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News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources on Jan. 30 reported in a news release that the Camp Ground Church and Cemetery in Union County and the Bridges Tavern and Store site in Johnson County have been added to the National Register of Historic Places. Both sites are associated with the Trail of Tears.

Happy Ground Hog Day. The big day is Feb. 2.

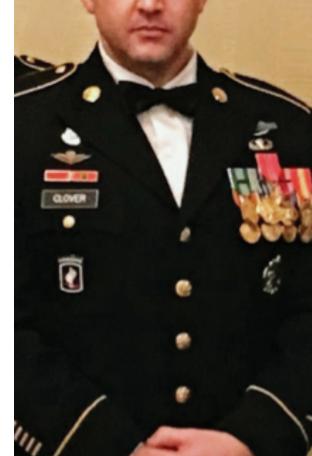
The Union County Chamber of Commerce plans to meet at noon Thursday, today, at the Anna Arts Center in Anna.

Southern Seven Health Department has presented an annual report to the Union County Board of Commissioners. The report included activities in Union County. More on this to come.

Congratulations to the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School wrestling team, which has won its second consecutive Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division title.

Seems hard to believe, but high school girls' postseason action tips off next week.

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Shawnee School District No. 84 plans to continue a tradition of honoring one of Shawnee's Best this week. U.S. Army 1st Sgt. Clint Michael Clover is being recognized as the 2017-2018 Shawnee's Best recipient.

The award was started in 2005-2006 to honor graduates of Shawnee High School at Wolf Lake for their achievements. Clover is a member of the Shawnee High School class of 2001.

With the award, the

board of education of Shawnee District No. 84 recognizes a Shawnee High School graduate each year for his or her outstanding achievements beyond high school.

Areas of achievement may include, but are not limited to academics, athletics, health care, law enforcement, military service, business, social work, public service and other career fields.

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A-J students earn honors

Students in art and photography classes did well in a Scholastic Art and Writing contest.

The achievements were highlighted at January's regular meeting of the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School District No. 81 Board of Education.

Fifteen original works created by A-JCHS students were admitted into the competition.

Only six portfolios, with eight works in each, from all of Southern Illinois were accepted for the show.

Three of the six portfolios which were accepted were submitted by A-JCHS students.

Maddie Thompson, Emily Awbrey and Cymberly Salazar all had photography portfolios accepted.

Art work created by stu-

dents has been on display at the Cedarhurst museum in Mt. Vernon since Jan. 13. A closing ceremony is planned Feb. 4.

A Little Egypt Arts Association competition also is on display in Marion. The display is at the association's building on the square in Marion.

Ten works of art and photography submitted by A-JCHS students are on display at the Marion event.

A closing ceremony is planned Feb. 11. At that time, students will be awarded prizes.

Other highlights reported at the meeting included:

A-JCHS has been named as a National Beta School of Distinction for the 2017-2018 school year in recognition of an increase in membership.

Challenges of Illinois rural schools addressed

By Lindsey Rae Vaughn

Dr. Kevin Settle from the Illinois State Board of Education and Dave Ardrey, executive director of the Illinois Association of Rural and Small Schools, visited Dongola School on Wednesday, Jan. 24.

Settle, who has been on the board for about a year, joined with Ardrey to get a personal look at rural schools in Illinois.

A wide range of topics were discussed by Dr. Settle, Ardrey and Dr. Paige Maginel, who is the superintendent of the Dongola School District.

Topics that were covered included the evidence-based model of funding, challenges facing small and rural schools, and the impact of a teacher shortage, both for Dongola and in the State of Illinois.

"These visits are helping me so I can see the rural schools," Settle said, who noted that he wanted an equitable education for all students.

Ardrey said it was im-

portant for members of the state board to visit Illinois' rural schools. Such visits give board members an opportunity to meet with local school officials and to hear their concerns.

Ardrey suggested that

an understanding of issues facing rural schools can't be gained until people step inside their doors.

Settle and Ardrey also visited Lick Creek Elementary School and the Cairo School District.

Maginel said she was very excited for Settle and Ardrey to come and get a firsthand look at the school.

She also highlighted Dongola's dedicated staff, their incorporation of technology in the classroom and

the Union County school's growing band program.

"We refuse to let that go," Maginel said about offering fine arts at the school.

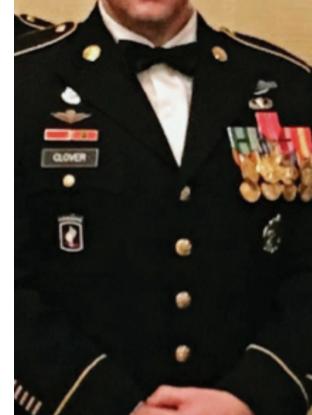
Settle and Ardrey finished their visit with a tour of the school.



Visit to Dongola

Dongola School District superintendent Dr. Paige Maginel, left, discussed challenges facing rural schools with the executive director of the Illinois Association of Rural and Small Schools, Dave Ardrey, center, and Illinois State Board of Education member Dr. Kevin Settle, right. Photo by Lindsey Rae Vaughn.

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Area young people invited to participate in preparedness program

Area young people are invited to be a part of a new program which is planned in the area.

University of Illinois Extension is planning to offer an award-winning youth preparedness and educational outreach program known as My Preparedness Initiative, MyPI, Illinois.

MyPI Illinois is a component of the National Youth Preparedness Initiative.

The initiative is a partnership involving eight states which is designed to deliver an innovative and engaging curriculum for teenagers in Illinois, Nebraska, Hawaii, New Jersey, Washington, Tennessee, Virginia and Mississippi.

University of Illinois Extension is planning to offer the program one day a week, for five weeks, at Shawnee Community College near Ullin.

The program is scheduled to begin on Feb. 19 and continues through April 13. Each session is planned from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the small business development center training lab at the college.

Dates for the programs, and their topics, include:

Feb. 19: First aid/CPR/AED certification (unless the student has an up-to-date American Red Cross card).

March 2: Modules 1 and 2, Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety, Utility Control.

March 16: Modules 3 and 4, Basic Disaster Med Ops 1 and 2.

March 30: Modules 5 and 6, Light Search and Rescue/CERT Organization.

April 13: Modules 7 and 8, Disaster Psychology/Terrorism and CERT.

During the program, young people who are 13 to 19 years of age will complete the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency-certified Teen CERT (community emergency response teams) training and corresponding modules.

The modules will focus on disaster preparedness, fire safety and utility control, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue, CERT organization, disaster psychology and terrorism and CERT.

U of I Extension noted that only the first 25 registrants can be accepted for the class.

Applications for the program can be found online at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/ajmpu/>.

Completed applications can be returned to Extension offices in Anna, Vienna, Mounds and Metropolis. The applications can be delivered in person or by fax at 618-658-2028.

Scanned applications also can be returned by email to [jhhnsn@illinois.edu](mailto:jjhnsn@illinois.edu).

Information also is available by contacting multi-county Extension director Jody Johnson at 618-658-5321, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Long-time employee retires

Debra Davis and Anna-Jonesboro National Bank president Scott Wilson enjoyed Davis' retirement party on Thursday, Jan. 25, at the bank. Davis is retiring from her senior vice president position after 45 years.

Anna Junior High/Davie honor students named

Anna Junior High School/Davie School in Anna announces second quarter honor roll students.

8th grade, high honor roll

Caitlin Ames, Ayden Bailey, Gracie Barlow, Hunter Boyd, Max Castle, Ian Crunk, Hayley Davis, Josh Davis, Andrew Detering, Bryce Henry, Taylor Hileman, Brittany Hill.

Kyle Jerrell, Alyvia Lawrence, Alex Little, Ana Markovic, Grover Mays, Paden Morris, Jayden Perez, Destiny Rendon, Kamden Richardson, Riley Rios, Payton Seip, Marisol Zamora.

8th grade, honor roll

Ethan Ames, Seth Barker, Jenna Chamness, Hannah Foster, Sarah Gentry, Romeo Godinez, Karina Griffin, Madi Hawk, Camden Hodges, Sedona Isaacs, Barry Johnson.

Luke Lasley, Darci McMahan, Sully Oehlsen, Gavin Osman, Clohie Powell, Brenna Pribble, Manning Rendleman, Noah Richardson, Cadence Ross, Sara Sinisi, Aislynne Smith, Brooke Starr, Matthew Wright.

7th grade, high honor roll

Jolie Barger, Carter Beanland, Nile Chotner, Megan Clark, Madelynn Eastman, Evie Eddings, Malik Groh, Will Keller, Caleb Mays, Jake Merriman, Avery Osman.

7th grade, honor roll

Halsey Alsonso-Aragon, Sierra Beggs, Daylon Butler, Noah Chotner, Mia DeHarpert, Brooklyn Eastman, Rylan Frazier, Cash Hodges.

Kayce Isaacs, Drew Sadler, Zoee Sadler, Reagan Sanders, Aaron Sheffer, Tess Wilkins, Anthony Wiseman.

5th grade, high honor roll

Jackson Brooker, Morgan Casey, Logan Ebersohl, Allison Fowler, Brylee Hartline, Riley Hennis, Taj Hodges, Nicholas Lingle, Luke Menees.

Gavin Moore, Michael Neal, Connor Richardson, Savannah Smith, Klayton Taylor, Layla Walczak-Johnson, Jonah Watkins, Lyric Wright.

5th grade, honor roll

Campbell Belcher, Gracie Cook, Bryce Ecker, Savana Rambeau, Jude Smith.

4th grade

Kiley Dailey, Macie George, Morgan Smith.

3rd grade

Parker Benefield, Tristan Brown, Jackson Carter, Landen Carter, Caden Cerney, Alayna Chapman, Natelyn Corbit, Hunter Craft, Kylee Myers, JR Wright.

Honor Roll

8th grade

Brinley Corbit, Macie Hoehner, Kayla Matuszewich, Clayton Smith, Kenzie Stover.

7th grade

Sandy Browning, Lydia Coleson, Lauren Ecker, Henry Hoehner, Calie Pinon, Kaylina Willey.

6th grade

Payton Denny, Evan Hall, Lucas Hoehner, Drew Holshouser, Matti Houseman, Gunnar Myers, Tysen Tripp, Sammi Turner, Hailey Wright.

5th grade

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3rd grade

Payton Denny, Evan Hall, Lucas Hoehner, Drew Holshouser, Matti Houseman, Gunnar Myers, Tysen Tripp, Sammi Turner, Hailey Wright.

2nd grade

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1st grade

Sandy Browning, Lydia Coleson, Lauren Ecker, Henry Hoehner, Calie Pinon, Kaylina Willey.

Kindergarten

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Preschool

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Sports



Ellis signs to play golf

Cobden High School senior Molly Ellis has signed a national letter of intent to play golf at John A. Logan College in Carterville. A signing ceremony was held Tuesday, Jan. 23, at the Union County school. She plans to study nursing. In the first row are, from left, Tim Ellis, Molly's father; Molly Ellis; and Gary Ellis, Molly's high school golf coach. In the second row are Beverly Ellis, Molly's grandmother; and Bill Glenn, golf coach at John A. Logan College.

State senator unveils legislative priorities for 2018 spring session

An area legislator has announced his eight legislative priorities for the Illinois General Assembly's spring legislative session in Springfield.

The 100th Illinois General Assembly was scheduled to convene on Tuesday, Jan. 30.

Gov. Bruce Rauner was to have delivered his State of the State Address on Wednesday, Jan. 31.

State Senator Paul Schimpf, R-Waterloo, unveiled his Eight for '18 legislative agenda during a media tour which was conducted Thursday and Friday, Jan. 25-26.

The tour schedule included stops in Anna, Carbondale, Percy, Red Bud, Waterloo, Nashville, Mt. Vernon, Du Quoin and Pinckneyville.

Schimpf is completing his first year of a four-year term in office.

The legislator said that it was frustrating to find that a key issue was not addressed in Springfield: "nobody wants to come to Illinois to create jobs."

He also found that managing all of the information which comes with serving in the legislature is a challenge. As legislators prepared to begin the spring session, some 7,000 pieces of legislation already have been introduced.

Diabetes management course slated

A free, six-week diabetes self-management course is scheduled to begin Feb. 8 at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

The Live Well, Be Well with Diabetes course is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. each Thursday in the community room at the courthouse. The courthouse is located at 309 W. Market St.

Class size is limited. For more information, or to register, contact Jennifer or Amber at 618-833-8561.

The program is presented as a collaborative effort of the Diabetes Today Resources Team of the 15 lower counties of Illinois.

The course is designed for anyone who is living with Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes, as well as for anyone who is a caregiver for someone with diabetes.

Family Fun Night is planned from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at Jonesboro Elementary School.

A variety of events are planned for the entire family. Shopping, games, food, sports, raffles, and auctions will fill the evening. Admission is free for everyone.

In the school cafeteria, several local vendors will be offering their products.

Barbecue will be the main course at the concession stand. Barbecue sandwiches and nachos will be available to purchase separately, or as a complete meal. A bake sale is also planned.

A dodgeball tournament will start at 5 p.m. Preregistered teams will feature

students in 4th through 8th grades, parents and staff members.

At 6 p.m., the 8th graders will play against their parents and teachers.

After the tournament, all of those in attendance will be allowed to join the free play dodgeball games.

Carnival games will be offered in the science room for 50 cents a ticket. The carnival is scheduled to last from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

A traditional silent auction is planned from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

At 7 p.m., a live auction will be held in the gymnasium. Alex Belcher of Joe Ollis Real Estate and Auction will be auctioning 20 lots featuring a wide range of items.

