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News

Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

Many Union County churches cancelled services on Sunday due to icy conditions.

The Anna Fire Department recorded 139 calls during 2017, which is down from a "normal" of around 190.

An exhibit focusing on Union County in 1818 continues. The exhibit is on display through January at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Debra Davis is retiring from Anna-Jonesboro National Bank after 44 years of dedicated service.

Danny Gibbons assumed the position of administrator of the Anna Moose Lodge this week. He succeeds Larry Burnett. Ken Pitts is the current governor of the organization.

A sign reading "Mom's Kitchen" was erected this past weekend at the former location of Kelley's Cafe on the square in Jonesboro.

A new sign at the former location of Curt's Classic Cars in Jonesboro reads: "Property of El Jalapeno restaurant."

A sold sign has been posted on the property adjacent to Brad's Collision Center in Anna. The property is the former location of Chuck's Package Liquor.

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Snowy Monday morning in Union County

Motorists had a snowy commute on Monday morning in the Union County area. Snow which was falling early in the morning covered area streets, roads and highways. The accompanying picture was taken shortly after 8 a.m. Monday at the intersection of South Main and Davie streets in downtown Anna.

Temperature drops from 60s to 20s in less than 24 hours

Snow, sleet, ice, bitter cold chill Union County

On Thursday, Jan. 11, the high temperatures was 64 degrees in Union County.

Less than 24 hours later, the county was under a covering of sleet and snow and the high temperature had dropped into the 20s.

Another round of wintry weather arrived Sunday evening and Monday morning. The area received 3 inches of snow.

Monday's snow was followed by bitter cold weather and arctic wind chill readings.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah on Monday issued a wind chill advisory.

The advisory was in effect from midnight until 11 a.m. Tuesday. The advisory covered Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky.

The weather service advised that wind chills during the period expected to range from zero to 15 degrees below zero.

The high temperature on Tuesday was forecast to be around 13 degrees, followed by a low of around 4. The high was expected to reach around 23 on Wednesday.

Much milder temperatures are in the forecast for the period from Thursday, today, through Sunday.

A high of 34 is expected today. The forecast calls for a high of around 56 by Sunday.

The Union County area received about an inch of ice, ice pellets (sleet) and snow on Jan. 11-12.

High temperatures during the period of Jan. 12-15 were in the 20s. Lows were in the teens. (On Tuesday morning, Jan. 16, the low was 3 degrees in Jonesboro.)

In response to the first round of bad weather, Union County Highway Department crews went to work at around midnight Thursday. Crews continued working through the night and into Friday.

Six highway department vehicles were being utilized to work on county roads.

Union County engineer Kevin Grammer said Friday morning that all county roads were covered with sleet and snow.

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Icy conditions on Friday morning

Frozen precipitation covered the four-way stop in downtown Anna last Friday morning. Sleet and snow had fallen during the night.

Weather: High 64, low 10; snow, sleet, ice

Temperatures ranged from a high of 64 degrees to a low of 10 during the period of Jan. 9-15 in the Union County area.

Precipitation during the period included .02 of an inch of rain Jan. 9; .08 of an inch of rain Jan. 10; .44 of an inch of precipitation, including half an inch of

ice, ice pellets (sleet) and snow on Jan. 11; a trace, including half an inch of snow and ice pellets Jan. 12; a trace of snow Jan. 14; and 3 inches of snow (.14 of an inch of melted precipitation) on Jan. 15.

Following are temperatures for the period as re-

corded by weather observer Dana Cross in Jonesboro:

	H	L
Tuesday, Jan. 9	44	34
Wednesday, Jan. 10	57	42
Thursday, Jan. 11	64	58
Friday, Jan. 12	28	16
Saturday, Jan. 13	25	15
Sunday, Jan. 14	26	10
Monday, Jan. 15	30	13



Stalking: Officials promote public awareness

January is National Stalking Awareness Month.

Local officials are working to make the public more aware of a crime that affects 3.4 million victims each year.

As part of the effort to help make the community more aware of stalking, a press conference was held Wednesday morning, Jan. 10 at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Officials also highlighted the importance of timely reporting for victims of stalking.

Presentations were shared at the press conference by Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds, Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel and Cathy McClanahan, who is the executive director of The Women's Center in Carbondale.

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Stalking awareness addressed

Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds, standing at the podium, addressed those at a press conference which was held Wednesday morning, Jan. 10. The event was held at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro. Also in the picture are Cathy McClanahan, the executive director of The Women's Center; Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel, Anna Police Chief Mike Hunter, Cobden Police Chief B.J. Hale and Anna Police Assistant Chief Bryan Watkins.





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Stalking awareness

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The sheriff noted during the press conference that “our mission is quite simple: to promote awareness and educate not only the victims, but also the citizens of this community so that everyone has a better understanding about stalking.”

Stalking is a Felony

Edmonds reminded those at the event that stalking is a felony in Illinois and a crime in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

The state’s attorney said that many victims and criminal justice professionals underestimate the seriousness and impact of stalking.

He explained that stalking is defined as a course of conduct directed at a person that would cause a reasonable individual to feel fear.

In one of five cases, stalkers use weapons to harm or threaten victims. Stalking is one of the significant risk factors for homicide in abusive relationships.

Victims of stalking suffer anxiety, social dysfunction and severe depression at much higher rates than the general population. Many lose time from work or have to move as a result of their victimization.

Stalkers Seek to Frighten, Control

“Stalking is a serious crime that often goes unreported or unrecognized,” Edmonds stated.

“Stalkers seek to frighten and control victims through intimidation and harassment. These behaviors often escalate and that makes timing critical. Timely reporting and timely prosecution can save lives.”

Unlike other crimes, officials noted, stalking is not a single, easily identifiable crime.

Instead, stalking is a series of acts, a course of conduct directed at a specific person that cause fear in the victim.

Stalking may take many forms, such as assaults, threats, vandalism, burglary or animal abuse, as well as unwanted cards, calls, gifts or visits.

One in four victims reports that the stalker uses technology, such as computers, global positioning system devices or hidden cameras, to track the victim’s daily activities.

“Victims should trust their instincts and report stalking behaviors to law enforcement,” Sheriff Harvel said.

“Communication with police is critical – victims should tell police when these are not isolated incidents.”

Keep a Record

The sheriff also strongly urged victims “to keep a log of the stalker’s behavior and save texts, emails and social media posts to share with police.”

“Just as important,” the sheriff stated, “it is the duty of law enforcement to ask the appropriate questions to identify these patterns and collect the vital information to establish a ‘course of conduct’ in an effort to effectively prosecute (the stalker) and protect the victims of such crimes.”

“It is my recommendation that all forms of unwanted behavior directed to any victim should be reported to law enforcement.

“Certainly, when the unwanted behavior rises to a level of imminent danger to life or safety, the victim should immediately report the incident to 911.”

Support Victims

“As prosecutors, police and victim advocates, we

urge the public to recognize this crime and take steps to support victims,” said Cathy McClanahan of The Women’s Center.

“If you or someone you know is the victim of stalking, please seek help,” McClanahan said. “The Women’s Center and other agencies are available 24 hours a day to provide a safe place for victims and to stand with victims through the court process.”

The Women’s Center Inc. was created in 1972 to provide a safe, secure environment for Southern Illinois women and their children, the organization’s website noted.

The website also noted that The Women’s Center’s services are confidential, free of charge and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year to women, men, adolescents and children in Franklin, Jackson, Johnson, Perry, Saline, Williamson, Union, and Gallatin counties.

McClanahan shared “four golden rules for stalking victims”:

Have no contact with the stalker (with emphasis on “no”). Tell others. Increase personal protection. Collect evidence/document.

Difficult to Recognize

Officials who spoke at the press conference explained that stalking is difficult to recognize, investigate and prosecute.

Stalkers fit no standard psychological profile. Many stalkers follow their victims from one jurisdiction to another, making it difficult for authorities to investigate and prosecute their crimes.

Communities that understand and recognize stalking can support victims and combat the crime, officials noted.

Take Action

Edmonds, Harvel and McClanahan joined to encourage victims to take action if they are being stalked. Those actions include:

•Trust your instincts. Don’t let others pressure you to downplay the stalker’s behavior.

•Call the police. Report stalking to police. When it isn’t an isolated incident, give police the full story, explaining the pattern of behavior. If you feel you are in immediate danger, call 911.

•Keep a log. Keep a written log or record of the stalking behaviors, including the date, time and location.

•Save emails, texts and social media posts. Save any written communication from the stalker to provide to police.

•Call for help. Help is available 24 hours a day from many resources, including:

The National Domestic Violence Hotline, 1-800-799-SAFE.

The Women’s Center Inc., 1-800-334-2094, thewomensctr.org.

Stalking Resource Center, victimsofcrime.org/src.

News Notes

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If vehicle traffic is an indicator, The Revlon tavern and grill near Ware seems to be a very busy place.

As of late last week, the Union County Sheriff’s Office’s K9 dog was reported to be doing better. The canine has been faced with some major health issues.

No royalties have been reported so far for a Union County animal control program cat that became a bit of a celebrity in 2017.

A training session is planned Saturday afternoon, Feb. 3, for people who may be interested in serving as volunteers in a frog and toad survey in the region. The training will be at the Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands Center near Cypress.

State police responded to more than 1,000 calls for service in 2017

Illinois State Police District 22 has released a review of activities for 2017.

The statistics were released by Lt. Michael Alvey, who is the interim commander of the district.

The district includes Union, Johnson, Pope, Massac, Hardin, Pulaski and Alexander counties.

The following statistics were included in the report for the year:

District 22 officers responded to 1,106 calls for service.

Officers issued 6,642 citations and 9,221 written warnings.

Sixty-four motorists were arrested for driving under the influence, DUI.

Officers handled 380 crashes.

A total of 4,219 motor carrier safety inspections were conducted; 273 inspections led to either the driver or the vehicle being placed out of service for safety violations.

A total of 1,489 motorists were assisted on the side of the road.

Officers made 145 criminal arrests.

The following citations were issued for what are termed as “Fatal Four” violations:

DUI, 77. Speeding, 3,148. Occupant restraint, 1,013. Distracted driving, 436.

Illinois State Police report on activities in December

Illinois State Police District 22 has released a monthly activity report for the month of December.

The district includes Union, Johnson, Pope, Massac, Hardin, Pulaski and Alexander counties.

The following statistics were included in the report for the month of December:

District 22 officers responded to 83 calls for service.

Officers issued 377 citations and 742 written warnings.

Six motorists were arrested for driving under the influence, DUI.

Officers handled 21 crashes.

rier safety inspections were conducted; 17 inspections led to either the driver or the vehicle being placed out of service for safety violations.

A total of 151 motorists were assisted on the side of the road.

Officers made eight criminal arrests.

The following citations were issued for what are termed as “Fatal Four” violations:

DUI, six. Speeding, 193. Occupant restraint, 43. Distracted driving, 21.

The District 22 safety education officer made 16 presentations to area students, school staff members, parents and residents.

State police conduct special patrols in county

Illinois State Police District 22 conducted nighttime enforcement patrols during December in Union County.

Lt. Michael Alvey, the interim commander of District 22, has announced statistics that were compiled from the patrols.

Alvey noted in a news release that the patrols allowed the state police to focus on preventing, detecting and taking enforcement action in response to violations associated with impaired driving and occupant restraint violations, especially between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.

The following violations and enforcement activities were reported from the patrols:

Driving under the influence, DUI, citations, one. Other alcohol/drug citations, one.

Occupant restraint offenses, one. Registration offenses, two.

Driver’s license offenses, three. Insurance violations, one.

Total citations/arrests, seven. Total written warnings, 32.

Fire damages

Anna residence

No injuries were reported in connection with a cooking fire which occurred Sunday afternoon, Jan. 14, at an Anna residence.

The fire was reported at 1 p.m. Sunday at a residence at 111 Stork St. in east Anna.

The Anna and Jonesboro fire departments responded to the call and were at the scene for about two hours.

The fire caused major damage to the kitchen area of the residence.

“Alcohol and drug impairment is a factor in more than 30 percent of all fatal motor vehicle crashes in Illinois,” Alvey stated.

Over half of all fatal crashes in Illinois occur at night, Alvey noted. He stated that the nighttime enforcement patrols allow officers “to work even harder at removing dangerous impaired drivers from the road and making sure everyone is buckled up.”

The project was funded through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Snow, bitter cold

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Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel said that as of mid-morning Friday, one minor traffic accident had been reported.

Harvel noted that conditions appeared to be worsening by about 10 a.m. Friday as the result of bitter cold temperatures which accompanied the frozen precipitation.

