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News

Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

Be sure to attend Christmas in the Village this Saturday in Cobden. ***

Downtown Cobden was a busy place last Friday. ***

Last Saturday's Christmas in Downtown Anna celebration appeared to be a big success. Lots of folks were in Anna. ***

The Grinch apparently made an appearance at one of the Christmas in Downtown Anna events. Some pondering about the true meaning of Christmas apparently helped the Grinch to have a change of heart. ***

Mayor Steve Hartline and the Anna City Council last week joined in congratulating Coach Brett Detering and the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team for an "awesome" 2017 season. ***

The Anna City Council also congratulated one of its own: council member Brandon Bierstedt has earned high school golf coach of the year honors. Bierstedt is the golf coach at A-JCHS. ***

A new specialty grocery store may be coming to the City of Anna. ***

The City of Jonesboro plans to have a bicentennial flag raising ceremony at noon on Dec. 4. (continued on page 2)



CEO program hosts Meet the Mentors event

The Union County CEO program recently hosted its annual Meet the Mentors breakfast.

This year's breakfast took place at St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Anna and was the first meeting of the program's 2017-2018 class with their mentors from the business community.

An important element of the CEO program is learning to communicate well with individuals around them.

Over the course of the school year, Union County CEO students have an opportunity to practice this communication not only through interactions with the owners of 50 to 70 small business owners within Union County but also through the mentoring program that the CEO program encourages.

"I feel fortunate to be able to be a part of the CEO program. This program not only teaches the students but also reminds the adults of what a great community we live in," mentor Melanie Lasley of A-J National Bank said in a news release from the CEO program.

As a part of CEO, each participating student is paired with a mentor from their local community to foster a relationship in which they communicate, receive advice and more with the generations before them.



CEO students, mentors

Those in attendance at a Union County CEO program Meet the Mentors breakfast in Anna included, in the first row, from left, students Bryce Osman, Megan Rhine, Alejandra Lopez, Cheyenne Thorn, Grace Schroeder, Alex Rogers, Grace Pitts, Connor Allen, Zoe Fuhrhop and John Russell. In the second row are mentors Darren Bailey, Robin Hawk, Glenda Boone, Casey Stout, Melanie Lasley, Larry Carter and Greg George. Those who could not be present for the picture included Stephanie Cox, Kelli Wood and John Nimmo. Photo provided.

One of the long-term goals of the program is to lead the students to roles as leaders not only in their individual businesses but in their community.

"The CEO program does a wonderful job of cultivating leadership in our youth," said mentor Robin Hawk of Union County Abstract Office. "It is a bright spot for our community and I am fortunate to have the opportunity to be a mentor again this year."

This year's mentors include Union County Treasurer Darren Bailey, Robin Hawk of Union County Abstract Office, Glenda Boone of US Bank, Casey Stout of US Bank, Melanie Lasley of A-J National Bank, retired pharmaceutical sales leader Larry Carter, Greg George of Anna State Bank, Stephanie Cox of A-J National Bank, Kelli Wood of Edward Jones and John Nimmo of Leadership Lived.

CEO, short for Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities, is an experiential learning-based entrepreneurship course that seeks to build a comprehensive educational experience for high school students across the United States.

The program seeks to foster the growth of young people who are able to demonstrate out-of-the box thinking, who are equipped to communicate well and to be problem-solving, team-work oriented and self-motivated.

"The demanding yet exciting structure of the CEO program creates growth in our community's youth that

is undeniable," added Kelli Wood of Edward Jones.

"To see young people with a passion for learning and business walk in a room and confidently shake hands with our community's leaders is impressive and shows great promise for our county."

For more information on the Union County CEO program or to make an investment and to follow the ongoing story of the 2017-2018 class, visit UnionCountyCEO.org.

Region experiences mild, dry weather conditions

Dry conditions were raising concerns about fires in the region early this week.

Record high temperatures also were possible, the National Weather Service office in Paducah reported.

Dry Conditions

The United States Drought Monitor reported that as of Nov. 21, the western part of Union County was experiencing abnormally dry conditions.

The Drought Monitor posts a weekly map on

its website which shows the location and intensity of drought in the United States.

The Drought Monitor is a joint collaboration involving the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the U.S. Department of Commerce and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Since Nov. 7, rainfall in the Union County area had

totalled only .53 of an inch, as of Tuesday morning.

The Drought Monitor showed that as of Nov. 21, parts of Southern Illinois and Southeast Missouri were experiencing conditions which included abnormally dry, moderate drought and severe drought.

"Elevated Fire Danger"

The weather service noted early Tuesday morning on its website that a combination of dry vegetation, low humidity and breezy conditions would result in

an "elevated fire danger" in the region which included Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky.

Winds were expected to decrease Tuesday night. Along with a rise in the humidity, the fire danger was expected to be reduced considerably.

Mild November Temperatures

The weather service also noted on Tuesday that record high November tem-

peratures were possible in some parts of the region.

A high temperature near 67 degrees was possible on Tuesday in the Union County area.

The record high temperature for Nov. 28 in Cape Girardeau is 69 degrees, which was seen in 1998.

The high on Tuesday in Cape Girardeau was expected to be 67. The normal high temperature for the date is 51.



'Tis the season...

...for jolly old St. Nick to pay a visit. Santa Claus, and a special friend and helper, greeted visitors of all ages last Saturday at Anna-Jonesboro National Bank's branch in downtown Anna. Santa and his helper were on hand for Saturday's Christmas in Downtown Anna celebration. Photo by Lindsey Rae Vaughn.

Cobden plans to host Christmas in Village

The holiday spirit will be celebrated at the ninth annual Christmas in the Village celebration, which is planned Saturday, Dec. 2, in Cobden.

Holiday bazaars and open houses highlight a variety of events that climax with a presentation of Christmas lights in the village's downtown park.

The Old Feed Store on Appleknocker Street plans to host an open house with a hospitality table featuring Christmas treats.

A variety of local artisans and craft/art vendors will be set up. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Santa Claus is scheduled to visit from noon to 3 p.m. and goody bags for children will be given out.

A popular event from last year will return. An exhibit at the Union County Historical Society Resource and Cultural Center (the former medical clinic in town) on Appleknocker Street will be on display. The display will feature a

collection of nativity scenes and vintage Noel figures. A tree will be entirely decorated with Noel ornaments.

Bazaars featuring holiday decorations, gifts, crafts and homemade treats will be offered at the Union County Museum's Christmas Shop, the St. Joseph Catholic Church parish hall and the Apostolic Light-house Church.

St. Joseph Catholic Church plans to serve a selection of soups for lunch from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The First Baptist Church of Cobden will present a live nativity scene on the corner of West Maple and South Appleknocker from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The Cobden School band is scheduled to perform a Christmas concert near the downtown park shelter at 3:30 p.m. The celebration will conclude at 4 p.m., with the presentation of the Christmas lights at the shelter.

For more information, go to www.cobdenil.com or call the Cobden Village Hall at 893-2425.



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Candidates begin filing for primary

Filing of nominating petitions began Monday morning for the 2018 Union County primary election. The primary election is set for March 20, 2018.

Filing continues through 5 p.m. Dec. 4.

Candidates for local offices file at the Union County clerk's office. The clerk's office is located at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Here's a look at the candidates who had filed through midday Tuesday:

Union County Commissioner

Seat A: Tina Waller, Anna, Democrat.

Meeting held Nov. 21

Anna Council covers wide range of topics

The Anna City Council covered a wide range of topics at last week's regular meeting.

The meeting was Tuesday evening, Nov. 21, at Anna City Hall.

City administrator Steve Guined reported that six months into the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the municipal budget was tracking "fairly well." The fiscal year began on May 1.

Guined reported that some of the final steps were being taken to complete a major improvement project at the Anna City Park.

The project included construction of a new concessions/restroom building. Plans were calling for picnic tables to be placed at the site this week.

The city administrator also reported that vandalism had occurred at the park, including at the new concessions/restroom building. Vandalism occurs frequently at the park.

Care of local cemeteries addressed at board meeting

The care and upkeep of cemeteries was addressed at last week's regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners.

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

More than 100 cemeteries can be found throughout the county. Many are situated in isolated rural areas.

Community member Ron Garner was in attendance at last week's board meeting. Garner asked if there would be anything that the county could do to help maintain cemeteries.

Union County engineer Kevin Grammer explained that at one time, the county had a line item in the budget which allocated \$12,000 a

year for upkeep and maintenance of cemeteries. The funds were used to pay for equipment and salaries.

The highway department carried the program for about two to three years. Grammer said the program has not been funded for about the last four years, in light of tighter financial conditions.

Union County Treasurer Darren Bailey suggested that officials consider meeting with representatives of local churches to look into a way to help care for the cemeteries.

No formal action was taken about the matter at last week's meeting.

Seat D: Thomas Sadowski, Anna, Democrat. Max Miller, Anna, Republican. Miller is an incumbent.

Union County Treasurer

Leigh Burns, Jonesboro, Republican.

Monica Russell, Lick Creek, Republican.

John L. Hughey, Anna, Democrat.

Union County Clerk

Terry Bartruff, Anna, Democrat. Bartruff is an incumbent.

Union County Sheriff

Scott Harvel, Jonesboro, Democrat. Harvel is an incumbent.

In response to the concerns about vandalism, the council voted last week to proceed with the purchase of security cameras, which will be installed at the park.

The cameras will be purchased from Tech Guys Consulting in Anna, which submitted a bid of \$9,035.75.

The council voted to employ two new Anna Police Department officers. Jeremiah Reagan was employed for a full-time position. Shawn Stone was hired for a part-time position.

City council member Martha Ann Webb voiced concerns about alleys on the northwest side of Anna. Improvements will be considered when the budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year is being drafted.

The meeting also included a closed session which lasted for about an hour. The purpose of the closed session was to discuss pending litigation.

Foeller appointed as county commissioner

A new Union County commissioner has been appointed.

The appointment was approved at last week's regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners.

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

The board acted to fill a vacancy which was created by the resignation of county commissioner Dale Russell of Lick Creek.

