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## News

## Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area.



This early trick-or-treater looked just like a box turtle.

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Happy Halloween to all of our readers.

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A note to motorists: stay alert and watch out for the little ones who are out trick-or-treating on Halloween night, which is Monday, Oct. 31.

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Looks like a popular Halloween display at a residence near downtown Cobden again was being set up.

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Beginning Nov. 1, Union County Hospital in Anna again plans to help area residents to learn about, and to enroll, in health insurance options on the Health Insurance Marketplace. Open enrollment is scheduled to run from Nov. 1 through Jan. 31, 2017.

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The Union County tourism committee plans to meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna. Items on the agenda include discussion about grant funding requests.

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Union Pacific steam locomotive No. 844 made a stop in Wolf Lake on Oct. 19. The locomotive stopped on the tracks at the State Forest Road crossing in the Union County community.

## Steam locomotive stops in Union County



Photographers were lined up to take pictures as steam locomotive No. 844 arrived in Wolf Lake.



After a stop in Wolf Lake, steam locomotive No. 844 continued its journey. The locomotive was heading south to Memphis, Tenn.

Nearly 100 people of all ages gathered at a railroad crossing in western Union County one day last week to see living history steam its way through the Union County community for what was being billed as a "Trek to Tennessee."

Union Pacific's "Living Legend" No. 844 steam locomotive made a stop at the railroad crossing on the State Forest Road in Wolf Lake at about 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19.

Union Pacific reported on its website that No. 844 was on a journey of more than 1,200 miles, one way, to celebrate the Oct. 22 opening of Big River Crossing in Memphis, Tenn.

The trek was the first multi-state venture since the locomotive's three-year restoration.

No. 844 traversed Union Pacific's main line through Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Tennessee beginning on Oct. 13. Brief stops were being scheduled throughout the 19-day roundtrip journey.

Along with the well-attended visit early on a warm October afternoon in Wolf Lake, No. 844 was scheduled to make stops in Chester and Gorham, before heading south on to the Thebes bridge and crossing over the Mississippi River to Southeast Missouri.

No. 844 is the last steam locomotive built for Union Pacific Railroad. The locomotive was delivered in 1944. A high-speed passenger engine, it pulled such widely known trains as the Overland Limited, Los Angeles Limited, Portland Rose and Challenger.

Union Pacific noted on its website that many people know the engine as the No. 8444, since an extra "4" was added to its number in 1962 to distinguish it from a diesel numbered in the 800 series. The steam engine regained its rightful number in June 1989, after the diesel was retired, Union Pacific added.

When diesels took over all of the passenger train duties, No. 844 was placed in freight service in Nebraska between 1957 and 1959. The locomotive was

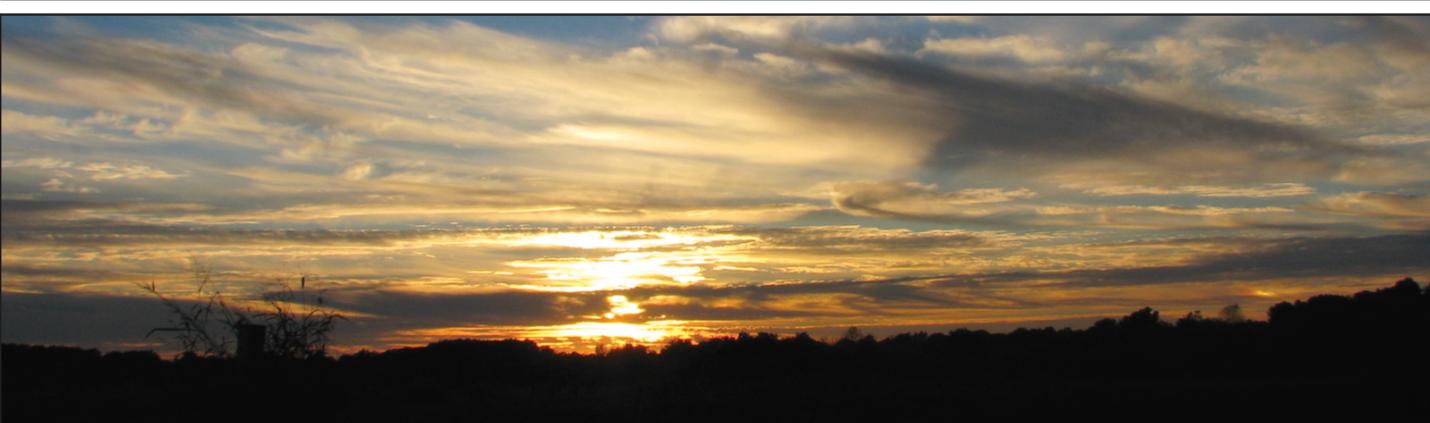
saved from being scrapped in 1960 and held for special service.

The engine has run hundreds of thousands of miles as Union Pacific's ambassador of goodwill. It has made appearances at Expo '74 in Spokane, Wash., the 1981 opening of the California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento, the 1984 World's Fair in New Orleans and the 50th anniversary celebration of Los Angeles Union Station in 1989.

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A photographer gets an up-close picture of the steam locomotive.



## October sunset

Sunlight filtered through a partly cloudy sky as the sun was setting over Union County last Friday evening. The picture was taken near Cobden.





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**Heading south**  
 Steam locomotive No. 844 heads south, all the way to Memphis.

**Steam locomotive No. 844**

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 Hailed as Union Pacific's "Living Legend," the engine is widely known among railroad enthusiasts for its excursion runs, especially over Union Pacific's fabled crossing of Sherman Hill between Cheyenne and Laramie, Wyo.

Housed in Union Pacific's Steam Shop in Wyoming, No. 844 underwent a major overhaul and made

its return to the rails for Cheyenne Frontier Days in late July.

Those who gathered last week in Wolf Lake joined thousands of others who have seen No. 844 on its journey. A crew member said that 7,500 people saw the locomotive during a stop in Kirkwood, Mo.

Another person who was traveling on the train summed up the reason for why so many people are interested in the "Living Legend" – "because they're Americans, and this is history."

The accompanying photographs were taken during No. 844's visit to Wolf Lake, which lasted for about 15 minutes – but left memories which likely will last for a lifetime.

**Weather**

**Mild, very dry; scattered light frost**

October has been fairly mild and very dry in Union County.

Through Oct. 24, only .89 of an inch of precipitation had been recorded in the Jonesboro area.

Precipitation during the period of Oct. 18-24 amounted to only .19 of an inch, which was measured on Oct. 20.

Scattered light frost was seen on the morning of Oct. 22, when the temperature dipped to 35 degrees in Jonesboro.

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

	H	L
Tuesday, Oct. 18	84	71
Wednesday, Oct. 19	87	67
Thursday, Oct. 20	68	52
Friday, Oct. 21	60	40
Saturday, Oct. 22	66	35
Sunday, Oct. 23	76	44
Monday, Oct. 24	70	48

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**Seven motorcycles involved in accident**

Several motorcyclists were involved in an accident on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 22, in Williamson County.

Illinois State Police reported that seven motorcycles were traveling in a group northbound on Illinois Route 148 at the Grange Hall Road/I-57 southbound entrance ramp.

The lead motorcycles slowed down due to turning traffic.

The motorcycles farther back in the group were following too closely and failed to perceive the slowed motorcycles ahead of them, state police reported.

State police reported that one of the drivers, Kyle Hohman, 27, of Salem, received non life-threatening injuries and was transported by ambulance to a local hospital.

Another driver, Jason Dart, 35, of Whittington, was transported by ambulance to a local hospital.

A passenger, Erica Robinson, 28, of Benton, received non life-threatening

injuries and was transported by ambulance to a local hospital.

All of the other drivers involved in the accident were not injured, state police reported. None of the riders were wearing helmets. No charges had been filed.

**IDOT announces project funding**

The Illinois Department of Transportation, IDOT recently announced a \$30.7 million investment to expand travel options and enhance the quality of life in communities throughout the state.

The 33 projects were approved through IDOT's Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program, ITEP.

The projects include biking and walking paths, trails, streetscape beautification work and other projects designed to encourage safe travel across the various modes of transportation at the local level.

**NOTICE**  
**PUBLIC TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT**  
 Notice is hereby given that the Public Test of the Automatic Tabulating Equipment required by 10 ILCS 5/24A-9, 24B-9 or 24C-9 will be held on  
**November 1, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.**  
 at the Union County Clerk's Office located at 309 W. Market St., Room 116, Jonesboro, IL.  
 As prescribed by the Election Code, this test is open to representatives of the political parties, the press, representatives of the State Board of Elections and the public.  
 Dated October 21, 2016  
  
 Terry Bartruff,  
 Union County Clerk/Election Authority

**News Notes**

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The 96th interdenominational laymen's breakfast is planned Monday morning, Nov. 21, at the Main Street Center in Anna.

Lick Creek School is planning to host its popular Thanksgiving season grandparents programs on Nov. 14-15.

The Lick Creek School District is anticipating a significant increase in the cost of health care insurance for employees.

The Shawnee School District No. 84 Board of Education has approved a

new concussion policy.

The Shawnee School Art Club plans to have a Halloween dance on Friday night, Oct. 28.

Routine business was reported at a regular meeting of the Jonesboro City Council on Oct. 17.

The Anna City Council acted last week to continue to have its regular meetings at 5 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

With the changing of the seasons, complaints about tall grass and weeds are slowing down in Anna.

**Rural Health receives \$400,000 dental grant**

Rural Health Inc., RHI, in Anna has received an Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation Oral Health Initiative grant for \$400,000.

RHI announced the awarding of the grant in an Oct. 25 news release.

The purpose of the funding is to expand and strengthen existing dental services for children.

The grant funds will allow RHI to provide for the opportunity to deliver expanded oral healthcare aligned through strengthening the relationship between RHI's dental department and RHI's primary health-care.

The funds will allow RHI to expand its dental operations, to hire a full-time dentist and to care for the dental needs of children in the area.

Part of the funds will also be used for outreach and educational materials to educate children and parents of the importance, and dental techniques, to achieve and sustain healthy dental hygiene as a part of an overall healthy lifestyle through the development of a dental home and medical home to encourage consistent dental and medical care.

**Jobless rate 5.5 percent**

The Illinois Department of Employment Security, IDES, reports that the unemployment rate in September held at 5.5 percent.

Nonfarm payrolls increased by 7,400 jobs over the month, based on preliminary data released by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and IDES.

Job growth is still below the national average, with Illinois 38,800 jobs short of its peak employment level reached in September 2000.

"Job growth has been uneven over the past several months," IDES director Jeff

Mays said in a news release. "Even with net job growth this year, Illinois still lags the nation in its recovery from the recession."

The state's unemployment rate is higher than the national unemployment rate reported for September, which inched up to 5.0 percent.

The Illinois unemployment rate was down 0.4 of a percentage point from a year ago, when it was 5.9 percent. The unemployment rate stood at its lowest (for the second straight month) since January 2008.

**Gary Forby stands up for Southern Illinois families**



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 Forby stood up to Obama and helped open four new coal mines in the district and expanded a mine in Galatia, creating hundreds of good-paying jobs.

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**THE SOUTHERN ILLINOISIAN**  
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 - Southern Illinoisan, 10/12/2016

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# County considers aerial survey

A proposal for an updated aerial survey was presented at a recent meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners.

The proposal was discussed at a regular meeting of the board, which took place Oct. 14 at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

A presentation was given to county officials by Lowell Davis, a representative of Pictometry Intelligent Images, which is based in Rochester, N.Y. Davis is the firm's district manager for Illinois and Indiana.

An aerial survey can create images which can be used in a variety of ways and by multiple county agencies.

The survey provides tools for use by the 911

emergency communications system and law enforcement personnel, as well as for property appraisal and assessment purposes.

Davis told county officials that such a survey also can boost revenues for the county in connection with enhancing images of properties and assessing property values.

During discussion about the proposal, it was noted that use of aerial images does not take away from physically looking at properties on the ground.

The last time an aerial survey was done in Union County was about 14 years ago.

Board of commissioners chairman Richard Cunningham said that such a tool could be valuable to a number of county entities.

The board chairman suggested that the various entities which might benefit from such a service could share in its cost.

The cost of the service would be in the range of \$55,750 to about \$70,000 over three years, depending on the range of services which are provided.

## Veterans salute planned

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council/Anna Arts Center plans to honor veterans at an upcoming event.

On Monday, Nov. 7, at 6 p.m., the arts center plans to host a Celebration to Freedom: Salute to Veterans and Active Duty Military.

Alice Stearns of Alto Pass Angus & Eggs is scheduled to cater the event.

Lily Baker, Raquel Rothschild and Janna Harner are scheduled to attend.

The event is free for veterans and active duty military. All others are asked to donate \$10.

Those who plan to attend are asked to RSVP no later than Nov. 4 by calling Lee at 1-904-625-1109 or emailing vabchlee@gmail.com.

As part of the salute, the arts center would like to display pictures and stories of veterans and active duty service members.

Items can be brought to the arts center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday, or on Nov. 7. Items can be taken home after Nov. 7.

# Mock presidential, vice-presidential debates set in Cobden

As the county, nation and state gear up for the 2016 general election, a special event is planned at a Union County high school.

Cobden High School is planning to stage a mock presidential debate from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 3.

Students have taken two different classes, with each class assigned a political party.

The students have been creating a variety of campaign materials, including a commercial for each candidate.

Students also have been researching what the current presidential candidates think about certain issues to

give them some ideas as to what they should debate on.

On Nov. 3, the school plans to have two debates, one for president and one for vice president. The debates will be student led and moderated.

Following the debate, students who have registered to vote will be allowed to cast their vote for the candidate of their choice. A winner will then be declared.

"We are doing all that we can to be prepared and professional when it comes to the debate itself," Cobden High School senior Elizabeth Hindman said in an email announcing the debate.

# Family Fall Festival scheduled at college

Shawnee Community College plans to host a Family Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 29.

The festival is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the college's main campus near Ullin.

The fall-themed festival will feature free hot dogs, popcorn, drinks, caramel apples, games, a bouncy house, inflatables and candy.

All food, games and candy are free. Children will play the games in order to win candy. The college

encourages little ones to wear costumes.

A shredding event also is planned during the Family Fall Festival from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Area residents can bring their unwanted personal documents to an on-site shredder, with no weight limit. No documents will be accepted after 12:30 p.m.

Southern Seven Health Department staff members plan to offer flu shots and will distribute health education materials. Fees vary for flu shots.

The college's main campus is located at 8364 Shawnee College Rd. near Ullin.

For more information, contact Stacy Simpson at 618-634-3266 or stacys@shawneecc.edu, or visit the college online at www.shawneecc.edu.

# Trick-or-treating set at Fort Massac

Trick-or-treating is planned Monday, Oct. 31, at Fort Massac State Park in Metropolis.

Free food and drinks will be served, while supplies last, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.



## Skyline Drive project continues

Improvement work continues on Skyline Drive. The picture was taken last Saturday morning in downtown Alto Pass. Work is being done from near Skyline Drive/Jamestown Road intersection to Illinois Route 127.

# Anna police: 290 September calls which required response

The Anna Police Department had 290 calls which required a response during September.

The statistics were shared in the department's monthly activity report, which was issued by Anna Police Chief Mike Hunter.

The September activity report also showed:

130 walk-in requests. 106 traffic stops. 14 crashes handled. Six vehicles impounded. 10 motorists assisted.