Due to the bad weather, the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro closed at 11 a.m. Friday.

County schools were not in session Friday, and again on Tuesday, due to the bad weather. Schools were

not in session on Monday, Jan. 15, in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Union County was under a winter storm warning until 3 p.m. last Friday. The warning, issued by the National Weather Service office in Paducah, covered much of Southern Illinois and part of Southeast Missouri. The warning was issued Thursday afternoon, Jan. 11.

The passage of an arctic cold front brought sleet, freezing rain and snow to the area starting Thursday night and continuing into Friday. Strong north wind made conditions feel much colder on Friday morning.

Pulaski County traffic wreck claims life of Tamms man

One person sustained fatal injuries in a traffic accident which occurred Saturday afternoon, Jan. 13, in Pulaski County.

Illinois State Police District 22 at Ullin reported that the accident happened at 4:21 p.m. Saturday on Normandy Road.

State police identified the victim as Larry E. Nicholson, 60, of Tamms.

He was identified as the driver of a 2004 Nissan Titan.

The vehicle was travel-

ing west on Normandy Road.

The vehicle ran off the left side of the highway, traveled approximately .5 of a mile, struck a tree and came to rest in a wooded area.

State police reported that the driver was not wearing a seat belt.

The driver was pronounced dead at the scene by the Pulaski County coroner.

An investigation into the crash continues.

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Livestock manager training scheduled

The Illinois Department of Agriculture, IDoA, has increased the number of certified livestock manager training workshops which are planned during 2018. The department reported that this year, 12 workshops are scheduled throughout the state, including one in the Southern Illinois area.

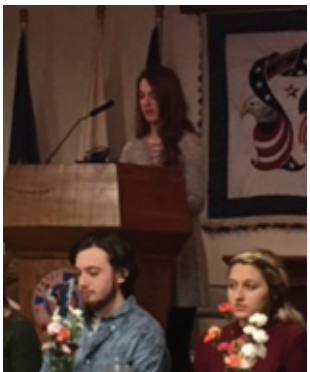
The workshops provide Illinois livestock producers the manure management training they need to meet the requirements of the state's Livestock Management Facilities Act. The workshops are scheduled to begin on Feb. 7 and conclude on March 14.

One of the workshops is set for March 1 at the Franklin County Extension office in Benton. On the day of the workshop, registration will open at 8:30 a.m., with the training program starting promptly at 9 a.m. The Livestock Management Facilities Act of 1997 requires:

Facilities with 300 or more animal units to have at least one employee certified in proper manure handling procedures. For facilities with 300 to 999 animal units, the employee either must attend a workshop or pass the Illinois Department of Agriculture's Certified Livestock Manager exam. An employee of facilities with more than 1,000 or more units must do both to achieve certification. To register for a workshop, call University of Illinois Extension at 217-244-9687 or go online to www.regonline.com/CLMT2018. The cost is \$35. If more than one employee from the same farm signs up, each registration after the first will cost \$25. The workshops will use the instructional manual for the national Livestock and Poultry Environmental Stewardship, LPES, Curriculum, which can be purchased for \$67.50 by calling 1-800-345-6087. The manual can also be purchased in an electronic form on CD for \$32.50. The curriculum is available for free online on Extension's livestock training website.

Organizers noted that for those who have a manual or CD from 2003 or newer, they will not need to purchase a new one. Producers also have the option of taking an online training that consists of five modules and four quizzes. Passing them is the equivalent of having attended a workshop, but does not substitute for passing the certified livestock manager exam. There is no charge to take the quiz online, other than the cost of the manual. Registration for the online program option is available at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/lfmm/clmt/>. Questions about the online program can be directed to Richard Gates at 217-244-2791.

Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen winners honored by VFW posts



Chloe McFarland, an 8th grade student from Jonesboro School gave her speech and was recognized as the Patriot's Pen winner from the 15th District of the Veterans of Foreign Wars during a banquet in Vienna. The award was presented by district auxiliary scholarships chairperson Patricia Caraker. Chloe's essay will be submitted for state competition in Springfield. She was sponsored by the Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna. Photo provided.



Aubrey Fisher, a freshman at Cobden High School, was recognized at the 15th District Voice of Democracy awards banquet held in Vienna on Saturday, Jan. 6. Aubrey was sponsored by the Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna. Photo provided.



Levi Boren, a senior at Shawnee High School in Wolf Lake, was recognized at the 15th District Voice of Democracy awards banquet held in Vienna on Saturday, Jan. 6. Levi was sponsored by the Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna. Photo provided.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars District 15 annual Voice of Democracy, VOD, essay contest and Patriot's Pen banquet was held Saturday, Jan. 6, at Vienna VFW Post No. 5222. Twelve high school students and one grade school student were honored for winning their sponsoring post's essay contest. Eleven high schools were represented in this year's contest. Eight VFW posts spon-

Worship set at Kornthal

A worship service is planned Thursday, Jan. 18, at Kornthal Church near Jonesboro. The service begins at 7 p.m. Kornthal Church is located 2 1/2 miles south of Jonesboro, just off Illinois Route 127.

Beta Sigma Phi chapter meeting held

Beta Sigma Phi chapter of Zeta Phi Sorority had its January meeting at the home of Jovonna Noble. Members were served snacks before the meeting. Chapter president Linda Warren brought the meeting to order after the opening ritual. Minutes were read and approved by secretary Joyce Linson. Members voted to give a donation to the Shawnee Food Pantry. All committees reported. Members did the closing ritual. A cultural program was given by Linda Warren about state and county fairs. The door prize was won by Shirley West.

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, Ally Hasty, Mya Laster, Ella Lingle, Brilea Yarber.

Honors
Shaylee Moore, Sydney Waun, Jaden Ebberts, Shawn Waddington, Juan Zavala, Kaya Coleman, Abigail Dahmer, Harrison Ford.

Kaelyn George, Annie Hobson, Jacob Acklin, Jodely McHarry, Alli Toler, Genesis Martin, Bailey Mix.

Back yard birds program planned

Opportunities to see a greater variety of birds in the back yard will be the topic of a program which is planned Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands Center near Cypress.

The program is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. The wetlands center is located at 8885 State Route 37 South. For more information, call 618-657-2064.

Youth hunt conducted

A Union County youth hunt was held on Dec. 28. The hunt was sponsored by the Muddy Kids Foundation. The hunt was for young people ages 10-17 years of age, and was conducted to encourage outdoor activities. Seventy-five young people participated. Breakfast and lunch were served at Davis Hunting Club near Ware. The Anna Kiwanis Club helped with the food by serving and donating barbequed meat. Anna Kiwanis Club members who assisted with the hunt were Gene Hammer, Dr. Charles Halterman, Brad Donna, Pete Barger, Mike Lohstron and Dillion Hathey. Photos provided.



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Blood Drive held at Cobden High School



The Cobden High School National Honor Society recently organized and hosted a blood drive through the American Red Cross. As a result of their efforts and the number of units donated, the American Red Cross is providing a \$250.00 scholarship that will be awarded to a Cobden High School Senior. We applaud these students for taking the initiative to support such an important and worthy cause.




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Sports

Cobden's Russell nets 1,000th career point in Chester Tournament game

The Cobden High School boys' basketball team lost 55-49 to Saxony Lutheran of Jackson, Mo., in the championship of the Chester Tournament Saturday, Jan. 12.

With 3 seconds remaining, the Appleknockers' John Russell scored a basket to go above the 1,000-point mark in his career. The basket gave him 1,001 points.

The game was halted at that point to honor Russell's achievement.

Russell was also named to the all-tournament team, along with teammate Noah Franklin.

Clayton Eck had 12 points to lead Cobden. Joe Brumleve added 9 points, Franklin 8, Russell 7, Zane Nance 5 and Dylan Lewey and Landon Britt 4 apiece.

Cobden 62, Chester 54: The host Yellowjackets were ahead 10-9 after one quarter and 28-27 at the half. The Appleknockers rallied for the win.

Franklin and Brumleve had 16 points apiece to lead Cobden. Lewey added



Cobden player reaches milestone
In the final 5 seconds of the championship game at the Chester invitational tournament on Jan. 13, Cobden High School's John Russell scored the last basket on a short floating jump shot. The basket took him over the 1,000-point total for his high school career. The game stopped briefly for Russell to be presented with the game ball. He received a standing ovation from the crowd. Photo provided.

13 points, Russell 10 and Nance 7.

Cobden 49, Valle Catholic of Ste. Genevieve 47: Valle Catholic led for three quarters until Cobden stormed back in the final quarter for the tourney win Monday, Dec. 11.

Franklin led the way

with 16 points. Russell added 14 points, Nance 6, Lewey and Brumleve 4 apiece and Eck 3.

Cobden, which finished tournament play 2-1, is 11-10 overall. Cobden plays Friday at home in its homecoming game against Carrier Mills.

Three persons sustain fatal injuries in traffic wreck in Massac County

Three persons sustained fatal injuries in a multi-vehicle traffic accident which occurred early Thursday morning, Jan. 11, in Massac County.

Illinois State Police District 22 at Ullin reported that two of the victims were children. Three other persons were injured in the accident.

State police reported that the accident happened at approximately 6:23 a.m. Jan. 11 on U.S. Route 45, south of Route 169.

The accident involved a 2011 Kia Soul, a 2014 Chrysler 300 and a 2015 Chevrolet Traverse.

State police reported that the Kia Soul was driven by Rachel E. Killian, 23, of Marion.

The Chrysler 300 was driven by Karla R. Reichert, 57, of Karnak.

The Chevrolet Traverse was driven by Cathy J. Ulen, 62, of Ullin.

State police reported that the Kia was traveling north on U.S. Route 45, south of Route 169. The driver was reported to have run off the road on the right hand side of the highway. The driver over-corrected and crossed into the southbound lane of U.S. Route 45.

The Chrysler and Chevrolet were traveling south on U.S. Route 45.

The Kia collided head-on with the Chrysler. The Chevrolet was behind the Chrysler. The Chevrolet collided into the rear of the Chrysler after the first collision.

Blaneys wed for 50 years

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Blaney of Tamms plan to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

The celebration is planned from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Havisham House at 30 Walnut St. in Alto Pass.

Ralph and Diane were married Jan. 13, 1968. The couple has two children, Donnie (Sherri) Blaney and the late David Blaney. They also have two grandchildren, Brandon (Briana) Blaney and April Blaney, and one great-grandson, Westyn Blaney.

All friends and family are invited. Only out-of-town invitations were being sent.

Rachel Killian was identified as the driver of the Kia. She sustained fatal injuries. A 1-year-old male passenger in the Kia also sustained fatal injuries. The driver and the 1-year-old both were pronounced dead at the scene of the accident by the Massac County coroner.

Three other passengers in the Kia were transported to Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah with serious injuries. One of the passengers, a 3-year-old female, succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced dead at the hospital.

Commissioners meet Friday

Appreciation voiced to those involved in recent county bicentennial kick off event

Ongoing concerns about audits and work done by the chief information officer were discussed at last week's regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners.

The meeting was held at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

At the time of the meeting, the area was experiencing wintry weather, including snow, sleet, blustery winds and bitter cold temperatures.

Shortly after Friday morning's meeting ended, the courthouse was closed due to the weather. The meeting began at 8:30 a.m. and ended at about 9:45 a.m. The courthouse was closed at 11 a.m.

During Friday morning's meeting, Union County Board of Commissioners chairperson Bobby Toler Jr. voiced appreciation to all of those who had been involved in a bicentennial celebration which was held Jan. 6.

Union County's bicentennial is being commemorated during 2018. A kick off celebration was held at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Union County Clerk Terry Bartruff reported that his office collected a total of \$163,315 in fees during 2017.

Several county officials voiced appreciation for the work that chief information officer Rollie Hawk has done. Hawk left the post

The driver of the Chrysler was identified as Karla R. Reichert. She sustained severe injuries and was transported to an out-of-state hospital.

State police reported that a 9-month-old male who was a passenger in the Kia was restrained in a child seat. The driver and other passengers in the vehicle were not utilizing a seatbelt or child seat.

All lanes of Route 45 were closed for approximately 3 1/2 hours while the crash was investigated and the scene was cleaned up. An investigation continues.

for a new job, which begins this week.

He was in attendance at Friday morning's county board meeting.

County administrator Angela Coke noted that Friday was Hawk's "last official day" as chief information officer.

"I greatly appreciate all of your hard work," Coke told Hawk. "You will be missed."