Russell stated his intention to resign as a commissioner in a Nov. 10 letter to board chairman Bobby Toler Jr.

Russell stated that he was resigning due to health matters.

"I have enjoyed my time serving as a commissioner for the last eight years," Russell wrote.

"We have come a long way in this time from being in debt to having a surplus and working hard on getting new roads in the county repaved with no cost to the taxpayers. Thanks again for letting me serve the taxpayers of Union County."

Declaring a vacancy on the five-member board due to Russell's resignation was on the agenda at the commissioners' Nov. 22

meeting. Russell held a post which is formally designated as county commissioner Seat C. The board voted to declare the vacancy, which was effective as of Nov. 10.

County board chairman Toler said that letters had been sent to the Republican and Democrat parties in Union County regarding the naming of Russell's successor. The person named to fill the vacancy had to be a Republican, which is Russell's party affiliation.

Toler reported that Alex Foeller of Anna had been recommended by the Union County Republican Party Central Committee to fill the post. The county board chairman then recommended that Foeller be appointed, which was approved.

The vacant commissioner's post was filled until the 2018 election. Foeller said that he plans to be a candidate next year.

Foeller is director of finance at Masters Choice in Anna. He was a candidate for county commissioner in the 2016 primary election.

The new commissioner said that his initial goals would be working to establish a balanced budget and keeping the county's infrastructure strong.

Waller candidate for county board



Tina Waller

Tina Waller of Anna this week is formally announcing her candidacy for a seat on the Union County Board of Commissioners.

Filing for the March 2018 Union County primary election began Monday, Nov. 27.

Waller shared the following announcement about her candidacy:

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An Old Tyme Christmas is planned Dec. 10 at Fort Massac State Park in Metropolis.

Auditions for the play "Scenes from Pooh" are planned Dec. 27-28 at the Shawnee Hills Arts Council's Anna Arts Center. Performances are planned in April 2018.

The Capitol Christmas Tree made its way through the region last week on a journey from Montana to Washington, D.C.

Butterflies in November in Union County? Yup. Flowers blooming in November? Yup.

To the residents of Union County. There will be three open seats in the 2018 election for Union County commissioner.

I, Tina (Sadler) Waller have filed to run in the elected position for Seat A.

I am a lifelong resident of Union County, as is my husband Roger. I have one son, Bryant, a daughter-in-law Francie and two grandchildren, Kale and Emma.

Most of you know me from my 20 year employment at Anna District No. 37. Although I am now retired from the school, I remain involved and serve as vice president on the school board.

As a driven and determined person, I will work diligently for the people of Union County.

After attending some recent county board meetings, there have been some much needed changes brought to my attention.

Touching lightly on my visions of some changes would be: time of meetings so more people could attend, define leadership roles, transparency and working together with taxpayers to name a few.

I say with pride that I have accepted the challenge to run as your county commissioner.

Welcoming your opinions and concerns, I also ask for your support in the 2018 election, so together we can make a positive impact and changes for the betterment of our county.

I can be reached at my email address of trwaller81@yahoo.com or through Messenger.



Reppert family reunion

The annual Reppert family reunion was conducted last week in Washington, D.C. Brothers John, Joe and Jerry, as well as most of their families, were in attendance. The picture was taken at the National Press Club.

Shop with Cop, Firefighter set in Anna

An annual Shop with a Cop/Firefighter is planned again this year in Anna.

Shopping trips and meals are planned on Tuesday and Thursday, Dec. 5 and 7.

The holiday season tradition is conducted by the Anna police and fire departments, with a wide range of support from throughout the community.

About 40 children from the Anna area are expected to participate.

The evenings are scheduled to begin with meals at McDonald's and Pizza Hut, both in Anna.

After the meals, the children will go shopping at the Walmart supercenter store in Anna.

Be sure to attend Christmas in the Village in Cobden

Nuisances addressed

The Jonesboro City Council has adopted a new, streamlined administrative procedure for the issuing of municipal citations in an effort to clean up the community.

Effective Dec. 1, citations may be written for violations such as tall grass and weeds, accumulation of trash, litter and debris, inoperable motor vehicles and other public nuisances.

The city notes that the violations will carry mandatory fines/penalties, ranging from \$100 for the first offense, and up to \$750 for multiple offenses.

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Christmas open house

PAST's Heritage House Christmas open house is planned Sunday, Dec. 2, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Heritage House Museum is located at 102 S. Main St., just south of the square in Jonesboro. The house is decorated for Christmas in festive silver and gold decor. A \$5 donation is requested.

Lucille Eddleman (Mrs. Don) Rich is pictured with a treasured Tree of Life Quilt made by quilters who had a special attachment to the house when it was the Sansom family home. The quilt was appliqued, embroidered, and quilted in Jonesboro in the 1970s by the mother of Don Rich, Helen Sansom Rich and her sisters Garnet Sansom McCluskey and Edith Sansom.

The quilt will be among the special exhibits at Heritage House that showcase the heritage of Union County's founding families and the history of those who followed. For more information about the Heritage House open house, call 833-3228.



Carols at Candlelight

The PAST organization of Union County is planning to host its annual Carols at Candlelight event on Sunday, Dec. 3, in Anna. Carols at Candlelight is scheduled from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at historic St. Anne's Church, which is located along South Main Street. Parking is available half a block away, behind Stinson Memorial Library.

Music will be presented by The Back Porch Company. Members of the group are Warren and Carla Anderson, Stuart Anderson and Richard Johnson. Following the presentation by The Back Porch Company, group caroling is planned.

Refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend. Visitors can come and go, or come and stay according to their schedule.

Weather

High reaches 71 degrees on Nov. 18

November weather conditions in Union County have been highlighted by mild temperatures and not much rain.

Temperatures for the period from Nov. 7 through

Nov. 27 ranged from a high of 71 to a low of 22.

Precipitation for the period included .01 of an inch on Nov. 9, .35 of an inch on Nov. 15, .01 of an inch on Nov. 16 and .16 of an inch on Nov. 18.

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

	H	L
Tuesday, Nov. 7	50	46
Wednesday, Nov. 8	54	32
Thursday, Nov. 9	59	29
Friday, Nov. 10	45	29
Saturday, Nov. 11	54	28
Sunday, Nov. 12	55	43
Monday, Nov. 13	51	35
Tuesday, Nov. 14	55	29
Wednesday, Nov. 15	54	44
Thursday, Nov. 16	49	31
Friday, Nov. 17	64	29
Saturday, Nov. 18	71	42
Sunday, Nov. 19	43	23
Monday, Nov. 20	53	23
Tuesday, Nov. 21	57	34
Wednesday, Nov. 22	42	23
Thursday, Nov. 23	53	22
Friday, Nov. 24	63	29
Saturday, Nov. 25	60	31
Sunday, Nov. 26	62	28
Monday, Nov. 27	67	31

'Night in Bethlehem' planned

A holiday season tradition is scheduled to continue again this year at a Union County church.

The First Baptist Church in Cobden is planning to host "A Night in Bethlehem" on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 8-10. Hours are from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. each day.

The Christmas season event offers visitors an opportunity to see what life might have been like in Bethlehem during the time of the birth of Jesus.

Admission is free. Pre-registration is not a requirement, but is suggested. Reservations will not be taken after 4 p.m. on the days of the event.

For more information, or to preregister, call 893-2261 or 618-697-1051. Preregistration also is available online at www.CobdenFBC.com.

Christmas at Cross planned at Bald Knob

A Christmas at the Cross celebration is planned from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at the Cross of Peace on Bald Knob Mountain near Alto Pass.

The holiday season celebration will feature:

Christmas and gospel music by the Smoky Hollow String Band from Murphysboro.

Homemade Christmas desserts. Hot cider and coffee, cold drinks.

A discount on all Bald Knob ornaments.

A free gift for children 12 and under.

Christmas in Downtown Anna celebrated Saturday

Lots of people – and lots of smiles – were seen during last Saturday's Christmas in Downtown Anna celebration. A wide range of special activities were held. Sunny, mild November weather prevailed as many visitors came to Anna to be a part of the celebration. The accompanying pictures are from some of the Christmas in Downtown activities. Photos by Lindsey Rae Vaughn.



A Reindeer Run/Walk 5K took place outside the Anna Arts Center on Saturday morning, Nov. 25. The 5K kicked off the day-long Christmas in Downtown Anna celebration.



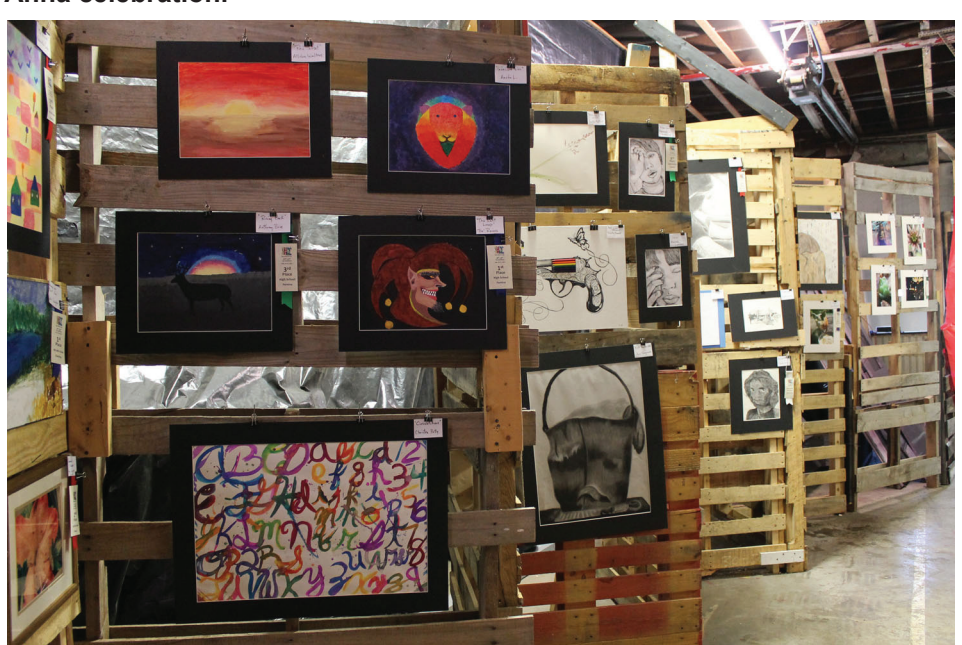
Santa and Rudolph ran with the kids during a Fun Run Saturday morning outside of the Anna Arts Center.



