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News

Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area.



Lights in the sky on a cold December night beckoned visitors to A Night in Bethlehem last Friday at the First Baptist Church in Cobden.

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

A Christmas season worship service is planned Thursday evening, Dec. 21, at Kornthal Church near Jonesboro.

The Union County CEO program plans to host a Christmas breakfast Tuesday morning, Dec. 19, at PAST's Heritage House in Jonesboro. The event is for CEO investors, mentors, alumni and team members.



Bicentennial ceremony held at courthouse

Union County formally joined the Illinois bicentennial celebration during a ceremony which was held last Friday morning.

The State of Illinois, Union County and the City of Jonesboro all will be celebrating their bicentennials during 2018.

On Dec. 3, state officials and leaders of the Illinois Bicentennial Commission officially kicked off the state's yearlong 200th birthday celebration during ceremonies which were held in Chicago.

During last Friday's ceremony at the courthouse, a proclamation was read and an official Illinois bicentennial flag was raised. Numerous local officials, as well as community members, were in attendance.

The proclamation was read by Union County Presiding Judge Mark Boie.

The proclamation had been formally approved at a regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners earlier on Friday morning. The meeting was at the courthouse.

The proclamation declared that...

"...Sunday, December 3rd, 2017, marked Illinois' 199th birthday, as Illinois became the 21st state in the Union December 3rd, 1818."

"...the Illinois Bicentennial will be a year-long celebration between December 3rd, 2017, and December 3rd, 2018, which will mark our state's 200th birthday.

"...the Illinois Bicentennial will remind us that every day in Illinois, amazing things are born, built and grown.

"...the Illinois Bicentennial will honor the many ways that Illinois has influenced American history, achievement, culture, innovation and more.

"...the Illinois Bicentennial is a once in a lifetime invitation to fall in love with Illinois all over again.



VFW honor guard

Weldon Davis, left, and Mark Haddick prepare to raise an Illinois bicentennial flag during a ceremony which was held last Friday morning at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro. Davis and Haddick are members of an honor guard from the VFW post in Anna.



Reading proclamation

Union County Presiding Judge Mark Boie, right, read a proclamation during the flag-raising ceremony at the courthouse.

"...together, we can inspire pride in Illinois and show the world what makes this state so great and...our community should encourage citizens, organizations, businesses, congregations, and cultural and educational institutions to participate in the year-long celebration

of the Illinois Bicentennial. "...be it resolved on this 8th day of December 2017 that the County of Union recognizes and endorses the efforts of the Illinois Bicentennial and encourages all citizens of the county of Union to participate and to celebrate throughout the upcoming year."

A special bicentennial flag has been provided by

the State of Illinois to counties and municipalities and is to be flown either beside or below the state flag during the entire bicentennial year.

The flag was officially raised by members of an honor guard from Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster No. 3455 of Anna.

The Union County Historical and Genealogy So-

ciety plans to kick off the celebration of the county's bicentennial on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018.

The kick off event is scheduled from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Union County Courthouse.

Members of the historical society were among those in attendance at Friday morning's ceremony.



Plans to reestablish foundation discussed

Plans are underway to reestablish the Shawnee Community College Foundation. Shawnee Community College near Ullin hosted an inaugural meeting on Dec. 1 to begin the process for the re-establishment of the foundation. The foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation which was established for the purpose of supporting student academics and promoting programs within the Shawnee Community College District by raising money for projects not funded by local, state and federal resources.

A number of local community leaders were in attendance at the Dec. 1 meeting. Those who attended the meeting discussed matters related to the foundation and worked to outline the objectives and goals of the organization. The college said those in attendance have pledged their support by committing to serve as members of a newly established board.

Those who attended the meeting included, in the first row, from left, Melanie Lasley, Anna-Jonesboro National Bank; Dr. Peggy Bradford, Shawnee Community College president; Sherrrie Crabb, executive director of the Family Counseling Center Inc.; and Brandy Woods, Shawnee Community College director of business services. In the second row are Jody Johnson, University of Illinois Extension county director; Ed Smith, community business leader; Buddy Walls, community leader, Larry Houston, retired principal, Egyptian High School at Tamms; Joe Griggs, Alexander County Board vice chairman; Patrick Windhorst, Massac County state's attorney; and Landon Sommer, Century School District superintendent.

More information about the Shawnee Community College Foundation is available by calling 618-634-3200 or visiting www.shawneecc.edu. Shawnee Community College photo.

State Scholars announced

Illinois State Scholars have been announced for 2018-2019.

Students from three Union County schools are among those named as State Scholars.

The State Scholars were announced by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, ISAC.

State Scholars are recognized for the outstanding academic achievement.

Students from Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, Cobden High School and Shawnee High School at Wolf Lake are among those who have been honored.

The Union County students recognized as Illinois State Scholars are named below by their school, as posted on the ISAC website:

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School: Clair Boget, Colton Goins, Gabriel Goins, Audrey Haar, Connor Hadley, Madison Lingle, Hunter Miller, Trenton Newberry, Morgan Racey-Test, Ender Schmidt, Jay Tucker.

Cobden High School: Connor Allen, John Russell, Grace Schroeder.

Shawnee High School: Shannon Stanley.



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

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Connect Point Inc. Grantee: New Beginnings Community Worship Inc. Tract Section 20 Township 12S Range 1W.
 Warranty Deed. Grantor: Charles M. Bingaman, Teena M. Bingaman, Teena White. Grantee: Iron Helix Revocable Living Trust, Judith A. Smith. Tract Section 29 Township 12S Range 1W.
 Warranty Deed. Grantor: Grand Rivers Community Bank. Grantee: Stacey L. Busby, Steven L. Busby. Name: Original Plan of Dongola, Lots 20, 21.
 Warranty Deed. Grantor: Grand Rivers Community Bank. Grantee: Tammy Green. Name: Lewis Meisenheimer's 1st Addition of Dongola, Lots 2, 3, 4.
 Warranty Deed. Grantor: Brad Charles, James Bradley Charles. Grantee: Christina M. Whaley. Name: Elmore Henley's 2nd Add. of Anna, Lot 8.
 Warranty Deed. Grantor: Larry E. Miles, Pamela A. Miles. Grantee: Brooke E. Benefield, Christopher J. Benefield. Tract Section 13 Township 12S Range 2W. Name: Kratzinger Hollow Sub., Portion 4, 27.
 Warranty Deed. Grantor: Post Office Centures LLC. Grantee: Coyote Ridge Properties LLC, Murphy Management LLC. Name: John Grammer's Donation to the City of Jonesboro, Lot 34.
 Warranty Deed. Grantor: Ricky D. Bickings. Grantee: Ricky D. Bickings, Ricky D. Bickings Revocable Trust. Tract Section 28 Township 11S Range 2W.
 Warranty Deed. Grantor: Andrea B. Witthoft, Donald P. Wiffthoft. Grantee: Drew Kelley, Jessica Kelley. Tract Section 7 Township 12S Range 1E.
 Warranty Deed. Grantor: Ware Baptist Church. Grantee: Thomas A. Wadington. Tract Section 25 Township 12S Range 3W.
 Warranty Deed. Grantor: Linda J. Parks, W. David Parks. Grantee: Jordan A. Rhymmer. Name: Thomas J. Greens Sub. of Anna, Lot 6. Name: W.H. Simpsons 1st Add. of Anna, Lot 25.
 Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Erik Kahl. Grantee: Melissa Rushing. Name: Cover, Brown and Greens Add. of Mill Creek, Portion 19.
 Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Ruben Quesada. Grantee: Graceila A. Quesada. Tract Section 28 Township 12S Range 1W.
 Warranty Deed. Grantor: Peggy L. Carroll, Gregory A. Kirby, Harold Nicholas Kirby. Grantee: William C. Carroll, Opal Gale Kirby Irrevocable Trust. Name: Lakeside 2nd Addition, Lot R34-R35.
 Warranty Deed. Grantor: Melinda Louisa Dunaway, Greg Perry, Melinda Louise Perry. Grantee: Joshua Tite. Tract Section 10 Township 12S Range 1W.
 Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Ralph E. Ellett, Maude M. Mowell. Grantee: Katherine S. Logsdon. Tract Section 15 Township 11S Range 2W.
 Warranty Deed. Grantor: Edward L. Plott, Sheila K. Plott. Grantee: LKB Material LLC. Tract Section 16 Township 12S Range 1W.
 Warranty Deed. Grantor: Amanda Page, Daniel Page. Grantee: Thomas B. Smith, Tracey J. Smith. Tract Section 22 Township 12S Range 1W.
 Warranty Deed. Grantor: Brenda Mayberry. Grantee: Debra Moore. Name: Anna Heights Subdivision, Lot 65.
 Warranty Deed. Grantor: Barbara Irene Glasco Trust, Barbara Irene Glasco, Keith Duwayne Glasco Sr. Trust. Grantee: Timothy Austin Glasco, Keith Duwayne Glasco Jr. Tract Section 31 Township 11S Range 1E.
 Warranty Deed. Grantor: Vincent Roberts. Grantee: Paul R. Fox. Tract Section 17 Township 11S Range 1W.
 Warranty Deed. Grantor: Rhonda Hernandez. Grantee: Paul R. Fox. Tract Section 17 Township 11S Range 1W.
 Warranty Deed. Grantor: Carolyn J. Holderfield, Paula Holderfield. Grantee: Paul R. Fox. Tract Section 17 Township 11S Range 1W.
 Warranty Deed. Grantor: Lisa Hubbs. Grantee: Paul R. Fox. Tract Section 17 Township 11S Range 1W.
 Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Paul R. Fox. Grantee: The Paul R. Fox Family Trust. Tract Section 17 Township 11S Range 1W.
 Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Sandra Carmona. Grantee: Idalia Carmona, Miguel Carmona. Name: J.W. Williams Addition of Cobden, Block A, Lot 1.
 Warranty Deed. Grantor: Idalia Carmona, Miguel Carmona. Grantee: Adriana Maldonado, Emilio Miranda. Name: J.W. Williams Addition of Cobden, Block A, Lot 1.
 Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Sandra S. Brust. Grantee: Brian Matthew Brust, Sandra S. Brust, Kristina J. Rath. Tract Section 33 Township 11S Range 1E.
 Warranty Deed. Grantor: Darrell Scott Wright, Marlena S. Wright. Grantee: Donald R. Penrod, Lois J. Penrod. Name: Grammers Add. of Jonesboro, Lots 140, 147.
 Warranty Deed. Grantor: Kathleen Woolridge, Robert G. Woolridge. Grantee: Gina Spurlock, Scott Spurlock. Tract Section 24 Township 12S Range 2W.
 Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jenny A. Wernsin. Grantee: Lisa Hawkins, Shelly Pierce. Tract Section 21 Township 11S Range 1W.
 Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Homer Wesley Wilkins. Grantee: Fidel S. Bartolo, Maria C. Bartolo-Ortiz. Name: Village of Cobden, Block B, Portion 5-6.

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

Herbert L. Meriwether, Sikeston, Mo. Sandra D. Jarvis, Carbondale. Gene Wayne Cole, Jonesboro. James R. Hoyle, Anna. Rikki Jean Stone, Carbondale.
 David Nunez Hernandez, Anna. Kennan P. Stokes, Dongola. Kendra Michelle Simpson, Carbondale. Hannah K. Lambert, Bourbonnais. Joanne Simpkins Dixon, Cairo.
 Donna J. Dowers, Marion. Madison Maire Summers, Arnold, Mo. Peyton L. Robinson, Cobden. Joseph P. Parker, Mound City.
 Ghislain Lissanon, Indianapolis, Ind. Dionte T. Kyles, Cape Girardeau. Megan D. Brazer, Jackson, Mo. James A. Arnn, Cape Girardeau. Dalton Clay Junker, Dongola. Anthony Wayne Richardson, Newnan, Ga.
 Darwin Nathaniel Roddy, Mounds. William Cody Campbell, Anna. Savannah Lynn Sapp, Paducah. Abel Tamayo, Battle Creek, Mich. Emily Christine Tanner, Cartersville. Terry Dalton Miller, Wilmer, Ala.
 James C. Eaton, Chicago. Essence M. Baker, Cairo. Patrick Christopher Stanton, Murphysboro. Sheryl Y. Staton, Metropolis. Kevin R. Peterson, Rockford. Duane Eugene Weaver, Dongola. Seth Thomas Wyatt, Symsonia, Ky. James R. Piersol, Du Quoin.

from the files at the Union County Courthouse

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

Beth Renee Patterson, Jonesboro, unlicensed, \$150; electronic communication device, \$120. Brandon Thomas DuBois, Anna, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140.
 Corey Wayne Kelley, Jonesboro, electronic communication device, \$120. Christopher Wade Allen, Ullin, seat belt required/passenger, \$120.
 Scott Daniel Chartier, Manistique, Mich., log violation, \$120. Arthur McLorn III, Marion, seat belt required/driver, \$60.
 Triston Douglas Charles, Jonesboro, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Kristy M. Keistler, Ullin, electronic communication device, \$120.
 Jason S. Miller, Perryville, Mo., seat belt required/driver, \$60. Scotty Len Griffith Jr., Jonesboro, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Sandra M. McGuire, Jackson, Mo., fail to reduce speed, \$120.
 Trevon K. Luton, Villa Rica, Ga. Cody Eric Tellor, Dongola, electronic communication device, \$120.
 Jessica Marie Cook, Jonesboro, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Jacek Mikolajczewski, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, improper traffic lane usage, \$120.
 Michelle R. Myers, Wolf Lake, fail to reduce speed, \$120. Ambrose Watts, Benton, Ark., wheelbase maximum, \$120.
 Victoria Diane Hutchinson, Horn Lake, Miss., electronic communication device, \$120; speeding, 11-14 mph above limit, \$120. Michael C. Morgan, Vienna, electronic communication device, \$120.
 Jessica R. Pearson, Jonesboro, electronic communication device, \$120. Lauren Elizabeth George, Cobden, electronic communication device, \$120.
 Brandon Christopher Bradley, Kissimmee, Fla., speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140. Albert Wade Toombs Jr., Cape Girardeau, seat belt required/driver, \$60.
 Matthew Wayne Turner, Jonesboro, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Stevie Ray Turner, Jonesboro, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Tylor Ray Duckworth, Anna, electronic communication device, \$120.
 Michael J. McCoy, Jackson, Mo., seat belt required/driver, \$60. Jamar L. Adams, East Chicago, seat belt required/passenger, \$60.
 Katrice N. Edmonds, Ullin, electronic communications device, \$120. Neely E. Otten, Anna, electronic communication device, \$120.
 Willie Brown Jr., Aurora, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140. Mohanad Tobya Deli, Sterling Heights, log violation, \$120.
 Johnny C. McHughes, Jonesboro, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Michael Shane Logan, Madisonville, Ky., log violation, \$120.
 Madison R. Burns, Makanda, no valid registration, \$120. Natalie Rose Chauvin, Dongola, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Marriage Licenses
 The county clerk's office issued a marriage license to:
 Nathanael Fox Leid, Newville, Pa., and Marcia Faye Weaver, 20, of Dongola.
 Tadget W. Carlyle, 40, of Mattoon, and Christina M. Tipton, 46, of Mattoon.
 Justin Alexander Wilburn, 33, of Virginia Beach, Va., and Laura Nicole Matuszewich, 33, of Buncombe.
 Brian Wayne Bowling, 36, of Chaffee, Mo., and Leah Joan Bollinger, 44, of Chaffee, Mo.

