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News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area.



At least this guy might have liked the weather we've been having in the Union County area.

Be sure to attend the Union County bicentennial kickoff event this weekend at the courthouse in Jonesboro.

The Union County Sheriff's Office reported that the New Year's holiday weekend was pretty quiet. And cold.

Temperatures in Union County during 2017 ranged from a high of 100 degrees to a low of 4.

Precipitation for 2017 totaled 56.8 inches. "Normal" is in the range of about 45 inches.

Look for more to come about last year's weather in Union County...



Low of 5 below zero Tuesday morning; super moon appears on Jan. 1

2018 starts with dangerously cold weather

The first couple of days of the new year started on a frigid note in the Union County area.

Local weather observer Dana Cross reported that the low temperature dropped to 5 degrees below zero on Tuesday morning, Jan. 2, in Jonesboro.

The icy weather is expected to continue through Friday.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah warned that dangerously cold wind chills were possible on Monday, Jan. 1, and Tuesday.

The weather service issued a wind chill advisory through noon Tuesday for Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky. The advisory went into effect at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

When the advisory was issued, the weather service stated that wind chills were expected to fall to below 4 degrees below zero and 12 degrees below zero Saturday night.

Wind chills were expected to drop to between 10 below zero and 20 below zero on New Year's Eve

night into early New Year's Day.

"A wind chill advisory means that cold air and the wind will combine to create low wind chills. Frost bite and hypothermia can occur if precautions are not taken," the weather service stated on its website.

The bitter cold wind chills could cause frostbite to exposed skin in as little as 30 minutes, the weather service warned.

Frigid temperatures were recorded on Dec. 27 in the county, when a low reading of 9 was followed by a high of only 19 degrees during the day.

Temperatures moderated for a couple of days, and then more bitter cold weather arrived.

The high on the last day of 2017 was only 17, after a morning low of 7.

Even colder temperatures were recorded on the first day of 2018. The morning low of Jan. 1 was 1. The high was 14. The frigid temperatures were accompanied by blustery winds.

The bitter cold is expected to continue on Thursday,



Ice on Anna street

Lots of ice could be seen on Plum Street in Anna Tuesday. The conditions were created after a leak developed on nearby Apple Lane. In the midst of bitter cold weather early this week, a number of frozen water meters were reported along Main Street in Anna.

and into Friday and Saturday.

The weather service forecast was calling for a high near 18 on Thursday, today, followed by high temperatures near 27 on Friday and near 29 on Saturday. The temperature may climb above freezing by Sunday, when rain, freezing rain and sleet are possible.



'Super moon'

A "super moon" appeared on a bitter cold and clear New Year's night in the sky over Union County.

Events scheduled Saturday at courthouse in Jonesboro

Union County bicentennial kickoff planned

Everyone in Union County is invited to be a part of a special event which is scheduled for this weekend.

On Saturday, Jan. 6, a kickoff celebration is planned in commemoration of the bicentennial of the creation of Union County.

Saturday's celebration is planned from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

The special event is being sponsored by the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society.

Special Appearances

Several notable figures in the history of Union

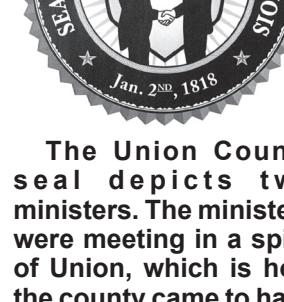
County are scheduled to make an appearance at Saturday's celebration.

Illinois Territory Gov. Ninian Edwards will read the legislative act which created Union County. Edwards will be portrayed by Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds.

John and Julia Grammer were two key figures in the early history of the county. The Grammers also are scheduled to make an appearance – and will be portrayed by local residents Duane Hileman and Lillian Milam.

Historical Exhibits

Historical exhibits are



The Union County seal depicts two ministers. The ministers were meeting in a spirit of Union, which is how the county came to have its name.

scheduled to be on display at Saturday's event. The exhibits will include:

Copies of the 1818 census of Union County.

Plat maps showing the location of those owning property in Union County and the City of Jonesboro in 1818.

The 1819 Jonesboro Township poll book.

A list of the 1807 and 1813 squatters in Union County, and where they were living.

Maps showing the progression of the development of the State of Illinois.

Photographs of early Illinois statesmen.

First day of issue envelopes commemorating the

special day will be available, for sale.

Marshall Pogue, a violinist, will provide entertainment.

The Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club will be serving refreshments.

Those who plan to come to the celebration are invited to dress in apparel from the pioneer days.

Ninian Edwards

Ninian Edwards, who will be portrayed by Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds, was born in Maryland. As a young man, Edwards went to Kentucky, where he studied law.

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Awards presented by Union County Women in Business

Members of Union County Women in Business gathered in December for their annual membership meeting and Christmas party at Goddard's Barn & Grill in Anna.

The meeting and party were held on Friday evening, Dec. 8.

Thirty local business women were in attendance

for an evening of networking and food.

During the evening, awards were given honoring Amy Ralls, owner of Hebrewz CoffeeHouse in Jonesboro, as the new business of the year, and to Teresa Gilbert, the executive director of the Cross of Peace at Bald Knob Mountain near Alto Pass, which

was recognized as the tourism attraction of the year.

Hebrewz CoffeeHouse opened less than a year ago beginning with coffee service and later expanding to lunch service, with a drive-thru.

Bald Knob Cross of Peace was reported to have seen a huge increase in visitors in 2017.

The cross hosted 1,000 guests who came to see a total solar eclipse in August 2017.

The cross also was reported to have had great community support at fund-raising dinners which were held at unique venues in Union and Jackson counties.

Also during the evening, members approved a new slate of officers and committee chairpersons who will plan programs and activities for 2018.

The organization's board of directors for 2018 includes:

Kelli Wood, president; Danielle Stevens, vice president of programs; Stephanie Rhodes, vice president of networking; Danielle Dodd, secretary; Hope Holderfield, treasurer; Shavonna Shipley, membership; Jen-

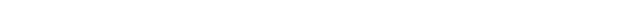
ifer York, Cheryl Foeller; Leni Lambdin, scholarship chair; Charlotte Clover, Locally First chair; Evelyn Bailey, consultant.

Union County Women in Business plans to meet at noon Wednesday, Jan. 10, at Hebrewz CoffeeHouse in Jonesboro.

The meeting is scheduled to last through the noon hour, and will include a brief business meeting and guest speakers.



Teresa Gilbert, executive director of the Cross of Peace. Photo provided.



Amy Ralls, owner of Hebrewz CoffeeHouse. Photo provided.



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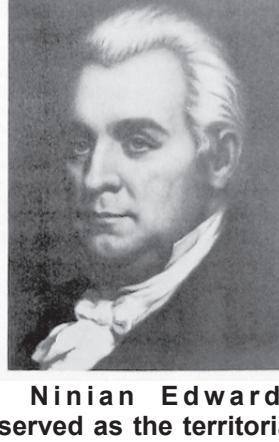
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Ninian Edwards served as the territorial governor of Illinois. He also served as governor of the state.

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Edwards served in the Kentucky legislature and as the state's chief justice.

When the Illinois Territory was formed in 1809, Edwards was appointed as territorial governor. He served in that post until 1818, when Illinois was admitted to the Union.

Edwards then was elected to the U.S. Senate, where he served from 1818 to 1824. Two years later, he was elected as governor of Illinois.

Early History of Union County

In June/July 1974, Outdoor Illinois magazine featured an article titled "A New Geography of Illinois: Union County."

The article was written by Robert H. Mohlenbrock of Southern Illinois University. The article featured photography by John Richardson and illustrations by Fredda J. Burton.

The article recalled that

in 1803, George Wolf, who was a Dunkard minister, along with Abram Hunsaker and their families, came from Fort Massac (in what is now Metropolis) across what is now Union County by way of the Cache River.

"Legend has it that these early adventurers camped one night south of the present community of Jonesboro and, finding the hunting excellent, decided to establish their permanent home," the article remembered.

After the War of 1812, settlers began coming to the area "at a steady pace." The area was known for its hunting, and also was close to the Ohio and Mississippi rivers.

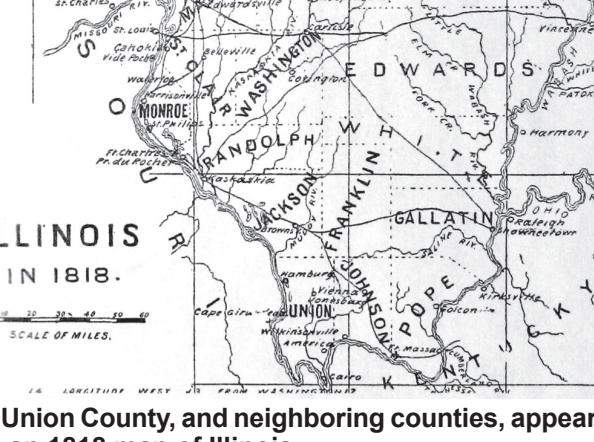
By 1818, 1,800 people were living in what is now Union County.

The Outdoor Illinois article continued:

"Until 1818, the present area of Union County was included in Johnson County, as were Alexander and Pulaski Counties.

"On January 2, 1818, Union County was created out of Johnson County and, for over a year, the newly formed county included all of Alexander County and part of Pulaski.

"The selection of Union for the name of the new county dates back to 1816 when a combined religious service of Dunkards and Baptists took place in the southeastern corner of the county. The Union County seal depicts the two ministers in a spirit of Union."



Union County, and neighboring counties, appear on an 1818 map of Illinois.

In his 1994 book titled "A House Divided: Union County, Illinois 1818-1865," local historian and author Darrel Dexter wrote that on the same day Union County was created by the Illinois territorial legislature, lawmakers also appointed George Woolf, Jesse Echols and Thomas Cox as the county's commissioners.

When Union County was created in early 1818, Illinois had not yet become a state. Illinois entered the Union in December 1818.

(Illinois, as well as the City of Jonesboro, joins Union County in commemorating bicentennials during 2018).

John, Julia Grammer

John and Julia Grammer, who played key roles in the early history of Union County, will be in attendance at Saturday's bicentennial kick off celebration, with some help from Duane Hileman and Lillian Milam.

Outdoor Illinois highlighted John Grammer in its 1974 article. The article recalled that Grammer was one of the earliest settlers in what is now the county. He settled in the vicinity of what is now Jonesboro.

Grammer served in the first territorial legislature, representing Johnson County.

After Illinois became a state, Grammer served in the State Senate for four terms.

Author Darrel Dexter recounted how the county's first commissioners met at the home of John Grammer.

Grammer and his wife would sell the land which would become the county's seat of government. Jonesboro remains as the county seat to this day.

(Editor's note: The Union County Historical and Genealogy Society shared some of the information and photographs which are featured in this article.)

State's attorney reports four persons sentenced

Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds reported on Dec. 28 that four persons had been sentenced to serve time in the Illinois Department of Corrections on various charges.

Edward L. Whitford, 44, of Anna, has been sentenced to four years in the Illinois Department of Corrections after pleading guilty to one count of aggravated criminal sexual abuse, which is a Class 2 felony.

Whitford will serve a two-year period of mandatory supervised release, formerly known as parole, and must register as a sex offender for life.

Whitford committed an act of sexual conduct with a minor under the age of 13 years in February 2017.

Whitford was arrested in September 2017 as part of an investigation by the Illinois State Police.

John Windham Hitt, 44, of Cape Girardeau, has been sentenced to three years in the Illinois Department of Corrections after pleading guilty to one count of theft, which is a Class 2 felony.

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

Hitt took possession of property from a rural Union County residence in October 2015.

Hitt was arrested in September 2017 following an investigation by the Union County Sheriff's Office.

Alvin Lee Dickerson, 34,

326,971,407 Americans on Jan. 1, 2018

As the nation prepared to ring in the new year, the U.S. Census Bureau projected on Dec. 28 that the nation's population would be 326,971,407 on Jan. 1, 2018.

This represented an increase of 2,314,238, or 0.71 of a percent, from New Year's Day 2017.