The Anna VFW Auxiliary held a craft/vendor expo in the lower gym at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. Nearly 50 vendors participated.



This n That hosted an open house as part of the Christmas in Downtown Anna celebration.



Art work created by area students was on display at a show hosted by the Anna Arts Center during Christmas in Downtown Anna.



The Anna Arts Center hosted a holiday bazaar which featured many vendors offering items for holiday shoppers.

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Remember to Shop Local for your Christmas gift giving.

Commentary

Memories of special season

By Mike Estel

The 2017 Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team's season ended with a 41-2 loss to Pleasant Plains in the semifinals of the Class 3A IHSA playoffs.

But that lopsided loss shouldn't dampen the Wildcats' spirit.

The boys just ran into a buzz saw.

Prior to that, the Wildcats

A-J football players earn postseason recognition

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team had 10 players selected to the 2017 Southern Illinois River-to-River Mississippi Division all-conference squad.

A-J's Jayce Turner and Ariel Hart were each selected on both the first team offensive and defensive squads.

Other first team offensive selections were Bryce Osman, Carsten Christy, Dylan Cunningham and Kevin Wright.

Reid Morrison was also selected to the first team on defense.

Second team offensive selections were Damien Christp and defensive selections on second team were D.J. Latham and Nick Sanders.

compiled a very impressive season.

Finishing undefeated in the Southern Illinois River to River Conference Mississippi Division and then not losing until the semifinals and finishing 12-1 overall was an amazing feat.

They were a very enjoyable team to watch from the stands.

The trio of quarterback Bryce Osman, fullback Jayce Turner and running back Arieh Hart were all very explosive and quite a treat to watch.

Osman was just as much of a threat running as passing and ran the Wildcats' option attack to near perfection.

On short yardage situations, he was always good for some hard earned yardage up the middle. Next year's quarterback candidate, Conner Jerolds, will have some awfully big shoes to fill.

Turner was an exceptional fullback. He was just as exciting to watch as former A-J fullback Bob Fombelle on the 1984 state championship team. He was always good for some much needed yardage. Doubling over on defense as a linebacker he also made his share of bone-

Thank you

The Gazette-Democrat thanks Tiffany Dillow for all of the great pictures she took at the Anna-Jonesboro Wildcats' football games during the 2017 season.

jarring tackles. Hart was just a phenomenal kickoff returning specialist. That's why opposing teams of-fenses if they were smart always tried to kick away from him. If he got a step on a defendant, he was gone and racing to the end zone. He snared several of Osman's passes for long scores as well.

Kyle McMahan and Damian Christp were on the receiving end of several passes as well.

Kyle McMahan, Reid Morrison and Sheldon McGrath also contributed out of the Wildcats' backfield attack.

The three kickers from the A-J soccer team also made contributions as well. The trio included Jaryt Tripp, McGrath and Zach Massey.

The offensive line, which provided a lot of gaping holes for the backfield included at different times Damian Christp, Dylan Cunningham, Noah Craig, Kevin Wright, Carson Christy, Garrett Fabec, D.J. Latham and Clay Schultz.

Opposing teams were stymied by a stingy defensive unit. The defensive efforts of Osman, Hart, Nick Sanders, Latham, Noah Smith and Morrison stand out.

The season is over and will now go down in the history book. The 2017 team has nothing to hang its head about and should be proud of its accomplishments. I know the fans are very proud and will never forget them.

A-J Wildcat football team completes 12-1 season

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team closed out an outstanding season after advancing to the semifinals of the Illinois High School Association Class 3A playoffs.

Here's a look back at the Wildcats' 12-1 2017 season:

Pleasant Plains 41, A-J 2: The Wildcats' offense was finally stymied for the first time during the season in a semifinal loss Saturday, Nov. 18.

Fullback Jayce Turner, who led the A-J backfield all season, finished with 84 yards rushing on 29 carries.

The Wildcats' lone points came on a safety early in the game.

A-J 56, Vandalia 41: The Wildcats erupted for 568 yards rushing in the playoff win at Vandalia Saturday, Nov. 11. Turner led the way with 214 yards on 30 carries. Bryce Osman added 170 yards on 17 carries and Arieh Hart had 134 yards on 12 carries.

Turner closed out the scoring in the game on a 24-yard TD run and ran all seven plays.

A-J 29, Pana 14: Turner led the way with 169 yards rushing on 33 carries in the playoff win at A-J Nov. 4.

Osman finished with 117 yards on 27 carries.

Osman was 2 of 3 passing for 41 yards. Kyle McMahan had all yardage on his only reception.

A-J 22, Hillsboro 8: The host Wildcats rushed for 210

yards in the opening game of the playoffs Oct. 28.

Osman led the way with 107 yards on 22 carries. Turner had 84 yards on 20 carries.

Osman was 2 of 7 passing for 60 yards. Hart had both receptions.

A-J 62, Benton 28: Benton was limited to 120 yards rushing in the final regular season game Oct. 20. Turner led the way with 174 yards rushing on 27 carries. Osman had 90 yards on 10 carries.

Osman was 2 of 3 passing for 63 yards with Hart having both receptions.

A-J 46, Sparta 14: Turner rushed for 134 yards on 12 carries at Sparta Oct. 13.

Hart had 48 yards rushing on six carries.

Osman was 2 of 2 passing for 75 yards. Hart had a reception for 46 yards.

A-J 42, Du Quoin 36: Du Quoin was held to 139 yards and host A-J had 308 yards rushing on Oct. 6.

Turner led the way with 114 yards on 21 carries. Osman added 99 yards on 18 carries and Hart 62 yards on nine carries.

Osman was 4 of 7 passing for 53 yards. Hart had three receptions for 43 yards.

A-J 34, Pinckneyville 0: Turner had 175 yards rushing on 32 carries and scored three touchdowns to lead host A-J Sept. 29.

Osman added 88 yards on 10 carries and Hart had 55 yards on eight carries.

A-J 41, Carterville 7: Reid Morrison had 113 yards on 2 carries to lead visiting A-J Sept. 22.

Turner added 112 yards rushing on 16 carries. Osman had 57 yards on 11 carries.

A-J 71, Nashville 41: Turner scored seven TDs and rushed for 272 yards on 21 carries at A-J Sept. 15.

Osman rushed for 123 yards on 11 carries and Damian Christp 120 yards on four carries.

A-J 40, Massac County 6: Hart led the way with 66 yards on four carries for the host Wildcats Sept. 8.

McMahan added 58 yards on six carries and Turner 57 yards on eight carries.

Osman was 2 of 3 passing for 74 yards. Christp had a 51 yard reception and Hart a 23 yard reception.

Massac County was limited to 75 yards rushing.

A-J 43, Murphysboro 14: Hart scored three TDs to lead visiting A-J Sept. 1.

He scored on 88 and 1 yard runs and on a 30-yard pass from Osman.

Turner rushed for 92 yards on 20 carries to lead the Wildcats.

A-J 43, West Frankfort 32: Osman was 4 of 6 passing for 93 yards in the season opening game for the host Wildcats Aug. 25.

Christp had two receptions for 63 yards.

Turner rushed for 200 yards on 32 carries.

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Congratulations to the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Wildcats Football Team on a Great 2017 Season



The final walk out of the season
The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Wildcats football team made its final walk out of the 2017 season during a playoff game at Pleasant Plains. The host team scored a victory in the Illinois High School Association Class 3A semifinal round playoff game. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.



Jaryt Wyatt kicks an extra point after A-J had scored a touchdown. Conner Jerolds was holding for the kicker. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.



Anna-Jonesboro Jayce Turner, number 42, Bryce Osman, number 14, and Damien Chrisp, number 27, in action. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.



Anna-Jonesboro senior Jayce Turner, number 42, crosses the goal line to score a touchdown against West Frankfort. Also in the photo are A-J junior Kyle McMahan, number 25, and senior ArieH Hart, number 1. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.



Senior Sheldon McGrath, number 5, runs after intercepting a pass. Also in the picture is junior Kyle McMahan, number 25. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.

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Anna-Jonesboro's Bryce Osman, number 14, rumbles through the Hillsboro defense. Also in the action for the Wildcats were Reid Morrison, number 28; Jayce Turner, number 42; Garrett Fabec, number 73; and Arieh Hart, number 1. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.



Anna-Jonesboro's Arieh Hart, number 1, breaks a tackle. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.



Anna-Jonesboro's Drake Pyle, number 45, tackles a Vandalia ball carrier, with assistance from Sheldon McGrath, number 5. Also in the picture are Jayce Turner, number 42; Arieh Hart, number 1; and Reid Morrison, number 28. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.



Anna-Jonesboro's Bryce Osman, number 14, carried the ball, and some Carterville defenders, with him. Also in the photo is teammate Reid Morrison, number 28. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.

GO WILDCATS!



A new inflatable A-J helmet was featured as the Wildcats came on to the field for the game. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.

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A/K/A NORA L. ALLEN
A/K/A NORA L.
HARDIN
A/K/A
NORA L. STANARD
FREEMAN;
DEFENDANTS
17 CH 17**

Courthouse, 309 W. Market Street, Jonesboro, IL 62952, sell to the highest bidder for cash (ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Union County, Illinois.

Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in cash or certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required,

which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court.

Said property is legally described as follows:

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Permanent Index No.: 14-00-09-830-B02

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The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property.

The judgment amount was \$62,464.31. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For Bid Amount contact:
Sale Clerk
Shapiro Kreisman & Associates, LLC
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THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on August 23, 2017; Scott Harvel, Sheriff, 307 W. Market, Jonesboro, IL 62952, will on January 3, 2018 at 9:00 AM, at Union County

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017

The summary must be published in the local newspaper.