County clerk Bartruff noted that Hawk regularly worked many extra hours. Commissioner Max Miller said that Hawk often did a lot of behind the scenes work and offered services which the public may not have seen.

Commissioner Danny Hartline said that the county needs to consider how the work which has been done by the chief information officer will be handled. Formal action has not been taken on filling the post.

Hawk said he will continue to help the county on a part-time basis as needed.

Circuit clerk Tiffany Busby voiced concerns about possible security issues related to work which might be done at home. Further discussion related to updating county policies will be considered.

The commissioners discussed ongoing concerns related to delays in the completion of audits for the county and the circuit clerk's office. Legal action may be pending.

A-J Wildcat wrestling team competes at three recent matches

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School wrestler Arieh Hart had his first loss of the year in a 5-3 decision to Carbondale's Kolbi Caffey at the 57th annual Murdale Wrestling Tournament at Carbondale Saturday, Jan. 6.

"I thought we had the take down to tie and go on to overtime, but the official did not see it that way," A-J wrestling Coach Eric Massey said. "It was a great match."

Hart, who is 24-1 overall, came back to defeat Chatham Glenwood's Garrick Walker in a 7-6 decision for third place.

Hart is ranked No. 1

in state Class 1A in the 152-pound weight class, while Caffey is ranked No. 5 in Class 2A. All four semifinalists at 152 were state ranked at the top in 1A and 2A.

Hart is ranked as the No. 4 wrestler in the Illinois Matmen High School Power Rankings, which includes three classes: 1A, 2A and 3A.

Other finishers for A-J were Amiyah Hart, 7th place; Jay Tellor, 14th; Clayton Ramage, 6th; Drake Roach, 12th; Justice Kostal, 18th; and Garrett Fabec, 4th.

A-J finished 17th out of 24 teams at Murdale. The

Wildcats competed with only seven wrestlers, with one wrestler lost to injury and another out battling the stomach flu.

On Jan. 9, host A-J defeated Herrin, 48-27, and West Frankfort, 48-33. It was Senior Night and all three Wildcat seniors were honored, including Hart, Taylor Hoekstra and Jay Tellor.

On Saturday, Dec. 30, A-J competed at the Carterville Duals. The Wildcats lost to Marion 51-30, but came back to post wins over Effingham 61-18, Fairfield 46-36 and Centuria 63-19.

A-J, 10-6 in dual meets, is scheduled to compete again on Tuesday, Jan. 23, at Sparta.

Wildcats open 2018 with pair of victories

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' basketball team has opened the new year with a pair of wins in Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division action.

"We've got two good wins since the New Year," A-J coach Mike Chamness said. "The second wasn't pretty, but we'll take it."

The Wildcats opened 2018 with a 60-58 win over Du Quoin on Friday, Jan. 5, and posted a 46-42 win over host Sparta Friday, Jan. 12.

In the Sparta win, the host Bulldogs were ahead 16-10 after one quarter.

"We came out flat," Chamness said.

"We had no sense of urgency. But we made enough plays down the stretch for the win."

The Wildcats fought back to pull ahead 27-21 at the half and were holding on 39-36 after three peri-

ods. Jake Parr had 16 points and 9 rebounds to lead A-J.

Logan Sawyer added 14 points and 3 rebounds. Blake Pena had 6 points and 6 rebounds. Sheldon McGrath had 5 points and 2 rebounds. Tyler Smith had 2 points and a rebound. Carson Reynolds had 2 points. Jacob Zimmerman and Noah McFarland each had a rebound.

A-J was 15 of 31 in shot attempts from the floor, 3 of 8 from 3-point range and 7 of 13 from the free throw line.

Sparta was 15 of 27 in shot attempts from the floor, 3 of 17 from 3-point range and 3 of 4 from the charity stripe.

A-J, 13-4 overall and 3-2 in the conference, plays this week at the West Frankfort Mid-Winter Classic.

"This is a big week for us," Chamness said.

"We have to be ready to play."

A-J girl's basketball team posts pair of wins

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

A-J 58, Goreville 52: Trailing early, the Lady Wildcats came back for the win in the first-round at the Eldorado Winter Classic Saturday, Jan. 13.

Angel Helm led the way with 20 points, 7 rebounds and a steal. Connor Hadley had 11 points, 7 rebounds and 2 assists. Sydney Heath had 9 points, 7 rebounds, 4 assists and a steal.

Jasmin Foster had 8 points, 3 rebounds and a steal. Lexi Smith had 5 points, a rebound and an assist. Hunter Denny had 3 points, 2 rebounds and a steal. Jaley Watkins had 2 points and a rebound.

Cobden girls' basketball wins twice, improves to 11-3

The Cobden High School girls' basketball team won a pair of games in recent action.

Cobden 56, Shawnee 28: The host Appleknockers built a commanding 19-3 first quarter lead on their way to the South Egyptian Conference win Thursday, Jan. 11.

Meredith Flamm scored 20 points to lead Cobden. Brooke Bailey added 19 points, Jenna Hartline 8, Lauren Sweitzer 5 and Alaina Hartline and Emily White 2 apiece.

Laycee Presutti and Hannah Sicking had 9 points apiece

The Lady Wildcats had 12 turnovers to the Blackcats' 15.

A-J 37, Herrin 33: Heath scored 13 points to lead the host Lady Wildcats to the win Thursday, Jan. 11.

Heath added 8 rebounds, 4 assists and a steal. Helm had 12 points, 10 rebounds and 2 steals. Hadley had 4 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists and a steal. Denny had 3 points and a rebound. Smith and Watkins had 2 points apiece and Foster had a point, 3 assists and a steal.

A-J improved to 8-12 and continues play this week at the Eldorado Tournament. The Lady Wildcats are scheduled to play Thursday, today, against Vienna.

A-J boys' bowling team stays unbeaten

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' varsity bowling team defeated Herrin in recent competition.

A-J won the match by a score of 2,715-2,699 and improved to 10-0 on the season.

High scores for A-J were recorded by Jonathan Parnly with 214, Tyler Sutton with 207 and Aden Hopkins with 211.

The A-J girls' varsity team was defeated in its match with Herrin.

The score was 2,626-2,375. The A-J girls fell to 6-3 on the season.

High scores for A-J were recorded by TeeJay Hileman with 199 and Avery Page with 188.

Thompsonville tops Shawnee

Shawnee fell behind early in a 73-45 loss to host Thompsonville in non-conference high school boys' basketball Wednesday, Jan. 10.

Trenton Matlock scored 20 points to lead Shawnee. Austin Warren added 14 points, Nicholas Rose 5 and Kannen Wills and Dawson Johnson 3 apiece.

Cobden man sentenced on meth charge

Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds reported Jan. 11 that Marin F. Amesquita, 38, of Cobden, has been sentenced to three years in the Illinois Department of Corrections to one count of unlawful delivery of methamphetamine, which is a Class 2 felony.

Amesquita also will serve a two-year period of mandatory supervised release.

Amesquita was arrested in October 2017 following an investigation by the Illinois State Police Southern Illinois Drug Task Force.

Amesquita was also sentenced to a concurrent three-year term in the Illinois Department of Corrections after admitting to a petition for revocation of probation for the original offense of unlawful restraint, which is a Class 4 felony.

Amesquita was arrested in March 2016 following an investigation by the Cobden Police Department.

Amesquita was placed on probation in April 2016. Probation was revoked, based upon the new offense.

Obituaries

James Richard Stout Sr.

James Richard Stout Sr., of Springfield, died on Jan. 13, 2018, at his home after a long battle with corticobasal degeneration.

He was born on May 10, 1957, in Cairo, the son of Ray and Rose Karcher Stout.

He graduated from Camelot High School in Cairo and received both bachelor's and master's degrees from Murray State University in Murray, Ky.,

where he was an active member of Sigma Pi Fraternity.

He married Marsha Pitman in 1992. She survives. They have two sons, Christian and Burke of Springfield.

He worked for the Illinois state treasurer's office for 30 years, retiring in 2012. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan. He was a regular blood donor before his illness and truly believed in its importance. He loved fishing, always had an outdoor fish and plant pond and could be found bringing home turtles, frogs, birds and other animals for "the boys." He was a great gardener and there wasn't anything that he couldn't build or fix with his hands.

He was a member of Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church, serving on many committees and helping to start the Douglas men's breakfast group. He went on several youth mission trips to guide the youth and help to build or repair needs in other communities. His family said he had a wonderful smile and an infectious laugh that will be remembered and treasured by those who loved him.

He is also survived by his son, James Richard (Rick) Jr. of Springfield, Mo.; two grandchildren; his brother, Mike (Vickie) of Springfield; sisters Eleanor (Bob) Cocke of Palm Bay, Fla., and Linda (Jackie) Logsdon of Calvert City, Ky.; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by a brother Edward.

Bisch Funeral Home West in Springfield is in charge of arrangements. Services will be at Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, with the Rev. Julia Melgreen officiating.

Visitation will be at the church from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, and again one hour prior to the service on Saturday.

Memorials can be made to the Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church youth mission fund. Tributes and condolences can be left online at www.bischfuneralhomewest.com.

Louise Westbrooks

Louise Westbrooks, 87, of Anna, died at 12:25 a.m. Friday, Jan. 12, 2018, at Union County Hospital Long Term Care in Anna.

She was born on June 17, 1930, in Anna, the daughter of Hugh S. and Barbara Laura Ann Stegle Treece.

She married Francis Marion Westbrooks Jr. on Nov. 29, 1947, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Cobden.

She is survived by her husband of 70 years, Francis Westbrooks of Anna; two sons, Hugh M. (Elaine) Westbrooks of Greenville and Mark (Mara) Westbrooks of Eldorado; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a former daughter-in-law, Mary Ann (Bill) Bowen of Jonesboro; many nieces and nephews, and a special thank you to Lydia (Jeff) Williams; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Stephen Westbrooks; a granddaughter, Elizabeth Westbrooks; and a sister, Margaret Ann Treece.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Anna for many years. Her life was always her children. She always enjoyed working on the family farm.

Funeral Mass for Louise Westbrooks will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Anna, with Father Federico Higuera officiating. Interment will be in the Casper Cemetery near Anna.

Friends can call after 9 a.m. and until the service hour at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Anna. Memorials can be made to the church.

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

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

Carolyn Sue Basse

Carolyn Basse, 74, of Jonesboro, died Monday, Jan. 15, 2018, at her home.

She was born on Oct. 9, 1942, in Cobden, the daughter of Marion Edward and Minnie Melba Hicks Sweitzer.

She married James A. Basse on Dec. 2, 1966, in Cobden. He preceded her in death on June 5, 2016.

She is survived by her two daughters, Julie (Don) Hamilton of Ava and Christy Basse of Jonesboro; a son, Jeff Basse of Jonesboro; two granddaughters, Kelly and Kayla Hamilton; three sisters, Fran Holly of Cobden, Shirley Razick of Sarasota, Fla., and Tootie (Wilbur) Steinheimer of New Athens; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one sister, Bobbie Womack; and one brother, Larry Sweitzer.

She was an avid bingo enthusiast. She enjoyed going to play bingo with her girlfriends. She dearly loved spending time with her granddaughters.

Private services will be held by her family. Interment will be in the Jonesboro Cemetery.

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

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

Rebecca Dawn Johnson

Rebecca Dawn Johnson, 52, of Cobden, died at 6 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

She was born on Aug. 2, 1965, in Lincoln, Neb., the daughter of Raymond DeWayne and LaVada Louise Pearson Baggott.

She married Roy Scott Johnson on May 29, 2006, in Paducah.

She is survived by her husband, Roy Scott Johnson of Cobden; her father, Raymond D. (Diane) Baggott of Du Quoin; a brother, Ray L. (Lori) Baggott of Du Quoin, a sister, Regina (Roy) Beers of Hurst; a step-sister, Bethany (Josh) Edwards of Springfield; her father and mother-in-law, Roy (Elaine) Johnson of Cobden; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother, LaVada Louise Baggott; a brother, Robby Baggott; and a step-daughter, Bethany Johnson.

She was a member of the Oak Grove Baptist Church. She worked as a pediatric RN at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau and Memorial Hospital in Carbondale, and was very passionate about her career.

Funeral services for Rebecca Dawn Johnson will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden, with Pastor Raymond Baggott and Larry Pearson officiating. Interment will be in Kelly Cemetery.

Friends can call after 10 a.m. and until the service hour at 11 a.m. Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden. Memorials can be made to the funeral home.

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

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



Irene Franklin

Irene Franklin, 85, of Olive Branch, died at 10:20 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018, at the Lutheran Home in Cape Girardeau.