Since Census Day (April 1) 2010, the nation's population has grown by 18,225,587, or 5.90 percent.

In January 2018, the United States is expected to experience one birth every 8 seconds and one death every 10 seconds.

Net international migration is expected to add one person to the U.S. population every 29 seconds.

The combination of births, deaths and net international migration will increase the U.S. population by one person every 18 seconds.

The projected world population on Jan. 1, 2018, was 7,444,443,881, an increase of 78,521,283, or 1.07 percent, from New Year's Day 2017.

During January 2018, 4.3 births and 1.8 deaths are expected worldwide every second.

of Anna, has been sentenced to three years in the Illinois Department of Corrections after pleading guilty to one count of unlawful possession of a stolen vehicle, which is a Class 2 felony.

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

Dickerson was arrested in October 2017 by the Anna Police Department after taking a vehicle from the parking lot of an Anna business.

LaCharles M. Jones, 21, of Jonesboro, has been sentenced to four years in the Illinois Department of Corrections, with a recommendation of impact incarceration, after pleading guilty to one count of aggravated battery, which is a Class 3 felony.

Jones slapped the buttocks of a customer in a Jonesboro business in November 2017.

Jones was arrested in November 2017 following an investigation by the Anna Police Department.

Jones was also sentenced to serve a concurrent four years in the Illinois Department of Corrections after admitting to a petition for revocation of probation for the original offense of aggravated battery, which is a Class 3 felony.

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Look at the divorce rate. Look at how many couples cohabit instead of marrying. There's no commitment there! We have way too much "free agency" in relationships, in jobs, in religion, and most unfortunately in our commitment to Jesus Christ. Prov. 3:3: "Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: "Mercy" ("chesed" – Heb., meaning "loyalty") & "Truth."

Wouldn't you say that those two words indicate commitment? We must strengthen our commitment to God and to others.

Resolution # 3 - I will give up control of my life to God. (Prov. 3:5-6): "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." There must be a full commitment of ourselves to the Lord. We must trust Him for salvation and for the direction of our lives without reservation. We must admit that we're not able to guide ourselves. Jeremiah put it bluntly:

"O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps" (Jer. 10:23).

Resolve to put God first in your life in 2018. Study with us at the Anna church of Christ any time and have a great day!

R.W. McAlister, Minister
Anna church of Christ

Fire-fighting equipment tested

Fire departments from throughout Union County had pumps on their fire trucks tested Thursday, Dec. 21. The testing was done at the Anna Fire Department in Anna. Pumps on fire trucks were tested as part of an annual certification process. The Anna, Alto Pass, Jonesboro, Ware-Wolf Lake and Dongola fire departments had their equipment tested on Dec. 21 in Anna. Testing also was done Wednesday, Dec. 20, in Cobden. The testing was done by Banner Fire Equipment Inc. technician Marc Bartels of Highland. The testing firm is in Roxana.

The New Year is here, if you're so inclined to make them, us should make – and keep. They're found in Proverbs 3:1-6. Resolution # 1: I will get into the Word and stay in the Word (Prov. 3:1-2). Here's our resolution from Proverbs 1:1: "My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments." We all need to make a renewed effort to be good students of God's Word. Here's why: you can't be who God wants you to be if you don't know what God wants you to be. So how do you know? Read the Bible, God's Word!

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Thank you to this year's New Coats, New Hope Campaign donors and sponsors from the Children's Medical & Mental Health Resource Network, Two Rivers Child Advocacy Center, Head Start and WIBH.

Enough money was raised to purchase over 300 coats for kids in Southern Illinois.

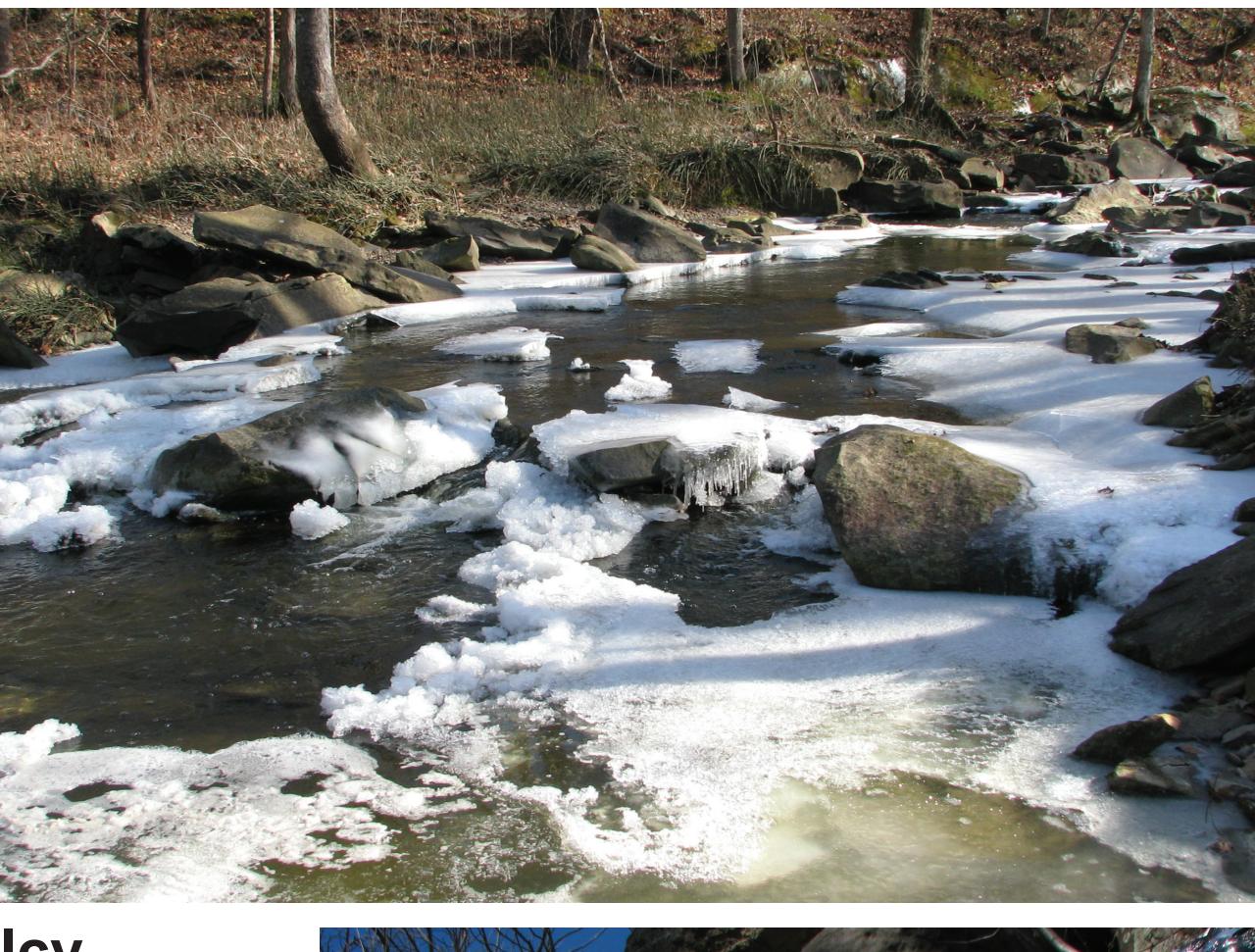
To pick-up a coat for a child in need, call WIBH at 833-9424(WIBH).

Happy New Year!



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Icy images in county

The Union County area, and a good part of the nation, have experienced bitter cold weather during the past week.

One round of very cold weather arrived last week. After a bit of a warm up, more very cold weather returned.

The image above was captured along Spanish Bluff Road, north of Anna, on Dec. 28.

The icicles in the other picture formed on rocky bluffs at the Cobden Cemetery.



Lessar, Gross united in holy matrimony

On Dec. 3, 2017, Dwane Lessar and Linda Kay Dunnin Gross were united in holy matrimony.

A small ceremony was performed at the Tamms Pentecost Church by Pastor James McLane.

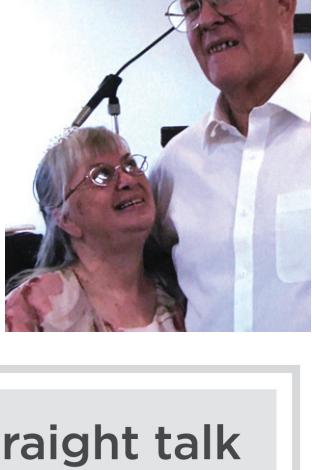
The bride was given away by her son, Danny.

The best man was the groom's son, Andy.

Matron of honor was daughter-in-law Cassy. Flower girl and ring bearer were granddaughter Sarah and grandson Philip.

The newlyweds voiced appreciation to all who helped in preparations and to all who attended.

The couple will reside on the Lessar family farm near Tamms.



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News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

Rev. Dr. Bernice Belt's sermon on Christmas Eve morning was titled "Do YOU Have Room for Jesus?" Scripture was from the 2nd chapter of Luke.

Rev. Belt shared research about the political and physical environment at the time of Christ's birth. She said that "we often fault the innkeeper for trying to turn Joseph and Mary away, but he gave them all he had available."

The closing challenge was "Do we have room for Jesus?" and "What do we need to do to make room for Jesus?"

The Advent reading was by David and Jhan Miller with their son Landon Roach as candle lighter.

Aldi and Vodra Gerard and Matthew and Andrew Boaz carried posters naming each Advent candle.

Following the sermon, the Christ candle was lit by Landon Roach. The Christ candle poster was carried by Tanner Roach.

Receiving the offering were Matthew and Andrew Boaz, assisted by their father, Mark.

After the opening carol/congregational song, Addison Bonner, Aldi and Vodra Gerard and Tanner Roach recited their recitations they had given at the church's program on Dec. 17.

In lieu of Sunday School on Dec. 24, a potluck breakfast and fellowship were shared, with worship at 10:30 a.m.

Dec. 31, the church also dismissed Sunday School and had worship at 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Belt's sermon was titled "New Year's Resolutions from the Bible"

Change in store for Anna business

As a new year begins, change is in store for a long-time Anna business.

The change involves Associated Lumber in Anna.

Jack Stokes, who is the manager of Associated Lumber, is currently in the process of buying the store.

The store is currently closed and the plan is to reopen around Jan. 15.

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Tuesday, Dec. 26	31	14
Wednesday, Dec. 27	19	9
Thursday, Dec. 28	28	9
Friday, Dec. 29	35	22
Saturday, Dec. 30	34	11
Sunday, Dec. 31	17	7
Monday, Jan. 1, 2018	14	1

Debra Davis Retires



Debra Davis is retiring after 45 years of service to Anna-Jonesboro National Bank. Debra has enjoyed working for and with the bank, her many customers and her community. Please join us in congratulating her and wishing her the best as she enters retirement and a new season of her life.



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Sports



Teams gather for prayer

The Anna-Jonesboro and Hillsboro football teams gathered for prayer following a high school playoff game last fall. Anna-Jonesboro hosted the game and scored a first-round playoff victory against Hillsboro. A-J advanced to the semifinals in the 2017 postseason playoffs. Photo by Tiffiny Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.

Local business owner renews commitment to CEO program

Local technology and services firm Union County Technology Solutions has announced its signing of a new three-year investment commitment to the Union County CEO program at the level of \$1,000 per year.

Owner and lead consultant Rollie Hawk has been a long-time supporter of the program and said he is proud to continue in that support.

"I've worn a lot of different hats for Union County CEO, which I guess is part for the course with this program," Hawk said in a news release.

Hawk said the roles he has filled with the program include "board member, chairman, presenter, investor, donor, fill-in facilitator. We even assemble their annual report every year."

"That's how it works; once you get involved in one aspect of CEO, you want to help out with the others."

"Working with these young people with so much passion to learn about business and entrepreneurship really charges you up and reminds you of why you started a business in the first place."

The Union County CEO program is an entrepreneurship program for Union County juniors and seniors attending any public or private high school within the county.

