistant. Candidates must possess a high school diploma or equivalent and work experience in the field. Must be able to type with accuracy and have knowledge of standard office equipment. Must be proficient in Microsoft office software. Must show initiative, creativity and must work well under pressure. Must be able to communicate both verbally and written. Must be willing to support the mission and goals of Shawnee Development Council, Inc. Responsibilities include opening incoming mail for all departments. Prepare and distribute all Board related information, attend board meetings, serve as recorder and arrange/prepare refreshments. Assist with administrative duties such as typing letters, memos and other correspondence as needed. Serve as time clerk for Administrative office staff which includes maintenance of time sheets and sign in/out sheets. Make travel arrangements and prepare vouchers for all departments. Prepare check authorizations for payment of invoices for the agency and outreach facilities. File insurance claims and keep accurate records. Responsible for Corporate/Administrative filing, serve as custodian of Agency records and official documents. Responsible for agency newsletter and website maintenance, distributing promotional items and scheduling of meetings for Executive Director, staff and Board of Directors. Supervise and delegate appropriate duties to agency receptionist and volunteers. Perform all other duties as assigned for the promotion of the Agency Mission.

Interested persons should complete and mail an application with two letters of reference to: Shawnee Development Council, Inc., P.O. Box 298, Karnak, IL 62956 Attn: Personnel Department. Applications may be obtained from any SDC County Outreach office or by calling the Administrative Office at (618)-634-2201. All applications will be accepted until position is filled. Send applications to Shawnee Development Council, Inc., P.O. Box 298, Karnak, IL 62956.

Shawnee Development Council, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

HELP WANTED: Direct Support Person to assist in providing training to individuals with developmental disabilities in a vocational, day training & residential program. High School diploma or GED required. Benefits for full-time staff of dental, vision, life insurance, and medical insurance are available. Workshop starting salary \$9.00 hour and residential \$9.50 hour. We have a dollar an hour differential increase for working the overnight shift (\$10.50 hour). Overtime hours available. Training and certification provided. Experience preferred. Apply at RAVE, Inc., 214 W. Davie, Anna, IL 62906. EOE.

HELP WANTED: The City of Anna is accepting applications for the position of Full-time police officers. Officers perform general police work for the protection of life and property, order maintenance, preserving the peace and service to our community. Applicants must be a U.S. Citizen, have a valid driver's license, have certification from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board and must be willing to reside within 30 minutes of the corporate limits of Anna. Candidates should apply with resume, cover letter and contact information for three professional references by mail at Anna Police Department, 201 East Vienna Street, Anna, Illinois 62906 or by email: [annapd-chief@cityofanna.org](mailto:annapd-chief@cityofanna.org). The City of Anna is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

HELP WANTED - DSP: Chamness Care, Inc. is hiring full and part-time DSP's for their CILA homes. We have a family style atmosphere & strive to make our participants life fun! Must be 18 years of age or older, must have a valid driver's license, high school diploma or equivalent. Persons applying should have reliable transportation & be able to pass a drug screen/background check. DSP certification is preferred, but Chamness Care, Inc. provides all required training. Applications can be printed from our website @ [www.chamnesscare.com](http://www.chamnesscare.com). APPLY IN PERSON at Chamness Care headquarters located at 1955 State Route 146 East, Anna, IL 62906. EOE.

• May be required to lift individuals, equipment, and supplies, occasionally move furniture, and do other lifting as requested. (Gait belt, Hoyer lift, transferring residents, etc.) Must be able to perform cleaning tasks, i.e., mopping, sweeping, vacuuming, laundry, have emotional/mental stability to be med trained.

SERIOUS APPLICANTS SHOULD BRING:

- HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GED
- DRIVERS LICENSE
- SOCIAL SECURITY CARD

• After 120 Day probationary period, FULLY trained DSP's rate of pay is \$10.25 per hour.

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LOOKING FOR ROOMMATE: Preferably a woman, will consider a male. ALSO, looking for mobilized wheelchair. Call (618)-614-8727.

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WANTED TO BUY: Aluminum cans and other junk. Will pick up junk appliances. ALSO, APPLIANCES FOR SALE. Call (618)-833-3544.

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## NOTICE

**ADAPTING YOUR CROP INSURANCE STRATEGIES IN DIFFICULT TIMES: With weather risk, crop price volatility & expenses still high, how can you adapt to continue to protect your operation? You're invited to a Crop Insurance Meeting on Tuesday, January 23, 10 a.m. MTG/Noon Lunch, Grand Chain Inn, Grand Chain, IL (Ryan Thurston will bring us a market update). Sponsored by: Jeff Donoho Insurance Agency. RSVP toll-free: 1-866-276-7626 or (618)-242-8817.**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**IN RE THE ESTATE OF: PAUL E. HENDERSON, Decedent. Case No. 17-P-48**

### CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Paul E. Henderson, of Anna, Union County, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on December 21, 2017, to Jeffrey P. Henderson, 50 Gwen Drive, Gorville, IL 62939, whose attorney is D. Brian Trambley, 803 West Vine Street, P.O. Box 899, Vienna, Illinois 62995.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market Street, Jonesboro, IL 62952 or with the representative, or both, on or before July 19, 2018, which date is not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of any claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

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

**ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK, an Illinois Banking Corporation, v. MARGIE A LAMINACK, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No.: 2017-CH-39**

### PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Margie A. Laminack, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, by the said Plaintiff against you and other defendants to foreclose a certain Mortgage covering the following described premises, to-wit:

EXHIBIT A

**TRACT 1, THOSE PORTIONS OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER AND THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A 1/2" IRON ROD AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE S 00°-21'-14" E, A DISTANCE OF 166.45 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD; THENCE S 89°-46'-45" W, A DISTANCE OF 1081.01 FEET TO THE CENTER-LINE OF A 30-FOOT EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS AND UTILITY PURPOSES; THENCE N 00°-13'-15" W, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, A DISTANCE OF 20.00 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING FROM SAID CENTERLINE, N 89°-46'-45" E, A DISTANCE OF 175.00 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD; THENCE N 01°-49'-16" W, A DISTANCE OF 598.18 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD IN THE CENTERLINE OF TIMBER ROAD, THENCE ALONG SAID CENTER-LINE WITH THE FOLLOWING COURSES: N 63°-42'-07" E, A DISTANCE OF 229.25 FEET; N 67°-32'-27" E, A DISTANCE OF 389.96 FEET, N 75°-41'-59" E, A DISTANCE OF 227.60 FEET, THENCE N 78°-16'-37" E, A DISTANCE OF 135.60 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD, THENCE DEPARTING FROM SAID CENTERLINE, S 00°-21'-14" E, A DISTANCE OF 782.26 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. PER PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY SCOTT A. RICHARDS, ILLINOIS LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2996, RECORDED ON AUGUST 27, 1998, IN RECORD BOOK 160 AT PAGE 481 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.**

**TRACT 2, A PERPETUAL, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND UTILITY PURPOSES LOCATED UPON, ALONG, OVER AND ACROSS A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE**

NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, BEING 15 FEET ON EITHER SIDE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED CENTERLINE. COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 27; THENCE N 00°-21'-14" W, 782.26 FEET; THENCE S 78°-16'-37" W, 135.60 FEET; THENCE S 75°-41'-59" W, 227.60 FEET; THENCE S 67°-32'-27" W, 389.96 FEET; THENCE S 63°-42'-07" W, 229.25 FEET; THENCE S 01°-49'-16" E, 598.18 FEET, THENCE S 89°-46'-45" W, 175.00 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF SAID 30 FOOT EASEMENT AND THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE ALONG SAID CENTERLINE WITH THE FOLLOWING COURSES: S 00°-13'-15" E, 89.75 FEET; THENCE S 00°-41'-54" E, 1020.31 FEET TO THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF ILLINOIS STATE ROUTE 146 AND THE TERMINUS OF SAID EASEMENT. PER REVISED PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY SCOTT A. RICHARDS, ILLINOIS LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2996, RECORDED ON OCTOBER 8, 1998, IN RECORD BOOK 161 AT PAGE 982 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

and for other relief, that summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that said suit is still pending.