She was born on Jan. 20, 1932, in Olive Branch, the daughter of Barney S. and Hannah Elizabeth Hill Henderson.

She married Earl Franklin on May 2, 1953. He preceded her in death on July 15, 1999.

She retired as a cook after many years of working for St. Mary's Hospital in Cairo, Glen's Restaurant and Emerson School. She was a member of the Trinity Assembly of God Church in Olive Branch.

She is survived by her children, Linda Frank, Brenda Kay Pearl, Edward Eugene Pearl, Deborah Sue Upshaw, Don Earl Franklin, Daniel Lynn Franklin and Kathy Irene Franklin; 17 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Bernice McRaven; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, Colten Pearl; two brothers, Don Henderson, Ted Henderson; and three sisters, Ludene Henderson, Daisy Kelly and Angeline Boes.

Funeral services for Irene Franklin were at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at Trinity Assembly of God Church in Olive Branch with the Rev. Stephen Clardy and the Rev. Bill Freeman officiating. Interment was in Olive Branch Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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

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



Carolyn Ferguson

Carolyn Ferguson, 72, of Dongola, died at 3:46 a.m. Monday, Jan. 15, 2018, at her home.

She was born on June 23, 1945, in Jonesboro, the daughter of Guy and Ina Foster Elkins.

She married Carl E. Ferguson on Sept. 7, 1965, in Anna.

She is survived by her son, Christopher (Debbie) Ferguson of West Chester, Ohio; two daughters, Cathy (Jack) Kennedy and Cindy (Edwin) Rushing, all of Dongola; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two brothers, Freddie Elkins of New York and Darrell (Linda) Elkins of Elgin; a twin sister, Marilyn Jones of Dongola; a sister-in-law, Jan Elkins of Elgin; many other family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Carl E. Ferguson; and two brothers, Frank and Larry Elkins.

She had a strong Christian faith. She enjoyed reading and studying the Bible. She enjoyed bird watching and would spend many hours caring for her family members.

Funeral services for Carolyn Ferguson will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with the Rev. Paul Sadler officiating. Interment will be in the Dongola American Legion Cemetery.

Friends can call after noon and until the service hour at 2 p.m. Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro.

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



Jeffrey W. 'Jeff' Boyd

Jeff Boyd, 64, of Auburn, Neb., died Monday, Jan. 15, 2018, at his home.

He was born on May 8, 1953, the son of Joe and Katherine Boyd.

He is survived by his wife, Trena Boyd of Auburn, Neb.; his parents, Joe and Katherine Boyd of Anna; daughters Kimberly Boyd of Coralville, Iowa, and Sheryl (Tim) Thiele of Henderson, Nev.; a son, Andrew Boyd of Eureka; granddaughter Lillian Thiele; sister Jenifer (Dwayne) Fields of Carterville; mother-in-law Norma Jean Conant of Anna; brother Jerry (Cathy) Dillow of Jonesboro; other relatives and many friends.

A Celebration of Life visitation will be Thursday, today, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Hemmingsen Funeral Home in Auburn. Family members will be present throughout the day to reminisce and listen to stories about Jeff when offered.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 22, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro. Interment will be in the Anna Cemetery.

Friends can call from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro.

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

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

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"The Preaching Pen" Preparations

As I write this, it's snowing outside, and our area experienced freezing rain & sleet last Friday. I was in town Thursday, and Sunday afternoon, and couldn't help but notice how much effort people put in to being prepared for it. I saw people buying salt, groceries, and other items that would help them to deal with the coming weather.

In reflecting on that, I find it curious that people will go to great lengths to be ready for a temporary hardship like winter weather, but demonstrate little or no interest or planning where their souls are concerned. What about you - have you prepared your soul for eternity?

The Bible says in II Cor. 5:10, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." You know, it's one thing to be seated in your doctor's examination room, but quite another thing for him to x-ray you. The judgment will be like that x-ray - it will reveal our lives of service for Christ in perfect detail exactly as they have been. The Lord will not only evaluate us on the amount of our service, but will also evaluate its quality, and even the very motives that prompted it will be under consideration.

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R.W. McAlister, Minister
Anna church of Christ

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for the kindness shown to us
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*Green be the turf above thee,
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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

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The Judgment amount is \$64,646.86.

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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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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 CENTER-LINE, 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 THE NORTHEAST 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 CENTER-LINE 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.

Tiffany Busby
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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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
4-6gc

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/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mort-

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

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

AMENDED NOTICE

The Commissioners of the Preston Levee and Drainage District have filed in my office on November 22, 2017, their Annual Report showing the amount of monies collected by the District since the last report and the manner in which the funds have been expended.

Any owner of land within the District may file an objection to the report with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952, on or before January 29, 2018.

If any objections are filed within the time prescribed, the Court shall set a hearing at a time not later than four (4) weeks after the date of the filing of the report. If no objection to the report is filed, the Court may approve the report without a hearing.
Dated this 8th day of January, 2018.

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

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

BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, Plaintiff(s),

vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS OF NEDA P. JACKSON, SHAWNEE VALLEY UTILITIES, TERRY J. JACKSON, DORIS QUICK, BOBBY JACKSON AND ADAM LAWLER AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, UNKNOWN TENANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s).
17 CH 28

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF NEDA P. JACKSON, NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN TENANTS and UNKNOWN OWNERS, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Union County, Chancery Division, by the said Plaintiff, against you and other Defendants, praying for foreclosure of a certain Real Estate Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

A PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH EAST QUARTER (SE 1/4) OF THE NORTH WEST QUARTER (NW 1/4) OF SECTION TWENTY-FIVE (25), TOWNSHIP TWELVE (12) SOUTH, RANGE THREE (3), WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, WHICH IS 355 FEET EAST OF THE NORTH-WEST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF SAID QUARTER QUARTER 60 FEET; THENCE EAST PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER QUARTER TO THE LAND OF FRANK ELLIS; THENCE NORTH TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER QUARTER; THENCE WEST ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER QUARTER TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALSO DESIGNATED ON A CERTAIN PLAT KNOWN AS PETER FOLLIS ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF WARE, AS LOT NUMBERED 25, AND RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN PLAT RECORD 3, ON PAGE 37, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.
Tax Number: 14-00-11-547 commonly known as 45 FOLLIS DR JONESBORO IL 62952; and which said Real Estate

Mortgage was made by NEDA P. JACKSON, and recorded in the Office of the Union County Recorder as Document Number 2164 Book 266 at Page 184-189; that Summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending.

Now, therefore, unless you, the said named Defendant, file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Circuit Court of Union County, located at 309 WEST MARKET STREET, JONESBORO, IL 62952, on or before the February 20, 2018, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

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

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

AMENDED NOTICE

The Commissioners of the Clear Creek Levee and Drainage District have filed in my office on November 22, 2017, their Annual Report showing the amount of monies collected by the District since the last report and the manner in which the funds have been expended.

Any owner of land within the District may file an objection to the report with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952, on or before January 29, 2018.

If any objections are filed within the time prescribed, the Court shall set a hearing at a time not later than four (4) weeks after the date of the filing of the report. If no objection to the report is filed, the Court may approve the report without a hearing.
Dated this 8th day of January, 2018.

TIFFANY BUSBY
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Coats donated

Union County Democrats are helping to keep people warm during the cold of winter. Democrats made donations to help support an ongoing coat drive and giveaway sponsored by Union County Counseling Service in Anna. The goal was to raise at least one coat for each of the county's 20 precincts. Coats were presented to the counseling service Monday night, Jan. 8, during a Union County Democrat Party meeting at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna. Elected officials, candidates and precinct committee persons were in attendance. The coats were accepted by Danuta Del Rio, who is the executive director of the counseling service, and Emmy Carter, a community support specialist and case manager with the counseling service. "We really appreciate your generosity," Del Rio told the Democrats.

Public Record

from the files at the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro

Realty Transactions

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

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Joseph B. Colyott. Grantee: Ronald W. Lawrence. Tract Section 24 Township 11S Range 1E. Name: Wildemess Trail Acres Sub., Block 1, Lots 16, 17, 18, 19, 56, 57.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Melissa Pind, William E. Pind. Grantee: Melissa J. Keck, William S. Keck. Tract Section 28 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Mary Diane Pearl. Grantee: James Hines. Name: E.R. Leonards 1st Add. of Anna, Lot 11.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Kristen Cameron. Grantee: Michael G. Claunch. Name: William Menees Add. of Anna, Lot 12.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Donald E. Duty. Grantee: Donald E. Duty, Sarah Lea. Tract Section 10 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor:

LMN Holdings LLC. Grantee: Sandra Zamora Martinez, Pastor Zamora. Name: Maplehurst Add. of Anna, Block 4, Lots 14, 17.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Kevin C. McMillen, Zoe A. McMillen. Grantee: Jesse Mann, Laura Mann. Tract Section 22 Township 11S Range 1E.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Lisa Policandriotes. Grantee: David Callender. Name: Robert L. Randleman's 1st Add. of Cobden, Block A, Lot 1.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Teena Bingaman, Teena White. Grantee: Richard B. White, Teena White. Tract Section 28 Township 12S Range 1W.

Traffic Citations

The following people were cited for speeding and were assessed \$120 in fines and court costs as recorded at the Union County circuit clerk's office in Jonesboro:

Amanda R. Adams, West Frankfort. Dominic A. Rota, Nashville, Tenn. Gillian M. Gapski, Crestwood. Ryan K. Maclin, Carbondale. Juan

Villanueva-Vazques, Carbondale.

Fritzugh L. Williams, Cordova, Tenn. Carolyn Sue Cross, Jonesboro. Amanda Nicole Riston, Watseka. Jair D. Luna, Hometown, Ill. Timothy B. McGowan, Carterville.

Keven M. Pangus, Carbondale. Steven M. Taylor, Cape Girardeau. Donna Kaye Givens, Jackson, Mo. Shada Marquisha Washam, Cairo. Jacqueline Sanders, Chicago. Daryl Wayne Turner, Anna.

Roman Alejandro Hernandez Saucedo, Middleton, Tenn. Velma Rochelle Patton, Kalamazoo, Mich. Christopher A. Hughes, Indianapolis, Ind. Noah J. Gartman, Cape Girardeau. Cody R. Hand, Jonesboro.

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

Diana Leigh Fuller-Moutell, Anna, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140. Jason D. Brethold, Anna,

seat belt required/driver, \$60.

William Montrel Brown, Fayetteville, N.C., seat belt required/driver, \$60. Asia Christlyn Wade, Mound City, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200; child restraint violation, \$65.

Robert L. Crader, Benton, seat belt required/driver, \$60. James Alan Wasitis, Anna, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Jeffrey Scott Goddard, Cobden, fail to reduce speed, \$120. Gustavo Garcia, Chicago, no fee paid/over registration weight, \$203.

Mark Wade Hill, Wolf Lake, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Christina Lynne Smith, Jonesboro, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200; operate motor vehicle/registration/suspended, \$120; seat belt required/driver, \$60.

David Allen Brown, Royalton, electronic communication device, \$120; Kayla Jo Riedle, Anna, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140.

Rachale R. Smith, Cobden, cancelled/revoked/suspended registration, \$120; operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200. Dwain D. Forby, Makanda, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200.

Marriage Licenses

The county clerk's office issued a marriage license to: Kristina Ann King, 28, of Tamaroa, and Mandi Lynn Bryant, 36, of Tamaroa.

Court approves distribution of more than \$190 million for fixed prices on LCD screens

Illinois consumers will soon begin receiving payments from an approximately \$190 million settlement with manufacturers of liquid crystal display, LCD, manufacturers.

The payments are part of settlements the Illinois attorney general's office has reached over the last several years with manufacturers of LCD monitors installed in electronic devices including TVs, notebook computers, cell phones and MP3 players.

A lawsuit filed by Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan alleged the companies illegally fixed prices for LCD screens used in electronic devices, causing consumers who purchased devices between 1998 and 2006 to pay significantly more than if the prices had been set through normal competition.

Madigan said the Circuit Court of Cook County has approved the distribution of more than \$190 million in settlement payments to Illinois residents who filed claims on

or before Oct. 6, 2016.

Illinois residents, businesses and government entities such as counties, municipalities and schools submitted approximately 18,500 valid claims for a total of nearly 5 million LCD products purchased during the relevant time period.

Based on the number of claims which were filed, Madigan said that Illinois consumers and businesses should expect to recover approximately \$67 for a television, \$51 for a monitor, \$41 for a notebook computer and \$5 for a mobile phone or other small device. Each claimant will receive a minimum of \$20.

The settlement checks are scheduled to be issued during the first quarter of 2018.