The program is designed to give the students an opportunity to learn from members of the business

News from Anna Nazarene Church

Music for the morning worship service on Dec. 31 was led by Randy Wright and Abby Barlow.

Ushers were Mark Smith, Curly Ralls and Noah Wiseman and T.J. Macy, with Abby Barlow providing the special music.

The morning message, "Being A Pathway For Others," was brought by Randy Wright from 2 Chronicles.

The message shared that "building a church is an act of worship and we need to serve Him with the best of our ability so we will be able to lead others to Christ."

The Sunday evening service was canceled.

Robert and Nancy Smith celebrated their wedding anniversary on Jan. 1.

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.

community for two hours a day outside of school for high school credit.

Students must apply and be accepted into the program and during the year will start a class micro business, a class business and finally an individual business culminating in a regional trade show at the end of the school year.

"I like that it isn't just a program for your 'straight A' students," Hawk said.

"Being a great student doesn't necessarily translate to being a great entrepreneur. Maybe you are great on an academic level but you just aren't a risk taker. Or maybe you are a risk taker but you don't buckle down and do the research."

"There's a real balance and a unique kind of agility you have to develop if you are going to succeed in business and this program is a place to learn those lessons before you have a family and a mortgage and a day job and so many responsibilities."

Union County CEO, like all CEO programs, is funded

entirely by investors.

Hawk challenges other local business owners to make the same pledge his company has made to the Union County CEO program.

"When we first invested, this was something new and a lot of business owners were skeptical when asked to invest," he said.

"But in its third year as a successful program, this is established and building the future business leaders of our community right now."

"If you are serious about creating a positive impact in your community and with young people, you need to step up and get invested in this program."

More information on the Union County CEO program is available at UnionCountyCEO.org.

Hawk noted that immediate donations can be made through the Southern Illinois Community Foundation at SICF.org.

Those who may want to consider investing in the program also can contact info@unioncountyceo.com.

Challenges facing nonprofit organizations to be focus of symposium

How does the nonprofit human service sector survive and continue to provide necessary services to clients in Illinois with ongoing budgetary challenges coming from the state?

That is a question a number of organizations intend to begin answering at a symposium which is planned Jan. 24 at John A. Logan College in Carterville.

A registration form and details about the symposium are available online at sinonprofitsymposium.org.

Registration is free and includes lunch as the result of a sponsorship by Southern Illinois Healthcare.

Organizers said the symposium is being designed to serve as the kick-off event of a one-of-a-kind peer network learning opportunity for nonprofits operating in Southern Illinois.

They note that rural Illinois has experienced mass exodus of its professional work force of counseling and mental health professionals as population continues to decline, especially throughout Southern Illinois.

Professionals in the field say that during the past two years, Illinois' budget impasse has been a disaster for

the state's human service infrastructure.

These are among the challenges that will be addressed at the Southern Illinois Nonprofit Symposium.

Illinois Partners for Human Service, in partnership with The Alliance for Strong Families and Communities, are poised to convene a gathering of human serving organizations that are ready to apply the lessons of The Commitments of High-Impact Nonprofit Organizations as a framework for greater impact in the Southern Illinois region.

Susan Dreyfus, president and CEO of the Alliance for Strong Families & Communities, has been booked as the keynote speaker and plans to discuss what is seen as a national imperative for nonprofits to join forces.

Dreyfus is scheduled to be joined by Alliance COO Ron Clewer, who will explain the application of the Learning Journey Framework, and Judith Gethner, executive director of Illinois Partners for Human Service, who will cover the next steps in the process of such collaborations.

Organizations are invited to send decision makers who are responsible for long-term strategy.

Wildcats go 3-1, take third place at Eldorado Holiday Tournament

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' basketball team trailed early before fighting back to a 71-55 win over West Frankfort to capture third place at the Eldorado Holiday Tournament Saturday, Dec. 30.

A-J head coach Mike Chamness said that after the Wildcats had lost to Harrisburg in tournament action, his squad "came back and beat a pretty good team. I give our kids credit for getting up for it."

Jake Parr, who was the lone Wildcat named to the all-tournament team, had 28 points and 12 rebounds to lead A-J.

Logan Sawyer had 8 points and 5 rebounds. Noah McFarland had 8 points and 2 rebounds. Sheldon McGrath had 6 points and 4 rebounds.

Ross Pinnon had 6 points and 2 rebounds. Noah Smith added 6 points. Zach Overstreet had 5 points and 2 rebounds. Tyler Smith and Jacob Zimmerman had 2 points and 2 rebounds apiece.

A-J was 18 of 34 in shot attempts from the floor, 9 of 23 from 3-point range and 8 of 10 from the free throw line.

The Redbirds were 17 of 36 in shot attempts from the floor, 5 of 18 from 3-point range and 6 of 7 from the charity stripe.

Harrisburg 54, A-J 52: The Wildcats trailed throughout the game but

came back to tie the game in the final quarter in the loss earlier Saturday in the semifinal bracket.

"We made a 13-point run to tie the game," Chamness said. "I give our guys so much credit for battling back."

The Wildcats had two big chances for a win in the waning seconds.

Zimmerman missed a long 3-pointer with 1.7 seconds remaining. Blake Pena missed a potential game-winning 3-pointer that rimmed out with 1.4 seconds remaining in the game.

"We had our chances," Chamness said.

Parr had 23 points and 8 rebounds to lead A-J. McGrath had 12 points and 7 rebounds. Sawyer had 6 points and 6 rebounds. Pinnon had 6 points and 3 rebounds. Zimmerman had 3 points and 3 rebounds. McFarland had 2 points.

A-J was 13 of 27 in shot attempts from the floor, 8 of 21 from 3-point range and 2 of 3 from the free throw line.

The Bulldogs were 19 of 41 in shot attempts from the floor, 9 of 23 from 3-point range and 8 of 10 from the charity stripe.

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Pinnon had 3 points and 3 rebounds. McFarland had 2 points and 2 rebounds. Sawyer had 2 points and a rebound.

The Wildcats were 14 of 34 in shot attempts from the floor, 6 of 17 from 3-point range and 23 of 28 from the free throw line.

Union County was 18 of 34 in shot attempts from the floor, 2 of 12 from 3-point range and 10 of 18 from the charity stripe.

A-J 76, Carrier Mills 29: The Wildcats pulled ahead 22-2 at the end of one quarter and were never threatened again in the first round win Thursday, Dec. 28.

Parr led the way with 18 points and 6 rebounds. Pinnon and Sawyer each had 10 points and a rebound apiece. Noah Smith had 10 points. McGrath had 9 points and a rebound.

Zimmerman had 5 points and 4 rebounds. Pena had 3 points and 2 rebounds.

McFarland had 2 points and 4 rebounds. Carson Reynolds had 2 points and 3 rebounds.

Noah Craig had 2 points and 2 rebounds. Tyler Smith had 2 points and a rebound. Kyle McMahan had a point.

A-J was 23 of 45 in shot attempts from the floor, 6 of 13 from 3-point range and 12 of 17 from the free throw line.

Carrier Mills was 10 of 35 in shot attempts from the floor, 2 of 5 from 3-point range and 3 of 6 from the charity stripe.

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It was A-J coach Mike Chamness' 100th career win in his eight seasons as head coach.

"Going 3-1 in a very tough tournament like that is really good," Chamness said. "I'm excited about going into the new year."

A-J, 11-4, plays again Friday at home against Du Quoin.

The team will be recognized on the 20th anniversary of its championship season during ceremonies which are scheduled between games when Anna hosts Jonesboro.

Tip off for the first game of the evening is set for 6 p.m. Saturday at Anna Junior High School.

Egyptian 65, Dongola 50: Egyptian built an early lead on its way to a 65-50 win over Dongola in the Demons' Christmas high school boys' basketball tournament Friday, Dec. 29.

Evan Treat had 17 points to lead Dongola. Collin Hall added 14 points, Joseph Thomas 10, Cameron Hogue 5 and Andrew Tarpley and Jose Zavala 2 apiece.

Cobden, 9-8, plays Saturday at 7 p.m. against Gateway Christian Academy in the Egyptian Shoot Out.

The Appleknockers are scheduled to play Jan. 8-13 in the Chester Tournament.

First tournament game action is set for 7:30 p.m. Monday against Valle Catholic of Ste. Genevieve, Mo.

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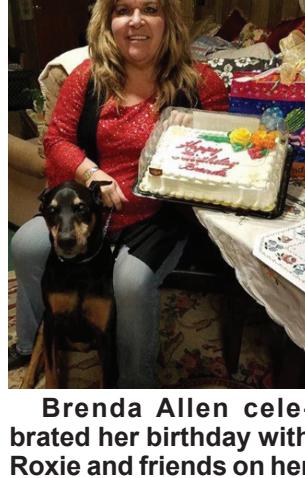
Anna News

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.



Bradley Casper celebrated his 18th birthday on Dec. 3 with family and friends.



Brenda Allen celebrated her birthday with Roxie and friends on her birthday New Year's Day.

tween Murphysboro and Carbondale.

She attended the funeral meal at Boskell Baptist Church with family and friends.

Delia went to be with our Lord on Christmas Day. Her husband went to be with our Lord nine years ago on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Visit

Steve and Elaine Shepherd spent Christmas in Belleville with Elaine's daughter, son-in law and their family. They had a great time.

There was a little snow, the ground wasn't completely covered, however, there was some slick areas on sidewalks and driveways. It was colder than here and windy.

Christmas Guests

Christmas guests of Kevin and Judy Newman were their son CJ Moellering and his wife and daughter from Dupo, Arik Burns from Collinsville and Dallas Ann, Sara Haynes, David Shiver and their two children, and Doris Newman.

They all enjoyed a dinner at River to River with Kevin's mother Doris Newman.

BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 25 Madison Moreland celebrated her 11th birthday, 26 Anna Palmer celebrated her 14th birthday, Keaton Busby celebrated his 19th birthday, 27 Joan Hunsaker Stull, Jackie Hoffman, 28 Ione Rogers, Lori Jones, Terry Marshall, Anthony Lincoln, 29 Bill Haney, Angela Hewitt, Tracy Bost, Pam Bracken, Gary Toler, Bob Shoemaker, 30 Steve Guined, 31 Audrey Davis, Curt Lyerla, Jan. 1 Sue Brumleve.

50th Wedding Anniversary

Dennis and Kenna Howell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 31.

Christmas Trip

Shirley and Jim Vines enjoyed Christmas when Karen came home on Thursday and took Jim and Shirley to Iowa City. They had Christmas with Kirsty and her kids.

Shirley said it was great having two of their girls and two grandkids to celebrate Christmas with.

They got the sad news that Shirley's brother Ron died on Christmas Eve, so they came back on Christmas Day.

They already had their gift-opening before Shirley's niece called to tell them Ron was gone. Sympathy to their family.

Christmas Parties

Linda Clutts and guest Mary Whittenberg drove to Vienna Diner Dec. 20 to attend the Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies Christmas dinner party.

Linda led the singing. Linda sang a special song she wrote, "Flyin' reindeer in the sky," and also led Christmas carols and "God Bless America."

Dec. 13 Linda attend-

Thursday, January 4, 2018

ed a Christmas party for the Classy Red Hat Ladies. Linda was elected as the New Queen Mum. This Chapter is 15 years old and Linda has been a member for several years and has belonged to both chapters.

Red Hat Ladies are a fun group to socialize with for lunch once a month to visit and share stories, sing and making new friends. Everyone is welcome to come join the ladies.

Sympathy

Family members and friends gathered in the Anna Cemetery last week for the graveside service of Joyce Ann Bartruff.

Many people will remember Joyce and her mother Florence when they went on their daily walks close to their home on North Main Street in Anna.

They always had a smile for everyone and loved stopping and talking to their neighbors.

After Joyce's mother went to heaven her sisters planned something for her every weekend.

I will miss getting her news. She loved telling me where they had been or who had visited her. She would have a paper with all the information on it to hand to me when we all ate at Sunshine Inn. She always had that beam in her eyes. How she loved her sisters and their families.