Now, therefore, unless you, the said Defendants, Margie A. Laminack, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants file your answer to the Complaint in the suit, or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, in the County Courthouse in the City of Jonesboro, Illinois, on or before the 5th day of February, 2018, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

Tiffany Busby  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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

**ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK, an Illinois Banking Corporation, f/k/a FIRST NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff, vs. BRANDY M. STUBBLEFIELD, CHARLES L. STUBBLEFIELD, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. 2017-CH-42**

**PUBLICATION NOTICE**

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Brandy M. Stubblefield, Charles L. Stubblefield, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, by the said Plaintiff against you and other defendants to foreclose a certain Mortgage covering the following described premises, to-wit:

EXHIBIT C  
PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE

2 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Commence at a Stone at the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 27; thence along the Quarter Section line, N88°32'08"W, a distance of 894.83 feet to a 1/2" Iron Rod; thence departing from said Quarter Section line, S01°01'08"W, a distance of 725.71 feet to a 1/2" Iron Rod on the Southwesterly Right-of-Way line of Berryville Road and the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue, S01°01'08"W, a distance of 387.99 feet to a Point in the Centerline of Dutch Creek; thence along said Centerline with the following courses: S79°52'09"W, a distance of 88.44 feet to a Point; N87°04'21"W, a distance of 172.30 feet to a Point; N86°53'31"W, a distance of 244.39 feet to a Point; thence N86°58'47"W, a distance of 69.58 feet to a Point; thence departing from said Centerline, N01°01'08"E, a distance of 957.95 feet to a 1/2" Iron Rod on said Southwesterly Right-of-Way of Berryville Road; thence along said Right-of-Way, N87°04'44"E, a distance of 6.16 feet to a 1/2" Iron Rod and a Curve to the Right, having a Radius of 283.52 feet; thence along said Curve a Length of 294.52 feet (Chord bears S63°09'44"E, a distance of 281.45 feet) to a 1/2" Iron Rod; thence S33°24'13"E, a distance of 470.82 feet to a 1/2" Iron Rod and a Curve to the Left, having a Radius of 546.18 feet; thence along said Curve a Length of 75.86 feet (Chord bears S37°22'56"E, a distance of 75.80 feet) to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 10,000 acres, more or less, in Union County, Illinois. Subject to existing easements if any. All in accordance with a plat of survey dated September 17, 2002 and recorded September 20, 2002 in Record Book 217, Page 565, as Doc. No. 3684, made by Scott A. Richards, Illinois Land Surveyor No. 2996, in the Union County Recorder's Office, Union County, Illinois.

Property Address: 1965 Berryville Road, Jonesboro, IL 62952

Tax ID: 08-27-06-210  
and for other relief, that summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that said suit is still pending.

Now, therefore, unless you, the said Defendant, Brandy M. Stubblefield, Charles L. Stubblefield, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, file your answer to the Complaint in the suit, or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, in the County Courthouse in the City of Jonesboro, Illinois, on or before the 10th day of February, 2018, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

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**NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT**

**State of Illinois SS County of Union**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 3rd day of January, 2018, under the Assumed Name of Magic Mountain Natural Products with the place of business located at 108 N. Jefferson Street, Cobden, Illinois 62920 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the Sole Owner(s)

and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Roger D. Davis Enterprises, Inc.  
379 Black Road  
Pomona, IL 62975

Terry Bartruff  
Union County Clerk  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

**JONESBORO, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,**

**vs. NATASHA CASEY AKA NATASHA A. CASEY, BEN E. CASEY and ANNA HOSPITAL CORPORATION DBA UNION COUNTY HOSPITAL, Defendants. 17-CH-15**

**PROPERTY ADDRESS: 311 FOREST ST. ANNA, IL 62906**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on November 1, 2017, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Lot Number Twelve (12) in Block Number Thirteen (13) in Forest Place Addition to the City of Anna, situated in Union County, Illinois.

Permanent Index Number: 14-00-09-358

Commonly known as: 311 Forest St., Anna, IL 62906

will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on February 7, 2018, at 9:00 AM, at the front door of the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois.

The Judgment amount is \$64,646.86.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Union County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

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For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 111 East Main Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719

The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately

preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1).

If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Anna Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the 29th day of January, 2018, at 7 p.m. at the Anna City Hall, 103 Market Street, Anna, Illinois 62906, to consider the request by P.A.W.S. to modify the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Anna, Illinois, Section 11, B-2 Secondary Business District, and in particular Section 11.01 thereunder, concerning Per-

mitted Principal Uses, so as to permit not-for-profit animal shelters to be built within B-2 districts of the City of Anna.

The P.A.W.S. request in it's entirety is available for inspection and copying at the Anna City Hall. All persons interested in P.A.W.S. request may attend the Public Hearing and will be given an opportunity to comment should they so see fit. The Public Hearing may be continued from time to time without further Public Notice.

City of Anna Zoning Board of Appeals  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK f/k/a ANNA NATIONAL BANK, An Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,**

**vs. CHARLES F. MORGAN, JR. and ELLEN MORGAN, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No. 2017-CH-38**

**PUBLICATION NOTICE**

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Charles F. Morgan, Jr., Ellen Morgan and Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, by the said Plaintiff against you and other defendants to foreclose a certain Mortgage covering the following described premises, to-wit:

EXHIBIT C  
LOT NUMBERED 6 IN GATTINGER'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ANNA, SITUATED IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

EXHIBIT F  
16 feet 8 inches of equal width off of the West Side of Lot 89, Lot 90, and 16 feet 8 inches of equal width off of the East Side of Lot 91, in Purcell Heights Subdivision

in the City of Anna, Union County, Illinois.

and for other relief, that summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that said suit is still pending.

Now, therefore, unless you, the said Defendants, Charles F. Morgan, Jr., Ellen Morgan and Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, file your answer to the Complaint in the suit, or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, in the County Courthouse in the City of Jonesboro, Illinois, on or before the 10th day of February, 2018, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

Tiffany Busby  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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# December was busy month at A-JCHS

December was a busy month at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

Highlights of the month's activities were reported at December's regular meeting of the A-JCHS District No. 81 Board of Education.

The month's activities and achievements were noted in minutes from the board's December meeting. The A-JCHS Student Council delivered gifts to 15 children through the Pay it Forward program.

The student council is working on a project it hopes to have completed in January which will help to bring more school positivity to the building.

Faculty members Natalie McLean-Miller and Alysha Hase are working to organize a Union County Career Fair at A-JCHS. The career fair will be for all Union County high school students.

The event is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Feb. 15 in the lower gymnasium and cafeteria at the school.

Through mid-December, the teachers had received 40 RSVPs from those who planned to be a part of the career fair, including individuals from Shawnee Community College and Southern Illinois University.

Students who attend the February event will have an opportunity to learn about a wide variety of careers that involve all levels of education and training.

Funds that were raised from a Powderpuff football game were donated to an individual in the community who had recently been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Hannah Maze's government classes took the Constitution test. All of the students did well on the test.

The A-JCHS Spanish Club had its annual banquet on Dec. 7 in the cafeteria. Students brought food to share, played games and broke a pinata. More than 50 students attended the banquet.

The A-JCHS Marching Wildcats band performed Dec. 2 at the Holiday Light Parade in Carbondale.

The school's concert choir recorded a performance at the WSIL TV studios. The performance was aired on Dec. 15 and again as part of a seasonal program that was shown on Christmas Eve.

The concert choir also performed at a Heartland Opry Christmas program which was presented Dec. 1 at The Old Feed Store in Cobden.

The music department presented a winter concert on Dec. 12 at the school. The chorus, concert choir and symphonic band performed.

Seniors in the Spanish 4 class sang Christmas carols (and a non-holiday song) on the last day of school before the holiday break to different classes with Grace Darmour-Paul.

Alysha Hase graduated from SIU Carbondale with a master's degree in curriculum and instruction. School officials learned in early December that A-JCHS had been chosen as one of seven recipients for a grant proposal which was submitted for a Touchstone Energy Classroom Empowerment Grant from the Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative. The grant is for \$500.

A group of teachers is interested in establishing a scholarship in memory of Jill Bell, a former teacher at the school who recently died.