The checks will expire 90 days after issuance, so individuals and businesses that receive checks should cash them promptly, Madigan advised.

Those who have questions about a claim they filed can contact the claims administrator, A.B. Data, by

phone at 1-800-949-0146 or by email at info@illinois-lcdsettlement.com.

Additional information about the settlements can be found at www.illinois-lcdsettlement.com.

Delwood Project

tour scheduled

The U.S. Forest Service/Shawnee National Forest plans to sponsor a tour of the Delwood Project, which is located south of Harrisburg. The tour is planned from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 20.

Those who go on the tour will have an opportunity to learn about the glades and upland forest communities on the 232-acre project.

The Forest Service advised that those who want to go on the tour can meet on the south side of the road at the Pleasant Ridge Church cemetery. The cemetery is located 1 mile west of Delwood, along Burden Falls Road.

Student, teacher honored

Michael Bigler, the owner of the Goosehead Insurance agency in Anna, has honored an Anna Junior High School student athlete and teacher of the month for the month for December. Photos provided.



Ana Markovic, who is in the 8th grade, was honored as the student athlete of the month. She was presented with a \$50 gift card from Dick's Sporting Goods.



Carrie Gaddis was honored as the teacher of the month. She was presented with a \$50 gift card from Blue Boar.

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Section B



Jonesboro street on Friday morning

East Heacock Street in Jonesboro was covered with a layer of frozen precipitation on Friday morning, Jan. 12. Such scenes were common throughout the Union County area last Friday morning. Sleet and snow fell late Thursday night and was continuing on Friday morning.

AP pilot program designed to help rural high school students

A new pilot program has been unveiled that is designed to give students at rural high schools in Illinois access to online Advanced Placement, AP, classes to better prepare them for college.

The program was unveiled by Lt. Gov. Evelyn Sanguinetti.

A new initiative of the Governor's Rural Affairs Council, GRAC, that Sanguinetti chairs, the AP pilot program kicked off with classes for 75 students at 10 high schools in rural areas across the state.

Sanguinetti held news conferences at Altamont High School in Altamont and Central A&M High School in Moweaqua on Jan. 11 to announce the program.

"AP classes help prepare students for college and can even make college more affordable, but unfortunately access to AP classes is extremely limited in rural areas," Sanguinetti said in a news release.

"This pilot program will test the feasibility of expanding AP classes through distance education so that students in rural Illinois will get the same opportunities to learn as their counterparts in the urban areas of our state."

Participating schools in the pilot program include: Kankakee High School, Altamont High School, Knoxville High School, Illini Central High School, Tri-Point High School, Pope County High School, Orangeville High School,

Quincy High School, Central A&M High School and Georgetown-Ridge Farm High School.

"Concern exists that small rural schools have greater difficulty preparing students with the skills necessary for successful college careers because of the lack of AP or specialized coursework," said Dr. Bobbi Mattingly, superintendent of Regional Office of Education No. 11.

"Distance education has the potential to provide more choices which in turn better prepares rural youth to attend college."

The pilot program was created in partnership with Illinois Virtual Schools, the Regional Office of Education Association, the Col-

lege Board, the Association of Illinois Rural and Small Schools and the Illinois State Board of Education.

Students in both the experimental groups (students taking the AP course through IVS) and control groups (students taking the AP course in a traditional, face-to-face setting at their primary school) were randomly selected into sample sizes of four students each.

The students will be pre- and post-tested and their scores will be measured

and compared by virtual vs. traditional class.

Association of Illinois Rural and Small Schools, AIRSS, executive director David Ardrey said the association "is excited to support the new Advanced Placement/Illinois Virtual School Pilot project."

"This new initiative will support one of the association's primary goals, to provide access to quality educational programming to our Illinois rural and small schools."

Wine trail offers passport program during winter months

January marks the official start of the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail Winter Passport Program.

The program promotes visits to the area's wineries, along with discounts on wine, merchandise, food and more.

Shawnee Hills Wine Trail executive director Brandy Nance said that "winter is a great time to enjoy the slower, quieter side of Illinois wine country."

Those who purchase a winery passport will receive discounts at each of the trail's member wineries and a chance to win prizes along the trail. Several of the wineries are located in Union County.

Those who visit each of the member wineries will receive a Shawnee Hills Wine Trail corkscrew.

A passport can be purchased for \$15 from any of the 11 member wineries. Visitors bring their passport to each winery and has it stamped during the visit.

Once a passport has been stamped/completed, it can be left at the last winery that is visited.

The passport acts as a ticket for entry into a drawing for prizes along the trail.

Completed passports must be turned in by Feb. 28 to be eligible for prize drawings. Prizes will be announced on March 11.

Girl Scout cookie program kicks off Jan. 6

Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois, GSSI, planned to kick off their annual cookie program on Jan. 6.

Each year, nearly 1 million Girl Scouts participate in the cookie program, which generates nearly \$800 million in sales nationwide during the average season.

All of the net revenue raised, 100 percent of it, stays within the regional council area.

This year, girls will sell cookies door-to-door and at booth sales, as well as through the Digital Cookie platform, a web-based platform that helps girls run and manage their Girl Scout Cookie businesses online.

Cookie Booths, where Girl Scouts set up shop in front of area establishments, are scheduled to be popping up all over Southern Illinois.

Cookie Booths were slated to debut Jan. 5-7. Upcoming dates for the booths include Feb. 23-25, March 2-4 and March 9-11.

GSSI also plans to celebrate the next century of female entrepreneurs during National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend 2018, which is scheduled Feb. 23-25.

Students earn Southeast scholarships

Three students from Union County have been awarded scholarships to attend Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau for the 2018-2019 academic year.

Clair Boget of Anna has received a Regents' Scholarship.

Boget is the daughter of John and Lisa Boget of Anna. She will be a 2018 graduate of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

Justyn Harvel of Jonesboro has received the Midwest Achievement Award.

Harvel is the son of Jeff and Leslie Harvel of Jonesboro. He will be a 2018 graduate of A-JCHS.

Britni Helton of Jonesboro has received the University Scholarship and Midwest Achievement Award.

Helton is the daughter of Dennis Jr. and Lori Helton of Jonesboro. She will be a 2018 graduate of A-JCHS.

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Legislative candidate receives endorsement



Candidate endorsed
Local teacher and activist Marsha Griffin has been endorsed in her race for state representative by longtime labor and community leader in Southern Illinois, Ed Smith. Photo provided.

Longtime Southern Illinois labor leader Ed Smith is endorsing teacher and community activist Marsha Griffin of Jonesboro for state representative. Smith's endorsement was announced Jan. 9.

"Today, I am announcing my support for Marsha Griffin for state representative in the 115th District," Smith said in a news release.

"It's an easy decision, as I have known Marsha and her family all my life. Marsha grew up in a labor family and understands the importance of workers' rights.

"She is a union member and officer in the Illinois Education Association, and her life's work is in teaching our most valuable asset, our children," Smith said. "I know Marsha will be a strong voice for Southern Illinois, its people and its economic promise. She has the judgment, knowledge, energy and compassion to truly represent us in Springfield."

Smith is the former current CEO of Ullico and president emeritus of Laborers Local 773.

He noted that Griffin comes from a family of labor leaders, including her father, Kenny Roach, who served as business

News from Anna Nazarene Church

The Sunday morning worship service was canceled due to the icy condition of the parking lot.

Pastor Jamie McBride and Tiffany opened the parsonage for breakfast at 9:30 a.m., followed by a short prayer and lesson for those who could attend.

The Sunday evening worship service was canceled.

Emily Wiseman celebrates a birthday on Jan. 20.

The church family is invited to Kaylee Smith's 3rd birthday Jan. 20, from noon until 2 p.m., in the fellowship hall. No gifts are requested.

Communion and a children's church Grinch Party are planned Jan. 21.

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.

Greenville names honor students

Three students from Union County earned dean's list recognition during the fall semester at Greenville University in Greenville.

Students who were on the dean's list at the university included:

Sophomore Adeline Aspen of Cobden, sophomore Makynzie Peterman of Cobden and senior Natilyn Hepburn-Beaty of Jonesboro.

manager of Laborers Local 1330, and her uncle, Richard Reynolds, who was the business manager of the Southern & Central Illinois Laborers' District Council.

"It's an honor to have the endorsement of Ed, who has been a nationwide leader in the labor movement, and has been a longtime fighter for working families here in Southern Illinois," Griffin said.

"I've already talked with hundreds of people across the 115th District, and I'm hearing the same message, that they are ready for independent leadership who will stand up to the failed policies of Bruce Rauner. I'm ready to be that voice for working men and women and to fight for the values and ideals that we hold dear here in Southern Illinois."

Griffin is a lifelong resident of Southern Illinois. She lives in Jonesboro with her husband, Rich, and their son, Brandon.

The 115th Representative District includes Jefferson County and parts of Union, Jackson, Perry and Washington counties.

Farm Bureau foundation offers college scholarships

Agriculture students and Illinois Farm Bureau, IFB, members and their children are invited to apply for 76 college scholarships offered by the IAA Foundation. The foundation is the Illinois Farm Bureau's charitable arm.

The scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500 per year, will be awarded in total of \$144,800 for the

2018-2019 school year. Students can apply for a variety of scholarships, including three IAA Foundation Top Scholarships, where winners will each receive \$5,000 awards.

Another \$7,500 award goes to the Illinois Farm Bureau Legacy of Leadership scholarship winner.

In addition to family scholarships often estab-

lished to honor the memory of a loved one, the IAA Foundation offers scholarships on behalf of organizations such as Prairie Farms Dairy and the Illinois Soybean Association.

The foundation noted that applicants must be high school seniors accepted for enrollment, or students already enrolled at an accredited college, university or community college.

Scholarships are awarded for exceptional academic ability, leadership and financial need.

Previous winners of an IAA Foundation scholarship are eligible to apply again.

A full listing of avail-

able scholarships, eligibility guidelines, and application documents are available on the foundation's website, www.iaafoundation.org.

The deadline to submit completed applications is Feb. 1.

For more information about the scholarships, contact a local Farm Bureau, the IAA Foundation at 309-557-2230 or e-mail IAA Foundation program manager Jessie Denny at jdenny@ilfb.org.

The mission of the IAA Foundation is to fund education, research and charitable activities that benefit Illinois farm families and agriculture.

Regional human rights authority meeting planned

The Egyptian Regional Human Rights Authority of the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission plans to meet Thursday, Jan. 25, in Marion.

The meeting is set for 5 p.m. at Mackie's Pizza, which is located at 2705 Walton Way.

The authority will review and discuss complaints concerning allegations that the rights of persons with disabilities are being violated at private and public facilities that provide mental health or developmental disability services.

The human rights authority is a panel of nine citizen volunteers appointed by the commission.

The authority is empow-

ered by statute to investigate alleged violations of the rights of persons with disabilities.

The Human Rights Authority serves all counties throughout Illinois.

Case investigations are designed to ensure the rights of eligible children and adults who have a disability.

Cases tentatively set for the meeting's agenda include complaints involving alleged violations of the laws, regulations and other mandates that protect the rights of persons with disabilities.

For more information, contact the authority's regional coordinator at 833-4897.

News from

First Christian Church, Anna

"Battle for Your Heart" was the title of the sermon preached on Sunday, Jan. 14, by Senior Minister Dee Armes.

Scripture was from Proverbs, with the focus on "above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."

"Practical ways to build up defenses" were shared, including accountability, prayer, scripture meditation and practicing holy thinking.

Birthdays: Olivia DeVore, Jan. 18; Traci Hinkle and Kami Hinkle, Jan. 19.

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., including 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.

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Daily Devotional Reading

Mark 5:21-43	Mark 6:1-29	Mark 6:30-56	Mark 7:24-37	Mark 8:27-9:1	Mark 9:2-29	Mark 9:30-50
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SIU journalism graduate gives \$1.3 million gift to university

By Rebecca Renshaw
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Sometimes a simple act can have a far-reaching impact.

Tilden "Tim" Parks remembers well the day his father took him to his first Southern Illinois University Carbondale basketball game.

"I remember my dad bringing me to the SIU arena back when I was in eighth grade," he said. "From then on, I was hooked: on basketball, football and on SIU."

Now, this SIU fan and

1976 graduate is adding to his long-time support by donating an additional \$1.3 million to Southern Illinois University Carbondale to provide scholarships for future Salukis.

Parks' estate gift will be divided into three parts: \$515,000 for journalism, \$515,000 for SIU athletics and \$270,000 for Morris Library.

All of the funds will be designated for undergraduate student scholarships.