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by December 1, annually. Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact:

LICK CREEK CC SCHOOL DISTRICT 16 7355 LICK CREEK RD BUNCOMBE IL 62912 618-833-2545 9AM-4PM
School District/Joint Agreement Name Address Telephone Office Hours

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SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2017

	Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety	
Local Sources	1000	257,192	41,792	10,357	18,903	17,638	0	7,115	25,633	7,115
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Sources	3000	465,257	3,000	0	12,465	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	103,502	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		825,951	44,792	10,357	31,368	17,638	0	7,115	25,633	7,115
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		835,143	44,863	10,270	38,620	25,221	0	0	26,495	1,920
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2016		161,212	1,606	3,417	59,321	18,871	0	80,465	1,767	3,591
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2017		152,020	1,535	3,504	52,069	11,288	0	87,580	905	8,786

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

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GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000	Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999	Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999	Salary Range: 60,000 - \$89,999	Salary Range: \$90,000 and over
Cathy S. Lang Teresa M. Vaughn Rita J. Mitchell Trisha L. Myers Grace A. Madding Karen S. Carlton Elizabeth K. Corbit Ronald J. Fulenwider	Crystal N. Knueven Drew C. Robbins Nancy L. Cerney Heather Coffman Catherine F. Johnson Bobbie J. Banks Jennifer L. Stokes Gary S. Cox Angela J. Alsip	Kathryn A. Carter Gay M. Haugh-Tucker	Brent E. Boren	

GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000	Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999	Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999	Salary Range: \$60,000 and over
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Payments over \$2,500, excluding wages and salaries.

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Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount	Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount
Amazon.com	3,355	SHI	12317.95
Anna-Jonesboro National Bank	10,270	Southern FS, Inc.	12193.17
Beussink & Hickam PC	5,400	Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative	15081.53
Blue Cross Blue Shield	23,694	Staples Store	2546.21
BMO Financial Group	51,958	State Disbursement Unit	13863.2
Cassie Cohen	10,410	Supplyworks	3966.17
Chester Dairy Company	8,753	Teachers Retirement System	59111.87
Clearwave Communications	3,905	US Foods, Inc	18933.77
CTS Technology Solutions, Inc.	13,634	Winsupply Carterville	2565.14
Foley & Denny	3,500		
Illinois Assoc of School Admin	2,642		
Illinois Dept of Revenue	21,613		
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund	20,273		
Internal Revenue Service	80,308		
Jackson, Perry & Union Co Special Ed	21,376		
Lick Creek Activity Fund	5,404		
Medova Healthcare	24,284		
Megabytes Technology Services	6,664		
Osbourne Office Equipment	2,566		
Penninger Lawn Care	4,035		
Prairie State Insurance Cooperative	25,393		
Reese Recreation	4,060		

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Address

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Local Sources	1000	1,694,846	324,848	371,369	155,109	176,590	0	68,944	295,834	4,890
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0		0	0				
State Sources	3000	2,032,584	0	0	28,314	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	422,233	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		4,149,663	324,848	371,369	183,423	176,590	0	68,944	295,834	4,890
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		3,883,220	314,712	366,278	133,690	158,790	0		277,860	979,273
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2016		105,580	177,397	123,831	487,794	198,238	0	582,864	11,979	1,872,931
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2017		372,023	187,533	128,922	537,527	216,038	0	651,808	29,953	898,548

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

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Lyn Bame	Grace Darmour-Paul	Kristen Chamness	Heath Dawley	Brett Detering
Karen Collier		Joel Dallas	Robert Finders	Robbie Wright
Teresa Hammond		Courtner Garner	Julia Lewis	
Kimberly McWhorter		Crystal Houseman	Eric Emmons	
Richard Pommier		Kyle Kueker	Dawna Gregge	
Kelli Schluter		Leslie Neitzer	Renee McLain	
Tami Ury		Michelle Stevens	Kerry Falkenburry	
Marlin Burd		Tina Vancil	Linda Kersten	
Jordan Edwards		Jennifer Cleghorn	Morgan Moser	
Matthew Lewis		Kendra Denny		
Jared Newman		Alysha Hase		
Aaron Roberts		Amy Hutchings		
Josh Staples		Hannah Maze		
Noah Coleman		Amy Penninger		
Michael Eudy		Dana Stute		
Hope McFarland		Thomas Corbit		
Daniel Owens		Amy Fitzgerald-Wilson		
Jon Sanders		Shawn Horn		
Erin Tuminaro		Sara Konecek		

GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

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Brenda Bartruff	Geoffrey Bond	Blake DeRocher	Paula Keller
Lisa Bigler	Rebecca Corbit	David Fleming	Terry Osman
Louis Chamness	Matthew Denny	Crystal Houseman	Richard Stout
Debra Davis	Stacy Estus	Michael Lohstroh	Brian Meyer
Amber Detering	Erin Hilliard	Grover Mays	Brien Moore
Nikki Hadley	Ricky Livesay	Shelly McGrath	Geraldine Partridge
Kelly Jackson	Trina Mayberry	Francis Moore	Wesley Penrod
Eric Massey	Hannah Maze	Amber Newberry	
Ronnie Mays	Cheryl Midnight	Jason Sadler	
Walter McIntyre	Morgan Musoiu	Angela Smith	
Roger Moore	Randy Pope	Rebecca Stark	
Alecia Pitts	Rodney Seip	Stephen Taylor	
Wesley Sadler	Bradley Stamp		
Julian Smith	Karl Sweitzer III		
David Stoner	Brandon Bierstedt		
Dale Vancil	Mark Boomer		
John Basler	Heather Craig		

Payments over \$2,500, excluding wages and salaries.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School
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<u>Person, Firm, or Corporation</u>	<u>Aggregate Amount</u>	<u>Person, Firm, or Corporation</u>	<u>Aggregate Amount</u>
Aflac	9,513	Houghton Mifflin	14806
Amazon	2,797	IASB	6715
Anna Tire & Auto Center	32,803	IES Dues	31,432
A&W Plumbing	4,575	IHSA	4,283
Cornerstone Ins Group	38,530	Illinois Dept of Revenue	96,533
Baysinger Development	141,002	Illinois Dept of Employment	6,125
Cenage Learning	3,653	Illinois Municipal Retire.	103,767
Chamness Shelter Care	3,348	Leaf	6,360
Chester Diary	14,868	Learning Partners	50,500
City of Anna	14,901	Lees	14,112
Clearwave	11,878	L & P Carpet	4,910
Common Goal System	4,524	Mastercard-BMO	7,177
Consolidated Insurance	82,356	McCann & Sons	6,460
CRS One Source	39,843	McGraw Hill Book Co	8,253
Direct Energy	130,468	Nevco Scoreboard	32,686
Donohoo, McCalley & Assoc	4,800	Newegg	3,269
Eastbay	8,595	Pearson Education	3,765
Hugh Scott Escue	3,700	Pepsi Mid America	21,501
Evrard-Strang Construction	296,987	Perma Bound	3,114
Five County Regional Voca	13,931	Pioneer	3,230
FW Electric	11,284	PreStrike	2,570
Geissler Roofing	513,632	Principat	45,495
Guin Mundorf	8,088	PSAT	2,912
Heartland Pump Rental	3,590	QUALITY Sheet Metals	3,885
Horace Mann Annuity	13,287	Republic Services	10359
Riddell	2,686	Zenith Insurance Group	28620
Rural Health	35,145		
Rusty Home Center	8,155		
Schaefer Excavating	2,883		
School Lunch Solutions	4,600		
School Specialty	3,899		
Shawnee Mass Trans	4,755		
Sidebarr Tech	35,358		
SIU School of Medicine	75,917		
Southern FS	26,811		
Stanbury Uniforms	21,004		
Supplyworks	12,746		
Sysco	43,479		
T & I Office	6,615		
Teachers 33.%	11,102		
Teachers Health	45,469		
Teachers Retirement System	208,861		
Tech Guy Consulting	3,407		
Tri County School	165,216		
TRS	13,455		
UMB	161,078		
Union County Counseling	3,605		
United Thermal Industries	3,208		
Walmart	5,164		
Wells Fargo	205,200		



A-JCHS receives new computers

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School has been awarded an in-kind grant donation of 25 computers from State Farm. A-JCHS received 22 desktop computers and monitors, as well as three laptop computers. State Farm agents Brad Donna of Anna and Chris Mueller of Murphysboro assisted A-J in the application for the grant. A-J technology coordinator Brian Meyer is shown with two of the new computers. Photo by Lindsey Rae Vaughn.



Successful food drive

Jacob Stamp, John Radu and the Customer First team at the Kroger store in Anna held a successful food drive. The drive helped to support the Plentiful Pack program at Anna School District No. 37. Photo provided.



Dongola students of the quarter

Dongola School recently named students of the quarter for the first quarter of the 2017-2018 academic year. The students who were honored included junior Shaylee Lingle, sophomore Megan Theis, freshman Destiny Teltor, 8th grader Madison Delgadillo, 7th grader Hailey Wright, 6th grader Joseph Reynolds, 5th grader Kinley Lingle, 4th grader Kurt Petrich, 3rd grader Caleb Gaddis, 2nd grader Benjamin Flores, 1st grader Jersey Shepard and kindergarten Brooklyn Gaddis. Senior Delaney Cummins could not be present for the picture. Photo provided.



Retiring workers to be honored at ceremony

Southern Illinois University Carbondale chancellor Carlo Montemagno plans to recognize 124 employees for their service to the university in a ceremony and reception Dec. 1 in SIU Student Center Ballroom D. The ceremony begins at 8:30 a.m. The recognition is for university employees who retired between Aug. 1, 2016, and July 31, 2017. The retiring employees had 2,384 years of combined experience with the university. Of these retirees, 45 had 20 to 29 years of service to SIU Carbondale and 14 had 30 to 39 years of service. Of those employees, five employees had between 35 and 39 years.

Employees from the Union County area are among those who will be honored. The following employees are listed by their hometowns and years of service, as provided by the university.

Anna
Dennis Michael Kilmmer, University Housing, 7 years.
Joseph Gerard Pineau, College of Business, 25 years.
Sharon Renee Suchecki, Student Center, 15 years.
Dawn Renee Wilson, Plant and Service Operations, 26 years.