## Special presentation

Lee Massey, ARES emergency coordinator for Union County, shared the following item about a special presentation made in December: "On behalf of Kermit Carlson W9XA who, although he wanted to be here, had to go to ARRL headquarters today, and the entire ARRL, American Red Cross, FEMA, your fellow hams and most importantly the people of Puerto Rico, they wish to congratulate you on your selfless and outstanding contributions during the rescue efforts after Hurricane Maria. It is therefore our honor to present you with this plaque. President Lee Massey KD9EFB, ARES Emergency Coordinator for Union County." Photo provided.

## County's chief information officer leaving for new job

Union County's chief information officer is leaving the post for a new job.

Rollie Hawk is going to work with Family Counseling Center Inc., starting next week.

Hawk's resignation as chief information officer was announced at a regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners which was held on Dec. 21. The meeting was at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Hawk has been involved in working with the county since August 2011.

In the resignation letter which he submitted to the county, Hawk recalled that he had "responded to RFPs for IT consulting and email/web hosting at that time and was awarded both contracts.

"Around 2014 they decided to create the CIO position and we modified the contract at that time and made it more of an employment type of situation and added on FOIA duties, though I technically wasn't an employee.

"In September of 2016 they finally convinced me to make it a full-time employee position and I accepted the offer.

"I've had Family Counseling Center as a client for a couple years now. I'd done work for them years before, as well, until another company was awarded that contract.

"In the years since they've brought me back and recently offered me a full-time position.

"It's going to be a combination of IT work as well as a strong presence in their marketing and public relations. It's going to be a lot less stress and a bump in pay so I decided to change things up.

"When I started with the county, I never really anticipated it being

something I would enjoy.

"I have a strong libertarian streak and thought I wouldn't like working for government but found a lot that I was passionate about, hence my expanding role through the years as I was able to fill a lot of gaps.

"There is a lot I'm going to miss and a lot of people I've gotten close to and I hate leaving them behind but this is the right move for me and my family.

"At the same time, it sparked a lot of interest for me in local government and I'm sure I'll continue to be involved in local government in some way, even if just as a much more interested citizen than I was seven years ago."

## Jonesboro School names honor students

Jonesboro Elementary School has announced second quarter honor roll students.

### High Honors

Chesnee Marks, Logan Abernathy, Grace Mowell, Zoe Jones, Bobby Dover-Velasques, Ben Hauser, Thomas Coleman, Lucas Salazar, Emily Stearns, Dylan Wilson.

Miranda Bundren, Elizabeth Carillo, Alexandria Keller, Jason McAlister, Om Patel, Torie Ralls, Austin Adams, Lia Mays, Isabel Tehandon, Lily Baker.

Jaycee Miller, Mason Miller, Emilie Mowery, Trevor Cochran, Dylan Holderfield, Marlee Smith, Tabi Smith, Chloe McFarland, Anna Rodgers.

### Honors

Shaylee Moore, Sydney Waun, Jaden Ebberts, Shawn Waddington, Juan Zavala, Kaya Coleman, Abigail Dahmer, Harrison Ford, Kaelyn George, Annie Hobson, Jacob Acklin, Joely McHarry, Alli Toler.

## Village of Cobden, state utilities association again offer scholarship program

The Village of Cobden, in partnership with the Illinois Municipal Utilities Association, IMUA, is again offering a scholarship competition program for eligible high school seniors.

Each eligible applicant is asked to submit an application and an essay of 500 words or less addressing their choice of one of three utility-related questions.

Applicants must be high school seniors whose parents or legal guardians are residential customers of the Village of Cobden municipal utility.

Cobden Village Clerk Karen M. Winzenburger said the program has a dual purpose: to promote and recognize scholastic achievement; and to create greater awareness among young adults of the many issues facing consumers and public power municipalities today.

"Today's energy providers, including municipally-owned and operated utilities, face a myriad of economic, environmental and other challenges which warrant creative and innovative solutions," Winzenburger said.

"Creating a great awareness of these issues among tomorrow's leaders can be the first step in helping to determine effective, long-term solutions, both now and into the future," she added.

"Since its inception in 2000, IMUA's scholarship program has proven to be a very popular and successful program for IMUA, its members and the communities it serves," said Kevin M. Gaden, president and CEO of the IMUA.

"Public power communities offer their customers a number of cost, service and other advantages compared to those served by other energy providers.

"IMUA's scholarship program is another example of how municipally-owned and operated utility systems can help return value to their communities while at the same time, provide a measure of financial assistance to those students who wish to pursue a college education."

Since it began, the program has awarded more than \$40,000 to 80 stu-

dents from 29 different IMUA member communities statewide.

The deadline for submitting applications and essays is Friday, March 9.

A committee of municipal utility officials will select a total of four finalists, each of whom will receive a certificate and \$500 scholarship award. Winners will be announced sometime in April.

Organized in 1948, IMUA is a statewide trade association that represents the unified interests of, and provides services to, 50 municipalities that operate their own electric, natural gas, telecommunications, water, and wastewater treatment systems.

Applicants can contact IMUA's DeeDee Bunch at 217-789-4632 or dbunch@imea.org for more information.

## Maple syrup workshop scheduled

The third annual backyard maple syrup production workshop is planned Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Dixon Springs Agricultural Center.

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

Chris Evans, a University of Illinois Extension Forester, plans to cover tree identification, equipment needs, tree tapping, sap collection, boiling and finishing maple syrup.

Participants will see firsthand the processes which are involved in making maple syrup.

The program also will feature a demonstration of a syrup evaporator, an optional tour of a sugar bush forest which is managed for maple syrup production and utilizing a pipeline system for sap collection.

University of Illinois Extension plans to provide activities for children, including an opportunity to taste real maple syrup.

Those who are interested in attending the workshop are asked to RSVP by Feb. 2 by calling the ag center at 618-695-2441.

## Arts council announces 'Scenes from Pooh' cast

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council/Anna Arts Center this week are announcing the cast of the spring children's theatre production, "Scenes From Pooh."

The production includes five different adventures from the original books, "Winnie the Pooh" and "The House at Pooh Corner."

In the role of Christopher Robin is Aaron Madura. The two people sharing the role of Pooh Bear are Zack Finstad and Baley Robinson.

The rest of the cast is also doubled. Piglet will be portrayed by Kenzie Stover and Brinley Corbit.

Sharing the role of Rabbit are Elizabeth Back and Kaylee Stover.

Kanga will be played by Marilyn Musgrave and Angel Wiseman.

Roo will be shared by Natilyn Corbit and Maggie McMahon.

Owl is being portrayed by Caroline Hansen and Trinity Sweet.

The role of Tigger will be bounced by Jossilin Needling and Jessi Riley.

Rounding out the cast are Sarah Gentry and Anthony Jimenez in the role of Eeyore.

In addition, Marilyn Robinson and Justice Kostal will head the prop crew.

Dr. Lynn Steveson is the script adapter and director. Susan Kennedy is the production assistant.

Cindy Wright is the costumer. Mary Jimenez will sell tickets and operate the box office.

Others will be added as the production moves along. Trinity Sweet, portraying Owl, will also design the scenery for the Hundred Acre Wood.

The production is scheduled for April 26, 27 and 28 at 7 p.m. A matinee is planned April 29 at 2 p.m.

All shows will be performed at the Anna Arts Center, which is located at 125 W. Davie St. in Anna.

Tickets prices are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 12.

The arts council noted that the reason for early casting is to give the costumer and her assistants extra time to construct the costumes for the double cast.

Rehearsals are scheduled to begin near the end of February, with some early group work and costume fittings being done in January.

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Section B



100 Point Club: Mallory Adamitis.

## Cobden Elementary readers honored

Cobden Elementary School has recognized students who reached their goals during December in the school-wide Accelerated Reading program.

Students are required to read books and take comprehension tests on the computer to achieve their points. Photos provided.



50 Point Club: Eugenio Olvera, Ana Olvera, Amelia Long and Mason Lyerla.



25 Point Club: In the first row are Cerriana Ward, Mariana Palmerin, Brisa Calderon, Evaline Kaszubski, Thaniel Sheridan and Matthew Howell. In the second row are Brianna Flick, Mayrell Morales, Raleigh Ford, Natalie Marks, Micah Brown and Jansen Nance. Elisa Vicente and Gabe Evans could not be present for the picture.