News Notes

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Successful Shop with a Cop/Firefighter events were held last week in Anna. A similar event is planned Dec. 19 in Jonesboro.

Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds said that his office expects to file a record number of felony cases in 2017. As of last Friday, about 280 cases had been filed.

Union County Ambulance Service director Grant Capel anticipates a Jan. 4 delivery date for a new ambulance.

The City of Anna has received good audit reports for 2016-2017 financial statements and for the operation of the municipal natural gas system.

The City of Anna is working on the creation of a new website, which is expected to debut in February.

The Anna Zoning Board of Appeals had a public hearing scheduled for Tuesday evening, Dec. 22. Business on the agenda included a proposed zoning change.

Through early last

month, nearly \$6,000 in contributions had been received for expansion of a veterans memorial in Cobden.

The Cobden Village Board recently approved a proposal from Adams Construction for installation of handrails at the village's cemetery.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School's website has been approved, with many new sections. The website is described as a work in progress.

The A-JCHS Beta Club recently welcomed 35 new members at an induction ceremony. Nearly 80 students are members of the club.

Projects with local connections are being done by students in history classes at A-JCHS.

University of Illinois Extension has announced that Master Naturalist and Master Gardener training programs are planned in the region during the spring.

It's worth noting that there are a lot of very nice Christmas light displays to be seen in the area.

Firefighters receive unique training

Firefighters from throughout Southern Illinois area were in Vienna to get hands-on training in real-life conditions at the Gambit Inn this past weekend before letting the vacant hotel burn to the ground.

The training was conducted by the Illinois Fire Service Institute, IFSI, at University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign.

More than 100 firefighters participated in the training on Saturday and Sun-

day with equipment from 11 different departments in Johnson, Union, Williamson, Massac and Pope counties.

The Anna and Metropolis fire departments had their ladder trucks available during the training. Nearly a dozen other fire trucks were also at the site.

Gary Dahmer, the owner of the property, donated the structure to IFSI for the unique training opportunity. It was one of the largest structures acquired by IFSI

for this type of training.

Dahmer purchased the property last year that also included the former Gambit Golf Course.

He is constructing 67 campsites on the property for his new Shawnee Forest Campground. He plans to open the campground next spring.

Dahmer said he has been talking to hotel chains hoping to lure them to build in Vienna. By removing the old hotel he said the site would be more appealing to potential buyers.



Training exercise

Area firefighters had an opportunity for hands-on training last weekend in Vienna when the Gambit Inn building was burned. Photo and story by Lonnie Hinton/The Vienna Times.

**TRUTH IN TAXATION ACT
 STATUTORY PUBLIC
 HEARING NOTICE**

35 ILCS 200/18-80

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED
 PROPERTY TAX
 INCREASE FOR UNION
 COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for the Union County Government for 2017 payable 2018 will be held on December 21, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market St., Jonesboro, IL.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact the office of the Union County Commissioners at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market St., Jonesboro, IL. Phone (618) 833-8712.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2016 payable 2017 were \$2,800,774.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2017 payable 2018 are \$3,024,836. This represents an 8.00% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service for 2016 payable 2017 were \$1,392,222.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service for 2017 payable 2018 are \$1,387,105. This represents a 0.37% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2016 payable 2017 were \$4,192,996.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2017 payable 2018 are \$4,411,941. This represents a 5.22% increase over the previous year.

V. The taxing district has estimated its equalized assessed valuation to secure new growth revenue and must adhere to the Property Tax Extension Limitation law (PTELL or "tax cap" law). PTELL limits the increase over the prior year in the property tax extension of this taxing district to the lesser of 5% or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which is 0.7%.

Sports

Wildcat wrestling roster has 18 members for 2017-2018 season

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School wrestling team will have a difficult time repeating what it accomplished last season.

Last year, the Wildcats had nine wrestlers compete at the sectional and three advanced to the state tournament, along with two alternatives.

This year's team will be built around senior Arieh Hart, who is already the top ranked wrestler in Class 1A in the 152-pound bracket.

At the recent Lawrence County Tournament, Hart was voted as the most valuable wrestler by the coaches.

The Wildcats will have an 18-member roster for the 2017-2018 season.

A-J's head coach is Eric Massey. Massey, who was named coach of the year in Class 1A last season, has a unique alignment this season with three female grabblers taking to the mat.

The three include Hart's younger sister, freshman Amiyah Hart, who will be in the 106-pound class. The other two are senior Taylor Hoekstra, at 132 or 138 pounds, and junior Catie Mays at either 120 or 126 pounds.

"Amiyah took fourth at Lawrenceville and has beaten everyone in our conference to start 6-2," Massey said.

"Taylor has a lot of

experience. Catie was a preseason girls national champion last year, who had back issues last year. She's hurt right now, but when I get her back she'll make us stronger."

The other senior in the lineup is Jay Teller in the 120 pound class.

Juniors are Chris Johnson, 170 pounds; Clayton Ramage, 126-132 pounds; Garrett Fabec, 285 pounds; Nate Kisat, 138 pounds; Nick Sanders, 182 pounds; and Reid Morrison, 195 pounds.

"If we get Nate and Chris Johnson, who had shoulder surgery last year and haven't been released yet, back they would be big time contributors," Massey said.

"We'll put junior Clayton Ramage at either 126 or 132 to face their better wrestler. Junior Nick Sanders is scrappy and we just picked up junior Morrison for the first time. He's going to be good."

A trio of sophomores include Drake Roach, 126-132 pounds; Justice Kostal, 152-160 pounds; and Tristen Dame, 220 pounds.

Other freshmen are Bryce Bowers, 285 pounds; Cardie Morse, 145 pounds; David Kester, 113 pounds and John Michael Ligon, 113 pounds.

The Wildcats are scheduled to compete this Friday and Saturday in the Mascoutah Invitational.



Player of the year

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School's Jayce Turner has been named as the Southern Illinoisan newspaper's 2017 football player of the year. Turner, a 5-11, 245-pound senior, helped to lead the Wildcats to the Illinois High School Association Class 3A state semifinals. He is shown in action during a playoff game against Hillsboro. The fullback/linebacker finished with 308 carries for 1,914 yards and added 34 touchdowns. He averaged 6.2 yards per carry for the Wildcats, who finished their season at 12-1 overall. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.

A-J rallies to post victory over Cobden

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' basketball team came on in the second half for a 70-58 win over host Cobden in non-conference action Saturday, Dec. 9.

"We got in early foul trouble in the first half," A-J coach Mike Chamness said. "But, we started knocking down some shots in the third quarter."

Cobden led 19-15 after one quarter. A-J fought back to pull ahead 33-28 at the half and was up 57-45 after three periods.

Jake Parr had 25 points and 8 rebounds to lead the Wildcats.

Sheldon McGrath added 13 points and 9 rebounds. Ross Pinnon had 13 points and a rebound. Logan Sawyer had 8 points and a rebound. Jacob Zimmerman had 6 points and 2 rebounds. Noah McFarland had 5 points and 2 rebounds.

Noah Franklin had 18 points and 8 rebounds to lead Cobden. John Russell and Connor Allen had 9 points apiece, Joe Brumleve

8, Zane Nance 7, Clayton Eck 6 and Landon Britt 1.

A-J was 22 of 39 in shot attempts from the floor, 6 of 14 from 3-point range and 8 of 15 from the free throw line.

Cobden was 11 of 35 in shot attempts from the floor, 8 of 16 from 3-point range and 12 of 15 from the charity stripe.

Nashville 61, A-J 36: The host Hornets built an early 12-9 first quarter lead on their way to the Southern Illinois River-To-River Conference Mississippi

Division win Friday, Dec. 8. The Hornets led 31-17 at the half and 49-29 after three periods.

"We kind of ran into a buzzsaw," Chamness said. "We didn't shoot well and we missed a lot of open shots."

A-J was 9 of 27 in shot attempts from the floor, 4 of 18 from 3-point range and 6 of 14 from the charity stripe.

A-J, 6-1, plays again Friday at home against Carterville and at home Saturday against Massac County.

80,021 statewide for firearm season

Hunters harvest 1,530 deer in Union County

Hunters harvested a preliminary total of 80,021 deer during the seven-day Illinois firearm deer season that concluded on Sunday, Dec. 3.

The 2017 preliminary statewide harvest total compares to the final total of 79,559 deer harvested during the firearm season in 2016.

The preliminary harvest for the second segment of the firearm season on Nov. 30 through Dec. 3 was 28,656, compared with 24,977 during the second season in 2016.

The preliminary harvest for the first segment of firearm season on Nov. 17-19 was 51,365 deer.

Hunters in Union County harvested a total of 1,530 deer: 977 in the first season, 553 in the second season. The 2017 harvest total compares to 1,573 in 2016.

Harvest totals for 2017 in other area counties included:

Alexander County: 488 total; 291 in first season, 197 in second season. 2016 total, 424.

Jackson County: 2,303 total; 1,487 in first season,

816 in second season. 2016 total, 2,247.

Johnson County: 1,587 total; 1,091 in first season, 496 in second season. 2016 total, 1,640.

Massac County: 524 total; 282 in first season, 242 in second season. 2016 total, 587.

Pulaski County: 340 total; 221 first season, 119 second season. 2016 total, 414.

Williamson County: 1,775 total; 1,048 first season, 727 second season. 2016 total, 1,684.

Deer hunting opportunities remain available in Illinois during the remainder of the 2017-2018 season.

Archery deer season continues through Jan. 14, 2018.

A-J wrestlers compete at tournament

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School wrestling team finished in 6th place out of 10 teams which competed at the Lawrence County Tournament Saturday, Dec. 2.

A-J's Arieh Hart, who finished in first place in the 152 pound class, was named as the tournament's most valuable wrestler by the coaches.

The Wildcats' Clayton Ramage finished second in the 132 pound class. Fourth place finishes were recorded by Amiyah Hart at 106 pounds, David Kester at 113 pounds and Garrett Fabec at 285 pounds.

At Harrisburg on Tuesday, Dec. 5, A-J defeated Pinckneyville 43-35 and lost to Harrisburg 51-30.

A-J is 3-1 in dual meet competition.

By Fred Huff

Hoping Santa can bring more joy to Saluki fans this Christmas.

Hey, Santa, can you offer a helping hand here in Saluki land? Something is not working and we SIU sports fans are tiring of being reasonably nice and "waiting until next year."

Unfortunate happenings, like injuries and an assortment of setbacks are unavoidable, but...

SIU's latest blow was last week's loss to Southeast Missouri State. It followed an unexpected loss to St. Louis University, a young team with a new coach rebuilding the Bills' program.

Granted, the majority of the season is still ahead and it certainly is not a losing cause at this four-wins, four-losses point after just a few weeks of play.

But, Santa, obviously we need a helping hand... now.

A glance at the Missouri Valley standings, granted all non-conference action, is somewhat alarming.

True, we're not familiar with many of the opponents MVC teams have met, but a win is a win and the Salukis have managed

Cobden 52, Hardin Co. 25

The Cobden High School girls' basketball team topped visiting Hardin County 52-25 Thursday, Dec. 7.

The visiting Appleknockers built an 11-2 first quarter lead on their way to the win.

Meredith Flamm had 15 points to lead Cobden. Jenna Hartline added 11 points, Alaina Hartline 10, Brooke Bailey and Lauren Sweitzer 7 apiece and Grace Rhodes 2.

Cobden, 4-2, is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at Century.

just four in eight outings going into this week's action.

Six Valley teams have impressive records. Like Loyola Chicago is 10-1, Missouri State is 9-3, Evansville, Northern Iowa and newcomer Valparaiso are all 8-2, and even Bradley is 7-2.

Again, we don't know how they got there, who they played, or any details. However, someone once said: "A win is a win."

At this point of the season, and, again, we must remind that early-season play is jammed with strange happenings and, to some extent, is meaningless.

Nevertheless, we believe Saluki fans have to be concerned at this early point in the season.

Meanwhile, SIU was well represented at the annual Club 1-2-3 Christmas party held at the historic Norwood Hills Country Club in St. Louis last week. It's a highlight event for anyone interested in sports at any level.

Saluki reps included athletics director Tommy Bell, baseball coach Ken Henderson, former coach "Itch" Jones and former

Meridian 65, Cobden 59

The visiting Cobden Appleknockers led 36-30 at the half but couldn't hold on to the lead in a 65-59 South Egyptian Conference loss to Meridian Friday, Dec. 8.

The Bobcats, who led 13-12 after one quarter, fought back to pull to 53-52 going into the final quarter and came on for a 13-6 run in the final period.

John Russell led Cobden with 18 points. Noah Franklin added 15 points, Clayton Eck 11, Joe Brumleve 8 and Landon Britt 7.

Cobden, 6-4, plays Friday at home against Elverado.

baseball/basketball letterman Mike Pratte.

All were guests of another ex-Saluki, Bob Hardcastle, who is a longtime prominent member of the club which includes far too many celebs to mention.