Saluki Sports Update

By Fred Huff

Saluki basketball.

It's about as good as it gets...or at least as good as it has been in recent history.

Yet, who knows. There's still four weeks remaining and the action may become even more heated than now when SIU entered the week in a three-way tie for second-place in the Missouri Valley Conference.

Who shouted from the top row of the bleachers: "Check the water!"

SIU, Bradley and Drake are tied for second-place in the Valley with eight games to play. Repeat: SIU, Bradley, etc.

The three teams occupying the spot right behind league-leader Loyola-Chicago have normally been at the other end of the standings in recent years and who/where did the leader come from?

Nevertheless, it's true and furthermore it's just possible the four may stay there for a few weeks.

Yes, they might but we still are not convinced. There's no way Bradley and Drake are going to finish ahead of Missouri State and

Illinois State. Of the three, SIU appears to be the most logical choice to battle it out for a top-four finish in the regular Valley standings.

The Salukis are hot. Granted Barry Hinson's outfit may have difficulty in maintaining the exceptional shooting percentage (62 percent) that it threw at Paul Lusk's bewildered Bears last Saturday. But there's something going on in SIU's "urgent care" center and we're enjoying it.

Who knows, attendance at a home game may even top 5,000 at one of these remaining games, all of which are expected to be interesting. That's the way it is in the Valley this season... every game is interesting and challenging.

This week's opponent, Valparaiso, may be the only one of the four that Hinson and his emergency room survivors might feel comfortable about.

Bradley and Missouri State are back-to-back opponents over just a four-day span and league-leader Loyola makes its appearance in the home finale Feb. 21.

They are all challenges as are the remaining road games at Illinois State, Indiana State and Evansville.

And like it or not, that's what is making the Valley more enjoyable this year. That and the fact Hinson has seemingly found a remedy for whatever has been troubling the Salukis in recent years.

Yes, we realize it could all change directions as quickly as it has in the last couple of weeks when the Salukis have brought excitement back to the Arena.

Old fans like us particularly enjoy it and especially so because a hometown player, Tyler Smitheters of Harrisburg, is playing a key role in the revival.

Wildcat wrestlers win title

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School wrestling team captured its second consecutive Southern Illinois River-To-River Conference Mississippi Division title at Sparta, Tuesday, Jan. 23.

The Wildcats defeated the host Bulldogs 42-28 to win the title.

A-J lost 54-27 to Murphysboro in the second match at Sparta.

The Wildcats' Arie Hart remains the No. 1 ranked wrestler in Class 1A in the 152-pound weight class.

A-J finished 11-7 overall

in dual competition and is scheduled to compete at the Class 1A regional Saturday, Feb. 3, at Carterville.

A-J girls set to compete at Harrisburg

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' basketball team is scheduled to compete in the Illinois High School Association Class 2A regional which is scheduled Feb. 5-8 in Harrisburg.

The tournament schedule follows:

Monday, Feb. 5: 6 p.m., Eldorado vs. Johnston City. 7:30 p.m., Wayne City vs. A-J.

Tuesday, Feb. 6: 6 p.m., Eldorado/Johnston City winner vs. Harrisburg. 7:30 p.m., Wayne City/A-J winner vs. Carmi-White County.

Thursday, Feb. 8: 7 p.m., championship game.

Cobden hosts girls' tourney

Cobden is scheduled to host an Illinois High School Association Class 1A regional girls' basketball tournament Feb. 6-9.

Here's a look at the schedule:

Monday, Feb. 6: 6 p.m., Shawnee vs. New Athens.

Tuesday, Feb. 7: 6 p.m., Cobden vs. Shawnee-New Athens winner. 7:30 p.m., Elverado vs. Marissa.

Thursday, Feb. 9: 7 p.m., championship.

The regional winner advances to the Goreville sectional, which is scheduled Feb. 12-15.

Dongola girls in Cairo regional

The Dongola High School girls' basketball team is scheduled to compete in the Class 1A regional at Cairo Feb. 6-9.

The regional schedule follows:

Tuesday, Feb. 6: 6 p.m., Dongola vs. Egyptian.

Thursday, Feb. 8: 6 p.m., Goreville vs. winner of Dongola-Egyptian. 7:30 p.m. Meridian vs. Cairo.

Friday, Feb. 9: 7 p.m., championship.

Three face charges after shooting incident in Pulaski County

Three Southern Illinois men face multiple charges in connection with an incident involving a shooting which happened Monday night, Jan. 22, in Pulaski County.

The Pulaski County Sheriff's Office reported that the incident happened at about 7:15 p.m. on Jan. 22, when a call was received about shots being fired in the area of the Market Square Apartments in Mound City.

Deputies from the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office and all available Pulaski County police officers were dispatched to the scene.

The sheriff's office reported that while en route to the scene, a sheriff's deputy observed an automobile traveling north on Highway 37 possibly matching the description of a vehicle used in the shooting.

The deputy attempted to stop the automobile for questioning. The vehicle accelerated and the deputy gave chase.

Pulaski County Sheriff Randy Kern said that he quickly joined the pursuit.

Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Sunday dinner guests of Sue and Steve Eudy were Brian and Susan Eudy and Kevin and Emma Eudy, all of Jackson, Mo., and Jonathan Bohnert of Cape Girardeau.

Our sympathy to the family of Larry Reynolds of Dongola, who died Wednesday, Jan. 24. His funeral was Saturday, Jan. 27, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro.

Brad Pender and Gary Gibbs, both of Jonesboro, visited with Maxine and Fred Pender of Fair City.

Fred and Maxine Pender were luncheon guests Saturday of Brad and Lori Pender of Jonesboro. Also present were their granddaughter, Kristin Pender and friend Taylor of Indiana.

Those enjoying pizza at Pizza Hut in Anna on Saturday were Ermadell Elkins of Anna, Deanie and Jerry Hinkle of Jonesboro and Shirley Miller of McClure.

Those eating at I-Hop in Cape Girardeau Friday night were David and Kristy Miller of St. Charles, Mo., Kacie Gollifer and Shirley Miller, both of McClure.

Our sympathy to the family of Conrad Miller of Ullin who died Monday, Jan. 29, at home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Jan. 31, at the First Baptist Church in Ullin.

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

To all the readers of Reynoldsville News this is my last week of writing the news. I have enjoyed getting your news and talking to you but as Porky Pig says, "That's all folks."

The pursuit, which reached speeds exceeding 125 miles per hour, progressed from just north of Mound City to an area south of Hummingbird Road in Pulaski County.

At that point, the vehicle stopped and the occupants were taken into custody.

The sheriff's office said the vehicle was occupied by three adults and one juvenile.

The juvenile had what appeared to be a gunshot wound and was immediately evacuated from the scene.

Items of potential evidence were recovered from the vehicle, the sheriff's office reported.

Kern stated that he and his deputies "made an exhaustive search, on foot," of the area between Mound City and the location where the vehicle was stopped near Hummingbird Road.

"Potential evidence and dangerous weapons were located," the sheriff's office stated in a news release.

An investigation continues into the incident. The sheriff's office reported that as of Jan. 29, other suspects were being identified and other evidence was being collected.

Three adult males were taken into custody. Those taken into custody were identified as Terrell L. Johnson, 19, of Cairo; Armond M. Ervin, 17, of Cairo; and Jaylen R. Vinson, 17, of Murphysboro.

Pulaski County State's Attorney Jim Flummer has charged each of the men with:

Aggravated discharge of a firearm, which is a Class 1 felony; reckless discharge of a firearm, a Class 4 felony; reckless conduct, a Class A misdemeanor; unlawful use of a weapon, a Class A misdemeanor; possession of a firearm without a requisite Firearms Owners Identification Card, a Class A misdemeanor; and possession of firearm ammunition without a requisite Firearm Owners Identification Card, a Class A misdemeanor.

Bond was set at \$100,000

for each of the men. Their next appearance in court is scheduled on Feb. 5.



Bicycle tricks...with special message

Matt Wilhelm visited Jonesboro School on Friday, Jan. 26, for an assembly. Wilhelm has been on "America's Got Talent," the X-Games and "30 Seconds of Fame." He does bicycle tricks. In between all of the tricks he showed the students, he talked about how he was bullied in school. He taught the students to stand up for each other if they see someone getting bullied. He also taught them not to give up on their dreams. Sometimes it takes him weeks to months to years to learn one trick but he doesn't give up. He keeps trying and practicing. For his last trick, he jumped his bike over Marcy Bundren, Beth Miller and Tom Stark, who are all on the Jonesboro School staff. Photo provided.

Two charged in connection with thefts of hover boards

Two persons face charges in connection with the theft of hover boards from an Anna retail store.

Anna Assistant Police Chief/Detective Bryan Watkins said that Chad Newberry, 38, and Brittany Lindsey, 27, were arrested on Thursday, Jan. 18, on charges of retail theft.

The arrests stem from an investigation by the Anna Police Department regarding the alleged thefts of hover boards on Dec. 26, 2017, and Jan. 8, from the Walmart store in Anna.

Arrest warrants were issued for the two suspects.

They were taken into custody, without incident, at their residence in rural Carbondale by the Anna Police Department, with assistance from the Jackson County Sheriff's Department.

Both were released after posting bond.

The Anna Police Department utilized its Facebook web page to ask for

Guilty plea entered in bank robbery case

Otha Don Watkins, III, 35, of Cairo, on Jan. 23 pled guilty in United States District Court in Benton to assisting James Nathaniel Watts in the May 15, 2014, attempted armed robbery of the First National Bank in Cairo.

Watkins was returned to the custody of the United States Marshal to await sentencing in this case.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Illinois State Police with the assistance of numerous other law enforcement agencies in Illinois and Missouri.

During that attempted robbery, long-time bank employees Anita Grace and Nita Jo Smith were killed and a third employee was seriously injured.

In addition to that crime, Watkins also pled guilty to making false statements to the FBI during the investigation of the attempted bank robbery, possessing a stolen firearm and conspiring with Watts to commit robberies that interfered with interstate commerce.

The conspiracy included both the attempted robbery of the First National Bank and the May 2014 armed robbery of over \$12,000 from a McDonald's restaurant in Charleston, Mo.

James Watts previously pled guilty to the attempted bank robbery and was sentenced in May 2017 to life in prison plus 10 years.

Sentencing for Watkins was set for March 21, 2018. Watkins is already serving a 155-month federal prison sentence relating to the

armed robbery of another McDonald's restaurant in Cape Girardeau in October 2014.

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Bee keeping basics featured

The basics of backyard bee keeping will be the topic of a program planned Feb. 3 at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

The free program will be presented from 10 a.m. to noon by local bee enthusiasts Angie and Colin Kuehl at the visitors center at the park.

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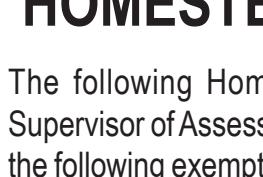
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1. Owner Occupied Exemption: To qualify you must own and occupy the property as your primary residence as of January 1 of the assessment year.

2. Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption: To qualify you must be 65 years of age during the assessment year, and you must own and occupy the property as your primary residence.

3. Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption: To qualify you must be 65 years of age during the assessment year, and you must own and occupy the property as your primary residence as of January 1 of the assessment year. The maximum household income cannot exceed \$65,000. A yearly application is required.

4. Homestead Improvement Exemption: To qualify the property must be owner occupied and used exclusively for residential purposes. The proposed increase in assessed value must be attributable solely to a new improvement of an existing structure or the rebuilding of a structure following a catastrophic event. This exemption is limited to 75,000 fair cash value.

5. Returning Veterans' Exemption: This exemption is applied the tax year that a Veteran returns from active duty in an armed conflict. A veteran is defined as an Illinois resident who has served as a member of any branch of the United States Armed Forces. This is a two year benefit. This exemption applies to any residential property that is owned and occupied as a principle dwelling by the veteran.

6. Disabled Veterans' Standard Homestead Exemption: This benefit applies to a property that is owned and occupied by a veteran with a service connected disability certified by the Department of Veteran's Affairs. A deduction is granted for service connected disabilities of at least 30 percent. A property can not receive both this exemption and the Disabled Persons' Homestead Exemption.

7. Disabled Persons' Homestead Exemption: This exemption provides an annual \$2,000 reduction in the equalized assessed value of the property owner's primary residence as of January 1 of the assessment year. The owner must meet disability requirements.

8. Natural Disaster Homestead Exemption: Homestead property containing a residential structure that has been rebuilt following a natural disaster may be eligible.

Note: Those qualifying for a Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption may also qualify for a Real Estate Tax Deferral Act. For further information or an application, contact the Union County Treasurer's Office by calling 618-833-5621.

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

FIRST SOUTHERN BANK, Plaintiff, vs.

KYLE WILLS, AMBER WILLS, ANNA HOSPITAL CORPORATION D/B/A UNION COUNTY HOSPITAL, PERSONAL FINANCE COMPANY LLC, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above court entered in the above entitled cause on November 20, 2017, the following described real estate will on the February 26, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., in a courtroom of the Jackson County Courthouse, 1001 Walnut Street, Murphysboro, Illinois, be offered for sale and sold at public venue.

A. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Lawler Brown Law Firm, 1600 West Main Street, PO Box 1148, Marion, IL 62959, telephone (618) 993-2222.