Parks' affinity for SIU

Athletics is evident in his attendance record for football and basketball games.

Parks officially started keeping track of his Saluki sports attendance in 1978, and he's proud to share that his unblemished attendance streak stands at 218 home football games and 540 men's home basketball games.

"Tim's extraordinary gift is matched only by his incredible loyalty to the Salukis," director of athletics Tommy Bell said. "His generosity will benefit

student-athletes for generations to come."

Parks earned a degree in journalism and worked in Morris Library as a student.

"At a time when the journalism profession is under stress, it is reassuring when an alum such as Tim Parks makes such a substantial gift to educate the next generation of journalists," said Kavita Karan, professor and interim director of the School of Journalism.

"I just wanted to give back to the profession from which we have received so much," Parks said.

"My experience as a student in the School of Journalism was a turning point in my life. Much of my joy has come thanks to what I learned and the

people while there."

Morris Library on the SIU campus holds a special place in Parks' heart, as well.

As an undergraduate, Parks loved getting lost in the stacks at Morris Library, discovering unexpected treasures and helping patrons find the exact book or magazine they were searching for.

"All of my life I have just wanted to help people," he said. "It's something I learned from my dad."

Library dean John Pollitz recalls that Parks worked on the third floor of the library as a student employee in the 1970s.

Parks worked for Pollitz's wife, Aracely Pollitz, who was the Morris Library

student supervisor at the time.

"Like many student workers, his experiences at Morris made a big impact on his life," Pollitz said.

"He recognizes that the student worker experience is so important - important in shaping positive experiences for the student and for the day-to-day operation of a successful library. This gift will continue that great tradition of helping students succeed."

The Tilden Parks Family Scholarship was made in conjunction with the Forever SIU fundraising campaign, to advance the university's goal of providing the best education possible to students of all disciplines.



Anti-bullying campaign

Shawnee Junior High School at Wolf Lake and Southern Seven Health Department's CATCH program partnered to begin a Do-Gooder-Anti-Bullying Campaign that began Dec. 1. Students are asked to do things throughout their day that go above and beyond what is asked of them. When a staff member witnesses the do gooder act, the student is awarded a coin. The winners for the month of December were 8th grader Lane Matlock and 6th grader Ethan Smith. The December winners are featured in the accompanying photographs with the Union County sponsor of the program, Amber Toler, and LaDonna Bachmann, who is a physical education instructor at the school. Photos provided.

Shawnee Elementary names honor students

Shawnee Elementary School at Wolf Lake announces students who made the honor roll for the second quarter of the 2017-2018 academic year. The honor students include:

First Grade
Gabriella Barnes, Gracelynn Bigham, Nolan Ellet, Spencer Griffin, Nolan Hubbs, Tristan Knupp, Isaiah McLane, Ahanna Moore, Jacob Pickel, Katie Randles, Riley Shelton,

Avery Sissom and Emma Wigley.

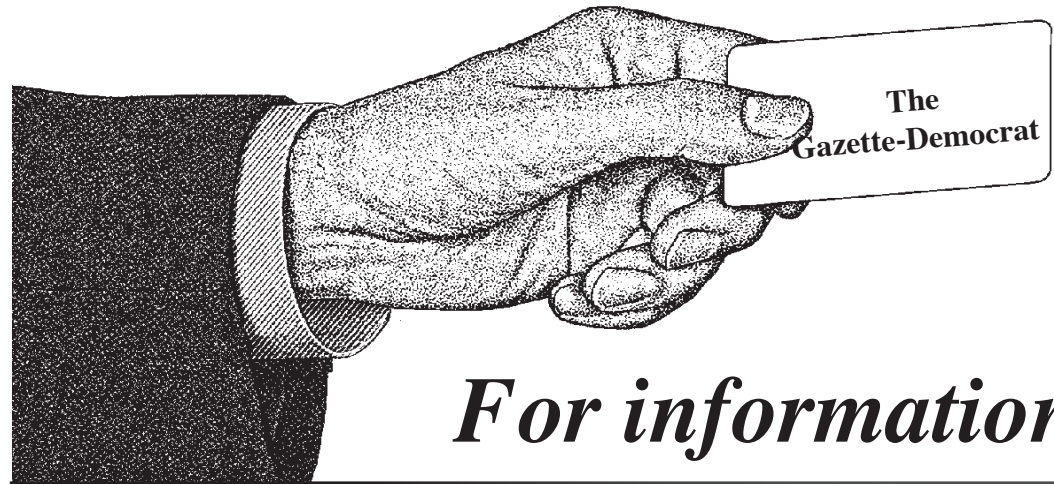
Second Grade
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Third Grade
Desi Boucher, Kolby Brown, Keaton Carmack,

Adyson Choate, Olivia Derossett, Brock Ellet, Akeylah Johnson, Malachi Johnson, Issac Sands and Madalyn Schuster.

Fourth Grade
Lily Ellet, Rayah Huffman, Braxton Owen, Cindy Price, Madelin Pulley, Daisy Taylor and Emma Young.

Fifth Grade
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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.

Snow, sleet, ice

What a surprise this week to have snow, sleet and ice. Several churches canceled Sunday services. Praying everyone stayed warm.

40th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Bonnie Dover and her brothers Mark, Matt and Jim planned a surprise anniversary party for their parents, Tony and Gail Hammer, at Bonnie's home.

They invited family and friends to come share in the special occasion.

Bonnie's parents have always been an inspiration to all of them. They have had their share of ups and downs, but through all the things life has thrown their way, they have remained committed and in love with each other.

They are very special people. They were very surprised and had a great time celebrating.

At the end of the evening everyone toasted them and wished them many more years together.

Bonnie said she credits their faith in God and their love for each other and family to their 40 years together.

Congratulations

Lakelyn Carter competed in gymnastics at SEMO Sunday. She took home two firsts and two seconds. She got first overall in her age group and her team, Ultimate Gymnastics of Carbondale, took home first place as a whole.

Lakelyn is in 6th grade at Anna Junior High School.

Farm Bureau Convention

Jason and Darla Ling were honored to see President Donald Trump on Monday, Jan. 8, at the Farm Bureau convention in Nashville, Tenn. It was held at the Opryland Hotel. His speech was also aired on RFD TV.

The last president to speak at the annual American Farm Bureau convention was President Bush in the 1990s.

This was the 99th year for the convention. They had a trade show and different speakers throughout the weekend. Reba McIntyre was there also.

They went with about eight other Union County Farm Bureau members. They all enjoyed it.

Guest

Guest of Barbara McNeely was her friend Janice Lewellyn from Florida, and formerly of Anna.

They enjoyed visiting Janice's sister Carol Gordon and playing cards.

They enjoyed meals at Sunshine Inn. They attended the Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies dinner.

80th Birthday

Carol Gordon celebrated her birthday Saturday, Jan. 13. Her brother Clarence Tweedy took her to eat at her favorite restaurant, the Diner in Vienna.

When she arrived, there was a large group of family members and friends waiting to surprise her for her party.

Guests

Alma Osterholm visited her sister and Elaine Shepherd in Cape Girardeau.

Elaine and Alma enjoyed shopping in the mall and eating out.

Thanks

A special thanks to Dorothy Mitchell, Wayne Brown and Donna and Robert Walton for giving me credit when they renewed their subscriptions to The Gazette-Democrat.

Public Program

Monday, Jan. 22, at 7 p.m., horticulturalist Sonja Lallemand will introduce ideas on designing landscape with perennials and native plants that nurture and feed bees, butterflies and frogs, and require minimal care.

The location is 216 E. Monroe St., the alley entrance, Carbondale. The program is free and open to the public.

A-JCHS Class of 1963

Can you believe this year will be our 55th class reunion?

If you would like to be on the planning committee, tell Donald Wayne Denny, David Parks, Nancy Young or call me, Martha Ann, and leave your name and phone number on my answering machine so I can pass on to the committee and we can contact you.

Any ideas or help will be appreciated. A time and

date for the first planning meeting will be coming soon.

Snow in Arkansas

Betty Caraker said their son Brian got 4 inches of snow at his farm in Arkansas Sunday.

Bob was going to take care of his farm animals when Brian was going to judge the junior show in Georgia, but it got canceled.

He judged the junior show there last year, and after judging, he brings the kids up and teaches them why he chooses the champion.

He teaches the children and their parents. He wants kids to truly understand how to breed birds and what judges look for. How to care for their project, and make it special to them.

Brian is a licensed poultry judge for Bantam poultry. Brian stays busy on his farm, judging and performing at Branson.

Florida Trip

Thomas and Rebecca Corbit and children Brinley, Natilyn, Easton, Ayla and Owen, enjoyed a trip to Florida and Disney World over Christmas vacation.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the A-JCHS Wildcat bowling team and the team's coaches Cary Quick and Micah Cross on qualifying third and advancing to sectionals.

Celebration 200 Years

Union County is celebrating its 200th birthday this year.

Duane Hileman at the celebration at the Union County Courthouse Saturday, Jan. 6, portrayed John Grammer and gave this speech.

"My thanks to you Governor Edwards and my fellow citizens of Johnson County and now of our own Union County.

"You elected me to serve as your representative in the Illinois territorial legislature at Kaskaskia six years ago, when Johnson County was formed, and to the senate two years ago.

"I have worked hard around here, working on a road from Elvira to the river and while out and about it became more and more clear to me that with all the folks coming from the south into this area in the last few years that we had enough people to form our own county and our own government.

"This is a great day, but

it will be a greater day when we have our own state. When that happens, I want to be your state senator, if you will have me.

"I have always said there are men more 'fitner' than me, but none will work harder, and if I don't understand something then I will, as I always have, vote no.

"And today, I am telling you that my wife, Julia, and I are willing to donate land for the county seat and to do so right away so that we can get a courthouse built and set up a town."

How many remember John Grammer from history? Did you remember almost everywhere he went he was barefoot?

Guest

Christine Miller's mother, Mildred Halterman, visited her from Norris City.

Easter

Did you know that Easter and April Fool's Day fall on the same day this year.

Audrey Davis told me in 1956 they both came on the same day. She remembers because she got engaged the night before.

On Easter Sunday, they went cave exploring but she was scared and waited for everyone to go in and come back out.

We won't have any trouble remembering when Easter is this year.

New Year's Eve

John and Amie Longmire attended the New Year's Eve party at The Old Feed Store in Cobden. They saw Sarah Lannom and Ivas John.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the A-JCHS wrestlers who competed at the Glenwood JV Invitational. They finished 8th out of 21 teams.

Reid Morrison took 1st place in the 195 pound category. Drake Roach placed 1st at 126. Chris Johnson placed 4th at 160. David Kester placed 6th at 113.

Birthdays

Jan. 2 Rev. Carl Johnston, Troy Wiseman, 3 Guiole Moreland, 5 Dale Johnson, Mason Musgrave, 8, John Foley, Austin Wilde, 9 Melba Nork, 11 Matthew Miller, Ethan Klett, 13 Janet Verble, Denise Pippins, 14 Allison Fowler 11 years old, 15 Dr. Jerry Goddard, 16 Tyler Zachary, 17 Randy Hindman, 28 Nick Nance, 31 Andrew Crain, Al Dammann.

Wedding Anniversaries

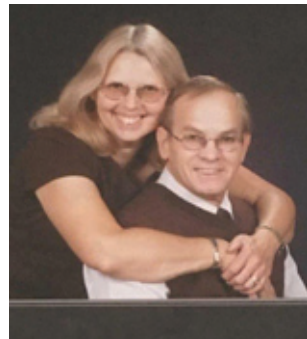
Jan. 10 Gene and Cindy Hammer 15 years, Jan. 13 Ralph and Diane Blaney



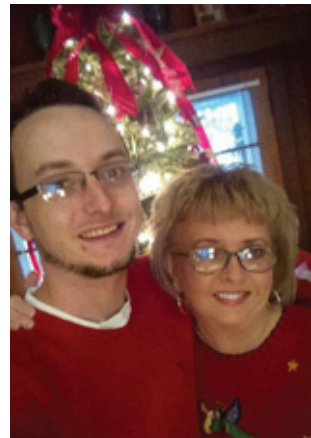
Jane Bauer and Martha Ann Webb from the Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club portrayed servants at the 200th birthday celebration of Union County at the Union County Courthouse Jan. 6. They served guests pound cake and apple cider.



Carol Gordon celebrated her 80th birthday Jan. 13 with a surprise party at her favorite restaurant, the Vienna Diner, with her son Kerry Wills, her brother Clarence Tweedy, family and friends.



Tony and Gail Hammer celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Jan. 13.