It's an unusual collection of sports personalities who entertain themselves with happenings from the past, some of which may have actually taken place.

A key member of the club is long-time radio announcer Ron Jacober (KMOX) who got his education and early start at SIU Carbondale.

We have favorites we look forward to seeing each year. Like former MVC basketball referee Ron Zetcher, long-time-ago

A-J girls split in recent play

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

A-J 50, West Frankfort 49: The host Lady Wildcats pulled ahead 13-11 after one quarter on their way to the win Thursday, Dec. 7.

A-J led 29-29 at the half and 40-30 after three periods.

Angel Helm had 14 points to lead A-J. Julia Ellis had 11 points, and was 3 of 4 from 3-point range.

Jasmin Foster, Sydney Heath and Connor Hadley had 7 points apiece and Mikayla Bunden 4.

Carterville 43, A-J 24: After trailing 18-16 at the half, the host Lady Wildcats fell behind 32-18 after three quarters on the way to the loss Monday, Dec. 4.

Helm led the way with 10 points. Heath added 5 points, Hadley 4, Foster and Bunden 2 apiece and Morgan Wendling 1.

A-J, 3-5, is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at home against Du Quoin.

(mid-1950s) SIU baseball pitcher Ray Ripplemeyer and too many old, old news types to even mention.

The Christmas season seemingly brings party time and another last week was hosted by SIU's brass honoring the retirement of assistant AD Kathy Jones, a 20-year staffer.

Hey, Santa, one last offer...we'll even give Rudolph a snack.

A-J board approves coaching assignments

Coaching assignments were on the agenda at November's regular meeting of the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School District No. 81 Board of Education.

Action taken by the board included the approval of:

Aaron Roberts as head baseball coach. Thomas Corbit as assistant baseball coach. Joel Dallas, Nathan Guined, Randy Frank and Brandon Craig as volunteer baseball coaches, pending certification and background checks.

Rodney Seip as head softball coach. Jason Sadler as assistant softball coach. Eric Osman as volunteer softball coach, pending certification and background checks.

Michael Eudy as head track coach. Kyle Kueker and Mike Chamness as assistant track coaches. Amy Fitzgerald-Wilson and Matt Denny as volunteer track coaches.

Sarah Konecek as head coach for girls' soccer. Morgan Musiou as assistant girls' soccer coach.

Aiden Frick as volunteer wrestling coach, pending background check and certification.

Amy Fitzgerald-Wilson and Sarah Konecek as volunteer cheer coaches.



Art auction
An art auction was held at the Lick Creek School Fall Festival. Photo provided.

Lick Creek School hosts annual festival, first Power Wheels Derby

The Lick Creek Elementary School PTO hosted its annual Fall Festival and first Power Wheels Demo Derby earlier in the fall. The event was held Saturday, Nov. 4.

With the help of Josh and Beverly Baker, the demo derby was a success. A corn hole tournament was added this year. Winners were Matt Houseman and Chris Houseman.

The PTO noted that thanks to auctioneer Alex Belcher the live pie auction was a success again.

The Fall Festival also included a bounce house, cow patty bingo and games.

The PTO hosted its annual basket raffles and the classes collected items for the baskets. Mrs. Carter's pre-kindergarten class won a pizza party for collecting the most items for their basket.

The following students sold the most basket raffle tickets: 1st place, Luke Schlenker; 2nd place, Taylor Baker; 3rd place, Molly Roach.

With the support of many donors, the silent auction boasted more than 100 items and more than 40 items were auctioned, including desserts, a Yeti cooler, Cardinals tickets, Disney tickets and art pieces.

The annual Fall Festival is the PTO's primary fundraiser. With help from the Lick Creek family and the community, the Fall Festival helps the PTO provide funding for reading nights, classroom supplies, field trips, technology and much more.

The Lick Creek PTO voiced appreciation for the community support and appreciates all who attended.

The PTO especially voiced its appreciation to: Lick Creek families and staff, demo derby participants, AMC Illinois Centre, Anna State Bank,



Power Wheels Demo Derby
A Power Wheels Demo Derby was one of the featured events. Photo provided.

AutoZone, Big Splash Adventure, Boars Nest Bed & Breakfast, Broussards, Cape Air, Cape Splash, Cape West Cine, St. Louis Cardinals, Casey's General Store.

Chicago Bears, Chicago Cubs, Coad of Anna, Chili's, Coffman's Martial Arts, Country Financial, Crain Funeral Home, Davis Pastry, Disney World, Drury Hotels.

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Union County Country Club, Upscale Resale Home Furnishings, Wells Dental, Master's Choice, Angi's A-door-able Creations, WIBH and the many parents who donated items.



A-JCHS students named Illinois State Scholars
The Illinois Student Assistance Commission, ISAC, has announced high school students throughout the state who have been named as 2018-19 Illinois State Scholars for their outstanding academic achievement. Eleven Anna-Jonesboro Community High School seniors have been named State Scholars. In the first row are, from left, Madison Lingle, Morgan Racey-Test, Connor Hadley, Audrey Haar, Claire Boget and Gabriel Goins. In the second row are Ender Schmidt, Colton Goins, Hunter Miller, Dalton Tucker and Trenton Newberry. Photo provided.

Grant funds help to bring 21st century technology to small rural libraries

The Illinois Heartland Library System, IHLS, has received a Walmart state giving grant.

The grant will be utilized to assist bringing 21st century technology to small, rural libraries in Southern and Central Illinois.

Libraries were selected to participate in the program based on their membership in IHLS, population and the amount of their income which is generated from property taxes and grants.

Forty-five small public libraries were able to utilize Walmart grant funds to improve technology for their staff and patrons.

Each of these public libraries has now met the four goals established by the Illinois State Library for libraries: to participate in resource sharing, to have a discoverable collection, to have a web presence and to have WiFi access for their patrons at the library.

Seven libraries were able to take advantage of Walmart grant funds to join SHARE, which is a local library automation consortium that allows libraries to pool their resources to assist each other.

The patrons of the Jonesboro Public Library, Mounds Public Library, Ramsey Public Library, South County Public Library (Brussels), Tilden Public Library, West Union Public Library and Zeigler Public Library will be able to request and borrow items from the collection of almost 10 million items owned by the SHARE

member libraries by visiting their library or requesting those items online at www.illshareit.com.

Items which include books, DVDs, music CD's, learning kits and audiobooks, are delivered to the patron's local library via the IHLS delivery program for checkout.

Other uses of the Walmart grant funds have been to improve WiFi access; to join the CloudLibrary consortium, allowing the participating libraries' patrons access to ebooks and eaudiobooks; to improve library websites; to purchase needed equipment, such as barcode scan-

ners, document scanners, copiers; and to acquire many ebooks.

IHLS noted in a news release that the patrons and staff of the 45 libraries in the system are grateful to the Walmart Foundation for its generosity and support.

The Illinois Heartland Library System (www.illinoisheartland.org) provides delivery and automation (online catalog software) to 518 libraries in Southern Illinois and parts of Central Illinois.

The system also provides certain grant program services, such as a cataloging maintenance center, to libraries statewide.

Wreaths Across America set at Mound City on Saturday

Local volunteers have been working to ensure that all of the veterans who have been laid to rest at the Mound City National Cemetery are honored in December on National Wreaths Across America Day.

This year, ceremonies are planned simultaneously across the country at more than 1,200 locations on Saturday, Dec. 16, in observance of National Wreaths across America Day.

A ceremony is planned at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Mound City National Cemetery.

Organizers noted that their goal was to have placed a live, balsam fir wreath at the headstone of every veteran who is buried at the national cemetery in Mound City.

Achieving the goal is part of an effort to spread patriotism while also commemorating the ultimate sacrifices veterans made for the country.

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 Lessons From Winter

I always find it funny when someone complains about the heat in the middle of summer and the cold in the middle of winter. My reaction is usually to think, "Well, it's that time of year. What'd you expect?" In truth, cold winter weather can remind us of a few things.

1. *Winter reminds us that God always keeps His promises.* God said in Genesis 8:22, "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." The change of seasons is proof of God's faithfulness to His word. If you're one of those who would exclaim, "It's hot!" during July or August, just wait a few months and it'll be time for a heavy coat. When you're tired of that, take heart, for cooler weather is just around the corner! God has never failed to keep a promise. Consider that in light of the resurrection, eternal life, and Heaven. He will keep every promise (II Peter 3:9)!

2. *Winter reminds us that life is cyclical.* A passage I often think of when the New Year comes around is Ecclesiastes 3. In verses 1-2, & 11, the Bible says, "To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to pluck what is planted...He has made everything beautiful in its time." There is a time for everything. Without the greening of the leaves in summer, there would be no colorful fall. Without the cold of winter, there would be an overabundance of insect life in the spring. "To everything, there is a season..."

3. *Winter reminds us we must "die" in order to live.* Winter is the season when many plants die, but are reborn in the spring. Spiritually speaking, we must die to sin (Rom. 6:2). We must mortify the deeds of the body in order to live (Rom. 8:13). When we die to self and sin, then and only then are we able to live unto Christ. Romans 6:4, "Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." The Bible makes it clear that we haven't truly begun to live until we've died: died to sin & Satan.

Enjoy this winter season, for it's part of God's Creation, and also, come study with us at the Anna church of Christ at 104 Nile St. We love to have visitors and wish you a great day!

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MORTGAGE
SERVICES, LLC
PLAINTIFF,**

-vs-

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

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ket, Jonesboro, IL 62952,
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Courthouse, 309 W. Market
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balance within twenty-four
(24) hours, the following
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**THE BANK OF
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Plaintiff,**

v.

SHORT GROUP, LLC

a/k/a SHORT GROUP

L.L.C.,

ZACHARY T. SHORT,

SUBWAY REAL

ESTATE LLC,

UNITED STATES OF

AMERICA,

DEPARTMENT OF

TREASURY,

UNKNOWN OWNERS

and NON-RECORD

CLAIMANTS,

Defendants.

Case No. 2017-CH-33

**NOTICE OF
PENDENCY OF
ACTION**

Notice is hereby given
to Unknown Owners and
Non-record Claimants of
the Complaint for Foreclo-
sure filed in the above case
on November 7, 2017 and
they are named Defendants
in the above-entitled case,
pursuant to the provisions of
Illinois Compiled Statutes,
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tions 2-206, 15-1218 and
15-1502, and that the above-
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sure suit is now pending in
said court and unless you
file an appearance or answer
to the complaint the day on
or after which a default may
be entered against the above
named parties for failing to
file an appearance or answer
is January 4, 2018, and that
the following information
applies to said foreclosure
proceeding:

1. The names of all Plain-
tiffs and the case number are
identified above.

2. The court in which
said action was brought is
identified above.

3. The names of the title
holders of record are: Short
Group, LLC

4. The legal descriptions
of the real estate sufficient
to identify them with rea-
sonable certainty and the

mortgages sought to be fore-
closed are as follows:

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in the centerline of a creek,
this being the point of be-
ginning. Thence along the
centerline of said creek the
following three (3) calls;
thence S 52°28'57" W 47.81
feet to a point; thence S
43°13'38" W 54.32 feet to a
point; thence S 34°26'13" W
15.43 feet to a point; thence
N 41°22'26" W 348.63 feet
along a new line, passing an
iron rod set at 25.13 feet, to
an iron rod set in the south-
easterly right-of-way line of
Cypress Road; thence along
said southeasterly right of
way along a curve to the
left with a chord bearing N
43°17'25" E 108.76 feet,
a radius of 5769.65 feet,
and an arc length of 108.78
feet to an iron rod found at
a corner of said Earnhart
property; thence 42°45'00"
E 353.16 feet to the point of
beginning.

Per survey by John M.
Wallace, Illinois Profession-
al Land Surveyor No. 3820,
dated 4/20/2013.

Said parcel being sub-
ject to all rights-of-way and
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erwise. All situated in the
County of Union, State of Il-
linois. EXCEPT all coal, oil,
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Date of mortgage:

October 31, 2013

Name of mortgagor:

Short Group, LLC

Name of mortgagee:

The Bank of Carbondale

Date and place of record-

ing:

November 15, 2013 at

Recorder's Office of Union

County, IL

Identification of record-

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**17-083129
IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE 1ST
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
UNION COUNTY,
JONESBORO, ILLINOIS**

**CARRINGTON
MORTGAGE
SERVICES, LLC
PLAINTIFF,**

-vs-

**NORA L. STANARD
A/K/A NORA STANARD
A/K/A NORA L. ALLEN
A/K/A NORA L. HARDIN
A/K/A**

**NORA L. STANARD
FREEMAN;
DEFENDANTS**

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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 Har-
vel, Sheriff, 307 W. Mar-
ket, Jonesboro, IL 62952,
will on January 3, 2018 at
9:00 AM, at Union County
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 as-
sessments or special taxes
levied against said real es-
tate 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.

the Petition for Guardianship filed herein before the Honorable Mark M. Boie, or some other Judge acting in his stead, in Courtroom 1 at the Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois, on **WEDNESDAY, the 20th day of DECEMBER, 2017, at 9:00 A.M.**

YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR may result in the granting of the relief requested, without further notice or opportunity to be heard.

DATED this 28th day of November, 2017.

H. WESLEY WILKINS,
Petitioner's Attorney

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

ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK f/k/a First National Bank of Jonesboro, an Illinois Banking corporation,
Plaintiff,

vs.
DONNA L. HAWK,
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
Case No.: 2017-CH-34

PUBLICATION NOTICE

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

That part of the East half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 26, Township 11 South, Range 1 West of the Third Principal Meridian, described as follows: Begin at a point on the West line of said East half from which the Southwest corner of said East half bears South 0 deg. 18 min. West, 1640.75 feet; thence North 0 deg. 18 min. East along said West line of the East half; 483.55 feet; thence South 89 deg. 35 min. East and parallel to the North line of said East half a distance of 694.83 feet to the center of the County Road; thence Southwesterly along said County Road with the following courses: South 46 deg. 30 min. West, 69.32 feet; South 50 deg. 45 min. West, 324.65 feet, and South 60 deg. 08 min. West, 452.7 feet to the place of beginning, in Union County, Illinois, containing 4.218 acres.