B. The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is 125 Jacob, Wolf Lake, IL 62998.

C. The legal description of the real estate is as follows:

Lot Number Eight (8) in Block "B" of the Rendleman Subdivision, being a Subdivision of part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 12 South, Range 3 West of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the plat hereof recorded November 3, 1966 in Plat Book 5, page 159, situated in Union County, Illinois;

Permanent Index Number: 14-00-11-419-G.

D. A description of the improvements on the real estate is a single family residence.

E. The time and place of the sale are: Public sale at 9:00 a.m. on February 26, 2018, in a courtroom of the Courthouse in Murphysboro, Jackson County, Illinois.

F. The terms of the sale are: Cash or certified check or the equivalent thereof at the time of sale. This property is offered for sale

all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Union, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 14-00-07-689

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 501 WEST UNION STREET

JONESBORO, IL 62952

Description of Improvements: OLIVER VINYL SIDING, SINGLE FAMILY HOME, NO GARAGE

The Judgment amount was \$35,362.88.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on December 20, 2017, Sheriff of Union County will on March 7, 2018, in UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 309 W. MARKET, JONESBORO, IL 62952, at 9:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash,

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Obituaries

Frances Elsa Pervier Swarbrick

Frances Elsa (Pervier) Swarbrick, 95, of Dixon, died Thursday, Jan. 25, 2018, at her country home near Dixon. She was not ill; she died peacefully of old age. Her daughters, who had been taking care of her, were at her side.

She was born on Nov. 8, 1922, in Minneapolis, Minn., the daughter of Norville C. and Elsa Radde Pervier. Her mother died at Frances' birth.

She attended the Cummings School of Art in Des Moines, Iowa, the American Academy of Art in Chicago and Carthage College in Carthage.

She married William Henry Swarbrick, a fellow student at the college, in 1944, who became a Lutheran minister. During the 38 years of his ministry, Frances accompanied him as he pastored five different Lutheran Churches: Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church at Anna, St. Mark Lutheran Church at Dubuque, Iowa, organized and served as first pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Pekin, Old Trinity Lutheran Church in Carthage, and lastly pastored 17 years at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Dixon. He retired in 1985 and spent the rest of his life at his country home in Dixon. He died in 2012.

She is survived by her brother, Norville Pervier of Brainerd, Minn.; daughter Bonnie Swarbrick Morehouse (Richard) of Tucson, Ariz.; daughter Jeanne Rager (Van Johnson) of Dixon; son Mark Swarbrick (Josephine) of Phoenix, Ariz.; 10 grandchildren, Jason Rager of Winnebago, Monte Rager of Pecatonica, Ryan Rager of Mound, Minn., Roxanne Rager of Bryon, Carla Swarbrick, Jamie, Eric and Andy Swarbrick, all of Dixon, Jared Swarbrick of Tucson and Cloe Swarbrick of Phoenix; and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was a reporter for the Rockford Register Star for many years, covering regional news. She served as a courtroom artist at many trials.

She was best known for her artwork. Her paintings grace the walls of many homes in the area. The Northwest Historical Center and the Loveland Museum (where she was curator for many years), both in Dixon, showcase many of her murals and paintings. Her painting of President Reagan standing at Lowell Park, now hangs in the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in California. She also organized and was curator of the Kibbe Museum in Carthage. She was an accomplished poet and author. She was an avid horse lover.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of a memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Dixon, with the Rev. Joseph O'Donnell, pastor, officiating. A luncheon at the church will follow. Cremation rites have been accorded.

A memorial has been established to the Next Picture Show Art Gallery, 113 W. 1st St., Dixon, Ill. 61021.

Preston-Schilling Funeral Home in Dixon is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences can be sent to www.prestonschilling.com.

Lee Roy 'Leepy' Rendleman

Lee Roy "Leepy" Rendleman, 89, of Jonesboro, died Monday, Jan. 29, at Southeast Health in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral services were pending at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home.

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

Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Carl Eugene Powers Sr.

Carl Eugene Powers Sr., 54, of Anna, died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2018, at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

He was born on Aug. 19, 1963, in Jerseyville, the son of Wesley and Barbara Gordan Powers.

He married Debbie Allison on June 18, 1996, in Paducah.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie Powers of Anna; his father, Wesley Powers of Jerseyville; children Carl Eugene Jr. (Mary) Powers of Fieldon, Stephanie Allison of Jonesboro and Christina Ridenbark of Jerseyville; grandchildren Morgan, Allison and Hannah Morris, Autumn Powers, Jimmy and Alex Ridenbark; brothers Kenny Powers of Anna and David (Davina) Powers of Dongola; aunts, uncles, numerous cousins and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother and a brother, Gary.

He was a truck driver most of his life. He enjoyed working on engines ever since he was a young boy. He loved to hear the roar of a diesel engine. One of his goals was to put his hand in the Pacific Ocean and to drive across the country and put his hand in the Atlantic Ocean, which he was able to do. When his granddaughters started driving and had a problem, they always ran to grandpa, saying "grandpa can you look at my car?"

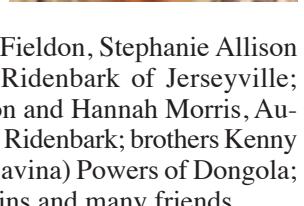
He loved woodworking and was an avid reader and member of the NRA. He was a kind and caring person who would help anyone having trouble. He was a patient teacher, and a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Graveside services were at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, at the Alto Pass Cemetery, with the Rev. Mike Miller officiating. Interment was in the Alto Pass Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or to the Shriners Hospital for Children.

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

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



Clifford E. 'Bud' Braden

Clifford E. "Bud" Braden, 97, of Cobden, died at 12:52 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018, at Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

He was born on Oct. 4, 1920, in Carbondale, the son of Clifford Everett Braden and Esther McElhana. He married Charlesetta Manning on Feb. 5, 1947.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1939. He served on the USS Brooklyn, USS South Dakota and the USS Europa. He returned to Cobden in 1945 and went into the cattle and orchard business with his uncle Lester Biggs. Mr. Braden bought the orchard and farm and continued to work until a few years ago.

He served on the People's Shipping board, the Farm Bureau board, the Illinois Fruit Exchange board, the Union County Farm Labor board, the Delta Region advisory board and was past commander of American Legion Post No. 259. He was quite the storyteller and enjoyed visiting with friends and sharing stories of people who lived and worked in Union County.

He is survived by his son, Charles E. (Deborah) Braden of Cobden; one grandson, Charli (Maria) Braden of Cobden; great-granddaughters Josi Lynn and Harleigh Ann Braden of Cobden; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Charlesetta, his parents and by his sister, Erminie Braden Sias of Michigan.

Funeral services for Mr. Braden were at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna, with the Rev. Larry Buckles officiating. Entombment followed in the Alto Pass Cemetery, with military honors accorded by the VFW's Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 and the U.S. Navy honors team.

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

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

Crain
Funeral home Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro was in charge of arrangements.



Georgia 'Maude' Sides

Georgia Maude Sides, 82, of Anna, died at 6:07 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, 2018, at Baptist Health in Paducah.

She was born on Sept. 5, 1935, in Carbondale, the daughter of Clarence H. and Anna Mae Heininger Davis.

She married George Henry Sides on June 1, 1957. They shared 52 years of marriage before he preceded her in death on Oct. 4, 2009.

She is survived by her daughter, Cindy (Jim) Walker of Anna; "grandma's boy", Brandon (Heather) Craig and granddaughter, Maelin Walker, all of Anna; two great-granddaughters, Kansas and Kaegan Craig; one sister, Anna Rose Davis of Murphysboro; three brothers, Fred (Donna) Davis of Murphysboro, Jim (Faith) Davis of Herrin and Donald Davis (friend Kerry) of Murphysboro; many nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by her husband, George H. Sides.

She was a dedicated member of the Anna Heights Baptist Church in Anna. She enjoyed coordinating the entertainment for the Young at Heart at the church. She loved to sing, sew and work in her flower gardens in her spare time. Her pride and joy were her grandchildren and great-granddaughters, and she loved spending time with them.

She began her working career with the U.S. Postal Service in 1980, and retired as postmaster in the late 1990s. She was a member of the Mary Martha Club in Makanda, the National Postmaster Association and was the former president of the Makanda Women's Club.

Memorial services were at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, at Anna Heights Baptist Church, with Pastor Darryl Williams officiating.

Memorials can be made to the Anna Heights Baptist Church Young at Heart.

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

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



Evelyn Brayley

Evelyn Brayley, 97, of Anna, and formerly of Sylacauga, Ala., died at 3:10 a.m. on Jan. 26, 2018, at Jonesboro Rehab.

She was born on Feb. 23, 1920, in Sylacauga, Ala., the daughter of James and Omie Jane Lackey Pitts.

She married Charles Brayley in May of 1940. He preceded her in death in April 1986.

She worked as a beautician while in high school and as a store clerk in Chicago for over 20 years. She retired and moved back to her hometown of Sylacauga, Ala., in 1979. After many years in Chicago, she enjoyed her time back home. She was a member of First Assembly of God Church in Sylacauga, Ala.

She is survived by her children, Charlene (Ken) Potts of Anna, Jim (Beverly) Brayley of Concord, N.C., and Evelyn Inskeep of Virginia Beach, Va.; eight grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Elise Weldon of Sylacauga, Ala.; many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son-in-law, Thomas Inskeep; two brothers, Buel and Herbert Pitts; and two infant siblings.

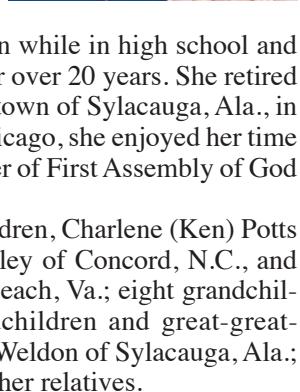
Visitation will be Thursday, today, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at First Assembly of God Church in Sylacauga, Ala., and from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Friday at the church.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 2, at the church, with the Rev. Jack Lee officiating. Interment will be in Evergreen Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the First Assembly of God Church in Sylacauga, Ala., and will be accepted at the church.

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

Crain
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Shirley Ann Hughes

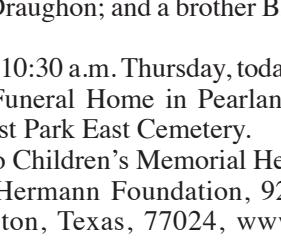
Shirley Ann Hughes, 80, died on Jan. 27, 2018. Mrs. Hughes was born in St. Louis, on Jan. 25, 1938, the daughter of William and Emily Ecker Sr.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 32 years, James Robert Hughes; and her parents.

Mrs. Hughes is survived by her daughter, Rebecca Draughon, husband Daniel; sons Brad Hughes, wife Katherine and Greg Hughes; grandchildren Sean Hughes, Juliana Hughes, Mitra Zurga, Cade Draughon and Trevor Draughon; and a brother Bill Ecker, wife Mary Ellen.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, today, in the Chapel of Crowder Funeral Home in Pearland, Texas. Burial will be in Forest Park East Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital, Memorial Hermann Foundation, 929 Gessner, Suite 2650, Houston, Texas, 77024, www.childrensmemorialhermann.org.



Helen G. Rumfelt

Helen G. Rumfelt, 58, of rural Dongola, died Thursday, Jan. 25, 2018, at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

She was born on Feb. 2, 1959, in Shawneetown, the daughter of Homer William and Dorothy May Seeley Gordon.

She married Edward Rumfelt on March 24, 2000, in Anna.

She is survived by her husband, Edward Rumfelt of Anna; children Shawnna Nicole Goolsby-Franklin and husband Bill Franklin of Metropolis, Derek Scott Goolsby of East St. Louis, Rachel Rumfelt, Sheena Lovelace, Edward Rumfelt and Lydia Janson; six grandchildren, Annie, Destiny, Gloria, Yuna, Genevive and Mable; three brothers; two sisters; other relatives and friends.

She wished to be cremated. Her family plans a celebration of her life at a later date.

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

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

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Tree blown down

Recent strong winds uprooted and blew down a large tree at the Frick residence along Friendship School Road south of Anna. No structural damage was reported.

Public Record

from the files at the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro

Realty Transactions

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

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jacqueline Mowery, P. Jacqueline Mowery, Perry V. Mowery. Grantee: James D. Williams. Tract Section 36 Township 13S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Heather Danielle Simonds, Stephen Becker Simonds. Grantee: Edward T. Simonds, Margaret R. Simonds. Tract Section 21 Township 11S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Associated Lumber Industries Inc. Grantee: SI Builder Supply Inc. Name: Winstead Davies 1st Add. of Anna, Lots 21, 38, 39.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: As-Is Properties Ltd. Grantee: Paul Trainor. Tract Section 18 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Joann White. Grantee: Joann White. Tract Section 3 Township 12S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Gaylon C. Cruse, Goldie D. Cruse. Grantee: Ashley M. Daniel. Tract Section 19 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Connie Howell. Grantee: Randy Buelna. Name: D.W. Browns 4th Add. of Anna, Portion 2.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Cathy S. Carter. Grantee: William C. Cohen. Name: McElhaney's Heirs 3rd Add., Jonesboro, Lot 20.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: As-Is Properties Ltd. Grantee: Paul Trainor. Tract Section 18 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor:

Carolyn A. Thorn, Ronald D. Thorn. Grantee: Amy S. Thorn, Ronald J. Thorn. Tract Section 16 Township 11S Range 1E.

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:

Sabrina C. Tucker, McLeansboro. Tatjana Nettelitsina, Cape Girardeau. Elijah B. Questelle, Harrisburg. Armando Ramos-Garcia, Cape Girardeau. Chloe Rae Williams, Anna.