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### Pioneer Stories

#### John Grammer –

Some say that he was born in 1778 in Pennsylvania, while some say Virginia, making his way through Kentucky and Tennessee before coming to the Illinois Territory before 1810.

The best information concerning Mr. Grammer comes from the early writers of Union County history. Portions of which are included here.

“It cannot be ascertained what his age was when he came, or where he was from. We only know that among the early and remarkable productions of the county... ..was the Hon. John Grammer, who settled in what is now Union County, a little south of Jonesboro. He was one of the first officials in the county, representing Johnson County in the first Territorial Legislature as early as 1812, when there were but five counties in the State, and the entire Assembly would gather about a good-sized table in a conversational way for an hour or two, and then join in one of those exciting games of “crack-loo” for the drinks, and in this august assembly Grammer was a statesman of the rough diamond, barefoot persuasion. He was as illiterate as he was indifferent to fine clothes and perfumed soap; as slouchy, careless and uncouth in manners mostly as he was reckless and indifferent in the use of the King’s English... ..

He was unlearned in the books, but original and strong in intellect. It was from the rude, simple, illiterate John Grammer that the statesmen of Europe learned that when a legislator is called upon to vote in a legislative body, if he don’t fully understand the question, to always vote “no.” This was John Grammer’s

rule, from which he never deviated in the Illinois Senate.

As said before, he borrowed nothing from the books, and his illiteracy was so marked that it amounted to a gift or talent. He borrowed or copied from nothing. He never hesitated for a word, for when he wanted one he would coin it upon the instant. When addressing the Senate, he would shake his frowsy locks and point his finger at the chair and exclaim: “Mr. President, I give you a ‘per-nipsis’ of that bill.” All other business stopped while he was giving his promised synopsis.

A log wagon bull team, trimmed with bark and hickory withes was the most sumptuous going to meetin’ rig he ever possessed or used. And when dressed in his best on such occasions, he was generally barefoot, and thus arrayed it only seemed to add force and fire to his vehement eloquence, if his breeches were rolled up to the knees, and a twist of tobacco in one pocket... ..

As did all men in those days, he hunted a great deal. On one occasion he was out in the rain all day, getting very wet; at night he hung his powder-horn on one side of the large open fire-place, so that the large tow string by which he swung it over his shoulder might dry. During the night, the “forestick” burned in two in the middle, and the end flipped up and set the town string on fire. It burned off and the horn fell into the coals, and soon the sleeping household was startled by the explosion, which scattered the fire all over the room, and even on the bed where the man and wife slept. The woman soon brushed and swept up the coals, and all was safe and serene again. But Grammer didn’t return to bed, but walked the floor in great distress, his hands clasped across his stomach. Finally his wife, in great alarm, asked what was the

matter. “Oh, Lord! Oh, Lord!” exclaimed the poor man; “it is not the loss of the powder, or the horn. I could stand all that; but, Sal, suppose it portends a sign!” And again and again the distressed man moaned like the said, wet winds.

In the simplicity of his soul, he dreaded a “sign,” a portent from a displeased heaven. Here was greatness and childish simplicity and credulity that brings to mind the agony of fear that is sometimes said to seize the huge elephant upon seeing a ridiculous little mouse.

The first Territorial Legislature convened November 25, 1812, and adjourned December 25 of the same year. The second session met and completed its session and adjourned on the 8th day of November 1813. A prominent, if not pre-eminent, member of that body was John Grammer. He then retired from the legislative halls for one session, and then was elected in 1816 again. When Illinois became a State, he was elected to the State Senate... ..

When he was first elected to the Legislature – so the story runs – there was much counseling and financiering in his own and his neighbor’s families as to how a suit of clothes could be got for him to go to Kaskaskia in. Eventually, he and family gathered nuts and carried them to Fort Massac trading post, and exchanged them for a few yards of “blue drilling.” This was carried home, and the neighbors called in to cut and make the clothes. After measuring, turning, twisting and stretching, the cloth was short and finally it was cut into a hunting shirt and then there was only enough left to make a pair of high “leggings,” and thus arrayed he served his term in the Legislature.”

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### Wolves featured

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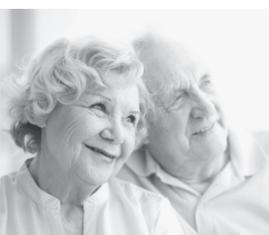
The free program is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The center is located at 8885 State Route 37 South. For more information, call 618-657-2064.

### Hospital board meeting planned

The Union County Hospital Board of Directors plans to meet Tuesday, Jan. 23.

The meeting is set for 6:15 p.m. at the Brick House Grill in downtown Anna.

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## Stronger hate crimes law went into effect on Jan. 1

Illinois’ stronger hate crimes law went into effect on Jan. 1.

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan initiated the measure, which passed the General Assembly with bipartisan support, as a way to better protect the state’s residents from hate crimes.

The legislation, House

Bill 3711 (Public Act 100-0197), stemmed from a national increase in crimes motivated by hatred based on religion, race, national origin, gender identity and sexual orientation since the 2016 election.

Madigan said the new law expands the list of crimes that can be prosecuted as hate crimes in an effort to address the increasing use of technology to attack victims. Specifically, the new law adds the crimes of cyberstalking, transmission of obscene messages and certain acts of intimidation to the list of crimes that can be charged and prosecuted as hate crimes.

The law also ensures that victims of hate crimes have the ability to file a civil lawsuit in response to these incidents and permits a judge to impose civil penalties on the perpetrator, Madigan said in a news release.

The Illinois Attorney General’s office’s Civil Rights Bureau works to protect the civil rights of all Illinois residents.

Madigan encourages individuals to contact the

attorney general’s office to report instances of discrimination or harassment by calling the Civil Rights Hotline at 1-877-581-3692.

## Chainsaw training program set

University of Illinois Extension Forestry plans to host training on chainsaw safety and invasive species control on Jan. 20.

The training is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Dixon Springs Agricultural Center in Pope County.

Those who attend the hands-on training will learn about the safe use of chainsaws, what safety gear to use and how to utilize chainsaws safely to implement invasive species control.

Those who want to attend are asked to RSVP by Jan. 19. To RSVP, email krohling@illinois.edu or call 618-695-3383.

Questions about the program also may be submitted by email or by phone.

News from

# Camp Ground Church, Community

Elder Rodney Miller brought the devotion Sunday titled "Faith to Unite," with scripture from Ephesians.

The message shared that "for the church to succeed in its ministry, the congregants must model traits that are consistent with the One they represent: humility, grace, patience, long suffering, not quick to judge and exhibit sincere and sacrificial love.

"Although there may be differences in the ways they worship the Lord, all Christians have the same God, the same foundational faith, the same Spirit, and the same destination.

"God endows each Christian with specific gifts

News from

# First Christian Church, Anna

"Gods at War" was the title of the sermon preached on Sunday, Jan. 7, by Senior Minister Dee Armes.

The message shared that "God's first commandment is he is number one in our lives. Anything can become an idol once it becomes a substitute for God in life."

Birthdays: Justin Moore, Jan. 11.

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

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

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

News from

# First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

The guest speaker on Sunday, Jan. 7, was the Rev. Perry Williams.

Dee Rose led worship and presented special music.

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

Birthdays: Jerry Hunter, Aaron Sheffer, Jan. 7; Andy Bundren, Sue Clary, Amy Sheffer, Jan. 10; Robert McCain, Jan. 12; Carmen Coffman, Jan. 14.

The schedule for worship includes two services on Sunday 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, as well as a youth meeting.

News from

# First Baptist Church, Anna

In the Sunday morning service, Pastor Sinks' sermon was titled "A Must for the New Year." Scripture was from James and Matthew.

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

News from

# Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna



The Mt. Moriah and Salem senior youth group again this year went to First Baptist Church in Cobden to experience "A Night in Bethlehem" in December. Youth group members who went included Nick Bussey, Beth Ann Agne, Morgan Sadler, Emily Bussey and Justyn Harvel. Photo provided.