20 criminal arrests. 41 traffic citations. 71 written warnings. 10 code violation citations.

4,005 miles patrolled. 819 hours worked.

A total of 34 cases were approved during September. Sixteen cases were submitted for prosecution.

Two pending investigations were reported. Seventeen cases were closed.

### Investigator's Report

Assistant chief of police/investigator Bryan Watkins reported that he investigated 14 criminal complaints during September.

Of those investigations, 12 individual incident reports were submitted to the Union County state's attorney's office in Jonesboro for prosecution.

Watkins conducted 14 interviews, as well as multiple telephone calls with

suspects and witnesses.

Watkins was called to testify in front of the Union County grand jury in five different cases. His testimony was used to obtain indictments in all five cases.

Officers apprehended a subject who was charged with two counts of criminal sexual assault on a minor. These warrants were issued after the subject was indicted by the grand jury.

He also assisted the Union County Sheriff's Office with a high risk search warrant, which led to the apprehension of a suspect who ran from a house when officers entered the residence.

# Cobden police issued six criminal citations

The Cobden Police Department issued six criminal citations during September.

The department also issued seven written warnings and 10 traffic citations.

The statistics were shared in a monthly activity report compiled by Cobden Police Chief B.J. Hale.

The police chief shared in a written report that "September was pleasant for the Cobden Police Department."

Because of rainy weather, officers had less time to interact with the public as in prior months.

# Stealing campaign signs a crime

Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel warns that the stealing of political signs is a crime.

The warning comes after several isolated incidents were reported in the Cobden and Alto Pass area, the sheriff said this week.

"Anyone who engages in this activity could be charged with theft or criminal trespass to property," Harvel said in an email.

Training was increased during September, through the state training board and in-house programs at the police department.

Officer Jesse Vicente passed the state exam and is now forever certified as an Illinois law enforcement officer.

Officers trained in the cuffing and searching of arrested subjects, including the search of female subjects. Officers went over the

importance of communicating with subjects during the process of being arrested.

Officers Doug Meadows and Jesse Adams were certified as breath analysis operators. This enables both of them to use the instrument that calibrates the breath alcohol content of any subject arrested for driving under the influence when taken to the Union County Sheriff's Office.

# Sheriff's office made 16 felony arrests in September

The Union County Sheriff's Office made 16 felony arrests during September.

Eighteen misdemeanor arrests were made during September, Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel's monthly activity report showed.

The sheriff's office made 54 traffic arrests and nine warrant arrests. A total of 97 arrests were reported in September.

The office opened 40 cases and conducted five drug investigations.

A total of 16 crash reports were made.

A total of 1,793 911 calls were received.

The sheriff's office patrolled 11,751 miles during the month.

**Look for Union County Yard Sales in the Classified Ads.**

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# SPORTS

## A-J scores 63 points in win

Ahead by one touchdown at the half, the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team exploded for four TDs in the third quarter on its way to a 63-33 win over host Benton Friday night, Oct. 21.

"We didn't play as well as I would have liked in the first half," A-J coach Brett Detering said. "We had some words of encouragement for them at the half. We challenged them and they played much better."

The win improved the Wildcats to 7-2 and they now play in the Class 3A playoffs in first-round action at Fairfield this Saturday.

"We needed to get that seventh win and that was our goal," Detering said. "We had a lot of big plays on our offense, defense and special teams. Offensively, we didn't punt and we didn't fumble the ball."

The Rangers fell to 4-5 overall and with the loss were eliminated from the playoffs.

The Wildcats played like a team on a mission in the second half.

After receiving the opening kick off to start the second half, Jayce Turner scored on a 76-yard run on the first play.

Sheldon McGrath's extra point kick put the Wildcats ahead 28-14 with 11:40 left in the third quarter.

On the Rangers second play, Jayce Turner inter-

cepted quarterback Hamilton Page's deflected pass.

On a three-play drive, which was fueled around a long pass from quarterback Bryce Osman to Ariaiah Hart, Trenton Turner scored on a 1-yard run.

"Jayce's (TD) run was huge for us and he intercepts a pass and we're able to score again," Detering said. "I felt like we were in control from then on."

After McGrath's extra point kick, the Wildcats were ahead 35-14 with 9:38 remaining in the third quarter.

The Rangers then mounted a 9-play drive and scored on a 22-yard pass from Page to Grante Hungate. The conversion pass was incomplete and Benton pulled to 35-20 with 6:01 left in the third quarter.

A-J bounced right back with Jayce Turner scoring on a 13-yard run to cap a 7-play drive. McGrath's extra point kick boosted A-J to a 42-20 lead with 2:03 remaining in the third quarter.

Following a Benton punt, the Wildcats were driving again.

After three plays, Osman connected with Caleb Clover for a 53-yard TD pass. McGrath's kick put A-J on top 49-20 with 29 seconds left in the third period.

To open the final quarter, Benton fumbled on its first drive midfield and Hart recovered for A-J.

Jayce Turner raced 48-yards for a TD on the

first play. McGrath's kick gave A-J a commanding 56-20 advantage with 9:58 remaining in the game.

Page came right back to score again for the Rangers on a 27-yard TD run. The run for the extra point was stopped and A-J led 56-26 with 7:38 left in the game.

A-J's Reid Morrison followed with a 5-yard TD run after a 7-play drive. McGrath's kick closed out the Wildcats scoring at 63-26 with 4:17 remaining in the game.

Page closed out the scoring on the Rangers next drive with a 16-yard TD pass to Oliver Davis with 2:14 remaining in the game.

However, Benton had its most impressive drive of the game on the opening kickoff.

Page connected with Davis for a 16-yard TD pass after a 10-play drive. The extra point kick was good and the Rangers held a 7-0 lead with 8:07 remaining in the first quarter.

A-J bounced right back and Jayce Turner scored on 4-yard run to cap a 7-play drive. McGrath's kick tied the game 7-7 with 4:33 remaining in the first quarter.

Hart recovered a fumble on the Rangers opening play on their next drive.

Jayce Turner then scored on the first play on a 15-yard run. McGrath's kick put A-J on top 14-7 with 4:19 left in the first quarter.

The Wildcats drove downfield and were halted on a fourth down play at the 1-yard line.

Benton then launched a 11-play drive with Page scoring on a 1-yard run. Davis kicked the extra point to knot the game 14-14 with 6:45 remaining in the second quarter.

"We were stopped at the 1-yard line and we gave up two 80-yard drives," Detering said. "We didn't play well then."

The Wildcats closed out the scoring in the first half with Osman completing a 33-yard TD pass to Hart to cap an 8-play drive.

McGrath's kick gave A-J a 21-14 lead it would not relinquish with 2:50 remaining in the half.

Jayce Turner led A-J's 453 yard rushing attack with 244 yards in 16 carries.

"Jayce had a good game and ran the ball well for us," Detering said. "He made some big runs. Bryce threw the ball well, too."

Hart had 69 yards rushing on 4 carries. Morrison added 43 yards rushing on 4 carries. Dylan Fox had 28 yards on 5 carries. Trenton Turner had 26 yards on 7 carries. Clover had 25 yards on 3 carries.

Osman was 4 of 4 passing for 141 yards.

The Rangers' rushing attack was limited to 158 rushing yards, but Page was 18 of 31 passing for 240 yards.

"He was able to find some receivers," Detering said. "But our defense got two turnovers from a fumble and an interception and our special teams caused a fumble."

## A-J scores big win

The Anna-Jonesboro Wildcats scored a big win over host Benton last Friday night to close out 2016 regular season play. Photos by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.



A-J players Austin Dillow and Dylan Fox showed the Wildcats' 2016 record of 7-2 following last Friday night's victory. Also in the picture is Kris Potter.



Wildcat Jayce Turner looks for some running room during last Friday night's game.



A-J's Dylan Fox carries the ball against Benton. Caleb Clover is blocking for his teammate.

## Saluki Sports Update

By Fred Huff

It was a beautiful day for a football game. Wish I had seen one.

No, we're not trying to be cute, just honest. As expected, as we've done for dozens and dozens of years since attending SIU's Homecoming game for the first time precisely 75 years ago, we took in the Salukis' contest Saturday with Indiana State.

Only problem, neither team showed up.

Yes, the visiting Indiana State club returned home with a win and the host Salukis added another disappointing loss to their already shaky record, but there was probably a lot of head-skating in the locker rooms after the Sycamores' 22-14 victory.

We expected more than 75 to 80 points being scored by the two teams, both of whom are trying to evade the Missouri Valley Football Conference basement.

What happened, however, was the visitors' place-kicker couldn't kick a point-after attempt and the Salukis could not catch perfectly-thrown passes with nobody around and 50 yards of open space ahead.

Needless to say, we believe SIU has a better team. Saturday, however, they played exactly what you would expect of the weakest team in the Valley. The tenth-place team. And, as

a matter of fact, that's just where the Salukis are this week.

The only thing more embarrassing about SIU's game last week was the "crowd" which was there to view it. It was like Saluki sports fans somehow knew what kind of a game it was going to be. Officially more than 9,000 attended. That was a generous count.

SIU's first-year head football coach Nick Hill is a friend. Even though we're not as close as I'd like to be, he's from Du Quoin and both his parents and grandparents are close friends.

All that means is that we'll give as much time as needed for him to turn the program around. Up to four years, that is.

Right now, this week, SIU's football program is not good. Indiana State's program is not good. And the Sycamores won.

The Salukis travel to Missouri State this week. Talk about a "must-win" game, that's exactly what it is.

Should SIU fail to win, officials will have to invite any and all of Southern Illinois in free the following week to see the game.

Outside of the always-good SIU band and cheerleaders, there were few students in the stands last week. We'd bet there were more in Morris Library and, as we said earlier, it was a beautiful day for a game.

## Wildcats set to open postseason play on Saturday at Fairfield

After a year's absence from the postseason, the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team returns in the Class 3A playoffs to take on host Fairfield Saturday.

Game time is set for 1 p.m. The game will be aired on WIBH radio in Anna.

Fairfield enters the contest at 8-1 overall and A-J is 7-2.

"Fairfield is a solid football team," said A-J coach Brett Detering after observing the team on game film. "Their only loss was to Eldorado. They've got good size and we have very, very similar running attacks."

The Mules, who now share the Black Diamond Conference with Eldorado, rushed for 219 yards in last Friday's 8-0 win over

Johnston City.

Senior player Brant McGill, 5-11, a 170 pound running back, led the rushing attack with 68 yards on 48 carries.

Senior fullback Devon Butler, 5-9, 200 pounds, rushed for 58 yards on 18 carries and senior running back Wyatt Borah, 6-0, 165 pounds, added 44 yards on 11 carries.

Fairfield is led at quarterback by senior Macklin Snyder, 5-11, 160 pounds, who was 3 of 3 passing for 33 yards and one interception against the Indians.

The offensive line is built around seniors Levi Belangee, 6-0, 220 pounds; Ryan Walter, 6-0, 260 pounds; David Glodo, 5-10, 190 pounds; and Jayden Lewis, 6-5, 220 pounds.

Defensive standouts on

the Fairfield team are Butler, junior Jayden Lafferty, 6-0, 255 pounds; junior Jacob Simpson, 6-1, 175 pounds; and Borah.

"We match up well against them," Detering said.

Detering noted that a win would give the Wildcats an added advantage for the following Saturday's game.

"If we're able to win we'll have a home game next week," Detering said. "That will be the first time since 2011. Hopefully, this year we'll get back on track to where we were before."

Detering feels that the one hour, 40 minute travel distance to Fairfield from A-J could also encourage more fans to make the drive and support the Wildcats.



### Football Friday breakfast

The First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna cooked and served breakfast for the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team and cheerleading squad on Friday, Oct. 21. Volunteers were, from left, Bo Utley, Mark Laster, Ron Hubbs, John Hughey, Robert Lence, Gary Meyer and Larry Goldsmith. Photo by Lindsey Rae Vaughn.

# Good luck A-J Wildcats in the 2016 IHSA Playoffs



## Anna-Jonesboro High School Football

First row, from left, Keaton Busby, Dylan Fox, Aaron Lence, Austin Dillow, Jade Gillis, Nick Harvel, Kris Potter, Shad Turner, Nick Jimenez, Austin Beszczynski, Trenton Turner and Caleb Clover. Second row, Clay Schultz, Austin Filson, DJ Latham, Noah Smith, Arie Hart, Jayce Turner, Jackson Boyd, Nate Frankell, Kyle McMahan, Wyatt Johnston, Hayden Carter, Nick Sanders, Shawn Wells, Bryce Osman and Conner Jerolds. Third row, Colyn Girtman, Dylan Cunningham, Chris Johnson, Nick Proctor, Nate Kisat, Dalton Seip, Noah Craig, Reid Morrison, Garrett Fabec, Kevin Wright, Zach Griffin, Carsten Christy, Damian Chrisp and Jackson Laster. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.

## 2106 Class 3A Boys Football Schedule & Scores

posted on the Illinois High School Association website

### FIRST ROUND

- Game 1 - #16 St. Joseph (S.J.-Ogden) (5-4) vs. #1 Elmhurst (IC Catholic) (9-0) at Plunkett Athletic Center, Sat., Oct. 29, 4:00 pm
- Game 2 - #9 Aledo (Mercer County) (7-2) at #8 Paxton (P.-Buckley-Loda) (8-1) Sat., Oct. 29, 3:00 pm
- Game 3 - #13 Chicago (Corliss) (6-3) at #4 Wilmington (9-0), Fri., Oct. 28, 7:00 pm
- Game 4 - #12 Eureka (6-3) at #5 Byron (9-0), Sat., Oct. 29, 2:00 pm
- Game 5 - #15 Winnebago (5-4) at #2 Farmington (9-0), Fri., Oct. 28, 7:00 pm
- Game 6 - #10 Bloomington (Central Catholic) (7-2) vs. #7 Elmwood [E.-Brimfield Coop] (8-1) at Elmwood, Sat., Oct. 29, 3:30 pm
- Game 7 - #14 Chicago (Marine) (6-3) at #3 Westville (9-0), Sat., Oct. 29, 2:00 pm
- Game 8 - #11 Chicago (Clark) (7-2) at #6 Monticello (9-0), Sat., Oct. 29, 2:00 pm
- Game 9 - #16 Auburn (5-4) at #1 Newton (9-0), Sat., Oct. 29, 2:00 pm
- Game 10 - #9 Marshall (8-1) at #8 Pana (H.S.) (8-1), Sat., Oct. 29, 2:00 pm
- Game 11 - #13 Wood River (East Alton-W.R.) (6-3) at #4 Carlinville (8-1), Fri., Oct. 28, 7:00 pm
- Game 12 - #12 Hillsboro (6-3) at #5 Williamsville (8-1), Sat., Oct. 29, 1:00 pm
- Game 13 - #15 Sesser (S.-Valier) [Coop] (5-4) at #2 Mt. Carmel (9-0), Sat., Oct. 29, 1:00 pm
- Game 14 - #10 Tolono (Unity) (7-2) at #7 Vandalia (8-1), Sat., Oct. 29, 2:00 pm
- Game 15 - #14 Beardstown (5-4) at #3 Virden (North Mac) (8-1), Sat., Oct. 29, 1:00 pm
- Game 16 - #11 Anna (A.-Jonesboro) (7-2) at #6 Fairfield (8-1) Sat., Oct. 29, 1:00 pm

JERSEY #	NAME	YEAR
1	Arie Hart	11
3	Jackson Boyd	11
4	Hayden Carter	10
5	Cameron Tweedy	10
6	Caleb Clover	12
7	Conner Jerolds	10
9	Wyatt Johnston	10
12	Noah Smith	11
14	Bryce Osman	11
20	Nate Kisat	10
21	Dylan Fox	12
22	Zack Griffin	10
24	Keaton Busby	12
25	Kyle McMahan	10
28	Reid Morrison	10
32	Colyn Girtman	10
33	Austin Filson	11
35	Jade Gillis	12
42	Jayce Turner	11
44	Nick Proctor	10
45	Trenton Turner	12
50	Austin Dillow	12
52	Chris Johnson	10
54	Austin Beszczynski	12
55	DJ Latham	11
56	Aaron Lence	12
57	Jackson Laster	10
60	Nick Sanders	10
61	Kevin Wright	10
62	Clay Schultz	11
63	Dalton Seip	10
64	Nate Frankell	11
66	Nick Harvel	12
70	Noah Craig	10
72	Dylan Cunningham	10
73	Kris Potter	12
75	Shad Turner	12
76	Shawn Wells	10
77	Nick Jimenez	12
78	Carsten Christy	10
80	Garrett Fabec	10



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# SPORTS

## A-J volleyball closes regular season; begins play at regional tournament

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School volleyball team lost its final two regular season matches last week.

