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Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area.



A light dusting of snow covered a stop sign at a parking lot at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 1. Another round of snow fell last Sunday afternoon.

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

A worship service is planned Thursday night, Feb. 15, at Kornthal Church near Jonesboro.

Kornthal Church is scheduled to host a Palm Sunday service on the afternoon of March 25.

The Union County CEO program is accepting applications for the class of 2019.

Happy Valentine's Day to all on Feb. 14.

Ash Wednesday also is Feb. 14.



January weather in region: cold, snowy

January was cold and snowy in the region which includes Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah posted a review of January's weather on its website.

Temperatures ranged from 3 to 5 degrees below normal across the region, the weather service reported.

Through the first 19 days of the month, the weather ranked as the fifth coldest start to January on record in Paducah.

Two "brutal cold snaps" were recorded, one during the first week of the month and the next from Jan. 12 to Jan. 19.

"Temperatures were on a roller coaster ride from highs in the 60s on January 11th, then stuck in the teens on the afternoon of the 16th, and finally back into the 60s by the 21st," the weather service reported.

The last 11 days of the month brought warmer temperatures, even a few days into the 60s, which helped to bring up the average temperature for the month after the frigid start.

The weather service noted that the region was impacted by two significant snowstorms during January.

The first occurred with the passage of a cold front during the late evening and over night on Jan. 11, resulting in rain which changed to a brief period of freezing rain, which was followed by sleet.

A band of snow developed by the morning of Jan. 12. Western Kentucky experienced the brunt of heavier snowfall amounts, with localized totals of 6 to 7 inches.

Another cold front pushed through on Jan. 15 and stalled over the region, producing "another healthy snow event."

Snowfall amounts with this event were upwards of 5 to 8 or more inches across portions of far Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky.

At the weather service office in Paducah, mea-



Snowy Sunday afternoon

Heavy snow fell last Sunday afternoon in the Union County area. The snow was accompanied by blustery winds. The accompanying image was captured in downtown Cobden, near the post office and the Union County Museum.

asurable snow was on the ground for eight days in a row. "This is a fairly rare feat for this part of the country," the weather service noted.

Overall precipitation varied "quite a bit across the region" during January. Parts of the area had above normal precipitation, other areas were below normal for the month.

January Records
Paducah had the fourth snowiest January on record. The weather service also reported that the following records were set during the month in Paducah:

A record low temperature of 2 degrees was set on Jan. 2.

Record daily snowfall of 4.3 inches was set on Jan. 12.

Record daily snowfall of 8.1 inches was set on Jan. 15.

The following records

were set, or tied, in Cape Girardeau:

A record low temperature of 3 degrees below zero was tied on Jan. 2.

A record low temperature of 6 was set on Jan. 4.

A record warm low temperature of 47 was tied on Jan. 21.

Union County Conditions
Union County weather observer Dana Cross recorded a high temperature of 64 degrees on Jan. 11 in Jonesboro. The low for the month was 5 degrees below zero, which was recorded on Jan. 2.

Precipitation for the month totalled 2.15 inches. Snowfall totalled 4 inches.

Illinois: Colder, drier
January in Illinois was colder and drier than normal without much snow, according to Illinois state climatologist Jim Angel of the Illinois State Water Survey

at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign.

The statewide average temperature was 24.1 degrees, 2.3 degrees below normal.

The month started with temperatures below zero, and then fluctuated between two unusually cold and unusually warm periods.

The warmest reading for the month was 68 degrees at Jerseyville on Jan. 22.

The coldest reading for the month was 24 degrees below zero at Morrison on Jan. 1.

The statewide average precipitation (rain and water content of snow) was only 1.31 inches, 0.76 of an inch below normal.

The largest precipitation total for the month was 4.07 inches at Rosiclare in Hardin County.

Most of the state received 1 to 1.5 inches of precipitation with drier

patches in Northern and Western Illinois and much of Southern Illinois.

Overall, most of the state was within an inch of normal.

The largest snowfall total for the month was 9.3 inches, reported at both Lake Villa and Gurnee.

By the end of the month, little snow remained on the ground in Illinois and nearby states.

By the end of January, 54.9 percent of the state was either abnormally dry or in the early stages of drought, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Although January was somewhat dry, especially in the region around St. Louis, the overall drought conditions are the result of many months of dryness.

In winter, drought conditions evolve very slowly with few demands on water supplies and soil moisture.

Weather advisory issued

The Union County area was under a winter weather advisory Tuesday evening and early Wednesday. The advisory was issued by the National Weather Service office in Paducah.

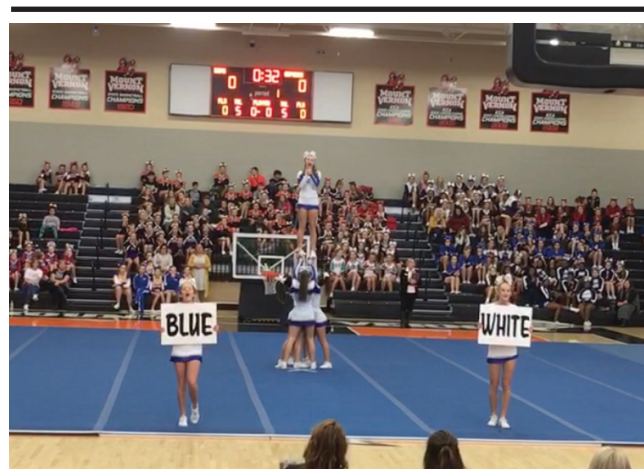
Parts of Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky were covered by the advisory. The advisory was in effect from 6 p.m. Tuesday through 6 a.m. Wednesday. The advisory meant that periods of snow, sleet or freezing rain would cause travel difficulties.

The weather service reported that "mixed precipitation" was expected. "Total wet snow accumulations of up to one inch and ice accumulations of up to two tenths of an inch" were in the forecast. The weather service warned that the ice would result in difficult travel conditions, including during the morning commute on Wednesday.



Sheriff's office deputy retires

Union County Sheriff's Deputy Steve Stearns, left, celebrated his retirement after 25 years of service to the citizens of Union County. The celebration took place at the Union County Sheriff's Office on Wednesday, Jan. 31, in the presence of many coworkers, friends and family members. Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel, right, stated that "Stearns began his career with the sheriff's office in 1992 and served the community as patrol deputy with a high degree of integrity, professionalism and respect." During a ceremony at the Jan. 31 celebration, Stearns was presented with a plaque by the sheriff in honor of the deputy's 25 years of service. "Deputy Stearns will be greatly missed, but we wish him the best for an amazing retirement," the sheriff stated. Photo provided.



Cheering for the Wildcats

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School cheer team helps to support the Wildcats. The cheer team earned state honors last weekend. More about the cheer team's achievement can be found elsewhere in Section A of this week's paper. Photo provided.



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Driving through the snow
 Motorists made their way along old U.S. Route 51 in downtown Cobden during heavy snow which fell last Sunday afternoon. The heavy snow did not fall for very long.

Weather: High 55, low 9

Temperatures ranged from a high 55 degrees to a low of 9 during the period of Jan. 30 through Feb. 5 in the Union County area. Nearly an inch of snow also was recorded during the first few days of February.

Book sale set at Anna library

A winter book sale is set Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 9-11, at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna. The library is located at 409 S. Main St. The book sale is being sponsored by the Friends of Stinson. An appreciation sale for the Friends of Stinson is planned from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday. The sale is scheduled to be open to the public from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. On Sunday, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., a full bag of books will be available for \$5. Proceeds help to support activities at the Anna library.

Movie set

The buffalo will be featured at a nature movie night which is planned Thursday, today, at the Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands Center near Cypress. The program is planned from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The wetlands center is located at 8885 State Route 37 South.

Precipitation during the period included a quarter of an inch of snow (.02 of an inch of melted precipitation) on Feb. 1, .14 of an inch of rain Feb. 3 and half an inch of snow (.05 of an inch of melted precipitation) on Feb. 4.

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

	H	L
Tuesday, Jan. 30	36	15
Wednesday, Jan. 31	55	31
Thursday, Feb. 1	49	21
Friday, Feb. 2	31	13
Saturday, Feb. 3	39	20
Sunday, Feb. 4	45	19
Monday, Feb. 5	33	9

January Weather
 Weather observer Dana Cross recorded the following statistics for January in Jonesboro:

The high temperature for the month was 64 degrees, which was recorded on Jan. 11. The average high was 40. The low for the month was 5 degrees below zero, which was recorded on Jan. 2. The average low was 20. During the month, precipitation totalled 2.15 inches. The most rain in a 24-hour period was recorded on Jan. 27, with .68 of an inch. Snowfall during the month totalled 4 inches. The most snow in a 24-hour period was recorded on Jan. 15, with 3 inches.

Health department presents report

Services provided by the Southern Seven Health Department during Fiscal Year 2017 were highlighted at the most recent meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners.

Southern Seven executive director/public health administrator Nancy Holt presented an annual report to the county board at its regular meeting on Friday morning, Jan. 26. The meeting was at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

The health department serves Union, Alexander, Hardin, Johnson, Massac, Pope and Pulaski counties in Southern Illinois. The department's administrative office is in Ullin.

The report presented by Holt to county officials covered the fiscal year which began on July 1, 2016, and continued through June 30, 2017.

The report stated that 2016-2017 was the 38th year for Southern Seven to provide public health services in the region.

A report shared with county officials which summarized the health department's overall activities noted that "Fiscal Year 2017 was the second consecutive year that the State of Illinois failed to pass a State Budget."

The report stated that the "impact of two years of fiscal uncertainty has had a tremendous impact on the operational infrastructure of our Public Health Division."

While the health department has a budget for Fiscal Year 2018, "cash flow issues continue to impact day to day activities."

The report stated that the health department has reduced hours of operations at all of its sites, "yet we are still providing services in all seven locations on a weekly basis."

Southern Seven continues to work to meet the

needs of the public through traditional programming and through the prevention and control of disease, providing health education and promotion, providing immunizations, assuring safe food and water and delivering preventive health services.

The health department also serves as the grantee for the federal Head Start program. The program offers traditional Head Start and Early Head Start services.

The health department voiced appreciation to all of those in the region who help to support its programs.

The report presented to the commissioners included a review of services and activities during Fiscal Year 2017 in Union County.

Some of the highlights, by category, included:

Child Health

Well child exams, 98. Adverse Pregnancy Outcome Reporting System at-risk infants home visits, 56.

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program/Family case Management (FCM) program clinic visits, 234. WIC/FCM children clinic visits, 512.

Blood lead screenings, 18. Dental sealant applications, 209.

Head Start vision screenings, 60. Head Start hearing screenings, 62.

Maternal/Women's Health

WIC clinic visits (women), 230. FCM home visits (women), 230.

Pregnancy tests performed, 21. Genetic screenings, 77. Breast and cervical cancer program participants, 19.

Nutrition

WIC food instruments issued, 23,688. WIC clinic visits, 1,974. Nutrition education contacts, 922.

Cardiovascular Health/Chronic Disease

Blood pressure screenings, 114. Diabetes screen-

ings, 25. Cholesterol screenings, 25.

Illinois Tobacco Free Communities Quitline call referrals, 23.

Early/Traditional Head Start

Early Head Start funded enrollment, 10. Head Start funded enrollment, 114. Children served during 2016-17 school year, 131.

Head Start families served during 2016-2017 school year, 144. Head Start children served in home-based option, 12. Children transitioning to kindergarten, 60.

School Based Programs

Adolescent health services FLE participants, 97.

Catch Onto Health Consortium (CATCH) student participants, 1,608. CATCH maintaining schools, six.

Reportable Communicable Diseases

Hepatitis B (acute and chronic), five. Hepatitis C (acute and chronic), 26. Rocky Mountain spotted fever, four.

Tuberculosis Program

TB skin tests performed, 339.

Immunizations

Child and adult immunizations, 1,036.

Environmental Health Program

Routine food inspections, 209. Temporary food inspections, 32.

Mosquito pools tested, 12. Mosquitoes tested, 218.

Private sewage disposal inspections, 21. Private sewage system permits issued, 34.

Private water supply inspections, 25. Water well permits issued, 34.

Open house scheduled

The Union County Soil and Water Conservation District invites the community to attend an upcoming open house.

The open house is set for Tuesday, Feb. 13, at the U.S. Department of Agriculture building in Anna, which is located at 201 Springfield Ave.

Doors are scheduled to open at 7 a.m. The open house is scheduled to last until 5 p.m.

Activities which are planned all day include voting for three directors to the soil and water conservation district board.

Voting also is planned for the winner of a 5th grade poster contest.

The open house will be a come-and-go event. Speakers are scheduled to present programs during the day.

An FSA/NRCS informal round table discussion about current and future programs is planned at 11 a.m.

Soil health and cover crops will be the topic of an informal round table discussion at 1 p.m.

An Illinois EPA Upper Cache Watershed grant stakeholders meeting is planned at 2:30 p.m.

Those who own property

or live in the Upper Cache Watershed are encouraged by the soil and water conservation district to attend the meeting, where more information about the study will be presented and feedback will be welcomed.

In Union County, the watershed is located north of Illinois Route 146 and east of old U.S. Route 51. Cost share funding may be available in the future.

A free lunch is planned from noon to 1 p.m.

More information about the open house is available by calling 833-5666, extension 3, and asking for John.

Logan birthday breakfast set

The 29th annual Gen. John A. Logan birthday breakfast is planned Saturday, Feb. 10, in Murphysboro.

Serving is planned from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the cafeteria at Murphysboro Middle School. The school is located at 2125 Spruce St.

Tickets will be available at the breakfast. Costs are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6 to 12. Children 5 and under are free.

Proceeds support Logan Days in May for students.

Worship at Kornthal
 Kornthal Church will hold its Third Thursday, February 15, at 7:00 p.m. Special note: The March worship service will be held Palm Sunday, March 25, at 2 p.m. This will replace the third Thursday service.
 Kornthal is located 2 1/2 miles south of Jonesboro off Illinois 127.

"The Preaching Pen"
 True, Kind and Necessary

Sometimes, when trying to decide on a sermon topic, I ask myself, "What is an aspect of my nature that needs improving?" Certainly, what I choose to say at times would qualify.

Regarding our words, there is a "triple filter" if you will, for our speech, that too few of us use. Nineteenth century philosopher Sai Baba is credited with it. If you're tempted to say something about someone, make sure it passes these three tests: Is it true? Is it kind? Is it necessary? And there's even a fourth component: does what I want to say improve upon the silence? Maybe I want to be critical of the preacher, an elder, a coworker, or a family member. Is what I want to say - first of all - even honestly true, or am I just wanting to voice my opinion about something?

Is it kind? Or am I just upset and wanting to be hurtful under the guise of being helpful? We can often fool ourselves like that.

Is what I want to say really necessary? Will it help the individual? Will it prevent them from making a terrible mistake, perhaps? Is it really necessary?

Is it true, is it kind, is it necessary? Will what I say improve upon the silence? These are excellent guidelines that each of us needs to take to heart and put into practice right away. In addition to that, the scriptures have something to say. Eph. 4:29: "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying..." If it's untrue, unkind, or unnecessary - if it's corrupt in any way (corrupt meaning worthless or unfit for use) - then we have no business saying it. If it won't encourage or edify someone else, it needs to be left unsaid. The next time you don't like the way things are going (or are upset with someone) and want to complain, give it some serious thought in light of Scripture.