Baley Robinson played Santa in the children's Christmas program for Mt. Moriah and Salem Lutheran churches on Dec. 17. Santa, touched by the message of hope in Jesus, took time out to pray while on break at the mall during the holiday season after listening to Christmas carolers. Photo provided.

News from

# Anna Nazarene Church

Special music for Sunday morning's service was presented by the children's church, with Curly Ralls, Mark Smith and Jacob Wright serving as ushers.

An illustration on time management was given by Pastor McBride, followed by the morning message, which was titled "One Thing is Needed," with scripture from Luke.

The message shared that "consistently spending time sitting at Jesus feet as Mary did in this scripture ought to be a main priority. Sometimes we become so distracted by the things we're doing that we forget why we are doing them. The purpose of our lives is to be in relationship with Jesus."

Special music for Sunday evening's service was presented by Stanley and Marilyn Elkins, with Mark Smith serving as usher.

The evening message was titled "Who's Business Are You About?" Scripture was from Luke.

The message, brought by Pastor McBride, shared that "like Jesus we need to understand what our purpose is in this life. We need to be moved by divine compulsion to do the Father's will."

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

A missionary service is planned at 6 p.m. on Jan. 21. Guest speaker will be Joanne Blakley, who also will provide a meal.

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.

## Church to host singer, evangelist

Faith Assembly Church in Wolf Lake is planning to host singer and evangelist Danny Norman on Sunday, Jan. 14.

Services begin at 10 a.m. The church is located at 4730 State Highway 3.

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Daily Devotional Reading					
Ephesians	Ephesians	Mark	Mark	Mark	Mark
5:1-20	6:10-24	1:21-45	2:1-17	3:1-19	3:20-35
7:35-52:0					

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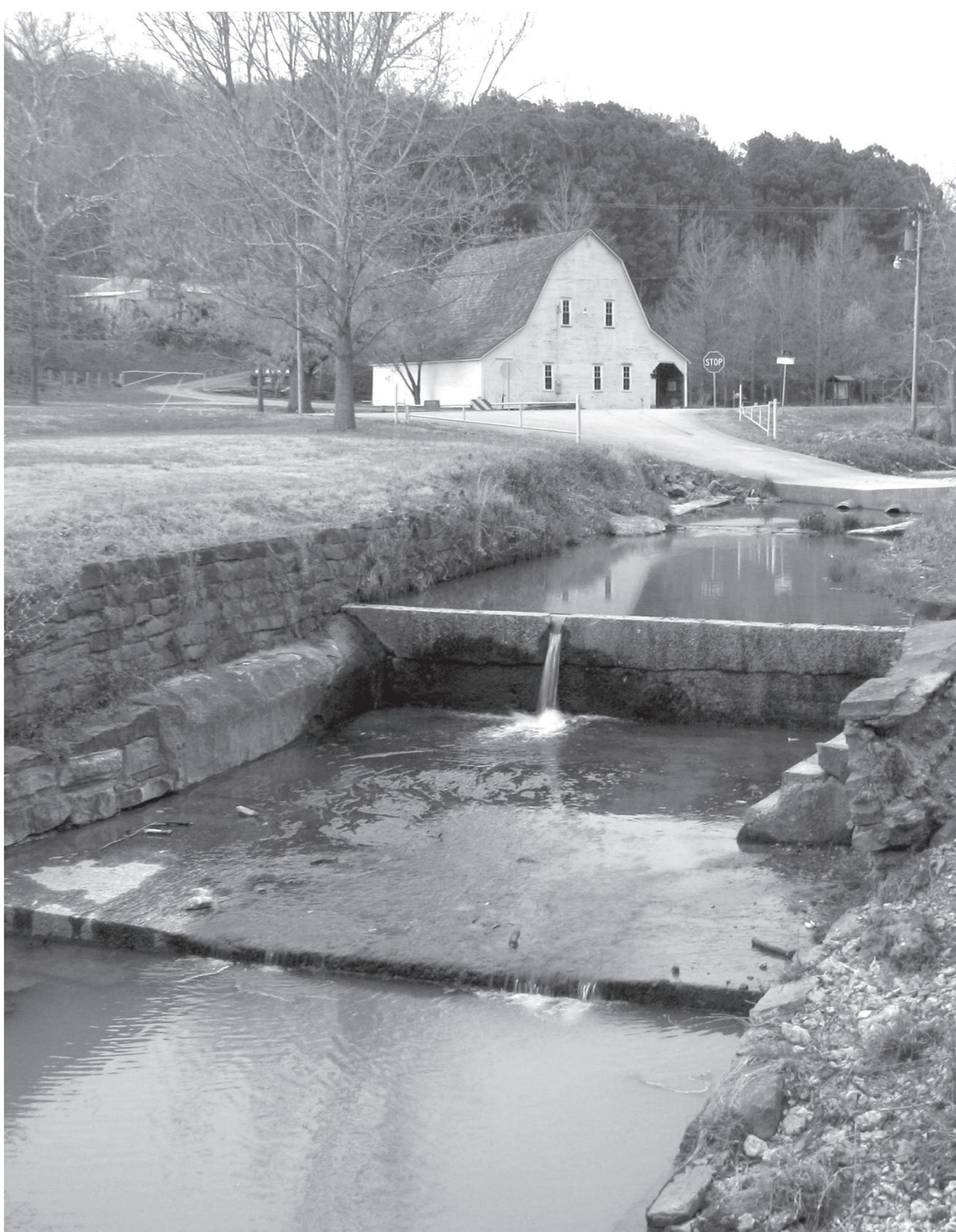
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# Anna News

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.

## Union County Bicentennial

A large group turned out Saturday at the Union County Courthouse for the 200 year celebration of Union County.

A special thanks to the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society, to everyone who helped and to those attending.

## Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club

Speaker for this month's meeting of the GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club was Jim Koonce from Carterville. Jim is the president of Honor Wreaths for Veterans.

Jim gave us a report on how the Wreaths Across America project at Mounds City National Cemetery went this year.

His group sponsored 250 wreaths in 2015, 532 wreaths in 2016 and 1,740 in 2017.

They took down approximately 130 volunteers to Mounds City National Cemetery to help lay wreaths on the veteran graves.

This year they had 2,699 wreaths delivered to Mounds City National Cemetery. This was a nice increase from the 1,100 wreaths in 2016. The wreaths are the same wreaths that are laid at Arlington National Cemetery.

This group worked hard telling the story about Mounds City National Cemetery and collecting donations.

Donations came from businesses, individuals and civic organizations. They worked with several businesses like Buffalo Wild Wings in Carbondale, Don Sol in Carbondale and McAlister's in Marion.

They also had a fish fry and a 4-way stop. Civic groups like Rotary, Elks, woman's clubs and veteran groups like AmVets and American Legion helped.

Jim said his long term goal is to see all 9,000 plus graves covered with a wreath and to have veterans buried in Anna and Jonesboro cemeteries covered also.

To get this accomplished will take an effort from all

communities in Southern Illinois.

It is hard to believe several people still don't know we have a national cemetery in Southern Illinois. Almost everyone has heard of Arlington National Cemetery. Mound City National Cemetery is Southern Illinois' Arlington.

For more information contact Jim Koonce at jim@honorwreathsforveterans.org or like them on Facebook at friends who like honor wreaths for veterans.

Donations can be sent to 1212 N. Garfield, Marion, Ill. 62959 or www.honorwreathsforveterans.org

Jane Bauer, president of the women's club, presented a check from the club to Jim to buy two wreaths.

The ladies were excited to learn about how they can help and hopefully maybe get the wreaths for the Anna and Jonesboro cemeteries.

The ladies stood and said the pledge to the American flag and the Club Collect. Jane gave the devotion and current events. February will be the ladies no bake sale for their fund raiser for the year.

Suzie Kessler gave the secretary's report. Others present were Tammy Woodrum, Lillian Milam and Martha Ann Webb.

The ladies worked on their papers for the end of the year to turn in to district and state.

Sorry to hear Barbara Bauer, Mary Light and Joan Graves Edwards have been sick. Judy Smith had surgery on her arm in December and started rehab.

Three of the ladies from the club volunteered for the 200th celebration bicentennial party of Union County Saturday, Jan. 6, at the Union County Courthouse.