When Joyce's health started failing she moved closer to them.

Joyce loved going to church at United Methodist Church in Anna where she was a member. She loved putting her red hat on to attend the Little Egypt Red Hat meetings. Joyce was a member of the Anna Eastern Star. She worked at RAVE for over 40 years.

Joyce will be missed. Sympathy to her family.

Christmas Guests

Molly and Killian Noyes from Plamis Lake, not too far from Sacramento, Calif., visited Molly's mother Sarah Sullivan and Fred Nekola and family.

They enjoyed going to Patties 1880's Settlement while here.

Christmas Cards

I appreciated all the Christmas cards I got from

Praises were given for



Francis (Sonny) and Helen Dodd celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary and Helen's 94th birthday with family and friends at their home on Brady Mill Road Saturday, Dec. 30. Their anniversary was Dec. 26 and Helen's birthday is Jan. 8.



Well known blues singer and performer Tawl Paul Fredrick was at King Neptune's Cajun House for a New Year's Eve party Saturday night, Dec. 30. Three bus loads of out of town guests came to hear him perform as well and many other local people. Owners Lynn Stoner and Scott McKinney served free food, shrimp gumbo, rice and pulled pork. There was no cover charge that night. John Longmire took pictures of the evening.

everyone. I always sit down with my cards after Christmas and read them all again when I can really enjoy them.

Three were from out of town people who take The Gazette-Democrat newspaper, Loretta and Stephen Sartore from Manhattan, Ill., Dale and Louise Pitts from Texas and Aaron Hart from Florida.

They graduated from

A-JCHS and love reading about people from here. It's nice to know people from all over the United States read The Gazette-Democrat and it even travels around the world going to many of our military.

Playing Music

Linda and Fred Clutts enjoyed a trip to Ullin last Friday night where Linda played music and sang with her friends to celebrate the new year.

Thanks

A special thanks to Aaron Hart from Florida for giving me credit when he renewed his subscription and a Christmas present

renewal for his cousin Stephen Burns in St. Louis to The Gazette-Democrat.

Karen and Tom Betts were the ones I didn't have a first name for that gave me credit when they renewed their subscription to The Gazette-Democrat. I really appreciate Karen letting me know.

It is always a nice surprise to know someone was thinking about me when they renewed their paper.

Red Hat Ladies

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

Calling America Back to God

The January meeting was canceled due to the extreme cold weather we have been having.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Rev. Carl Johnston's sermon was "Being faithful and amazed."

Rev. Carl lit the Christ Candle. Gospel lesson was from Luke.

Special music was "Carol of the Bells" by Carla Anderson, Chris Foster and Marcy Morris.

Praises were given for

many things, good health, safety for family while traveling, family get-togethers, love and kindness shown by the church family. Prayers were said for those who are sick and have lost loved ones.

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

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

Connect Point Church

Food pantry and outreach is on the first and third Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

They deliver food to several homes. If you need food please let them know. Their church is located across from the Anna Post Office.

Military Prayer List

Nick Harvel, Nona Elizabeth Luke, Lucas J. Strickland, William Nathaniel Frankell, Ethan Maze, Lukas W. Davis, Kiefer Stull, Garrett Goins, David Jorden Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, CJ Youngerman, Freddy Morse, Reagan Morrison, Josh Stevenson, Josh Williams, Faith Odom, Tommy Goff and family Janette, Jamison and Kaylynn, Craighton

Laster, Brandon Eaker, Jim Bonner, Jacob Schaefer, Jerod Schaefer, Jennifer Ann Bishop, Robert Jr. McMeely, James McWhorter, Arin Whitemountain.

Happy Retirement

Congratulations to Mike Dickerson on his retirement after 26 years working at Choate Mental Health.

Arkansas Trip

Pat Fahlberg enjoyed visiting family in Jonesboro, Ark.

Anna Star Chapter

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

Free Community Dinners

Anna First Baptist Church serves a free community meal the second Monday of each month from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Loaves and Fishes free



Lyle and Tammy Woodrum spent Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with their sons, Geoffrey and Jeremy and their families and friends in Texas.



Nick Harvel graduated from basic combat training from Fort Sill, Okla. He was home on leave before leaving for Fort Gordon, Ga., where he will in AIT for 16 weeks. He is the son of Richard and Pam Harvel.



Sarah Sullivan is happy her daughter Molly and son-in-law Killian Noyes from California visited for Christmas. They enjoyed a trip at Patti's at Grand Rivers, Ky.

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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 12th day of December, 2017, under the Assumed Name of Moore Construction with the place of business located at 650 Marks Lane, Alto Pass, IL 62905 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the Sole Owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Terry Moore
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Alto Pass, IL 62905

Terry Bartruff
Union County Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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

CLAIM NOTICE

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

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

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

ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK, an Illinois Banking Corporation,

v.

MARGIE A LAMINACK, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

Case No.: 2017-CH-39

PUBLICATION NOTICE

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

to-wit:

EXHIBIT A

TRACT 1. THOSE PORTIONS OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER AND THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A 1/2" IRON ROD AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER: THENCE S 00°-21'-14" E, A DISTANCE OF 166.45 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD; THENCE S 89°-46'-45" W, A DISTANCE OF 1081.01 FEET TO THE CENTER-LINE OF A 30-FOOT EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS AND UTILITY PURPOSES; THENCE N 00°-13'-15" W, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, A DISTANCE OF 20.00 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING FROM SAID 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 CENTERLINE 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 SECTION 27; THENCE N 00°-21'-14" W, 782.26 FEET; THENCE S 78°-16'-37" W, 135.60 FEET; THENCE S 75°-41'-59" W, 227.60 FEET; THENCE S 67°-32'-27" W, 389.96 FEET; THENCE S 63°-42'-07" W, 229.25 FEET; THENCE S 01°-49'-16" E, 598.18 FEET, THENCE S 89°-46'-45" W, 175.00 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF SAID 30 FOOT EASEMENT AND THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE ALONG SAID CENTERLINE WITH THE FOLLOWING COURSES. S 00°-13'-15" E, 89.75 FEET; THENCE S 00°-41'-54" E, 1020.31 FEET TO THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF ILLINOIS STATE ROUTE 146 AND THE TERMINUS OF SAID EASEMENT. PER REVISED PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY SCOTT A. RICHARDS, ILLINOIS LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2996, RECORDED ON OCTOBER 8, 1998, IN RECORD BOOK 161 AT PAGE 982 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

and for other relief, that summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that said suit is still pending. Now, therefore, unless you, the said 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, on or before the 5th day of February, 2017, 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. STUBBLE- FIELD, CHARLES L. STUBBLEFIELD, UN- KNOWN 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, on or before the 10th day of February, 2017, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE IN- TENT OF THE BOARD OF

EDUCATION OF COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 37, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS TO SELL \$750,000 WORKING CASH FUND BONDS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Community Consolidated School District Number 37, Union County, Illinois (the "District"), will hold a public hearing on the 18th day of January, 2018, at 5:30 o'clock P.M. The hearing will be held in the Anna Jr. High School, 301 South Green Street, Anna, Illinois. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds in the amount of \$750,000 for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District.

By order of the President of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District Number 37, Union County, Illinois.

DATED the 18th day of December, 2017.

Pam Needling
Secretary,
Board of Education,
Community Consolidated
School District Number 37,
Union County, Illinois

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NOTICE OF INTENTION OF COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 37, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS TO ISSUE \$750,000 WORKING CASH FUND BONDS

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on the 18th day of December, 2017, the Board of Education (the "Board") of Community Consolidated School District Number 37, Union County, Illinois (the "District"), adopted a resolution declaring its intention and determination to issue bonds in the aggregate amount of \$750,000 for the

purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, and it is the intention of the Board to avail of the provisions of Article 20 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, and to issue said bonds for the purpose of increasing said Working Cash Fund. Said Working Cash Fund is to be maintained in accordance with the provisions of said Article and shall be used for the purpose of enabling the District to have in its treasury at all time sufficient money to meet demands thereon for expenditures for corporate purposes.

A petition may be filed with the Secretary of the Board (the "Secretary") within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice, signed by not less than 457 voters of the District, said number of voters being equal to ten percent (10%) of the registered voters of the District, requesting that the proposition to issue said bonds as authorized by the provisions of said Article 20 be submitted to the voters of the District. If such petition is filed with the Secretary within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice, an election on the proposition to issue said bonds shall be held on the 6th day of November, 2018. The Circuit Court may declare that an emergency referendum should be held prior to said election date pursuant to the provisions of Section 2A1.4 of the

Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended. If no such petition is filed within said thirty (30) day period, then the District shall thereafter be authorized to issue said bonds for the purpose hereinabove provided.

By order of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District Number 37, Union County, Illinois.

DATED this 18th day of December, 2017.

Pam Needling
Secretary,
Board of Education,
Community Consolidated
School District Number 37,
Union County, Illinois

Grant Capel
President,
Board of Education,
Community Consolidated
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Reynoldsville News

by Sue Eudy

Thank you to Dolores and Jack Reynolds for renewing their subscription to The Gazette-Democrat and giving me the credit.

Lois and Jim Crites of Jackson, Mo., visited Saturday with Sue and Steve Eudy. Ryan Wachter of Jonesboro also visited with the Eudy's.

Sue Eudy visited Saturday afternoon with Ervina Johnson of Jonesboro.

David and Kristy Miller of St. Charles, Mo., visited last Monday with Shirley Miller of McClure.

Those enjoying eating at Pizza Hut in Anna last Tuesday were Ermadell Elkins and Tyler and Alexa Hinkle, all of Anna, Deanie and Jerry Hinkle of Jonesboro, Penny and Kerri Hill, Kacie and Derek Gollifer, all of McClure, Julie and Tessa Burton of West Palm Beach, Fla., David and Kristy Miller and Shirley Miller.

Shirley Miller visited Thursday with Betty Miller of Ullin and Margie Hinkle

of Anna, at Union County Hospital and with Sharon Morgan of Jonesboro.

On Saturday, Shirley Miller, Penny Hill, Julie and Tessa Burton and Kacie Gollifer visited the Glenn House in Cape Girardeau.

Barb and Edwin Livesay of Anna spent New Year's Eve with Dolores and Jack Reynolds of Reynoldsville.

Those enjoying dinner at the home of Dolores and Jack Reynolds on New Year's Day were Amy and Valley Reynolds of Reynoldsville, Jessie, Andrew and Rhiannon Livesay of Wolf Lake, Jay Jennings of Reynoldsville and Gracie and Hunter Wilson of Cape Girardeau.

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



Union County landscape

This image was captured during the fall from the Cliff View Park area in Alto Pass. The image was created by using the "solarize" tool in Photoshop.