Cobden
Mary E. Janello, Office of Sponsored Projects Administration, 21 years.

Dongola
Wanda C. Ames, University Housing, 7 years.

Makanda
Kathy S. Doan, Center for Rural Health-School of Medicine, Carbondale, 31 years.
Georgia Lee Hefler, Rainbow's End, 21 years.
Steven M. Kappel, Physical Plant Service, 13 years.
Joseph L. Matthews, Plant Soil and Agricultural Systems, 29 years.
Gregory D. Moroz, Office of Sponsored Projects Administration, 22 years.
Jie Zhang Tyrrell, Registrar's Office, 20 years.

Appreciation event held

US Bank was invited to be part of an Hispanic and employee appreciation event held at Flamm Orchards near Cobden. The event was held in October and included a sit down barbeque lunch and door prizes. The aim of the appreciation event was to show respect and appreciation for the multi-cultural team of employees at the Union County agribusiness. Representing US Bank were Glenda Boone, the Cobden branch manager, and Gabbie Diaz, a bilingual teller at US Bank. Photos provided.



A-J October teacher of month

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School October teacher of the month was Renee McLain, who was nominated by Jonathan Parmly. McLain is in her 15th year of leading the A-J music programs. Parmly said McLain is deserving of the award because she is really caring of her students and pushes them to be better every day. He adds that McLain has made a major impact on the four-year band members and has shaped his future plans to include getting a degree in music. McLain and Parmly both received a \$20 gift card to Whiffle Boys Pizza.

Farmers invited to attend small grains event

Southern Illinois farmers can learn about growing small grains, organic grains and cover crops from the farmers doing it at an upcoming field day event. The Southern Illinois Farming Alliance, Regenerate Illinois and the Prairie Rivers Network invite interested people to a small grains field day which is planned from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at Scratch Brewing Company in Ava. At the event, Illinois farmers Steve Buxton and Will Glazik plan to share their experiences growing organic grain crops, to discuss equipment and implements they've used, and offer tips about different grains and varieties. Marika Josephson of Scratch Brewing Company is scheduled to discuss how they plan to incorporate local grains in their brewing process and for milling flours for baked goods. The field day will be followed by a potluck meal. Those who plan to attend are asked to bring a plate, utensils and a dish to share. Registration for the field day is available online at the Food Works website at www.fwsoil.org/FieldDays or by calling 618-370-3287. Scratch Brewing Company is located at 264 Thompson Rd., Ava. A \$10 donation is suggested. Parking is free.

Shawnee Student Senate visits Springfield

Members of the Shawnee Community College Student Senate had an opportunity to visit the capital in Springfield on Nov. 9. During the visit, the students toured both the old and new capitol buildings. They met with State Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg, and had a chance to observe how state government works by attending a special session of the legislature. The students reported that the trip was a great learning experience and they are looking forward to a return trip scheduled for the Spring semester. Students who went to Springfield included Jamie Jordan, a sophomore at the college and student senate president; freshman Alazeye Bellamy; sophomore Alejandro Ruiz; freshman Courtney Boren; freshman Angel Trandel; Ukari Posey, a freshman and the college's Cairo center representative; Faith Diel, a sophomore, student trustee and vice president of the student senate; and Marissa Waddy, a sophomore and student senate secretary. The Shawnee Community College Student Senate is responsible for promoting the welfare of the student body and the development and guidance of student social and cultural activities. The organization is made up of students who are elected by a campus-wide vote and includes one representative from each extension center.

Hunters harvest 51,365 deer in firearm season

Hunters in Illinois harvested a preliminary total of 51,365 deer during the first weekend of the state's 2017 firearm deer season, which was Nov. 17-19. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, reported the preliminary total. IDNR noted that hunters took 54,452 deer during the first firearm season in 2016. This year's firearm deer season is scheduled to conclude Nov. 30 through Dec. 2. In Union County, hunters harvested 977 deer during the first weekend of the 2017 season. That number was down from 1,060 in 2016. Harvest totals in other area counties included, by county: Alexander: 291 this year, up from 283. Jackson: 1,487, down from 1,562. Johnson: 1,091, down from 1,166. Massac: 282, down from 367. Pulaski: 221, down from 281. Williamson: 1,048, down from 1,060.

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Section B

Final 'Off-The-Wall' art exhibition on display at galleries in Cobden

"Off-The-Wall," the annual holiday group artist exhibition at anthill gallery in downtown Cobden, has more meaning this holiday season than ever before. It is the final one.

This newly opened annual exhibition of regionally produced art work and fine craft marks the end of a 10-year collaboration between the Yellow Moon Cafe and anthill gallery & vintage curiosities.

"Off-The-Wall" is scheduled to conclude on Saturday, Dec. 23.

Larger 2-D framed artwork is curated throughout the Yellow Moon Cafe at 110 N. Front St. in downtown Cobden.

The extensive variety of hand-made, one-of-a-kind craft, jewelry, decorative and functional forged steel, ceramics, mosaics, baskets and fibers; journals, photography, graphic design; original paintings, prints and hand-crafted lamps are all to be found in anthill gallery & vintage curiosities at 102 N. Front St. in Cobden.

"Off-The-Wall" means art work can be taken out of the exhibition at the time of purchase.

Cobden's annual Christmas in the Village event arrives on Saturday, Dec. 2.

A cornucopia of family events with caroling and Santa Claus at The Old Feed Store are offered throughout the village downtown.

That day is marked by anthill gallery as Artist Appreciation Day to thank the gallery's artists and celebrate their creativity. They represent a wide range of talented and hard-working local and regional artists and artisans.

In October anthill gallery announced it will be closing at the end of this year.

Owners said in a news release that "the anthill" has enjoyed serving as an exhibition venue and unique gift shop representing local area artists and helping the regional economy.

anthill gallery & vintage curiosities is open Wednesday through Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m.

At the Yellow Moon Cafe's Luna Gallery, viewing hours are Wednesday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., reopening Fridays 6 p.m. to close; and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to close.

For more information, contact anthill gallery & vintage curiosities at anthillgallery@gmail.com or 618-893-3100.

Local financial advisor, office administrator attend training

Kelli Wood, a financial advisor with the financial services firm Edward Jones in Jonesboro, and Amy Otto, a branch office administrator, recently attended an invitation-only training opportunity at the firm's headquarters in St. Louis.

The three-day Advanced Practice Management Forum is offered to branch teams throughout the country who rank among the top third most successful in the firm in helping clients work toward their long-term financial goals.

"The Advanced Practice Management Forum gave us an opportunity to share ideas with other successful teams, visit with home-office experts to discuss ways to meet more clients' needs and view technical

demonstrations highlighting a variety of systems and tools," Wood said in a news release.

"Amy and I also were able to tailor some of the training to focus on areas of our business that we want to grow."

"Attending this training together will help us better serve our clients," Otto said.

"We now share a clearer vision of the best practices, tools and resources to use in earning new clients, deepening relationships with existing clients and overall delivering an ideal client experience."

Edward Jones, which has its headquarters in St. Louis, provides financial services in the United States and through its affiliate, in Canada.



Crescent moon

A crescent moon could be seen over Union County on Tuesday night, Nov. 21. The moon could be seen next to the steeple at the First Baptist Church in Cobden.

Indoor farmers market scheduled in Carbondale

Southern Illinois farmers market shoppers can continue to fill their baskets and support local farmers by visiting the indoor Carbondale Community Farmers Market at the Carbondale Community High School this winter.

Food Works invites food and farm friends to the market's opening day on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Over 20 local farmers, bakers, cooks, and crafters plan to gather to sell their goods every Saturday morning this winter at the Carbondale Community High School, from December through March.

Shoppers can find a variety of items, including many organic and sustainably produced foods.

This year the market will continue to welcome SNAP customers with a Double Value Coupon program.

Customers who receive SNAP benefits can use their LINK card to purchase eligible foods at the market.

With support from

Southern Illinois Healthcare and LINK Up Illinois, the Double Value Coupon program matches these LINK purchases with up to \$20 to spend on Illinois-grown fruits and vegetables.

The market is located in the lobby of the Carbondale Community High School, located at 1301 E Walnut St. Customers are asked to use the Walnut Street entrance. Parking is free. The market will be closed for holidays on Saturday, Dec. 23, and Saturday, Dec. 30.

For more information visit www.carbondalemarket.com or www.facebook.com/communityfarmers-market.

Peace Coalition vigil planned

The Peace Coalition of Southern Illinois/FOR monthly vigil for peace and justice is planned Saturday, Dec. 2, in Carbondale.

The vigil is scheduled from noon to 1 p.m. at the corner of Illinois Avenue and Main Street.

SIU plans to honor employees for service

Southern Illinois University Carbondale chancellor Carlo Montemagno plans to recognize 306 employees for their service to the university in a ceremony and reception Dec. 1 in SIU Student Center Ballroom D. The ceremony is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m.

The event will honor employees with 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service to SIU Carbondale.

The employees have a combined total of 5,160 years of service to the university.

There are 19 employees with 30 years of service, five employees with 35 years of service and three with 40 years of service.

Employees from the Union County area are among those who will be honored. The following employees are listed by their hometowns and years of service, as provided by the university.

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25 years: Lori Linn Reed-Robertson.

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15 years: Sharon Renee Suchecki, Student Center.

20 years: Robert Warshawsky, School of Social Work.

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15 years: Monte Lee Childers, Physical Plant Service.

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15 years: Satya Harpalani, Mining and Mineral Resources Engineering.

20 years: James J. Zaczek, Forestry.

Pomona

10 years: Robin Joy Ellis, Student Center.

30 years: Deborah J. Gearhart, University Honors Program.

Cobden church plans to host bazaar, bake sale, soup lunch

St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cobden is planning to host its annual bazaar and bake sale on Saturday, Dec. 2.

The event will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the parish hall on the church grounds.

The bazaar and bake sale are taking place on the same day as the Christmas in the Village celebration which is planned in Cobden.

The bazaar and bake sale will offer jams, jellies, breads, cookies, cakes, candies, pies, handmade crafts and Christmas items.