Jimmy Don Partain, Anna. Shane Christopher Sharp, Cape Girardeau. Samuel Rocha Montemayor, Laredo, Texas. Kerry A. Arnold, Jonesboro.

Megan Riley Smith, McClure. Laurie A. Lentz, Carterville. Jose C. Huerta, Grand Prairie, Texas. Marielena Nieto, Chicago. Jennifer K. Engler, Memphis, Tenn.

Luis A. Quintero, Ray, Mich. Ryan L. Woodard, Springfield. Jeremiah A. Morris, Crystal River, Fla. Kristi L. Rapach, Zeigler.

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:

James A. Szepanski, Jackson, Mo., seat belt required/driver, \$60. Debra R. Vaupel, Marion, improper merging into traffic, \$120.

Ronique T. Bailey, Mounds, electronic communication device, \$120. Jose Fred Najera Rodriguez, Chicago, seat belt required/passenger, \$60.

Tiray D. Jackson, Chicago, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140. Emily Elizabeth Boyle, Creal Springs, electronic communication device, \$120.

James M. Kessner, Jonesboro, fail right-of-way/intersection, \$120. Joshua R. Spurlock, Jonesboro, wireless phone school/construction zone, \$120.

Steven L. Cole, Kirbyville, Texas, improper use of registration/title, \$120. Nathaniel Ryan Meece, Cape Girardeau, fail to reduce speed, \$120.

Taylor Renee Charles, Wolf Lake, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Cassidy Marie Lyerla, Jonesboro, seat belt required/passenger, \$60.

Chuck B. Hays, Benton, Mo., seat belt required/driver, \$60. Jacqueline Marie Hickam, Makanda, unlicensed, \$150.

Jairo Elias Duarte, Houston, Texas, driving/never issued license, \$120; speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$120. Lukas A. Stadelbacher, Anna, electronic communication device, \$120.

Philip Gordon Hollingsworth, Collierville, Tenn., seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Zeldeetria M. Roberts, Murphysboro, child restraint violation, \$65.

Jessica P. Rarrick, Jonesboro, registration expiration, \$120. Jason Michael Knez, Anna, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200.

Marriage Licenses

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

Britton Lee Roberts, 44, of Jonesboro, and Tanya Su Fletcher, 48, of Jonesboro.

Anna Arts Center program to feature Civil War songs

Music of the 1860s: Songs of the Civil War, is scheduled to be presented Feb. 10 in Anna.

The program, presented by Back Porch Company, a local group, is set for 7 p.m. at the Shawnee Hills Arts Council's Anna Arts Center. The center is located at 117 W. Davie St.

An offering will be collected to help support summer arts and drama camps which are planned at the arts center; otherwise, there is no charge to attend the event.

Members of Back Porch Company are Warren and Carla Anderson, Stuart Anderson and Richard Johnson.

The musicians will bring the music of the Civil War to life and provide brief historical backgrounds about the songs and the role the music played in the soldiers' lives.

On the American Civil War battlefield, different instruments including bugles, drums and fifes were played

to issue marching orders or sometimes simply to boost the morale of soldiers, the arts center noted in a news release about the upcoming event.

Singing was also employed as a release from the inevitable tensions that come with fighting in a war, helping the soldiers deal with homesickness and boredom.

Soldiers of both sides often engaged in playing musical instruments.

When the opposing armies were near each other, sometimes the bands from both sides of the conflict played against each other on the night before a battle.

The song "Dixie" was popular on both sides. Today, many of the songs of the 1860s are sung when a patriotic piece is required.

Following the performance, refreshments will be served and there will be a chance to visit with the musicians.

Arts council offers chance to adopt, decorate flamingos

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council's Anna Arts Center once again is giving the community a chance to adopt a flamingo.

Naked flamingos can be picked up at The Here & Shop in downtown Anna at 319 S. Main St. The cost to adopt a flamingo is \$5.

Birds can be adopted until Feb. 18 on Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The adopted flamingos can be dressed up "anyway you choose," the arts council noted.

Deliver the flamingos to the Anna Arts Center, 125 W. Davie St., Anna, Monday or Tuesday, Feb. 19-20, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

An exhibit featuring the decorated flamingos is scheduled to open Thursday, Feb. 22, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, Feb. 23-24, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 25, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

An awards reception and auction are planned March 3 at 6 p.m. Prizes

will be awarded for the best dressed flamingo, the most original flamingo and the funniest flamingo.

All proceeds go to the Anna Arts Center capital development fund, specifically toward replacing the bathrooms in the performing arts building.

New ministry set at church

Kids Outdoor Zone is the name of a new ministry which is planned at Immanuel Praise and Worship Center near Cobden.

The ministry is for boys ages 8 to 12. The church noted that boys will be mentored in outdoor skills and in what it means to be a Christian man in today's world.

Meetings are planned at 8:30 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month and are free to attend.

For more information, contact Pastor Carl Dilley at 893-4916 or see the church's Facebook page.



Statues in the snow

Statues of Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas were standing in the snow on a recent sunny, but very cold, winter afternoon. The statues are at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro.

Kiwanis Club selling barbecue

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White's traffic safety advisory committee met Jan. 18 in Chicago.

The committee examined impaired driving laws and considered measures aimed at making Illinois roads safer by reducing impaired driving crashes and fatalities.

"My mission as secretary of state is to make the roads of Illinois safer than ever," White said in a news release.

"I reconvened the traffic safety advisory committee to review and develop innovative measures to further strengthen our state's impaired driving laws.

"Although Illinois is ranked among the top states in the nation for efforts to fight drunk driving, I refuse to grow complacent."

The advisory committee reviewed the following three measures designed to

strengthen impaired driving laws by revising the statute defining a first-time DUI offender.

Under current statutory summary suspension law, motorists are considered first-time DUI offenders if five or more years have passed since their last DUI.

• Strengthening prosecution of DUI by allowing prosecutors to introduce as evidence past DUI offenses committed by the defendant to a jury during a trial.

Currently, the law does not allow past DUI convictions to be introduced as evidence during a jury trial.

• Strengthening impaired driving laws by cracking down on impaired driving with a special emphasis on prescription drugs such as opioids.

The measure is in response to the opioid epidemic and the increase in DUI cases involving the use of prescription drugs.

The measure also amends certain sections of the Illinois Vehicle Code to include prescription drugs alone, or in combination with alcohol, that may result in impairment and administrative sanctions.

The advisory committee, comprised of legislators, federal and state traffic safety experts and law enforcement officials, was scheduled to meet again on Monday, Jan. 29, to vote on the proposals and consider other traffic safety issues that may arise.

Smoking declines

Overall, cigarette smoking among U.S. adults who are 18 years of age and older declined from 20.9 percent in 2005 to 15.5 percent in 2016.

Yet, nearly 38 million American adults smoked cigarettes ("every day" or "some days") in 2016, according to data released recently by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC.

Information on how to quit smoking is available by calling 1-800-QUIT-NOW or visiting the website at www.smokefree.gov.

Tickets are required for "An Evening with Laura Bush."

General admission tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.showmecenter.biz/> or at the Show Me Center box office.

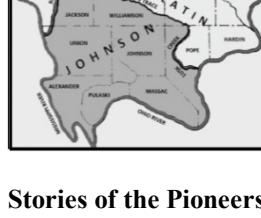
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Section B



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

and three from the county line of Pope."

Also note that William Simpson and Thomas Ferguson received tavern licenses on the same day, 15 July 1813. Ferguson was, at that time, operating the ferry across the Ohio River where Golconda now sits.

According to Chapman, William Simpson was the builder of the courthouse at Elvira. Considering the whole of the early record, it is likely that the William Simpson that built the courthouse was not this William, Sr. It was most likely his son, William Simpson, Jr. It is believed by the authors of this book, with extensive research, that the William Simpson who built the courthouse was most likely the same as the one that established a ferry across the Mississippi River in the northwest corner of what is now Union County in September 1814. It is doubtful that this Wm. Simpson is the same Wm. Simpson that settled in near Double Bridges. The 1818 Jackson County census shows William Simpson as being a resident there.

John Bradshaw, was one of the early pioneers into the Illinois Territory, establishing himself as an upright citizen before Johnson County was created. The early territorial government needed men like Bradshaw to help establish itself. His credentials were impressive enough for the Governor of the territory to place upon his shoulders the responsibility of insuring that Johnson County could survive its own genesis.

John Bradshaw originated from either Tennessee or North Carolina, settling early in the northeast corner of what is now Union

County about three miles west of the present Johnson/Union County line. His house was on Bradshaw Creek, named after him, just south and a little west of present day Lick Creek in section nine, T12S R1W.

He was respected as a Militia leader, holding annual militia gatherings at his home place. It has been written that during those annual militia gatherings at his "muster place," the citizen soldiers had great fun and revelry. Being drunk on whisky, they entertained one another with fist-fighting and brawling. In jest, they laid down their guns and marched in drills with cornstalks at the ready. These antics gave the Bradshaw group of Militia men the name of the "cornstalk militia."

John Bradshaw will forever be known as the man at whose house Johnson County had its beginnings. Many have mistakenly believed he was a Judge of the Court when the county began, but he was not destined to become a Judge until 1818, six years after Johnson County began.

When Union county split from Johnson County, he was named a Justice of the Peace in February of 1818 for the Township in which he lived. He will be long remembered as a man whose claim to fame was his reliability and courage as an early pioneer in the wilderness of the Illinois Country. Interestingly enough, very little has been written about John Bradshaw.

Don't Miss Next Week

"Juchereau and the Great Buffalo Slaughter"

Stories of the Pioneers

William Simpson, an early pioneer of Johnson County, led a most interesting life according to those who recorded his history. Mrs. P.T. Chapman published the very interesting story presented as follows.

"William Simpson, the first, spoke of in early settlers, was captured by the Indians tradition says and taken to Michigan when a young man. He was finally sold to the English. How long he remained there is not known. His son William was born in that state. William Simpson, Sr., was a native of North Carolina but came to this county from Kentucky, by way of Shawneetown cutting his own road part of the way. 1805 he settled near Ft. Massac and Kaskaskia trace and built a double log house and opened a tavern."

According to H.L. Motsinger, Simpson was captured by Indians while living in Johnson County. The authors of this book have no evidence of his capture other than these two stories, so there is no definitive proof that either author is correct.

William Simpson does have the honor of being one of the first settlers in Johnson County, establishing his home there in 1805. Chapman also contributes more concerning his life in another section of her book.

"He settled near what is known as Double Bridges in Simpson Township, built a double log house and opened as far as is known the first tavern in the county. There is a school house and cemetery located at the present [1925] where his original house and farm building stood. It is about two miles north of Simpson

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Anna Arts Center to present bicentennial series of plays

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council's Anna Arts Center is planning to present a five-show theater series during 2018 in conjunction with the celebration of Illinois' bicentennial.

Illinois became a state in 1818. Bicentennial activities are being held throughout the state during 2018.

The series at the Anna Arts Center will recognize Illinois playwrights and their new plays. Performances will be at the arts center, which is located at 117 W. Davie St. in Anna.

The arts center series is scheduled to include the premieres of three plays: "Assumptions," by Steve Falcone; and "Scenes from Pooh" and "Poets on Parade," by Dr. Lynn Steveson.

"Poets on Parade" features the works of eight Illinois-born poets.

The series also is scheduled to feature "Monty Python's Spamalot," which is a Tony Award-winning musical.

The bicentennial series is scheduled to close with a performance of "The Rhythm of Battle, The Rime of War," which is being adapted for the stage by Carla Anderson and R.L. Pete Housman which features an historical review of the music, stories and poetry of World War I.

Season tickets for the five-show theater series are \$50 for adults, and \$16 for children 12 years of age and younger.

Otherwise, tickets are \$15 and \$5 for 12 and under for each show.

For more information or to reserve tickets, call Lee's cell 904-625-1109 or email vabchlee@gmail.com.

"Assumptions"

"Assumptions," by Steve Falcone and directed by RL Pete Housman is a play about the Holy Ghost Church, which is described as "any church in today's America."

"The play focuses on events which begin with a funeral and rapidly expand to confront the whole community of the faithful and challenge both individuals and the church to examine how the Holy Spirit is seen working in a 'Modern World' to bring everyone into a closer relationship with the Divine."

The arts center shared that the "humorous play is about belief and the lack of it, a spiritual comedy that examines life and the afterlife for love and laughs."

"Assumptions" is scheduled to be presented Friday and Saturday, Feb. 23-24, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 25, at 2 p.m. on the main stage at the Anna Arts Center.

Following the Feb. 25 performance, those in attendance will have an opportunity to meet playwright Steve Falcone.

"Assumptions" Preview, Discussion

A preview of "Assumptions" is set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22.

A guided discussion is planned following the preview.

The discussion is scheduled to include the Rev. Mark Hasty from Mt. Moriah/Salem Lutheran Churches; the Rev. Carl Johnson from the United Methodist Church in Anna; the Rev. Bob Flannery from St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Carbondale; and the Rev. Federico Higuera from St. Mary's Catholic Church in Anna.

The discussion will be facilitated by the Rev. Sam Foskey.

Tickets are \$5 for groups of 10 and must be bought in advance for the Feb. 22 performance only. Otherwise tickets are the normal prices.

For information on how to buy group tickets in advance, contact Lee, her cell 904-625-1109.

"Scenes from Pooh"

The next play in the series is scheduled to be "Scenes from Pooh," which is the fifth annual children's production.