Public Record

Realty Transactions

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

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Lisa File, Gerhardt T. Schaefer, Sharon Schaefer, William Schaefer. Grantee: Robert Shane Boyd. Tract Section 23 Township 12S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Raymond Randall Boyd, Jennifer Rea Goddard, Judith Diane Neal. Grantee: Robert Shane Boyd. Tract Section 23 Township 12S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: W. Jane Verble. Grantee: Robert Shane Boyd. Tract Section 23 Township 12S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Karen E. Fernandez, Peter Fernandez. Grantee: Karen E. Fernandez, Peter Fernandez. Tract Section 26 Township 12S Range 1E.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Donald Lee Dillow, Kevin Myers, Donald Myers Jr., Debra Sutliff, Martha Jo Westphal. Grantee: Donald Myers Jr. Tract Section 34 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Cindy A. Beauchamp, Cynthia A. Beauchamp. Grantee: Cynthia A. Beauchamp, Roger L. Beauchamp Jr. Tract Section 5 Township 13S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Capaha Bank, Southern Bank. Grantee: Alex J. Richbourg, Emily L. Richbourg. Tract Section 20 Township 12S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Brooke's Development LLC. Grantee: Jonathan E. Beachy, Regina F. Beachy. Tract Section 21 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Evelyn S. Grizzard, Robert R. Grizzard. Grantee: Joyce Bearden. Name: Purcell Heights Sub. of Anna, Lots 61, 62.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Donald J. Ritter, Emma M. Ritter. Grantee: Geoffrey K. Ritter, Stephanie R. Ritter. Tract Section 17 Township 11S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Alexander R. Foeller, Payton Foeller. Grantee: Megan Elizabeth Escue. Name: Purcell Heights Sub. of Anna, Lots 19, 20.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Cynthia A. Wright, Gary L. Wright. Grantee: Gary L. Wright and Cynthia A. Wright Land Trust, Cynthia A. Wright, Gary L. Wright. Tract Section 30 Township 11S Range 1E.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Elvis S. Pearson. Grantee: Dana Lee Pearson, Gary Pearson, Robert Pearson. Tract Section 29 Township 11S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Dana Lee Pearson, Gary Pearson, Robert Pearson. Grantee: Elvis S. Pearson, Will Ewing Thomas Pearson. Tract Section 29 Township 11S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Ashley Nichole Busby, Christopher Brian Busby, Ashley Nichole Stewart. Grantee:

Christopher Brian Busby. Tract Section 5 Township 13S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: William M. Boucher. Grantee: Anna-Jonesboro National Bank. Tract Section 19 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Larry Schemonia. Grantee: Jacqueline C. Whitley. Tract Section 6 Township 11S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Danielle Laird, William E. Laird. Grantee: Esther L. Franklin. Name: Winstead Davies 3rd. Anna of Anna, Lot 55.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Edward S. Martin, Grace D. Martin. Grantee: Joseph P. Gehman, Lois A. Gehman. Tract Section 30 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Rolla Sue McFarland. Grantee: Nickie N. Gibbs. Name: E. Leavenworth's 1st Add. of Dongola, Lot 138.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Steve Gossard, Kenneth H. Gossard Jr., Debra Scanlon. Grantee: Stephen G. Cohen. Tract Section 25 Township 13S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Sammy W. Laster. Grantee: Kenneth M. Laster. Tract Section 10 Township 12S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Kenneth M. Laster. Grantee: Sammy W. Laster. Tract Section 10 Township 12S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: David Ray Millis. Grantee: David Ray Millis, Gina Sue Millis. Tract Section 34 Township 11S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Ronald D. Clark, Tima M. Clark. Grantee: Debra McEvoy, Eugene McEvoy. Tract Section 23 Township 13S Range 2W. Tract Section 23 Township 13S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Donald R. Newberry. Grantee: Timothy L. Newberry. Tract Section 18 Township 11S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Michael D. Ellis, Shelley A. Ellis. Grantee: Jessica L. Stark, Joseph T. Stark. Tract Section 25 Township 12S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Barbara M. Frizzell, Charlotte Gail Frizzell, Ronald E. Simpson. Grantee: Brenda Berry, John Berry. Tract Section 24 Township 13S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Donald R. Newberry. Grantee: Timothy L. Newberry. Tract Section 18 Township 11S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Michael D. Ellis, Shelley A. Ellis. Grantee: Jessica L. Stark, Joseph T. Stark. Tract Section 25 Township 12S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Daniel L. Hancock. Grantee: Sherman Mays. Name: Folliis Add. of Ware, Block 1, Lot 13.

Traffic Citations

from the files at the Union County Courthouse

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:

Kenneth W. Kerley, Vienna. Billy W. Tellor, Anna. Richard James Bolton, Cobden. Chad A. Warner, Murphysboro. Justin E. Moore, Clinton, Ind. Madison M. Wiggin, Paducah.

Noe Zubieta, Houston, Texas. Darcy Nicole Schwettman, Scott City, Mo. Martha June Gillett, Scroggins, Texas. Dzmitry Shkeryn, Arlington Heights. Robert Laverne Tripp, Gallatin, Tenn.

Angelic Shantee Davis, Tamms. Sierra N. Perez, Carbondale. Kenneth B. Peterein, Murphysboro.

Angelina L. Liggins, Sikeston, Mo. Juan Castaneda, Canton, Ga. Madison Rae Glodo, Marion. Robert T. Sterling, Sikeston, Mo.

Lamontae D. Westley, Carbondale. Sheila A. Sims, Chicago. Nicholas T. Allen, Marion. Nawdkishore Rangineni, Cape Girardeau.

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:

Amy M. Lemmon, Alto Pass, fail to obey yield sign, \$120. Kaylee Elizabeth Davis, Grand Chain, registration expiration, \$120.

Dylan Dewayne Bailey, Delight, Ark., unlicensed, \$150; improper traffic lane usage, \$120; electronic communication device, \$120. Ruby Eva Lee Poole, Wolf Lake, seat belt required/passenger, \$60.

Timothy M. Mueller, Addieville, electronic communication device, \$120. Christopher Lee Pender, Jonesboro, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Gregoria Martinez, Austin, Texas, improper traffic lane usage, \$120. George T. Hubbs, Anna, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200.

Tristan R. Stanley, Anna, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140.

Jeffrey L. Hickam, Livonia, Mich., speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140. Yosvany Hernandez, Homestead, Fla., fail to comply with Part 393, \$120.

Taunya C. Medley, Dongola, electronic communication device, \$120. Zeying Zhu, Carbondale, improper passing/left/no passing zone, \$120.

William Scott Dasher,

Cape Girardeau, electronic communication device, \$120. Josiah Jaroi Stanfield, Mary-land Heights, Mo., transport/carry alcoholic liquor/drive, \$120; speeding, 11-14 mph above limit, \$120.

Adam Beck, Cape Girardeau, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Sean E. Stadelbacher, Cobden, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200.

Destiny D. Trexler, Marion, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200. David W. Mitchell, Herrin, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200; unlicensed, \$150.

Timmy Wayne Flannigan, Simpson, overweight on axle, \$510. Trujillo Oscar Luis Holguin, Cuauhtemoc, Chihuahua, Mexico, overweight on permit, \$3,975.

Maya R. Minor, Carbondale, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140. Michael H. Yalda, Clinton Township, Mich., speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140.

Joshua Keith Kester, Jackson, Mo., seat belt required/driver, \$60. Amy C. Wheeler, Anna, electronic communication device, \$120.

Andrea D. Mazo, Murphysboro, electronic communication device, \$120. Gary D. McDowell, Elizabethtown, overweight on axle, \$500.

Tristin Michael Steward, Anna, seat belt required/driver, \$60. William Scott Dasher, Cape Girardeau, electronic communication device, \$120.

Autumn B. Gunter, Anna, registration expiration, \$120. Jeffery Lamar McAllister, Cairo, registration expiration, \$120.

Steven Herbert Etter, Jonesboro, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Dereck Deon McDonald, Dallas, Texas, log violation, \$120.

Michael E.L. Smith, Anna, seat belt required/passenger, \$60. William J. Hutcheson, Cobden, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Mark David Fletter, Carbondale, electronic communication device, \$120. David M. Merchant, Cape Girardeau, lamps/other, \$120.

Adam Beck, Cape Girardeau, seat belt required/passenger, \$60. Thomas H. Jaynes, Horn Lake, Miss., seat belt required/driver, \$60. David L. Franklin II, Anna, fail to reduce speed, \$120.

Marriage Licenses

The county clerk's office issued a marriage license to:

Daniel Michael Nance, 23, of Cobden, and Cierra Nicole Crowell, 22, of Cobden.

CELEBRATING THE BICENTENNIAL OF ILLINOIS

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more hoarse and vibrating, which was followed in a few minutes by the complete saturation of the atmosphere, with sulphurous vapor, causing total darkness. The screams of the affrighted inhabitants running to and fro, not knowing where to go, or what to do – the cries of the fowls and beasts of every species – the cracking of trees falling, and the roaring of the Mississippi – the current of which was retrograde for a few minutes, owing as is supposed, to an eruption in its bed – formed a scene truly horrible.

As it will always be known, the "Great New Madrid Earthquake," was not just a single event but was the beginning of a series of massive earthquakes and tremblers that continued on for at least six months.

Another massive quake shook the area later on the same day, followed by another great quake on January 23rd and then again on February 7th. These great quakes were followed by more than 2000 smaller quakes in the following months.

The whole country was shaken. Reports from near Louisville in Kentucky tell the story of how the people wanted to leave and cross into Indiana but could find no livestock to pull their wagons because they had all ran away.

The stories of the people who lived around New Madrid filled most of the headlines in the newspapers across the country that were in print in those early days.

Eliza Bryan told of her experiences in and around New Madrid.

"we were visited by a violent shock of an earthquake, accompanied by a very awful noise resembling loud but distant thunder, but

the quake happened. Those on the voyage saw the trees waving like a great wind where there was none. At night they heard the trees and banks of the river crashing into the waters. They witnessed the great quake

Obituaries

Harold F. Cross

Harold F. Cross, 93, of Anna, died at 12:05 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2017, at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

He was born on April 5, 1924, in Creal Springs, the son of Ira and Carrie Wiley Cross.

He married Lanita Jean Smith on Sept. 3, 1949, in Piggott, Ark. She preceded him in death on April 3, 2016.

Harold is survived by his son, Dana (Danette) Cross of Jonesboro; two grandchildren, Adriel Cross and Elliott Cross; one great-grandchild, Owen Cross; three sisters, Carmen (Harlan) Coffman of Jonesboro, Shirley Casper of Carbondale and Evalee (Tom) Harman of St. Louis; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Lanita Jean Cross; and one sister, Joyce Muldoon.

Harold served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was awarded three Purple Hearts for wounds he received in action. Harold was a member of Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro and Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna. Harold worked many years for the City of Anna and later was a truck driver.

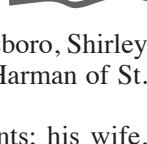
Funeral services for Harold F. Cross were at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 29, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with Bill Littrell officiating. Interment was in the Anna City Cemetery.

Military rites were conducted by Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna and the Illinois Army National Guard funeral honors team of Marion.

Memorials can be made to the Illinois Veterans Home activity fund.

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

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



Fred Douglas

Fred Douglas, 95, of Dongola, died at 7:15 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, 2017, at his residence.

He was born on Nov. 22, 1922, in Sidell, the son of Thomas and Myrl Cleo Butts Douglas.

He married Virginia Lawrence on Oct. 26, 1946. She preceded him in death on Oct. 19, 2013.

He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

After returning from his service, he worked for five years for Wayne Osman Produce. He worked for 35 years as a custodian and bus driver for Dongola School. He was a member of the Wetaug Church of Christ.

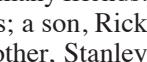
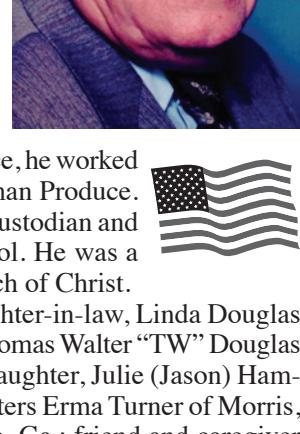
He is survived by his daughter-in-law, Linda Douglas of Tunnel Hill; a grandson, Thomas Walter "TW" Douglas of Tunnel Hill; a step-granddaughter, Julie (Jason) Hammond of Nashville, Tenn.; sisters Erma Turner of Morris, and Oma Foehr of Alpharetta, Ga.; friend and caregiver Judy Cohen of Dongola; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Rick Douglas; a sister, Esther Fisher; and a brother, Stanley Douglas.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, at Crain Funeral Home in Dongola, with Pastor Tim Heinecke officiating. Interment followed in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Dongola. Full military honors were accorded by the VFW's Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 in Anna and the Illinois honor guard.

Memorials can be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois or to Christian Chapel Cemetery.

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



Ronald R. Smith

Ronald R. Smith, of Cape Girardeau, and formerly of Anna, died on Sunday, Dec. 24, 2017, at age 74.

He was born on Sept. 25, 1943, in Mill Creek, the son of Harold and Edna Wright Smith.