Matthew Meller, with his mother Valeria, celebrated his 23rd birthday Jan. 11.

50 years, Jan. 13 Tony and Gail Hammer 40 years, Jan. 14 Ed and Barb Livesay 62 years, Jan. 15 Gaylon and Clara Cates 58 years, Jan. 24 Rev. Carl and Debbie Johnston

Anna Star Chapter

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

United Methodist Church, Anna

Sunday morning services were canceled because of the ice.

Tuesday, Loaves and Fishes free dinner was canceled because of the bad weather.

On Thursday, Reset Church Service is at 6:30 p.m. for those who have to work on Sunday.

On Friday, Friendship and Sewing meets from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Free Community Dinners

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

Connect Point Church

Food pantry and out-

reach is planned Saturday at 10:30 a.m. If you need food, please let them know. The church is located across from the Anna Post Office.

Military Prayer List

Garrett Goines, Nick Harvel, Nona Elizabeth Luke, Lucas J. Strickland, William Nathaniel Frankell, Ethan Maze, Lukas W. Davis, Kiefer Stull, David Jorden Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, CJ Youngerman, Freddy Morse, Reagan Morrison, Josh Stevenson, Josh Williams, Faith Odum, 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.

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Rural Health Inc. plans to award scholarships

Rural Health Inc. is funding and administering eight health care scholarship opportunities.

A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior at each of the following high schools: Anna-Jonesboro, Cobden, Dongola, Goreville, Joppa, Massac County, Shawnee and Vienna.

Home-schooled students can call Rural Health Inc. in Anna at 833-3233 for an application packet.

pursue a career in health care.

Application packets are available from the guidance counselor at each of the high schools where scholarships will be awarded.

Home-schooled students can call Rural Health Inc. in Anna at 833-3233 for an application packet.

Rural Health Inc. noted that students who apply for scholarships must comply with the following deadlines:

March 14, 2018: return all application packet materials to the guidance counselor at their school/school district.

March 16, 2018: all application packets are due at Rural Health Inc. in Anna. Home-schooled students can return their application packet to Rural Health in Anna by

March 16.

Rural Health Inc. is a health care leader in the service areas of Union, Johnson and Massac counties and offers services in OB/GYN, medical, dental and psychiatry.

More information about the scholarship program is available by calling Rural Health at 833-3233.

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Anna Kiwanis Club induction dinner

The Anna Kiwanis Club recently hosted an induction dinner. The dinner was served at the Anna Kiwanis Club building at the Anna City Park. The dinner was a buffalo tro prepared by Scott Abernathy of Anna. New officers who were elected included Dr. Charles Halterman, vice president; Max Warren, secretary; Chuck Neal, treasurer; and Larry Swope, president. The club's board members include Pete Barger, Gene Hammer, Brad Donna, Harlan Coffman, George Warren, Jeff Ray and Lance Meisenheimer. The retiring president was Jeff Ray. The retiring secretary was Darren Bailey. Monty Fields and Marvin Teckenbrock, past lieutenant governors of Kiwanis from the Harrisburg Kiwanis Club, did the induction. Photo provided.

Television Listings

THURSDAY

JANUARY 18, 2018

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Wom. College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Brooklyn Brooklyn	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D Raven	"Violence" Tonight	"Away We Go" (09)	Shameless
7 PM :30	Grey's Anatomy (HD)	Big Bang Young	The Four: Battle for Stardom "Week Three"	Superstore Good Place		Brooklyn Brooklyn	Law & Order: SVU	Undercover Stuck Mid.	★★★ "The Fate of the Furious" Dom in crime.	"The Fugitive" (93) Doctor seeks killer. (HD)	"The Light Between Oceans" (16) Couple raises child.
8 PM :30	Scandal "Robin" (HD)	(01) Mom Pieces		Great News Chicago Fire (HD)	College Basketball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Brooklyn Brooklyn	Law & Order: SVU	Bizaard			
9 PM :30	How to Get (HD)	S.W.A.T. "K-Town"	Local Programs	Chicago Fire (HD)		Brooklyn Brooklyn	Damnation (HD)	BUNK'D	Crashing	(:15) "The Bodyguard" (92, Romance) Diva's protector.	The Chi "Alee" (HD)
10 PM :30	Local Jimmy Kimmel Live	Local (35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Local (35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Undercover Stuck Mid.	"Mechanic: Resurrection" The impossible.		Naked The Chi "Alee" (HD)
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Brooklyn Conan	Law & Order: SVU	Undercover Good Luck		"Blair" (R)	Shameless

THURSDAY

7:00pm
ABC Grey's Anatomy "Four Seasons in One Day" Jo finally faces her abusive, estranged husband; the hospital continues to cooperate with the FBI after a hacker compromises their computer system. TV14 (HD)

7:30pm
TBS Brooklyn Nine-Nine "Unsolvable" While taking the weekend off, Jake enlists the help of Terry as he works to crack a cold case that the precinct believes is impossible to be closed. TV14 (HD)

FRIDAY

JANUARY 19, 2018

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA Countdown (HD)	Brooklyn Brooklyn	Mod Family	Andi Mack	"Everything" Tonight	"State of Play" (09)	"Personal Shopper"
7 PM :30	Child Support	MacGyver (HD)	Hell's Kitchen (HD)	Blindspot (HD)	NBA Basketball Washington vs Detroit (Live) (HD)	"Knocked Up" Pregnancy brings mismatches together.	Mod Family	Andi Mack	(:15) "Going in Style" (17) Bank heist. (HD)	★★★★ "The Dark Knight" (08) Batman's new enemy. (HD)	"The Girl on the Train" Shocking mystery.
8 PM :30	SHIELD (HD)	Hawaii Five-0 (HD)	The X-Files "This"	Taken "Quarry" (HD)			Mod Family	Undercover			
9 PM :30	(:01) 20/20 (HD)	Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Dateline NBC (HD)	NBA Basketball New York Knicks at Utah Jazz (Live) (HD)	"50 First Dates" Memory loss.	Mod Family	Undercover	Real Time (HD)		(:57) The Chi "Alee"
10 PM :30	Local Jimmy Kimmel Live	Local (35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Local (35) Tonight (HD)		"One for the Money"	Mod Family	Andi Mack	High Maint	(:35) "Predator" (87) Alien hunts troops. (HD)	"The Hateful Eight" (15) Group's deception.
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night			Mod Family	Undercover Good Luck	Real Time (HD)		"Killing"

FRIDAY

7:00pm
HBO HBO First Look "The Greatest Showman" An early look at a musical drama about the emergence of a new industry is shown, and the process involved in production of the film is discussed. TVPG (HD)

8:00pm
ABC Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. "The Last Day" Coulson and the crew find out that an unexpected person from S.H.I.E.L.D.'s past may have what it takes to stop the destruction of Earth. TVPG (HD)

SATURDAY

JANUARY 20, 2018

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Basketball (Live) (HD)	Brooklyn Brooklyn	"Marvel's The Avengers" Superheroes unite against global threat.	Raven	"Role Models" (08)	(:10) Strike Back (HD)	The Chi "Pilot" (HD)
7 PM :30	NBA Count	To Be Announced	The Four: Battle for Stardom "Week Three"	Will Grace	College Basketball Florida vs Kentucky (Live)	Big Bang		"Descendants 2" (17) Life in Auradon. (HD)	★½ "Snatched" (17, Comedy) (HD)	★★★ "Speed" (94) Bomber rigs bus. (R) (HD)	The Chi "Alee" (HD)
8 PM :30	NBA Basketball Golden State vs Houston (Live) (HD)	To Be Announced	Dateline NBC (HD)	Superstore		Big Bang		Divorce			Showtime Championship Boxing "Spence vs Peterson"
9 PM :30		48 Hours	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live (HD)	College Basketball UCLA vs Oregon (Live)	Big Bang	Falling Water (HD)	Andi Mack	Crashing	"Murder by Numbers" (02) Cops hunt killers.	
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs Local information.	Hell's Kitchen (HD)	Local (:29) Saturday Night Live (HD)		Frontal	"Marvel's The Avengers" Mankind at risk.	Stuck Mid.	High Maint	(:05) ★½ "Snatched" (17, Comedy) (HD)	The Chi "Pilot" (HD)
11 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)		2 Broke "Matilda"		BUNK'D	Stuck Mid.	"About Steve" (09)	The Chi

SATURDAY

7:00pm
FOX The Four: Battle for Stardom "Week Three" Four recording artists stand before a panel of talented musicians as they compete for the chance to become iHeartRadio's "On the Verge" artist. TV14 (HD)

8:00pm
NBC Dateline NBC Investigative reports, breaking news stories, profiles of leading newsmakers and other features explore current events and topics of special interest. (HD)

SUNDAY

JANUARY 21, 2018

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Home Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	(5:30) NFL Playoffs "NFC Championship" (Live) (HD)	Dateline NBC Investigative news. (HD)	Sports Women's Int'l Soccer Denmark at United States (Live)	Big Bang	Law & Order: SVU	"The Incredibles" (04) A former superhero.	"The Fate of the Furious" (17)	"Blair Witch" (99) (R)	Shameless (HD)
7 PM :30	Home Videos (HD)	Wisdom of the Crowd		To Be Announced Info unavailable.		Big Bang	Law & Order: SVU	Stuck Mid.	(:25) ★½ "Snatched" (17, Comedy) (HD)	★★★ "Ronin" (98) Spy team betrayed. (R) (HD)	The Chi "Alee" (HD)
8 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	NCIS: L.A. "Getaway"	OT (Live)			Big Bang	Law & Order: SVU	Andi Mack			Shameless (HD)
9 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	Madam Secretary	The Resident "Pilot"			The Alienist	Law & Order: SVU	Andi Mack	Divorce	(:05) "The Accountant" (16) Gifted man. (HD)	The Chi "Ghosts" (HD)
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(:20) Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter with Scott (HD)	"Avatar" (09, Science Fiction) A new planet.	Mod Family	BUNK'D	High Maint		The Chi "Ghosts" (HD)
11 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Meet the Press (HD)	SC (HD)		Mod Family	Stuck Mid.	Crashing	"Owning Mahowny"	Shameless (HD)

SUNDAY

7:00pm
TBS 24th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards Award-winning actress Kristen Bell hosts the 24th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards; actor Morgan Freeman is presented with the SAG Life Achievement Award.

8:00pm
CBS NCIS: Los Angeles "Getaway" Nell and Eric take part in an undercover operation where they must infiltrate a couple's retreat in order to track a pair of husband and wife tech experts. TV14 (HD)

MONDAY

JANUARY 22, 2018

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Family Guy	Mod Family	BUNK'D	Real Time	(4:45) "You See" (16)	★★½ "The Interpreter"
7 PM :30	The Bachelor (HD)	Kevin Wait	Lucifer "All About Her"	The Wall (HD)		Family Guy	Mod Family	Raven	Tonight		Shameless (HD)
8 PM :30		Superior	The Resident (HD)	Better Late "Maid"	College Basketball West Virginia vs TCU (HD)	The Alienist	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	Bizaard	Mosaic	"The Bodyguard" (92) Diva's protector. (HD)	The Chi "Ghosts" (HD)
9 PM :30	The Good Doctor	Scorpion (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Brave Patricia's past.		Am. Dad		Bizaard	Divorce	(:20) "Unforgettable" (17) Extreme jealousy.	Shameless (HD)
10 PM :30	Local Jimmy Kimmel Live	Local (35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Local (35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan (HD)	Football	BUNK'D	Mosaic (HD)	(:10) "CHiPs" (17, Comedy) Unlikely partners.	The Chi "Ghosts" (HD)
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Brooklyn Conan	(:20) CSI: Crime (HD)	Undercover Good Luck	"Kong: Skull Island"	"RENO 911: Miami"	"Zack & Miri" (08) (R)

MONDAY

7:00pm
FOX Lucifer "All About Her" Lucifer attempts to learn Lt. Pierce's motives after his real identity is revealed; Amenadiel struggles with a personal health problem. TV14 (HD)

8:00pm
SHOW The Chi "Ghosts" Brandon asks for Kevin's help; Laverne and Gravy make a life-changing decision; Amir tries to capitalize on Emmett's side gig; Quentin returns to town. TVMA (HD)