"Scenes from Pooh" is a compilation of five adventures pulled from two books, "Winnie the Pooh" and "The House at Pooh Corner."

The play has been adapted for younger actors at the Anna Arts Center.

The arts center says that all of the stories' favorite characters will be included: Pooh Bear, Christopher Robin, Piglet, Owl, Rabbit, Kanga, Roo, Eeyore and Tigger.

The production will be double cast to give more children a chance to perform. Dr. Lynn Steveson wrote the script and will direct the play.

Performances of "Scenes from Pooh" are set for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 26-28, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, April 29, at 2 p.m. on the main stage at the arts center.

Following the April 29 performance, those in attendance will have an opportunity to meet playwright Dr. Lynn Steveson.

Show dates are set for Nov. 9-10 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 11 at 2 p.m. on the main stage at the arts center.

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"Poets on Parade"

"Poets on Parade" will feature works written by eight Illinois poets.

Vachel Lindsay, one of the poets represented in the play, believed strongly in the connection of poetry to music, and that poetry was meant to be read aloud, performed and sometimes even sung.

Shel Silverstein, another poet, invited children to dream and dare to imagine the impossible from the longest nose in the world to a hippopotamus sandwich.

Dr. Lynn Steveson wrote the script.

"Poets on Parade" is scheduled to be presented Friday and Saturday, Sept. 7-8, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 9, at 2 p.m. on the main stage at the arts center.

"Monty Python's Spamalot"

The next to last show of the 2018 five-show theater series is scheduled to be "Monty Python's Spamalot," which the arts council describes as a "musical lovingly ripped off from the film 'Monty Python and the Holy Grail'."

The musical "retells the legend of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table, and features a bevy of beautiful show girls, not to mention cows, killer rabbits and French people."

The musical will be directed by Cody Acklin.

Performances are set for Thursday and Saturday, Oct. 19 and 21, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 22, at 2 p.m. on the main stage at the arts center.

"The Rhythm of Battle, The Rime of War"

"The Rhythm of Battle, The Rime of War" is scheduled to conclude the bicentennial theater series.

Even before America entered the World War I officially, Illinoisans were actively engaged in the fighting.

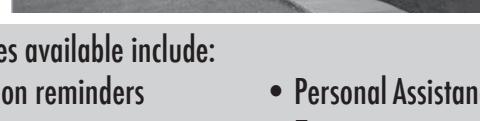
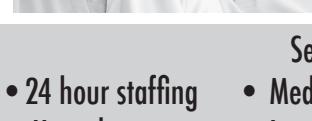
By the time the war ended 351,153 men from Illinois were in uniform. Five thousand men from Illinois died during the war.

The war effort involved everyone in the state. War bond sales in the state totaled \$1.3 million. Another \$45 million was raised in aid and relief funds.

"The Rhythm of Battle, The Rime of War" will pay tribute to this effort.

Show dates are set for Nov. 9-10 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 11 at 2 p.m. on the main stage at the arts center.

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A New Geography of Illinois Union County

A New Geography of Illinois, Union County, was featured in the June/July 1974 issue of *Outdoor Illinois* magazine.

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

Union County's history, people, communities and geography were featured in the article. In conjunction with Union County's bicentennial during 2018, highlights from the 1974 article are being shared.

(Continued from last week)

A year later, in 1842, a small community called Preston was established along the Mississippi River west of the community of Wolf Lake as a shipping point, but frequent flooding by the great river brought about an early demise for the village.

When the first newspaper in the county, the

Jonesboro Gazette, was published in 1849, it was strongly oriented to the rural element, since most of the population of the county was still on farms.

Many country churches and schools had sprung up throughout the county.

The old St. John Cemetery, with burials back at least to 1818, Mt. Tabor Cemetery south of Alto Pass, and the Toledo Cem-

etary north of Cobden are three of the oldest cemeteries in the county and are worth a visit.

With the outlook becoming more favorable around 1850 that the Illinois Central Railroad would run a line from Chicago to Cairo, Winstead Davie offered a parcel of land just east of Jonesboro for the railroad to pass through.

Here Davie laid out plans for a new community in 1853 which he called Anna in honor of his wife.

The town developed rapidly, primarily because of the railroad, but other features of the land attracted people to the area.

Quarrying for limestone rocks northeast of town began in 1856, and good potter's clay in the region was responsible for the development of the Anna Pottery.

The Kirkpatrick brothers, who operated the pottery, were widely renowned as artists in their craft.

The first passenger train

on the Illinois Central Railroad from Chicago to Cairo roared through the state on January 1, 1856. This event signaled the development of villages and towns the length of the state. In Union County, both Cobden and Dongola, in 1857, followed Anna as railroad towns.

The singlemost notable event to take place in Union County was the famed debate held at the Jonesboro fairgrounds on September 15, 1858, between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas.

Lincoln and Douglas were contesting for a U.S. Senate seat which was held by Douglas.

A series of seven debates between Lincoln and Douglas was arranged, with the third scheduled for Jonesboro.

Douglas, in friendly territory, arrived by train from Cairo to the accompaniment of several blasts from a cannon which was mounted to a flat car.

Lincoln arrived inauspi-

ciously in Anna to stay with a friend, Mr. D.L. Phillips.

A band led a noisy procession from the Jonesboro town square to the fairgrounds. A crowd estimated about 1500 was on hand for the debate.

Douglas opened the debate, arguing that the Union could exist forever divided into free and slave states if each state would carry out the principles on which our institutions were founded, namely the right of each state to do as it pleases.

Lincoln replied, in essence, that a government could not endure permanently half-slave and half-free.

A marker stands today just south of the Shawnee National Forest ranger station commemorating the site of this famous debate.

(An exact transcription of the debate can be found in Volume 1 of George Washington Smith's "History of Southern Illinois," published in 1912.)

The earliest settlers had

discovered that the terrain and climate of Union County were conducive for the production of high quality fruit trees.

Results were particularly good on the ridges so that by 1858, many fruit trees were bearing profusely in the hill country around Cobden and the present day community of Alto Pass.

The new railroad provided fast shipment of produce to big city markets. In 1860, the first express package of fruit was shipped from Union County to Chicago.

Because of the mild climate in Union County (temperatures rarely fall below zero), fruits and vegetables have a long growing season.

As a result, Union County farmers began growing great quantities of apples, peaches, cherries, pears, blackberries, raspberries, gooseberries, strawberries, rhubarb, asparagus, radishes, onions, peas, beans, potatoes, and sweet potatoes.

(To be continued)

A Front Page from the Past

The State of Illinois, Union County and the City of Jonesboro all are observing bicentennials in 2018. During 2018, The Gazette-Democrat plans to periodically feature A Front Page from the Past. The front pages will be from The Gazette-Democrat since the time the Reppert family has owned the newspaper, starting in 1939.

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C. of C. Meeting Monday is One of Best Ever

Dr. Charles Copeland Smith Gives Worthwhile Address

Probably one of the most outstanding meetings of the Anna Chamber of Commerce ever held was annual Ladies' Night Monday. More than a hundred filled the Anna Hotel dining room to hear Dr. Charles Copeland Smith, president of the National Association of Manufacturers and his address was informative and interesting.

The committee in charge of the meeting was composed of Walter F. Harvey, chairman, Mrs. Alberta Willis, Elmer L. McConnell, Dr. Harry B. Steiner, Bob W. Brown and Lynn D. Sifford.

President A. W. Walter opened the meeting with a welcoming address and introduced Mr. Harper who added words of appreciation for the fine attendance and cooperation he had received. Mrs. A. W. Walter thanked the membership of the Chamber for having Ladies' Night each year and said she hoped it would always be continued.

During the dinner the Hill Billy band of the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School composed of Robert Cox, Corrine Ladd, Hobart Esham, Ruthie Cox, Roger Eaves and Gilbert Eion played several selections. Lawrence Shadrick led group singing and the Egyptian quartet, Harvey Melker, Claude Houston, Harley Ladd and Lawrence Shadrick sang. The Rev. Virgil W. Corrie, pastor of the Methodist church gave invocation.

This was the second appearance of the Anna audience. Last Spring he talked to a joint meeting of the Anna Chamber of Commerce and the Golden Lions Club and Chamber of Commerce and Monday night he talk proved as popular as before.

In speaking of the world affairs and said that in his opinion England, his native country, would win the war. He said that Hitler was now shocked and within a short time he would start losing ground if he gained.

In speaking of the United States, Dr. Smith urged all Americans to protect the freedom we now enjoy. This freedom he said is freedom of speech, assembly and enterprise. He said that the early settlers came to this country early searching for freedom, freedom only for themselves and were not concerned with people of different views. He said that this was a narrow concept of freedom.

Dr. Smith said that he believed the freedom in industry is the most important because on this rests the welfare of our nation. He said that a survey made by his association in a typical manufacturing town of 1600 disclosed that 160 factory workers on average payroll of \$180,000 were made and this supported 300 houses, a 26 room schoolhouse, 35 retail stores and 60 professional people.

He said that America has been built on free enterprise and a kitchen table business and should be preserved with this in mind.

Referring to the comparatively short time America has been settled for said that this country is only 150 years old and yet it is the envy of the world—a unique leader in the field of industry and science.

Dr. Smith talked to the high school students in the various schools where his address was enthusiastically received.

Unofficial Vote of Union County in Tuesday's Election

	For President	For U. S. Senator	For U. S. Representative	For Governor	For Lieutenant Governor	For Lt. Governor	For State Auditor	For State Treasurer	For Attorney General	For Congressmen-at-Large	Total	
Franklin D. Roosevelt	405,487	519,556	572,288	450,632	214	198	292,280	187	160	106,197	184,111	
Wendell Willkie	253,339	474,505	576,323	408,239	136	62	193,334	78	72	115,180	165,177	
James M. Statler	104,470	481,556	560,389	452,518	211	107	275,282	186	161	101,103	162,113	
C. Wayland Brooks	244,307	469,559	557,321	390,284	220	142	192,328	72	68	119,176	168,181	
HARRY B. HENRY	400,489	507,557	526,453	426,211	108	281,282	101	161	100,105	161,110	93	
DR. LEON GREEN	251,320	470,593	587,339	485,245	148	69	194,332	72	69	123,181	171,177	83
Louis E. Lewis	295,488	505,584	571,520	485,329	212	107	275,282	186	161	104,193	156,114	94
Hugh W. Cross	238,203	459,592	538,308	398,243	142	54	184,329	74	69	112,120	151,163	91
EDWARD J. HUGHES	100,500	373,565	524,278	482,633	210	116,286	281,187	106,193	107	157,167	156,116	94
JOHN L. SHAW	218,286	443,587	525,325	393,249	141	55	179,323	76	67	116,172	159,166	80
John C. Martin	400,191	515,569	572,320	489,525	212	116,277	254,187	102	103,192	155,114	93	87
ARTHUR C. LOUDS	248,387	443,585	531,305	405,247	142	51	181,323	72	67	116,173	149,164	80
ROBERT C. MCADAMS	302,488	505,585	567,320	489,211	108	276,282	186	161	102,192	155,115	93	89
WILLIAM G. WRIGHT	259,274	458,590	538,320	390,242	140	58	181,324	72	68	117,173	150,165	81
HAROLD G. WARD	395,489	503,566	566,264	486,245	145	56	180,323	72	68	116,173	150,165	81
GEORGE F. BARRETT	231,287	451,593	537,321	404,242	142	55	185,323	72	67	117,173	150,165	80
T. V. SOUTH	401,479	497,554	561,320	489,211	108	277,282	187	161	104,193	155,114	93	87
WALTER F. HARVEY	390,472	486,556	567,321	489,211	108	277,282	187	161	105,195	155,114	93	89
WILLIAM G. STRICKER	225,391	460,569	589,320	489,211	108	276,282	186	161	102,192	155,115	93	89
STEPHEN A. DALE	226,288	443,594	568,320	489,211	108	276,282	186	161	102,192	155,115	93	89
KEN E. KELLER	380,479	499,556	562,320	489,211	108	277,282	187	161	104,193	155,114	93	87
C. W. (Runt) Bishop	243,387	443,585	531,305	405,242	142	51	181,323	72	67	116,173	149,164	80
CHARLES R. COOPERATOR	381,481	504,567	568,320	489,211	108	277,282	187	161	104,193	155,114	93	87
WILLIAM H. HOWELL	381,481	504,567	568,320	489,211	108	277,282	187	161	104,193	155,114	93	87
HARRIS W. JONES	381,481	504,567	568,320	489,211	108	277,282	187	161	104,193	155,114	93	87
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News from

Anna Nazarene Church

On Sunday morning, Herman, Jessie, Jacob, Sophia and Blake Wells were welcomed into the membership at Anna First Church of the Nazarene.

Music for the morning worship service was led by Randy Wright, Abby Barlow and Madison Schnaue.

Special music was provided by Jack and Nina Shepard, with Mark Smith, T.J. Macy, Terry Wiseman Sr. and Jacob Wright serving as ushers.

The morning message, "Dangerous Prayers: Life Transforming Foundation-Break Me," was brought

Gospel singing set

A gospel singing is planned Saturday, Feb. 3, at Shiloh Baptist Church in Villa Ridge.

Singing begins at 7 p.m. David Isom of Anna and the Gloryroad Travelers from Mounds will be featured.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Jan. 28, the message was brought by a guest speaker, the Rev. Perry Williams.

Dee Rose led worship. Meghan Smith provided special music.

A Sunday School class is planned at 9:45 a.m. Thursday, today, at River to River.