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

Now, therefore, unless you, the said Defendants, Donna L. Hawk, Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, file your answer to the Complaint in the suit, or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, in the County Courthouse in the City of Jonesboro, Illinois, on or before the **7th day of January, 2018**, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

Tiffany Busby
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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

COMMUNITY BANC MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
Plaintiff,

vs.
ROBERT RENDLEMAN, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD Residential Real Estate CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
No. 2017-CH-35

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS of the real estate described below, Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502 of the Code of Civil Procedure, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against Defendants is January 11, 2018.

Plaintiff has certified the following regarding said foreclosure action filed on November 29, 2017.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs and Case Number are as follows: Community Banc Mortgage Corporation; Case No. 2017-CH-35

2. The court in which said action was brought is as follows: Circuit Court for the First Judicial Circuit, Union County, Illinois

3. The name of the title holder of record is: Robert Rendleman

4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to

identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: That part of the South Half of Section 22 which lies South of the County Road, Township 12 South, Range 3 West of the Third Principal Meridian, described as follows: Commence at a stone at the Southeast corner of said Section 22; thence North along the Section line, 632.8 feet to a point in the center of said County Road; thence Westerly along said Centerline with the following courses and distances: North 88 Deg. 23 Min. West, 477.9 feet; North 82 Deg. 11 Min. West, 1370.0 feet; and South 86 Deg. 58 Min. West, 1132.3 feet to a railroad spike for a place of beginning; thence continue South 86 Deg. 58 Min. West along said centerline, 134.25 feet; thence South 0 Deg. 12 Min. East 206.85 feet to an iron pin; thence North 86 Deg. 58 Min. East, 144.47 feet to an iron pin; thence North 3. Deg. 02 Min. West, 206.6 feet to the place of beginning, in Union County, Illinois. Being subject to that part thereof falling in the County Road. According to a survey filed in Plat Book 7 at Page 128 on May 17, 1979, in the Recorder's Office of Union County, Illinois.

5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 1885 Ware Wolf Lake Road, Wolf Lake, Illinois

6. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

Name of mortgagor: Robert Rendleman
Name of mortgagee: First National Bank of Ava
Date of mortgage: January 31, 2012
Date of recording: February 6, 2012
County where recorded: Union County, Illinois
Recording document identification: Document

No. 2012R0221

Tiffany Busby
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

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

BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY,
Plaintiff,

vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS OF NEDA P. JACKSON, SHAWNEE VALLEY UTILITIES, UNKNOWN TENANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,

Defendants.
Case No. 17-CH-28

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given of the appointment of Adam Lawler as Special Representative of Neda P. Jackson, deceased, in this instant litigation by virtue of an Order entered on December 6, 2017. Adam B. Lawler's address is 1600 West Main Street, PO Box 1148, Marion, IL 62959.

Dated: December 11, 2017

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The Big Eight

The director of two community economic development associations in Utah compiled the following tongue-in-cheek list of sure fire ways to "Ruin Your Town":

- 1. Stay away from town meetings and be sure to criticize the way things run. You don't have to be there to know that somebody else is not doing it right.**
- 2. Complain bitterly about the climate. Dwell on cold winters, the hot summers and the generally tough conditions for the people who live here. Let the world know that this is the last place anybody would want to live and work.**
- 3. Knock your city and county governments. Spread the word about the stupidity of your elected officials. After all, they are all just out to get you anyway.**
- 4. Don't buy anything locally. Use discount stores in the city and direct mail catalogs for all of your purchases. It's a lot more important to save a buck than to save your local merchant.**
- 5. Snipe at the local newspaper. Tell anyone who will listen that those media people are just no good and that they never print the news you want to read.**
- 6. Boycott community events. Tell yourself and anyone else that it's not your job to show up for ball games, concerts and school programs. Who really cares if anyone participates in those things?**
- 7. Be more negative. Everybody knows that all kids are delinquents, all business people are crooks and all public officials are just looking out for themselves. Try to get in as many bad remarks about the town as possible.**
- 8. Be skeptical, cynical and critical about anything designed for the community's progress and betterment and do it as loudly as possible. Blame progress for every difficulty, economic development for changing things from the way they were in the good old days, and disagree with anything that makes things different in your town.**

Most people interact with 10 or more people every day of their lives. That's 310 individuals this month alone. Think of the good you could do by keeping a more positive attitude when talking about your community.



Jonesboro Junior Beta Club members

Jonesboro School Beta Club members are, in the first row are, from left, Kaya Coleman, Abigail Dahmer, Tabi Smith, Trevor Cochran, Chloe McFarland and Marlee Smith. In the second row are Alli Toler, Annie Hobson, Harrison Ford, Kaelyn George and Anna Rodgers. In the third row are Lily Baker, Sydney Waun, Emilie Mowery, Austin Adams, Isabel Tehandon and Jaycee Miller. Photo provided.

Jonesboro School Junior Beta Club chapter inducts 11 new members

The Jonesboro School chapter of the National Junior Beta Club inducted 11 new members on Nov. 2.

Eighth grade students Harrison Ford, Kaelyn George, Annie Hobson, Anna Rodgers and Alli Toler were inducted.

Seventh grade students Austin Adams, Lily Baker, Jaycee Miller, Emilie Mowery, Isabel Tehandon and Sydney Waun were inducted.

In order to maintain eligibility, students must continue to demonstrate outstanding academic achievement, display exceptional character and earn volunteer service hours in the community throughout the year.

The chapter's officers for 2017-2018 are Marlee Smith, president; Chloe McFarland, vice president; Abigail Dahmer, secretary; Tabi Smith, treasurer; Trevor Cochran, historian; and Kaya Coleman, club photographer.

Beta Club members already have held a service for the entire school to honor veterans.

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November students of the month

Shawnee Elementary School at Wolf Lake has announced its students of the month for November. The students include Bailee Duran, pre-kindergarten; Carlie Chapman and Ty'Liyah Davis, kindergarten; Spencer Griffin, 1st grade; Eva Ford, 2nd grade; Madalyn Schuster, 3rd grade; Alana Davis, 4th grade; and Jaeda Qualls, 5th grade. Photo provided.

State's attorney reports four persons sentenced on various charges

Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds on Dec. 5 reported that four persons had been sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Gina D. Summers, also known as Gina D. Cox, 48, of Marion, Ky., has been sentenced to five years after pleading guilty to one count of continuing financial crimes enterprise, a Class 1 felony, and will serve a two-year period of mandatory supervised release, formerly known as parole.

Summers wrote eight separate fraudulent checks from an account that did not exist, payable to a local business over an 18-month period during and between the months of December 2013 and October 2014. The case was investigated

by the Anna Police Department.

Robert E. Lutz, 60, of Anna, has been sentenced to six years after pleading guilty to one count of financial institution fraud, a Class 1 felony, and will serve a two-year period of mandatory supervised release.

Lutz wrote multiple checks payable to local businesses within an 18-month period, knowing the checks to be fraudulent.

Lutz was arrested in September 2016 following an investigation by the Union County Sheriff's Office.

three-year period of mandatory supervised release

Horton was arrested in November following a traffic stop conducted by the Jonesboro Police Department.

Horton was sentenced as a Class X offender, based upon prior criminal history.

Joshua S. Farner, 32, of Marion, has been sentenced to six years after pleading guilty to one count of aggravated possession of a stolen firearm, a Class 1 felony, and will serve a two-year period of mandatory supervised release.

Farner took possession of multiple firearms from a rural Union County residence in August 2014. The case was investigated by the Union County Sheriff's Office.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

The Advent candle and readings Sunday morning were done by Jaida Smith, Sophia and Herman Wells.

Music for the morning worship service was led by Randy Wright.

Special music was provided by Jacob Wells and Lottie Smith, with Robert Smith, Matt Macy, Noah Wiseman and Terry Wiseman Sr. serving as ushers.

The morning message, "The Redemption of Scrooge," was brought by Pastor McBride from Hebrews.

The message shared that "life changing transformation comes when we accept and embrace correction or discipline from God."

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

Special music was provided by Randy Wright,

with curly Ralls and Robert Smith serving as ushers.

The evening message, "Simeon and Anna," was brought by Pastor McBride from Luke.

The message looked at two characters, Simeon and Anna, and how "they model for us walking in the Spirit is what assures a life that matters and lives to one day see Jesus our Messiah."

Birthdays and anniversaries: Dec. 10, Ruthe Clayton; Dec. 13, Erikah Parks; Dec. 15, Jacob Wright, Ralph and Marva Wall.

A children's Christmas program, "How the Grinch Found Christmas," is planned at 10:35 a.m. on Dec. 17.

On Dec. 24, Sunday School for all ages will be at 9:30 a.m. A worship service will be at 10:35 a.m. Evening services on Dec. 24 will be cancelled.

Southeast sets fall commencement

Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau will host fall commencement ceremonies Dec. 16.

During the ceremonies, 807 students, 620 undergraduates and 187 master's degree and specialist candidates, will receive their degrees.

Southeast plans to have two commencement ceremonies in the Show Me Center.

Candidates in the College of Liberal Arts and the Col-

lege of Health and Human Services will participate in a ceremony at 10 a.m.

Candidates in the Harrison College of Business, College of Education and College of Science, Technology and Agriculture will take part in a 2 p.m. ceremony. In total, 141 students will graduate with honors.

Also recognized during the ceremony will be six students graduating with a perfect 4.0 grade point average and five Honors Scholars.

Santa to visit

Fort Massac

Santa Claus is scheduled to visit Fort Massac State Park in Metropolis on Saturday, Dec. 16.

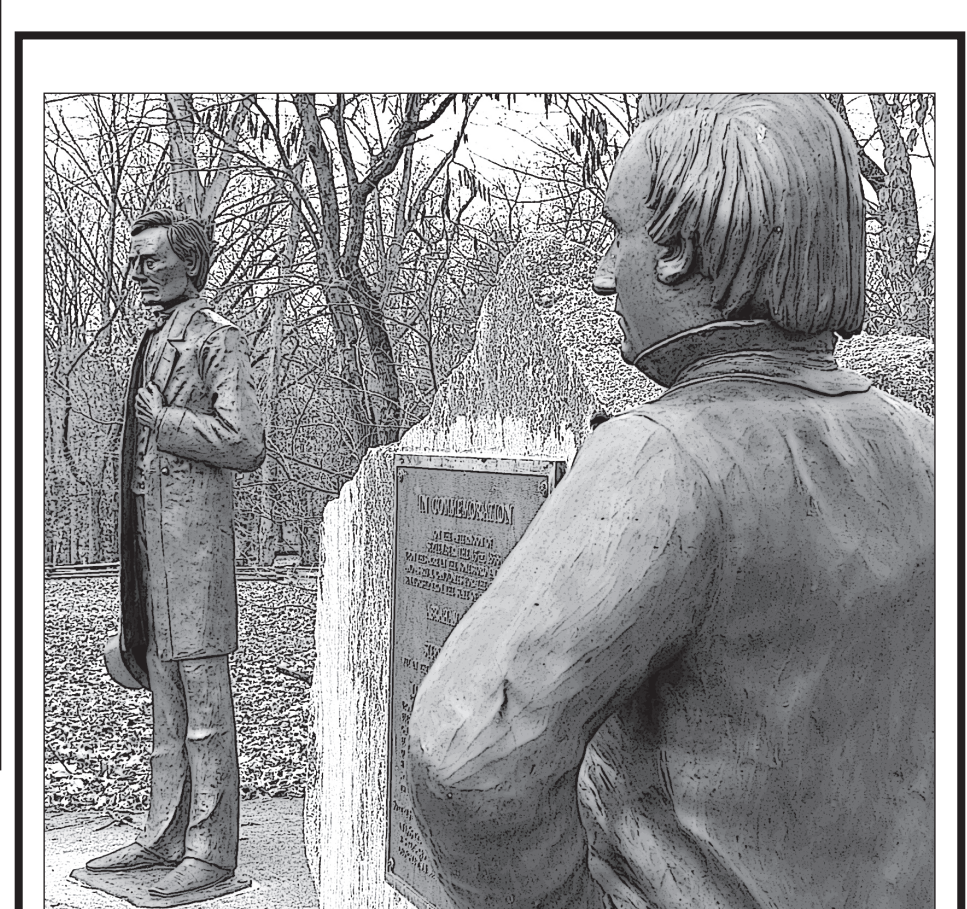
Santa plans to be at the visitors center at the park from noon to 3 p.m. Cameras are welcome.

Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Disney's "Prep and Landing" will be shown.

The Anna Moose Lodge would like to thank all the individuals and merchants who made cash donations or donated items for the Annual Scholarship Silent Auction. We also thank everyone who came to the auction and dinner. Because of your generosity, we met our financial goal to provide scholarships for 2018 Union County high school graduates!

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Obituaries

Jill Suzanne Pearce Bell

Jill Suzanne Pearce Bell, died at home on Dec. 8, 2017, after losing a seven month battle with cancer.

She was born on July 8, 1951, in Fairfield, the daughter of Willard and June Lotz Pearce, both of whom preceded her in death.

On Jan. 20, 1990, she married Bruce Bell, who survives her. She is also survived by her daughters, Elizabeth Pearce Bell and Allison Marie Bell; by a son, Bradley Glen (Courtney) Bell and grandsons Thalo and Rolan.

Also surviving are brothers Scott and Dr. Willard C. (Debby) Pearce Jr., and nephews Willard C. Pearce III, Benjamin M. and Christopher A. Pearce. Also surviving are many close friends, admirers of her personal character and the many students she taught and coached during her 38 years of continuous service to Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

Jill, guided by her mentor and life-long friend Shirley Davis, were mothers of A-J's women's athletic program competing in the Illinois High School Athletic Association. As head coach, Jill's volleyball team advanced to IHSA super sectional competition, defeated by the eventual state champion. Her 1985 track team won conference, and her relay teams were regulars at ISHA finals. Her impact continued. She was a supporting guide for daughter Elizabeth's sterling academic and athletic accomplishments.

An avid bird lover, she was a recorder of avian life for Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

No traditional funeral services will be held. Her remains were cremated and will be interred in Fairfield Maple Hill Cemetery at a time to be determined.

Her life was successfully filled giving support, friendship and love. Anyone inclined to honor her memory might consider those she has bequeathed a sum: In her Anna community, Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Stinson Memorial Library and the Anna Blue Dolphin Swim Team. In her Fairfield home town, the city pool, United Methodist Church, library, hospital and the Wayne County Historical Society. Of course any charity or organization close to your heart would meet her approval.