Come study with us at the Anna church of Christ at 104 Nile St. Come at 10:30 for our morning worship, 5 p.m. for evening worship, or join us at 9:30 for Bible study first. We hope to see you then!

R.W. McAlister, Minister
 Anna church of Christ

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Anna VFW welcomes support for project

Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna has long supported the community in many ways.

Now, the post is welcoming support for an important project.

Weldon Davis, the commander of the post, shared the following information: The Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455, Veterans of Foreign Wars in Anna, was instituted on July 31, 1948, and has been a pillar of the community since that time.

During the past year Post and Auxiliary members have participated at funerals with military rites for over 30 members and nonmembers and donated over \$2,000 to families of deceased members.

Each month they hold a bingo party at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna to help make the day of a Veteran a little brighter.

They adopted a Platoon during the past year and send gifts overseas. They participated in many Flag presentations within the community, held the Veterans Day parade and invited everyone to the Post for awards and food afterward.

They participated in the Cobden Peach Festival Parade and the opening of the Union County Fair. They work tirelessly

on legislation that affects Veterans across the nation. They have supported several Golf tournaments, are members of the Union County Hospital Auxiliary and the Chamber of Commerce.

They held a school supply give away at the Post Home, sponsored 10 needy children at Christmas and provided food baskets for needy families.

They promote patriotism within the local schools with coloring, poster and essay contests. The Post is a vital part of the community.

Our membership is getting older, as is our building which was built back in the 1960s.

It has come to the point that the Post Home needs a new roof.

We have several fundraisers in mind to be held over the next several months.

If anyone has any suggestions for fund-raisers or would like to make a donation toward the roof we would greatly appreciate hearing from you.

Any donations can be sent to the Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455, VFW, 70 VFW Ln., Anna, Ill. 62906, earmarked "roof."

Any donation, no matter how large or how small, would be greatly appreciated.



On the right track
A bluebird made a brief stop on a railroad track in Union County before quickly flying away.

Lady Wildcats rally for regional victory

After trailing early 10-3, the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' basketball team came back for a 56-33 win over Wayne City in first-round action at the Harrisburg Class 2A regional Monday, Feb. 5.

The Lady Wildcats trailed 15-9 after one quarter and fought back for a 22-21 halftime lead. A-J led 40-29 after three periods.

Sydney Heath led the way with 19 points, 7 rebounds and 3 assists. Angel Helm had 12 points, 7 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals and a blocked shot.

Jaly Watkins had 9 points, 10 rebounds, 3 assists and 2 steals. Connor Hadley had 8 points, 10 rebounds and a steal and block.

Anna Hess had 4 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals and 2 blocks. Lexi Smith had 4 points, 2 assists and a steal. Hunter Denny had 3 rebounds, 3 assists and a steal.

The game had two lead changes and two ties. The Lady Indians had 10 turnovers to the Lady Wildcats 7.

Eldorado defeated Johnson City 43-38 in other regional action.

A-J, 12-17, was scheduled to play Carmi-White County on Tuesday. Eldorado was going against Harrisburg in the other game. The Lady Bulldogs were undefeated heading into the game.

The championship is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, today.

Bost issues statement after accident

U.S. Rep. Mike Bost, R-Ill., on Jan. 31 issued the following statement after a train carrying members of Congress collided with a garbage truck in West Virginia:

"Tracy and I were on a train with other members of Congress heading to the Republican strategy retreat in West Virginia. "Late this morning, the train was involved in a collision with a garbage truck. "Tracy and I are safe and unharmed. Of the truck's three crew members, one was killed and another is being treated for serious injuries. "Please keep them and their families in your prayers."

Peace Coalition vigil planned

The Peace Coalition of Southern Illinois/FOR monthly vigil for peace and justice is planned Saturday, Feb. 10, in Carbondale.

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

Following the vigil, the coalition's monthly meeting is scheduled at Cristaudo's Cafe and Bakery in Carbondale.

Anna Nazarene hosts Wilkersons

The Anna Church of the Nazarene plans to host Dr. Bob and Jennifer Wilkerson at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11.

The Wilkersons have spent their lives in ministry. Both grew up in Nazarene parsonages and were called to the ministry at an early age.

Dr. Wilkerson has pastored, planted churches and traveled across the country and overseas. He has preached and led worship at revivals, camp meetings and crusades. He also is a singer, songwriter and pianist.

Mrs. Wilkerson is a vocalist who has served as a worship leader, choir director and soloist.

Outdoor Zone ministry planned

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

The ministry is for boys ages 8 to 18. 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 Dilow at 893-4916 or see the church's Facebook page.

Arts center hosts chamber meeting

Lee Hackney of the Shawnee Hills Arts Council was the featured speaker at last week's Union County Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting.

The meeting was Thursday, Feb. 1, at the Shawnee Hills Arts Council's Anna Arts Center. The center is located along West Davie Street in Anna.

Hackney presented a history of the organization and outlined plans for the future of events at the arts center. A very busy schedule is planned.

In other business at the meeting, chamber members were informed about the success of the chamber's recent annual gala by Melanie Lasley. She is the chamber president.

The chamber is planning to host a business after

hours event on March 14 at Re/Max Southern in Anna.

The chamber of commerce again is planning to sponsor a farmers market in downtown Anna during the growing season.

The chamber also is planning movie in the park events during the summer.

A membership drive for the chamber is underway. Last year, the chamber had a total of 148 members.

Dr. Peggy Bradford is scheduled to be the guest speaker at the chamber's March 1 monthly meeting. Bradford is president of Shawnee Community College.

The annual Annabelle Street Festival is planned in early June in Anna.

A "Taste of Union County" event is planned on Oct. 12.

Rumba lessons set at arts center

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council's Anna Arts Center plans to offer rumba and West Coast swing lessons Feb. 17.

Lessons begin at 6 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. The arts council noted that a minimum of five couples are needed.

To learn more about the event, or to RSVP, contact Nancy Kucera by phone at 893-4508 or by email at nakdvm@hotmail.com. The deadline to RSVP is Feb. 10.

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Sports



A-J cheer team places at state

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School cheer team placed 6th in state on Saturday, Feb. 3. In the first row are, from left, Mallory Cochran, Maddie Lingle and Ashley Detering. In the second row are Addison Osman, Lily Yana and Lexie Lingle. In the third row are assistant coach Sydney Heern, Hallee Menees, Cheyenne Roach, Jenna Clark and head coach Kristen Chamness. Photo provided.

A-JCHS cheer squad earns sixth place finish at state

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Wildcat cheer team finished 6th in the Illinois High School Association competitive cheerleading state finals in Bloomington on Saturday, Feb. 3.

A-J placed 6th out of 81 small division teams in Illinois. This is the first time the A-JCHS cheer team has been a state finalist.

A-JCHS was the only Southern Illinois team in the small division to advance to the finals.

The season started in June when the team went to Universal Cheer Association Cheer Camp at Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri.

At the camp, the girls learned new skills, grew as individuals and as a team, and learned how to work together.

Kristin Chamness (head coach) and Sydney Heern (assistant coach) attend many trainings all over the state in order to keep up with how teams are scored, what judges look for in routines and how to set up the team for the best success.

After camp, the girls attended a choreography event in Edwardsville and got the basics for their competition routine.

Competition season was put on hold when school starts in August and the main focus is football season.

The A-JCHS Wildcats had an outstanding football season and the cheerleading team enjoyed cheering on the boys to

the sectional final game.

In the fall, the cheerleaders hosted the annual little cheer/dance clinic and enjoyed spending time with future Wildcat cheerleaders.

Competitive season started at the end of October. The girls started practicing/conditioning for their competition routine and any changes to the routine were made.

The squad also moved right into cheering for the A-JCHS basketball team.

Regional competitions started in December. The A-JCHS cheerleaders competed at the following locations in the small varsity division:

Mt. Vernon High School and placed 1st.

Pinckneyville High School and placed 1st.

Edwardsville High School and placed 1st.

ICCA championships in Springfield and placed 4th.

Carterville High School and placed 2nd.

The IHSA season starts with a sectional competition. There are five sectional competitions across the state. In order to advance to state, the teams must place in the top five at their sectional.

The A-JCHS cheerleaders competed at the Waterloo sectional and placed 3rd out of 17 teams, advancing the squad to the state competition.

At the state competition in Bloomington, the cheerleaders were ranked 10th going into prelimi-

naries out of 25 teams.

A-JCHS placed 6th out of 25 teams on the day of preliminaries, securing the team a spot in the finals.

On Saturday, Feb. 3, the cheerleaders finished in 6th place out of the 81 teams that started in sectionals across the state.

There was a welcome home parade for the team that evening in Anna.

The cheerleaders plan to perform their competition routine at the Feb. 9 home basketball game against Pinckneyville.

The school will be raising a state finalist banner for the cheerleaders at the Feb. 16 home game.

"This has been a wonderful season with a fairy tale ending, as placing sixth is a huge accomplishment," Chamness said.

The squad's season doesn't end here as they finish out cheering for basketball.

The girls do numerous fund-raisers throughout the season to help fund the sport. They thanked the community for supporting their competitive program.

Team members and coaching staff are:

Head coach: Kristin Chamness.

Assistant coach: Sydney Heern.

Senior: Maddie Lingle.

Juniors: Ashley Detering and Mallory Cochran.

Sophomores: Addison Osman, Cheyenne Roach, Jenna Clark and Lily Yana.

Freshmen: Hallee Menees and Lexie Lingle.

Wildcats post three road wins

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' basketball team went 3-0 in recent action.

"We had three big wins this week and all on the road," A-J coach Mike Chamness said.

A-J 58, Edwards County 43: The Wildcats built a big first quarter lead on their way to the win at the Benton Shootout Saturday, Feb. 3.

Jake Parr had 19 points and 8 rebounds to lead A-J. Carson Reynolds had 8 points and 4 rebounds.

Logan Sawyer had 8 points. Sheldon McGrath had 7 points and 5 rebounds. Noah McFarland had 7 points and 2 rebounds. Ja-

cob Zimmerman had 6 points and 5 rebounds. Ross Pinnon had 3 points and a rebound.

A-J was 11 of 20 in shot attempts from the floor, 4 of 11 from 3-point range and 5 of 7 from the free throw line.

The Lions were 14 of 31 in shot attempts from the floor, 3 of 12 from 3-point range and 6 of 10 from the charity stripe.

A-J 58, Carterville 56: McGrath made a basket with 4.1 seconds remaining to lift the visiting Wildcats to the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division win Friday, Feb. 2.

There were 10 ties and

13 lead changes in the game.

"Carterville did a good job of taking us out of our game," Chamness said. "They also did a good job on Parr, but other guys came through."

Parr had 16 points and 7 rebounds to lead A-J. Reynolds had 8 points and 2 rebounds.

McFarland and McGrath each had 7 points and 3 rebounds apiece. Pinnon had 6 points. Blake Pena had 4 points and 3 rebounds. Tyler Smith had 3 points and 3 rebounds. McFarland had 3 points and 2 rebounds. Zimmerman and Sawyer had 2 points apiece.

A-J was 13 of 24 in shot attempts from the floor, 5 of 13 from 3-point range and 17 of 22 from the free throw line.

The Lions were 16 of 30 in shot attempts from the field, 6 of 20 from 3-point range and 6 of 9 from the charity stripe.

"We had to gut it out," Chamness said. "Conference games on the road aren't easy. We're glad to get out of there with a win."

A-J 74, Century 57: The visiting Wildcats pulled ahead 25-12 after one quarter on their way to the non-conference win Wednesday, Jan. 31.

Parr had 36 points and 15 rebounds to lead A-J. Sawyer added 10 points and 5 rebounds.

McGrath had 10 points and 4 rebounds. Pinnon had 7 points and 3 rebounds. McFarland had 5 points and 3 rebounds. Reynolds and Noah Smith each had 3 points and a rebound apiece.

The Wildcats were 22 of 39 in shot attempts from the floor, 6 of 23 from 3-point range and 12 of 20 from the free throw line.

The Centurions were 14 of 37 in shot attempts from the field, 7 of 25 from 3-point range and 5 of 14 from the charity stripe.

A-J, 19-8 overall and 4-3 in the conference, is scheduled to play Friday at home against Pinckneyville and Saturday at Du Quoin.

"We've got a big weekend ahead of us," Chamness said.

Cobden wins pair of games

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

Cobden 73, Century 66: Visiting Cobden trailed 16-11 after one quarter and 38-30 at the half before coming back the second half for the South Egyptian Conference win Friday, Feb. 2.

John Russell led the way with 17 points. Joe Brumleve added 16 points, Jason Eck 15, Noah Franklin 13, Connor Allen 5, Zane Nance 3 and Dylan Lewey and Clayton Flamm 2 apiece.

Cobden 64, Vienna 47: The game was tied 12-12 after one quarter before host Cobden fought back for the conference win Tuesday, Jan. 30.

Brumleve had 15 points to lead Cobden. Franklin and Eck added 11 points apiece, Russell and Landon Britt 9 each, Lewey 6 and Nance 3.

Cobden, 15-10, is scheduled to play Friday in its homecoming game against Egyptian.

Soccer league registration set

Union County Soccer League has scheduled spring registration in Anna.

Registration sessions are planned at Anna Heights Baptist Church on the following dates and times:

Tuesday, Feb. 13, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 17, from 9 a.m. to noon.

A-J girls end regular season with two wins

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' basketball team won twice to close out regular season play.

A-J 57, Sparta 29: Trailing after one quarter, the visiting Lady Wildcats bounced back for the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division win on Senior Night Thursday, Feb. 1.

Connar Hadley had 10 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists and a steal to lead A-J. Hunter Denny had 9 points, all 3-pointers, 2 rebounds and a steal. Sydney Heath had 9 points, 4 rebounds and steals and 3 assists. Julia Ellis had 7 points, 2 rebounds and 2 steals.

Mikayla Bundren had 8 points. Lexi Smith had 5 points, 3 rebounds, 2 steals and 2 assists. Morgan Wendling had 2 points, 4 rebounds and 2 assists. Jaly Watkins had 2 points, 4 rebounds and 2 assists.

Jaycee Woodward had 2 points, 3 rebounds and an assist. Anna Hess had 2 points and 2 steals.

A-J 43, Du Quoin 25: Trailing 10-6 after one quarter, the visiting Lady Wildcats came from behind for the win Tuesday, Jan. 30.

Watkins had 15 points, 3 steals and 2 rebounds to lead A-J. Woodward had 5 points, a rebound and a steal. Hadley had 5 points, 2 rebounds, an assist and a steal.

Denny had 4 points, 2 rebounds and an assist. Raegan Cruse had 3 points, a rebound and steal. Bundren had 3 points and 4 rebounds. Ellis had 2 points and 2 rebounds. Helm had 2 points and 8 rebounds.

A-J, 11-17, is scheduled to play this week at the Class 2A regional at Harriburg. The championship is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, today.

Wildcat wrestlers advance to sectional

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School wrestling team qualified four wrestlers at the Class 1A regional at Carterville Saturday, Feb. 3.

The four wrestlers will advance to next week's Class 1A sectional at Vandalia. The 1st through 3rd place finishers advance.

Leading the way for A-J was Arie Hart, who won his fourth regional title.