He married Peggy Poole on May 26, 1961, in Mill Creek.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Peggy Smith of Cape Girardeau; a son, Donald Smith of Whitewater, Mo.; daughters Sheila "Sis" (David) McKee of Dongola, Pam (Rick) Bueter of Glennon, Mo., Tamra (Ken) Riley of Huntsville, Ala., and Jenna (Shell) Duskey of Dongola; 14 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two sisters, Shirley (Jim) Vines and Shiedla Wheaton, all of Anna; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his stepfather, Frank Wheaton; and a twin brother, Donald "Tex" Smith.

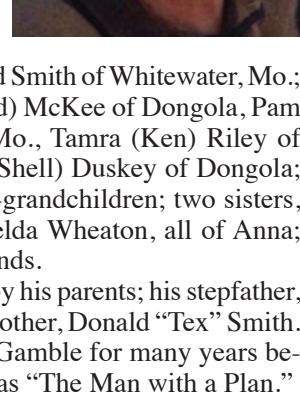
He worked for Procter & Gamble for many years before retiring. He was known as "The Man with a Plan."

Funeral services for Mr. Smith were at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with the Rev. Charles Ferris and Richard Webb officiating. Interment was in St. John's Cemetery near Dongola.

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

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

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



Gerald Fink

Gerald Fink, 79, of Carbondale, died Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2017, at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, surrounded by his family.

He was born in 1938 in Mill Creek, the son of Doyle and Mildred Fink.

He married Marlene Cotton in 1962. They were blessed with 55 years of marriage, serving as a role model to family and friends for what makes a happy and lasting marriage.

He received his civil engineering degree from the Missouri School of Mining and Metallurgy in Rolla, Mo. Upon receiving his degree, he began work for the U.S. Forest Service, planning public access areas for parks across the country.

Returning to Southern Illinois to build a family, he began working for the highway department in Carbondale as a civil engineer and later for the Southern Illinois University Department of Mechanical Engineering.

His family said he was an exceedingly talented craftsman with a true inventor mindset, applying his expertise to restoring machinery, customizing the family residence and offering assistance to many individuals and organizations in the community seeking repair for the "unfixable." There was nothing he could not repair, and if he needed a non-existent part, he created one. He always crafted an ideal and expedient solution and was quick to lend a helping hand to others.

He was a member of the American Thresherman Association and restored his own 1924 Keck-Gonneman steam engine to its original state. In this endeavor, he recreated long-lost artwork essential to the restoration process helping other Keck owners achieve the same goal.

Gerald and Marlene are members of the First Methodist Church of Carbondale.

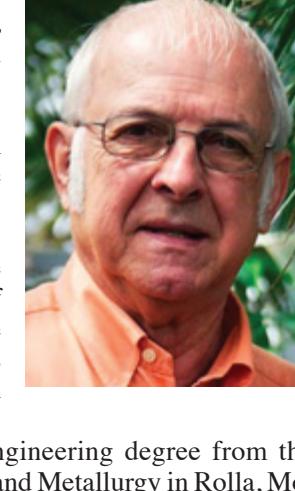
He is survived by his wife, Marlene Fink of Carbondale; a daughter, Lynn Fink (Kevin Olson) of Chicago; a son, Michael (Leah Lovett-Fink) of Denver, Colo.; grandchildren Bruce Fink and Lorelei Fink of Denver, Colo.; a sister, Marilyn (Ernest) Russell of Jonesboro; nieces Elizabeth Russell-Bowen of Buncombe and Kim Russell-Burger of Scott City, Mo.; other relatives and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org.

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

Crain Funeral home Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



Catherine 'Katie' Gaynelle Patton

Catherine "Katie" Gaynelle Patton, 91, of Springfield, and formerly of Southern Illinois, died on Thursday, Dec. 28, 2017, at Memorial Hospice at Heritage.

She was born on Sept. 19, 1926, in Delwood, Pope County, the daughter of James Dent and Sylvia Morse.

She married Earl Dean Patton on Christmas Day, 1948, in Carbondale. Earl Dean preceded her in death on Sept. 28, 2014, just short of his 92nd birthday and what would have been their 66th anniversary.

She attended school in Pope County and Cobden, prior to receiving her bachelor of arts degree at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

She met the love of her life at SIU after Earl Dean returned from the Great War. Upon Katie's graduation and Earl receiving his master of arts degree, the newlyweds taught school in Shawneetown and later in Virginia, Ill.

After Earl accepted an administrative position with the Kankakee public school system, they decided to start a family, and until her last day, Katie remained unwaveringly devoted to her sons, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Earl continued his career path as school superintendent, which took the Patton family to Urbana, Culver City, Calif., and finally Springfield. During this time, Katie happily ran the household and took care of her sons and husband. Catherine was an excellent homemaker and mother.

After sending her sons off to college, Katie attained her broker's license and became a very successful realtor in Springfield.

After Earl retired, the couple moved outside of Eldorado, on the old Patton family farm, where they presided over family "get-togethers" and provided guidance and support to the entire clan. Katie continued to be active gardening, sewing and ultimately becoming sole caregiver for her beloved husband in his last few years.

Her family said Katie was the kindest, most gentle women you could imagine—she always placed others needs and wants above her own and never uttered a cross word. Her love for her family was unwavering and foremost in all her decisions and actions.

Catherine finally surrendered to the cumulative effects of dementia and Alzheimer's disease, but up until her very last days and even with severely impaired speech, she always managed to say "I love you."

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by sisters Helen Austin, Betty Jo Lamar and brother Blair.

She is survived by her sons Kevin (Nancy) Patton and Brian (Kim) Patton; brother Austin (Peggy) Dent; grandchildren William (Melanie) Patton, Ryan (Delaney) Patton and Catherine (Daryl Fulmer); great-grandchildren Abigail, Hannah and Jackson; nephews Mark Austin (Christine), Vince Lamar and Jake Dent; nieces Debbie Jo Crain (Stephen), Rebecca Taylor (Norman) and Laura Clark; along with many great-nieces and nephews.

The family voiced appreciation to all of those at Wyndcrest Assisted Living, Reflections Memory Care, Between You and I (Suzie and Teena) and Memorial Hospice at Heritage who took such good care of Mom.

Funeral services for Mrs. Patton were at noon Wednesday, Jan. 3, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden, with the Rev. Ed Falgout officiating. Interment was in the Cobden Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

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 was in charge of arrangements.

Harvalee D. Harwick

Harvalee D. Harwick, 95, of Mesa, Ariz., and formerly of Anna, died Friday, Dec. 29.

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

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.

Lela Roberts

Lela Roberts, 82, of Murphysboro, died Friday, Dec. 29, 2017, at her residence.

She was born on Jan. 15, 1935, in Carbondale, the daughter of Claud and Mabel Lipe Stearns.

She married Robert Roberts on Nov. 9, 1953. He preceded her in death on April 9, 2008.

Her family said she was a wonderful homemaker, a fantastic cook and a great seamstress. She loved to quilt and sew.

She was a member of Drury Church.

She is survived by her children, Becki (Steve) Naas of Murphysboro, Alan (Becky) Roberts of Carbondale, Robin Nance of Cobden and Rhonda (Leroy) Brookens of Pana; grandchildren Carolyn Naas, Jessica Coleman (Patrick), Stephen Naas (Emma), Robert Roberts (Amanda), April Roberts, Amber Madison (Axel), Brandy Nance (Kaleb), Kelly (Chris) Flamm, Stephanie (Danny) Todd, Rachel (Rusty) Sullivan, Sarah (Nick) Merano, Aaron Brookens (Alicia), Naomi Brookens, Anna Brookens and Rebekah Brookens; 21 great-grandchildren; 12 brothers and sisters; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by a great-grandson, James Stone.

Funeral services for Lela Roberts were Tuesday, Jan. 2, at noon at Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home. Interment followed in Pleasant Grove Memorial Park.

Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society, Southern Illinois Hospice or to Drury Church.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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

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Union County Farm Bureau 100th annual meeting

The Union County Farm Bureau recorded an historic achievement during the fall of 2017. The 100th annual meeting of the Union County Farm Bureau was held Thursday, Nov. 2, at the Great Boars of Fire Lodge near Anna. One-hundred-seventy-five members and special guests gathered for a meal and to conduct business.

During the meeting, members elected two new directors, Charlie Braden of Cobden and Carl Dillow of Anna, both for two-year terms. Special awards and recognition were given: to Ken Trimble, COUNTRY Financial agent, who was awarded with a traveling plaque for signing the most new members for the year; and to directors Larry Hale, Sonny Eddleman and Halford Dillow, who were recognized for many years of service on the Union County Farm Bureau Board.

The Union County Farm Bureau noted that the special evening would not have been possible without the help of several members and local agriculture students who helped by handing out door prizes at the end of the meeting. The Union County Farm Bureau's annual meeting is planned each year on the first Thursday in November. Photo provided.

Christmas trees can find new life at Rend Lake

It is after Christmas and you need to take the tree out of the house.

What can you do with it now? How about helping out some fish with a new home for the holidays.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Rend Lake is asking for Christmas trees to improve fish habitat.

Donated trees will be bundled together to create underwater fish structures.

The structures serve a variety of purposes, such as providing feeding areas for fish of all sizes, refuge for small fish and fishing spots for anglers.

Christmas trees can be dropped off at any of the following three Rend Lake boat ramps or parking lot locations:

Sugar Creek parking lot, located at the intersection of Licata and Mine 21 roads; Dam West boat ramp, located on the west end of the main dam; or Jackie Branch boat ramp, located north of Route 154 across from the Barren Township building.

Christmas trees will be accepted at the locations until Jan. 16.

Two additional collection locations have been added through a partnership with the Marion Park District.

The first location will be

in Ray Fosse Park, which is located just north of Route 13 on the east end of Marion.

The collection point will be located in the "Goofy Golf" parking lot, just behind the swimming pool, at 519 Parish Ave.

The second collection point will be located at the northernmost picnic shelter parking lot as you exit Pyramid Park at 1300 Beavabeck Dr.

Trees will be accepted until Jan. 16 at the Marion collection sites.

Artificial or flocked trees (with artificial snow) cannot be accepted.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers park rangers ask that prior to dropping off trees, all tinsel, decorations, stands and plastic bags be removed from the tree.

Corps of Engineers employees, Illinois Department of Natural Resources fisheries biologists and volunteers will team up to drop the bundled and weighted trees in the lake sometime during March.

The exact date for the drop will be announced, at a later date, in a news release and on the Rend Lake Project Office/Visitor Center Facebook page.

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The Christmas holiday season was made a little brighter Thursday evening, Dec. 21, when the Cobden Police Department hosted its annual Shop with a Cop event. Fifteen young people were treated to pizza provided by Whiffle Boys. The pizza dinner was served at the Cobden School. The young people then were transported to the Walmart supercenter store in Anna, where they could go Christmas shopping. The young people were taken to Anna in Cobden Police Department vehicles, with sirens sounding and lights flashing. Funding for the Shop with a Cop program is generated by a pancake breakfast and many donations; many of the donations are made anonymously.

ICC authorizes creation of new advisory committee

The Illinois Commerce Commission, ICC, has unanimously adopted a resolution authorizing the creation of a Retail Market Advisory Committee to advance efforts to foster a healthy retail marketplace in Illinois.

"A statutory responsibility of the ICC is to promote electric retail competition. Among the goals of this advisory committee is expanding the dialogue with alternative suppliers to ensure excellent service is being provided to Illinois customers," said ICC chair-

sion, CSD, sought establishment of the committee to encourage more engagement with retail energy suppliers.

The ICC is required by state statute to promote retail competition to benefit all Illinois consumers.

The ORMD director and staff are tasked with actively seeking out ways to promote retail competition to benefit all Illinois consumers.

The resolution calls for the new advisory committee to consist of approximately 20 to 25 members from alternative retail electric and natural gas suppliers.

The members will serve without compensation or reimbursement for their expenses. The ORMD staff will announce the selection process at a future date.