**Harrisburg 25-25, A-J 18-21:** Elle Basler had 11 kills, 10 serve receives and digs, 4 good serves and a block for the visiting Lady Wildcats Wednesday, Oct. 19.

Brooke Miller had 11 digs, 10 assists, 4 kills and good serves, 2 serve receives, a block and an ace.

Kenzie Boget had 5 good serves, 4 serve receives, 2 blocks and digs and a kill. Payton Alsip had 8 good serves, 5 digs and an ace and serve receive.

Ashley Oliver had 8

digs, 2 serve receives and an assist and block. Brayden Fitzgerald had 8 assists, 6 digs and a good serve.

Jacque Arreola had 11 digs, 7 serve receives and 6 good serves. Clair Boget had 5 kills, 3 digs and a serve receive. Jade Marks had 3 serve receives and 2 blocks.

**Massac County 24-25, A-J 26-16-16:** Basler led the way with 20 digs and serve receives, 8 good serves, 5 kills and 2 blocks for host A-J Monday, Oct. 17.

Kenzie Boget had 13 serve receives, 9 good serves, 5 kills, 4 digs and 2 blocks.

Arreola had 22 digs,

11 serve receives and 6 good serves. Fitzgerald had 12 assists, 9 digs, 4 good serves and 2 aces.

Miller had 8 digs, 7 assists, 6 good serves, 4 kills, a block and an ace. Alsip had 7 good serves, 5 serve receives and digs and an ace.

Clair Boget had 5 digs and kills and 4 serve receives. Marks had 4 blocks and 2 serve receives. Oliver had 2 blocks and digs and an assist.

A-J finished the regular season with a 19-10 record. The Lady Wildcats were to have played Tuesday in first round of the Class 3A regional tournament at Cartersville against Marion.



### A-J hosts Pink Out game

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School volleyball team hosted its annual Pink Out game to benefit breast cancer awareness in a home match against Du Quoin on Oct. 11. The photograph shows members of the A-J volleyball team. The team raised over \$1,300 to share between two individuals battling breast cancer. Photo provided.

## Local inducted to school's hall of fame

Dave Fombelle of Anna has been inducted into the Argenta Oreana High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

"It's quite an honor," said Fombelle, co-owner of the Blue Boar Restaurant near Anna with his son, Bob.

Fombelle is the school's third leading all-time scorer.

He also posted one of the highest, if not actually the highest, shooting percentages of all-time at the school.

Fombelle said at least half of the shots he took were from the 3-point range. However, there was no 3-point shot when he played or his point total would have been much higher.

Fombelle played from

the 1957 to 1961 seasons for Argenta Oreana and received four letters in basketball, as well as baseball. He also lettered three seasons in track.

His son, Bob, was the starting fullback on the 1984 A-J state championship football team, but Dave said Argenta Oreana didn't have football so he couldn't compete.

Fombelle said he was very fortunate to have been able to participate at all in sports because he contracted polio when he was 10-years old. Because of that setback, he worked extra hard to overcome the affliction and to be able to compete.

He played his freshman year in basketball at the University of Illinois before a knee injury ended his career.

## Carbondale scores win over co-op soccer squad

The Anna-Jonesboro/Cobden/Dongola high school boys' soccer team lost in sudden death overtime to Carbondale in the Olney Class 2A regional Saturday, Oct. 22.

The game was tied at 1-1 at the end of regulation play. Carbondale scored a 5-4 shootout victory.

This was the first year that A-J/Cobden/Dongola had moved up to the 2A bracket and the team's head coach, Mark Boomer, said he felt good about making it to the regional finals.

Blake Pena scored the lone goal for A-J/Cobden/Dongola on a shot that was assisted by Jaryt Tripp.

Jake Parr had 100 minutes in goal and had 8 saves.

**A-J/Cobden/Dongola 5, Olney 1:** Tripp and John Russell scored two goals apiece to lead the winners in first-round action at the regional Wednesday, Oct. 19. Pena scored the other goal.

Parr had 80 minutes in goal and had 5 saves.

Boomer said five seniors on the squad, three of whom are starters, will be lost to graduation.

"We'll have a lot of young kids returning," Boomer said. "We'll have 15 seniors next season."

A-J/Cobden/Dongola finished the season at 12-7-2 overall.

## Promotions recognized

Recent promotions at Coffman's Martial Arts Academy in Anna have been recognized. Photos provided.



**White/yellow belt promotions:** From left to right, and front to back, are Hayden Craft, Ethan DeVore, Isaiah Martin, Isaac Stevens, Jeffery Lence, Bailey Robinson and Josh Williams.



**Green/blue belt promotions:** In the first row are Logan Johnson, Finley Dettimar, Brianna Hileman, Elizabeth Hill, Logan Thompson, Levi Alvis and Evan Inman. In the second row are Lucas Salazar, Blake Strunk, Sam Allen, Sadie Cross, Chase DeVore, Jillian Stevens, Mallory Ozment and Janie Ozment. In the third row are Madelyn DelGodello, Michael Toler, TJ Gaddis, Madi Hawk, Maci Kessler, Ruby Lawrence and Gracelynn Fisher. Hunter Craft, Kiara Aden, Lily Greer, Cheyenne Greer and Max Ruddick could not be present for the picture.

## Shawnee Arts Council to host

### Reindeer 5K Run/Walk, Fun Run

The Shawnee Arts Council plans to host the third annual Reindeer 5K Run/Walk on Nov. 26 at 8 a.m.

Runners and walkers will begin the race at the Anna Arts Center at 125 W. Davie St. in Anna. The race is a down and back with the start and finish lines at the Anna Arts Center. Timing services

### Coaches hired at Shawnee

The Shawnee School District No. 84 Board of Education has hired four coaches.

The action came at an Oct. 18 regular board meeting.

Rachel Griffin was hired as elementary girls' basketball coach. Tonya Miller was hired as elementary track coach.

Shanna Pender was hired as high school girls' basketball head coach. Hunter Garver was hired as high school girls' basketball assistant coach.

will be provided by Run to Succeed.

A Kids' Fun Run is scheduled at 9 a.m. Kids will participate in a short race, approximately 1/4 mile, to catch Rudolf and Santa Claus, then they will have the opportunity to make an ornament to take home. The fun run and crafts are free for kids of all ages.

Participants can register online at [www.Active.com](http://www.Active.com) and search for SHACs third annual Reindeer 5K Run/Walk. Registration forms are also available at Kiki's Coffeehouse and Goddard's Barn and Grill in Anna, or by contacting Lee at 904-625-1109 or [vabchlee@gmail.com](mailto:vabchlee@gmail.com).

This event will kick off Christmas in Downtown Anna. There will be pictures with Santa at the various businesses, gingerbread

houses on exhibit at Southern Realty and 4th grade through high school art exhibit at the arts center.

Prizes for the most festive costume for adults and children will be awarded as well as the top three finishers and first, second and third place for each age category for females and males.

Registration starts at 7:15 a.m. on Nov. 26 at the Anna Arts Center. The 5K run/walk starts 8 a.m. The fun run starts 9 a.m.

The 5L run-walk entry fee is \$20 prior to Nov. 26; the cost is \$25 on the day of the race.

The deadline to guarantee a t-shirt for the run/walk is Nov. 10.

For more information, contact Lee at [vabchlee@gmail.com](mailto:vabchlee@gmail.com) or 1-904-625-1109.

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# Obituaries

## Maudie Lou Hart

Maudie Lou Hart, 86, of Anna, died at 3:43 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016, at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

She was born on Oct. 8, 1930, in Miller City, the daughter of Claude E. and Grace Eidson Clinton.

She married James Eugene "Gene" Hart on Jan. 2, 1955.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Gene Hart of Anna; a daughter, Sandra (Glen) Gibbons of Marion; a son, Brent (Deena) Hart of Tamms; a son-in-law, Tim Hendershott of Cape Girardeau; granddaughters Stephanie (Dan) Little, Alexis Gibbons (Micah Sardell) and Ella Grace Hart; grandsons Clinton (Casey Lorenz) Hendershott and Kirk (Trisha) Hendershott; great-grandchildren Haydan and Haylee Little, Caedan Hendershott, Konner and Kellan Hendershott; one sister, Doris (Bert) Robinson of De Land, Fla.; a brother-in-law, John Du Rall of St. Louis; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; infant twin sons Wendell Dean and Randell Gene Hart; a daughter, Debra Lynn Hendershott; and two sisters, Claudine Du Rall and Vernamae Greenley.

She served alongside her husband, Gene, at Unity Baptist Church in Unity, Mill Creek Baptist Church in Mill Creek, Rock Branch Baptist Church in Union, Miss., Immanuel Baptist Church in Cobden, First Baptist Church in Tamms, New Hope Baptist Church in Buncombe and Lockard Chapel Baptist Church in Jonesboro.

Her love of music was displayed in church choirs, directing music, playing the piano and the organ or leading Vacation Bible School music.

She taught young children in Sunday School and filled in where needed as she served her Lord. Her family said her love for the Lord was never missed but shone brightly in her servant life.

She loved and cared for her children and grandchildren in her home, nurturing and teaching invaluable lessons, and cooking zillions of meals. She made many quilts, cared for other children and taught piano lessons as well. Her family said she had a way of hospitality for family and friends and even passersby needing good food for a hungry tummy and kind loving words for a hungry soul. Love and family were the heart of her service.

Funeral services for Mrs. Hart will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with the Rev. Mark Mohler officiating. Interment will be in the Green Lawn Cemetery in Villa Ridge.

Friends can call from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna.

Memorials can be made to the Carmi Baptist Children's Home or to Lockard Chapel Baptist Church.

To leave online condolences for the family, visit [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com).

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



## Home school families visit encampment on field trip to Fort Massac



In the first row are Alalyah Penn, Tabitha Witzman, Cheyanne Greer and Lily Greer. In the second row are Sam Allen, Samuel Witzman, Jonathan Mattheis and Dillon Greer. Photo provided.



Miss Falat shared why scripture was used in the American classroom in 1809. Photo provided.



Students learned about candle making. Photo provided.

Four Southern Illinois families gathered together on Friday, Oct. 14, for their first educational field trip to the historical Fort Massac Encampment in Metropolis. Many area schools bussed in students in large numbers for "school day."

Local Southern Illinois Heartland Home Educators, SIHHE, students enjoyed visiting various sites.

The lace maker demonstrated making lace. Lewis and Clark Camp featured an 1803 replica keel boat made in Pittsburgh.

Students turned a wooden crank as they participated in making a rope and watched as it was secured with sinew, from animal tendons.

An outdoor hearth and various herbs were exhibited as information regarding primitive baking procedures.

Miss Falat, at the one-room school, separated the boys from the girls, made students address her respectfully, explained the horn book and why scripture was used in the American classroom in 1809. She further stated that students in that era only attended school four months from November to February and each student brought wood for the fire.

Additionally, there was a musket/rifle firing demonstration, cannons at Old Fort, candle making from beeswax.

A doctor/dentist-Gerlach medicine show explained old remedies for sore throats like sassafras tea

and willow bark for fever and headaches was called "the wonder drug."

Students learned about rose hip tea which early settlers used to heal scurvy due to lack of Vitamin C during the winter months.

For poison ivy, insect bites and sunburns, a combination of iron oxide (rust) and zinc oxide were mixed with bear oil.

Groups then watched a video on the history of Fort Massac. Arrow heads and various stones which were used as primitive hoes by Southern Illinois Indians, along with other items, were on display at the museum.

To learn more about SIHHE, call 833-8747. (Several of the accompanying pictures were taken by Jonathan Mattheis. The article was provided by SIHHE.)

## Investment class slated

Tim McGrath of Edward Jones announces plans for an investment class at Shawnee Community College's extension center in Anna.

Classes are scheduled from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 1, 8, 15 and 22.

The class will cover such topics as bonds, stocks and mutual funds; steps to take to prepare for retirement; how insurance can help to protect against unexpected life benefits; and basics of estate planning.

To learn how to be a part of the class, call 833-6894.

## School Menus

### Jonesboro School Menu

Tuesday, Nov. 1: Breakfast: Southwestern breakfast wrap, fresh fruit, apple juice, choice of lowfat milk. Lunch: Herbed beef Italiano breadstick or double cheese chef salad with roll, tater tots, red and green pepper strips, sliced cucumbers, fresh or chilled fruit.

Wednesday, Nov. 2: Breakfast: Berry yogurt parfait with granola, fresh fruit, fruit punch juice, choice of lowfat milk. Lunch: Corn dog or three cheese pretzel sandwich, oven fries, cowboy caviar, cherry tomatoes, fresh or chilled fruit.

Thursday, Nov. 3:

Breakfast: Ham, egg and cheese fold, fresh fruit, grape juice, choice of low-fat milk. Lunch: Pancakes with pork sausage patty with blueberry topping or ham and cheese sandwich, home fried potatoes, fresh broccoli and carrots, marinated cool cucumbers, fresh or chilled fruit.

Friday, Nov. 4: Breakfast: Sausage biscuit, fresh fruit, apple juice, choice of lowfat milk. Lunch: Macho nachos or pretzel Sunbutter and cheese fun lunch, hash brown patty, black bean salad, fresh baby carrots, fresh or chilled fruit.

Milk choices include 1 percent white and skim chocolate.

## Shawnee Junior/Senior High School first quarter honor roll students named

Shawnee Junior/Senior High School at Wolf Lake announces first quarter honor roll students:

### Middle School High Honor Roll

7th grade: Kayla Gore, Gabriella Smith.

8th grade: Kyliegh Harris, Courtney Smith.

### Middle School Honor Roll

6th grade: Cole Howell, Jasper Rohlfing, Donovan Smith.

7th grade: Connor Benbrook, Autumn Derossett, Damion Hale, Laythan Holtman, Alexis Miller, Aubrey Walters.

8th grade: Brinna Coomer, Mariah Faire, Trenton Flannell, Austin Heise, AJ Miles, Hannah Sichling, Charles Williams.

### High School High Honor Roll

Freshmen: Jesse Ellet, Olivia Jackson, Koby McLane, Ryan Schaefer.