Hart, 32-2, won the 152-pound class by an injury default over Harrisburg's Jimmy Hicks. Harris is the No. 1 ranked wrestler in the 152-pound weight class in the state.

Second place finishers for the Wildcats advancing are Amiyah Hart, 23-13, 106 pounds, who lost to Benton's Seth Padavic, 6-5; David Kester, 19-9, 113-pound class, who lost to Murphysboro's Ethan

Cue by a technical fall; and Garrett Fabec, 22-15, 285-pound class, who lost to Carterville's Lucas Sarver, 3-0.

Three fourth place finishers will be advancing as alternates. The trio includes Jay Tellor, 120 pounds; Clayton Ramage, 126 pounds; and Reid Morrison, 195 pounds.

On Jan. 26-27, A-J competed at Litchfield.

A-J head coach Eric Massey said the event featured "very tough draws and very good competition."

Arie Hart had his second loss of the season in the championship match against Mt. Olive's Max Fritz.

Amiyah Hart finished in 6th place in the 106-pound class.

"Everyone else was eliminated," Massey said, "very proud of this group."

Cobden girls record wins over Dongola, Joppa; host regional this week

The Cobden High School girls' basketball team posted a 2-1 record last week.

Cobden 64, Dongola 49: The visiting Appleknockers pulled ahead early on their way to the South Egyptian Conference win on Senior Night Thursday, Feb. 1.

Meredith Flamm had 27 points to lead Cobden. Brooke Bailey added 11 points, Alaina Hartline 10, Jenna Hartline 9, Grace Rhodes 5 and Lauren Sweitzer 2.

Mackenzie Prout had 27 points to lead the Lady Demons. Karlie Eddleman had 8 points, Alyssa Flores 6, Brianna Cortwood 5 and Michelle Wolford 3.

Vienna 62, Cobden 46: The visiting Lady Eagles

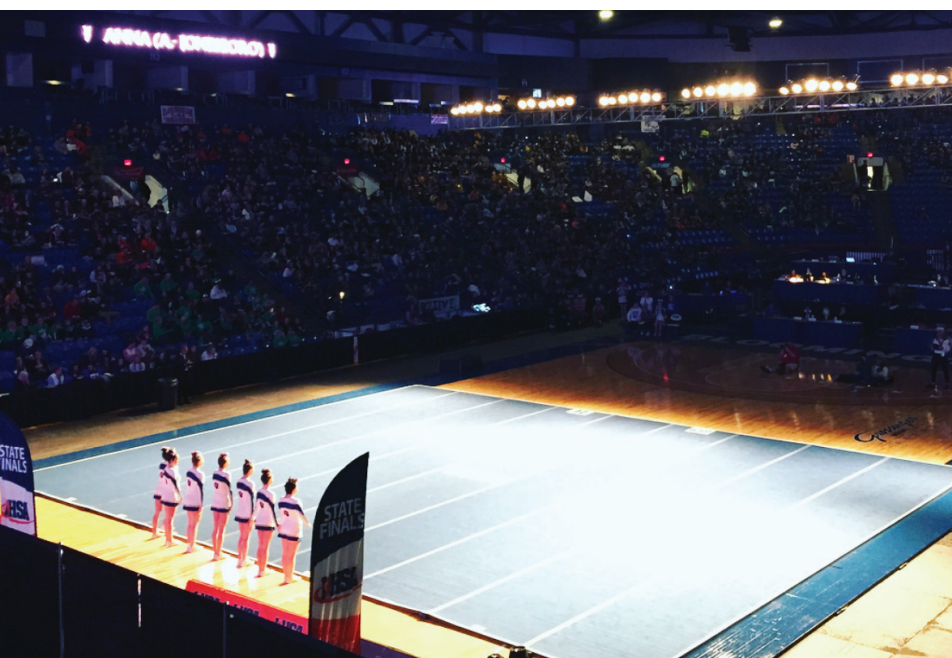
led 13-8 after one quarter on their way to the win Tuesday, Jan. 30.

Flamm had 23 points to lead the Appleknockers. Jenna Hartline added 10 points, Alaina Hartline 7 and Bailey 6.

Cobden 72, Joppa 11: Bailey scored 22 points to lead visiting Cobden to the conference win Monday, Jan. 29.

Flamm added 16 points, Jenna Hartline and Alaina Hartline 10 apiece, Sweitzer 6, Rhodes 5 and Aubrey Fisher 3.

Cobden, 17-5, is scheduled to host a Class 1A regional this week. The championship is scheduled for Thursday, today, at 7 p.m.



Cheer team performs

The A-JCHS cheer team performed at state competition in Bloomington on Saturday, Feb. 3. Photo provided.

Junior Wildcat wrestlers in action



Junior Wildcat wrestlers

Members of the Anna-Jonesboro Junior Wildcats wrestled at the recent "On the Prowl" competition. The event was held at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. Photo provided.

The Anna-Jonesboro Junior Wildcats wrestlers hosted an "On the Prowl" competition Jan. 21. The event, which featured 20 teams from throughout the region, was held at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. Results tallied by the Junior Wildcats follow, as provided to the newspaper:

Tots 35-41
Niah Chotner's place is 2nd and has scored 12.00 team points.
Round 1 - Niah Chotner (AJ) won by decision over Preslie Murray (Carterville Wrestling Club) (Dec 0-0)
Round 2 - Camden Chapman (Carterville Wrestling Club) won by decision over Niah Chotner (AJ) (Dec 11-8)
Round 3 - Niah Chotner (AJ) won by fall over Kolt Walden (Herrin Junior Wrestling Club) (Fall 0:00)
Tots 39-42
Waylon Collins's place is 4th and has scored 4.00 team points.
Round 1 - Aaliyah Williams (Herrin Junior Wrestling Club) won by fall over Waylon Collins (AJ) (Fall 0:00)
Round 2 - Grayson Anderton (Herrin Junior Wrestling Club) won by fall over Waylon Collins (AJ) (Fall 0:00)
Round 3 - Briseia McCrary (Powerhouse Wrestling) won by decision over Waylon Collins (AJ) (Dec 8-6)
Tots 42-45
Tuffy Mays's place is 4th and has scored 4.00 team points.
Round 1 - Christian Jennings (Road Warriors Wrestling Club) won by decision over Tuffy Mays (AJ) (Dec 0-0)
Round 2 - Lua Riley (Powerhouse Wrestling) won by fall over Tuffy Mays (AJ) (Fall 0:00)
Round 3 - Wyatt Pierce (Trico wrestling club) won by fall over Tuffy Mays (AJ) (Fall 0:00)
Tots 45-51
Drake Penrod's place is 2nd and has scored 13.00 team points.
Round 1 - Drake Penrod (AJ) won by fall over Gunner Croteau (Herrin Junior Wrestling Club) (Fall 0:00)
Round 2 - Brantley Davis (Herrin Junior Wrestling Club) won by fall over Drake Penrod (AJ) (Fall 0:00)
Round 3 - Drake Penrod (AJ) won by major decision over Chevy Mays (AJ) (Maj 12-2)
Tots 45-51
Chevy Mays's place is 3rd and has scored 9.00 team points.
Round 1 - Brantley Davis (Herrin Junior Wrestling Club) won by decision over Chevy Mays (AJ) (Dec 0-0)
Round 2 - Chevy Mays (AJ) won by fall over Gunner Croteau (Herrin Junior Wrestling Club) (Fall 0:00)
Round 3 - Drake Penrod (AJ) won by major decision over Chevy Mays (AJ) (Maj 12-2)
Tots 53-60
Jordan Starr's place is 3rd and has scored 8.00 team points.
Round 1 - Jordan Starr (AJ) won by major decision over Camden Schlick (Jackson USA Wrestling) (Maj 20-12)
Round 2 - Titan Henderson (AJ) won by tech fall over Jordan Starr (AJ) (TF 17-1)
Round 3 - Wade Rees (Trico wrestling club) won by fall over Jordan Starr (AJ) (Fall 0:00)
Tots 53-60
Titan Henderson's place is 1st and has scored 17.00 team points.
Round 1 - Titan Henderson (AJ) won by decision over Wade Rees (Trico wrestling club) (Dec 12-8)
Round 2 - Titan Henderson (AJ) won by tech fall over Jordan Starr (AJ) (TF 17-1)
Round 3 - Titan Henderson (AJ) won by tech fall over Camden Schlick (Jackson USA Wrestling) (TF 18-2)
Tots 67-73
Hayden Craft's place is 3rd and has scored 7.00 team points.
Round 1 - Brock Johnson (Herrin Junior Wrestling Club) won by fall over Hayden Craft (AJ) (Fall 0:00)
Round 2 - Hayden Craft (AJ) won by decision over Bentley Allen (Centralia Wrestling Club) (Dec 7-2)
Round 3 - Curtis Hubbard Jr (Murphysboro Wrestling Club) won by fall over Hayden Craft (AJ) (Fall 0:00)
Bantam 44-47
Gibson Cox's place is 1st and has scored 17.00 team points.
Round 1 - Gibson Cox (AJ) won by decision over Sydney

(AJ) won by fall over Kyler Garrison (Murphysboro Wrestling Club) (Fall 0:00)
Round 3 - Caleb Mays (AJ) won by tech fall over Drew Holshouser (AJ) (TF 24-9)
Novice 96-104
Caleb Mays's place is 1st and has scored 19.00 team points.
Round 1 - Caleb Mays (AJ) won by fall over Kyler Garrison (Murphysboro Wrestling Club) (Fall 0:00)
Round 2 - Caleb Mays (AJ) won by tech fall over Aaron Gauger (Evansville) (TF 17-2)
Round 3 - Caleb Mays (AJ) won by tech fall over Drew Holshouser (AJ) (TF 24-9)
Novice 106-118
Aaron Sheffer's place is 3rd and has scored 7.00 team points.
Round 1 - Jacob Shirrell (Jackson USA Wrestling) won by major decision over Aaron Sheffer (AJ) (Maj 14-0)
Round 2 - Aaron Sheffer (AJ) won by fall over Elijah Mohring (Carterville Wrestling Club) (Fall 0:00)
Round 4 - Aaron Sheffer (AJ) won by forfeit over Kahmari Terry (Murphysboro Wrestling Club) (FF)
Round 5 - Hayden Wessell (Jackson USA Wrestling) won by fall over Aaron Sheffer (AJ) (Fall 0:00)
Novice 133-140
Ben Harvel's place is 3rd and has scored 0.00 team points.
Round 2 - Brayden Gates (Jackson USA Wrestling) won by fall over Ben Harvel (AJ) (Fall 0:00)
Round 3 - Griffin Horman (Jackson USA Wrestling) won by tech fall over Ben Harvel (AJ) (TF 22-7)
Senior 96-102
Arojae Hart's place is 1st and has scored 8.00 team points.
Round 1 - Arojae Hart (AJ) won by fall over Parker Shirrell (Jackson USA Wrestling) (Fall 0:00)
Round 2 - Arojae Hart (AJ) won by major decision over Austin Bauer (Edwardsville Wrestling Club) (Maj 13-3)
Senior 107-121
Blake Mays's place is 1st and has scored 15.50 team points.
Round 1 - Blake Mays (AJ) won by decision over Jace Davis (Jackson USA Wrestling) (Dec 4-3)
Round 2 - Blake Mays (AJ) won by tech fall over Cory Caudill (Centralia Wrestling Club) (TF 16-1)
Round 3 - Blake Mays (AJ) won by fall over Jaden Miller (Panther Powerhouse WC) (Fall 0:00)
Round 5 - Blake Mays (AJ) won by fall over Joshua Dluhy (O'Fallon Little Panthers Wrest) (Fall 0:00)
Senior 121-135
Juliana McNelly's place is 4th and has scored 4.00 team points.
Round 1 - Kaden Compton (Trico wrestling club) won by fall over Juliana McNelly (AJ) (Fall 0:00)
Round 2 - Tyler Beyatte (Jackson USA Wrestling) won by fall over Juliana McNelly (AJ) (Fall 0:00)
Round 3 - Mylze Cammack (M Vernon Lions Wrestling Club) won by fall over Juliana McNelly (AJ) (Fall 0:00)
Senior 138-148
Barry Johnson's place is 1st and has scored 17.50 team points.
Round 1 - Barry Johnson (AJ) won by fall over Jake Struthers (Carbondale) (Fall 0:00)
Round 2 - Barry Johnson (AJ) won by decision over Kevin Hale (Murphysboro Wrestling Club) (Dec 12-5)
Round 3 - Barry Johnson (AJ) won by tech fall over Daniel Gibbens (Carbondale) (TF 19-4)
Senior 189-267
Keegan Keller's place is 3rd and has scored 5.00 team points.
Round 2 - Aiden Taylor (Carbondale) won by fall over Keegan Keller (AJ) (Fall 0:00)
Round 3 - Keegan Keller (AJ) won by fall over Octavio Jacquez (Trico wrestling club) (Fall 0:00)
Round 4 - Omarion Johnson (Murphysboro Wrestling Club) won by fall over Keegan Keller (AJ) (Fall 0:00)
Round 5 - Keegan Keller (AJ) won by decision over Kaitelyne Tolbert (Murphysboro Wrestling Club) (Dec 0-0)