Jill is already a missing part in many lives.

A local memorial service will be announced at a later date.

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

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

Crain Funeral Home

Virginia Joyce Harrington

Virginia Joyce Harrington, died at her home, surrounded by her family and loved ones, on Dec. 6, 2017.

She was born on Nov. 23, 1936, in Price, Ky., the eldest child of Gilbert and Clarice Wills.

Graduating from Ballard Memorial High School, she was employed for many years and retired as a riverboat cook. She enjoyed cooking, gardening and was completely devoted to her family.

She is survived by her sons, Mike Trexler (Brooke Miller) and Jack Trexler; a brother, Ron Wills; a sister, Donna (JD) Martin; grandsons David (Megan) Coats and Daniel Coats; granddaughters Michaela Trexler and Tasha Trexler-Thompson (Mike); great-grandchildren Dylan Coats, Harley Coats, Jaxon Coats, Mathew and Harper Thompson; cousins Jackie Howell and Rachel Poole; and a friend who was like a son, Dale Espina; nephews Gary (Betsy) Coats, Steven (Andrea) Coats, David Childers, Ron Wills Jr. and Tommy Wills; nieces Cindy (Will) Andrews, Audra (Rob) Needham and Sara Wills; sisters-in-law Diane Wills, Elaine Wills, Theresa (Danny) Harrington and Sharon (Tony) Harrington; along with many others.

She was preceded in death by husbands, Robert Coats Sr., Jack Trexler and Jerhald "Jerry" Harrington; a son, Robert Coats; a daughter, Susan Beth Coats; and three brothers, Harry Wills, Jim Wills and Howell Wills.

Memorial services were at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro, with Randy Morgan and David Coats officiating. Private inurnment will be held at a later date at the Cobden City Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to PAWS.

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

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

Janette Commean

Janette Commean, 70, of Du Quoin, died Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2017, at Carbondale Memorial Hospital.

She was born on Sept. 6, 1947, in East Chicago, Ind., the daughter of Rudolf and Evelyn Alice Stephenson Gavach.

She is survived by her mother, Evelyn Gavach of Du Quoin; four sons, Jonathan Commean of Clarksville, Tenn.; Jameson Commean of Cape Girardeau, Joshua (Wendy) Laws of Anna and Justin Laws of Herrin; one daughter, Natasha (Jose) Bautista of Murphysboro; a sister, Patricia Aeck of Houston, Texas; several grandchildren and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father; a sister, Helen Rocha; and a brother, Francis Gavach.

There will be no services at this time. Cremation was accorded and inurnment will take place at a later date.

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

Crain Funeral Home

Robert G. 'Bob' Manus

Robert G. "Bob" Manus, 85, of Anna, died at 7:25 a.m. Monday, Dec. 11, 2017, at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna.

He was born on May 6, 1932, in Anna, the son of Earl and Mina Garner Manus.

He married Lula Mowery Spier in October of 1996.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, a member of Anna Masonic Lodge No. 520 and Carpenters Local No. 638. He worked in the construction industry in Southern Illinois for over 50 years. He was a life-long outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing and woodworking.

He is survived by his wife, Lula Manus of Anna; a son, Jay (Terry) Manus of Anna; a daughter, Beth Harvel (Sam Betts) of Anna; three grandchildren, Mike Manus of Chicago, Brandon Harvel of Jonesboro and Lauren (Davin) Hannuksela of Anna; three great-grandchildren, Peyton, Aniston and Asher; a stepdaughter, Debbie (Scott) Dailey of Havana; a stepson, Bobby (Joetta) Spier of Marion; three step-grandchildren, Alexa Spier of Fort Collins, Colo., Mike (Shelly) Wright of Anna and Crystal (Bumper) Gurley of Jonesboro; three step-great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives, including Linda (Charley) Whaley and Jimmy (Kimmy) Kapica of Chicago.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Michael Patrick Manus; a sister, Patricia (George) Kapica; and a nephew, John Kapica.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, today, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro. Masonic Rites will be accorded at noon followed by funeral services at 12:15 p.m. with Pastor Paul Tirey and Lane Rhodes officiating. Interment will follow at the Anna City Cemetery, with military honors by the U.S. Air Force and the VFW's Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna.

Memorials can be made to the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna.

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

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

Crain Funeral Home

Rosa Lee Bell

Rosa Lee Bell, 85, of rural Vienna, died Monday, Dec. 4, 2017, at 11:59 p.m. at Massac Memorial Hospital in Metropolis.

She was born on March 24, 1932, in Union County, the daughter of Alex and Lourena Jacobs Davis.

In 1951, she married Raymond Eugene Bell in Jackson, Mo. He preceded her in death on April 17, 2009.

Survivors include her children, Barbara Helen (Daryl) Turner of Anna, Michael Eugene (Teri) Bell of Jonesboro, Raymond Eugene Bell Jr. of Anna, Brenda Lee (Kenneth) Rains of Jonesboro and Dwayne Lee (Carla) Bell of Vienna; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; three sisters, Pauline Neighbors and Faye Eastwood, both of Anna and Patsy Ferguson of Jonesboro; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Howard Bell and seven brothers and sisters.

She had been employed as a private home health care provider. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Carroll P. Foster VFW Post No. 3455 in Anna, as well as the Anna Moose Lodge No. 1346. She was of the Baptist faith. She enjoyed playing gin rummy and in her youth enjoyed swimming, fishing and camping. She is remembered for her devotion to her family and cherished spending time with them.

A memorial service honoring the life of Rosa Lee Bell was held Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017, at 1 p.m. at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Inurnment was in the Ebenezer Hall Cemetery near Lick Creek.

Memorials can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tenn., 38105-1905 or to Bailey Funeral Home, P.O. Box 695, Vienna, Ill. 62995.

To share a memory or to leave an online message of condolence for her family, visit www.baileyfh.com.

Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna was in charge of arrangements.

Richard Pitts

Richard Pitts, 72, of Anna, died Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017, at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

He was born on July 20, 1945, in Anna, the son of Lynn and Esther Oliver Pitts.

He married Charlene Dover on April 4, 1964.

He is survived by his wife, Charlene Pitts of Anna; a daughter, Denise (John) Garner of Anna; a son, Shane (Angie) Pitts of Beason; five grandchildren, Chase Garner and Tristin Garner, Chelsea Pitts, Ryan Pitts and Ashley Polk; one sister, Donna Pitts of Escondido, Calif.; many other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Bob Pitts, Jack Pitts and Bill Pitts; one sister, Linda Coffee and two infant sisters, Shirley Ann and Sandra Kay.

He worked many years for Florsheim Shoe Company. He coached American Legion and Khoury League baseball. He enjoyed golfing, hunting and following A-J Wildcat basketball, baseball and football.

Funeral services for Mr. Pitts will be at noon Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with the Rev. Paul Sadler officiating. Interment will be in Casper Cemetery near Anna.

Friends can call after 10 a.m. and until the service hour at noon on Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna.

Memorials can be made to Casper Cemetery. To leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna is in charge of arrangements.

Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home

Wayne Crowell

Wayne Crowell, 71, of Carbondale, and formerly of Anna, died at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017, at his home.

He was born on Oct. 17, 1946, in Anna, the son of George and Mary Dirden Crowell.

He married Carolyn Mixen on Oct. 16, 1966, in Union County.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Crowell of Carbondale; a son, Bryan (Amanda) Crowell of Carbondale; a daughter, Mary Jane Crowell of Carbondale; four grandchildren, John Michael, Nathaniel, Kassady and Bryanna; three sisters, Carolyn (Ed) Cates of Anna, Alice (Randy) Tucker of Jonesboro and Becky Crowell of Murphysboro; one brother, Buzz (Debbie) Crowell of Anna; many other family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and by a grandson, Bryon Anderson.

He served in the U.S. Army in the Vietnam War. He worked for the City of Anna for 36 years. After retiring, he worked part time for Anna School District 37 as a custodian and served on the Anna City Council.

Funeral services for Mr. Crowell were at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with the Rev. Phillip Mixen officiating. Military rites will be conducted by Illinois Army National Guard military honors team. Interment will be at a later date at the Mound City National Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Celtic Hospice.

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

Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna is in charge of arrangements.

Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home

Brendan 'Cory' Moore

Brendan "Cory" Moore, infant son of Curtis Lee and Sarah Beth Warren Moore, was born sleeping on Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2017, at Southeast Health in Cape Girardeau.

Brendan is survived by his adoring parents, Curtis Lee and Sarah Beth Moore; a brother, Jayden Moore; sisters Shaylee and Delaney Moore; maternal grandfather Rick (Scarlet) Warren; maternal grandmother Marilyn Mick; paternal grandmother Bernice Pind; maternal great-grandmother Lorraine Eaton; paternal great-grandparents Jim Pind and Curtis (Virginia) Musgrave; uncles Brian Warren, Terry (Gyl) Moore and Calvin (Nancy) Pind; and aunt Kandi Reed.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Ronnie Pind.

Services for Brendan "Cory" Moore were at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with Jonny Warren officiating. Interment was in the Jonesboro Cemetery.

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

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

Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home

Betty Sue Elkins

Betty Sue Elkins, 87, of Anna, died at 12:16 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at River to River Assisted Living in Anna.

Arrangements were pending at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro.

Crain Funeral Home

Alma Gilliam

Alma Gilliam, 93, of Caldwell, Texas, and formerly of Anna, died Monday, Dec. 11, at St. Joseph Hospital in Caldwell, Texas.

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

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

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

Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home

Reynoldsville News

by Sue Eudy

John Yates of Herrin was a supper guest of Sue and Steve Eudy on Tuesday night. Venita and Robert Lingle, of Anna, also visited with them.

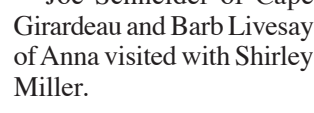
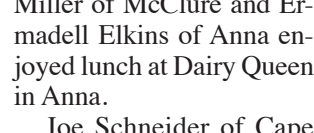
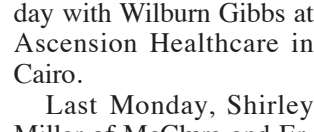
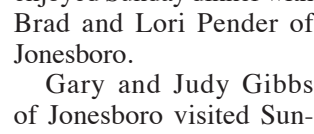
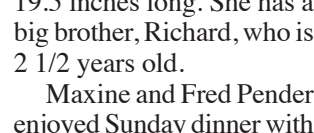
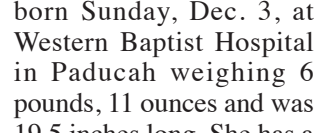
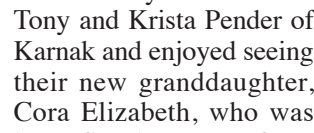
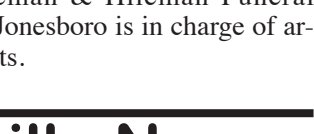
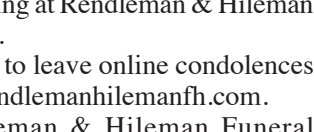
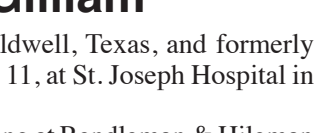
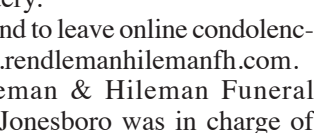
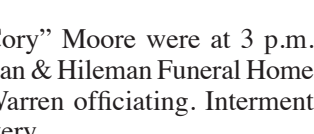
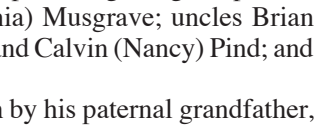
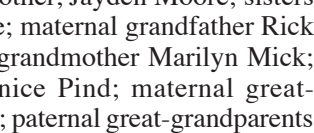
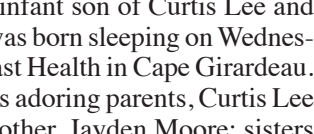
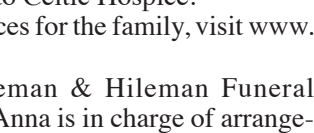
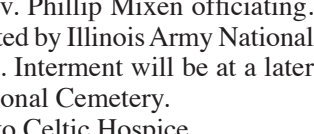
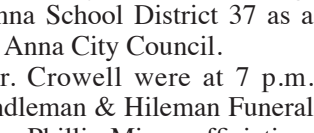
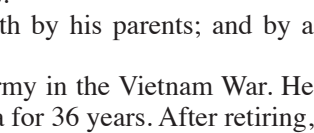
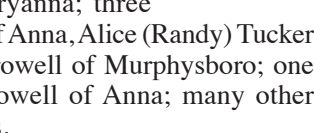
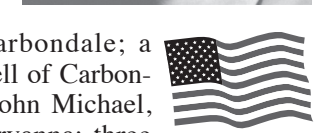
Belated birthday wishes to Goldie Miller of Colorado Springs, Colo., on Friday, Dec. 8, and to Sue Rendleman of Anna on Wednesday, Dec. 13.

Happy birthday to Ervina Johnson of Jonesboro on Friday, Dec. 15.

Happy belated anniversary wishes to my sister and brother-in-law, Lois and Jim Crites of Jackson, Mo., who celebrated their 51st anniversary on Sunday, Dec. 10.

Those enjoying lunch on Sunday at Delmonico's in Jackson, Mo., were Dolores and Jack Reynolds of Reynoldsville, Rodney and Vicki Reynolds of Wolf Lake and Barb and Edwin Livesay of Anna.

Maxine and Fred Pender



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Christmas Eve
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December 24th

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Rev. Jamie McBride, Senior Pastor

December 17th

Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.

Children's Christmas Program 10:35 a.m.
How the Grinch Found Christ in Christmas

Worship Service 6:00 p.m.

December 24th

Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service & Communion 10:35 a.m.
6:00 p.m. Service Canceled

Anna Heights

Baptist Church

100 Turner Ave. • Anna, IL • 833-5916

Sunday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Morning Worship
10:15 a.m.

Sunday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
5:00 p.m.

Christmas at Kornthal

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Kornthal is located 2.5 miles south of Jonesboro, IL off Illinois 127.