The Titus 2 ladies plan to meet at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at Hebrewz Coffeeshop.

Birthdays: Miranda Bunden and Joe McRaven, Feb. 6; Jean Kohler, Feb. 7.

Anniversaries: Marc and Amy Sheffer, 16 years, Feb. 2; James and Jerri Miller, 42 years, Feb. 6.

The schedule for Sunday includes Bible study at 9 a.m. and worship services at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

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

Hess News

By Glenn Heisner

Upward basketball started Saturday at Anna Heights, with about 200 youth, players and cheerleaders. It was a week late due to the weather.

A Baptist men's wild game supper is planned Feb. 2 at Mill Creek Baptist Church.

The annual 9 Day meeting is planned Feb. 3 in Harrisburg. There are usually about 200 in attendance.

Several of the ladies plan to go to Hebrewz Coffeehouse while the men are at the wild game supper.

Birthdays: Delores Pribble, 19th; Holly Barringer, Feb. 23rd.

Anniversaries: Harley and Patsy Rhodes, 27th, 56 years; Louise and Bruce Williams, 31st, 61 years.

Extension plans**TIF webinar**

University of Illinois Extension's Community and Economic Development team plans to host a free webinar, TIF in Illinois, from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22.

The webinar will be presented by Tom Henderson, the executive director and chief operating officer of the Illinois Tax Increment Association.

The webinar is designed to educate local officials and economic development professionals on knowledge of code and how it pertains to communities and initiatives in Illinois.

U of I Extension noted that there is no cost to attend the webinar; however, registration is required.

To register, or for more information, contact Nancy Ouedraogo at esarey@illinois.edu.

News from

Walnut Grove Church

On the fourth Sunday after Epiphany, Sandy lit the altar candles during the musical prelude.

It was good to be back in church after the recent cancellations due to dangerous ice.

Pastor Bobbi Shultz read scripture from Psalms, which was about "the gullies in our lives and how we ask God for help with our trials and pain. We need patience as He helps us heal over time, through our faith."

Jim Brown reported that Bobbie Sauerbrunn and Beth Martin were doing well. A thank you card to the congregation from Pastor Bobbi was read for her Christmas gift.

Prayers were requested for Gary Hartline, Loren and Keith Herold's niece Katie Fitzwilliam, Pastor Bobbi's family, the families of Marshall County High School and the Corey family in Santa Barbara that lost two children in the mudslides and have another on life support.

The February ladies lunch will be cancelled due to the flu season.

The next monthly music night is planned at 6:45

p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 14. All musicians are welcome to come and practice or play music. Listeners are welcome, too.

The church's Sunday service, which includes Sunday School for children, starts at 9:30 a.m. The church is located at 3195 Mountain Glen Rd. near Cobden, and near Illinois Route 127.

News from First Baptist Church, Anna

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile is scheduled to be at the church from noon until 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 8. The Red Cross can be contacted for an appointment.

The next Soup and Serve is planned from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12, in the fellowship hall. The menu will include chicken and dumplings, green beans, cole slaw, Jell-O poke cake, coffee, tea and lemonade. The meal is free and all are welcome.

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

Event set in Cobden will support coalition, animal control program

The Cobden Spay Neuter Coalition, CSNC, is planning to host a Spaghetti Dinner Thursday, today, in Cobden.

The event is scheduled from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at The Old Feed Store, which is located in downtown Cobden.

Proceeds will benefit CSNC and Union County animal control.

Costs will be \$8 for adults and \$4 for children; children under 5 eat for free. Dessert is included.

The evening will feature door prizes donated by local artists, businesses, as well as a 50/50 raffle and a raffle for a whole pig. Whole pig raffle tickets are available for \$5 each at Kiki's Coffeeshop, Cobden Village Hall and Alto Vineyards in Alto Pass.

Tickets will be sold at Spaghetti Dinner until about 6 p.m., with the drawing taking place at around 6:30 p.m. The winner does not have to be present. A processing fee is not included.

Those who plan to attend the Feb. 1 event may opt to bring one full bag of non-perishable groceries in exchange for one adult dinner. Grocery donations will be distributed locally

to families who are in need.

CSNC is on a mission to support Union County Animal Control by working to reduce the homeless pet population in Cobden.

More information can be found on the CSNC Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/CobdenSpayNeuterCoalition/.

For more information about CSNC and the Spaghetti Dinner, contact Jillian at 618-201-4841 or jillian@shawneeshuttle.com.

Door prize and other donations will be accepted up until the time of the event.

Fish fry set**at Anna VFW**

A fish fry is planned Friday, Feb. 2, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 near Anna.

Serving is planned from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The post is located at 70 VFW Ln.

The menu will include fish, potato salad and slaw for an \$8 donation.

The fish fry is open to the public. Carry outs will be available.

Star Karaoke will be at the post from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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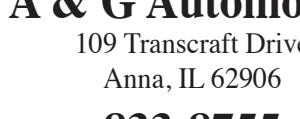
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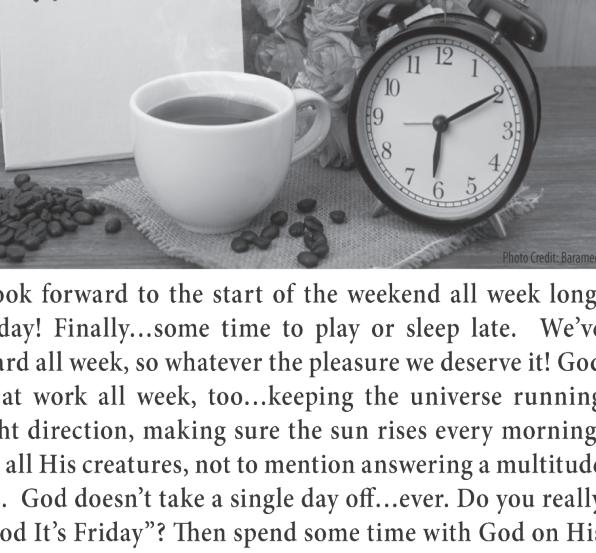
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T.G.I.F.

We look forward to the start of the weekend all week long. Friday! Finally...some time to play or sleep late. We've worked hard all week, so whatever the pleasure we deserve it! God has been at work all week, too...keeping the universe running in the right direction, making sure the sun rises every morning, caring for all His creatures, not to mention answering a multitude of prayers. God doesn't take a single day off...ever. Do you really "Thank God It's Friday"? Then spend some time with God on His day. Praise Him and tell Him of your love. Share your needs for the week ahead. God is waiting to welcome you to His House.

Daily Devotional Reading

Acts 13:1-12 Acts 13:13-25 Acts 13:26-41 Acts 13:42-52 Genesis 37:1-36 Genesis 39:1-23 Genesis 40:1-23

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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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

Prayers

Prayers for Marshall County High School.

Birthdays Celebrated

Bryan and Stacey Crain hosted a family birthday party to celebrate two of their sons' birthdays. Ethan turned 16 and Andrew 24.

Others who celebrated with them were son Blade and friend Jena Story, daughter Ashley and Lane Patterson and Reid, Andrew's friend Taylor, Elaine Crain, Jim and Cheri Honey, Diane and Ralph Blaney, Amanda and Nathan Caldwell and children.

Ethan had a special "license plate cake."

Guests

The Doug Hilemans and the Norm Bauers were pleased to have brief visits from a couple of family members recently.

Timothy Bauer dropped in for a few days from Brookfield, Wis., on a layover between trips he makes for Millis Transfer Company.

Lucas Hileman, who lives in Fort Branch, Ind., came to visit with and comfort the family of his long-time friend Jon Pengress.

Sympathy

Members of the Boyd family gathered last week to celebrate the lives and mourn the passing of Joe Boyd of Anna and Jeff Boyd of Auburn, Neb.

According to Boyd historians Barb Boyd Bauer and Emily Boyd Meyer, father Joe and son Jeff represent the fifth and sixth generations of the Boyd family since the arrival of Jonathan and Almira Johnson Boyd to Union County in 1851.

The lives of both remarkable men exemplify the "true grit" shown by their pioneering and other "storied" ancestors.

Baby Congratulations

Another note on the Boyd family concerns a new blossom on the family tree.

Merritt June LeFevre was born on Jan. 9, 2018. Merritt is the daughter of Zack and Lindsey Clutts LeFevre of Anna.

She is the granddaughter of Doug and Sally LeFevre, Carol Clutts, Bill Clutts and Kent and Nancy Pitts.

Her great-grandparents

include Susan Penninger Hase and Gary and Lynn LeFevre.

Merritt's Boyd family lineage: Zack LeFevre, Sally Hase LeFevre, Susan Hase Penninger, Lois Boyd Penninger, Herbert Boyd, Christopher J. Boyd, Jonathan Boyd, which makes her an eighth generation Union County Boyd.

(Since Almira Johnson Boyd's parents, Jeremiah and Martha Johnson, came to the County in 1851, they make Merritt a ninth generation Union Countian.)

Congratulations and best wishes to Merritt June LeFevre.

Special Thanks

A special thanks to Barbara Bauer for all the family news she gave me this week.

Just when I think I am not going to have enough news I can email Barbara and she will always have some news for me. I am so thankful for friends with wonderful exciting lives.

Although this time it was partly sad news. Sympathy to their family in the loss of their loved ones.

Guests

Guest of Gaylon and Clara Cates was their son Gaylon Wayne from Chicago.

They celebrated Gaylon Wayne's birthday while he was here.

He was glad his mother Clara was feeling much better and able to be out some. Please keep her in your prayers since she still needs healing for her foot.

Surprise Birthday Party

Don Trambley was surprised by his family on his 72nd birthday Jan. 26.

He was napping in his favorite chair when his daughter-in-law Cheyenne put his birthday cake with the candles lit in front of him and they all started singing "Happy Birthday."

They enjoyed pizza and Don's favorite cake butter pecan with banana cream filling and banana cream icing with nuts.

93rd Birthday

Cleta Sims Poole of Dongola celebrated her birthday with family and friends Jan. 25.

Cleta had 13 children. Their names are Dennis, Effie, Joan, Bonnie, Eanis, Fred, Bob, Brenda, Jean-

nie, Janice, Bill, Mike and Jackie.

Guest

Visiting with Jim and Peggy Rains was Jim's son Ethan from Minnesota for three weeks.

He had a nice visit and got here just in time to see chicks and ducks hatching. He enjoyed helping with them.

Prayers

Loyd Lingle, son of Betty, was scheduled to have open heart surgery at St. Francis Hospital Tuesday. Please keep him in your prayers.

93rd Birthday

Virginia Housman celebrated her 93rd birthday Saturday, Jan. 20.

Her son Pete took her to Fujiyama Restaurant, where their family gathered for dinner.

Others attending were Jon and Crystal Housman, their son Ian Rich, their two daughters Mackenzie and Madison Housman, Jon's sister, Kathy Wood, her daughter Erin, son Jacob, daughter and son-in-law Megan and Josh Hall.

They then went to Virginia's daughter Kathy's in Carterville for birthday cake.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Union County Chamber of Commerce award winners.

Winners awarded at the third annual gala at Blue Sky Vineyard Saturday, Jan. 27, business of the year Stegle Plumbing, new business of the year Havisham House, business improvement of the year Curt's Classics, citizen of the year Kathy Bryan and director MVP Carol Hoffman.

A special thanks to Bonni Littleton, the board of directors and all the sponsors for making this year a great success.

The dinner was catered by Great Boars of Fire with the dessert bar catered by The Kitchen on Lafayette.

The Gathering Place

Dr. Susan Whitemountain recently opened a store front for her genealogy business now called The Gathering Place located in the former Hase Pharmacy building on South Main Street in downtown Anna.

Lots of history in Union County, and some records can only be found on paper and require hands on work to do the research.

Dr. Whitemountain has a passion for this work and it is very evident in her new business.

Calling America Back to God

Because of the forecast of bad weather services have been canceled for tonight Thursday, today.

Anna VFW

A fish fry will be served Friday, Feb. 2, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Star Karaoke will be there from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

A monthly meeting is planned at 7 p.m. Feb. 8.

A Valentine's Day dinner will be served at the post from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Feb. 10. The cost is \$12.50 per person, or \$25 a couple. Peggy will be there with her Star Karaoke from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sign up at the post.

On Feb. 16, chicken and dumplings will be served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Peggy will be there with her Star Karaoke and will be holding her Mardi Gras party from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The Cobden Appleknocker band will have a fund-raiser Feb. 17 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The band will be playing, lots of good food, 50/50 drawing and a silent auction. The VFW building is in need of a new roof. There will be some fund raisers for this. If you would like to make a donation for the new roof please bring to the post.

Rock Hounds Family Fun Night

Come and paint your art on a rock and have fun doing so at the Anna Arts

Center, 125 W. Davie St., Saturday, Feb. 24, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Prayers

Bring your family. There will be some games to play. The cost is a bag of potato chips or your favorite drink of pop. Would love to have some of you who have experience to help with the kids.

Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club

The February meeting of the General Federation Women Club Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club will be Feb. 5 at 11:30 a.m. at Anna Pizza Hut.

Guest speaker will be Tami Crest, international person, speaking on the Philippines.

The ladies are always looking for new members and guests are welcome.

Received Letter

I received a letter from Bobbi Lence of Festus, Mo., the daughter of Dorothy Hilliard.

She told me how much her mother liked to give me news about the great-grandchildren's birthday parties.