(AJ) won by fall over Jr Wright (AJ) (Fall 0:00)
Bantam 67-70
Jr Wright's place is 2nd and has scored 14.00 team points.
Round 1 - Jr Wright (AJ) won by fall over William Ellis (Murphysboro Wrestling Club) (Fall 0:00)
Round 2 - Jr Wright (AJ) won by fall over Connor Kristoff (Carbondale) (Fall 0:00)
Round 3 - Rage Henderson (AJ) won by fall over Jr Wright (AJ) (Fall 0:00)
Bantam 99-106
Cobie Hodges's place is 3rd and has scored 0.00 team points.
Round 1 - Peyton Keller (Jackson USA Wrestling) won by fall over Cobie Hodges (AJ) (Fall 0:00)
Round 2 - Reid Dillow (Trico wrestling club) won by fall over Cobie Hodges (AJ) (Fall 0:00)
Intermediate 60-67
Huner Craft's place is 3rd and has scored 7.00 team points.
Round 1 - Huner Craft (AJ) won by decision over Kamden Gerhardt (Jackson USA Wrestling) (Dec 7-4)
Round 2 - Rawley Evans (Jackson USA Wrestling) won by decision over Huner Craft (AJ) (Dec 4-2)
Round 3 - Jackson Graff (Murphysboro Wrestling Club) won by fall over Huner Craft (AJ) (Fall 0:00)
Intermediate 65-67
Daelan McNelly's place is 2nd and has scored 12.00 team points.
Round 1 - Daelan McNelly (AJ) won by decision over Macaibe Carter (Jackson USA Wrestling) (Dec 12-10)
Round 2 - Daelan McNelly (AJ) won by fall over Spencer Crotser (Carterville Wrestling Club) (Fall 0:00)
Round 3 - Kade King (Jackson USA Wrestling) won by decision over Daelan McNelly (AJ) (Dec 5-2)
Intermediate 67-70
Noah Chotner's place is 2nd and has scored 14.00 team points.
Round 1 - Noah Chotner (AJ) won by fall over Riley Penny (Jackson USA Wrestling) (Fall 0:00)
Round 2 - Noah Chotner (AJ) won by fall over Ryan Piper (Carbondale) (Fall 0:00)
Round 3 - Caleb Moore (Eagles Wrestling Club) won by decision over Noah Chotner (AJ) (Dec 6-4)
Intermediate 72-79
Tate Miller's place is 1st and has scored 18.00 team points.
Round 1 - Tate Miller (AJ) won by fall over Grady Rice (Jackson USA Wrestling) (Fall 0:00)
Round 2 - Jonathan Witzman (Murphysboro Wrestling Club) won by major decision over Tate Miller (AJ) (Maj 14-0)
Round 3 - Tate Miller (AJ) won by fall over Austin Jacquez (Trico wrestling club) (Fall 0:00)
Intermediate 110-139
Aaron Sheffer's place is 1st and has scored 18.00 team points.
Round 1 - Aaron Sheffer (AJ) won by fall over Brandon Turner (West Frankfort Jr. Redbirds) (Fall 0:00)
Round 2 - Aaron Sheffer (AJ) won by decision over Cash Hodges (AJ) (Dec 10-6)
Round 3 - Aaron Sheffer (AJ) won by fall over Joseph Friedrich (Carbondale) (Fall 0:00)
Intermediate 110-139
Cash Hodges's place is 3rd and has scored 9.00 team points.
Round 1 - Cash Hodges (AJ) won by fall over Joseph Friedrich (Carbondale) (Fall 0:00)
Round 2 - Aaron Sheffer (AJ) won by decision over Cash Hodges (AJ) (Dec 10-6)
Round 3 - Brandon Turner (West Frankfort Jr. Redbirds) won by fall over Cash Hodges (AJ) (Fall 0:00)
Novice 73-83
Zoe Sadler's place is 1st and has scored 9.00 team points.
Round 1 - Zoe Sadler (AJ) won by fall over Trenton Bollinger (Jackson USA Wrestling) (Fall 0:00)
Round 2 - Zoe Sadler (AJ) won by fall over Haven Hinkle (Trico wrestling club) (Fall 0:00)
Novice 69-91
Drew Sadler's place is 1st and has scored 9.00 team points.
Round 1 - Drew Sadler (AJ) won by fall over Jacob Grob (Carterville Wrestling Club) (Fall 0:00)
Round 2 - Drew Sadler (AJ) won by fall over James Triplett (Road Warriors Wrestling Club) (Fall 0:00)
Novice 85-91
Nile Chotner's place is 1st and has scored 20.00 team points.
Round 1 - Nile Chotner (AJ) won by fall over Gavyn Colbert (Eagles Wrestling Club) (Fall 0:00)
Round 2 - Nile Chotner (AJ) won by forfeit over Eric Harmon (Jackson USA Wrestling) (FF)
Round 3 - Nile Chotner (AJ) won by fall over Gavin Mann (Road Warriors Wrestling Club) (Fall 0:00)
Novice 92-96
Brett Smith's place is 2nd and has scored 14.00 team points.
Round 1 - Noah Menees (West Frankfort Jr. Redbirds) won by fall over Brett Smith (AJ) (Fall 0:00)
Round 2 - Brett Smith (AJ) won by fall over Trevor Goins (AJ) (Fall 0:00)
Round 3 - Brett Smith (AJ) won by fall over Merrick Orendoff (Carterville Wrestling Club) (Fall 0:00)
Novice 92-96
Trevor Goins's place is 4th and has scored 4.00 team points.
Round 1 - Merrick Orendoff (Carterville Wrestling Club) won by fall over Trevor Goins (AJ) (Fall 0:00)
Round 2 - Brett Smith (AJ) won by fall over Trevor Goins (AJ) (Fall 0:00)
Round 3 - Noah Menees (West Frankfort Jr. Redbirds) won by fall over Trevor Goins (AJ) (Fall 0:00)
Novice 96-104
Drew Holshouser's place is 3rd and has scored 9.00 team points.
Round 1 - Aaron Gauger (Evansville) won by fall over Drew Holshouser (AJ) (Fall 0:00)
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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.
 Case No. 2017-CH-28

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 without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

G. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate.

H. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

Dated: January 18, 2018

LAWLER BROWN LAW FIRM
 By: Adam B. Lawler

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROF-2013-M4 LEGAL TITLE TRUST II, BY U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE, PLAINTIFF, VS.
VONDA HILLA/K/A VONDA K HILL; ROBERT HILL A/K/A ROBERT B HILL; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF WANDA CORBIT, IF ANY, DEFENDANTS.
 16 CH 2

501 WEST UNION STREET JONESBORO, IL 62952

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

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pur-

suant 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, 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.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

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Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St. Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 9101

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

IN RE THE MATTER OF: Mitzie Dawn Benns 2018-MR-2

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE

There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from: Mitzie Dawn Benns to the new name of: Mitzie Dawn Goddard Roberts.

The court date will be held: on February 21, at 9 a.m. at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market, Jonesboro, IL, Union County, in Courtroom #1.

Mitzie Dawn Benns 6-8gc

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.
 Case No. 2017-CH-28

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ber: 14-00-11-419-G.

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Dated: January 18, 2018

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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY
Stephanie Morales Plaintiff, and Rigoberto Morales Santizo Defendant.
No. 2017-D-103

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Rigoberto Morales Santizo, Defendant, that this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for Divorce and other relief.

Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Union County, Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois, on or before

the 7th day of March, 2018, at 1 p.m., a Divorce and other relief may be granted as prayed for by the Plaintiff.

Tiffany Busby
CIRCUIT CLERK
7-9g

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PROF-2013-M4 LEGAL TITLE TRUST II, BY U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE, PLAINTIFF, VS. VONDA HILL A/K/A VONDA K HILL; ROBERT HILL A/K/A ROBERT B HILL; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF WANDA CORBIT, IF ANY, DEFENDANTS.
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501 WEST UNION STREET JONESBORO, IL 62952

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EIGHTY-FIVE FEET OF EQUAL WIDTH OFF THE SOUTH SIDE OF LOT NUMBER 12 IN MCINTOSH'S HEIRS ADDITION TO THE TOWN (NOW CITY) OF JONESBORO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF

RECORDED IN DEED RECORD 11 AT PAGE 590 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEED FOR UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS. AND ALSO, BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT NUMBER 11 IN MCINTOSH'S HEIRS ADDITION TO THE TOWN (NOW CITY) OF JONESBORO; THENCE RUNNING IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT IN SAID ADDITION A DISTANCE OF 85 FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE RUNNING IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION AND PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT A DISTANCE OF 10 FEET TO A STAKE; THENCE IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION AND PARALLEL WITH THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT A DISTANCE OF 85 FEET TO A STAKE ON THE SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID LOT; THENCE ALONG WITH THE SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION A DISTANCE OF 10 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

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

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spective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS CHANCERY DIVISION

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC.
Plaintiff,

v.

JESSICA FLEMING; ALEXANDER FLEMING; UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants.

Case No: 2017 CH 12

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY PUBLICATION

The requisite affidavit for service by publication hav-

ing been filed, notice is given to you, ALEXANDER FLEMING, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled action, that an action for foreclosure was commenced on April 18, 2017 in the Circuit Court of Union County, Chancery Division, by the plaintiff against you and other defendants, referenced above.

1. The names of all the Plaintiff's and the Case Number are identified above.

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

3. The names of the title holders of record are as follows: JESSICA FLEMING and ALEXANDER FLEMING

4. The legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:

LOT NUMBER ONE (1) IN MEADOWBROOK ADDITION, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE ONE WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, CITY OF JONESBORO, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PER SURVEY FILED APRIL 19, 1988 IN RECORD BOOK 48, PAGES 153-154, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

P.I.N.: 14-00-07-962-A1

5. The common address of the subject real estate is as follows:

100 Park Lane, Jonesboro, IL 62952

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

a. Name of Mortgagors: Jessica Fleming and Alexander Fleming

b. Name of Mortgagee: Anna-Jonesboro National Bank

c. Date of Mortgage: August 15, 2008

d. Date of Recording: August 15, 2008

e. County where Recorded: Union

f. Recording Document Number: 2008R2257

Summons was duly issued out of the court against you as provided by law and the action is now pending.

Now, therefore, unless you, ALEXANDER FLEMING, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the action or otherwise make your appearance in the action, in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Union County, Chancery Division, in the courthouse in the city of 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, IL 62952 on or before March 15, 2018 a default may be entered against

you at any time after that date and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of the complaint.

Dated: January 30, 2018
Tiffany Busby
Clerk of 1st Judicial Circuit,
Union County, Illinois
8-10g

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

IN RE THE ESTATE OF: MARY ANNE DAWES, Deceased.
No.: 2018-P-1

NOTICE OF CLAIM

Notice is given of the death of Mary Anne Dawes, of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 19, 2018 to Darrell L. Dawes, whose attorney is Angela M. Povolish of Feirich/Mager/Green/Ryan, 2001 West Main Street, PO Box 1570, Carbondale, Illinois 62903. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Union County, First Judicial Circuit, PO Box 450, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952, with the representative, or both, on or before August 31, 2018, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.

Copies of a claim filed with the court must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Tiffany Busby,
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Respectfully submitted,
FEIRICH/MAGER/
GREEN/RYAN

Angela M. Povolish
Attorney for the Executor

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Carbondale, IL 62901
Telephone: 618-529-3000
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STATE OF ILLINOIS CIRCUIT COURT UNION COUNTY

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST OF NAME CHANGE (MINOR CHILD)

REQUEST OF: Jessica Renee Hurd TO CHANGE NAME OF MINOR CHILD Leonites Mason Alvin Casper TO Leonidas Mason Alvin Hurd 2017-MR-167

Notice is given you, the public, that on Wednesday, March 21, 2018, at 1 p.m., Leonites Mason Alvin

Casper, a minor, by Jessica Renee Hurd, his mother and next friend, will request that this Court change his present name of Leonites Mason Alvin Casper to the name of Leonidas Mason Alvin Hurd.

Leonites Mason Alvin Casper, a minor,
by Jessica Renee Hurd,
his mother.
January 30, 2018
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Garden advice: avoid impulse purchases

Gardeners may go to the garden center, wander the aisles and find a plant they can't live without.

Then at home, they walk to the garden with plant and shovel in hand and look for a space to put their new impulse purchase.

"These spontaneous plant purchases often result in a mixture of plants that have no continuity, leaving our garden without a good overall design and visual interest," says University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator Jennifer Fishburn.

Fishburn said that each garden bed should have a design theme, such as an edible plant garden, or a goal, such as attracting butterflies or birds.

A well-thought-out design will influence plant choices and help to prevent gardeners from straying into the "hodgepodge" zone.

"The time spent planning and drawing a design will be time well spent," Fishburn says.

"A plan will also reduce costly mistakes, avoid incorrect placement of plants,

and result in fewer pest and disease problems. A design can be a simple sketch on paper or a formal drawing done to scale. Be sure to draw plants at their mature size."

In addition, do some homework and research the characteristics of the plant, such as flower color, shape and bloom time, foliage color and texture, mature height, spread and shape of the plant, and pest resistance.

Selecting the right plants to fit the needs of the location is very important to the success of the landscape.

Fit plant selections for the site rather than altering the site to fit the plant.

Find out about the conditions under which the plant prefers to grow, such as hardiness, heat tolerance, amount of light, and soil and moisture conditions. Plants with similar growing conditions should be incorporated into the same planting bed.

Before selecting plants, learn everything you can about the site. Conduct a site analysis, which is a study of the features of the

landscape.

Conditions to take note of include amount of light, soil type (clays, loam, or sandy), soil pH (acidic or basic), water holding capability of the soil and temperature extremes for the area.

"One of the best ways to prevent problems is to purchase healthy plants. Look for plants with healthy, properly colored foliage. Inspect foliage for signs of insect damage, insect eggs, or diseases," Fishburn says.

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Obituaries

Joseph C. Kern

Joseph C. Kern, 91, of Anna, and formerly of Metropolis, died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018, at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

Mr. Kern was born in Hamilton County, near Macedonia, on July 2, 1926, the son of Owen and Ruby Smithpeters Kern.

He was a graduate in the Zeigler High School class of 1944. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946 in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters on the destroyers USS Ludlow (DD 438) and the USS Ordranax (DD 617).

In 1946, he married Lois Evelyn Carpenter and they remained married until her death in 2009.

He graduated from Southern Illinois University with a bachelor's degree in chemistry and taught school in Zeigler and worked for Sangamo Electric before joining Allied Chemical in 1958. Mr. Kern worked the rest of his career for Allied/Honeywell in both Metropolis and Morristown, N.J.

He was an active runner and cyclist who completed several marathons and on his 80th birthday rode his bicycle 80 miles. He was an avid SIU Salukis fan who regularly attended home football and basketball games. Mr. Kern accepted Jesus Christ as his savior, attended the First Baptist Church of Anna and was affectionately called "Superman" by many.

He was remarried to Lora (Grammer) Blackwell on March 3, 2012.

He is survived by his wife, Lora Blackwell-Kern of Anna; his son, Robert Kern (Marlene) of Troy, N.C.; his daughter, Beverly Turner (Greg) of Metropolis; a brother, Willard Kern of Zeigler; four grandchildren, Michelle Hines (Norman) of Greensboro, N.C., Michael Kern of Troy, N.C., Matthew Turner (Joshua) of Brookport, and Madison Turner of Elizabethtown, Ky.; three great-grandchildren, Tam Hines, Tristian Turner and McKylah Turner; three stepchildren, Gary E. Blackwell (Linda) of Ocean Springs, Miss., Karen L. Engell (Robert) of Longmeadow, Mass., and Gayle A. Stearns of Carbondale; nine step-grandchildren, Amanda Stauter (Lee), Bronwyn Swartz (Jason), Megan Farnes (Bill), Garreth Blackwell (Callie), Matthew Stearns, Angelique Stearns, Rebecca Engell Kasper (Scott), David Engell and Sarah Engell; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Lois; brothers Ted, Bob and Owen Jr. Kern; and sisters Patty Sue Gilmore and Ruby Kay Loos.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, Feb. 3, at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Anna. Graveside services were Sunday, Feb. 4, at 2 p.m. at the Metropolis Memorial Gardens, with the Rev. Les Sinks officiating.

Memorials for macular degeneration can be given to the Brighthouse Foundation, 22512 Gateway Center Dr., Clarksburg, Md. 20871.

Aikins-Farmer-Loftus-McManus Funeral Home in Metropolis was in charge of arrangements.

Amon Lee Jackson Jr.

Amon Lee Jackson Jr., 91, of Anna, died Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018, at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna.

He was born on Sept. 23, 1926, in Galatia, the son of Amon Lee Sr. and Mary B. Smith Jackson.

He married Bonnie Rendleman on March 5, 1949, in Osceola, Ark. She preceded him in death on Aug. 11, 1987. He later married Eva Parrott. She also preceded him in death.

He is survived by his children, Bonnie Lee (Steve) Sullivan of Anna, Mike (Lara) Jackson of Bowling Green, Ky., and Janet Boyd of Anna; four grandchildren, Allison (Lee) Hatcher, Sarah (Riley) Welborn, Nathan Jackson and Jackson Boyd; six great-grandchildren, Garrett, Kate and Benjamin Hatcher, Lucy Jackson, Liam and Evelyn Welborn; a sister, Sarilda Blake of Chesterfield, Mo.; a brother, Bill Jackson; other relatives and many friends.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Anna for many years. He was retired from Bunny Bread after 27 years as sales manager. After retirement, he owned and operated heavy equipment.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a member of the Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna and the Anna District No. 37 School Board.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, at the United Methodist Church in Anna, with the Rev. Bill Minor officiating. Interment was in the Anna City Cemetery.