Salem and Mount Moriah Lutheran Church

Holiday Worship Schedule

Dec. 20th at Mount Moriah - 7 p.m.
Advent Midweek Services with Holy Communion.
Supper served at 5:30 p.m. preceding each Advent Service.

December 24

One Worship Service at Mount Moriah 10:00 a.m.
Christmas Eve Service at Mount Moriah 6:30 p.m.
Christmas Eve Service at Salem 9:00 p.m. with Holy Communion

December 25 - 9 a.m.

One Worship Service at Salem

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Morning Worship 10:15 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Cobden

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Sr. Pastor Ed Falgout
Assoc. Pastor Matthew Hartline

Sunday, December 24th
Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 24th
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
8:00 p.m.

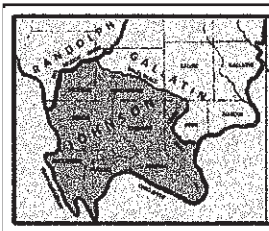
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Section B



CELEBRATING THE BICENTENNIAL OF ILLINOIS

STORIES FROM THE BOOK BY ED & DIANE ANNABLE, PUBLISHED 2017

SIX YEARS IN THE ILLINOIS TERRITORY, 1812—1818
WHEN JOHNSON COUNTY SPANNED RIVER TO RIVER

IN THE BEGINNING....

In the year 1812, while the ground was still shaking from one of the greatest earthquakes this nation has ever known, and while this nation had just begun a second war with Great Britain, the young Territory of Illinois began to organize itself into a true governing body. One of the first acts was to divide the occupied area into manageable governing areas.

The County of Johnson was organized on September 14, 1812. From the Executive Register, and the Territorial Records of Illinois, the following was issued by Ninian Edwards, Governor of the Illinois Territory.

And I do lay off a county or district to be called JOHNSON COUNTY to be bounded as follows, viz.: To begin at the mouth of Lusk's Creek on the Ohio; thence with the line of Gallatin County to Miles' Trail, thence along said trail to Big Muddy; thence down Big Muddy and the Mississippi to the mouth of the Ohio, and up the Ohio to the beginning. And I do appoint the house of John Bradshaw to be the seat of justice for Johnson County.

Done at Kaskaskia the 14th day of September, 1812, and the Independence of the United States the thirty-seventh.

The new county, if it remained bounded as it was in 1812, would include all of Alexander, Pulaski, Massac, Union and Johnson Counties. It would also include more than half of Pope County and close to that same amount of Jackson and Williamson Counties.

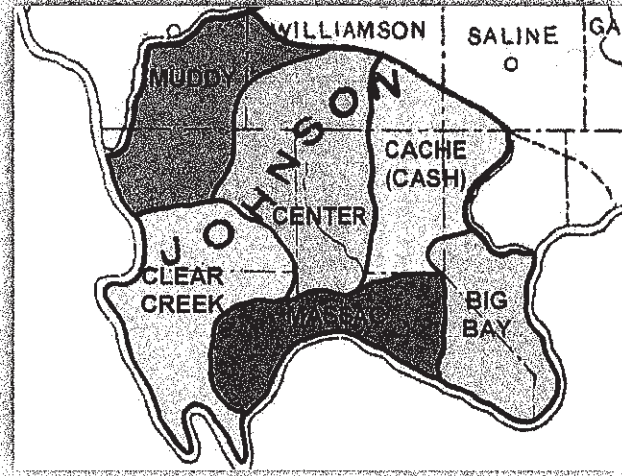
It would include the towns or cities of Marion, Carbondale, Golconda, Metropolis, Cairo, Anna and Jonesboro, as well as other smaller towns.

One of the first acts of the young county was to create its own governing body as well as make a place for holding courts and to bring law to a lawless area.

townships using the same lines. There were five townships in the county at that time – Big Bay, Massac, Clear Creek, Muddy, Center and Cash, as it was spelled in those early days.

Each township had the following appointments: Overseers of the Poor, Constables and Justices of the Peace. A Sheriff was appointed as well as Judges of the County Court and the Court of Common Pleas. Those Judges rotated from time to time which included several of the prominent men of the area. A Clerk of the Court was also appointed.

During the whole time that the county was being organized, life in the terri-



With the ever-present threat of attack from the Indians of the area, the territorial government had already organized the area into militia districts. The new county of Johnson used those divisions to create

tory continued much as it had before.

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Old-Timey Christmas set

The Smoky Hollow String Band plans to present its sixth annual Old-Timey Christmas from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, at the Gen. John A. Logan Museum in Murphysboro.

The band will play and sing Christmas carols and fiddle and banjo tunes. Punch, coffee, and cookies will be served.

A donation of \$5 is requested for adults; children will be admitted free.

The museum is located at 1613 Edith St. in Murphysboro. For more information, call 618-684-4397.

First Baptist Church, Cobden, hosts 'A Night in Bethlehem'

For the ninth year, First Baptist Church in Cobden hosted a special Christmas holiday season event. The church welcomed many visitors to "A Night in Bethlehem" on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, Dec. 8-10. The event offered visitors an opportunity to see what life might have been like in Bethlehem during the time of the birth of Jesus.



Clare Bunyan portrayed Mary at "A Night in Bethlehem." Jacob Staley portrayed Joseph. They shared the story of the first Christmas with the many visitors who came to experience "A Night in Bethlehem."



Visitors began their visit by registering for the census and then began their journey to Bethlehem.



Hunter Falgout portrayed a Roman legionnaire who was standing guard outside the Cobden church. A wood fire was helping to keep him warm on a cold December night.

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News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

Rev. Dr. Bernice Belt's sermon on the first Sunday of Advent was titled "What the Bible Says About Being Productive," with scripture from Colossians.

The message shared that "God is not impressed with job titles and financial success; He looks at us as to how we live our lives, and if we fulfill our 'task' of sharing the gospel."

Rev. Belt's sermon on the second Sunday of Advent was titled "The Character of God's Sanctuary," with scripture from 1 Corinthians, Ephesians and Philipians.

The message shared that "when God created us, He gave us the ability to choose what we do. When we do it God's way, He takes care of all the details. To become a sanctuary for Him, we must strive for holiness."

The first Advent reading was by Wayne Miller, with the candle lit by Aldi and Vodra Gerard, assisted by their mother, Berna.

The Advent reading the 10th was by Rodney and LaDonna Miller, with Addison and Raelynn Bonner as candle lighters, assisted by their grandmother, Donna Williams.

Prior to the prelude on

News from Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

On the second Sunday of Advent, Pastor Mark "waited" to begin his message. His listeners "waited" to hear what he had to say. Pastor Mark said that the Lord will come "when the time is right." He said, "Always be ready."

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, Ed Lee, Gary Davis, Adalee Davie, Paula Keistler, Betty Brown, Paul Witke, Bobbie Adams, Denise Garner, Natalie Wood, Jim Dallas, Bob Manus, Spencer Hammond, Nancy Lyerla and David Stanley Jr., Jim Clark, Kenny Roach, Pam Wheaton, Ron Tomme and Mary Helen Ury.

Prayer was offered for those grieving for Kathy Hill (Stevens, JoAnn Wahlstrom), Irene Becker and Jill Pearce Bell.

Gratitude was extended to Mt. Moriah and Salem church members who have participated as bell ringing kettle collectors. Members plan to volunteer again on Dec. 23. Proceeds from the annual red kettle fund raiser will go to the Union County Alliance of Churches for local assistance projects.

The Share and Care tree is up in the church entry-way. Members are encouraged to give a gift of love by placing caps, mittens, scarves or socks on the tree. Items gathered will be given to children of the area who are in need of them.

An annual children's Christmas program is planned during a combined service on Sunday, Dec. 17, at Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro at 10:30 a.m. A regular worship service will be held at Mt. Moriah at 9 a.m., preceding the children's program at Salem.

Midweek Advent services are scheduled at Mt. Moriah on Dec. 20. Supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. Advent worship begins at 7 p.m.

On Sunday, Dec. 24, a morning worship service will be held at Mt. Moriah at 10 a.m. A Christmas Eve service is planned at 6:30 p.m. at Mt. Moriah.

A candlelight Communion service is planned at 9 p.m. on Christmas Eve at Salem Lutheran Church.

On Dec. 25, there will be one service at Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro at 9 a.m.

Dec. 3, a short congregation meeting was held to nominate and elect elders for 2018-2020. David Miller and Tony Gerard were elected. Their ordination and installation was at the close of worship on Dec. 10, with the Rev. Phillip Brown presiding.

Receiving the offering last Sunday were Addison and Raelynn Bonner, assisted by their grandmother, Donna Williams. Rodney and LaDonna Miller received it this Sunday.

Tanner Roach served as bell ringer.

The congregation invites the community to attend Camp Ground Church's annual Christmas event on Sunday evening, Dec. 17.

Everyone will gather in the fellowship hall at 5:30 p.m. for a potluck meal and "dinner theater" type program, then move to the sanctuary for a traditional candlelight service.

The church extends congratulations to Sara Rogers, who received her bachelor

of science degree Saturday from Murray State University in Murray, Ky.

Saturday afternoon, her parents, Jeff and Teresa, hosted about 20 family and friends to celebrate with her. Her brother Travis was unable to attend due to the snowstorm where he lives.

Reed Crane turned 4 on Dec. 7. His parents, Collin and Lara, hosted a Blaze and the monster machine themed birthday party for him Sunday afternoon. Twenty-eight Crane and Miller family members attended and had cake and ice cream with him. Reed enjoyed playing with all his cousins.

On Christmas Eve Sunday, Camp Ground Church will not have Sunday School. Instead, the church will have a continental breakfast and fellowship beginning at 9:30 a.m., with a worship service at 10:30 a.m.

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.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

The guest speaker on Sunday, Dec. 10, was the Rev. Paul Sadler.

Interim music director Dee Rose directed the choir in presenting the musical, "The Greatest Story Ever Told."

The second Sunday of Advent was celebrated in the morning service with the lighting of the second candle.

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

A children's Christmas party is planned from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15.

A Titus 2 cookie swap is planned at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16.

Birthdays: Kathy Knight, Dec. 10; Sue Rendleman, Dec. 13; Lucille Eastwood, Dec. 14; Ervina Johnson, Dec. 15.

Anniversary: Brandon and Paula Bierstedt, 17 years on Dec. 16.

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.

News from

Walnut Grove Church

On the second Sunday of Advent at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church, Brock and Layleigh lit the altar candles during the musical prelude.

The Advent litany, with scripture from Isaiah, was read by Tracey Brown. The second two Advent candles representing peace were lit by Doug Brown.

Pastor Bobbi Shultz read scripture from Peter and Mark which shared that "while we wait for a new heaven and a new earth, we must wait in peace, and listen for God to speak. Pray and let God comfort us while we wait for the second coming of Jesus."

Prayers were requested for the Rev. Roger Russell and his wife Carol and their

family, Debbie and Carl Mauer, Dianne and Tony Mercurio, Christy and Ray Long, Sandy and Gary Hartline, Karen Lamer, and all those affected by the fires in California and the unexpected snowfall in the southeastern states.

Last Friday, Diana War hosted the church ladies at her home for a luncheon.

The next monthly music night is planned at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 10. 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.

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NSDAR Daniel Chapman Chapter has Christmas dinner in Vienna

By Dixie Terry
The Daniel Chapman Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution had its annual Christmas dinner on Monday evening, Dec. 4, at the Carnegie Library in Vienna. Husbands and prospective members were invited.

Cohostesses were Jeanne McKenzie, Juanita Broyles and Virginia Street.

The welcome was given by regent Doda Starkey, with the opening ritual and prayer presented by chaplain Bonnie Hogue.

Following the dinner,

which was provided by the chapter and members, there was a business meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was led by Maxine Burdick. The American's Creed was led by Melodie Penrod.

The Preamble to the Constitution was given by Janice McCormick. The president general's message was read by Julia Mowery.

The national defense report was given by Dixie Terry. An Illinois bicentennial minute was shared by Lillian Milam.

Reports were heard from

chaplain Hogue about cards sent to members, recording secretary Cara Webb, treasurer Juanita Broyles and registrar Marilyn Meisenheimer, who reported three potential members' papers are being processed in Washington, D.C., with Carol Racey working on her papers. She introduced a guest, Carol Palmer, a prospective new member.

Special and standing reports were provided, and included:

American Indian, Sandra Boaz, on the importance of the Navajo providing secret code messages during World War II.

Jeanne McKenzie reported that DAR Good Citizens applications were received from eight area schools.

DAR Schools, Doda Starkey.

DAR Project Patriot, Loudene Lemme, who has received cards of appreciation for the packages sent to overseas military personnel.

Service to America, regent Starkey reminded members to submit all their volunteer hours online by Dec. 31.

Virginia Street reported on Wreaths Across America and will set one at the Mound City National Cemetery and another at the monument of Daniel Chapman in the Vienna Fraternal Cemetery.

Juanita Broyles reported that Cobden, Lick Creek and Jonesboro elementary schools have participated in the annual history essay competition.

In new business, the chapter officers and committee workshop meeting is planned Monday, Jan. 8, at 9:30 a.m. at the Carnegie Library in Vienna, when work will be done on annual master reports.

On Saturday, Jan. 13, there will be a new member orientation at the Farm Bureau building in Jonesboro at 1 p.m. hosted by Marilyn Meisenheimer and Doda Starkey.

The chapter's next regular meeting is planned Monday, Feb. 12, at Camp Ground Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Union County at 11:30 a.m., with members providing sack lunches. At 2 p.m., members will arrive at the Il-

linois Veterans Home in Anna for an annual Valentine and bingo party for the residents.

Prior to the reports, a program was presented by member Elizabeth James about her collection of vintage aprons.

Members present at the meeting included Sandra Boaz, Ann Toler, Anna; Maxine Burdick, Cara Webb, Tunnel Hill; Bonnie Hogue, Loudene Lemme, Mary Obourne, Doda Starkey, Irene Webb, Vienna; Elizabeth James, Julia Mowery, Buncombe;

Delonda Robinson, Dixie Terry, Juanita Broyles, Goreville; Janice McCormick, Ozark; Virginia Street, Simpson; Melodie Penrod, Carterville; Marilyn Meisenheimer, Lillian Milam, Jonesboro; Sue Wallace, Creal Springs; and Cathy Warmack, Paducah.