A "pick your own" raffle will be featured. Items which will be raffled include a quilt by Betty Cerny, a hand-

made jewelry set by Heather Wright, a necklace and pen by Raymond Flamm, art by Paulette Aronson, two \$50 Kroger gift cards and a women's wrist watch with six interchangeable bands.

Raffle prizes are one chance for \$1 or six chances for \$5. A drawing is planned at 3 p.m. Persons do not need to be present to win.

Soup Lunch

A homemade soup lunch also is planned. Serving is planned from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parish hall.

A \$5 donation includes two bowls of soup (with several varieties to choose from), crackers, iced tea and coffee.



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News from

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

Pastor Mark explained that his past three sermons come at the end of the church calendar year. The Bible stories on which the sermons are based are intended to prepare people for judgment at the end of time. Mt. Moriah's prayer list includes those in need of healing: Karen Toler, Will Eidson, Beth Martin, Alma Osterholm, Edward Becker, Daniel Seddon, Gladys Freeze, Jill Bell, Ed Lee,

Gary Davis, Adalee Davie, Paula Keistler, Betty Brown, Paul Wittke, Bobbie Adams, Denise Garner, Natalie Wood, Jim Dallas, Bob Manus, Spencer Hammond, Nancy Lyerla and David Stanley Jr., Jim Clark, Kenny Roach and Pam Wheaton. Prayer was offered for those grieving for Nathan A. Honey, Kathy Hill Steven, JoAnn Wahlstrom and Irene Becker.

Hands of Faith Ladies hosted the annual Gingerbread Bazaar during Christmas in Downtown Anna. The Gingerbread House Bazaar is the primary fund-

raiser for Mt. Moriah's community outreach projects, primarily the supplemental food program called Plentiful Pack (weekend nutrition for needy kids)



Quilt winner announced
Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church members Kathy Stegle and Kylie Stanley announced the winner of the faith quilt that was featured at the church's recent Gingerbread Christmas Bazaar. The winner of the hand-made sampler by women of Mt. Moriah is Lyn Christie of Carbondale. Highlighted in the quilt exhibit is a student backpack filled with nutritious snacks intended for children who need supplemental food during weekends away from school. The Mt. Moriah Hands of Faith group works with Anna District 37 schools to provide this service, funded primarily with ticket donations from the quilt project. Photo provided.

for District 37. Thanks to everyone who participated as workers and as shoppers to make the event a successful outreach project. A special evening of contemporary music is planned at Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 5 p.m. The music event is planned especially for young people, but all people are invited to attend. Mt. Moriah and Salem church members will participate as bell ringers

on Dec. 2 and Dec. 23. Proceeds from the annual fund raiser will go to the Union County Alliance of Churches for local assistance projects. The annual Mt. Moriah Ladies Christmas gathering is planned Dec. 12 at the Brick House at 5:30 p.m. Regular Sunday worship at M. Moriah is at 9 a.m. Fellowship is at 10 a.m. Sunday School and Bible class are at 10:15 a.m.

News from

First Baptist Church, Anna

In the morning service on Sunday, Nov. 26, Pastor Sinks's sermon was titled "Getting into the Spirit," with scripture from Philipians. The church has a new contemporary service from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday.

The next free Soup and Serve meal is planned Monday, Dec. 11, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The American Red Cross Bloodmobile is scheduled to be at the church from noon until 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 14. The Red Cross can be contacted to make an appointment.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

Music for the Sunday morning worship service was led by Randy Wright and Abby Barlow. Special music was provided by Harley and Madison Schnaare, with Robert Smith, Matt Macy, Noah Wiseman and Terry Wiseman Sr. serving as ushers. The morning message, "Being Aware of the Present Around You," was brought by Pastor McBride, with scripture from Acts. The message shared that "together, with God and with each other, we can permeate this culture with kindness and love and grace, so that people come to know our father in heaven and begin to follow the way of Jesus. Justice is not a trend; it is the heart of our father." Music for the Sunday evening worship service was led by Randy Wright and Abby Barlow. Special music was provided by Jack and Nina Shepard, with Robert Smith, Clayton Ramage and Teddy Anderson serving as ushers.

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Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church hosts Gingerbread Bazaar

The Hands of Faith Ladies at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna hosted the annual Gingerbread Bazaar during Christmas in Downtown Anna last Saturday.

The Gingerbread House Bazaar is the primary fundraiser for Mt. Moriah's community outreach projects, primarily the supplemental food program called Plentiful Pack (weekend nutrition for needy kids) for District 37.



Paula Hasty and Allyson Hasty helped in the Kids Corner at the bazaar. Guest Brooke Meyer made a make and take craft with a Christmas theme. Photo provided.



Hostess Sarah Hensch welcomed visitors to Granny's Attic during the Christmas in Downtown Anna event. Photo provided.

News from

Walnut Grove Church

On Christ the King Sunday, Nov. 26, at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church, Layleigh lit the altar candles during the musical prelude.

Pastor Bobbi spoke about the church seasons or journeys the church goes through every year and the corresponding paraments (liturgical hangings on the altar) of the Christian liturgical calendar:

Advent (or arrival): This is a time of longing for Christ to return. Violet or blue.

Christmas: The season represents the purity of Jesus and his birth. White or gold.

Epiphany: The church now understands how God revealed himself through Christ. White or gold.

Lent: This is a time to follow Jesus' years of ministry and for those in the church to look at their own lives. Violet.

Passion Week: The week includes Palm Sunday, Maunday Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. White.

Pentecost: This is the time when the church celebrates the appearance of the Holy Spirit and the wonders of heaven. White.

Ordinary Days: The days are many when ordinary people are doing extraordinary things to build the kingdom of God. Green.

Prayers were requested for Jodi Murphy, the Rev. Roger Russell and his wife Carol and their family, the Rev. Dr. Ray Long and his family, and for Pastor Bobbi's son Casey and his family.

The church Christmas tree was scheduled to be decorated yesterday, Wednesday, with a potluck meal afterwards.

The next church ladies lunch is planned at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 8, at Diana Ward's home.

A monthly music night is planned at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 13. All musicians are welcome to come and practice or play music. Listeners are welcome, too.

The Sunday service starts at 9:30 a.m. The church is located at 3195 Mountain Glen Rd. near Cobden, and near Illinois Route 127.

Raelynn Bonner assisted by their grandmother, Donna Williams.

Ring the bell, calling all to worship, was Tanner Roach.

Following morning worship, all present gathered in the fellowship hall for a soup and sandwich lunch and then decorated for Advent.

Sandy Boaz will be the elder during December.

Having birthdays this past week have been Norma Edwards on Nov. 22 and Andrew Boaz, who turned 6 on Nov. 23.

The congregation at Camp Ground invites everyone to join with them as they enter the season of Advent, the preparation of hearts for celebrating the birth of the savior.

Camp Ground Church has Bible study at 10 a.m. on Sunday, with worship at 11 a.m. The church is located at 50 Tunnel Ln., east of Anna.



Thanksgiving meals delivered

Volunteers from the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna prepared and delivered more than 300 meals on Thanksgiving Day. The Thanksgiving ministry is a long-time annual event for the congregation of the Union County church. The Rev. David Fischler, pastor of the church, is with event chairperson Linda Warren.

Secretary of State Police to crack down abuse of disability parking laws

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White says that Secretary of State Police would be conducting statewide parking stings targeting individuals illegally parking in spaces reserved for persons with disabilities at shopping malls beginning Black Friday, Nov. 24.

Secretary of State Police will be enforcing the provisions of the Parking Program for Persons with Disabilities at shopping centers throughout the state, including in Carbondale.

Friday, Nov. 24, marked the unofficial start of the

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Nov. 26, Pastor Mike Turner finished his series on Philippians with a sermon titled "Saying Goodbye."

Interim music director Dee Rose led worship. Robert and Margaret McCain provided special music.

This past Sunday was Pastor Mike Turner's last Sunday with us. A farewell fellowship was held after the services.

The Titus 2 ladies plan to have lunch at Magnolia Manor in Cairo on Saturday, Dec. 2.

Birthdays: Mark Mosby, Nov. 27; Lucas Tehandon, Nov. 28.

Anniversary: Charlie and Kim Smithey, married 32 years on Nov. 30.

The schedule for worship includes three services on Sunday at 8:15 a.m., 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

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

holiday shopping season and one of the busiest shopping days of the year.

Other enforcements will take place throughout the state.

"Our mission is not to issue tickets, but to ensure that accessible parking spaces are available to those who need them," White said.

"Parking illegally in a space reserved for people with disabilities means a possible driver's license suspension and a hefty fine, money which could otherwise be used on gifts. Remember, if you don't belong there, don't park there."

Drivers caught misusing a placard face a six-month driver's license suspension and a \$600 fine.

Repeat violators will face a one-year driver's license suspension and a \$750 fine for a second offense; for third or subsequent offenses, violators will face a \$1,000 fine plus a one-year driver's license revocation.

The fine for parking in an accessible parking space without a disability placard or license plates can be up to \$350.

Using a deceased person's placard or a fraudulent placard can result in a \$2,500 fine and one-year revocation of a driver's license.

Currently, 627,281 permanent disability placards and 51,416 disability license plates are registered in Illinois.

White urges individuals to report abuse of parking spaces for people with disabilities by calling 217-785-0309.

White said that callers should be prepared to report placard and license plate numbers as well as the location of vehicles.

People can also report abuse via the Secretary of State's website at www.cyberdriveillinois.com and complete the Parking Program for Persons with Disabilities Abuse Complaint Form.

Historical society meeting scheduled

The Johnson County Genealogical and Historical Society plans to have its annual meeting for the election of officers and directors for 2018 in Vienna.

The meeting will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at the Vienna Public Library.

In addition to the election, a potluck dinner will be served. Those who plan to attend are asked to bring a dish to share and their own table service.

The program for the day will be a "show and tell." Those who come to the meeting are invited to bring an artifact or story they can share about history or genealogy.

For more information or to join the society, call 618-771-6877.

Coat drive, give away planned

A coat drive and give away are scheduled to begin Dec. 4 at Union County Counseling Service in Anna.