TUESDAY

JANUARY 23, 2018

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D	"Snatched" Tonight	"Baker Boys" (89)	★★★ "Bad Santa" (03)
7 PM :30	The Middle Fresh Off	NCIS "Family Ties"	Lethal Weapon (HD)	Ellen's "Dizzy Dash."		Big Bang	WWE SmackDown (HD)	Undercover	Mosaic	★★ "The Guru" (02) Sex therapist.	Shameless (HD)
8 PM :30	Mod Family	Bull "Kill Shot" (HD)	LA Vegas	This Is Us (HD)	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Big Bang		Bizaard	Crashing		Inside the NFL (HD)
9 PM :30	Kevin A single mother.	NCIS: New Orleans	Local Programs Local info.	(:01) Chicago Med		Big Bang	Cromarties	BUNK'D	High Maint	(:50) "Hidden Figures" (17) Women cross lines. (PG) (HD)	The Chi "Ghosts" (HD)
10 PM :30	Local Jimmy Kimmel Live	Local (35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Local (35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan (HD)	Chrisley	Undercover	Mosaic (HD)		Inside the NFL (HD)
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Detour	Law & Order: SVU	Undercover Good Luck	Mosaic	"Fargo" Mistakes and murder. (R)	★★★ "U-571" (00) (HD)

TUESDAY

7:00pm
NBC Ellen's Game of Games "You Can't Handle the Toothpaste" Games include "Dizzy Dash," "Tuba Toothpaste," "In Your Face Honey" and "Master Blaster"; winners of each round advance to "Know or Go." TVPG (HD)

7:30pm
ABC Fresh Off the Boat "B as in Best Friends" The Huang's move in with Honey and Marvin; Jessica gets an opportunity to compete on a game show with Honey; Eddie begins high school. TVPG (HD)

WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 24, 2018

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA Countdown (HD)	Big Bang	NCIS (HD)	BUNK'D	"Assassin" Tonight	(4:55) "Ronin" (98)	(4:50) "The Mist" (07)
7 PM :30	Goldbergs	Amazing Race (HD)	X-Files	The Blacklist (HD)	NBA Basketball Houston vs Dallas (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	★★½ "Spider-Man 3" (07, Action) The superhero fights the dark side.	Undercover	Mosaic	"Watchmen" (09) Superheroes investigate a sinister plot.	The Chi "Ghosts" (HD)
8 PM :30	Mod Family	SEAL Team (HD)	9-1-1 (HD)	Law & Order: SVU		Big Bang		Bizaard	Stuck Mid.		"The Girl on the Train" Shocking mystery.
9 PM :30	Match Game (HD)	Criminal Minds (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Chicago P.D. (HD)		Big Bang		Bizaard	Divorce		
10 PM :30	Local Jimmy Kimmel Live	Local (35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Local (35) Tonight (HD)	NBA Basketball Boston vs Los Angeles (Live) (HD)	Frontal	Law & Order: SVU	Undercover	Mosaic	"The Blair Witch Project" (99)	(:55) The Chi "Ghosts" (HD)
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night		Frontal	Law & Order: SVU	Undercover Good Luck	Mosaic	"Ouija: Origin" (16)	Inside the NFL (HD)

WEDNESDAY

7:00pm
FOX The X-Files "The Lost Art of Forehead Sweat" While Mulder and Scully explore the concept of The Mandela Effect, they come to discover the events that potentially led to the X-Files' existence. TV14

8:00pm
CBS SEAL Team An elite unit of Navy SEALs is deployed on clandestine missions across the planet, while dealing with the hardships of being away from their loved ones. TV14 (HD)

Opinion and Commentary

Bundle up: beauty can be found during winter's cold

By Jason Haupt

I feel like it has been a very long time since we have had a truly cold winter. Last winter was so mild I think we all forgot what a real winter feels like in Illinois.

And, the way November and most of December felt, I think we all thought that we were going to get away with a second mild winter. However, winter is here and it feels like it is making up for the past couple of years.

Winter is bleak and dreary, but there is some true beauty in winter as well particularly when there is snow on the ground.

However, the past couple of weeks have made it difficult to imagine being outside for more than a few seconds, but there are some wonderful things to do in the winter.

Go for a snow hike. In my mind, there are few things more beautiful than the woods when there is snow on the ground (or better yet when it is snowing). The woods are so quiet when there is snow on the ground and there is so much beauty in the monochromatic landscape.

Try tracking some critters that we have in our woods in the winter, take a camera and try your hand at some photography, or just enjoy the quiet of the woods.

Go skiing. I know what you are thinking. This is Illinois, one of the flattest states, but there is more than just downhill skiing. Cross-country skiing or snowshoeing is a great way to get outside and enjoy the outdoors, get some exercise, and maybe try something new.

Go to a state park. There are a number of spectacular places to see how beautiful nature can be in winter.

Though it is cold outside now, that does not mean that you cannot enjoy nature. Bundle up and go on a winter adventure in your backyard.

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Page from the Past From the files of The Gazette-Democrat 50 Years Ago, January 18, 1968

The primary election will be held June 11, 1968, at which time a President of the United States, U.S. Senator, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of Public Accounts, Attorney General, Clerk of the Supreme Court, Appellate Court Clerks, State Senators (vacancies only) and Representatives in the General Assembly will be nominated. A circuit clerk, state's attorney, coroner, and county commissioner will be nominated county-wise.

The Union County area received 6.03 inches of snow this past week and the countryside was, indeed a winter wonderland. However, when the snow melted on the sidewalks, a sea of slush resulted.

Six Union County men were inducted into the Armed Services on Thursday, Jan. 11. Twenty-one Union Countians will report for physical examinations on January 25th. The draft call for February is three, to be inducted on February 14th.

The A-JCHS Class of 1958 is holding its reunion on July 6, 1968.

The Meridian Bobcats are the champions of the Anna-Jonesboro Invitational Tournament after defeating the Metropolis Trojans 65-52 Saturday night. In the play-off for third and fourth place, Cairo downed the A-J Wildcats 86-50.

Students at Shawnee High School are working every spare minute this week to complete floats entered in the annual Homecoming Float Contest sponsored by the Student Council.

Central Illinois Public Service Co. has announced construction will start early this month on a new office building at Anna. Completion of the all-electric facility is expected by early spring.

Salem Lutheran Church of Jonesboro will hold its annual meeting this Sunday following the 10:30 Church services.

From the Alto Pass news: John C. Lingle took over his duties of the Alto Pass Post Office Jan. 12 as postmaster.

From the Nubbin Ridge news: Our school children were dismissed from school one day last week because of the icy roads.

From the Water Valley news: There was no school Tuesday because of the slippery roads, so the young people were all home and enjoyed their day.

From the Wolf Lake news: The Shawnee Jr. High Invitational tournament was held Monday and Tuesday nights of this week.

From the Trinity news: News is scarce due to the bad weather. We are glad to report all the sick folks are much better, we wish them a speedy recovery.

From the Limestone news: On account of bad weather and so much snow we did not attend Sunday school and church Sunday.

From the Bethel news: The snow was beautiful but it had a bad effect on our Sunday school attendance. Many were unable to get out.

Please read this. . .

by Geof Skinner

A hedge apple by any other name...

There it sat. All by itself. In the midst of melting ice on the surface of a frozen pond in Union County. Maybe the pond is the place where all of those big fish are caught. You know. The famed "local farm pond."

I'm not sure why the object on the melting ice caught my attention. Maybe it was the object's bright green color in the midst of an interesting icy pattern.

The object was a lone hedge apple. The hedge apple also is know as an Osage orange. And as a horse apple. And as a monkey brain.

Until last week, quite honestly, I didn't know about horse apple. Or monkey brain. And, quite honestly, until last week, I didn't know much of anything about hedge apples.

I know we see a lot of hedge apples during the fall in Union County. They make wonderful decorations, along with pumpkins and other squashes and gourds.

For some reason, my curiosity was piqued after seeing the hedge apple on the melting ice. Once again, thanks to that wonder of the modern age, AKA the internet, I was able to learn a little bit more about this fruit.

I guess that was probably the first thing I learned. The hedge apple is a fruit. Specifically, it's the fruit of the osage orange tree.

The University of Nebraska Lincoln Extension website suggested that I wasn't the only one who didn't know much about the hedge apple. The website had an article which explained: "Many people have heard that these fruits can be used as an insect repellent, but the truth is that many people don't know much else about this unusual tree and its fruit."

For example, and here comes your word for the week, did you know that the Osage orange is "dioecious, meaning that the male and female flowers are produced on separate trees." And how do you tell a female tree from a male tree? Just pick one up and look at its backside.

In September or October, the female trees produce fruit which is about 3 to 5 inches in diameter that falls to the ground.

The tree is native to "a small area in eastern Texas, southeastern Oklahoma and southwestern Arkansas. This region is the home of the Osage Indians which gives the tree its common name. Settlers found that the Osage orange transplanted easily, tolerated poor soils, extreme heat and strong winds and had no serious insect or disease problems."

The trees were "widely planted in the Midwest as a living fence because, when pruned into a hedge, (they) provided an impenetrable barrier to livestock. The development of barbed wire curtailed its widespread planting, but many Osage orange trees can still be found in fence rows."

The tree's wood is said to be "extremely hard, heavy, durable and shrinks or swells little compared to the wood of other trees. The wood is used for fence posts, treenails, furniture and archery bows. In fact, many archers consider the wood of the Osage orange to be the world's finest wood for bows."

The wood of the Osage orange tree may be good for something, but the fruit, not so much. "The fruit of the Osage orange is a nuisance in the home landscape and has little value," the Extension website shared. A

Winter offers chance to admire beauty of trees

Each season brings a different look to the garden, and some plants are uniquely beautiful in winter.

Rhonda Ferree, a horticulture educator with University of Illinois Extension, says that winter is a great time to see a plant's texture and form: each unique and mystical.

"Look for the differences between these trees this winter: oak, maple and red bud," says Ferree.

Oaks are the kings of the forest. They soar well above the maples and smaller redbuds. Oaks are majestic in size and texture.

The white and bur oak are most majestic. A white oak will grow well over 100 feet tall in the wild. It has a medium to a coarse texture in winter, but the wide-spreading branches exhibit a strong, bold appearance.

Bur oaks are a bit more coarse in texture and probably even more majestic with massive trunks and stout branches.

There are many other types of oaks too. A pin oak is much different from the white and bur. Although still medium to coarse textured in winter, a pin oak has a strongly pyramidal habit.

Rhonda says that her college classmates called this the 55-mile per hour tree because they could recognize it even at highway speeds.

Maples also come in many different shapes and sizes, from the dainty Amur maple to the sturdy sugar maple to the weak silver maple.

Sugar maples grow 60 to 75 feet tall with a rounded character. They are hard, sturdy trees. Their texture is medium in winter. Notice their beautiful bark, which with age becomes deeply furrowed, with long irregular thick plates or ridges.

Silver maples are very popular because they grow fast. Unfortunately, this is not always a good trait, Ferree said, since fast-growing trees are usually also weak-wooded, often breaking in wind and ice.

The silver maples grow a bit more oval than rounded and are a bit coarser in the winter, often looking disheveled.

Amur maples and redbuds are similar in that they are both small, understory trees.

The Amur maple is a small tree or sometimes a multi-stemmed shrub, but is usually round shaped. It has very slender, fine branches and thus a medium-fine texture.

Red bud is a small tree with medium winter texture. Although best known for its spring flowers, it also has interesting bark in winter. Look for orange inner bark peeking through the outer black or brownish bark.



A lonely, and the only, hedge apple, AKA as a horse apple, AKA as an Osage orange, AKA a monkey brain, sat on the melting ice at a local pond Thursday afternoon, Jan. 11, when the temperature was in the 60s...

botanist who was quoted on the Missouri Department of Conservation website just flat out stated: "I think it's just hard for people to accept the notion that something so cool and abundant is useless." Kind of like this column...

Some folks, including yours truly, have heard that hedge apples are good for keeping bugs away. Guess not.

I did learn that seeds from the Osage orange apparently have "anti-inflammatory properties," according to an article on NPR's website. With that in mind, it seems that a chemist in Iowa came up with some sort of "pricy cosmetic oil" from the seeds of the Osage orange and developed a product which was given a fancy name: pomifera.

Makeup artists in New York City (of course) liked the otherwise useless pomifera, and were willing to pay 85 bucks for a half ounce of the stuff. Ah, city folks.

Oh, squirrels seem to like the fruit, too. And I'm guessing they're not paying 85 bucks for a half-ounce snack. I wonder if hedge hogs like hedge apples. I wouldn't hedge a bet on that. Sorry.

As always, thank you for reading this. And, yes, this week's column is proof that my brain waves froze in the cold.

(For the record: sources for the information in this fascinating article were posted by Dr. Barbara Ogg, an Extension educator at the University of Nebraska Lincoln, the Missouri Department of Conservation and National Public Radio.)

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