Graveside military rites were conducted by Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna and the Navy funeral honor team.

Memorials can be made to the Illinois Veterans Home activity fund or to the Southern Illinois Honor Flight.

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

RENDELMAN & HILEMAN Funeral Home in Anna was in charge of arrangements.

Lee Roy 'Leepy' Rendleman

Lee Roy "Leepy" Rendleman, 89, of Jonesboro, died Monday, Jan. 29, 2018, at Southeast Health in Cape Girardeau.

He was born on April 27, 1928, in Wolf Lake, the youngest son of William Jacob and Edith (Bradley) Rendleman.

He married Roberta Forrest in 1950, and from this marriage two children were born, Brad (Susan Schuster) Rendleman and Marc Dee Rendleman. In 1991, he married Marla Dexter, and her children became his own, Angie (John) Hand and Brad (Kelley) Dexter. Lee Roy and Marla shared 33 years together; Marla has been his devoted primary care giver much of the time.

He is also survived by his grandchildren, Zachary Lee, Tyler Matthew, Lacey Dee Rendleman, Brittany (John David) Pinnon, Dalton Hand and Macy Dexter; great-grandchildren Addison and Meredith Pinnon, and Hayden Hillyard; a former daughter-in-law, Gwen Edwards; in-laws Gene and Mary Lou Wright; brothers-in-law, David (Angie) Wright, Tom (Diane) Wright and Robbie (Suzie) Wright; numerous nieces and nephews; cousins; close family and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Roberta Rendleman; a son, Marc Dee Rendleman; two infant children, Troy and Roberta Rendleman; a brother, W.P. "Bud" Rendleman; and a sister Bonnie Jackson.

He answered the call to serve his country during World War II from 1946-1947 aboard the aircraft carrier Kearsarge. He was very involved in community wildlife preservation organizations at both the county and state levels.

He was a member of the Jonesboro First Baptist Church for many years. He sang in the choir and would visit local nursing homes and the Illinois Veterans Home to sing for those shut in.

He was a man of many ventures, some of his proudest accomplishments were serving on the Shawnee High School Board, organizing the Shawnee Valley Water District, the Wolf Lake Sanitary Corp., he was a founding member of the Ware-Wolf Lake Fire Protection District, a Ducks Unlimited Sponsor, helped to bring the Tammis Prison to Southern Illinois, as well as creating ColorFest in Union County and organizing the Illinois Youth Hunt Program.

He served many years as a Union County Commissioner and served on the Union-Jackson Port Authority. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and was a member of Jonesboro Masonic Lodge No. 111 for over 60 years and was a life member of the Oasis Shrine Club. He was also a life member of Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna.

His motto, "I'm Fantastic," which he shared with everyone he would meet, will forever be in everyone's hearts.

At the age of 70, he enrolled in Purdue University to complete his degree to process and can high acidic foods. Thus Leepy's Gourmet Foods was created. He and his assorted products were known throughout the United States.

He fought many hard battles as his health began to fade, but his faith in his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ never wavered. He truly was the epitome of the greatest generation.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 2, at the First Baptist Church in Jonesboro, with Brad Dexter and the Rev. Joe Aldridge officiating. Interment was in the Jonesboro Cemetery.

Graveside military rites were conducted by Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW and the Navy funeral honor detail.

Memorials can be made to Shriners Children's Hospital or to the National Kidney Foundation.

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

RENDELMAN & HILEMAN Funeral Home in Jonesboro was in charge of arrangements.

Neisha Jones

Neisha Jones, 75, of Anna, died Monday, Feb. 5, at Intergrity Healthcare of Anna.

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

Omer Brown

Omer Brown, 35, of International Falls, Minn., and formerly of Jonesboro, died at 10:20 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, 2018, at UMMC Medical Hospital in Minneapolis, Minn.

He was born on Feb. 4, 1982, in Carbondale, the son of Terrance and Brenda Baker Brown. He enjoyed being surrounded by friends and listening to music. He loved watching movies before he lost his sight due to diabetes.

He is survived by his mother, Brenda Brown of Jonesboro; a sister, Melissa (Lee) Martel of International Falls, Minn.; a half-brother, Boone Cutler of Washington, D.C.; his grandfather, Thomas Baker of Jonesboro; nieces and nephews, Ronald Terry, Henry Martel, Brittnay Martel and Erian Martel; great-nieces and great-nephews, Josephine Terry, Ronald Terry Jr., Jackson Terry, Avery Netland and Jayden Netland; a close friend, Tom Pickels; many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Terrance Brown.

A memorial gathering was held Saturday, Feb. 3, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro, with sharing of memories by family and friends at 6:30 p.m.

Memorials can be made to Crain Funeral Home to help with funeral expenses.

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

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

Larry Ray Reynolds

Larry Ray Reynolds, 67, of Dongola, died Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018, at his home.

He was born on Feb. 17, 1950, in Anna, the son of James Ray "Chris" and Catherine "Tootie" Lindsey Reynolds.

He married Diana Christine Smith on Nov. 25, 2000, at their home in Dongola.

He is survived by his wife, Diana Reynolds of Dongola; a son, Jason (Tracy) Smith of Jonesboro; daughters Debra (Ed) Duck of Medina, Tenn., and Sara (Marty) Deresinski of Floral City, Fla.; grandchildren Dylan, Brett and Jack Smith of Jonesboro; Candace, Nathan and Preston Bedocs of Tennessee, and Nick, Rachel, Jackson, Mason, Isabelle and Madeline Deresinski of Floral City, Fla.; great-grandchildren Silas, Trinity, Colton, Kaden and Braden; a brother, Harry (Cindy) Reynolds of Algonquin; a sister, Kristy (David) Miller of St. Charles, Mo.; an uncle, Jack (Dolores) Reynolds of Reynoldsville; brothers-in-law Mike (Shirley) Smith, Harold (Barb) Smith and Kevin Smith, all of Jonesboro; a sister-in-law, Rhonda Watkins of Wolf Lake; nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

He served in the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Laborers Local. He retired from Operating Engineers Local No. 150 in Countryside after 20 years of service.

He loved riding horses and was a member of the Union County Saddle Club. He enjoyed riding his Harley and driving muscle cars, it was his great pastime, along with deer hunting. Most of all he loved spending time with his family and grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mr. Reynolds were at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with Pastor Tim Heinecke officiating. Interment was in Jonesboro Cemetery.

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

RENDELMAN & HILEMAN Funeral Home in Jonesboro was in charge of arrangements.

Everett 'Bud' Hawk

Everett "Bud" Hawk, 86, of Pomona, died Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2018, at his home.

He was born on Sept. 2, 1931, in Kinderhook Township, Mich., the son of Burleigh "Bert" and Violet Budd Hawk.

He married Berniece Clara Weis on May 31, 1955, in Hernando, Miss. She preceded him in death on May 20, 2013.

He is survived by his daughter, Yvonne Hawk Ridgeway of Pomona; a son, Arlen (Crystal) Hawk of Wentzville, Mo.; two grandchildren, Jackson and Hayden Hawk; two sisters, June Coonrod of Pana and Virginia Mileur of California; three brothers, Burleigh (Beverly) Hawk of Alto Pass, Dallas Hawk of Pomona and Homer (Janet) Hawk of Anna; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by his wife, Berniece Clara Hawk.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955 during the Korean Conflict.

He was a long-time member of Murphysboro Masonic Lodge No. 498 AF & AM. He was a very hard worker throughout his life. For over 30 years he worked in steel fabrication until his retirement.

Funeral services for Mr. Hawk were at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at Dutch Ridge Baptist Church, with Eric Hanson officiating. Interment was in the Alto Pass Cemetery.

Graveside military rites were conducted by Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna and the Illinois Army National Guard military honor team of Marion.

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

RENDELMAN & HILEMAN Funeral Home in Alto Pass was in charge of arrangements.

Charles Roberts

Charles Roberts, 69, of Cobden, died at 7:11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 5, 2018, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

He was born on Aug. 28, 1948, in Cobden, the son of Raymond Obell and Mary Lee Sorrels Roberts.

He was a hard-working man for many years as a farmer at Flamm's Orchards in Cobden. After retirement, he loved working on lawn mowers in his spare time.

He is survived by his brother, Dennis (Debbie) Roberts, of Elgin; a sister, Pat (Carl) Dillworth, of West Paducah; sons Christopher Roberts of Lake City, Fla., and Joaell Roberts of Dongola; a companion of many years, Joann of Cobden; two nieces, one nephew and other relatives.

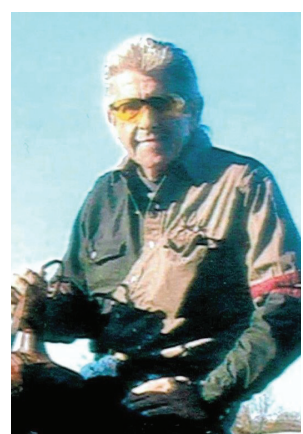
He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Mary Roberts; sisters Mary Roberts and Deloris Holderfield; and brothers Albert Roberts and Raymond Roberts Jr.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro with family and friends to speak and share memories. Visitation will be from noon up to the hour of the service. Interment will take place in Cobden City Cemetery at a later date.

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

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

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



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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

There are some important sites that are a part of Old Johnson County that were here before 1812. The story that follows is about one of those sites.

Juchereau and the Great Buffalo Slaughter

There is a place on the Illinois side of the Ohio River that is legendary and perhaps one of the oldest established sites that preceded the Illinois Territory. Although known by many as Va Bache, the authors of this article prefer to use the name "Juchereau" after the name of its founder. Perhaps the most important designation for the place would be the place where the buffalo, or bison, came to their end in our area.

According to historians, *Sieur Charles Juchereau de Saint Denis*, a Frenchman by birth, came out of Canada with a commission to establish a tannery to tap the wealth of the area along the lower Ohio River. Charles Juchereau and about thirty investors came down to the area from Canada and set up a site for tanning hides on the river in the year 1702.

Juchereau was known to be established at the head of the chain of rocks in the Ohio River. According to Moyers, the site of Juchereau, as it will be known here, is on the east side of Post Creek cutoff where it empties into the Ohio River.

History places the site at the head of the "chain of rocks." This same area in the river is responsible for naming the nearby town some years later as Grand Chain. For many years, the river at this point was blocked by the rocks when the water was low. One person said that during low water, a person could see squirrels hopping from rock to rock as they crossed the river.

This is not just a story of a tannery, it is the story of how most, if not all, the buffalo in the area of Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky were exterminated, never to return. During the two years that the tannery operated, they set outposts in the Wabash, Tennessee, and Cumberland Rivers. They also went up the Mississippi to the Big Muddy River.

When Charles Juchereau came, he brought about 30 men with him. Together, they began to build a fort as well as building a tannery. By the time they began to hunt, there were as many as 150 men at the site with as many as 50 soldiers. According to W.N. Moyers, ten or twelve lodges were built to house the men at the tannery. There were also cooks, tanners, servants, etc. living at the site. Some of the men were established at the outposts.

Hunting must have been very successful. It has been noted that they killed as many as 13,000 buffalo

from our area during the two years following the establishment of the tannery. Moyers best tells this story.

"Early in 1703, the hunt for buffalo skins began. They hunted up the Au Vase [Big Muddy] and the Wabash; up the Tennessee and the Cumberland; up Castor River and Apple Creek; in three states, they hunted. It is related that by the close of the hunting season in April 1704, they had killed and skinned thirteen thousand buffaloes; that of itself was a great feat for a hundred men spread over so vast a territory."

When they skinned the animals, they left the carcasses to rot where they were killed. The Indians silently watched this. Moyers noted this.

"The Indians, from their hiding places, watched the French marksmen bring down many buffaloes at long range, and watched their dexterous skinning; and they saw great numbers of carcasses left as food for the scavengers of earth and air. And so they began to plan the extermination of those despoilers, the buffalo hunters. They dreaded the deadly rifles, and they feared the soldiers with their cannons; consequently, they began laying plans for concerted surprise and massacre of the French."

Continued next week

Cobden Elementary readers honored

Cobden Elementary School has honored students who reached their goals in January in the school-wide Accelerated Reading program. Students were required to read books and take comprehension tests on a computer to achieve their points. Photos provided.



50 Point Club: From left are Piper Tellor, Ana Rafael and Ava Rothweiler. Layla West and Asher Miller could not be present for the picture.



25 Point Club: In the first row are, from left, are Tyler Shoemate, Madge Stevens, Natalia Godinez and Henry Pearson. In the second row are Victor Zamora, Joel Garcia, Javier Valdez, Alivia Kilpatrick and Dash Garrison. Lupita Zamora and Maggie Clutts could not be present for the picture.

Cobden Elementary School honors students for showing fairness

Students at Cobden Elementary School were recently honored for displaying excellence in regards to the January character education trait of fairness. Students in kindergarten through 5th grade were selected by their teachers to receive an excellence certificate and to attend an excellence breakfast. Barnes & Noble gift cards, provided by the PTO, were also won in a raffle. The character education trait for February/March is trustworthiness. Photos provided.



Winners of Barnes & Noble gift cards were, from left, Ben Poirier, Landen Richardson, Piper Tellor, Zaira Uribe and Jose Carmona.



Students who were honored for displaying fairness included, by their grade in school: kindergarten: Aubrey Cast, Maci Escue, Tyson Hernandez-Hicks, Keylee Moore, Rebekah Poiter-Oliphant and McKenzie Smith; 1st grade: Juan Aguilar-Garcia, Jose Carmona, Timothy Clover, Parker Fisher, Alex Meadows and Luke Staley; 2nd grade: Scarlett Bergseth, Madge Stevens and Preston Wren, 3rd grade: Alivia Brown, Landon Cavaness, Guadalupe Munoz, Piper Tellor and Zaira Uribe; 4th grade: Adri Caraker, Mayrell Morales, Jansen Nance, Daniel Tomas and Victor Zamora; and 5th grade: Destiny Hickam, Eden Kaszubski, Ben Poirier, Landen Richardson, Ramsie Sauerbrunn and Camden Smith.

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High school art exhibition slated to open

The "Exhibiting Excellence: 40th Annual High School Art Exhibition" is scheduled to begin Feb. 11 at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau.

The exhibition will be displayed in the Rosemary

Berkel and Harry L. Crisp II Museum at the university's River Campus.

The exhibition is an invitational juried art exhibit for 11th and 12th grade students in Southeast Missouri and Southern Illinois.

An opening reception,

featuring the unveiling of this year's exhibit, is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 11.

The exhibition is scheduled to be on display through March 18. Admission is free.

The Crisp Museum is located in the Cultural Arts Center at Southeast Missouri State University's River Campus, and is located at 518 S. Fountain St. in Cape Girardeau.

For more information, call 573-651-2260 or email museum@semo.edu.

Winter walk set

A winter walk in the woods is planned from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Feb. 10 at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

The walk will be led by the natural resources coordinator at the park.

For more information, or to register for the walk, contact the visitors center at 618-457-4836.