Lillian Milam, also a member of the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society, dressed in period dress and portrayed John Grammer's wife Julia.

Jane Bauer and Martha Ann Webb, dressed as servants, served pound cake and apple cider to the guests.

It was an honor to be at

this special event. Union County turned 200 Tuesday, Jan. 2.

The February meeting of the Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club will be Feb. 5 at 11:30 a.m. at Anna Pizza Hut. Guest speaker will be Tami Crest, international person, speaking on the Philippines.

## Visiting Union County

Beverly Brown Anderson, her sister Marianna Brown Riley and Marshall Poger from St. Louis attended the bicentennial celebration at the Union County Courthouse Saturday.

Beverly and Marianna are members of the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society.

Marshall entertained everyone by playing his fiddle with music from 200 years ago. A special thanks to them for all they do for our community.

## 2017 in the Holler

Geneva Jackson enjoyed having her five children home during the Christmas holidays.

Patsy and Bobby Butterfield, Harry Jackson, Jane Tisdale, Walter and Robin Jackson and Kathy Jackson Milam, also grandchildren, great-grand children, sister, aunt Mary Elkins and Patsy's mother-in-law Helen Copeland rounding out 25 for the Christmas Eve party with dinner, singing, opening gifts and still eating turkey legs well into the night. Roll Tide.

In the picture of them in this weeks news Geneva is seated holding original picture from 1980 that has her late husband Walter P. Jackson in it. News from Kathy Milam.

## Christmas Guests

Christmas holiday guests of Doug and Beth Hileman and Norm and Barbara Bauer in Anna included Mathew and Sarah Song and children Joshua, Abigail and Gideon.

The Song family was moving from Milford, N.H., to Fort Worth, Texas.

Other guests were Timothy Bauer from Brookfield, Wis., Jacob and Nadia Hileman and Finlay, Emmie and Leah from St. Louis; and Lucas and Rachael Hileman from Fort Branch, Ind.

## New Year's Guests

New Year's weekend guests of the Doug Hilemans and Norm Bauers were Timothy Bauer from Brookfield, Wis., David and Ursula Bauer from Brookfield, Lou and Debra Bauer from Chesterfield, Mo., Christopher and Katie Bauer and Owen from Maryland Heights, Mo., and Glenn and Emily Beanland from Anna.

## Home for Christmas

Garrett Goines is stationed in Charleston, S.C. He was home for about 11 days visiting his family and friends for Christmas.

## Sympathy

I received word from Bobbi Lence from Festus, Mo., that her mother Dorothy Hilliard, passed away Saturday, Jan. 6, about noon.

Bobbi's granddaughter,



**Bicentennial celebration at Union County Courthouse Saturday: Duane Hileman, right, portraying John Grammer from the early history of Union County. Tyler Edmonds, left, read the official document which established Union County; also pictured are Will Travelstead, Mike Estel and Pat Brumleve. Happy 200th birthday Union County.**



**Jim Koonce from Carterville, president of Honor Wreaths for Veterans, was guest speaker at the Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club. Members present were Martha Ann Webb, Lillian Milam, Tammy Woodrum, Jane Bauer and Susie Kessler.**



**Norm and Barb Bauer say that happiness is great-grandparenting. The Bauers are shown with great-grandchildren Joshua, Gideon and Abigail Song of Fort Worth, Texas; and Leah, Finlay and Emmie Hileman of St. Louis. Another holiday visitor was great-grandson Owen Bauer of Maryland Heights, Mo., who is not in the picture.**

daughter and Bobbi were with her.

Services will be in Cisne on Saturday, Jan. 13; visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the service at 1 p.m., with burial to follow. Services will be at Hosselton Funeral Home in Cisne.

Dorothy was formerly from Anna and had moved last year to be closer to her daughter because of failing health.

Dorothy was an active member of Sunshine Inn. She was a member of GFWC Illinois Anna Jonesboro Women's Club and had been a member of the federation for over 50 years. Dorothy was a member of the Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies. She was a volunteer for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program when it was active in Union County. She will be missed.

## Happy Memories

Norma Eaves from Madison, formerly of Anna, sent me a Christmas card I didn't receive until Jan. 4. It was good to hear from her. She said she enjoyed reading the Anna news each week.

As she was going through some of her mother and dad's things she sent me bulletins from the Anna Methodist Church where they attended that were dated Sunday, Oct. 24, 1943, and Sunday, Oct. 30, 1949.

One of the services that caught my eye in one bulletin was The Hour of Power will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evening. They had 118 present.

They also had youth fellowship at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday night. Leader was Katherine Dusch, with a sermon at 7:30 p.m.

Church on Sunday morning started at 10:35 a.m. There were 175 in Sunday School.

Norma grew up on Warren Street. Her parents were Elmer and Myrtle Rader. Norma said my dad Claude A. Davis, who was princi-



**Seven year old Rage Henderson and 6 year old Titan Henderson both had successful boar hunts in Arkansas over their Christmas vacation. Rage, Titan, their dad T.J. Henderson, their pa Terry Henderson and friends Jacob Poat and his son Carson Poat traveled to Arkansas the weekend after Christmas for the boys to hunt.**

pal of Lincoln School at that time, tutored her when she was in 6th grade.

Norma said she and her husband Frank (Bunky) Eaves were married at the church. I always enjoy receiving cards like this.

## United Methodist Church, Anna

Sunday morning, special music was by Carla Anderson, Elizabeth Corbit, Barbara House and Marcy Morris, "He Restores My Soul."

Debbie Johnston preached the sermon "With all my heart," with the gospel lesson from Luke. Get well wishes to Rev. Carl.

Our Lord's Supper was given by Rev. Millie Sloan and Brinley Corbit.

Tyler and Muriel Zachary brought baby Winnifred for her first Sunday morning. It was so good to see her. She is beautiful.

Thursday Reset Service is at 6:30 p.m. Friday night will be game night at 6 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 14, the folks who just completed the adult confirmation refresher class will renew their vows.

## Birthday Celebration

Lisa Spiess celebrated her birthday Sunday with family and friends at a res-



**Kay Mowery helped celebrate her granddaughter Lillian Reagan's 1st birthday on Jan. 6. The party was held at Cross Roads Methodist Church in Ullin.**

taurant in Carbondale.

## New Beginning Community Worship

Pastor Lonnie Lewis and his wife Joni are so excited about their new building.

They are now located at 208 Center St. in Anna. Their first service was Sunday morning at 10 a.m. They had been having services at the Casper Church.

## Thanks

A special thanks to Jack Thornton for taking a subscription to The Gazette-Democrat when I asked them to start taking the paper again. Thanks for giving me credit.



**Geneva Jackson celebrated New Year's Eve with her daughters Jane Tisdale and Kathy Milam. Jane was home from Elberta, Ala., where the temperature is a little warmer.**



**Geneva Jackson spent Christmas with her children Kathy Milam, Pat Butterfield, Harry Jackson, Jane Tisdale and Walt Jackson.**

Letter to My Hometown

Got an email from Judy Neal that her son Nathan would like to share something with his hometown. Nathan lives in Florida now.

Nathan said: "The main thing I have realized and learned since moving to Anna as a boy is that age is just a number and there is no such thing as something for nothing, and the beginning of all achievement starts with desire, and nothing is gained without perseverance, struggle, and hard work and with every temporary defeat or failure there is always a seed of equivalent or greater success and opportunity and that true success in anything in life comes from failing over and over again but never giving up because regardless of race, social status, upbringing or any of the other many things

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Red Hat Ladies

Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies will meet at El Jalapeno on Jan. 17 at 11 a.m. This will be 18th year of the group.

Happy Retirement

Congratulations to Nancy Hooks on her retirement.

Congratulations to Debra Davis on her retirement from Anna-Jonesboro National Bank.

Congratulations to Sandy Pickle and Allison Holshouser on their retirement from Choate Mental Health.

Anna Star Chapter

Last Thursday evening, Jan. 4, there was a service to honor Joyce Bartruff. Her memorial was read. Brenda Allen and Shirley Spurlock draped the altar per Joyce's request.

Special Thanks

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers for me this week and offers to help when I had an accident where the cat ran between my feet and tripped me while I was going up stairs.

My guardian angel was there to catch me to keep me from getting hurt worse than I did.