Sophomores: Autumn McMahan, Chali Phelps, Nick Rose.

Juniors: Levi Boren, Trevor Gale, Evan Golli-

her, Kashe Mouser, Deja Rohlfing, Shannon Stanley, Taylor Verbe.

Seniors: Brittney Abercrombie, Kindra Baltzell, Madi Ellet, Molly Lewis, Abbey Livesay, Drew McLane, Daulton Mezo, Aaron Newell.

### High School Honor Roll

Freshmen: Madi English, Caleb Gabelman, Kylie Holloway, Julia Kaufman, Maddison Smith.

Sophomores: Kadin Carmack, Katie Charles, Holden Criddle, Michael Partain, Tre Rains, Jaylin Rathert, Megan Smith, Gabe Thompson, Austin Warren.

Juniors: Abbey Ellet, Wyatt Harris, Chapman Hill, Cory Johnson, Austin Lyerla, Enette Morfin, Payton Trammel, Kannen Wills.

Seniors: Nick Baltzell, Brandy Baumgarte, Jurnee Brown, Zach Clardy, Abby Cripps, Tyrik Davis, Julian Harris, Wyatt Hassebrook, James Latham, Mickayla Sichling, Taylor Trammel.

## Shelby Sims

Shelby Sims, 78, of Tamms, died at 9:46 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016, at her home.

She was born on Feb. 14, 1938, in Mill Creek, the daughter of Marvin and Juanita McRaven Kerr.

She married Conrad "Pete" Sims on Jan. 22, 1955. He preceded her in death on Oct. 30, 2002.

She worked in her earlier years operating a grocery store in Elco, after that she worked nearly 20 years for Florsheim Shoe Co. in Anna and Cape Girardeau, and then worked at Marilyn's Florist in Tamms. She attended the Tamms Methodist Church.

She is survived by her daughters, Jackie (Kim) Bledsoe of Olive Branch and Candy (Eddie) Anderson of Tamms; a son, Rusty (Karrie) Sims of Vienna; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; sisters Shirley Cauble and Shiela Swinburne, both of Marion; a brother, Timmy Kerr of Jacksonville, Fla.; many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Conrad "Pete" Sims and parents.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, at Crain Funeral Home in Tamms, with Pastor Pete Vinson officiating. Interment was in St. John's Cemetery near Dongola.

To view the full obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family, visit [www.crainonline.com](http://www.crainonline.com).

Crain Funeral Home in Tamms was in charge of arrangements.



## Brenda Sims Bennett

Brenda Sims Bennett, 53, of Anna, and formerly of Grand Tower, died on Thursday, Oct. 20, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

Arrangements were pending at Crain Funeral Home Anna-Jonesboro.



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**"The Preaching Pen"**  
*Can I Claim To Be A Christian and Vote For A Liberal? - Part 2*

One of the main items in the 1994 "Contract With America" was welfare reform. This conservative-based movement claimed that if people were to receive government aid, they should be required to work for it. The opposition party denounced this as being "mean-spirited," cruel, and uncaring. Last year, 46 million Americans received food stamps, an all-time high.

The Bible says if you won't work, you shouldn't eat (II Thess. 3:10). Now, the question might be asked, "What about hardship cases like single parents, those who are jobless, or recent immigrants? What about those who seem to need a helping hand; should they be required to work as well?" Here's a better question: "Is God for welfare or workfare?" Not only is God for workfare, it was His idea!

After Israelites were delivered from Egyptian bondage, God gave them the laws they were to live by. Included were instructions about how to treat the poor and strangers in the land. The Lord commanded in Lev. 19:9-10, "And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest. And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather every grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and stranger: I am the LORD your God."

Notice that God does not say, "You gather the produce and give it to those in need." Rather, He says, "You leave it and let them gather it (work) for themselves." In Ex. 16, the Bible says that God provided the Israelites with manna, but they had to gather it!

Dear Reader, I pray we'll keep the lessons of this week and last in mind as we head to the polls in a few weeks.

Regarding other issues, I'm well aware that we have one candidate who has made disparaging remarks about women, and that's unfortunate and distasteful (I hope he truly is sorry), but the same candidate is against abortion, having stated specifically: "I am pro-life," and also promised to appoint Supreme Court judges who respect the constitution, and would be in favor of overturning the sinful "marriage equality" ruling of June, 2015. The opposing candidate is on record as being pro-abortion and pro-homosexuality/transgender.

Knowing that "... we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (II Cor. 5:10, cf. Rom. 14:12), I don't want to stand before God in judgment guilty of supporting someone in such great opposition to the will of God. Do you? How could one who claims to be a Christian vote for a champion of homosexuality and baby-murder? Let us do what we can at the voting booth to help move this country toward a greater degree of morality.

R. W. McAlister, Minister  
Anna church of Christ

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**Friday, October 28, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, October 29, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. 209 Orange Street, Anna, IL. 618-833-5099.**

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF UNION-JONESBORO, ILLINOIS**

**DITECH FINANCIAL LLC, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF GARLAND BANEY AKA GARLAND B. BANEY AKA GARLAND DEAN BANEY, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF GARLAND BANEY AKA GARLAND B. BANEY AKA GARLAND DEAN BANEY, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF GARLAND BANEY AKA GARLAND B. BANEY AKA GARLAND DEAN BANEY, DECEASED, DESTINY BENNETT and ALLEN JAMES,**

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, 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.

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For information, contact the Plaintiff's Attorney: Havnner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 111 East Main Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719.

The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share,

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We have a 2 bedroom upstairs apartment available. We are located at Front Street and Brady Mill Road in Anna, IL. VERY nice apartment.

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if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1).

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**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.**

Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

**FOR RENT**

*NOTICE: All real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation, or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination."*

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FOR RENT ANNA: 2 bedroom house, 2070 Skyline Drive, Cobden, with stove, refrigerator, washer & dryer. References & deposit required. No pets. Call (618)-614-2035.

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FOR RENT DONGOLA: 16x80, 3 bedroom trailer. \$500.00 rent. No pets. Available now. Call (618)-827-4705.

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**HELP WANTED**

**HELP WANTED:** Immediate full-time office positions. Apply in person at The Gazette-Democrat/Reppert's Office Supplies, 112 Lafayette Street, Anna or mail resume to P.O. Box 529, Anna, IL 62906. Qualifications: Must have high school diploma or equivalent, extensive computer knowledge, excellent customer service skills, answer multi-line phone system, and be able to work independently. Hours will be Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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HELP WANTED: Jacobs & Crabtree is now currently hiring reception, patient care, optical sales. Beadle Drive, Carbondale and Main Street, Anna offices. Stop by either location with your resume.

HELPWANTED: Immediate openings for full & part-time RNs/LPNs and CNAs. Apply in person at Cobden Rehab & Nursing, 430 S. Front Street, Cobden.

HELP WANTED: Independent Living Services is hiring DSP's for evening, weekend and midnight shifts--full and part-time available. Prefer DSP certified, but will train. Apply in person at ILS, 170 Lick Creek Road, Anna, IL.

HELP WANTED: Part-time Housekeeping for Cobden disabled vet. Good Christmas money. Call Jon, (618)-697-6655 or Bob, (309)-236-8967.

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS: Part-time positions available at Lincoln Square CILA in Jonesboro and Dongola. DSP certified preferred, but willing to train the right person. Apply at 202 S. Main Street, Jonesboro.

MAINTENANCE PERSON: Part-time position available to do light repair work. Must have own tools & general working knowledge of repairing, painting, plumbing, as well as, basic/finish carpentry skills. Apply in person at Rave Residential Services, 1390 State Route 127 South, Jonesboro, IL 62952. EOE.

**WANTED**

**ALL MAINTENANCE & REMODELING:** (Winter's Coming) Roofing, Carpentry, Ceramic Tile, Flooring, Painting, Siding, Pressure Washing, Tree Trimming & Removal, House & Window Cleaning, and Gutter Cleaning. **FREE ESTIMATES (618)-364-2870 "WE DO IT ALL"**

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**YARD SALE**

2 FAMILY YARD SALE: 215 N. Jasper, Jonesboro. Saturday, October 29, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Antique dishes, clothing, household items, sports equipment, etc.

8th ANNUAL CRAFT SALE: Thursday & Friday, November 3 & 4, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, November 5, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. 820 Woods Lane, Anna. (618)-833-8087.

**FOR RENT**

Union County Housing Authority is taking applications for one (1) bedroom apartments in Wolf Lake. Rent is based on income. For information, call (618) 833-5129.

Union County Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.

4 FAMILY GARAGE SALE: Friday & Saturday, October 28 & 29, 625 Bradshaw Road, Anna. Furniture, small appliances, western books & other books, clothing, lots of small men's clothing and misc. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Rain or shine.

5 FAMILY YARD SALE: Friday & Saturday, October 28 & 29, 7 a.m. to ??? 107 Park Lane, Jonesboro. Tools, household items, piano, and more. Inside, rain or shine.

END OF SEASON SALE: Historical Society Resale Shop, Cobden. 15% off storewide. Friday, Saturday & Sunday, October 28, 29 & 30, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (618)-893-2865 or (618)-893-2567.

GARAGE SALE: Friday & Saturday, October 28 & 29, 7 a.m. to ??? 417 Springfield Avenue, Anna. Lots of men's clothing (coats, jeans, shirts, suits, and dress clothing) tall shirts, ladies, boys & girls clothing, name brand purses, household items (dishes, pots, pans, etc.), lamps, jewelry, Christmas decor, and lots of misc.

GARAGE SALE: 405 Springfield Avenue, Anna. Friday & Saturday, October 28 & 29, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Items galore. Spreads, blankets, bath, kitchen, cookbooks, glassware, depression, all season clothing, Kohler sink, much more. Check it out.

**YARD SALE/ SHED CLEAN OUT:**

Duck decoys, hoop nets, few tools, computer desk, gun cabinet, lots of things. Cars for sale also. Friday & Saturday, October 28 & 29, 7 a.m. to ??? 5165 Old Cape Road, Jonesboro.

YARD SALE: Saturday, October 29, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. 304 Williford Road, Jonesboro. Junior girls name brand clothing & boys size 10-14, women's clothing 8-10, and other misc.

**YARD SALE: Friday & Saturday, October 28 & 29, 8 a.m. to ??? 600 W. Union, Jonesboro. Tons of baby and kids toys, kids & adult winter coats, Halloween costumes, shoes for boy/girl size newborn to size 9 women's, lots of clothing for boy & girl sizes 0 months to 7-8 girls and some men/women's adult clothing, blankets & comforter sets, some home decor and dishes, and much, much more.**

YARD SALE: Saturday, October 29, 416 W. High Street, Anna. Lots of name brand clothing, kids clothing, misc. Canceled if rain.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

**U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR TOWD POINT MASTER FUNDING TRUST 2015-LM4, PLAINTIFF vs. DANIELLE MROZEK, AS HEIR OF WILLIAM J. HILEMAN; AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, INC.; ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; UNION COUNTY TREASURER; CASSIDY MROZEK, AS HEIR OF WILLIAM J. HILEMAN; HARLEY HILEMAN, AS HEIR OF WILLIAM J. HILEMAN; UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND LEGATEES OF WILLIAM J. HILEMAN; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS 15CH 32**

**PUBLICATION NOTICE**

The requisite affidavit for notice is hereby given to you, UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND LEGATEES OF WILLIAM J. HILEMAN; and UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the 1st Judicial Circuit, Union County, Illinois by the plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows to wit:

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SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER AND PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN. SAID PARCEL IS PART OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AND RECORDED IN BOOK 17, PAGE 328 IN THE UNION COUNTY COURT HOUSE IN THE NAME OF DAN HILEMAN, DATED NOVEMBER 12, 1986. SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON ROD SET AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID EAST HALF; THENCE ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF MCCLOUD LOOP THE FOLLOWING FOUR (4) CALLS; THENCE N 02 DEGREES 42'23" W 167.36 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 14 DEGREES 15'57" W 100.90 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 37 DEGREES 14'11" W 101.78 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 50 DEGREES 08'33" W 94.09 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 59 DEGREES 15'23" E 73.47 FEET ALONG A NEW LINE, PASSING AN IRON ROD SET AT 25.00 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTERLINE OF AN EXISTING CREEK; THENCE ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SAID CREEK THE FOLLOWING FOUR (4) CALLS; THENCE S 87 DEGREES 49'49" E 100.90 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 62 DEGREES 11'58" E 51.75 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 03'21" E 166.72 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S 80 DEGREES 50'15" E 55.16 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE ALONG NEW LINES THE FOLLOWING THREE (3) CALLS; THENCE S 11 DEGREES 37'41" W 168.47 FEET, PASSING AN IRON ROD SET AT 19.16 FEET, TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 12'29" E 89.71 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE S 04 DEGREES 39'42" W 290.05 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET IN THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER SECTION; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 27'44" W 296.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SAID PARCEL TO CONTAIN 3.500 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PER SURVEY BY MITCHELL R. GARRETT, IL PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR NO. 3085, DATED 3/25/2002.

SAID PARCEL BEING SUBJECT TO THE EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY OF MCCLOUD LOOP, AND ANY OTHER RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND EASEMENTS, RECORDER OR OTHERWISE, ALL SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PLAT OF SURVEY DATED MARCH 25, 2002 AND RECORDED APRIL 5, 2002 IN RECORD BOOK 210, PAGE 335, MADE BY MITCHELL R. GARRETT, ILLINOIS PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR NO. 3085, IN THE UNION COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

COMMON ADDRESS: 745 McCloud Loop, Anna, IL 62906  
P.I.N.: 02-29-01-141-A1 AND 02-010  
and which said mortgage was signed by William J. Hileman, mortgagor, to FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY, A CORPORATION, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Union County as Document No. 371 VOL-UME 285, PAGE 816-831; and for such other relief prayed; that summons was duly issued out of the Circuit Court of Union County against you as provided by law, and that said suit is now pending.

NOW THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU, the said above defendants, file your answer to the Complaint in said suit or otherwise make

your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of this Court in Union County in Room 101 at 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, IL 62952 on or before the November 14, 2016, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint.

Circuit Clerk

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

**In the Matter of the Estate of NANCY J. O'DANIEL, Deceased.**  
**Case No. 2016-P-38**

**CLAIM NOTICE**

Notice is given to creditors of the death of Nancy J. O'Daniel. Letters of Office were issued September 12, 2016, to Meghan N. O'Daniel, whose address is 102 E. Spring Street, Anna, Illinois 62906, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is Patricia A. Hoke, Barrett, Twomey, Broom, Hughes & Hoke, LLP, Attorneys at Law, 100 North Illinois Avenue, P. O. Box 3747, Carbondale, Illinois 62902-3747. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's office, Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 13th day of April, 2017. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Meghan N. O'Daniel,  
Independent Executor of the Estate of Nancy J. O'Daniel

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:DOROTHY ELIZABETH WOOD, Deceased.**  
**2016-P-41**

**NOTICE OF DEATH, INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION AND CLAIM DATE**

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of Dorothy Elizabeth Wood, of Anna, Union County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 28, 2016, to Darla D. Austin and Beverly Sue Williams, 264 Saxon Drive, Springfield, Illinois, whose attorney is William B. Ballard, Jr., 500 South Main Street, Anna, Illinois. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of admission, you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses in open Court or other evidence, as provided by Section 5/6-21 of the Probate Act (775 ILCS 5/6-21).