Guests included Gary Burdick, David Hogue, Harold James, Mike Meisenheimer, Carol Palmer, Carol Racey, Alan Racey, Lewis Robinson, Skip Starkey, Jerry Toler, Jim Wallace and Ramon Webb.

Hess News

We enjoyed Thanksgiving with our Texas daughter and family in Quinlan, Texas. Danny came from Alabama to take us and grandson Justin and friend Loni met us there.

The Union County Saddle Club had its annual Christmas dinner and election of officers for 2018 on Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Dongola Community Center.

The Schlenkers gave some pretty cold surry

By Glenn Heisner
rides on Friday and Saturday in Sikeston, Mo.

The Anna Heights Baptist Church Common Bond Sunday School class had a Christmas party Friday, Dec. 8. It was a good treat to have Carol and Darrell Duke back with us after their fall trip to Phoenix and out west.

Birthdays: Wayne Whiteside, Dec. 17; Juanita, Dec. 21; Billy Williams, Dec. 21; Wanda Schlenker, Dec. 22.

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News from

First Christian Church, Anna

"News That Changed Everything" was the title of the sermon preached by Senior Minister Dee Armes on Sunday, Dec. 10. The message was based on scripture from Luke.

The message shared that angels came to shepherds with special news. The shepherds "had no doubt in their minds that the news they got came from God, so they responded and they hurried off because they wanted to see this for themselves. That is the wonderful thing about Christmas and the power is to draw

many to church."

Birthdays: Diane McIntyre, John Earnhart, Candace Black, Dec. 13; Jerry Smith, Emily Boie, Dec. 15.

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

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

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

News from

First Baptist Church, Anna

During the Sunday morning service on Dec. 10, Pastor Sinks continued his four-part sermon series titled "The Gift That Keeps on Giving." Sunday's sermon was titled "The Gift that Fits." Scripture was from Galatians.

Pastor Sinks also continued conversational evangelism class. The class,

titled "Just Walk Across the Room," is scheduled at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays.

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile is scheduled to be at the church from noon until 6 p.m. on Thursday, today.

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

Page from the Past

From the files of The Gazette-Democrat

50 Years Ago, December 14, 1967

Massac County residents garnered enough votes in the Shawnee Junior College board election held Saturday, Dec. 9, to elect three county candidates to the seven-man board.

Other counties with winning candidates were Pulaski with two; Johnson County, one, Union County, one. Alexander and Jackson County will not have representatives on the board.

Dr. C.G. Ulrich, Dongola veterinarian, Union County, received the second highest vote total with 4,551.

Many area churches will be having special Christmas services at their churches during the forthcoming week of December 17 through Christmas Day, December 25.

Strategic Air Command B-52 Stratofortress Bombers will begin a series of low altitude indoctrination and training flights on December 15 over a five state area of Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, Illinois and Arkansas.

Dr. Nicholas A. Masters will be the principal speaker at the 39th Annual Woodrow Wilson Memorial Service and dinner to be held at the American Legion Community Center in Anna Thursday, Dec. 28, at 6:30 p.m.

The Union County Civil Defense unit was alerted on Monday, Dec. 11, when a severe weather alert was forecast in the Southern portion of Illinois.

Joint bond bids for the construction of a 40-bed addition and kitchen to the Union County Nursing Home have been awarded. The bonds are in the amount of \$240,000.

The Illinois Central Railroad announced today that it will apply to the Interstate Commerce Commission in mid-December for permission to discontinue several short-run passenger trains and to shorten the route of another, all of which are operating at a loss.

After serving the needs of the Anna State Hospital for 77 years, Hamilton Hall is nearing the point of abandonment. There are 20 men living in the east wing of the first floor. At the peak of population, Hamilton Hall housed over 430 patients. The building is the oldest structure being used for resident living at the hospital and is the last remaining ward building to have window bars.

Jonesboro Chief of Police Larry Tripp has requested that all store owners in Jonesboro have the rear entrances of their shops well lighted.

The Woman of the Moose, Chapter 1181, held their Chapter Night program Monday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m. Also, their Christmas party was held, with 25 members present.

A traditional Christmas dinner was the beginning of the Anna-Jo Garden Club meeting. Sixteen members gathered at the Whitehouse Coffee Shop dining room Tuesday evening of last week at 6:30 and enjoyed a turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

The Buddies of World War I Barracks 344 and the Ladies Auxiliary will meet this Sunday, Dec. 17, at the American Legion Hall in Anna, with a pot luck dinner at 12:30.

An organization meeting of the Cobden Parent-Teachers Association, Cobden Unit School District 17, was held Tuesday evening, Dec. 5th, in the cafeteria at the grade school. Sixty seven members signed the roll as charter members.



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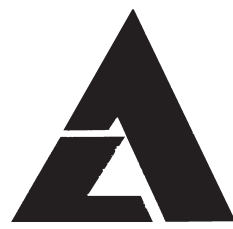
There will be a drawing each Saturday morning, November 18th, November 25th, December 2nd and December 9th, at Anna-Jonesboro National Bank for a \$100.00 winner. **THE GRAND PRIZE DRAWING WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH, FOR A MINIMUM OF \$1,000.00.**

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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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John and Beverly Schaefer visited their son Jacob at Fort Riley.

Soldiers Return to U.S.

Jon and Beverly Schaefer and their three dogs went to Fort Riley to see Jacob and his company ceremony. They have been in Kuwait for almost nine months.

Beverly said it is always a tear jerker when your soldier and all of the rest of them come home. I know it would be.

A special thanks to them for serving our country. Please keep all our military and their families in your prayers.

Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club

The Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club met at United Methodist Church in Anna for their Christmas dinner and party Tuesday, Dec. 4.

Jonesboro School band students Jaden Ebberts, Ally Hasty, Ella Lingle, Cassidy Janke, Jason McAlister and band director Stephanie Bushno were guests and each student played a different Christmas song for them.

They joined with the women's group to sing John Bells before they ate.

Rev. Carl Johnston, pastor of the United Methodist Church, gave the devotion and the blessing.

A check was presented to the Jonesboro band from the women's club.

After everyone ate and the students journeyed back to school, the ladies had a short meeting.

President Jane Bauer called the meeting to order and everyone stood and said the Pledge to the American flag and the club Collect.

For current events, Jane said they raised the state bicentennial flag for the 200 year celebration in Jonesboro.

Secretary Suzie Kessler read the minutes from November.

Everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to Lillian Milam.

Some of the ladies will be serving refreshments at the Union County Courthouse 200 year celebration Jan. 6 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Other members present were Mary Light, Tammy Woodrum, Marie Samuel, Barbara Bauer, Martha Ann Webb and Barbara House.

The group was sad to hear Judy Smith broke her arm. Please keep her in your prayers.

Trip

Last week, Brad, Courtney, Thalo, Rolan and Allison Bell flew from Denver, Colo., to visit their stepmother, Jill Pearce Bell.

She hadn't been able to travel to see the new grandson, Rolan Bell. She was delighted to see both boys.

Sympathy to their family. She went to heaven

this week.

First Anniversary

Steve and Gina Loughridge celebrated their wedding anniversary Dec. 10.

Night in Bethlehem

A special thanks to First Baptist Church in Cobden for Night in Bethlehem. This was the ninth year.

A lot of work goes into preparing for this wonderful weekend showing people what it was like that first night when Jesus was born and the true meaning of Christmas.

Baby Congratulations

Kyle and Ellie McDaniel are the proud parents of Beckett Wells, who was born on Dec. 7, 2017, at 2:56 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 21 1/4 inches long.

He has a brother Luke. Grandparents are Ron and Linda Sadler, Rusty and Toni Flamm of Anna and Buck and Nina McDaniel from Jonesboro.

Congratulations

Jacob Stamp was honored by Kroger for customer first leader.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Lighting of the second Advent wreath was by the Caregivers Sunday School Class members Marchetta Dewitt, Sue Ann Zimmerman, Barbara House, Lelia Spurlock and Jean Lamzus.

The choir, under the direction of Carla Anderson, performed "Lamb of Bethlehem" a Christmas cantata. Solos were by Brad Stamp. Narrator was Pete Housman.

Sunday evening, the youth and others from the church went to see Night in Bethlehem at Cobden First Baptist Church.

Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the chapter, there will be a church service for those who work on Sunday to come to church at 6:30 p.m.

Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friendship and Sewing will meet.

Sunday, Dec. 17, will be walk to the manger. The children will have a pizza party and practice Friday night.

Anna VFW

A post monthly meeting is planned at 7 p.m. Thursday, today.

Friday, Dec. 15, the auxiliary will serve a chicken and dumpling dinner from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. This is open to the public. Carry outs are available. Peggy will be there with her Star Karaoke from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Garden Club

Dec. 6, Tuesday, as district director, Linda Clutts was invited by the Carbondale Evergreen Garden Club to Hunan's restaurant for lunch with their members.

They had a meal, a short meeting and Linda installed their new officers. An exotic plant was given to each.

Linda led them in a song, Grandma's Garden and also a Christmas song, Silent Night.

A-JCHS Class of 1963

We are saddened to hear we have lost two of our classmates, Sandy Johnson and Dick Pitts. Sympathy to their families.

Colorado Trip

Judy and Bill Halter enjoyed a trip to Colorado. They enjoyed touring the Molly Brown home while there.

First Anniversary

Tanner and Halie Starling celebrated their first wedding anniversary Dec. 3. They went to the Crystal City, Mo., underground tour.

Baby Congratulations

Jessi Jean Hutcheson was born on Nov. 17 at 2:06 p.m. She weighed 9 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 22 inches long.

Proud parents are Billy and Andrea Hutcheson. Siblings are Jake, Felicity, Harrison, Josh, Eliza and Ali.

Trip

Stephen Burns of St.



An Anna Heights Church group of 12 enjoyed three days and two nights in Branson, Mo. They saw wonderful shows, including the #1 Hits of the '60's show, where they are pictured in the Clay Cooper Theatre, Dublin Irish Tenors, Celtic Ladies in which Brian Caraker performs. Brian is a 2003 graduate of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. They also saw beautiful drive through Christmas lights, The Miracle of Christmas and Raiding the Country Vault.



Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club met at United Methodist Church in Anna for their Christmas party, Dinner, and meeting Dec. 4. In the first row are Jaden Ebberts, Jason McAlister, Ella Lingle, Cassidy Janke and Ally Hasty. In the second row are Mary Light, Martha Ann Webb, Barbara Bauer and the Rev. Carl Johnston. In the third row are Barbara House, Jane Bauer, Suzie Kessler, Lillian Milam, Tammy Woodrum and Marie Samuel.



Thank you Jonesboro band, Jaden Ebberts 7th grade, Ally Hasty 6th grade, Ella Lingle 6th grade, Cassidy Janke 5th grade, Jason McAlister, 6th grade and band director Stephanie Bushno for our Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club Dec. 4. You all sounded great and we loved the Christmas music.



The United Methodist Church choir presented the Christmas cantata "Lamb of Bethlehem" Sunday morning.



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Marie Samuels of Herrin is a creative Southern Illinois textile artist whose unique quilts and wall hangings have been shared with many civic and community organizations. Recently Samuels exhibited her hand-quilted "Victorian Holiday" wall hanging at PAST's annual Christmas open house event. The item was purchased by a visitor, and PAST thanks Marie Samuels for her participation, and for the contribution she made to PAST's Heritage House fund.



Rev. Carl Johnston, Anna United Methodist Church pastor, gave the devotion and blessing at the Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club Dec. 4.



Ron and Linda Sadler, with their new grandson, Beckett Wells, who was born at 2:56 p.m. on Dec. 7, 2017. He weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 21 1/4 inches long. His brother is Luke.



Visiting Abney Acres in Cobden: The Bell family ringing the Coop family bell (from Burkesville, Ky.). They are at Brad's home in Cobden, where he grew up. They are Brad, holding Thalo, and Courtney, holding Rolan. They will be flying back to Denver with Allison Bell, Brad's sister. Allison lives in Plaitt Park, south of Denver. Brad and Courtney live in Littleton, Colo.



Frick sisters home for Thanksgiving visiting their sister Mary Light were Janice Davis of South Carolina, Barbara Hash of Texas and Maxine Pixley of Colorado.



Singing at St. Anne's Church during Christmas in Downtown Anna.

Rust Buckets Garage in Anna.

Special Thanks

To Jordo's Pizzeria for letting the A-CHS Marching Wildcat band work last Friday night and giving them a percentage of what they made for their Florida trip in March. A big thanks to everyone who came and ate. The food was great.

Lost Funds

The Illinois comptroller's office may be holding funds for you or your business.

Anyone can register and search for anyone: you, yourself, businesses and organizations. Only the entitled person/business can request a replacement check. You can help bring funds into Union County.

Register and start a search here: <https://illinois-comptroller.gov/services/check-for-cash/>

Snow

Barbara House was visiting me Saturday morning when we saw it snowing for just a second. Barbara said her cousin in Alabama got enough snow to make a snowball.

Congratulations

Danielle Dunaway won first place in the Elks Hoop Shoot and has for the last 4 years.

Art Showing

Randy Bridges will have an art showing at the Varsity Theater in Carbondale through Jan. 8.

25th Anniversary

Jim and Lisa Stone celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Dec. 7 with a trip to Panama City, Fla.

Florida Trip

Lillian Milam enjoyed a trip to Florida to visit her daughter.

January Meeting Changed

The Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club will meet Jan. 2, 2018, at the United Methodist Church Anna at 1 p.m.

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

Birthdays

Dec. 4 Mary Ann Stout, Heather Boatright, Patrick Brumleve.

13th Birthday

Lexi Nekola celebrated her 13th birthday.

85th Birthday

Bob Bennett, formerly of Anna, celebrated his 85th birthday Dec. 3 at his home and his daughter Debbie Lewis home in Florida.

Thanks

A special thanks to Lela Spurlock, Harry Johnson, and Mary Treece for giving me credit when they renewed their subscription to The Gazette-Democrat.

Red Hat Ladies

The Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies will meet Dec. 20 at 11 a.m. at the Vienna Diner. Everyone welcome. Bring an exchange gift if you would like to be in the gift exchange.