The ICC will collaborate with the new advisory committee to prepare an annual policy session on retail market competition and to create new and expanded communication tools, including a website page and newsletter.

Earlier this year, the ICC adopted stringent new rules to put an end to deceptive marketing practices that had been used by some companies in the alternative retail electric industry.

The new rules will ensure consumers have information about electricity supplier options that enable them to compare offers and utility plans and make better-informed decisions.

The new marketing guidelines also provide regulators with improved enforcement mechanisms, and require suppliers to take improved verification and quality control measures.

"By proactively communicating with alternative energy suppliers and fostering an open dialogue, we hope to prevent problems in the retail market and identify early solutions to better protect consumers. The advisory committee will also ensure proper implementation and compliance of the new rules," Sheahan said.

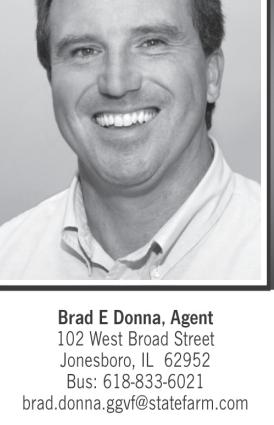
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Illinois helpline offers aid to those impacted by opioids

A statewide helpline has been launched in Illinois to provide immediate assistance for those impacted by addiction to opioids and other substances.

The helpline will provide a confidential outlet for individuals experiencing opioid use disorders, their families and anyone affected by the disease 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Helpline specialists are trained in evidence-based approaches to help connect callers with treatment and recovery-support services.

To reach the helpline, individuals can call 1-833-2FINDHELP.

"This helpline will provide a quick way for Illinoisans struggling with dangerous addictions to access resources, treatment options, and support," Gov. Bruce Rauner said.

"We are focused on helping them get on the road to recovery to combat further drug overdose tragedies."

In launching the helpline, Rauner said he was fulfilling his promise to tackle the opioid crisis and combat the growing number of overdose deaths related to heroin, other opioids and synthetics like fentanyl.

Administration officials have been meeting throughout the year to establish an agenda to combat the epidemic.

Rauner unveiled the Opioid Action Plan and signed Executive Order 17-05, creating the Opioid Overdose Prevention and Intervention Task Force this year.

The task force was charged with building strategies that would help reduce projected opioid overdose-related deaths by one-third within the next three years.

Lt. Gov. Evelyn Sanguinetti and Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, director Dr. Nirav Shah co-chair the task force, which was responsible for implementing new programs and policies.

"Our growing opioid epidemic is a national emergency that knows no neighborhood, no color and no class. It's an equal-opportunity aggressor that is destroying lives," Sanguinetti said.

"I'm grateful our task force was able to meet the governor's deadline to launch these programs and save lives. I'm excited to know the helpline is now available for people to take that important first step, and ask for help."

IDPH data shows opioid overdoses killed 1,946 people in Illinois in 2016, which was more than one and a half times the number of homicides and nearly twice the number of fatal motor vehicle accidents.

In addition, data from the Illinois Department of Human Services, IDHS, estimates that approximately 248,000 Illinois residents need, but do not receive, treatment for illicit drug use.

"We live in a world where stigma prevents individuals from coming forward and asking for help. Treating opioid use disorder like any other disease is just the first step in combatting this horrible crisis. We also must make treatment accessible," said Illinois Department of Human Services Secretary James Dimas, who helped get the helpline up and running.

"It will never be easy, but with strong support and access to treatment

through services like the helpline, we can help save these lives."

The opioid task force has been traveling across Illinois to learn first-hand about the challenges communities are experiencing and ways the state can assist.

"We've heard about the successes of drug court and law enforcement safe passage programs. We've also learned about the challenges of longer-term follow-up care and continued support services," Shah said.

"The input we are receiving from health care providers, law enforcement, people affected by opioid use disorder, community organizations, and mental health professionals will help inform our efforts as we move toward implementing the Opioid Action Plan.

"We're hopeful the new

24-hour helpline will connect people with the services they need and address some of the challenges communities face."

Another policy established under Executive Order 17-05 was a Standing Order to make the overdose reversal drug Naloxone (Narcan) available to first responders and members of communities across Illinois, without a prescription. The order was issued by IDPH in October.

The Helpline for Opioids and Other Substances is funded by federal grant dollars that the State of Illinois secured from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

The Opioid State Targeted Response grant is administered by the Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse.



Veterans Day parade in Anna

Nearly 100 units participated in the 2017 Veterans Day parade, which was held Saturday, Nov. 11, in Anna. An honor guard led the way at the start of the parade, which again was sponsored by Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 in Anna. The post has sponsored the parade for many years. The parade route through the downtown Anna area was lined with hundreds of spectators. Many of those in attendance applauded for veterans as they marched in the parade, which was held on a sunny and fairly mild November afternoon.

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**Cardinal, in silhouette**

The image of a cardinal was captured in silhouette after the redbird had made a stop in a sweet gum tree in Union County.

Cover crops may offer birds place to rest, refuel

After harvesting a corn or soybean crop, farmers may plant a cover crop for a variety of reasons: to reduce soil erosion and nutrient runoff, increase organic matter in the soil, and improve water quality.

Now there's another reason. University of Illinois research shows that migratory birds prefer to rest and refuel in fields with cover crops.

"Here in the Midwest, we're in one of the major flyway zones for migratory

birds, where there once was plenty of habitat for grassland birds to safely forage and rest during their migration. Now that agriculture is the dominant landscape, they're finding it harder to get the resources they need on the way to their breeding grounds," says Cassandra Wilcoxen, a graduate research assistant in the U of I Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences.

"We think cover crops, such as cereal rye, likely provide migrating birds with more vegetation and a safe area to escape from the elements and from predators," Wilcoxen says.

"Cover crops also increase insect abundance, another food source for birds. The increased number of insects allows migrants to fuel up faster and move on to their breeding grounds."

"Grassland birds prefer large, open areas: the big-

ger, the better. Agricultural fields are huge, so the cover crops provide a large habitat where birds can rest, forage, and potentially even nest."

Fields with cover crops are not going to replace natural habitats, but in early spring there can be miles of fields with little vegetation.

"The advent of cover crops provides a potentially important habitat for birds returning to the Midwest from areas as far south as Argentina. The large green fields are likely a beacon for migratory birds."

Over two planting seasons, Wilcoxen monitored birds in corn and soybean fields with and without cover crops. She observed 6,133 individual birds of 52 species, with 13 species accounting for 90 percent of all birds detected.

The most common species were the red-winged blackbird, common grackle and American robin.

"Fields with cover crops always had more birds, and corn fields with a cover crop were the overall winners," Wilcoxen says.

She thinks corn plus a cover crop, especially cereal rye, was the favorite because there is more residue on the fields; the remaining corn stalks along with rye provide more cover for the birds.

What's the downside? Wilcoxen says it's all in the timing.

"The window of time to plant a cover crop in the fall is fairly short. Cover crops can be aerial seeded, drilled, or broadcast. But depending on how wet the fall is, there is only a short time when it can be planted. Drilling is the best method because you know you're getting good seed-to-soil contact," she says.

Another timing issue emerges in the spring: when to kill the cover crop.

Wilcoxen says it's tricky. "Some grassland birds nest in the spring, so in order to give birds the time they need, farmers may need to hold off terminating their cover crop. Those are the sorts of recommendations that will require more research," she says. "It's true of any new farming practice. You have to play around with it to get it right."

"In our experience, most farmers using cover crops have learned about the practice from their neighbors, and we are hoping this continues and cover crop use continues to grow," Wilcoxen says.

Will what's best for migratory birds motivate farmers to plant cover crops and terminate them a bit later to allow birds to use them for habitat?

Wilcoxen is hopeful. She says one of the aspects of her work that she enjoys most is bringing together the agricultural community and the wildlife community to work together for long-term environmental health.

"Production agriculture has taken a lot of habitat from wildlife, but we need it to provide food for us and the world. But how do we mesh the two? Where are the opportunities? No-till is a great example. It helps slow soil erosion and it helps birds. Now cover crops are another overlapping win-win opportunity to benefit both agriculture and wildlife."

The paper, "Use of cover crop fields by migratory and resident birds," was published in Agriculture, Ecosystems and Environment and written by Cassandra Wilcoxen, Jeffery Walk and Michael Ward.

The work was supported by The Nature Conservancy of Illinois, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the Illinois Ornithological Society, and the Champaign County Audubon Society. Wilcoxen was scheduled to assume a position in the fall for the Macon County Soil and Water Conservation District.

An Homage to Hometown Happenings

By Kate B. Jerome

No matter where my travels take me, I always seek out the local newspaper.

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In the tiny town where I grew up, the local paper was a powerful tool – no doubt for many reasons beyond my young comprehension. However, I looked forward to the daily delivery for two simple reasons.

First, I loved to read the personal stories – from tragedy to triumph – about the people in my own community. It was the first inkling I had that I might be part of something larger than the family who lived at 12 Parkview.

Second, I couldn't wait to hear the interesting dinner conversations that some tidbit in the paper was bound to spark. Of course, my favorites were the most heated discussions. And when my parents resorted to spelling out words? Well, let's just say the training led to considerable success in my grade school spelling bees!

Decades of educational publishing experience later, I know my hometown paper was just one arrow in the successful child-raising quiver my parents used. But it was an important tool, and the outcomes it helped produce are still of the utmost importance today.

You see, building a strong sense of place plays a key part in a child's social and emotional development. When children connect with the community around them, it helps them develop their own personal identity. An added benefit is the sense of stewardship it often inspires.

And the value of generating meaningful conversations? In my view, it's off the charts. Too often in our busy world, dialogue with our kids tends toward the practical (Did you pick up your toys?) rather than the profound (Keep trying even when it's hard!). So any tool that inspires discussion of such issues as friendship and community should be deeply valued. Why? Because that's when our own stories of personal grit and resilience begin to flow.

And aren't those the kind of Hometown Happenings that we really want our children to remember?

Kate B. Jerome is the author and series creator of two new *Read Together/Do Together* children's book series from Arcadia Kids that are designed to jump-start meaningful conversations between kids and their favorite adults. A seasoned publishing executive, an award-winning children's book author, and a recent Fellow in Stanford's Distinguished Careers Institute, Kate is a passionate supporter of intergenerational communication. See her TEDx talk and follow her on Facebook to learn more.

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Dec. 7. Nancy Carol Brinker. Russell S. Brinker. Dr. Clide DeWayne Cas-sity. Maxine Ridenhour Douglas. Mary Elizabeth Belcher-Jackson. Lawrence "Sandy" Johnston. Micheal Knight. Donn S. Miller. Ricky Vick.

Dec. 14. Jill Suzanne Pearce Bell. Rosa Lee Bell. Janette Commean. Wayne Crowell. Virginia Joyce Harrington. Robert G. "Bob" Manus. Brendan "Cory" Moore. Richard Pitts.

Dec. 21. Hadley Chase Ashby. Gayle Dillow

Conant. Jimmy R. Dallas. Betty Sue Elkins. Mildred "Millie" Etherton. Alma Gilliam. Myrtle Elizabeth Walter Holt. Earl F. Lingle. Forrest Ray Meadows.

Dec. 28. David Lee Al-len. Dortha C. Ballance. Alberta Mae Cook. Kenneth Henry Mueller. Jerry Wayne Osman. James Allen Rowley. Winnie I. Seip.

(Editor's note: every effort was made to include a complete listing of all of the obituaries which appeared in the newspaper 2017.)