She said they grew up in an area with a local paper that had several correspondents that wrote about the neighborhood community activities. Over the years the number of correspondents has steadily dropped and she was glad I was still doing this service.

She thought I would want her mother's memorial folder and picture so sent it to me.

She said her mother thought a lot of me and loved going to the Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club meetings very much where she was a 50-plus year member. She was very active in this club when Bobbi was younger.

She was also very involved in Royal Neighbors of America, the American Legion Auxiliary and the Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies.

Dorothy loved going to Sunshine Inn daily for lunch with her many friends in Anna.

She loved going to different restaurants with the over 50 group from Trinity Lutheran Church. Dorothy loved to quilt.

I can't remember just when I met Dorothy but one thing I do know is that I am a better person by having her in my life. Dorothy lived life to the fullest.

She would have been 89 June 29 and drove her car until last year when her health started failing and she moved close to Bobbi.

I will miss getting those folded up notes that she was so proud of when she had been to visit her daughter and her grandchildren. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the love of her life. She always attended their many activities and was very involved in their lives.

She was always ready for any adventure they asked her to participate in.

Dorothy has a granddaughter Lynsi and Dustin Bracken and great-grandchildren Dusti, William, Cheyenne and Jesse of Dongola and a grandson Seth and Kristen Englebright and great-grandchildren Tyson and Klayton of Festus.

Sympathy

Jane Bauer's aunt Margaret Aldridge Champion of Granite City went to be with our Lord Jan. 23.

She was also the aunt of Barbara Anderson of St. John, Ind., Doyle Thornton of Madison, Ala., Harriet Kraft of Villa Park and Barbara Keys of Wingo, Ky.

Margaret had three children, who all preceded her in death but was survived by several grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Sympathy

Kathy Wheaton sent me a letter that Lisa Hogue Morris went to be with our Lord.

Prayers for Alisha Mayes and her brother Chad and their children, all of Dongola, on the passing of their mother and grandmother on Jan. 22.

Lisa is formerly of Anna. Lisa was previous store manager of Bethany Village. She also worked as store accountant and manager of Trail of Tears gas station in Anna. Lisa made many friends and will be missed.

Her other children and grandchildren live in other states and could use the comfort of your prayers as well. Lisa was 56.



AFSCME Retirees Chapter 90 gave a donation to Shawnna Rhine for the WIBH New Coats New Hope Campaign from Operation Warm in December.



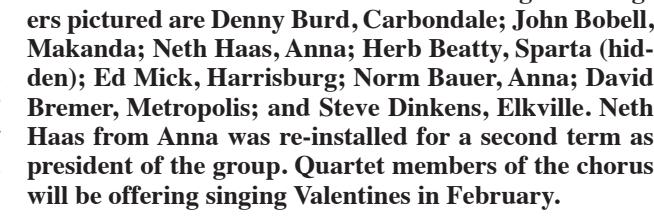
Chalen Marrez Payne Jr., grandson of Angela Evans, was named as a Star Student in kindergarten at Kitley Elementary School in Indianapolis, Ind.



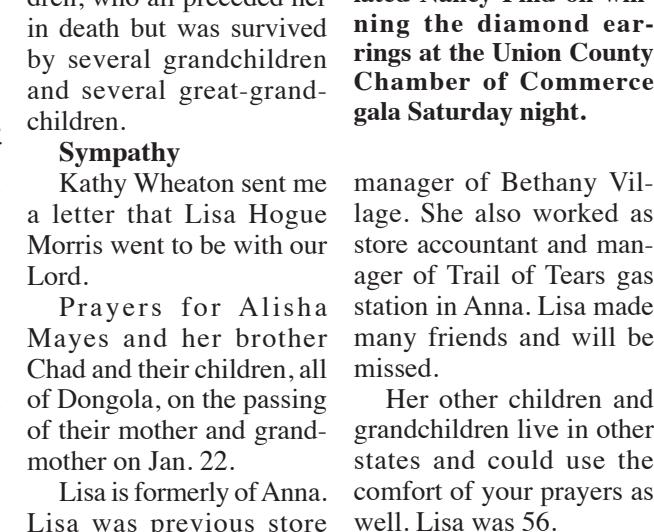
Marie Samuel has art on display at Flourishes Gallery in Shelbyville. The retrospective is on display until March 3.



Members of the Little Egypt Barbershop Chorus, Steve Dinkens, Norm Bauer, Lee Sanders and David Bremmer are shown during a recent barbershop show. Quartets from the LEC will be doing singing Valentines in February in Jackson, Williamson and Union counties. Call 618-697-1046 to schedule a singing Valentine for someone special.



The Little Egypt Barbershop Chorus met recently at an area restaurant to celebrate the past years activities and to install new officers for the coming year. The chorus serenaded dinner guests and prepared for singing the National Anthem at an SIU basketball game. Singers pictured are Denny Burd, Carbondale; John Bobell, Makanda; Neth Haas, Anna; Herb Beatty, Sparta (hidden); Ed Mick, Harrisburg; Norm Bauer, Anna; David Bremmer, Metropolis; and Steve Dinkens, Elkville. Neth Haas from Anna was re-installed for a second term as president of the group. Quartet members of the chorus will be offering singing Valentines in February.



D.J. Phillips congratulated Nancy Pind on winning the diamond earrings at the Union County Chamber of Commerce gala Saturday night.

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Gaylon Wayne Cates from Chicago celebrated his birthday while visiting his parents, Gaylon and Clara.

On Jan. 25, Cleta Sims Poole celebrated her 93rd birthday with family and friends.

Gary and Andrew, 16, and Andrew, 24, celebrated their birthdays at the home of their parents, Bryan and Stacey Crain.

Ethan, 16, and Andrew, 24, celebrated their birthdays at the home of their parents, Bryan and Stacey Crain.

Winter Book Sale

Stinson Memorial Library Friends book sale at 409 S. Main St.

Friends appreciation sale Friday, Feb. 9, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Public sale Saturday, Feb. 10, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., \$5 for a full bag.

Anna Star Chapter

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

United Methodist Church, Anna

Happy 37th wedding anniversary to Rev. Carl and Debbie Johnston on Wednesday, Jan. 24.

The choir sang a beautiful special Give Me Jesus.

Rev. Carl Johnston's sermon was With All Your Mind. Gospel lesson from Mark.

A prayer group meets at 5 p.m. on Thursday at the

church.

A murder mystery dinner will be presented by the youth group at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17.

Blood Drive Information

Barbara House and Kay Johnston will be on WIBH radio at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 2, telling about the need for people to give blood and where the American Red Cross Blood Drive will be.

Dress A Flamingo

This year pick up your naked flamingo will be at The Here & Shop in downtown Anna at 319 S. Main St.

You can sign up to adopt a bird until Feb. 18 on Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dress them anyway you choose.

Deliver the flamingos to the Anna Arts Center, 125 W. Davie St., Anna, Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 19-20, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

An awards reception and auction are planned March

3 at 6 p.m.

All proceeds go to the Anna Arts Center capital development fund, specifically toward replacing the bathrooms in the performing arts building.

State Retirees Meeting

Guest speaker at the January meeting was Kate Morthland, retiree coordinator from Springfield.

Todd Vincent won the door prize. Kate brought several AFSCME gifts with her and peoples names were drawn for those.

AFSCME Retirees Chapter 90 meets at Anna Heights Baptist Church in Anna on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m.

Free Community Dinners

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

Loaves and Fishes free community meal is on the third Tuesday of each

month at 5 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Anna.

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

Connect Point Church, Anna

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

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

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

Odom, Tommy Goff and family Janette, Jamison and Kaylynn, Creighton Laster, Brandon Eaker, Jim Bonner, Jacob Schaefer, Jerod Schaefer, Jennifer Ann Bishop, Robert Jr. McMeely, James McWhorter, Arin Whitemountain.

Women of the Moose

The Anna Women of the Moose will be hosting a chicken and dumpling/meatloaf dinner on Saturday, Feb. 3, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Art classes for kids set at arts center

located at 125 W. Davie St. in Anna.

Sessions are slated to begin Thursday, Feb. 8, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Saturday, Feb. 10, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Instructors are scheduled to be artist Lee Hackney and artist and photographer Bonni Littleton. The costs are \$40 for

six weeks and \$10 for supplies; three children for \$100; or \$9 per class.

For more information, contact Lee Hackney at 904-625-1109 or vabchlee@gmail.com.

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Television Listings**THURSDAY**

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
7 PM 30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(6:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Wom. College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Brooklyn	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D	"Deepwater"	"Dawn of the Dead"	"Alone"
8 PM (30)	Grey's Anatomy	Big Bang	The Four: Battle for Stardom "Week Five"	Superstore	Good Place	Brooklyn	★½ "Fifty Shades of Grey" (15) Sexual exploration. (HD)	Undercover	★½ "All Eyez on Me"	(17) Tupac Shakur. (HD)	(25) Shameless (HD)
9 PM 30	Scandal (HD)	(01) Mom Pieces	Will Grace	30 for 30 "Two Bills"	A.P. Bio	Brooklyn	Bazaar	Bazaar	"Band Aid" Musical arguments.	"The Ghost Writer" (10)	The Chi (HD)
10 PM 30	How to Get (HD)	S.W.A.T. (HD)	Local Programs	Chicago Fire	SportsCenter	Brooklyn	BUNK'D	High Maint	"Everything, Everything" Virtual encounters.	Ewan McGregor. A deadly story.	Naked
11 PM 30	Local	Local	Local	Chicago Fire	Conan (HD)	Brooklyn	Jessie	Undercover	Stuck Mid.	Conan (HD)	The Chi (HD)
12 AM 30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Late Night	Chicago Fire	Conan (HD)	Brooklyn	Conan	Undercover	Undercover	"Bello"	(17) (HD) Shameless

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	8:00pm
FOX The Four: Battle for Stardom	"Week Five" Musician Fergie guides artists as they compete before a panel consisting of musicians Sean Combs, DJ Khaled, Meghan Trainor and record executive Charlie Walk. TV14 (HD)
9:01pm	
CBS Mom	"Push Down Coffee and a Working Turn Signal" Bonnie forbids Adam from lending money to Christy, which she needs to purchase a new car after her old one suddenly stops working. TV14 (HD)

FRIDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
7 PM 30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(6:00) Local Programs	NBA Countdown (HD)	Brooklyn	Mod Family	Undercover	"Going Sty!"	(6:10) "Mummy"	(15) "Collide"	(17) Man runs from gang. (HD)
8 PM 30	Child Support	MacGyver (HD)	Hell's Kitchen "Final Three; All-Star Finale"	Blindspot (HD)	NBA Basketball Miami Heat at Philadelphia 76ers (Live)	Mod Family	Raven	Tonight	(08)	(17) "The Mummy" (17)	Ancient terror. (HD)
9 PM 30	SHIELD "Past Life"	Hawaii Five-0 (HD)	Taken (HD)	Dateline NBC (HD)	NBA Basketball Golden State vs Sacramento (Live) (HD)	Mod Family	K.C. Undercover	"Scott Pilgrim vs. the World" Battle for love. (HD)	(05) "The Mummy" (17)	The Trade	The Trade
10 PM 30	(01) 20/20 (HD)	Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Info.	Top Rank "Gilberto Ramirez vs. Habib Ahmed" (Live)	NBA Basketball Triad in Paris. (HD)	Mod Family	BUNK'D	Real Time (HD)	Strike Back (HD)	ShoBox: The New Generation (T) (HD)	ShoBox: The New Generation (T) (HD)
11 PM 30	Local	Local	Local	Frontal (HD)	"Blue Streak" (99)	Mod Family	2 Dope Queens (HD)	2 Dope Queens (HD)	Strike	"Blue Streak" (99)	"Blue Streak" (99)
12 AM 30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Late Night	Detour (HD)	Sports	Mod Family	Good Luck	Real Time	"The Girl on the Train" (16)	Emily Blunt.	The Trade

FEBRUARY 2, 2018

	8:00pm
FOX Hell's Kitchen	"Final Three; All-Star Finale" The All-Stars have their last challenge at the Calamigos Ranch; the final two choose one previous contestant from the season to help in the finale. TV14 (HD)
9:00pm	
NBC Taken	"Invitation Only" Bryan and Santana must extract a nuclear physicist, who was long believed to be dead, from a secret North Korean prison compound; Kilroy faces a moral dilemma. TV14 (HD)

SATURDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
7 PM 30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Basketball (Live)	Brooklyn	"The Blind Side" (09) A family takes a boy into their home.	Raven	★½ "Charlie's" (03)	(10) Strike Back	Shameless (HD)	
8 PM 30	Bull (HD)	The Resident "Pilot"	Sat. Night Live (HD)	College Basketball Teams TBA" (Live)	Big Bang	"Spy Kids: All the Time" (11)	Andi Mack	★★★ "Gifted" Man raises niece.	(05) "The Mummy" (17)	The Chi (HD)	
9 PM 30	NBA Count	NBA Basketball Houston vs Cleveland (Live) (HD)	48 Hours	The Resident (HD)	Big Bang	Stuck Mid.	Divorce	"Dances with Wolves" (90) Kevin Costner. A new allegiance.	"Sleepless" Kidnapped son.	The Chi (HD)	
10 PM 30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Info.	Local	Big Bang	Crashing	Andi Mack	"House of Sand and Fog" (04, Drama)	"Bad Moms" (16) Mom goes wild.	The Girl on the Train (HD)	
11 PM 30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Top Rank "Gilberto Ramirez vs. Habib Ahmed" (Live)	Big Bang	High Maint.	BUNK'D	"King Arthur: Legend" Changed destiny.	"Office Christmas Party" (16)	The Trade	
12 AM 30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Frontal (HD)	Big Bang	Divorce	Andi Mack	"Maverick" (94) Poker tournament.	"Strange Days" (95)	R (HD)	

FEBRUARY 3, 2018

	8:00pm
HBO Gifted	★★★ (2017, Drama) Chris Evans, McKenna Grace. Frank, a single man raising his spirited young niece Mary, who is a child prodigy, comes up against his mother, whose plans threaten to separate him and Mary. PG-13 (HD)
9:00pm	
SHOW Sleepless	★★½ (2017, Action) Jamie Foxx, Michelle Monaghan. An undercover police officer learns that his son has been kidnapped by gangsters and has one night to rescue him and bring the criminals to justice. R (HD)

SUNDAY

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Opinion and Commentary

Not too late for flu shot

As of Jan. 25, the influenza activity level in Illinois remained widespread.