Calling America Back to God

A candlelight service Jesus is the Greatest Gift was held at Anna Heights Baptist Church last Thursday in the sanctuary.

Bernice Pyle and Melanie Mattheis led the service. Melanie started the service with Oh Holy Night then led everyone in Christmas songs.

Bernice Pyle and Debbie Hess did a skit about "Jesus, The Greatest Gift." They talked about salvation is a gift not works. Eph. 2:8-9, It is the gift of God. Not of works lest any man should boast.

Randy Wheaton preached the sermon and reminded everyone that Jesus is the greatest gift and the light of the world.

He asked if there was anyone that was not saved to ask Jesus to forgive their sins and accept him in their hearts.

Randy and Kathy Wheaton sang Christmas songs. Everyone joined them in

singing and worshipping our Lord.

Cleatus Zimmerman from WXAN Christian Radio from Marion was there and led in prayer.

Birthday Celebrations

If you would like your birthday and how you celebrated in the paper email me or give me a call. Leave on my answering machine if I am not home. If you send me a picture be sure and make a copy and send the copy.

Free Community Dinners

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

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

Connect Point Church

Food pantry and outreach is on the third Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m. They deliver food to several homes.

If you need food

please let them know. Their church is located across from the Anna Post Office.

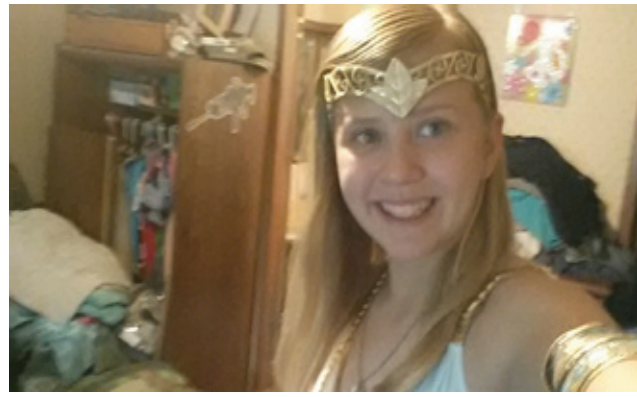
Military Prayer List

Please send me a name if you want them in the Military Prayer list please. If you have a loved one in the service email, call or mail their name to me.

Also if they are not in the service anymore please let me know.

Nona Elizabeth Luke, Lucas J. Strickland, William Nathaniel Frankell, Ethan Maze, Lukas W. Davis, Kiefer Stull, Gar-

rett Goins, David Jordan Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, CJ Youngerman, Freddy Morse, Reagan Morrison, Josh Steveson, Josh Williams, Faith Odom, Tommy Goff and family Janette, Jamison and Kaylynn, Creighton Laster, Brandon Eaker, Jim Bonner, Jacob Schaefer, Jerod Schaefer, Jennifer Ann Bishop, Robert Jr. McMeely, James McWhorter, Arin White-mountain. Please keep them in your prayers.



Happy Golden Birthday Brenda Pribble, who will be turning 14 on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017.



Pete Housman was the narrator at the United Methodist Church in Anna for the Christmas cantata "Lamb of Bethlehem" last Sunday morning.



Brad Stamp sang solos in the Christmas cantata "Lamb of Bethlehem" at the United Methodist Church in Anna Sunday morning.

Television Listings

THURSDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Football	NCAA Women's Volleyball (Live) (HD)	Seinfeld	(4:30) ★★★ "Thor" (11)	BUNK'D	"Happening" (07)	"Illegal Tender" (07)	"Inside Man"
6:30 PM						Raven		Raven	Tonight		"Hell or High Water" Brothers rob banks. (R)
7 PM	Disney Prep (HD)	Big Bang	Taraji's White Hot	(2:20) Thursday Night Football		Seinfeld	WWE Tribute to the Troops (Live) (HD)	Andi Mack	"Suicide Squad" (16)	"Passenger 57" Plane hijacked.	
7:30 PM				Denver Broncos at Indianapolis Colts (Live) (HD)		Seinfeld		Stuck Mid.	Villains team-up. (HD)		
8 PM	Great American Baking (HD)	(01) Mom	Showtime "Christmas"			Big Bang		Bizaard		(25) "Independence Day: Resurgence" (16)	White
8:30 PM		S.W.A.T. (HD)	Local Programs		NCAA Women's Volleyball (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	Chrisley	Raven	Undercover		Shameless (HD)
9 PM						Big Bang	Cromarties	Liv Maddie	All Comedy		
9:30 PM						Conan (HD)	Mod Family	Bizaard	"Mechanic: Resurrection" The impossible.		Gigolos
10 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	Sports		Mod Family	Raven		★★★ "Invincible" Open NFL tryout.	SMILF
10:30 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(05) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Drop Mic	Mod Family	Stuck Mid.			Shameless (HD)
11 PM	Nightline	Corden				Conan	Mod Family	BUNK'D	"Happening"		

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FRIDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA Basketball Oklahoma City vs Philadelphia (Live) (HD)	Seinfeld	"Little Fockers" (10)	Andi Mack	"Sully"	"Midnight Special"	★★★ "Con Air" (97) In-mates take plane. (HD)
6:30 PM						Seinfeld		Andi Mack	Tonight		
7 PM	Once Upon a Time	MacGyver (HD)	Hell's Kitchen (HD)	Blindspot "Fix My Present Havoc" (HD)		Big Bang	"It's a Wonderful Life" (47) A man discovers the value of his life.		★★★ "Deep-water Horizon" (16) Rig explodes.	"Within" (16) Deadly new home.	
7:30 PM	(01) SHIELD (HD)	Hawaii Five-0 (HD)	(01) The Exorcist (HD)			Big Bang			Undercover		"Rush: Time Stand Still" (16)
8 PM				Dateline NBC (HD)	NBA Basketball San Antonio vs Houston (Live) (HD)	Big Bang			Liv Maddie	★★½ "The Take" Pick-pocket helps.	White
8:30 PM	(01) 20/20 (HD)	Hawaii Five-0 (HD)	Local Programs Local info.			ELEAGUE "Eleague Cup: The Championship" (HD)	Mod Family	Bizaard			SMILF
9 PM				Local			Mod Family	Andi Mack			(45) Shameless (HD)
9:30 PM				(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)		Mod Family	Undercover	All Comedy	"The Belko Experiment" (17) (R)	"Rush"
10 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Late Night			Mod Family	BUNK'D	"Torino"		
10:30 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)									
11 PM	Nightline	Corden									

DECEMBER 15, 2017

SATURDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Coll. Ftbl "2017 GILDAN New Mexico Bowl"	Seinfeld	(5:30) "Journey 2: Island" (12)	Raven	(5:10) "Museum" (09)	(5:05) "Tarzan" (16)	"Bridge of Spies" (15) Prisoner release. (HD)
6:30 PM						Seinfeld		Raven			
7 PM	I Want a Dog	NCIS: L. A. (HD)	UFC Fight Night "Lawler vs Dos Anjos" (Live)	Will Grace		Big Bang		Raven	"Going in Style" (17) Bank heist.	★★★ "Die Hard with a Vengeance" (95) (HD)	"The Rendezvous" (17) (HD)
7:30 PM				Superstore		Big Bang	"Mad Max: Fury Road" (15, Action) Social collapse. (HD)	Raven			
8 PM	Ten Days	S.W.A.T. (HD)		Dateline NBC (HD)	College Football from Cramton Bowl in Montgomery, Ala.	Big Bang		Stuck Mid.	HBO Boxing After Dark "12/16/17" (Live) (HD)	(10) "S.W.A.T." (03, Action) Jail-break plot.	SMILF
8:30 PM						Big Bang		Stuck Mid.			"Rush: Time Stand Still" (16)
9 PM	Ten Days	48 Hours	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live (HD)		Big Bang		LEGO			
9:30 PM						Frontal	Mod Family	Walk Prank			
10 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs Local information.	Hell's Kitchen (HD)	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Search	Mod Family	MECH-X4	Fight Game		
10:30 PM				(29) Saturday Night Live (HD)		Search	Mod Family	Undercover	(10) Real Sports (HD)	(10) ★★½ "BASIC" (03)	
11 PM	Local Programs		Local Programs			Joker Wild	Mod Family	Undercover			White

DECEMBER 16, 2017

SUNDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	"The Sound of Music" (65, Musical) Julie Andrews. A novice nun becomes a governess.	NFL (Live) 60 Minutes (HD)	A Christmas Story Live! Young boy wants BB gun for Christmas. (HD)	Football Night (Live)	SportsCenter (HD)	Big Bang	Law & Order: SVU	"Toy Story 2" Toys to the rescue.	(4:55) "Warcraft" (16)	"Good Will Hunting" (16)	Shameless (HD)
6:30 PM						Big Bang					
7 PM		Wisdom of the Crowd		(2:20) Sun. Night Football Dallas Cowboys at Oakland Raiders (Live) (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Big Bang	Law & Order: SVU	(4:40) "Toy Story 3" (10) The toys in daycare.	"The Fast and the Furious" (01)	★★½ "Independence Day: Resurgence" (16)	White
7:30 PM		NCIS: L. A. (HD)			Road to	Big Bang	Law & Order: SVU				SMILF
8 PM					Road to	Big Bang			(50) "2 Fast 2 Furious" (03) Street racing.		Shameless (HD)
8:30 PM		Madam Secretary			Road to	Search	Law & Order: SVU			"Strange Days" (95) Ralph Fiennes. Futuristic cover-up.	SMILF
9 PM		Local			SportsCenter (HD)	Search	Happy!	Andi Mack			SMILF
9:30 PM						Search	(49) Happy! (HD)	Undercover	(45) Rolling Stone: Stories fr (HD)		Shameless (HD)
10 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Meet the Press (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	★★★ "Bourne ID" (02)	(50) SVU	BUNK'D		"Pass 57"	SMILF
10:30 PM											Shameless
11 PM											

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MONDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Monday Countdown	Family Guy	Mod Family	BUNK'D	"Peregrine"	"Intelligence" (16)	"Office Christmas Party" (16)
6:30 PM						Family Guy	Mod Family	Raven	Tonight		
7 PM	Christmas Light Fight Christmas displays.	Kevin Wait Man Plan	Lucifer (HD)	The Voice "Live Finale, Part 1" (HD)	Monday Football Atlanta Falcons at Tampa Bay Buccaneers (Live)	Family Guy	WWE Raw (Live)	Stuck Mid.	"Agnelli" (17, Documentary) (NR) (HD)	★★★ "Fast Times at Ridgemont" (82)	SMILF
7:30 PM		Superior 9JKL (HD)	The Gifted "eXodus"			Family Guy		Bizaard			Shameless (HD)
8 PM						Family Guy		Raven		"Get Smart" Spies fight crime.	SMILF
8:30 PM						Tarantula		Undercover	Gunpowder	★★½ "KINDERGARTEN COP" Way back to school.	Behaviour
9 PM	The Year (HD)	Scorpion (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	(01) Ellen's (HD)		Tarantula		Liv Maddie			Shameless (HD)
9:30 PM					(20) SportsCenter with Scott Van Pelt (HD)	Conan Zany sketches.	Mod Family	Bizaard	(05) "Logan" (17, Action) Young mutant. (HD)		
10 PM	Local	Local		Local		Seinfeld	Mod Family	Raven			Behaviour
10:30 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)		Conan	Mod Family	Stuck Mid.			"Office"
11 PM	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Conan	Mod Family	BUNK'D			

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TUESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Football Akron vs Florida Atlantic (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	Chrisley	BUNK'D	15 "Zoey" Tonight	"Bridget Jones" (04)	★★★ "Get the Gringo"
6:30 PM						Big Bang	Chrisley	Raven			
7 PM	Disney Naughty	A Home for (HD)	Lethal Weapon (HD)	The Voice (HD)		Big Bang	WWE SmackDown (Live) (HD)	Andi Mack	★★★ "Gone in 60 Seconds" A 50-car contract.	"The Layover" (17) (R) (HD)	Shameless (HD)
7:30 PM						Big Bang		Bizaard			Inside the NFL (HD)
8 PM	The Year: 2017 (HD)	NCIS Terror playbook.	The Mick	The Voice "Live Finale, Part 2" (HD)		Big Bang		Disney		★★½ "Taxi" (04) Cabbie helps cop.	Behaviour
8:30 PM						Joker Wild	Chrisley	Undercover	Gunpowder (HD)		SMILF
9 PM		NCIS: New Orleans	Local Programs Local info.		SportsCenter (HD)	Drop Mic	Chrisley	Liv Maddie			Shameless (HD)
9:30 PM						Conan Zany sketches.	Mod Family	Bizaard	(02) World Champ. Boxing (R) (HD)	"Risky Business" Teen's brothel.	Inside the NFL (HD)
10 PM	Local	Local		Local		Conan Zany sketches.	Mod Family	Raven			Behaviour
10:30 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Joker Wild	Mod Family	Stuck Mid.			"Punisher: War" (08)
11 PM	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Conan	Mod Family	BUNK'D		"Puerto"	

DECEMBER 19, 2017

WEDNESDAY

Please read this. . .

by Geof Skinner

Some times you feel like a nut...

Before we get to the business at hand, just wanted to share a bit about another book yours truly has read which, again, had some "local" connections.

The book is a work of historical fiction titled "The Underground River," which was written by Martha Conway. The time period for the book is 1838. As you journey through the story, you'll come across mentions of Cairo and Golconda and Paducah.

"The Underground River" is available at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna. Check it out. Sorry.

Now, let's talk squirrels...

As was mentioned last week, we're in the midst of what seems to have become a tradition. Critters were featured during the first week of December.

This week, we're sharing some of our favorite squir-

rel pictures from 2017. During the course of my various walkabouts, I try to keep an eye out for our bushy-tailed friends.

Squirrels can be very photogenic. Sometimes, a squirrel will just sit and patiently wait for the guy with the camera to take a picture...or two...or three...or...

Other times, the squirrels will take one look at the guy with the camera and immediately scamper away as fast as their tiny little legs will carry them. And it's pretty amazing the way these critters can change direction.

Next week, again if all goes as planned, we'll begin what I hope is a special treat that will close out 2017. Thanks again for humoring me...