Television Listings

THURSDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Pro-grams	Local Programs	College Basket-ball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Brooklyn Superstore	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D Raven	"Going Sty" Tonight	(5:20) "Fargo" ('96)	Soul2Soul
7 PM	The Middle	Big Bang	The Four: Battle for Stardom "Week One"	Good Place	College Basket-ball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Brooklyn Good Place	Law & Order: SVU	Andi Mack Stuck Mid.	"King Arthur: Legend of the Sword" ('17)	★★★ "Ronin" ('98) Spy team betrayed. (R) (HD)	{45} "A Beautiful Mind" ('02. Drama) /mathematician.
8 PM	Housewife	Young	(01) Mom	Will Grace	College Basket-ball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Brooklyn Great News	Law & Order: SVU	Bazaar Bazaar	"Mechanic: Resurrection" The impossible.	"Kiss Kiss, Bang Bang" ('05) (R)	Shameless (HD)
9 PM	Truth and Lies: "Waco A deadly raid. (HD)	Pieces	Local Programs	Chicago Fire (HD)	Local Programs	Brooklyn Chicago Fire (HD)	Brooklyn Damnation (HD)	Jessie	"Mechanic: Resurrection" The impossible.	"Kiss Kiss, Bang Bang" ('05) (R)	Shameless (HD)
10 PM	Local	Local	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Local Programs	Brooklyn (35) Tonight (HD)	Brooklyn Law & Order: SVU	Andi Mack Stuck Mid.	"Mechanic: Resurrection" The impossible.	"Kiss Kiss, Bang Bang" ('05) (R)	Naked
11 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Local Programs	Brooklyn (35) Tonight (HD)	Brooklyn Drop Mic	Undercover	All Comedy Good Luck	"Mechanic: Resurrection" The impossible.	SMILF

FRIDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Pro-grams	Local Programs	NBA Basketball New York Knicks at Miami Heat (Live)	Brooklyn Mod Family	Undercover	"Why Him?" (92)	(5:05) "Alien 3"	"Office" Epic party.	
7 PM	Child Support	MacGyver (HD)	Hell's Kitchen (HD)	US Figure Skating Championships "Ladies Free" (Live) (HD)	NBA Basketball Washington vs Memphis (Live) (HD)	Brooklyn ★★ "Red Dawn" ('12, Action)	Raven's Home Night out. (HD)	"(500) Days of Summer" ('09)	"Sleight" ('17)	"Bad Santa" ('03) Santa steals.	
8 PM	SHIELD (HD)	Hawaii Five-0 (HD)	(01) 9-1-1 "Pilot" (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	NBA Basketball Washington vs Memphis (Live) (HD)	Brooklyn Mod Family	Mod Family	"Alexander & Very Bad Day" ("500) Days of Summer" ('09)	"Alexander & Very Bad Day" ('17)	"New Jack City" Drug dealers.	
9 PM	(01) 20/20 (HD)	Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Local	NBA Basketball Washington vs Memphis (Live) (HD)	Brooklyn ★★½ "Team America: World Police" ('04) (R)	Mod Family	"Hidden Figures" ('17)	"Hidden Figures" ('17)	"Watchmen" ('09)	
10 PM	Local	Local	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Tonight (HD)	NFL Primetime	Brooklyn "Warm Bodies" ('13)	Mod Family	Andi Mack (HD)	"Kong: Skull Island" ('17)	SMILF	
11 PM	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Brooklyn "Pacific" (R)	Mod Family	Undercover	Good Luck	"Zack & Miri" ('08) (R)	Shameless (HD)

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Opinion and Commentary

Union County celebrates bicentennial in 2018

The community is invited to be a part of a very special event which is planned to kick off the commemoration of a landmark moment in the history of Union County.

Two hundred years ago this week, Union County was created. On Jan. 2, 1818, the place we call home was created out of Johnson County.

The Union County Historical and Genealogy Society plans to kick off the celebration of the county's bicentennial during a special event which is planned this weekend.

The event is scheduled from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro. Saturday's event will feature a reading of the official document which established the county, appearances by persons representing local notables of the era, historical exhibits, music and refreshments.

This year also marks the bicentennial of the State of Illinois and the City of Jonesboro. Events are planned throughout Illinois during 2018 to celebrate this historic achievement.

As we look forward to the future, the bicentennial also offers an opportunity to reflect on our rich heritage, history and achievements. We encourage everyone in the community to be a part of Saturday's event at the courthouse in Jonesboro.

Unique opportunity for young people

With the start of a new year, young people in Illinois have an opportunity to share a special gift.

Legislation which allows 16- and 17-year-olds to register for the State of Illinois' First Person Consent Organ/Tissue Donor Registry when they receive their driver's license or identification card took effect on Jan. 1, 2018.

"Our main priority is to save lives," Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White said. "Thousands of Illinoisans are waiting for an organ. Those who are waiting are someone's mother, father, daughter or son. This new law is an important step in reducing the number of individuals on the waiting list."

Under the law which had been in effect, an individual must be at least 18 years old to join the First Person Consent Organ/Tissue Donor Registry.

The legislation amends the Illinois Anatomical Gift Act and allows 16- and 17-year-olds to join the registry.

Those who join the registry will receive a letter of thanks from the Illinois Secretary of State's office. White encourages 16- and 17-year-olds to use this letter as a basis for discussing their choice with their parents.

By joining the First Person Consent Organ/Tissue Donor Registry, 16- and 17-year-olds will be giving consent to donate their organs and tissue at the time of their death with only the single limitation that the procurement organizations (Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Network and Mid-America Transplant) must make a reasonable effort to contact a parent or guardian to ensure they approve of the donation.

The parent or guardian will then have the opportunity to overturn the child's decision.

Once the 16- or 17-year-old turns 18, that decision would be considered legally binding without limitation.

There are 47 states that have enacted this legislation. In 2016, more than 350,000 16- and 17-year-olds in Illinois were issued driver's licenses and identification cards.

"Approximately 4,700 people are on the waiting list in Illinois and about 300 people die each year waiting for an organ transplant," White said. "One person can improve the quality of life for up to 25 people. Currently, 6.3 million Illinoisans are registered with the state's registry."

Illinois residents can register with the Secretary of State's Organ/Tissue Donor Registry at LifeGoesOn.com, by calling 1-800-210-2106 or by visiting their local driver services facility.

Page from the Past

From the files of The Gazette-Democrat

50 Years Ago, January 4, 1968

The new year of 1968 started out, temperature-wise, with a low of minus 5, registered January 1.

Over 300 persons attended the 39th annual Woodrow Wilson dinner held at the Community Center on Thursday, Dec. 28.

Bids are being let for the 40 bed addition to the Union County Nursing Home. The bids will be opened on January 15.

The Union County Board of Commissioners is considering the possibility of microfilming county records to be sent to the Archives in Springfield for safekeeping.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Winstead of Cobden celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary January 1, 1968.

The tenth annual All-Night New Year's Eve party at Anna-Jonesboro Teen Town, sponsored by parents, was attended by approximately 200 members and guests. Music was provided by "The Common Fields." The annual record auction was bought by the Class of 1969. This record, in a gold frame, remains at Teen Town and is sold each year at the New Year's party.

The record for the new Anna-Jonesboro Teen Town is that of Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass, who gave much support for the fund drive in May 1967.

Please read this. . .

by Geof Skinner

...wrapping up some loose ends...and other stuff...

So, here we are...a new year...a fresh start...

...this week, we're going to wrap up a few things, and engage in some meanderings...a little bit of this...and a little bit of that...

...hope everyone had a nice Christmas holiday...ours took a bit of an interesting turn, but that's another story...

...we did manage to keep a couple of Christmas traditions alive...

...one of those traditions involves paying a visit to the Trail of Tears State Forest on Christmas Eve. I'm not sure why this tradition got started...sometimes, such things can't be explained...

...anyway, yours truly headed out to the woods on a cold and cloudy Christmas Eve. It really wasn't much of a surprise that there was only one person at the state forest on the afternoon before Christmas. I hadn't been in the woods for very long when frozen precipitation started to fall from the sky...

...after a visit to the woods, yours truly headed back home...and kept another Christmas Eve tradition alive...

...for many years (don't remember exactly how long), we've cooked something on the grill, outside, on Christmas Eve...no matter what the weather might be. One year, I cooked in a downpour of sleet. Another year, the temperature was about 10 degrees, and we had about a half a foot of snow on the ground. The Other Half likes to say that was the year when I tried to burn down our front porch. Christmas Eve 2017 was cold and windy. Very windy. Made for some fun cooking...but I think the food tastes better if it's been cooked over a charcoal fire, outside, in the cold, and wind...

...just in case you were wondering, and we know you were...yours truly made a final visit for 2017 to the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro...on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 28. Last week's visit ended a journey which began in January 2017. The day was quiet. And cold. Not many creatures were stirring. Didn't even see a mouse. Was a bit surprised to find the smoldering remains of a fire in a fireplace at the shelter at the picnic grounds.

...speaking of wondering about things...wonder if I could teach our cats how to do the laundry...

...a fellow traveler on the Journey Through Life, who also happens to be a young coworker at The Paragraph Factory, shared that she had received one of those high tech gadgets which allows one to start one's car without actually going out to the car...



The Trail of Tears State Forest, on Christmas Eve. For the past few years, it's become a tradition to pay a visit to the state forest. Christmas Eve 2017 was cold and cloudy, with some light sleet and/or snow falling....

Nature journaling enhances outdoor experience

Nature journaling enhances the outdoor or garden experience, while building a more positive and personal connection with nature.

"I use nature journaling as a creative form of self-expression, but I find that it also promotes relaxation and calmness," says Rhonda Ferree, a horticulture educator with University of Illinois Extension.

Many people journal. In its most basic form, journaling is a daily record of news and events that happen in a person's life.

Writing down day-to-day happenings saves that information in an organized manner and helps us remember it later.

"I've been journaling since I was a teenager, and my family often enjoys reading my old entries, reminding us of fun family times," Ferree says.

Nature journaling provides all this and much more.

"We all intuitively know that being in nature makes us happy," Ferree notes.

In fact, research shows that spending just 20 minutes in nature can promote health and well-being.

Journaling while surrounded by nature allows us to slow down and see the natural world from a different perspective.

Relaxing in nature provides mental and emotional clarity to express our private experiences, thoughts, and feelings.

While doing this, we begin to relax, thus enhancing the outdoor experience even more.

After all, have you ever stayed in a bad mood while surrounded by nature?

Journaling takes that positive experience to a deeper level, and makes it last longer.

Journaling is not difficult to do. "You don't have to write a magazine-quality short story, just write what you see and feel," Ferree recommends. "Over time we all develop our own style that works for us."

Although most people journal with pen and paper, there

...such a tool is especially nice when the temperature is about 2 degrees outdoors, but that never happens around here...does it? Yours truly suggested that it would very nice if my coworker would go outside and start my car, so it also would be toasty warm. She suggested, with a smile, that such a scenario was not likely...

...I've also decided that I need to have a "smart" house, as in "smart" technology. That way, when I got home on a December evening, there would be some lights on. I don't like going home and being greeted by darkness. Some might suggest that I could just leave a light on...hmmmm...

...finally (whew), a few musings about one of the last books I read during 2017...

...the book, titled "Endurance: A Year in Space, A Lifetime of Discovery," is a memoir written by astronaut Scott Kelly. Kelly has served as a space shuttle commander. He also served as commander of the International Space Station. Kelly spent a year on the space station. "Endurance" is a great book. You can check it out at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna.

...for whatever it's worth, yours truly, like many young folks back in the day, dreamed about being an astronaut. Encouraged by a grade school friend, I even wrote a letter to one of America's original astronauts, and he responded to the letter. Sadly, that wonderful memento vanished in one of many family moves...

...yours truly also applied for a "Journalist in Space" program. The program was designed to give a journalist an opportunity to fly on the space shuttle. At the time, it seemed like a fantasy, 'cause I was pretty sure that a "real" journalist, somebody like Walter Cronkite, would have a better chance at flying on the space shuttle than the editor of a weekly newspaper in Southern Illinois.... still, it was nice to dream...

...reflecting on his year in space, Kelly offered some thoughts in his book which seemed worth sharing...

...I've learned to better compartmentalize, which doesn't mean forgetting about feelings but instead means focusing on the things I can control and ignoring what I can't"...

...I've learned that grass smells great and wind feels amazing and rain is a miracle"...

...I've also learned that our planet is the most beautiful thing I've ever seen and that we're lucky to have it"...

...that's enough for this week...have a great 2018...



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