Coats will be collected and given away through Jan. 31, 2018.

A donation box for coats can be found at Union County Counseling Service's main building at 204 South St. in Anna.

Coats also will be given away in the counseling service's main building.

Coats will be available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Mondays and from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays.

For more information about the project, call 833-8551.

Johnson show reception set

An opening reception for a new show by Southern Illinois artist Dan Johnson is planned Friday, Dec. 1, in Carbondale. The show is titled "Mini-Monumentals."

The reception is scheduled from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at Artspace 304, which is located at 304 W. Walnut St. The reception is free and open to the public.

The show is scheduled to be on display from Nov. 29 through Jan. 12 at Artspace 304 and from Dec. 5 through Jan. 31 at the Corridor Gallery at the Carbondale Civic Center. The civic center is located at 200 S. Illinois Ave.

Fish fry set at Anna VFW

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna plans to serve a fish fry on Friday, Dec. 1.

Serving is planned from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the post, which is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna.

The menu includes fish, potato salad, slaw and more for a donation of \$8. Carry outs will be available.

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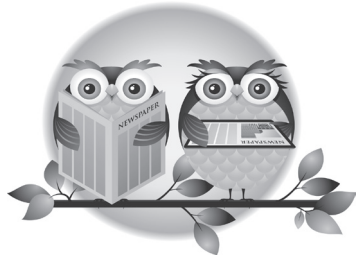
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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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

Beautiful Day

It was a beautiful day for Christmas in Downtown Anna Saturday.

9th Birthday

Alice Kerns helped celebrate the 9th birthday of her grandson, Brayden, in Edwardsville on Sunday, Nov. 26.

Visiting Thanksgiving Week

Guests of Carlene Tripp were Kelly, Fred and Logan Wallace from Iowa, Mike Tripp and fiancée Sandy from Carbondale, Karl, Elizabeth, Victoria and Isabelle Mackenbach from Carbondale, Mark Puffer from Elgin, Julie Puffer from Anna, and Jay, Abby and Hunter Howell from Jonesboro.

Everyone pitched in and prepared all of the food due to Carlene's health issues. Mark has been visiting for several days but unfortunately had to return to Elgin Saturday.

Ontario Guests

Guests of Lynn Hinkle are her brother Don and sister Chris from Ontario, Canada.

They went to Bison Farms to see the bison in the feed lot. They went to the Purple Toad winery in Paducah. On Friday, Dec. 1, they are going to Walkers Bluff for a murder mystery dinner.

Trip

Carol Gordon of Anna and Janice Lewellyn of Florida with their doggies, went to Marion to dine with Janice's son and daughter-in-law.

Clarence Tweedy and Cheryl Stamp also visited. A great time was had by all.

6th Birthday

Abigail Hinkle celebrated her 6th birthday at McDonald's Saturday, Nov. 25, with family and friends. She enjoyed a delicious cake and loved her gifts.

Refuge Drive

Duane and Linda Hileman loved seeing about a dozen trumpeter swans at the Union County Refuge over the weekend.

They are an endangered species and have a wing span of 6 feet. They are all white except for a black face. Very long necks and a beautiful sight. They are far off the road, so you need binoculars to see the details.

Tennessee Trip

Jimmy and Nancy Watkins enjoyed a trip to Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg, Tenn.

Thanksgiving

Guests of Judy and Bill McClure were their daughter Melissa, who brought the babies Savannah and Riley. Later Ariel and Alexis joined them. They also had a visit by Bill's sister Ruth McClure.

This was baby Riley's first Thanksgiving and she totally enjoyed the Thanksgiving meal.

Collinsville Trip

Judy and Kevin Newman visited their daughter Dallas Ann Newman and Arik Burnt in Collinsville for five days. Arik's mom Jan Burnt cooked everyone Thanksgiving dinner.

Thanks for Serving Our Country

Tommy Goff is deployed to Japan until May 19, 2018, so his family Janette Murray Goff, formerly of Anna, Jamison and Kaylynn spent Thanksgiving with their neighbor. They live in Fort Eustis, Va.

Kaylynn talked about her dad at her school Stanford Elementary heroes week where students honored the United States. Kaylynn said her dad was her hero because he helps other people.

Janette said I could go on YouTube to see this. I



Congratulations to the MCML 4-H Club for winning Union County 4-H Club of the year. They won first for their 4-H window display and first for their float in the Veterans Day parade. They had a good year.

usually don't go to those on my computer but since she is a dear friend and grew up beside me I did. It brought tears to my eyes to see Kaylynn talk about her dad knowing most of her life she has spent away from her dad because he had been deployed many times serving our country. Also a lot of the other children telling about their dads.

May we always remember to pray each day for all those here and away from home serving to protect our country and for their families.

Thanksgiving Guests

Doug and Beth Hileman's Thanksgiving guests were Jacob and Nadia Hileman, Finlay, Emmie and Leah, from St. Louis.

The Hileman family enjoyed their potluck Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Norm and Barbara Bauer in Anna.

The Bauers also hosted their son (and Beth's twin) Timothy Bauer from Brookfield, Wis.

The family counted their blessings, including phone calls from other family members in St. Louis, Wisconsin, Indiana and New Hampshire.

Barb Bauer had a Thanksgiving phone visit with her sister Jane Boyd Gimbel in Jacksonville, Fla.

Jane reported she had just talked with their brother Collin Boyd in Anna. Jane said she is doing well and was expecting son Gil and Georgia Gimbel to have Thanksgiving dinner with her at her senior living center. She sends greetings to all her family and friends in Illinois.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Those who had Thanksgiving dinner at Wok&Roll were sister Norma Adams and daughter Donna Adams, Mia and Linda Comte.

They visited and caught up on their busy lives. Then they went to Walmart checked out all the sales and then they all headed home.

Thanksgiving Guests

Guests of Mary Luke were Debbie, James, Andrew and Jacob Maier, Donna and Mikey Whittington, Josh Luke and Hye Kyung Yoon, and of course Taco the dog.

46th Anniversary

Pam and Wayne Helton enjoyed a trip to Pigeon Forge, Tenn., for their wedding anniversary.

28th Anniversary

Derick and Tana Commins celebrated their wedding anniversary Nov. 25.

Thanksgiving Celebration

Brenda Allen, Barbara File, Charlotte Clover, Deloris Landreth and the other 30 folks gathered together, healthy again, on the old Landreth farm in Jonesboro with all the traditional food.

Prayers

Sorry to hear Allen Rix is in John Cochran Hospital in St. Louis. Please keep him in your prayers.

Anniversaries

Nov. 21 Steve and Dee Guined, Josh and Megan Tolson, Matt and Paula Wetting, Nov. 26 Carl and Barbara Langston.

VFW

Star Karaoke will be at the VFW Friday from 6

p.m. to 10 p.m. A fish dinner will be served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Birthdays

Nov. 21 Rosie Smith, 22 Keely Busby.

Thanksgiving Dinner Guests

Guests of Bessie Mae, Elijah Glen, and Curt Ellis were Martha Ann Webb, Earl Miller and Brad Ellis.

Bell Ringing

Thanks to all from First Baptist Church in Cobden who helped with bell ringing Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., including Austin Dent, Jill and Chris Bunyan, Lou Ann Hartline, Janice Inman, Wade Marks, Delbert and Angela Knupp, Glenda and Kristen Myers, Tom, Bradley and Lisa Jones, Chuck and Judy Neal. Thanks to all who generously gave also.

Bell ringing will continue until Christmas at Walmart and Kroger.

Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club

The Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club will meet at the United Methodist Church in Anna at 11 a.m. Dec. 4.

Members of the Jonesboro band will perform for the group and then enjoy pizza and snacks.

United Missionary Baptist Church

The annual Christmas bazaar will be Saturday, Dec. 9, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Clear Creek Association building in Anna. All proceeds go to foreign missions.

Christmas Rally

Thursday, Dec. 7, everyone is invited to gather at Anna Heights Baptist Church for a candlelight service for Calling America Back to God.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Rev. Carl Johnston's sermon was "I didn't do



Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies who celebrated birthdays in November include Cathy Ziegler, Theresa Monaco, Lillian Milam and Teresa Little.



Children love to give to the Union County Alliance of Churches when they hear the bell ring.

anything wrong" with gospel lesson from Matthew.

Small Business Saturday

Shelly Glasco-Pearl and all the vendors who were at Jus10s appreciated everyone who came through Saturday and appreciated Jus10 for allowing them to use their upper room. It was a beautiful day for Santa Claus to visit Anna.

Anna Star Chapter

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

Free Community Dinners

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

Connect Point Church, Anna

Food pantry and outreach is on the first Sat-

urday of the month at 10:30 a.m. Their church is located across from the Anna Post Office.

Military Prayer List

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Public health officials promote awareness about use of antibiotics

The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, joined in recognizing U.S. Antibiotic Awareness Week, Nov. 13-19, to help decrease the misuse of antibiotics and protect people from the dangers of antibiotic resistant bacteria.

Antibiotics do not cure viral infections such as colds, flu, most sore throats, most coughs and bronchitis, many sinus infections, and many ear infections.

"Antibiotics are crucial in treating many diseases. However, when antibiotics are used incorrectly or unnecessarily, which happens more than 50 percent of the time according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC, bacteria become resistant to antibiotics," said IDPH director Dr. Nirav D. Shah.

"As bacteria become more resistant to antibiotics, those bacterial illnesses will be more difficult to treat or untreatable."

According to the CDC, each year in the United States at least 2 million people become infected with bacteria that are resistant to antibiotics, and at least 23,000 people die as a direct result of these infections.

Since 2012, IDPH has maintained antibiotic stewardship initiatives engaging health care facilities across the state.

In November, Illinois' program is expanding its focus to dentists, who comprise the fourth-highest antibiotic prescribing group in the United States.

In addition to distributing antibiotic prescribing guidelines and patient education materials, IDPH will conduct a survey of Illinois dentists to learn what they are doing to improve their antibiotic prescribing practices and what challenges they face in doing so.

How you can help prevent antibiotic resistance:

Do not ask for antibiotics when your health care provider thinks you do not need them. Antibiotics don't cure all diseases. They also have side effects, and may do more harm than good.