You also have the right, under Section 5/8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1), to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within six (6) months after admission of the Will to probate.

The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless, under

Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755, Par. 5/28-4), any interested person terminates Independent Administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk of this Court.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of this Court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before April 20, 2017, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated October 20, 2016

DARLA D. AUSTIN  
BEVERLY SUE  
WILLIAMS

WILLIAM B. BALLARD,  
JR.  
ATTORNEY FOR  
INDEPENDENT  
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**DITECH FINANCIAL LLC, Plaintiff,**

vs.

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**14CH 35**

**PROPERTY ADDRESS: 307 N. GREEN ST. ANNA, IL 62906**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on July 20, 2016, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Lot numbered one (1) in George W. Norris' Second addition to the City of Anna, situated in the County of Union and State of Illinois.

Permanent Index Number: 14-00-08-634  
Commonly known as: 307 N. Green St., Anna, IL 62906

will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on November 30, 2016 at 9:00 AM, at the front door of the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois.

The Judgment amount is \$35,887.47.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Union County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Re-

lief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, 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.

For information, contact the Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 111 East Main Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719.

The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1).

If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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.

Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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

**ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK f/n/a FIRST NATIONAL BANK, an Illinois Banking corporation, Plaintiff,**  
vs  
**JAMES C. LENCE, LINDA K. LENCE, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.**  
**Case No.: 2016-CH-28**

**PUBLICATION NOTICE**

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

**TRACT I:**

Lot 3 in Woodbury, an Addition to the Village of Cobden, being a subdivision of a part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 29, and a part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 30, all in Township 11 South, Range 1 West of the Third Principal Meridian, in Union County, Illinois.

**TRACT II:**

The East side of Lot Number 25 in A. J. Menees' Addition to the Town (Now City) of Anna, described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the southeast corner of said lot; thence North along the East line of said lot, 196.50 feet to the northeast corner of said lot; thence along the North line of said lot West 112 feet; thence South 196.50 feet to the South line of said lot; thence East along the South line of said lot 112 feet to the place of beginning, all lying, being and in the City of Anna, Illinois. And also a strip of land 5 feet by 196 1/2 feet of equal width off the entire east side of the following described property: 110 feet and 4 inches of even width off the entire West side of Lot Number 25 in A. J. Menees' Addition to the Town (Now City) of Anna, Illinois, all situated in Union County, Illinois.

**TRACT III:**

PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, CITY OF ANNA, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 2 OF B. F. MAN-GOLD'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ANNA; THENCE NORTH 86°-00' EAST ALONG THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF VIENNA STREET A DISTANCE OF 301.86 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 86°-00' EAST ALONG THE SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 66.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 2°-08'-36" EAST A DISTANCE OF 132.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 86°-00' WEST A DISTANCE OF 66.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 02°-08'-36" WEST A DISTANCE OF 132.00 FEET TO THE

POINT OF BEGINNING; THE TRACT CONTAINING 0.199 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. PER PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY CHARLES L. GARNER FILED ON SEPTEMBER 26, 1988, IN RECORD BOOK 54 AT PAGE 535 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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

Now, therefore, unless you, the said Defendant, James C. Lence and Linda K. Lence and Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, file your answer to the Complaint in the suit, or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, in the County Courthouse in the City of Jonesboro, Illinois, on or before **November 27, 2016 (30 days after publication)**, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

Lorraine Moreland  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Prepared by:  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**STEVEN A. CRAIG, Plaintiff,**  
Vs  
**NORMAN D. HARVELL, deceased,**  
**STEVEN A. CRAIG as Special Representative, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.**  
**Case No.: 2016-CH-27**

**PUBLICATION NOTICE**

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

PART OF LOT 4 OF McELHANY HEIRS SECOND ADDITION AND PART OF AN UNNUMBERED LOT IN McELHANY HEIRS FIRST ADDITION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, BEING PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE ONE WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 4; THENCE NORTH 90° 00' EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 4 A DISTANCE OF 118.80 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 4 AND THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF AN AL-



LEY; THENCE SOUTH 0° 00' EAST ALONG THE SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 120.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 75° 49' 40" WEST A DISTANCE OF 122.53 FEET TO THE EAST-ERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF MAIN STREET, THENCE NORTH 0° 00' EAST ALONG THE SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 90.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THE TRACT CONTAINING 0.286 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. PER PLAT OF SURVEY OF CHARLES L. GARNER, REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR, DATED FEBRUARY 3, 1986, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 6, PAGE 248, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS FOR UNION COUNTY, IL.

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

you, the said Defendant, Norman D. Harvell, deceased, Steven A. Craig, as Special Representative, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, file your answer to the Complaint in the suit, or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, in the County Courthouse in the City of Jonesboro, Illinois, on or before the **27th day of November, 2016, (30 days after publication)**, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

Lorraine Moreland  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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## Trail society hike planned

The River-to-River Trail Society plans to sponsor a guided hike on Saturday, Oct. 29, on the west side of Jackson Hollow in Pope County.

The hike is free and open to the public. Those who want to go on the hike are asked to meet at 10 a.m. at the East Trigg Trailhead, on Trigg Tower Road (Forest Road 424), which is 1.5 miles northeast of Trigg Tower and 3.0 miles northeast of Simpson.

The society said that this will be a moderately strenuous hike, about 6 miles long, involving some off-trail hiking, and is intended for people in good health, with some experience hiking over uneven terrain.

Boots or sturdy shoes and hiking sticks are strongly recommended.

Hikers are advised to bring their own water and a snack, and to not bring dogs. For information or directions, call 618-499-2337.

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# Majority of Illinois voters believe human activity influences global warming

A majority of registered voters in Illinois believe the earth is getting warmer because of human activity rather than natural patterns, according to the latest poll from Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Paul Simon Public Policy Institute.

There are 57 percent who believe human activity causes global warming while 25 percent believe in natural causes.

Only 12 percent claim there is no evidence the earth is getting warmer, while 7 percent haven't formed an opinion.

The survey of 1,000 registered voters was taken Sept. 27 through Oct. 2. The survey has a margin of error of 3.1 percentage points.

Another question asked whether to prioritize environmental protection or

economic growth.

Sixty-four percent believe that the environment should be given priority even at the cost of economic growth, while 27 percent believe that economic growth should be prioritized.

Shiloh Deitz, a researcher at the institute, said, "Voters understand environmental issues and are willing to prioritize them."

Among the poll's findings: Opinions differ about the environment across party and ideological lines: 82 percent of liberals believe climate change is due to human activity; only 28 percent of conservatives believe the same.

While most liberals (80 percent) would prioritize the environment over economic growth, conservatives are split, with 44 percent wish-

ing to prioritize the environment and an almost equal 43 percent who want to focus on economic growth.

Sixty-six percent of respondents under 50 see climate change as the result of human activity, compared to 55 percent of people 51 to 65 years old, and 47 percent of those over 66 years old.

Deitz said "there is a stark contrast of these opinions across age groups. Gen X-ers and millennials have grown up with environmental awareness campaigns and this is clear in the results," she said.

"Younger people are most likely to see climate change as a result of human activity and want to prioritize environmental preservation even at the cost of economic growth."

Only 7 percent of millennials believe that there is no

evidence the earth is getting warmer, compared to 16 percent of adults over 66.

Seventy-nine percent of those under 35 would prioritize the environment, while 61 percent of those over 66 would do the same.

One trend in the data indicates the Republican Party may soon grow more environmentalist.

Nearly half (49 percent) of Republicans or conservatives under 50 years old believe human activity can be blamed for the earth getting warmer compared to only a quarter of those over 50.

Sixty-two percent of Republicans or conservatives under 50 would prioritize the environment even at the cost of economic growth compared to only 41 percent of Republicans or conservatives over 50.

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## ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2016

**REVENUES SUMMARY:** Property Tax 47980; TIF 8302; Sales and Local Use Tax 69043; Utility Tax 31442; State Income Tax 123542; Replacement Tax 4327; Excise Tax 19041; Video Gaming Tax 4757; Fees and Fines 144,800; Interest Income 1286; Donations 16656; Miscellaneous 12240; Water, Sewer, Gas Fees and Services 720314; MFT 29665; DCEO 417661; Sale of Capital Assets 44276, Foreman Estate 13680; Transfer from Perpetual Trust 16000. Total Revenue: \$1,744,711.

**EXPENDITURES SUMMARY above \$2500:** Adams Construction \$2502; Alto Pass Water District 18967; Ameren 35551; Anna Quarries 3900; Applied Concepts, Inc. \$4,107; J. T. Blankinship, Inc. 92224; Banner Fire Equipment, Inc. 4276; Cambridge Technologies 4910; City of Carbondale 7992; Carolina Carports 3468; William T. Center 3600; Chicago Motors, Inc. 13000; Cobden Auto Repair 3637; Complete Equity Markets 3954; CWI 86027; Euclid Managers 3181; Evans, Froehlich, Beth & Chamley 5000; Cobden Gas System 6581; Hawkins, Inc. 6295; Health Alliance 74595; Homefield Energy 35286; IDES 10921; Illini Asphalt 10970; IEPA 5250; IMCO Utility Supply 10050; IMGA 80166; IL Municipal League 70678; City of Jonesboro 6300; Kemper CPA 8975; Key Equipment & Supply 60433; Law Enforcement Training 3800; Midwest Petroleum & Excavating 1189698; Missouri Power Transmission 2930; Moran Economic Development 27794; PDC Laboratories 2592; Postmaster 5416; Pro-1 Auto Body 6696; Southern Five Regional Planning Commission 20250; Sweitzer's Tree Service 2700; T & I Office Equipment 2533; Union County 7225; USA Bluebook 2875; US Bank 4480; Utility Safety and Design 7249; WEX Bank 23171; Mark Williams Outdoor Equip 2596; FICA/Medicare 37313; IMRF 52563; personal services less than \$10000: Alma Gomez, Brenda Childers; Charles Jackson, Carmela Martinez, David Stewart, Douglas Meadows, Dennis Maze, Elvis Pearson, Jean A. Britt, Jesse Vicente, Lou A. Hartline, Robert Thomas, Mart Clark Jr., Patrick Brumleve, Paul Tomazzoli, Ronald Flamm, Ryan Stillman, Shawn Knupp, Shawn Stone, Theron Sweitzer, Thomas Ebenhoh, Timothy Morrison, Timothy Smith, Tyler Hess; \$10001 - \$35000: David Craig Jr., Jesse Adams, Kenneth Furry, Larry E. Nance, Maria Braden; over \$35000: Bobby Hale, Jesse Spencer, Jonathan Meirndorf, Joseph Girtman, Karen Winzenburger, Hayne Eddleman, William C. Eads, Waylon Logsdon. Total Disbursements: \$1,353,971.

	SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION (Excerpt from Comptroller Report)				
	GENERAL	SPECIAL	FIDUCIARY	ENTERPRISE	TIF
Beginning Fund Balance	54,444	36,392	207,892	1,292,346	---
Revenues	473,913	29,692	14,193	635,594	8,302
Less Disbursements/ Expenditures	(656,587)	(39,170)	---	(537,793)	---
Operating Transfers	120,421	---	(16,000)	(104,421)	---
Other	44,276	---	---	418,320	---
Ending Fund Balance	36,467	26,914	206,085	1,704,046	8,302

Subscribed and sworn on this 24th day of October, 2016.

*Lou A. Hartline*  
Lou A. Hartline, Village Treasurer

I, Karen M. Winzenburger, Village Clerk of the Village of Cobden, Union County, Illinois, do hereby certify the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2016.

*Karen M. Winzenburger*  
Karen M. Winzenburger, Village Clerk

### AVAILABILITY OF AUDIT REPORT VILLAGE OF COBDEN

The Audit Report for the Village of Cobden for the period of May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016 as prepared by Kemper CPA Group is available for public inspection at the Cobden Village Hall, 112 East Maple Street during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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## Candidate Profiles

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 8. This week, The Gazette-Democrat shares profiles about candidates who are running for office in Union County, as well as state and Congressional legislative races. The profiles are based on responses to questionnaires which were mailed to candidates in early October.

### CJ Baricevic



**CJ Baricevic**  
**Name:** CJ Baricevic  
**Home address:** Belleville  
**Occupation:** Attorney  
**Office you are seeking:** U.S. Representative  
**Party affiliation:** Democrat  
**Are you an incumbent?** No.

**If yes, how long have you served in office?** N/A  
**What do you think are the most important issues in this election?** The most important issues in this election are the ones impacting working families.

We need to get Americans back to work. We need to strengthen American manufacturing, and punish companies for shipping jobs overseas and taking the tax breaks associated with them.

Energy independence is another top issue in this election. I believe we have a commitment to folks who have lost their jobs in the coal industry.

I want to invest resources in our education and push for reforms to make college accessible to middle-class families.

I will also fight to protect Social Security and Medicare for future generations. We also need to address organized labor; this country was the strongest when organized labor was the backbone of our economy. We must stand strong with our unions.

**What are your goals, if you are elected?** I am running for Congress to ensure that the 12th District, my home district, remains a great place to raise a family, work and live.

The hardworking people of my district deserve a fresh new voice in Congress committed to getting things done to improve their lives.

My priorities for Illinois and the nation will be driven by our region's top industries, including coal, steel and agriculture.

Additionally, I will support tax policies to keep manufacturing jobs in our state and strengthen our manufacturing base.

I will prioritize investments in our infrastructure, as it is an economic engine for our district and our nation.

We must also invest in trade schools and higher education. We must protect Social Security and Medicare; seniors have earned these benefits.

### Mike Bost



**Mike Bost**  
**Name:** Mike Bost  
**Home address:** Murphysboro

**Office you are seeking:** U.S. Congress, Illinois, 12th District

**Party affiliation:** Republican

**Are you an incumbent?** Yes.

**How long have you served in office?** I am currently serving my first two-year term in Congress.

**If you are an incumbent, please share what you see as your most significant accomplishment, or accomplishments, while serving in office?** At a time when partisanship in Washington is at an all-time high, I am proud that I've been able to cut through the bickering and get things done.

In fact, the House has passed five pieces of legislation I introduced, all of which were aimed at helping Southern Illinois.

Most notably, the House approved my legislation to improve our nation's trade remedy laws, leading to substantial import tariffs on unfairly traded foreign steel that has harmed employees at Granite City Works and other steel plants across America.

The House also passed an amendment I introduced to expand criteria the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers can use to initiate repairs of levees, including the Len Small levee in Alexander County.

**What do you think are the most important issues in this election? Jobs and national security.** There are too many Southern Illinoisans who remain unemployed or underemployed, and we'll never get back on track by doubling down on the Obama administration's failed policies of exploding debt, higher taxes on working families and more crushing regulations job creators.

I have worked hard to reduce spending, lower taxes, and empowering our small businesses to do what they do best.

As for national security, I opposed opening our borders to poorly screened Syrian refugees, stood against the Iran nuclear deal and have worked to fully fund our troops and our military mission at Scott Air Force Base.

**What are your goals, if you are elected?** If I am blessed to continue serving my community in Congress, I will look to build upon the successes we've had together.

But much work remains. I'm running for re-election to bring Southern Illinois' values to Washington, not the other way around.

At the end of the day, it's about the future we leave our children and grandchildren. I'm willing to work with anyone on solutions to the challenges facing our nation.

I don't care if it's a Republican's idea or a Democrat's idea, I only care that it's a good idea for Southern Illinois and the people I represent.