I sure twisted my body and fell on the ledge and I don't know how my one finger held on to that ledge keeping me from falling backwards all the way down the steps but it did.

A special thanks to my daughter Bessie Mae for coming in and talking me

into going to the ER and Earl for going with us. It's nice to live behind Union County Hospital.

I thought my finger would be OK but it needed stitches. The staff at the hospital were all so nice, kind and helpful and the doctor did a wonderful job putting my finger back together.

I probably should have gotten x rays but we will see how this week goes. Just really sore right now all over.

It's really hard to listen to the doctor when you are in pain but when they tell you to take deep breaths do it. Don't hold your breath like I did. It really doesn't hurt as bad getting shots in the end of your finger to deaden it if you take the deep breaths. She even told me she was using a baby needle.

I thought I wasn't going to be able to type my news this week but to my

surprise I can type with stitches in my finger.

I really appreciate the news everyone gives me. Remember no news is not good news for a reporter.

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 Anna fellowship hall.

Connect Point Church

Services are at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Children's church is at 11 a.m.

On Jan. 28, they will have two services, at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

They just started painting rooms downstairs for Sunday School rooms coming soon.

Wednesday Bible study is at 7 p.m.

Military Prayer List

Garrett Goines, Nick Harvel, Nona Elizabeth Luke, Lucas J. Strickland, William Nathaniel Frankell, Ethan Maze, Lukas W. Davis, Kiefer Stull, David Jordan Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, CJ Youngerman, Freddy Morse, Reagan Morrison, Josh Steveson, Josh Williams, Faith Odom, Tommy Goff and family Janette, Jamison and Kaylynn, Creighton Laster, Brandon Eaker, Jim Bonner, Jacob Schaefer, Jero Schaefer, Jennifer Ann Bishop, Robert Jr. McMeely, James McWhorter, Arin Whitemountain.

Anna VFW

Thursday at 7 p.m., the monthly post meeting will be held.

Saturday, Jan. 13, C.W. Karaoke will be at the post starting at 7 p.m.

Television Listings

THURSDAY

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and channels (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW) listing various programs.

JANUARY 11, 2018

THURSDAY 7:00pm TBS Brooklyn Nine-Nine "Christmas" While Jake abuses his new job of protecting Captain Holt after a few death threats were made, Amy tries to get the precinct on board for taking Christmas photo. TV14 (HD) 8:00pm NBC Will & Grace "There's Something About Larry" An old friend of Will and Grace decides that he's in love with Will; Jack hits his neighbor on his first day as a Lyft driver; Karen helps bail out Jack. TV14 (HD)

FRIDAY

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and channels (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW) listing various programs.

JANUARY 12, 2018

FRIDAY 7:00pm FOX Hell's Kitchen "Five Is the New Black" The remaining All-Stars are given three challenges, such as recreating a dish using their senses and preparing a high-quality dish with mystery ingredients. TV14 (HD) 8:00pm USA Modern Family "Five Minutes" Mitch and Cam must catch a flight in five minutes; Haley and Rainer must reevaluate their relationship in the five minutes before a birthday cake arrives. TVPG (HD)

SATURDAY

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and channels (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW) listing various programs.

JANUARY 13, 2018

SATURDAY 7:00pm SHOW The Chi "Pilot" A group of residence living in The Chi on the South Side of Chicago become connected in unexpected ways after a fateful event shocks the community. TVMA (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)

SUNDAY

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and channels (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW) listing various programs.

JANUARY 14, 2018

SUNDAY 7:00pm CBS Wisdom of the Crowd "The Tipping Point" Cavanaugh begins investigating the death of a top Sophie user; Alex attends the release hearing for the man who was convicted of Mia's murder. TV14 (HD) 7:30pm FOX Ghosted "Hello Boys" When Leroy and Max pursue a lead on Agent Checker's whereabouts, they run into problems when Max loses his faith and Leroy is forced to be the believer. TV14 (HD)

MONDAY

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and channels (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW) listing various programs.

JANUARY 15, 2018

MONDAY 7:00pm SHOW Shameless "Church of Gay Jesus" Ian becomes famous in the LGBTQIA community, but the sudden increase in "followers" may be more than he can handle; Frank finds a way to cash in. TVMA (HD) 8:30pm CBS 9JKL "Heavy Meddling" Josh has a pleasant time with the daughter of Judy's friend; Eve and Andrew are cautious of Harry babysitting for Wyatt, so they get Nick to babysit both. (HD)

TUESDAY

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JANUARY 16, 2018

TUESDAY 7:00pm ABC The Middle "Mommopalooza" Reverend TimTom offers Frankie the perfect solution to her dilemma; Sue and Brick argue about a big hole that is between their bedroom walls. TVPG (HD) 8:00pm NBC This Is Us "Cloney" Kate shops for a wedding dress; Kevin takes up a new lifestyle; Randall looks into William's past; Jack and Rebecca take the children to the mall. TV14 (HD)

WEDNESDAY

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JANUARY 17, 2018

WEDNESDAY 7:00pm FOX The X-Files "Plus One" Mulder and Scully engross themselves into an investigation about a series of deaths caused by the victims becoming haunted by their very own doppelgangers. TV14 8:00pm USA NCIS "The Wall" NCIS members rely on the help of an ill-tempered veteran to solve a Marine's murder; McGee and Bishop look into a rumor regarding Quinn and Torres. TVPG (HD)

# Opinion and Commentary

## Ring around the rosie...

By Scott Reeder

Ring-a-round the rosie, A pocket full of posies, Ashes! Ashes! We all fall down.

My kids used to sing this nursery rhyme when they were younger. The song always creeped me out.

Legend has it that the song is about the plague. The posies covered up the stench of death and the ashes were about cremation.

I was thinking about that when I noticed a new Illinois law went into effect allowing state parks to set aside a spot where human ashes can be scattered.

Now morticians and others who profit from death don't like the word "ashes." They'd prefer a \$10 word like "cremains."

That euphemism smacks a bit too much of marketing for my taste. After all, its ashes to ashes; dust to dust not cremains to cremains.

I've never had a problem with the idea of cremation so much as trying to answer the question of what to do with the ashes.

Too many times over the years, I've encountered folks with a box full of ashes who had no idea what to do with it.

For example, decades ago my ne'er do well great Uncle Harold's ashes showed up in the mail at a relative's house.

Harold had been estranged from much of the family. I don't ever remember meeting him. But many folks who did said he was a jerk.

So, the arrival of his last earthly remains in a cardboard box came as a shock.

No one wanted to pay for a burial. So, one day a family member disappeared into a country cemetery with a spade. Harold was secretly planted not far from his relatives in an unmarked hole. He ended up closer to family in death than he ever was in life.

As cremation becomes more common, unwanted boxes of ashes are turning up in all sorts of places.

Back when I was a reporter in Las Vegas, my friend Marlene Richter, who ran a homeless shelter, found herself the unwilling recipient of human remains multiple times.

When she walked into her office in 1999, she saw on her desk a cardboard box with a label from a mortuary attached.

After a quick glance at the label, she thought she knew the rest of the story. It read: "Clara D. Penny, Died Oct. 13, 1996."

Someone, she doesn't know who, entered her office at Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada and left the plain cardboard box.

Twice before over the previous two years, a box of cremated remains had ended up on her desk in St. Vincent's Homeless Shelter, and she had to search for surviving relatives.

I gave her a hand and after several phone calls, I found a half-sister of the deceased in Jena, La.

"I just can't believe this," Alice Stapleton said of her sibling. "We were told her ashes were scattered on some mountain near Las Vegas. It never occurred to me that they could end up in a box in a homeless shelter."

Stapleton said she had a nice family cemetery plot where the ashes could be buried.

After I got off the phone with the relative, I called Marlene and suggested she look in the box, because the family thought the ashes had been scattered.

I strained to hear over the phone line as my friend pried open the box. Then I heard a scream and a gasp.

"The box is full of pine cones, Scott! I never thought to look inside. It would be like peeking in the casket. It's just something you just don't do."

I called the sister back to tell her of the discovery in the box.

"Well, it's a good thing y'all didn't mail back that box. We might have ended up burying a box of pine cones in the family plot," she told me with a chuckle.