Do not share or use leftover antibiotics; only take antibiotics prescribed for you.

Do not save antibiotics for future illnesses. Talk to your pharmacist about safely discarding leftover medicines.

Do ask your health care

provider if there are other steps you can take to feel better without using an antibiotic. Sometimes the best treatment may be relieving your symptoms.

Do take antibiotics exactly as your health care provider prescribes. Do not skip doses or stop taking the course of antibiotics prescribed to you, even if you start to feel better.

Do stay up to date on your recommended vaccines. Vaccines help prevent infections and keep diseases from spreading.

Do wash your hands regularly. Cleaning your hands helps stop the spread of disease and protect yourself from illness.

It can be difficult to tell the difference between a common cold and a bacterial infection. Check with a health care professional if:

Symptoms last more than 10 days without improvement. Symptoms are severe or unusual. A child younger than 3 months has a fever.



Abigail Dahmer decorated the Christmas tree for Christmas in Downtown Anna last Saturday.



Chuck Neal, a member of the First Baptist Church in Cobden, donated his time to ring the bell for the Union County Alliance of Churches.



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Opinion and Commentary

Rural mental health care must not be overlooked

By Jordan Rasmussen, Center for Rural Affairs
The challenges that try rural communities in nearly all aspects of health care – greater travel distances, fewer providers, heightened health concerns, lower incomes – also stand in the way of the delivery of behavioral and mental health care services.

While there is not a greater prevalence of mental illness among rural residents, a significant disparity exists in access to mental health services and care for rural populations.

In the United States, there are nearly 4,900 areas with mental health professional shortages. Of these, nearly 54 percent are classified as rural.

A mental health professional shortage area is designated as such by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in cooperation with state partners.

This designation provides access to federal funds in the form of scholarships and loan repayments or enhanced reimbursements to providers and clinics for services.

Even with these incentives, it would require more than 1,600 additional mental health providers, psychiatrists, psychologists, counselors, social workers, or psychiatric nurse practitioners to meet the need in rural shortage areas alone.

Efforts to build and maintain an adequate behavioral and mental health workforce are not immune from the circumstances which confront general rural workforce development and retention initiatives.

As the topic of behavioral and mental health draws the attention of Congress and state legislatures in the aftermaths of violent acts and as a facet of the fight of the opioid epidemic, the existing disparity of behavioral and mental health care in rural America must continue to be addressed, starting with building a workforce to meet rural resident needs.

(Established in 1973, the Center for Rural Affairs is a private, non-profit organization working to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches and rural communities through action oriented programs addressing social, economic and environmental issues.)

Page from the Past

From the files of The Gazette-Democrat
50 Years Ago, November 30, 1967

Voters will go to the polls on Saturday, Dec. 9, to elect a board of directors for the newly created Shawnee Junior College. Each interested citizen should consider it his or her duty to vote and vote intelligently in this election.

A Sesquicentennial organizational meeting will be held tonight, Thursday, Nov. 30, at 7:30 p.m. at the Stinson Memorial Library for the purpose of establishing a Sesquicentennial observance for Union County.

Union County is going to have its own official Sesquicentennial baby according to an announcement from Joe Thomas, chairman pro-tem of the Union County Sesquicentennial committee. The first baby born at the Union County Hospital, whose parents are residents of Union County, will be little Miss or Mister Sesquicentennial and will be presented a silver baby dish with his or her name engraved on it by the Sesquicentennial committee.

It's beginning to look (and feel) a lot like Christmas in the Anna area, with the street decorations up and burning brightly during the evening hours. Stores along Main Street are decorating their windows in the Christmas spirit and there are gifts galore for everyone.

The annual Chamber of Commerce Ladies Night Banquet will be held at the American Legion Community Center on Monday, Dec. 4, at 7:00 p.m.

Chief of Police Dallas West has issued a warning against the burning of trash or leaves on any asphalt or blacktop street within the City Limits of Anna.

A highly unusual and extremely interesting overnight stay in a fallout shelter under very realistic simulated conditions was experienced by nineteen Civil Defense volunteers and one visitor last weekend. It was the final portion of a training course in shelter management designed for future managers of our local fallout shelters.

The 1968 Student Board of Anna-Jonesboro Teen Town with each class represented by two members were elected at a meeting held recently.

On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 26, the Ladies Auxiliary to World War I Veterans had their regular monthly meeting in the American Legion Home, at 2 p.m., with 21 members present.

The Davie School Parent-Teacher Association will hold a Christmas Fair in the school gymnasium on Thursday, Dec. 7, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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by Geof Skinner

...a Black Friday visit to the woods

Sigh. Not again.

Maybe you sat down last Thursday or Friday to scan the latest edition of this publication.

You made your way to page 2 in Section B of the paper, and started to read a story about what had happened in Union County way back in November of 1967.

Your finished page 2, and headed to page 3. And you immediately realized that the local newspaper forgot to provide a decoder ring. Again.

For reasons which we do not know, the Computer Gremlins once again paid a visit to The Paragraph Factory. Actually, the Gremlins probably were hiding somewhere between your editor's laptop computer and the printing plant in Cape Girardeau where the newspaper is published.

The Gremlins are very, very good at hiding. And they are very, very good at not letting us know that they are going to cause some mischief. Very frustrating.

All the editor (that would be me) can say, again, is: Sorry, folks. And, I'm working on getting some of those decoder rings...

Meanwhile...

Were you among the gazillion folks who ventured into the Black Friday madness?

We did. Sort of. Well, not really.

Our Black Friday adventure involved a journey to the woodlands. The woods were quiet, except for the whispering of the wind through the trees. Not all that crowded, except for the one person we saw riding a bicycle.

The Other Half and yours truly motored to the Trail of Tears State Forest last Friday afternoon. The day was bright, sunny and unusually warm for almost the end of November. We were accompanied by two special visitors, one from the City of Brotherly Love and the other from the corn fields and flatlands of Central Illinois.

We spent about an hour or so wandering through the woods, enjoying our visit and each other's company. Well, I hope our visitors enjoyed the company.

Our journey involved a little bit of hunting, too. Yours truly bagged a nice picture of creatures which



Successful hunt: This image shows a fossil we discovered. The remains of various sea shells and creatures which lived at the bottom of the ocean can be seen in the fossil.

lived hundreds of millions of years ago in the ocean which covered our neck of the woods at the time.

The Other Half discovered several very nice fossils. She often does this. Just to irritate me. We took pictures of our finds, just so she would have a permanent reminder of her success.

The highlight of our visit, however, was the giant, trophy leaf which we spotted during our hunt. We're not tree experts, but we think the leaf came from a sycamore tree. The leaf was more than a foot wide, had about 31 points and weighed, well, not much.

Our leafy discovery got me to wondering: How would one field dress a leaf? I've cleaned, or helped to clean, deer, rabbits, frogs, fish and various birds on The Journey Through Life. Never a leaf, though.

I thought about taking the leaf to a taxidermist to get it mounted, but was not sure if that would be a violation of some sort of law. Pictures had to suffice.

After our adventures at the state forest, we headed back home, where we spent some time basking in the warm November sunshine and shared some hot chocolate.

As you can probably tell, the time we spent together with our visitors on Black Friday was special. Hope you had a chance to share some of those kind of memories, too.

One last thing this week...be sure to check out Christmas in the Village, which is coming up this Saturday in our hometown.



Trophy leaf: Yours truly discovered a trophy leaf during a Black Friday adventure. Those of us who went on the journey think we were looking at a leaf from a sycamore tree. Just for the sake of comparison, a leaf from a sweet gum tree was placed on the big ol' leaf. That's a foot-long ruler under the big ol' leaf. By the time the picture was taken, the leaf was getting just a little bit dry and had started to curl up.



Fungi foto: A white fungi was seen growing on the remains of a large tree which had fallen across a creek bed at the state forest.

Legislator urges everyone to remember their blessings

As the holiday season got underway with the celebration of Thanksgiving, State Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg, encourages everyone to reflect on all their blessings in their lives and be sure to take time to be thankful for everything they have.

"This year, I have so much to be thankful for, and one of those blessings is the opportunity to represent the hardworking, diverse people and communities of the 59th District," Fowler said in a news release.

"As a lifelong resident of Southern Illinois, the chance to give a voice to this region is a true privilege that I give thanks for every day."

Fowler also reminded everyone that the Thanksgiving holiday was a good time to remember and honor the hardworking men and women who serve, protect and sacrifice for the nation and its communities.

"Those who serve in our military and those who have worked as our first responders sacrifice their time, their comfort and sometimes even their lives for our protection and our freedoms," Fowler said.

"This year, I am so thankful for their bravery and service."

Over the long weekend, Fowler also reminded ev-

eryone to shop locally for this year's Small Business Saturday, which was Nov. 25.

He encouraged shoppers to join the effort and support the small-business communities throughout the state.

With an estimated \$15.4 billion having been generated during last year's Small Business Saturday, this was an opportunity to generate some revenue for local small businesses and recognize the importance they play in communities and in the economy.

Tree of Life ceremony set

Hospice of Southern Illinois hosts annual Tree of Life ceremonies each year. A ceremony is planned at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at The Journey, which is located at 9835 Old Bainbridge Trail in Marion.

The ceremonies allow families and the public to remember and honor loved ones they have lost and that are special to them, celebrating the lives of those they have lost by placing a ribboned card on a lighted tree, the Tree of Life.

For more information or to RSVP for the Tree of Life ceremony, contact Deborah Hogg or Jennifer Lee at 1-800-233-1708, or dhogg@hospice.org or jlee@hospice.org.



Successful book drive at A-JCHS

In an effort to increase the quantity and quality of the selection of books available to students at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, the school conducted a book drive. Students and the community stepped up to the challenge and the A-J library now has more than 1,000 additional books ready to be shelved and checked out. Social studies teacher Hannah Maze's class donated the most books and won a pizza party. Anyone who wants to donate books to the library is asked to contact the school. A-JCHS library aide Amber Filbeck is shown with some of the books which were donated. Photo by Lindsey Rae Vaughn.