### Paula Bradshaw

**Name:** Paula Bradshaw.  
**Home address:** Carbondale

**Occupation:** Retired registered nurse

**Office you are seeking:** Congress, 12th District

**Party affiliation:** Green Party

**Are you an incumbent?** No.

**If you are not an incumbent, have you ever sought, or served, in public office? If so, what office did you seek? Were you elected? How long did you serve?** This is my third try for Congress.

**If you are an incumbent, please share what you see as your most significant accomplishment, or accomplishments, while serving in office?** N/A.

**What do you think are the most important issues in this election?** Unemployment and mass poverty, war and environmental destruction.

**What are your goals, if you are elected?** To pass Green New Deal legislation, which would put millions of Americans to work at living wages, rebuilding our infrastructure with renewable energy and sustainable transportation. Also increasing access to health, education and recreation for our people, especially our children.

### Terri Bryant



**Terri Bryant**  
**Name:** Terri Bryant  
**Home address:** Murphysboro

**Occupation:** State Representative, retired public service administrator in the Department of Corrections

**Office you are seeking:** 115th District State Representative

**Party affiliation:** Republican

**Are you an incumbent?** Yes. I was first sworn in last January 2015. I am a first term legislator.

**If you are an incumbent, please share what you see as your most significant accomplishment, or accomplishments, while serving in office.**

As a freshman State Representative, I authored 6 bills that became law. That is more than any other freshman legislator in this term.

My legislative success is built on the fact that most of the bills that I've sponsored have been directly driven by the needs of my constituents.

I passed Molly's Law to help ensure that families that suffer tragic losses can have their day in court and also have access to the information necessary to know the truth.

I passed a law to protect the Illinois jobs of National Guard members when they are called up to work in other states.

I also passed two laws to provide incentives and assistance to Southern Illinois' oil and natural gas companies.

I passed a law that changed the title transfer fee for widows and widowers from \$95 to \$15. That law helps ease a financial burden for senior citizens and others during financially and emotionally stressful times in their lives.

These laws will have wide ranging positive impacts for thousands of Southern Illinoisans.

I am a wife, mother, grandmother and former small business owner. I served for 20 years as a public employee in the Department of Corrections.

My service to the state is something I am very proud of. I have also been actively involved in my church for many years.

I have volunteered on a Habitat house in Carbondale, my husband and I financially support Pregnancy Matters and "I Can Read."

I've led two Missions trips to Mexico and participated in one to Thailand.

I served as president of Christian Women's Fellowship at First Christian Church in Murphysboro for four years. I am a Sunday school teacher there. I also regularly visit and offer support to the Carbondale Women's Center.

**What do you think are the most important issues in this election?** The biggest issues facing the State of Illinois are our budget deficit, our pension debt, and our failure to properly fund education, both Pre-K through 12th grade and at our universities.

Illinois needs a combination of factors to change in order to grow our economy and change the direction of our state.

The key to Illinois' come back is to create jobs in massive numbers. We have to change our laws to make Illinois a friendlier place to do business.

Workers' compensation costs are far too high in Illinois. If our state was on par with neighboring states, businesses would choose Illinois because we have the best work force, railways, highways, waterways and airline infrastructure in the country right here.

We also need to change the balance of power in the legislature to really change this state. We can change Illinois' political culture if the legislature would enact term limits for rank and file members and for members of legislative leadership.

**What are your goals, if you are elected?** As State Representative, I will continue to fight for full funding for our schools. Though the stopgap budget is not perfect, every school in the 115th District received the most money that they have in 7 years. SIU got \$100 million because I joined with other Southern Illinois representatives and fought the Chicago politicians to get it.

My time in office has been spent listening to the concerns of my constituents and taking their concerns to Springfield to pass meaningful laws. I've been successful despite the toxic political environment.

We must focus on making Illinois a better place to do business so that our well educated and hard working citizens can have economic opportunities that lead to better paying jobs.

### Tiffany Busby



**Tiffany Busby**  
**Name:** Tiffany Busby  
**Home address:** Jonesboro

**Occupation:** Deputy Circuit Clerk

**Office you are seeking:** Union County Circuit Clerk

**Party affiliation:** Democrat

**Are you an incumbent?** No.

**Have you ever sought, or held public office?** No

After the announcement from Lorraine Moreland, present Circuit Clerk, regarding her retirement in November 2016, I decided to run to maintain the integrity and efficiency in the office.

Having the endorsement of Lorraine Moreland, Union County Circuit Clerk, was also a major part of the decision.

**What are your goals if elected?** I am Union County voters' nominee for the Democrat party and will be on the ballot in the

upcoming General Election as your Union County Circuit Clerk.

My goal will be to maintain the integrity and respect in the office for the citizens of Union County.

Due to the new Supreme Court Ruling of mandatory e-filing of all civil cases in January 2018, I will be working diligently to implement this into the office. I will be making provisions to assist the public with this endeavor.

I possess the knowledge and skills needed to run the Union County Circuit Clerk's office efficiently and cooperatively, with honesty and integrity.

I appreciate all of the support I have received since my announcement to seek election and would like to ask for the continued support.

I currently work in the Circuit Clerk's office and have attended many hours of Circuit Clerk training over the past six years and currently hold a degree in law enforcement.

As a current employee, I have been trained in all civil, criminal, traffic, jury and financial components of the office.

Previously, I worked at the Anna-Jonesboro National Bank and have experience with accounting and finances and also owned a local business, Bigfoots Sporting Goods. My husband and I currently own a barbeque business.

I have great interest in Union County and the citizens of Union County. I would like to see Union County prosper in business and in all aspects.

### Tyler R. Edmonds



**Tyler R. Edmonds**  
**Name:** Tyler R. Edmonds

**Home address:** Anna

**Occupation:** Attorney

**Office you are seeking:** Union County State's Attorney

**Party affiliation:** Democratic

**Are you an incumbent?** Yes. I was elected in November 2008 and took office December 1, 2008.

**If you are an incumbent, please share what you see as your most significant accomplishment, or accomplishments, while serving in office?** Since 2008, the State's Attorney office has made the prosecution of violent crime and repeat offenders a priority and we have seen significant increases in felony filings and prison sentences.

We have reduced the backlog of open cases in the court system resulting in significant increases in felony dispositions.

We have also worked to expand services to crime victims, and focus law-enforcement efforts on domestic violence, stalking, child abuse and methamphetamine addiction.

I have advocated for early-childhood education and juvenile justice reform. Investing in our at-risk youth means better lives for those kids and a safer community for all of us.

I have led efforts to secure grant funding for the Redeploy Illinois program which focuses intensive probation services on juveniles at risk for incarceration.

This program promotes public safety by steering

kids away from a future of bad choices and crime and saves taxpayer money by reducing incarceration.

Redeploy has seen great results in Union County and brought new services to our most troubled youth.

I also chair the First Circuit Juvenile Justice Council and am a state co-chair of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids Illinois, a non-partisan coalition of prosecutors, police chiefs and sheriffs across Illinois which advocate for proven strategies to reduce crime including high-quality pre-school and the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

I have also worked to promote transparency and openness in county government.

Taxpayers are entitled to know how their money is spent and how their county government operates. Union County government has gone from virtually no information available online, to now having as much information online as any government in Southern Illinois.

Information is key to holding local government accountable and Union County citizens can now browse the county website for contracts, salaries, budgets, audits, ordinances and many other types of information about how their money is spent.

**What do you think are the most important issues in this election?** As a fifth generation Union County native, I care deeply about the future of our community.

I want to continue, and build on, the progress we have made in the State's Attorney's office in promoting public safety and making county government work for all citizens.

**What are your goals, if you are elected?** My priority will continue to be the vigorous prosecution of violent and dangerous offenders.

We will also continue working cooperatively and proactively with other agencies and elected officials to make the most of limited resources while providing the best possible services to the public.

I will continue to oversee an independent and impartial State's Attorney's office.

I will also continue to advocate for crime victims and to promote early childhood education and juvenile justice reform as long term public safety solutions.

As Union County State's Attorney, I will continue working to keep our communities safe and do everything I can to make county government work for all citizens. It is truly an honor to serve the people of Union County.

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## Gary Forby



**Gary Forby**

**Name:** Gary Forby  
**Home address:** Benton  
**Occupation:** Retired business owner; Forby Excavating

**Office you are seeking:** State Senate, 59th District  
**Party affiliation:** Democrat

**Are you an incumbent:** Yes.

**How long have you served in office:** 2003 to current

**Significant accomplishments:** Helping to create and retain jobs have been a major priority of mine.

In 2011, we began overhauling our state's infrastructure system by passing the state's first capital construction plan in over a decade.

The capital bill is investing more than \$31 billion to repair roads, bridges, schools, hospitals and other infrastructure improvements, creating or retaining nearly 440,000 jobs.

Hundreds of millions of dollars have been spent locally through the program, including; \$100 million to expand Illinois Route 13 between Marion and Carbondale, \$60 million dollars for building repair and construction at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, \$3 million to build an emergency access wing on the Cairo Megaclinic – restoring emergency room service to Alexander and Pulaski counties and more than \$160 million to improve local roads, spread across 13 counties.

During my time serving you, I've worked to pass common-sense legislation to help our local industry.

We passed a bipartisan measure to create the Illinois Coal Mining and Electric Generation Act to help finance a new coal burning electric generation power plant and to expand existing power plants that burn Illinois coal. Also worked with area lawmakers to help secure \$2.7 million in funds to construct the world-class Rend Lake College Coal Mining Training Center, equip it and provide training in its revitalized mining technology program.

This past spring, I sponsored and passed legislation to align safety regulations to bring safer conditions to our coal mines and to help make Illinois a more competitive market for the coal industry, and a few months ago, I joined with area lawmakers on a comprehensive plan to help the industry move forward and incentivize Illinois power companies to burn more Illinois coal, increasing the production and demand for coal.

Finally, we passed landmark legislation a few years ago to bring concealed carry to Illinois, allowing properly trained, law-abiding citizens to carry concealed weapons.

**What do you think are the most important issues in this election?** The two most important issues are the current budget impasse and school funding reform. Those two issues impact every person in Southern Illinois.

We must work in a bipartisan fashion to end the budget stalemate and pass a full-years budget that curbs wasteful spending while protecting our critical public services such as

higher education, social services and our public infrastructure.

The other issue we must address is our broken school funding system. We have major funding inequities in the state, which is the result of a funding system that relies too heavily on local property taxes and doesn't prioritize how the funds are distributed.

Illinois ranks last in the state's share of education funding – only 28 percent of every dollar spent on education comes from the state, with most coming from local property taxes.

This has led to an over-reliance on local property taxes to fund our schools, creating wide gaps in the amount spent on education in areas of the state with high property values as compared to those with lower property values.

Making the situation worse is the fact the state doesn't distribute the funding based on need. The state continually sends resources to school districts that are sitting on millions in cash reserves while schools in our area continually get shortchanged.

I'm dedicated to solving this problem with education advocates, teachers, parents, lawmakers from both sides of the aisle and the governor. I'm hopeful that a bipartisan solution can be reached this next spring.

**What are your goals, if you are elected?** Creating jobs and promoting our regions assets – tourism, vast coal reserves and fantastic higher education system to name a few – has and will continue to be a top priority for me. Southern Illinois is a great place to live and raise a family. We need someone who will be a positive advocate for our region.

We must address our broken school funding system. We have major funding inequities in the state, which is the result of a funding system that relies too heavily on local property taxes and doesn't prioritize how the funds are distributed. I will continue working to ensure our schools receive their fair share. Our kids deserve the same quality education as kids in other parts of the state.

Furthermore, I will continue to fight for funding for higher education. We have some of the best community colleges and one of the best public universities in the state.

These universities bring jobs to the district, they attract students from all over the country and they help prepare our young people to enter the workforce.

Too often our seniors, who are some of the most vulnerable people in our communities, get pushed to the wayside. That is unacceptable.

I will continue to advocate for programs, like the Community Care Program, so seniors are provided the help and support so they can remain in the comfort of their homes.

## Dale Foster



**Dale Foster**

**Name:** Dale Foster.  
**Home address:** Anna  
**Occupation:** Retired chief of police, City of Anna

**Office you are seeking:** Union County Commis-

sioner

**Party Affiliation:** Democrat

**Are you an incumbent?** No.

**If yes, how long have you served in office?** N/A.

**If you are not an incumbent: have you ever sought, or served, in public office? If so, what office did you seek? Were you elected? How long did you serve?** I was elected to serve on the Anna District No. 37 school board, serving 2006 to the present.

In my 10 years as a school board member, I have served as president and currently hold the position of vice president.

My service has included assuring students' needs are met while being fiscally responsible.

**If you are an incumbent, please share what you see as your most significant accomplishment, or accomplishments, while serving in office?** N/A

**What do you think are the most important issues in this election?** We are living in unprecedented fiscal times in the State of Illinois.

People I have met throughout the county have voiced concerns about the availability of jobs in the area, maintenance of county roads and services, and the financial stability of the county.

**What are your goals, if you are elected?** If I have the privilege to serve as Union County Commissioner, I will work to keep Union County fiscally stable, work to maintain and improve county services, look at possibilities of bringing new businesses to the area and assisting current businesses, and work to assure compliance with federal, state, and county regulating authorities.

I am committed to meeting challenges which may affect Union County and can be trusted to make responsible, informed decisions.

I spent my law enforcement career protecting citizens and businesses in the City of Anna. I look forward to the opportunity to use my experience, skills, integrity, and good judgment to serve the residents of Union County.

## Steven 'Stevie' Guined



**Steven 'Stevie' Guined**

**Name:** Steven "Stevie" Guined II  
**Home address:** Anna  
**Occupation:** Pastor  
**Office you are seeking:** County Commissioner  
**Party affiliation:** Republican

**Are you an incumbent?** No.

**Have you ever sought public office before?** No.

**What are the most important issues in this election?** A constrained fiscal environment continues to affect our county programs, services and residents.

Fiscally constrained county government inhibits the capacity of the county to meet the basic social, physical and health needs of vulnerable community members, especially low income families and individuals.

During 2016 I along with a ministry team from my church spent twenty-five Saturdays delivering

food to families living in poverty.

I am confident if we don't work hard and work together in economic development this poverty issue in our county is going to increase.

With increased poverty comes decreased opportunities for our residents. With decreased opportunities we can expect an increase in the drug epidemic our county is currently battling.

I praise groups and organizations like "Shop Local" for the diligent, hard work they have poured into our community.

We all have reaped the benefits of our hard work. It's time our elected officials do the same.

County officials are elected to protect the health and welfare of their constituents. There are many issues facing our county but jobs and economic development is the most crucial.

To increase county revenue without raising property taxes it takes our commissioners working tirelessly to attract jobs.

We must work hard to create the proper economic development infrastructure to our county government. Those types of investments will support a strong county economy.

Innovative, tailored programs are essential for creating jobs, sustaining economic growth and improving our quality of life for all residents in every corner of our county.

We must work hard to create pathways out of poverty and to care for our senior citizens. We must support and sufficiently fund our law enforcement departments, our first responder and emergency departments and increase communication between our county government and local governments.

Along with job and economic development cutting property taxes is also a priority. I will not just prevent taxes from going up but I will fight to bring them down.

At a time when families all across Union County are cutting back it's time for county government to do the same.