Early & Grace Period Voting Schedule

2018 General Primary
March 20, 2018

Early Voting Schedule

Starting Thursday, February 8, 2018, through Monday, March 19, 2018, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Excluding weekends except dates listed below.

Saturday, March 17, 2018 - 8 a.m. to Noon

Sunday, March 18, 2018 - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday, March 19, 2018 - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Grace Period Voting Schedule

Starting Wednesday, February 21, 2018, through Monday, March 19, 2018, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Excluding weekends except dates listed below and Tuesday, March 20, 2018, General Primary Election Day.

Saturday, March 17, 2018 - 8 a.m. to Noon

Sunday, March 18, 2018 - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

General Primary Election Day is Tuesday, March 20, 2018, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Anna City Hall Election Day is Tuesday, March 20, 2018, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The office will be closed on the following holidays and voting will not take place.

- Monday, February 12, 2018, for Lincoln's Birthday
- Monday, February 19, 2018, for Presidents' Day

Early and Grace voting will be held at the Union County Clerk's Office, located at

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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)

And when one of Union County's most ingenious for rapid transportation to orchard growers, Parker Earle, invented the first refrigerated crates in 1877, the county was in for a tremendous boom.

By 1880, refrigerated railroad cars lined up at Cobden, Anna, and Balcom, along the Illinois Central, and at Alto Pass, along the Cairo to St. Louis Railroad,

In 1881, twenty-five to thirty-five train carloads of peaches left Cobden daily for Chicago markets. During that year, 10,650 bushels of peaches were shipped from Union County. Fifteen to twenty carloads of strawberries left the county daily for Chicago. Two hundred twenty-five thousand one-third-bushel boxes of tomatoes were shipped from Cobden in 1882, as were one hundred seventy tons of rhubarb.

The need for packing fruits vegetables in crates gave rise to several factories for making such containers.

Farm and orchard products continued to bring prosperity and, in 1934, Anna and Cobden built large municipal markets.

The Civil War had brought severe hardship to Union County. Anna became a northern recruiting center, with at least four enlistment camps established there.

Camp Anna and Camp Douglas were both notable enlistment centers, and

on one occasion, General Ulysses S. Grant swore in a number of recruits brought to Anna by Col. Brush of Carbondale.

Despite the Northern enlistment camps, there was much sympathy in Union County for the Confederacy.

Even among the northern recruits there were mixed feelings of loyalty, so much so that a number of officers of the 109th Illinois Infantry Volunteers were cashiered from the service following a winter of disloyalty to the Union in 1862-63.

The disloyalties were in the form of disobedience of orders, encouragement of men to desert and be captured, and discouragement of men from fighting in the face of the enemy.

One man, a sergeant, was reduced in rank for declaring that he would never fire a gun upon the enemy, and on hearing a camp rumor that Maj. Gen. Burnside was defeated with a loss of twenty thousand men,

wished it was so! (From General Orders No. 12, Headquarters, Department of the Tennessee, Young's Point, La., Feb. 1, 1863.)

The sentiment for the South is exemplified by the following column which appeared in the *Jonesboro Gazette* on May 18, 1863:

TO OUR READERS

This number closes the publication of the *Gazette* for the present at least. The office was taken in possession by the military authorities on Friday evening last after this edition was worked off, by virtue of the following order:

JONESBORO, ILL., May 15, 1863.

Publisher of the *Jonesboro Gazette*:

Sir: - Owing to what I consider disloyal articles, copied from other sheets, and tacitly endorsed by your paper, I consider it wholly unfit for circulation in this already disaffected portion of the State. You will therefore permit no more papers to leave the

office till further notice. My guards are ordered to close the doors immediately.

JOSEPH H. NEWBOLD, Lieut. Col. Comm'd'g. Jonesboro, Ill.

The papers on hand were forbidden to be circulated, but to render valid the Delinquent Land List, a portion of which appears in this issue, it is now (after a delay of three days) permitted to be sent abroad to its subscribers. We have no fault to find with the action of the authorities in this matter. If they consider the course of the *Gazette* calculated to produce a feeling of opposition to the Government, they could not be expected to permit its publication in their midst. We believe Col. Newbold was prompted by feelings of disinterested devotion to the cause in which we have ever found him to be a most gentlemanly officer, in pursuing the course he did.

(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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"Your Newspaper"—Dedicated to the Advancement of Union County

ANNA, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1941

10 PAGES THIS WEEK

Number 46

Football Team Supports Local Fans

A football team was organized by the local fans. They are now in training under the coaching of Stanley F. ...

Cooking School Starts January 6

Plans are going ahead rapidly for the Cooking School which will be conducted at the Rodgers Theatre each Tuesday for three weeks starting Tuesday, January 6. The shows are being sponsored by The Gazette-Democrat and the Rodgers Theatre and the demonstrators will be Miss Dady Barnett, nationally known food expert.

To Drill for Oil Near Saratoga

Within a short time oil activities will be started in Union County. Dr. J. Ernest and Ray Williams, boys who were born and spent their youth in the Saratoga community have leased some 10,000 acres of land and plan to do extensive drilling on it. The strike area is one-half mile around Saratoga. Sid Beach, Michigan geologist, is doing the location work and it is expected to be known shortly where the first well will be put down.

Wildcats Win Three Cage Games in Week

Beat DuQuoin, Wolf Lake, and Dongola

After winning an impressive 41 to 34 victory over the DuQuoin Indians on Friday, the youngpaw Anna-Dongola Wildcats came back on Saturday to defeat the Wolf Lake Wolves by a score of 44 to 30, and on Tuesday to down the Dongola Demons by a score of 32 to 14.

Cold Weather Hits Today

The expected cold spell hit today but was much milder than was anticipated. It was reported that the temperature would drop to between five and ten above but the readings this morning showed it to be in the twenties. There was no precipitation during the past week.

Red Cross Meeting at Anna City Hall Friday Night at 7:30

WESTERN UNION

St. Louis, December 8, 1941

George E. Parks, Chm. Union County Red Cross

Again the American Red Cross is called upon to serve our Nation in war. Both nationally and locally we face vital and definite responsibilities for service to our armed forces and for relief to distressed civilians to provide essential funds Red Cross today is launching a campaign for war fund to minimum of Fifty Million dollars. The President will issue on Friday a proclamation supporting the appeal. Your chapter quota is \$700 dollars. Chapters may retain fifteen percent their collection for local war relief expenditures. Chapter should at once devote full efforts to raising their quota in shortest possible time. Please report action taken. We must not and shall not fail in this crisis.

U.S. Now in War With Germany, Italy and Japan

Country Getting Geared Up on War Time Basis

The Congress of the United States today declared war on Germany and Italy. This action was in prompt response to the challenge of the Berlin-Rome-Axis which a few hours earlier had declared war on the United States.

Legion Auxiliary Entertains Ex-Service Men at Legion Home

Thirty-five ex-service men from the Anna State Hospital were entertained by the local unit of the Auxiliary with a Christmas party at the Legion Home Wednesday noon, Dec. 10. A chicken dinner was served to the men who were seated at a banquet table gaily decorated with Christmas trees, napkins and favors of red boxes filled with candy.

Red Cross Roll Call Goes Over \$1100 This Year

George E. Parks Especially Thanks School Children

Last minute donations from organizations and corporations have brought the 1941 Red Cross drive to an all time high. Final report as filed with the American Red Cross yesterday by Union County Chapter Secretary Ed. Carth revealed more than \$1100.00 collected since the opening of the Red Cross drive on November 11.

Red Cross Issues Bulletin to Families of Service Men

The recent casualties of our armed forces attract attention to the Home Service work of American Red Cross and to the local Home Service Committee.

Seals Campaign Under Way

ASSOCIATION MAILS SEALS TO CITIZENS

With the mailing of Tuberculosis Christmas Seals to residents of Anna and Jonesboro this week, the annual campaign of the Union County Tuberculosis Association to raise funds for its work gets under way.

Will Have 13th Wilson Memorial Banquet, Dec. 29

For the thirteenth consecutive year, Union County will hold a Memorial for the late Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States during World War I.

Payments Made To Blind Pensioners This Week

Union County's long standing blind pension case has finally been settled. Tuesday of this week the county board paid the money to the pensioners.

Boy Scouts Will Collect Old Paper

Boy Scouts of Anna-Jonesboro will be helping their country's call by collecting waste paper beginning this Saturday.

At Monthly Liarah

An monthly liarah can never stop his tongue when speaking to his loved one, but constantly invents and retorts epithets, which are really carouses. Such repetitions are not fatiguing, for each utters some new aspect of his love, and comes from a new depth of his heart's love for the beloved.

Christmas Pageant at A. J. Gym

"Where Ever the Stars Shine" the Christmas pageant given by the church department of the A. J. Gym will be presented Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, December 11.

Ernest Vincent Again Head of Farm Bureau

Ernest Vincent, Anna, Ill., was re-elected President of the Union County Farm Bureau at the regular meeting of the board of directors held at the Anna City Hall on Friday, December 5th at Anna.

Should Get Machinery in Shape

With steel shipments for farm machinery limited, farmers are urged to check over all farm tractors and tractors and place them in running condition now so if repair or worn parts are needed, they can be ordered now.

Sweet Potato Wrappers

You will still have a few bushels of sweet potato wrappers, but when they are gone you won't be able to get any more. First come—first served. Buy now in and get all you will need today.

Can Make Donation For Xmas Baskets

Dorothy's store on South Main street has a large barrel for collection to put items in that will be put in Christmas baskets to be distributed by the American L. S. Auxiliary. Contributions are just for their contribution to the barrel and they will be turned over to the Auxiliary.

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News from

Walnut Grove Church

On the fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, Layleigh lit the altar candles during the musical prelude.

The congregation shared in communion during the Eucharist service.

Pastor Bobbi Shultz read the gospel from Mark about Jesus' travels, His healing and His preaching.

The message shared that "His caring and compassion has helped people throughout the years but his main purpose is the salvation of souls. Our prayers

for others, friend and foe, will be of great help to Him."

Prayers were requested for Katie Fitzwilliam, Darcy Clearwater's family, Blakely's young daughter, Diana and Kathy's sister Laura, and Sandy Hartline.

It was announced that the pastor parish relations committee will need to meet soon to complete the conference's clergy assessment form by April 15. Times and a date will be discussed next Sunday.

The February ladies lunch was cancelled due to the flu season. The next ladies lunch is planned Friday, March 2, at a location to be determined.

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

Anna Nazarene Church

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

Special music was provided by Jessica Elkins and Abby Barlow, with Mark Smith, Curly Ralls, Terry Wiseman Sr. and Robert Smith serving as ushers.

The morning message, "Dangerous Prayers: Life Transforming Foundation-Fill Me," was brought by Pastor McBride, with scripture from Colossians.

The message shared that "being filled with the Holy Spirit brings wisdom and understanding to our lives, enables us to truly bear fruit and grow spiritually, which pleases God, strengthens us and gives us the power to live a changed life (and) gives us the power to be a witness to others about Christ, which literally changes lives."

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

Special music was provided by Randy Wright, with Leonard Sadler serving as usher.

The evening message, "Embrace the Standard, Walk in the Strength," was brought by Pastor McBride. Scripture was from Isaiah.

The message shared that "the God who is the source of our strength is also the source of our standards."

Dr. Bob and Jennifer Wilkerson are scheduled to be guests at the 6 p.m. service on Feb. 11.

A missionary service is planned at 6 p.m. Feb. 18.

Birthdays: Feb. 4, Dora Johnson, Sherry Schnaare.

Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. Worship services are Sunday at 10:35 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Youth services are at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Feb. 4, the message was brought by a guest speaker, the Rev. Perry Williams.

Dee Rose led worship. Megan Tehandon provided special music.

Women on Mission plan to meet at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, today.

A school ministry meeting has been rescheduled to 9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 9.

Birthdays: Miranda Bundren, Joe McRaven, Feb. 6; Jean Kohler, Feb. 7; Peyton Clymore, Feb. 10; Ernest Rhodes, Feb. 11.

Anniversaries: James and Jerri Miller, 42 years, Feb. 6; Joe and Martha McRaven, 20 years, Feb. 11.

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.



Dashing through the snow A vehicle was making its way through downtown Cobden during heavy snow which was falling last Sunday afternoon.

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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.

Blood Drive

If you are able please don't forget to give blood Thursday, today, from noon to 6 p.m. at Anna First Baptist Church, right behind Stinson Memorial Library.

Cheerleaders

Congratulations to the cheerleaders and everyone who won awards in sports over the weekend.

Weather

Good old Southern Illinois weather. Sunday morning when I went to church the sun was shining and I didn't even wear a coat. It looked like a spring day but by evening it was freezing again and we had snow.

North Carolina Trip

Jeni and Jerry Goddard visited son, Matt, daughter-in-law Anna and grandson Beckett in Asheville, N.C. They enjoyed a fun time.

69th Anniversary

Congratulations to Jim and Mary Courtright, who celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary Jan. 29 with a party at their home given by their family.

Those attending were Diane and Kevin St. Arbor, Natalie, Patrick, Erin and Maci Linton.

Their new great-granddaughter Maci was born Jan 19. Erin is proud of her baby sister.

Red Carpet Gala

Hospice of Southern Illinois had its eighth annual Red Carpet Gala.

Janna Harner was in two numbers in "Adventures in ONederland." She played Elle King and was also in a disco medley that closed the show.

The gala was presented by Heartland Regional Medical Center at The Pavilion of the City of Marion. This year the gala was a sold out show and in past years the gala raised around \$40,000.

A special thanks to Janna for all she does for our community.

Welcome to Anna New Business

If you are walking down Lafayette Street in Anna and suddenly the smell of fresh bread greets you, you have stumbled upon The Kitchen on Lafayette.

Located at 106 Lafayette St. on the corner of Lafayette and the alley, Jamie and Asa Starratt are the bakers and cooks behind the garage door delicacies.



Correction to last weeks paper: Clea Sims Poole celebrated her 96th birthday, not 93rd, on Jan. 25. Clea had 13 children. Their names are Dennis, Effie, Joan, Bonnie, Eanis, Fred, Bob, Brenda, Jeanie, Janice, Bill, Mike and Jackie.



Giant City visitor center features a fiber exhibit for February with work by Cartersville artist Marie Samuel, "More Blooms for Pollinators II." Marie is a member of the Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club.

Weekend Fun

John and Jamie Longmire attended the 80th birthday party of Don Burnett in Anna.

John then attended Chris Jones and the Night Drivers at the Liberty, Bayou Ghost at Da-Nite Tavern, and Cat Daddy'O at King Neptunes. John was taking pictures of these special events.

Birthday Trip

Steve and Gina Loughridge enjoyed a trip to Rolla. While there they celebrated Steve's birthday Sunday, Feb. 4, with family and friends.

Valentine Anniversary

Cathy and Michael Freeman of Jonesboro will be celebrating 19 years of marriage on Valentine's Day.

Wedding Anniversaries

Ron and Cathy Spurlock celebrated 20 years Jan. 30. Sandy and Gary Thompson celebrated 47 years Jan. 31. Dianna and Keith Robertson celebrated 21 years Jan. 31. Bob and Sherry Yother 30 years Feb. 4.

Congratulations

Lakelyn Carter competed in gymnastics in Decatur Saturday. She placed first all around. Her team also got first.