The only mysteries remaining: Who left a box of pine cones on the desk...and why?

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## Fire safety promoted

The Office of the State Fire Marshal, OSFM, and the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance, IFSA, have launched a new program called "Be Alarmed!"

"Be Alarmed" is a joint smoke alarm installation program that provides smoke alarms to Illinois residents through their local fire departments.

The OSFM will distribute smoke alarms with 10-year sealed batteries and fire safety educational materials to participating fire departments, at no-cost to residents.

The OSFM requires participating fire departments to personally install each smoke alarm, educate the community on fire prevention and safety and provide installation survey data to the IFSA.

"Be Alarmed!" is a fire safety educational program developed to educate Illinois residents and to ensure that properly installed and working smoke alarms are in homes across Illinois.

The program seeks to educate Illinois residents, young and old, on home fire safety and prevention methods, reduce the number of fire-related injuries in Illinois, reduce the number of fire-related deaths in Illinois and identify the reason for non-working smoke alarms in Illinois homes.

All fire alarms and educational materials will be provided at no-cost to eligible fire departments from OSFM and IFSA, with additional assistance from corporate partners including Kidde and Menards.

Interested fire departments can go to [www.IFSA.org/programs/alarms](http://www.IFSA.org/programs/alarms) for eligibility requirements and the request form.

## Please read this. . .

by Geof Skinner

### Some common sense would have made sense...

On the day before the day before the first day of a bright and shiny new year, yours truly took a stroll along a trail where, at one time, the sound of trains chugging through the countryside would have been heard.

The visit was one of those spur of the moment sorts of things that I like to do. See something interesting? Stop and visit.

The decision might have made more sense on a warm and sunny morning, say, maybe, in the spring. The last Saturday in 2017 was not warm and was not sunny. Maybe that should not have been a big surprise, since it was the 30th day of December.

The stroll was along the Quetil Trail in metropolitan Alto Pass. I was in Alto Pass to take care of some business, and decided to pay a visit to the trail. The temperature might have been in the 20s. An icy wind was blowing. A few snowflakes were even flying around in the breeze. A walk outdoors seemed to make sense.

Several signs are posted along the trail. One of the signs tells a bit of the history of the site and the community we know today as Alto Pass.

"In 1860 this settlement was widely known as the Quetil Gap after Charles Julius Quetil," the sign shares.

I tried to find out a little bit more about Mr. Quetil, but didn't have much luck. A search on the internet seemed like a good way to get started. I did a search on Google for Charles Julius Quetil, which showed a meager 5,080 results. The third listing on the search list was for Charles J. Guiteau, the man who assassinated President James A. Garfield. Never did find anything about Mr. Quetil.



Apparently, a picnic was not on the minds of very many people on a recent, very cold winter morning along the Quetil Trail. That's 'cause people aren't tough any more, like they were back in the day, when some of us had to walk 30 miles to school, all up hill, in a blizzard, every day, even in July...



A male bluebird was kind enough to hang around long enough for a few pictures during a frigid Saturday morning along the Quetil Trail in Alto Pass.

Poor Mr. Quetil became a footnote in history in 1878, when, according to the sign along the trail, the Cairo and St. Louis Narrow Gauge Railroad adopted the name of Alto Pass.

"The citizens of Alto Pass acted to have the town incorporated in 1882. The railway company in conjunction with the citizens, erected a passenger and freight depot, where the Pavilion is now located. The Old Railway was abandoned in 1981." (The "Pavilion" is located in downtown Alto Pass.)

The Alto Pass area became a popular attraction in the 1880s. Lots of folks came by train from Cairo to visit the Union County village, which, it seems, came to be called "the Switzerland of America." The sign recalled that the "Alto Pass Coronet band met the train and escorted the passengers to picnic on captain H.C. Freeman's place at the cliffs."

On the day of my visit, there weren't any tourists. No trains. No bands. And, I'm guessing that if there had been any bands around, the musicians would have had a really, really hard time keeping their instruments in tune on a cold December morning.

I did see a pileated woodpecker near the trail. And a cardinal on the trail. And a male bluebird, which was perched in a tree, trying to keep warm. I'm pretty sure that the bluebird was wondering why some other creature would be out wandering out in the icy cold. Common sense would suggest that smart creatures would go someplace where it was warm.

The winter morning stroll along the Quetil Trail lasted until about the time that my fingers started to hurt because of the cold. The Other Half would probably have gone along with the bluebird and suggested that maybe, next time, somebody ought to use a little common sense when it comes to wandering around in the cold.

## Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

### 50 Years Ago, January 11, 1968

The Junior College board held their first regular meeting Monday, Jan. 8, in the grade school at Karnak.

Miss Evelyn Huckleberry, the 16 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Huckleberry of Route 1, Anna, was selected Miss Illinois Fruit Queen at the annual meeting of the Illinois Fruit Council at Augustine's in Belleville Monday evening, Jan. 8.

An icy glaze was on most of the county's highways and streets Tuesday morning, Jan. 9, which caused Union County schools to be closed.

Many of the Union County schools have reported an abnormal amount of absenteeism in their schools this past week, although much of this may have been the result of the weather conditions prevailing in the communities since January 1, 1968.

The Union County Board of Commissioners has authorized the binding of Union County Record books and has signed a contract in the amount of \$1500 for this work. Some of the volumes to be bound date back to 1818, County Clerk Fred Blaylock said. The company commenced the work Tuesday, bringing a bus from Carbondale and doing the work at the courthouse.

There were 149 births recorded in Union County during 1967.

The March of Dimes Drive starts this week in Union County. Rev. Richard Teaford has been named county Drive Chairman and will soon name chairmen for the various communities in the county.

The Bald Knob choir will meet at the Methodist Church in Jonesboro Saturday, Jan. 13, at 7:30 p.m. It is hoped that a 100 voice choir will be in readiness for the Easter Sunday morning services to be held at The Cross of Peace atop Bald Knob Mountain on Easter morning, April 14.

The Murphysboro Red Devils defeated the Anna-Jonesboro Wildcats Saturday night at the A-J gym 58-48.

From the Grand Tower News: A "This is Your Life" program was presented at the Grand Tower Methodist Church for Mrs. Roy Rushing, in honor of her 62 years of service to the church. The program was presented Sunday, Dec. 31.

From the Camp Ground news: It seems that old man winter arrived in time to assist the old year out and the new year in, by giving us a blanket of snow along with some ice that has made driving hazardous and closed lots of schools. Most of our Union County schools were closed this morning (Tuesday) due to the ice on the roads.

From the Barringer news: This community awoke Sunday morning to a sub-zero temperature.

## Letters to the editor

### Congratulations shared

Having relatives in Illinois, I read The Gazette-Democrat article: "Anna Masonic Lodge Celebrated 150 years; Fraternal Organization Chartered in 1867" (Dec. 28 issue).

I congratulate all the officers and members of Anna Masonic Lodge on this important milestone moment in history. My own great-grandfather, George White, migrated from Illinois to Nebraska and Kansas, and ultimately Colorado, where he died. He was a dedicated Master Mason.

I must have followed "the family tradition," since I am a fifth generation Freemason, myself. I was intrigued by the fact that Anna Masonic Lodge originally operated as "Ariel Masonic Lodge" in 1866 before receiving its charter to operate in 1867 as "Anna Masonic Lodge."

History has a way of illustrating many things of unique interest. The article noted that Anna Masonic Lodge briefly shared the same lodge room in the 1800s with a similar, yet different fraternal group: The Knights of Pythias Lodge.

True to form, my great-grandfather, George White, belonged to "the K.P. Lodge" as well as the Masons. I do so, too, myself, although my heart and soul favors the Masons.

Yet, I applaud the work of all honorable civic and fraternal groups. They are "the pillars" in many communities. My hope is, that other good young men will join and see the goodness behind the organizations.

I fully agree with the last sentence of The Gazette-Democrat article in that Masonry "insist(s) on a belief in Almighty God, to promote harmony among men, and encourage righteous living."

In other words, it promotes "virtues" such as the Golden Rule and honest, lasting friendships. As my late dad used to say: "Where you find Masons: You find friends." How true.

Sincerely, James A. Marples, Longview, Texas