Through reform and hard work Union County can get back on the road to recovery and eliminate wasteful spending. I will work hard to right size government, keeping the taxpayers' best interest in mind.

There are four important elements that make up a strong community: strong families, strong churches, strong schools and strong-thriving businesses.

**What are my goals if elected?** Five years ago I moved back home to Union County from Alexandria, La., to fulfill a lifelong dream that was placed in my heart many years ago.

That dream was to plant a nondenominational church in my hometown of Anna to serve the people of this great community with the gospel of Jesus.

Through the ministry of Connect Point Church, we have knocked on countless doors, passing out food, praying with people and listening to the needs of the people of Union County.

We have worked numerous times with places like Bethany Village, Union County Housing Authority, local food pantries and others to do our part to help meet the spiritual and social needs of the people here in Union County.

Over the past five years of being among fellow community members, I have had the great privilege of listening to the people, I listened to retired folks tell me how they have worked hard their whole life to pay off the mortgage on their homes only to find out they cannot afford to pay rising property taxes.

I have also listened to young people tell me how

much they love this community but are fearful they can't stay because of the lack of job opportunities.

I have listened to local business owners describe the business climate in the state of Illinois and the frustrations and deep concerns they have.

My personal experience of raising a family and pastoring a church here in Union County have motivated me to take the next step and seek public office as Union County's commissioner.

I believe it's time for a new generation of leadership. Traditionally the average age of the people who have been elected county commissioner in the last several elections has been around 56 years of age.

I feel we need at least one voice that can give a younger generation's perspective on how to tackle our county's needs. As a young man in my mid-thirties, I am eager to get to work to help make this county a better place for all. As your county commissioner, I will fight to bring more and better jobs to our county. I will fight for quality of life that is second to none in our state, a community where children go to great schools, teachers are appreciated and opportunities abound.

I want to commend our current commissioners and county employees. They have started to get this county back on the right track and it's important we keep it moving forward. We must work together.

## Marsha Griffin



**Marsha Griffin**

**Name:** Marsha Griffin  
**Home address:** Jonesboro

**Occupation:** Teacher  
**Office you are seeking:** State Representative in the 115th District

**Party affiliation:** Democrat

**Are you an incumbent?** No.

**If yes, how long have you served in office?** Not applicable

**If you are not an incumbent: have you ever sought, or served, in public office? If so, what office did you seek? Were you elected? How long did you serve?** This is my first time seeking public office. I have been a 4th grade teacher in Jonesboro for the past 10 years.

**What do you think are the most important issues in this election?** Passing a balanced state budget is the most important issue. The lack of a budget hurts families across Southern Illinois.

It is also causing long term economic harm to our region. For example, SIU has its lowest enrollment since 1965. The university has used the recent half year budget to fund operations for last year.

SIU and our community colleges are the economic engine for the region and must be funded.

I am running because our current representative voted present or simply didn't vote over 80 times on numerous funding bills for higher education, social services, K through 12 education and other important bills over the last two years. This is unacceptable.

I believe that hyper-partisanship is to blame for

the current gridlock. I am running to work with all sides: Democrat, Republican and independent. We must work together and compromise and I intend to do that if elected.

**What are your goals, if you are elected?** As a teacher, I see first-hand how our schools are short-changed in Southern Illinois.

I will work to create a more equitable school funding formula that benefits our students in Southern Illinois.

We need to use a fairer way to determine school funding that will provide our students with the education they deserve. The schools in the Chicago suburbs shouldn't get more because they live in a more affluent zip code. This needs to change.

Passing a balanced budget is the number one priority for me.

I support making millionaires and billionaires pay more to fund education. This is a way to fully fund education in this state without raising taxes on working families.

Additionally, we need to go line-by-line through the state budget, cutting unnecessary and duplicative programs.

We must take a balanced approach to budget making. The governor and some of the financial backers of my opponents campaign would like to tax pensions and Social Security benefits of seniors. I am against *any* tax on pensions or Social Security.

Another area where I would like to focus is creating jobs in Southern Illinois.

I have spoken to thousands of residents throughout my campaign and many of them talk about how difficult it is to start a small business.

We have some of the highest small business start-up fees in the nation and I think that we need to take a look and lower those fees and streamline a person's ability to start a small business.

## Phil Hileman



**Phil Hileman**

**Name:** Phil Hileman  
**Home address:** Jonesboro

**Occupation:** Funeral director

**Office you are seeking:** Coroner

**Party affiliation:** Democrat

**Incumbent:** Yes.

**Years in office:** Four. I have served the citizens of Union County as their coroner in a professional manner.

I make it a priority to work with all the local police departments and the Union County sheriff's department.

We all work closely with the Illinois State Police and any other state agency that may be involved with a death investigation.

My only goal would be to continue to do the job I was elected to do four years ago and to hopefully find ways through further education to do it even better. I challenge myself to always look for ways to improve.

## Cary Quick Jr.



**Name:** Cary R. Quick Jr.  
**Home address:** Anna  
**Occupation:** Residential Services Supervisor at Choate Developmental Center  
**Office you are seeking:** Union County Commissioner Seat C  
**Party Affiliation:** Democrat

**Are you an incumbent?** No.  
**If yes, how long have you served in office?** N/A.  
**If you are not an incumbent, have you ever sought or served in public office? If so, what office did you seek? Were you elected? How long did you serve?** I have never sought or served in public, but did serve as union president at Choate for eight years and on the state executive board of AFSCME for the last eight years dealing with a contract covering 70,000 members and handling million dollar budgets. Both positions are elected by the members.  
**If you are an incumbent, please share what you see as your most significant accomplishment, or accomplishments, while serving in office?** N/A.

**What do you think are the most important issues in this election?** I think a major issue is money and the responsibility that comes with dealing with taxpayers' money.  
 With it getting harder to live on a fixed income as a retiree, raise a family in a working-class household or being a successful business owner the last thing that is needed is for elected officials mispending money.  
 The public has to be confident in elected officials and officials need to act in such a manner to avoid taxpayer distrust.

Another issue is safety; with all the dangers we now face our citizens need to feel that Union County is a secure and safe place to live and raise their families.  
**What are your goals, if you are elected?:** My primary goal is to bring together all decision making bodies in Union County to make the county run smoother, come up with creative cost-saving measures and make Union County the best possible place to live.

Another goal would be to help Union County citizens play a larger role in county government and development to make citizens have a sense of ownership when it comes to the county.

My last major goal is to make sure that Union County continues to be a good example of small town living so that future residents can enjoy all that Union County has to offer, as I have done my entire life.

## Paul Schimpf

**Name:** Paul Schimpf  
**Home address:** Waterloo  
**Occupation:** Lawyer, retired lieutenant colonel, U.S. Marine Corps  
**Office you are seeking:** State Senate, 58th District  
**Party affiliation:** Republican

**Are you an incumbent?** No.  
**If you are not an incumbent, have you ever sought or served in public office? If so, what office did you seek? Were you elected? How long did you serve?** I did seek election to be the Illinois attorney general in 2014.

**What do you think are the most important issues in this election?** Budget reforms and making Illinois more competitive with Kentucky, Missouri and Indiana.  
 We must work to ensure that Southern Illinois gets its fair share of school funding.  
 I believe that we need to work to reestablish trust with the voters across the state.

I am fortunate to follow the example that Senator Luechtefeld has been providing to the 58th District for many years.

**What are your goals, if you are elected?** Two goals: Tell the truth and work hard for our constituents.

## Sheila Simon

**Name:** Sheila Simon  
**Home address:** Carbondale  
**Occupation:** Teacher at SIU Law School  
**Office seeking:** 58th State Senate seat  
**Party:** Democratic  
**Incumbent:** No.

**How long have you served in office?** N/A  
**If you are not an incumbent, have you ever sought, or served, in public office? If so, what did you seek? How long did you serve?** Yes. Carbondale City Council (2003-2007), Illinois Lieutenant Governor (2011-2015).

**If you are an incumbent, please share what you see as your most significant accomplishment in office?** N/A

**What do you think are the most important issues in this election?** Solving the ongoing budget crisis is the most important issue our state is facing.

The legislature needs to come to a compromise to provide stability for businesses without cutting services for our most vulnerable.

**What are your goals, if you are elected?** If elected, my first priority will be to solve the budget crisis, but we also must fix our broken education funding formula.

Under the current system schools in wealthy Chicago suburbs can spend up to \$26,000/student, while other schools, many of which are in Southern Illinois, have to make do with only \$6,000 per student. The quality of our students' education should not depend on their zip code.

## SIU recognized in green guide

Southern Illinois University Carbondale's commitment to the environment and sustainability has once again earned the university a spot in The Princeton Review's "Guide to 361 Green Colleges: 2016 Edition."

SIU has received the recognition five of the last six years; the guide was first published in 2010.

The publication bases its assessments on surveys regarding the sustainability-related policies, practices and programs of institutions of higher learning. Schools are not ranked within the list. Numerous "green" initiatives are in place at SIU.



**Candidate addresses supporters**  
 State representative candidate Marsha Griffin of Jonesboro addressed a gathering of about 100 supporters Thursday afternoon, Oct. 20, in Union County. The event was held on the square in Jonesboro.

## Candidate addresses concerns about negative campaign ads

Democratic Party state representative candidate Marsha Griffin of Jonesboro addressed concerns about negative campaign ads during a press conference which was held Thursday afternoon, Oct. 20, in Union County.

Nearly 100 supporters gathered on the square in Jonesboro for the event.

Griffin, a candidate for state representative in the 115th District in Southern Illinois, released a statement regarding her opponent Terri Bryant's campaign spending over \$160,000 on negative campaign ads against Griffin in under 10 days. Bryant, a Republican, is the incumbent.

"My incumbent opponent has spent over \$160,000 dollars on negative ads about my teaching career over the past 10 days and there are many more on the way," Griffin said.

"For the past ten years, I had the honor to teach fourth grade at Jonesboro Elementary School. I embraced each and every day as an opportunity to make a positive impact on the lives of children in Southern Illinois, whether that was staying late after class to help a student struggling with a math problem, or simply being a shoulder to cry on. That is a fact and no amount of lies or money can change that."

Griffin said that her opponent "has sunk to a new low to attack my teaching record. Well, she must be using Common Core math because her numbers don't add up."

"She is alleging that I am an absent teacher and have cost my district money. Many of these days, I was legitimately ill. For example, I took a sick day in September of last year because I was sick."

"On that same September day, Terri Bryant voted present on a property tax freeze and skipped a vote to protect collective bargaining rights. She decided to fabricate and manufacture a personal attack, based on faulty numbers and outright lies, to distract voters from her failed record."

Griffin said she shouldn't be surprised by the charges. She said that her "opponent's largest financial backers will spend approximately \$40 million dollars this campaign season. Much of that money being spent on slanderous ads meant to distract voters from the fact that we haven't had a state budget in two years."

"Here today are many of my fellow teachers, parents and students I have worked with or taught throughout my 10 year teaching career."

"I have dedicated my life to our children in Southern Illinois. I knew that challenging an aspiring career politician, like Terri Bryant, whose financial backers are actual billionaires would be difficult. However, I decided very early on to focus on my opponent's record of missed votes and how her voting record harmed Southern Illinois."

Griffin said that in 2014, she voted for Bryant. "She

said she wanted to better fund our schools, and then voted against the education budget."

Griffin said that her opponent voted against "the most unbalanced budget in Illinois history" and against funding for higher education.

The Jonesboro Democrat contended that Bryant "voted to kick 44,000 seniors off of the community care program, which will force the state to pay more for their care. She voted against allowing a fair contract for state employees that would avoid a lockout."

Griffin said that Bryant is "simply making up lies in order to distract voters from her terrible voting record. Quite honestly, some media outlets seem to cater to that narrative because they are too lazy to look up Terri's actual voting record."

Griffin said she would be an "independent voice that we need here in Southern Illinois."

She called for reform of the worker's compensation system, the closing of corporate tax loopholes and "making millionaires and billionaires pay a little bit more."

The candidate also called for equitable school funding and for "term limits and redistricting reform because career politicians from Springfield and Chicago have run this state into the ground for too long."

## Debate planned

WSIU Public Broadcasting, the public media stations of Southern Illinois University Carbondale, have partnered with Lindenwood University in Belleville, the Belleville News-Democrat and the Southern Illinoian to host a debate between candidates for the Illinois 12th Congressional District seat. Union County is in the 12th District.

The candidates are Republican incumbent Rep. Mike Bost, a Republican from Murphysboro, and challengers C.J. Baricevic, a Democrat from Belleville, and Paula Bradshaw, a Green Party candidate from Carbondale.

The debate is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, today, at Lindenwood University Auditorium at 2600 W. Main St. in Belleville before a live audience.

The debate is scheduled to air live on WSIU Public Television, WSIU-TV 8 and WUSI-TV 16, and on WSIU Public Radio, 91.9 FM, 90.3 FM, and 88.9 FM.

Updates will be posted online at wsiuonline.org and wsiu.org and on WSIU's Facebook and Twitter pages.

Veteran broadcast journalist and former WSIU-TV senior producer Jak Tichenor will moderate the debate, with questioning from panelists Jennifer Fuller of WSIU, Molly Parker of the Southern Illinoian and Joseph Bustos of the Belleville News-Democrat.

## Employee honored

U.S. Forest Service/Shawnee National Forest recently recognized Elizabeth Kuplent as the employee of the quarter for her efforts at the Hidden Springs Ranger District office.

The Forest Service noted that Kuplent led an important effort of cataloging and retaining historic files, such as Government Land Office Survey Notes. The files often are used in science planning and research.

Her work ensures that the records are stored electronically for future needs.

**OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS, TERRI BRYANT HAS VOTED PRESENT, OR NOT VOTED AT ALL, OVER 80 TIMES!**

**Marsha Griffin WILL VOTE and stand up for working families. Marsha is proud to have earned the support of the men and women in the following respected organizations:**

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- Illinois Education Association
- Illinois Alliance of Retired Americans
- Illinois Federation of Teachers
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- United Food & Commercial Workers
- International Union of Operating Engineers
- United Mine Workers of America
- International Association of Ironworkers
- Associated Firefighters of Illinois
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Section B



## Ribbon cutting

The Union County Chamber of Commerce sponsored a ribbon cutting on Friday, Oct. 21, at the new NAPA Auto Tire & Parts facility at 88 Richview Dr. in east Anna. Several cars were displayed in the parking lot and the shop grilled burgers and hot dogs for those who attended. Photo by Amber Skelton.

## SIU's Daily Egyptian celebrates centennial

**By Pete Rosenbery**  
The Daily Egyptian, Southern Illinois University Carbondale's student-produced newspaper, celebrated its 100th anniversary last week with events that included a panel discussion and the release of a book recounting the publication's history.

The celebration for DE alumni was planned Friday and Saturday, Oct. 21-22, and included a tour of the paper's converged newsroom with the River Region Evening Edition. Bill Recktenwald, senior lecturer and journalist-in-residence, was the host.

A panel discussion featuring Daily Egyptian alumni was held in Morris Library's John C. Guyon Auditorium.

"The Daily Egyptian: The First Century," was

released. The book sells for \$20 and is available through the School of Journalism office (Room 1202) in the Communications Building. Proceeds will go to the School of Journalism.

The inaugural Daily Egyptian newspaper was published Oct. 28, 1916. The newspaper is now printed once a week but operates daily online at <http://daily-egyptian.com/>.