Visits

Linda Clutts visited her friend Sherry Rix to give her sympathy in the passing of her husband Allan.

Lincoln Dinner

The Lincoln Dinner will be March 3 at 6 p.m. at the Great Boars.

Giant City Visitor Center

Giant City Visitors Center features a fiber exhibit for February with work by a Cartersville artist Marie Samuel.

"More Blooms for Pollinators II" features new eco art works made by Samuel and machine quilted by Donna Howard of Carmondale. Marie is a member of the Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club.

The visitors center is open seven days a week from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. They will be closed on two state holidays on Monday, Feb. 12 and 19.

The ongoing concern for environmental threats to pollinators is shown in wall hangings created by Samuel's fabric collage technique.

These new works with a more subdued palette are part of a series shared in 2015 at Giant City and in April 2017 in Herrin at the Hartley Gallery.

Howard echoes the theme with thread painting and in some cases custom quilting.

Samuel and Howard are members of Shawnee Quilters' Guild where they recently worked with guild members to create nature quilts for benefit of the Friends of the Cache River programs and projects.

Samuel is also a member of Cedarhurst Quilters and is a featured speaker at the upcoming Cunningham Children's Home's 14th annual Festival of Quilts April 13-14 in Urbana, where she will share a trunk show of eco/art themed quilts.

Sunshine Inn

Linda Clutts of Makanda and Jean and Barbara Smith of Olmsted sang and played music Friday Ground Hog Day. They sang Let Me Call You Sweetheart to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Anna VFW

The monthly fish fry was last Friday and they served over 150 people. Joe, who won the 50/50 raffle, donated his part back for the Raise the Roof fund and it was greatly appreciated.

Thursday, today, there will be a short meeting at 6 p.m. for post and auxiliary members. They are looking at setting up chairman and committees for some fundraisers to be held in the coming months to replace the roof. The regular post meeting will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, is the

annual Valentine's dinner, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The costs are \$12.50 per person or \$25 per couple for a great steak dinner. Please call or stop by the post sometime during the week to sign up. Peggy will be there with her Star Karaoke from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The Queen of Hearts did not get hit last week so stop by and get your tickets.

The Cobden Appleknocker band will have a fund-raiser at the VFW Feb. 17 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The band will be playing, lots of food, 50/50 drawing and a silent auction.

Retirement

A special thanks to Deputy Steve Stearns for 25 years of service to the citizens of Union County.

Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies

Sympathy to our Red Hat friend Sherry Rix on the loss of her husband Allan.

Allan was a U.S. Air Force veteran. Allan and his wife Sherry are the caretakers of The Haven.

Allan cooked the meals for the Red Hat ladies several times and he and Sherry hosted the meetings at The Haven. Please keep Sherry and her family in your prayers.

The next Red Hat dinner will be in Anna at El Jalapeno Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 11 a.m.

Anna Star Chapter

The Anna Eastern Star chapter meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge next to the Anna Park.

United Methodist Church, Anna

A special thanks to all the Boy Scouts on Boy Scout Sunday for everything they do.

Sympathy to the family of A.L. Jackson, who went to be with our Lord early Sunday morning.

The choir sang a beautiful special In Remembrance.

Rev. Carl Johnston's sermon was Love Your Neighbor. The gospel lesson was from Luke. Holy Communion was taken.

Shirley West's daughter Lisa Jianakoplos and her grandson, Shirley's great-grandson from Crestwood, Mo., were visiting.

Murder mystery dinner presented by the youth group on Saturday, Feb. 17, at 6 p.m. This is a fundraiser for the youth.

The youth help take up the offering during church services, lead the call to worship and read the scripture and volunteer in the nursery. This summer they will be mowing the church yard. Helping in any way possible. The money they raise will be used to help pay for fun they get to do outside of their meetings.

Big Crowd

Brenda Allen reported the Cat Daddy'O great blues band was at King Neptune's Cajun House in Anna Saturday night. Brenda said there were loads of people in from Cape Girardeau, Marion and Carbondale.

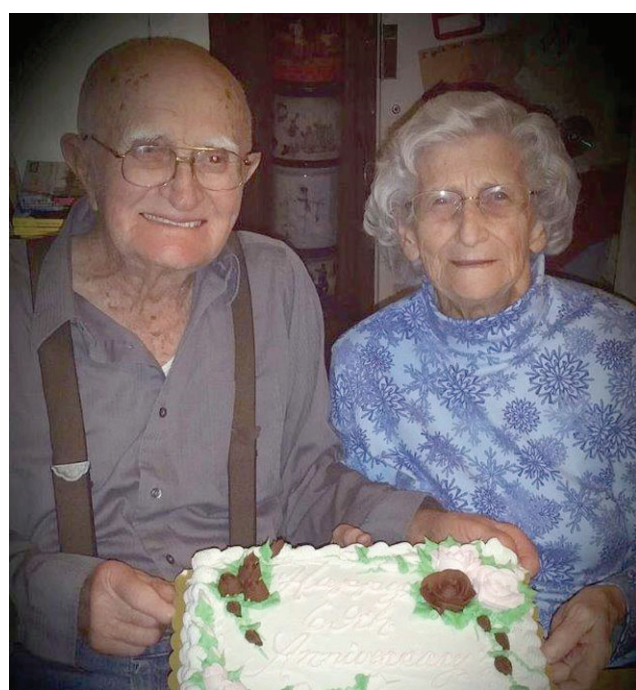
Jonesboro's Name

There will be a history hour with Dr. Susan White-mountain at her new business The Gathering Place in downtown Anna at 313 S. Main St., Thursday, Feb. 15, at 6 p.m. on how did Jonesboro really get its name? This is the first in a series of planned monthly presentations. Call 833-6525 if you would like to attend.

Free Community Dinners

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

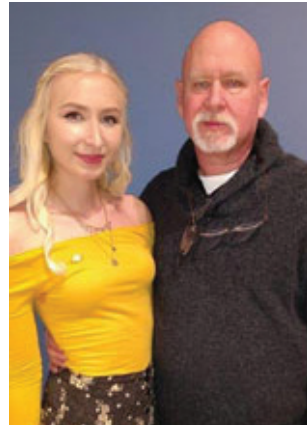
Harvest Church serves a free meal every Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Military Prayer List** Garrett Goines, Nick Harvel, Nona Elizabeth



Jim and Mary Courtright celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary Jan. 29.



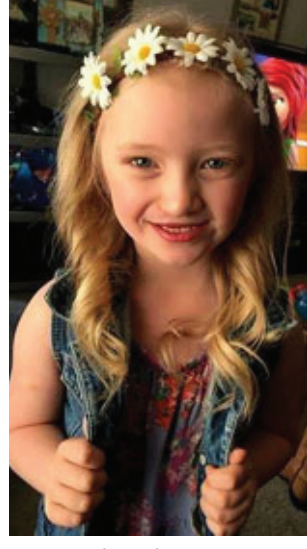
Kiera Williams, Jayce Easton and Zoey Clarke, students of Angela Gordon from Egyptian School, celebrated 100 days of school.



David Houseright is with Molly at the Scholastic art awards ceremony in Mt. Vernon. Molly received a third place and a Gold Key first place.



Janna Harner performed at "Adventures in ONederland," the Hospice of Southern Illinois eighth Red Carpet Gala.



Mayli Knight celebrated her 6th birthday Feb. 1. She enjoyed celebrating with her family and friends last week with an adopt a pet themed party.



Earl Miller, assistant treasurer and head of the nominating committee of the Friends of Stinson Memorial Library, invites everyone to the winter book sale this weekend at the library at 409 S. Main St. in Anna: Friday, Feb. 9, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.; public sale Saturday, Feb. 10, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., and on Sunday, Feb. 11, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., the cost is \$5 for a full bag.

Luke, Lucas J. Strickland, William Nathaniel Frankell, Ethan Maze, Lukas W. Davis, Kiefer Stull, David Jordan Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, CJ Youngerman, Freddy Morse, Reagan Morrison, Josh Stevan, 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 Whitmountain. Please keep them in your prayers.



Jamie Starratt at her new business, The Kitchen on Lafayette.

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'Illinois Chronicles' bicentennial timeline book available to schools

The first copies of "Illinois Chronicles," a K-12 bicentennial educational resource that will be offered to schools all across the state, has been released. "Illinois Chronicles" is a timeline book which contains more than 50 news articles and 100 historical moments, presented on a 6-foot-long foldout timeline that charts the history of the state from its birth in 1818 to 2018.

"We are very excited to share with you the 'Illinois Chronicles' in celebration of the Illinois bicentennial," the governor said in a news release.

"Illinois is the Land of Lincoln. We are a melting pot of culture and diversity, as seen through our communities, music, restaurants, sports teams and heroes," Rauner said.

"I hope this book and our bicentennial celebration inspire students to think about the next 200 years of our great state and the legacy they will create."

The book and related resources are the result of a collaboration between the Governor's Office of the Illinois Bicentennial, the Illinois State Board of Education, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum and What on Earth Publishing.

"Illinois Chronicles is one of the signature projects of the bicentennial celebration," said Gloria Castillo, bicentennial commission co-chairwoman and president and CEO of Chicago United.

"The campaign is designed to reach every student in the state, expose them to the many people,

places and events that were Born, Built and Grown in Illinois and inspire them to be #IllinoisProud."

"We are very pleased to have participated in the development of 'Illinois Chronicles,'" said Illinois State Superintendent of Education Tony Smith.

"It is designed to supplement the teaching of Illinois history and is a unique and engaging way for students across all grade levels to learn about the people and events that make up our state's history."

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum executive director Alan Lowe, a bicentennial commissioner, said the book will form a key part of the bicentennial legacy.

"The chronological historical resources presented in an innovative timeline

create a remarkable opportunity to teach us about our shared heritage, as well as help us think about the future," said Lowe.

The educators guide is available as a free, downloadable PDF to every school in the state on the ISBE website.

Developed by a team of Illinois State Board of Education content specialists, the guide contains a range of cross-curricular activities for K-12 students to help educators incorporate the teaching of state history.

"This is really a complete innovation in the way we can think about teaching the history of our state," said Katie Elvidge, a social science content specialist for the State of Illinois.

"The 'Illinois Chronicles' and accompany-

ing educator pack will be something any teacher can refer to for imaginative and creative ideas about how to embed the teaching of our history across all subject areas."

The printed "Illinois Chronicles" book is available for purchase at www.illinois200.com, Amazon.com and select book retailers across the state.

All K-12 schools will be offered a free copy of the book in March as part of the bicentennial campaign.

The "Illinois Chronicles" timeline features more than 100 images and captions that teach readers about key moments in the state's history.

On Dec. 3, 1818, Illinois became the 21st state in the union. The Illinois bicentennial is a yearlong celebration of the state's bicentennial.

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6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College GameDay	Brooklyn Brooklyn	Chicago P.D. (HD)	BUNK'D Raven	"Arthur" (05) Tonight	"Corpse Bride" (05)	"Girl Train" (05) ★★★ "Con Air" (97) <i>Inmates take plane.</i> (HD)
7 PM :30	Grey's Anatomy (HD)	Big Brother: Celebrity	The Four: Battle for Stardom "Finale" (HD)	2018 Olympic Winter Games from PyeongChang, South Korea (Live) (HD)	College Basketball Minnesota vs North Carolina	Brooklyn Brooklyn	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Andi Mack Stuck Mid.	"Gifted" (17) <i>Man raises niece.</i> (HD)	★★★ "Drag Me to Hell" (09) (HD)	★★★ "The Bye Bye Man" (17) (HD)
8 PM :30	Scandal (HD)	Big Bang Young				Brooklyn Brooklyn	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Bizaard	(45) 2 Dope Queens	(40) "The Mummy" (17) <i>Ancient terror.</i> (HD)	★½ "The Bye Bye Man" (17) (HD)
9 PM :30	How to Get (HD)	S.W.A.T. "Blindspots"	Local Programs		College Basketball UCLA vs Arizona (Live)	Brooklyn Brooklyn	Chicago P.D. (HD)	BUNK'D Jessie	High Maint	"John Wick: Chapter 2" <i>Out of retirement.</i> (16)	(35) Strike Back (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local		Conan (HD)	Mod Family	Andi Mack			Naked
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(05) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Brooklyn Conan	Mod Family	Undercover Good Luck			"25th Hour" <i>Drug dealer's fall.</i> (R)

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6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA Countdown (HD)	Brooklyn Brooklyn	Mod Family	Stuck Mid.	"Furious" (03) Tonight	"The Hunted" (03)	"Nutty Professor II" (HD)
7 PM :30	Be My Valentine	Big Brother: Celebrity Edition (HD)	Who Shot Biggie & Tupac? (HD)	2018 Olympic Winter Games from PyeongChang Olympic Stadium	NBA Basketball Minnesota vs Chicago (Live) (HD)	"The Hangover Part II" (11) <i>Thailand turmoil.</i>	Mod Family	Andi Mack	"Fifty Shades Darker" (17) <i>Past interferes.</i>	"Sully" (16) <i>Tom Hanks. Emergency landing.</i>	The Chi (HD)
8 PM :30	Child Support						Mod Family	Bizaard			The Trade
9 PM :30	(01) 20/20 (HD)	Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>		NBA Basketball Portland vs Sacramento (Live) (HD)	ELEAGUE (HD)	Mod Family	Undercover	Real Time (HD)	Strike Back (HD)	Eddie
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11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)		"The Hangover Part III" <i>Friend kidnapped.</i>	Mod Family	Stuck Mid.	2 Dope Queens (HD)	"Sully" (16) <i>Emergency landing.</i>	"Office" <i>Epic party.</i>

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SATURDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Basketball (Live) (HD)	Brooklyn Big Bang	"Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides" <i>A perplexed pirate.</i>	"The Princess and the Frog" (09)	(4:20) "Dawn of" (16)	(10) Strike Back (HD)	(5:45) ★★★ "The Light Between Oceans" (16)
7 PM :30	NBA Count	MacGyver "Ruler"	Lethal Weapon (HD)	2018 Olympic Winter Games from PyeongChang, South Korea (Live) (HD)	College Basketball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Big Bang		(45) ★★★ "The Princess and the Frog" (09)	"Wonder Woman" (17) <i>Gal Gadot. Amazon heroine.</i> (HD)	"The Thin Red Line" (99) <i>Men bond through the horror of war.</i> (HD)	Eric Clapton: <i>Life in 12 Bars Life chronicled.</i>
8 PM :30	NBA Basketball San Antonio vs Golden State (Live) (HD)	Hawaii Five-0 (HD)	The Resident			Big Bang					
9 PM :30		48 Hours	Local Programs		College Basketball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	Falling Water (HD)	Stuck Mid.	(25) 2 Dope Queens		"Fast Times at Ridgemont" (82)
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs <i>Local information.</i>	Hell's Kitchen (HD)	Local		Frontal	(01) ★★½ "Salt" (10) <i>CIA accused traitor.</i> (HD)	BUNK'D	(25) 2 Dope Queens		Eric Clapton: <i>Life in 12 Bars Life chronicled.</i>
11 PM :30	Local Programs		Local Programs	Olympic (Live) (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Drop Mic		Stuck Mid.	Quads		