Similar to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, reported the number of influenza-related ICU admissions, influenza-related pediatric deaths and influenza outbreaks.

The most recent report showed 1,032 influenza-related ICU admissions, two influenza-related pediatric deaths, and 285 influenza outbreaks. Weekly reports can be found at <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/influenza/surveillance>.

"If you still have not gotten a flu shot, it's not too late. The vaccine will help protect you and those around you from the flu strains circulating this season," IDPH director Dr. Nirav D. Shah said.

Getting a flu shot can also reduce flu illnesses, doctors' visits and missed work and school due to flu, as well as prevent flu-related hospitalizations.

The more people who get vaccinated, the more people will be protected from flu, especially those who may not be able to be vaccinated, such as babies under six months.

Anyone can get the flu, even healthy people. Getting a flu shot is the first and most important step in protecting you and those around you against flu viruses.

Flu symptoms can include fever or feverish/chills, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headache, tiredness and some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.

Flu is typically spread by droplets when someone with the flu talks, coughs or sneezes. People can also get the flu by touching something, like a door handle, that has the virus on it and then touching their mouth, eyes or nose.

On average, it's about two days after being exposed to the flu before symptoms begin. However, you can pass the flu to someone roughly a day before you start experiencing those symptoms, and up to five to seven days after becoming sick.

In addition to getting a flu shot, IDPH recommends following the 3 C's: clean, cover and contain.

- Clean: frequently wash your hands with soap and warm water.

- Cover: cover your cough and sneeze.

- Contain: contain your germs by staying home if you are sick.

Influenza antiviral drugs can be used for treatment of some who get sick with the flu. Many observational studies have found that in addition to lessening the duration and severity of symptoms, antiviral drugs can prevent flu complications.

Because it is important to start antiviral medication quickly, high-risk patients should contact a health care professional at the first signs of influenza symptoms, which include sudden onset of fever, aches, chills and tiredness.

To find a location to get a flu shot in your community, check with your health care provider or local health department.

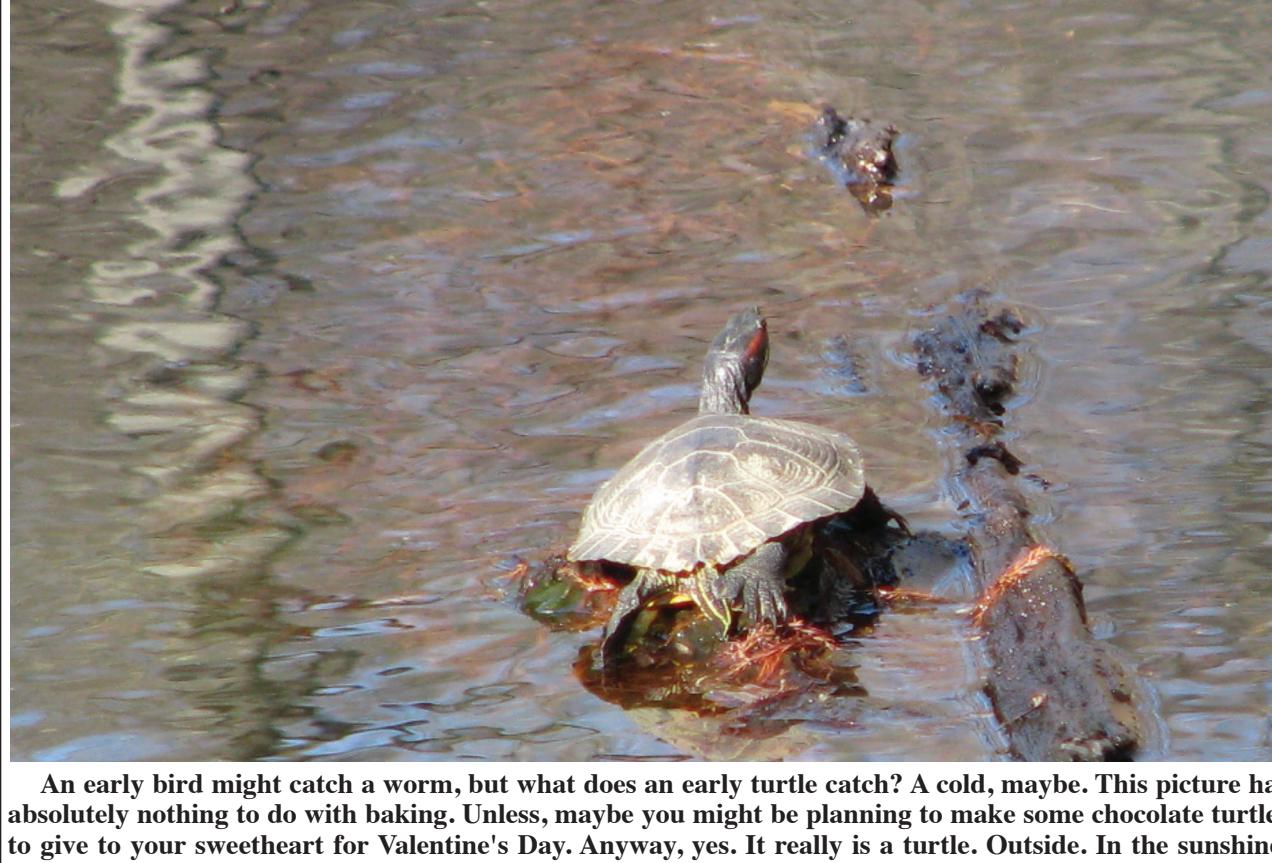
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by Geof Skinner



An early bird might catch a worm, but what does an early turtle catch? A cold, maybe. This picture has absolutely nothing to do with baking. Unless, maybe you might be planning to make some chocolate turtles to give to your sweetheart for Valentine's Day. Anyway, yes. It really is a turtle. Outside. In the sunshine. On the 25th day of January. Really. And yes, I took the picture at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro. I can't help myself.

Happy Groundhog Day...and some other stuff...

On your marks...get set...read...

...oops...the last word was supposed to be "bake," but we'll get back to that in just a bit...

...just wanted to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a happy and joyous Groundhog Day. The big day is Friday, February the Twoth.

Hope you managed to get your Groundhog Day shopping done on time. On Friday, I plan to gather with all of my imaginary friends to sing our favorite Groundhog Day carols, like "Hark, the Chubby Groundhogs Sing" and "We Three Woodchucks of Orient Are."

Sorry...

...let's get back to first line in this little adventure...

...over the weekend, The Other Half and yours truly watched a couple of episodes of "The Great British Bake Off." First up, I'll have to admit that the show is a bit of an acquired taste...

Sorry...

Daughter and her sweetheart enlightened us about "The Great British Bake Off" when they journeyed to God's country for Christmas, way back in 2016. She was kind enough to share a couple of seasons with us through the wonders of modern technology.

I think we have Season Three and Season Four on a flash drive, so we're probably a bit behind. Seems like the show is in its eighth season, but I can't be sure.

The Other Half and yours truly watched one episode of the show on Saturday night. We only watched one, 'cause that was as long as we could stay awake.

Sunday evening, we stayed awake long enough to watch two entire episodes. Then, we fell asleep.

The idea behind "The Great British Bake Off" is that a bunch of folks, a dozen, I think, get together to determine the best amateur baker in all of Great Britain. I can't tell you how the participants in the show are determined, 'cause I don't actually know.

So, a baker's dozen, minus one, of bakers, come together in a big fancy tent and bake all sort of things, likes tarts and sponges and other British sorts of treats, some of which I have never heard of, which is OK.

In each episode, the bakers bake three items. When the baking begins, the bakers are told that they have a limited amount of time to create whatever they are

supposed to create. When the deadline gets down to the final few minutes, the camera likes to watch the bakers panic when their creations end up on the floor or explode in the oven.

Each baking adventure, by the way, begins with a declaration by a couple of folks who say: "On your marks, get set, bake." Sometimes, they like to say "bake" in funny sorts of way. While, I suppose the way they say it is funny if you happen to be British.

On one of the episodes we watched Sunday evening, the bakers were baking pies. They made some very strange pies, including pies with meat and other things that don't belong in a pie.

They also got to make an American pie. Before they baked their pies, for inspiration, they drove a Chevy to the levee, but the levee was dry. On the way to the levee, they did see some good ole boys who were drinking whiskey and rye, who were singing something about this was going to be the day they'll die.*

I'm guessing that by what we saw, a fair number of amateur British bakers don't have much experience when it comes to American pies. I think a couple of the Brits even used something called ganache on their supposedly American pies. American pies do not have ganache, which, by the way, I think is either frosting or something that is used to fill potholes.

American pies have apples. Maybe cherries or blueberries. Pumpkin, if it's Thanksgiving or Christmas. And you put a whole bunch of whipping cream on your pie. The kind that sprays out of a can. There wasn't any whipping cream to be seen on the baking show. Ganache? Goodness.

When I was heading back to The Paragraph Factory after lunch on Monday, I happened to spot a couple of vultures which were snacking on some sort of treat they had found along side the road. I couldn't help but wonder if what they were eating would have been better with some ganache on top...or, at least, a whole bunch of whipping cream...

...well, enough for now. Happy Groundhog Day...

(*I apologize to Don McLean and to all of the fans of the song he wrote about an American pastry.)

Page from the Past

50 Years Ago, February 1, 1968

The parents of Spec-5 Bobby K. Allen have been informed that the body of their son, who was reported missing in action in Viet Nam on January 15 has now been found and will be returned to the United States for burial in from eight to ten days. Funeral services are being arranged by Norris and Son, Jonesboro, and will be announced as soon as the body arrives in the states. Allen, who enlisted in the Armed Services in 1966, lost his life in Viet Nam just 26 days from the date he was due to return home after serving his tour of duty in Viet Nam.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Jan. 25, in the Norris and Son Funeral Home in Jonesboro, for Staff Sgt. Harold Eugene Stanton, 27, with Chaplain Rev. Robert H. Honeycutt, connected with the Army, stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky., assisted by the Rev. Bryan Taylor of Little Rock, Ark. Military rites were held at the graveside by the United States Army stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky. Interment was in the Jonesboro Cemetery. Norris and Son was in charge of arrangements. Eugene Stanton lost his life while serving his country in Vietnam on January 16, 1968.

Funeral services were held at the Mount Funeral Home, Vienna, on Sunday, Jan. 21, for Sgt. Bobby Dean Crawford, 22, with the Revs. Everett Rendleman and Charles Minto officiating. Interment was in Cedar Grove Cemetery. Sgt. Crawford, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Crawford, Route 1, Buncombe, was killed in action in Vietnam on January 10.

U.S. Congressman Kenneth J. Gray (D), West Frankfort, a 13-year veteran in Congress, announced that he would not seek reelection at the end of his present term in 1968. The announcement was made Wednesday, Jan. 31.

Applications are now being received by the Shawnee Junior College Board for the positions of president, treasurer and office secretary, according to Louis G. Hormann of Metropolis, chairman of the board.

The annual Union County Music Festival will be held Monday, Feb. 5, at Shawnee High School. Four of

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the county high schools will participate in the Festival. They are: Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, Cobden High School, Dongola High School and the host school, Shawnee High School.

Mr. Herman Stokes, Mr. Halford Dillow and Dr. J.D. Meller were elected directors of the Union County Soil and Water Conservation District at the Annual Meeting held January 23, at the Farm Bureau Building in Jonesboro. Other directors are Lawrence Cerny and Howard Davie.

The Civil Defense Siren will be sounded at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6. According to law, it is necessary that the siren be tested each first Tuesday of each month.

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Veterans of World War I met at the Legion Hall Sunday, Jan. 28, at 2:00 p.m.

Everyone interested in singing in the Bald Knob choir is invited to the Methodist Church in Jonesboro Saturday evening, Feb. 3, at 7:30 p.m.

Lost – one large round object in the Union County area. Finder please return. A reward is offered – sunny skies. If the present condition of the skies prevails, the groundhog will surely not see his shadow this Friday, Feb. 2.

Political letters to the editor

All letters to the editor endorsing, opposing or pertaining to political candidates must be published as paid election letters. They will be subject to a publication fee of \$50.

A paid election letter must be paid for by the writer. If the letter is paid for by another individual or organization, that information must be stated, according to election laws.

A letter must be signed and must contain the name of the person who wrote the letter, the writer's address and the writer's telephone number. The telephone number will not be published, but must be included for verification purposes.

The deadline to submit a paid election letter, and payment for the letter, is noon on the Thursday prior to publication of the letter. The newspaper reserves the right to edit a letter for clarity, brevity and legal purposes.