FEBRUARY 10, 2018

SUNDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Home Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	Brooklyn Burgers	2018 Olympic Winter Games from PyeongChang, South Korea (Live) (HD)	College Bball (Live)	"50 First Dates" (04)	Law & Order: SVU	★★½ "Cars 2" (11) <i>Racing competition.</i> (G) (HD)	"Wonder Woman" (17) <i>Amazon heroine.</i>	"Risky Business" (R)	Homeland (HD)
7 PM :30	Feud CreatiVets. (HD)	Big Brother: Celebrity	Simpsons Ghosted		Dear Black (HD)	★★★ "We're the Millers" (13) <i>Comedy. Fake family.</i> (HD)	Law & Order: SVU		Here and Now (HD)	★★½ "The Mummy" (17) <i>Ancient terror.</i> (HD)	Cartoon
8 PM :30	Feud (HD)	NCIS: L. A. "As-seets"	Fam Guy LA (HD)		E:60 (HD)		Law & Order: SVU	Stuck Mid. (25) Mack			Cartoon
9 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	Madam Secretary	Local Programs <i>Local information.</i>		SportsCenter (HD)	"50 First Dates" (04) <i>Comedy. Memory loss.</i>	Law & Order: SVU	Stuck Mid.	Divorce	"Identity" <i>Stranded strangers.</i> (R)	The Chi Block party.
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs		Local	SportsCenter (HD)		Family	BUNK'D	Here and Now (HD)		The Chi Block party.
11 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Olympic (Live) (HD)	Sports	"Fool's"	Family	Stuck Mid.	Crashing	(25) "Drag Me to Hell" (09) (HD)	Homeland (HD)

FEBRUARY 11, 2018

MONDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Fam Guy	Family	"Big Hero 6" <i>Prodigy & robot aid.</i>	"Logan" (09) Tonight	(5:05) "Whip It" (09)	Cartoon
7 PM :30	The Bachelor (HD)	Big Brother: Celebrity	Lucifer (HD)	2018 Olympic Winter Games from PyeongChang, South Korea (Live) (HD)		Fam Guy	Family		"Atomic Homefront" (18) (HD)	"Adaptation" (03) <i>A writer struggles.</i> (R) (HD)	Cartoon
8 PM :30		Superior GUKL (HD)	The Resident		College Basketball Baylor vs Texas (Live) (HD)	Fam Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	Stuck Mid.	Bizaard		The Chi Block party.
9 PM :30	The Good Doctor	Scorpion (HD)	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>			Dad (HD)		Bizaard	(40) Here and Now	"War Dogs" <i>Over their heads.</i> (R)	Homeland (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan Zany sketches.	Family	Mack (HD)	Here and Now (HD)		The Chi Block party.
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Olympic (Live) (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Brooklyn Conan	Family	Stuck Mid.	Undercover	(50) "Dances with Wolves" (90)	The Trade

FEBRUARY 12, 2018

TUESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	NCIS Tracking Ziva.	"Cloud 9" <i>Young snowboarder.</i>	Real Time	"Maverick" (94) (HD)	Eric Clapton: <i>Life in 12 Bars Life chronicled.</i>
7 PM :30	The Bachelor Winter Games (HD)	NCIS "Skeleton Crew"	Lethal Weapon (HD)	2018 Olympic Winter Games from PyeongChang, South Korea (Live) (HD)		Bang (HD)	WWE SmackDown (Live) (HD)	Stuck Mid.	"Wonder Woman" (17) <i>Gal Gadot. Amazon heroine.</i> (HD)	"Envy" (04) <i>Envious of success.</i>	Homeland (HD)
8 PM :30		Bull <i>Celebrity sues.</i>	LA (HD)		College Basketball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)		Bizaard		(40) "American Loser" (08) (HD)	Homeland (HD)
9 PM :30	Lights, Camera, Action	NCIS: New Orleans	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>			Bang (HD)	Family	BUNK'D	Divorce		The Chi Block party.
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan Zany sketches.	Family	Mack (HD)	Here and Now (HD)	(15) Strike Back (HD)	Cartoon
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Olympic (Live) (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Detour	Chrisley	Undercover	2 Dope Queens "Hair"	Tour Bus	Homeland (HD)

FEBRUARY 13, 2018

WEDNESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA Countdown (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	"Descendants 2" (17) <i>Life in Auradon.</i> (HD)	"Snatched" (05) Tonight	"Peregrine" (16) (HD)	"While You Were Sleeping" (95)
7 PM :30	Goldbergs	Big Brother: Celebrity	X-Files	2018 Olympic Winter Games from PyeongChang, South Korea (Live) (HD)	NBA Basketball Los Angeles vs Boston (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU		★★★ "Unforgettable" (17) (R) (HD)	"Corpse Bride" (05)	"Band Aid" <i>Musical arguments.</i>
8 PM :30	Family	The Amazing Race <i>World race.</i> (HD)	9-1-1 <i>Plane crash.</i>			Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	(05) Mack		"Table 19" (17) <i>Unlike strangers.</i>	
9 PM :30	Match Game (HD)		Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>		NBA Basketball Golden State vs Portland (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D	(45) Here and Now		"Zack & Miri Make Porno" (08)
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan Zany sketches.	Law & Order: SVU	Mack (HD)	High Maint	(50) ★★★ "Yes Man" (08) <i>A man says only yes.</i>	"Bad Moms" (16) <i>Mom goes wild.</i>
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Olympic (Live) (HD)	Frontal	Conan	Law & Order: SVU	Undercover	Good Luck		

FEBRUARY 14, 2018

THURSDAY

	SHOW
7:00pm	NBC 2018 Olympic Winter Games "Figure Skating, Freestyle Skiing" Team event begins in figure skating with the men's and pairs' short programs; qualifying-round action in freestyle skiing features the women's and men's moguls. (HD)
7:30pm	TBS Brooklyn Nine-Nine "The Funeral" Jake and Amy's relationship is put at risk after the district goes through another personnel change; Terry lends a hand to Holt for a public relations issue. TV14 (HD)

FRIDAY

	SHOW
7:00pm	NBC 2018 Olympic Winter Games "Opening Ceremony" The ceremonial start of the Olympic Games features scores of athletes participating in the Parade of Nations and the lighting of the Olympic cauldron. (HD)
8:30pm	USA Modern Family "Valentine's Day 4: Twisted Sister" As Valentine's Day approaches, Claire worries that Phil has more feelings for "Juliana" than for her; Gloria's sister visits, which halts Jay's romantic plans. TVPG (HD)

SATURDAY

	SHOW
7:00pm	HBO Wonder Woman ★★★½ (2017, Action) Gal Gadot, Chris Pine. The princess of the Amazons meets a pilot who tells her of a war in the world beyond her secluded island, inspiring her to seek an end to the fighting. PG-13 (HD)
8:00pm	FOX The Resident "Comrades in Arms" Conrad is visited in the hospital by a surgeon he spent time with in the army; the team contends against the hospital administration. TV14

SUNDAY

	SHOW
7:00pm	SHOW Our Cartoon President "State of the Union" The President tries to raise approval ratings by delivering a great State of the Union speech, and he names First Lady Melania the national bird. TV14
8:00pm	ABC Celebrity Family Feud "MLB Legends vs NBA Legends and NFL All-Stars vs NFL Legends" Celebrity teams of former MLB and NBA players compete; players from the National Football League Players Association face off against one another. TVPG (HD)

MONDAY

	SHOW
7:00pm	NBC 2018 Olympic Winter Games "Alpine Skiing, Snowboarding, Speed Skating" Austria's Marcel Hirscher competes in the super combined downhill phase; USA snowboarders compete in halfpipe led by Shaun White. (HD)
8:00pm	FOX The Resident "Identity Crisis" Conrad inadvertently gives the wrong family a death notification due to confusion in the ER; Nic finds it difficult to locate a patient's records. TV14

TUESDAY

	SHOW
7:00pm	ABC The Bachelor Winter Games Finland's Jenny Helenius is among the 14 contestants who are set to compete for romance with 12 of America's Bachelor Nation favorites. (HD)
8:00pm	CBS Bull "The Illusion of Control" When Bull is being sued by a celebrity for advice he gave her that backfired, he decides to hire an eccentric attorney to be his representation. TV14 (HD)

WEDNESDAY

	SHOW
7:00pm	FOX The X-Files "My Struggle III" Mulder and Scully come to discover that they are not the only people who are engaged in a desperate search for their missing son, William. TV14
8:00pm	FOX 9-1-1 "Worst Day Ever" Bobby and the team race to save the survivors on a deadly plane crash; Bobby deals with personal demons; Athena aims to exact revenge against teenage bullies. TV14 (HD)

Opinion and Commentary

Illinois residents urged to prepare for earthquakes

Some of the largest earthquakes ever recorded in North America rocked the mostly rural central United States, including parts of Southern Illinois, between December 1811 and February 1812.

The strongest earthquakes in this series were estimated to be around magnitude 8.0, and were felt as far away as the East Coast.

Today, this multi-state region is heavily populated and highly developed. A similar earthquake now would cause widespread devastation to buildings, utilities, roads, bridges and other infrastructure, as well as result in many injuries and deaths.

While damage would be less severe in other parts of Illinois, utility outages, road closures and disruptions to deliveries of essential supplies would significantly impact the lives of most Illinoisans.

Recognizing the earthquake risk in Illinois, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, IEMA, and local emergency management agencies will promote earthquake preparedness throughout February.

"In addition to the New Madrid Seismic Zone, where the 1811-1812 quakes occurred, Southern Illinois is also adjacent to the Wabash Valley Seismic Zone," IEMA interim director Jennifer Ricker noted.

"We can't predict when the next devastating earthquake in this region will happen, but we can help people learn how to protect themselves and reduce damage to their homes."

Ricker said people need to remember to "Drop, Cover and Hold On" when they feel the ground shaking: "Drop" down to the floor; take "Cover" under a sturdy desk, table or other furniture; and "Hold On" to the furniture item and be prepared to move with it until the shaking ends.

There are several steps people can take to help prevent injuries and property damage at home, such as strapping water heaters and large appliances to wall studs, anchoring overhead fans and light fixtures and securing cabinet doors with latches.

IEMA offers several short videos on do-it-yourself earthquake home mitigation projects which can be found online at <https://www.illinois.gov/iema/Mitigation/Pages/EarthquakeMitigationVideos.aspx>.

For additional earthquake preparedness information, visit www.Ready.Illinois.gov or follow IEMA on Facebook (www.facebook.com/ReadyIllinois) and Twitter (twitter.com/ReadyIllinois).

Page from the Past

From the files of The Gazette-Democrat
50 Years Ago, February 8, 1968

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church of Anna will celebrate its 99th anniversary and dedicate the remodeling of the original church on Sunday, Feb. 11. The work was commenced on October 3, 1967, and has just been completed.

Anna Junior High School is planning to have an Open House on the evening of Monday, Feb. 19th, from 7 to 9 p.m. for everyone interested in viewing the new addition to the Junior High School and the work done on the older portion of the school.

A special meeting will be held tonight, Thursday, Feb. 8, at the Stinson Memorial Library at 7:30 p.m. of all interested persons in the further planning of a Sesquicentennial observance for the county.

A meeting of interested citizens of Union County, known as the Lincoln Memorial Square Committee, met at the office of Floyd Landreth on the square in Jonesboro Tuesday evening for the purpose of planning the planting and building of a Lincoln-Douglas park in the middle of the Jonesboro Square.

The sun, which had been missing from the Union County area for almost a week, returned to the area Friday, Feb. 2. Many people have reported that tulips are blooming, robins have been sighted and shrubs have buds on them. All this changed Wednesday morning, Feb. 7, when snow began to fall. A fitful sun tried to burst through the gray skies, as the snow continued to fall.

Cub Scout Pack 44 was reactivated this past week and held the first meeting at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church on Tuesday, Jan. 30, at which time Luke Kehr, Community Commander, installed officers and presented 40 Cub Scouts their Bob Cat pins.

Six women from the Anna-Jo Bowl will attend the 39th Annual Illinois Women's Bowling Tournament to be held in Joliet February 10 and 11. They will enter the team event and doubles and singles.

From the Wolf Lake news: The Band and Chorus Concert held at Shawnee Monday was well attended and enjoyed by all.

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.

Please read this. . .

by Geof Skinner



Would the moon that was seen in the sky on the night before the so-called "super moon" was hanging around in the night sky still be considered "super," or maybe just exceptional? This was how the moon looked in the sky over Anna on Tuesday evening, Jan. 30.

Ugh...six more weeks of winter on the way

Way to go, groundhog.

The chubby rodent in Pennsylvania saw his shadow last Friday. He would have seen a shadow last Friday morning in Union County, too. Guess that means we get to have six more weeks of winter. Sigh...

...indeed, the groundhog's prognostication appears to be correct...

...we had some more snow last Sunday afternoon, which was accompanied by windy conditions and temperatures that were cold enough to make a photographer's hands hurt...

...more wintry precipitation was in the forecast for Tuesday night and early Wednesday of this week. Snow, freezing rain and such were possible. It's enough to make a groundhog stay in his hole until spring arrives, whenever that might happen. Hopefully, it won't be snowing on Independence Day...

...so, what happens when you try to shoot the moon, and it's nowhere to be found?

Last week, as you have heard, we had yet another chance to see a "super moon" in the sky above. The "super moon" occurred only days before a big game involving teams named after a patriotic bird and our patriotic forepersons. That got me to wondering about a few things.

The aforementioned "big game," as you most likely know, was Super Bowl LII. There. I carried on a long-standing tradition in this space. I used the words "Super" and "Bowl," without the express written consent of the National Football League.

Same goes for the letters "L," "I" and "I," which, at least in this case, aren't actually letters. They are numbers. Or numerals. Not sure which is right. More specifically, they are Roman numerals. I think.

Given the world we live in nowadays, I also couldn't help but wonder if it's OK to use the words "Philadelphia," "Eagles," "New," "England" and "Patriots" without the express written consent of the National Football League.

Ultimately, this all comes down to money. Most likely, you forked over some of your hard-earned funds to acquire this publication. As far as I know, the National Football League does not get any money from us.

Since professional football is all about the big bucks these days, the National Football League is very protective about its money. Sometimes, it seems like those folks might be more worried about their money than the health of their players. Oops. Sorry. Socially relevant commentary.

Mr. Lincoln remembered

Area residents who plan to be in Springfield on Feb. 12 might want to make a note that the presidential library dedicated to Abraham Lincoln plans to celebrate his birthday by offering free admission.

The library also plans to showcase some of its rarest artifacts and reveal the winners in a statewide children's art contest. Lincoln's birthday is Feb. 12.

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum also plans to present the music of dulcimer and banjo expert Mike Anderson and appearances by historic interpreters portraying figures, such as Mary Lincoln and a Civil War soldier.

Everyone can visit the museum at no charge on Monday, Feb. 12: Lincoln's 209th birthday. Admission usually costs \$15 for adults and \$6 for children.

Guests can hear Anderson's music from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and mingle with historic interpreters (including Pam Brown as Mary Lincoln and Brian "Fox" Ellis as William Herndon) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Lincoln Presidential Library plans to host a roundtable of historians 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Lincoln was born on Feb. 12, 1809. For more information, visit www.PresidentLincoln.illinois.gov.



Snow falls on Mr. Lincoln

Snow was falling on a statue of Abraham Lincoln Thursday afternoon, Feb. 1. The statue is at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro. Lincoln's birthday will be commemorated on Monday, Feb. 12.