The 80-page book includes 36 photographs, copies of 53 front pages, and two dozen stories that provide history and perspective on the Daily Egyptian's coverage, including the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack and President Obama's 2008 election night rally in Chicago.

Research on the book started in 2012 with students in a special projects class

researching Daily Egyptian archives, Recktenwald said.

More than 230 former newspaper alumni preregistered for events that included a reception and meal on Friday night, and tailgate celebration prior to Saturday's Saluki homecoming football game against Illinois State.

Eric Fidler, the newspaper's faculty managing editor, recalled the industry changes through the years: from typing on paper to now utilizing web design and the internet.

Reaching the century mark would not be possible "without the dedication of the many students who have worked here, and this party is a celebration of them as much as anything else," he said.

While the newspaper has gone from printing five days

a week to just once a week, the staff works as hard as ever updating and posting stories online, Fidler said.

"In fact, we probably ask more of them now than we did when the web was an afterthought," he said.

"Even though many people remain nostalgic for print, our students are entering a field where print hardly matters. So we have to roll with the changes, and make sure our students are ready to go to work when they leave here."

Recktenwald hopes the book is a reminder of the newspaper's important work through the years.

While not the first student-published newspaper, the publication "has had an impact not only on campus but in the entire community," he said.

"There are a lot of newspapers around the Midwest and other places that are run by people who got their initial training at the Daily Egyptian," Recktenwald said.

"We are excited that we are now in a converged newsroom like major newspapers across the country that have television cameras available for that mixture of TV news and newspapers."

## 66th annual Pearson reunion held at Giant City State Park

The 66th annual Pearson reunion was Saturday, Sept. 10, at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

Registration began at 10 a.m. Lunch began with a prayer by Paul Pearson.

Henry and Dawn Hand supervised a basketball free-throw contest. The trophy winner in the 12 and under was Nolan Hand with nine out of 10 shots. The trophy winner in the adult contest was Henry Hand with eight out of 10.

Drawings for free t-shirts were won by Matt Hand, McKenzie Bracken, Jerry Coffman, Dawn Hand and April Holderfield.

Farthest away was Brian Chunn. The youngest baby was Leah Hagler. Newlyweds were Ryan and Erin Detrick. The most recent high school graduates were Jacob Hand and Courtney Gilley, who graduated in 2012.

Raffle items were a Scentlok camouflage jacket won by Diane Chunn and two LED yard ornaments won by Paul Pearson.

Winner of the children's M&M game was Kaden Hand.

The trophy winners in the washer tournament were Edna Hand and Matt Hand.

Trophy winners in the horseshoe tournament were Wayne Pearson and Jacob Wright.

Henry Hand Jr. and Chris Hand supervised the annual auction.

Children's games were supervised by Stephanie and Geoff Ritter. The children received ribbons, candy, toys and enjoyed two pinatas.

Those in attendance were Frances Chunn, Brian Chunn, Jacksonville, Texas. Diane Chunn, Cleveland, Texas. Patricia Fears, Goodrich, Texas. Mike and Cathy Pearson, Kinsman, Ohio. Elmer and Nancy Detrick, Ryan,

Erin and Cayson Detrick, Ozark, Mo. Reena, Corbin and Raya Robinett, Advance, Mo. Daniel and Stephanie Reed, Hammond, Ind. Jerry and Bonnie Coffman, Foley, Mo.

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## News from

## Anna Nazarene Church

Music for the morning worship service on Sunday, Oct. 23, was led by Larry Fuller and Randy Wright and accompanied by Betty Odum and Randy Wright.

The offertory was provided by Betty Odum and Randy Wright. Robert Smith, Matt Macy, Noah Wiseman and Terry Wiseman Sr. served as ushers.

The morning message, "Sharing Christ's Love Through Your Story," was brought by Pastor McBride from the Book of Acts.

The message shared that "in order to follow Jesus's command to be both salt and light, we must be light by allowing others to see Christian lives but also

to give salt which comes through interaction or in other words sharing our testimony or story."

The Sunday evening worship service opened with the singing of "Happy Birthday" to Judie Barnhart and Pastor McBride and "Happy Anniversary" to Jack and Nina Shepard.

Music for the evening worship service was accompanied by Yvonne Graham and Randy Wright.

The offertory was provided by Stanley and Marilyn Elkins. Robert Smith, Noah Wiseman, Jason Elkins and Terry Wiseman Sr. served as ushers.

The evening message, "Do You Want To Be Well," was brought by Pastor McBride from John. It shared that three challenges are seen in this text. "The longer the problem persists the more discouraged you become. To be made whole, we must grow discontent with our misery and want something more from the Lord."

Sunday, Oct. 30, at 6 p.m. will be a Singspiration. The congregation is asked to pick a favorite congregational song to sing together or a special song to share.

Auriana Mayer, preaching ambassador from Olivet Nazarene University is scheduled to bring the morning message on Nov. 6.

Also on Nov. 6, guest singer Annette Bingaman plans to be at Anna Nazarene at 6 p.m.

Nov. 17 is the Prime Time Thanksgiving luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

A Missionary Poverty dinner is planned Nov. 23. Birthdays: Judie Barnhart, Oct. 24; Hilma Keeley, Oct. 26; Pastor McBride, Oct. 27.

Anniversary: Jack and Nina Shepard, Oct. 27.

Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. with classes for all ages. Worship services are Sunday at 10:35 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

## News from

## First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Oct. 23, Pastor Mike continued his "Red Sea Rules (Changing Worry into Worship)" series with a sermon titled, "God's Gym," based on scripture from Exodus.

Both the children's choir and the praise team provided special music.

On Sunday, the church celebrated and appreciated the pastoral staff. A potluck was held in honor of senior pastor Mike Turner, Paul Lemon, associate pastor of worship, and Sean Lasley, associate pastor of student and family ministries.

Birthdays: Doris Whiteside, Oct. 24; Daylon Butler, Oct. 25; Kacey Shipley, Oct. 27; Josiah Lemon, Oct. 30.

Worship at Jonesboro First Baptist includes three services on Sunday at 8:15 a.m., 10:35 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Awana for children age 4 through 6th grade is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays. Adult bible study/prayer meeting is on Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Youth meet on Mondays at 6:30 p.m.



Emma Grace Schlenker

## Emma Schlenker born Aug. 29

Emma Grace Schlenker was born at 6:36 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 29, 2016, at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

She weighed 6 pounds, 10.5 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Emma is the daughter of Josh and McKayla Schlenker of Lick Creek. She is the little sister of Luke Schlenker.

Grandparents are Brian and Melissa Calhoun of Jonesboro and Rodney and Beth Schlenker of Lick Creek.

## Hess News

Fred Schlenker, Mona Morgan and myself recently went to Dinky's auction in southern Indiana Amish country. Mona's daughter Alexa joined her for the day as she lives in Indiana.

There were 10 auctioneers at the same time. My buyer's number was 2068, which tells you it was a large crowd. Don't know how many arrived after me.

The Anna Heights Church bus, driven by Carol and Darrell Duke, took 24 of us to Kentucky last week for three days. We went to the Ark encounter at Williamstown that was built to

## Literary festival underway

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the creative writing master of fine arts degree at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, and the program faculty and the Department of English plan to mark the milestone with guest appearances from creative writing MFA alumni.

The annual Devil's Kitchen Literary Festival was scheduled to begin Wednesday, Oct. 26, and continues through Friday, Oct. 28, with readings and panels in the John C. Guyon Auditorium in Morris Library and festival author reading in the first-floor rotunda adjacent to the auditorium.

The festival is organized by the undergraduate editorial staff of Grassroots, an annual undergraduate literary and arts journal for SIU students.

The students also select the winners of the Devil's Kitchen Reading Awards based on books published in the preceding year.

Reading Award winners participate in the festival as special guests and receive a special award.

This year's Devil's

Great-grandparents are Dale and Gloria Calhoun of Lick Creek, Bob and the late Bonnie Shipley of Anna and Fred and Wanda Schlenker of Lick Creek.

Aunts and uncles are Michael Calhoun, Madison Calhoun, Byford and Stephanie Miller.

She is a cousin to Jaden Miller.

She was dedicated on Sept. 25 at United Missionary Baptist Church by Paul Tiery. All of Emma's family was able to be there with her.

## By Glenn Heisner

scale as the largest all wood building in America.

We also went to the Kentucky Horse Park and then to Renfro Valley to see Jimmy Fortune and T. Graham Brown shows. We finished it off in Berea's many shops and ate at the Famous Boone Tavern Hotel.

October birthdays: David Johnson, Oct. 21; Doris Whiteside and Bill Dove, Oct. 24.

Congratulations to Josh and McKayla Schlenker and little brother Luke on the birth of daughter and sister Emma Grace.

Here's a look at what's coming up at the festival:

**Oct. 27**  
11 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. Panel featuring Hala Alyan, Jacob Appel, Bruce Bond, Michelle Herman and Emily O'Neill.

2 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Poetry readings by Hala Alyan and Bruce Bond.

3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Reception and book signing.

4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Readings by 2016 Devil's Kitchen Reading Award Winners in poetry and prose Emily O'Neill and Jacob Appel.

**Oct. 28**  
11 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. Open mic reading of SIU students, Grassroots sponsored event.

2 p.m. to 2:50 p.m. 20th anniversary of the SIU MFA Program panel featuring alumni Lesley Brower, Sequoia Nagamatsu and Amie Whittemore.

## Early Voting Information

General Election - November 8, 2016

### Union County

#### DATES

Thursday, Sept. 29 - Monday, Nov. 7

Monday through Friday

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\* except as noted below

\* Saturday, November 5 8:00 a.m. - Noon

\* Sunday, November 6 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Office closed Monday, October 10, 2016 in observance of Columbus Day.

Early voting will be held in the office of Union County Clerk, located at 309 West Market Street, Room 116, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952.

*Terry Bartruff*  
Terry Bartruff

Union County Clerk

## Southern Illinois museum group to host workshop

The Southern Illinois Association of Museums, SIAM, plans to host a fall workshop titled "Making Affordable Storage Mounts" on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The workshop will be at the Wabash County Museum in Mt. Carmel.

The guest speaker is scheduled to be Claudia Dant, executive director of the Wabash County Museum and board member of the Illinois Association of Museums.

Dant plans to give a presentation based on her course at the International Preservation Studies Center, formerly The Campbell Center.

She will be presenting highlights from the four-day hands-on workshop, including proper storage materials and conditions, types of storage boxes and materials, adding mounts in the box to protect artifacts,

## Young artists creations featured

A Saturday Young Artist Art Show at Southern Illinois University Carbondale features the works of artists from kindergarten through 8th grade who are enrolled in the SIU School of Art and Design community outreach program.

The art work was scheduled to go on display Oct. 24 in the Allyn Building on the SIU campus.

The exhibit continues through Oct. 29, when a closing reception is scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The reception includes refreshments.

All of the art was made during Saturday Young Artist Workshops and includes piñatas, mosaics, drawing and prints.

The workshops operate on a different theme each session. Art education students prepare and teach the lessons. The program is open to students from the greater Carbondale area and can handle up to 50 students.

The fall 2016 session of workshops has begun. The next opportunity to enroll will come with the spring 2017 semester. For more information, contact Kathleen Frye at kfrye@siu.edu or 618-453-7765.

## Artist to speak in Cape Girardeau

Thursday, today, at 7 p.m., the Arts Council of Southeast Missouri plans to host the second Red Light Night of this season with the topic "The Word Made Sight," featuring Father Robert Towner.

The Arts Council of Southeast Missouri is located at 16 N Spanish St. in Cape Girardeau.

Towner is an Episcopal priest and self-taught artist.

Red Light Night is a series of after-hours discussions about the arts. Organizers noted that topics and discussions are intended for a mature audience.

making custom mounts for purchased boxes, constructing several types of storage boxes and inexpensive sources of storage mounts.

Those who attend the workshop will learn how to make a phase box to take home.

Participants are asked to bring a small pamphlet or book they would like to protect, a pencil, scissors, calculator, scratch pad and a cloth measuring tape or ruler.

The workshop is free for SIAM members, and \$5 for non-members. To register for the workshop, contact Vickie Devenport at 618-559-0869. The deadline for registration is Oct. 28.

SIAM is a consortium of museums in the lower 28 counties of the state which promotes museums, creates networking and professional development opportunities for museums and develops collaborative projects among museums for educational purposes. For further information visit the website at <http://southernillinois museums.org>.

## SIU welcomes foreign teachers

The Center for English as a Second Language at Southern Illinois University Carbondale plans to host a group of 25 English teachers from 23 countries for a two-week foray into American culture.

The group is part of FHI 360, a nonprofit human development organization serving in more than 70 countries and in every state and U. S. territory. The State Department's Bureau of Educational Affairs sponsors the group's visit.

The teachers are scheduled to be on campus Oct. 28 through Nov. 12 as part of the English Access Microscholarship Teacher Workshop and professional development training.

The goal is to give the participants firsthand knowledge of the United States, with focus on cultures and values and the ideals of democracy.

## Teach-in scheduled

Local organizer and activist Margie Parker led the Peace Coalition of Southern Illinois/Fellowship of Reconciliation for more than 20 years.

After her death, the Peace Coalition initiated a Teach-in for Peace in her memory, which this year is scheduled to host activist and author Medea Benjamin.

The program is planned Thursday, Nov. 3, at 7 p.m. in the SIU School of Law auditorium at 1150 Douglas Dr. in Carbondale.

The speech will be followed by a reception and book signing. The event is free and open to the public.

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News from

# Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna



Central-Southern Illinois Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Bishop John Roth, left, of Springfield, conducted a service at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church to install the Rev. Mark Hasty as pastor of the dual parish of Mt. Moriah in Anna and Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro. Photo provided.



Pastor Mark Hasty was presented with a special cake to celebrate his installation as pastor of Mt. Moriah and Salem Lutheran Churches by Mt. Moriah's social ministry chairperson Susan Hase. Photo provided.

The scripture lesson on Sunday from Luke 18 was about two men who came to the temple to pray, one a self-righteous Pharisee and the other a repentant tax collector.

Pastor Mark Hasty referred to the story of the two men and then said, "God wants us to have humble hearts, not perfectly cleaned-up lives filled with pride and self-righteousness. We are all works in progress." The prayer list for healing

included Mike Chase, Glenna Tripp, Daniel Sedden, Ann Shaw, Jack Johnson, Shirley Earnhart, Hadley Ashby, Linda Clark, Brandon Lacy, Urs Becker, Todd Breiner, Pat Martin, Mort Wright, Joe Frick, Carolyn Frick, Elizabeth Corbit, Max Casey, Pam Wheaton, Shawn Knupp, Silas Jones and Linda Mayo.

The families of Jim Mueller, Maxine Williamson, Shane Laminack, Ron Gotto, Tom Robinson, Stan Kozak, Joe Lyerla, Patricia Colleen Corzine, Mildred Kohler and Bill Hensch were remembered in prayer for loss of their loved one.

Mt. Moriah members mourned the loss recently of two of their church family, Mildred Kohler and Bill Hensch. A memorial service was held on Oct. 20 to celebrate the life of Bill Hensch.

Sunday, Oct. 23, was a celebration day for the congregations of Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna and Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro.

Together, the separate congregations met to install the Rev. Mark Hasty as the new pastor of the recently formed joint parish.

Present from the Central and Southern Illinois Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America was Bishop John Roth from Springfield.

In his remarks, Bishop Roth told the joint parishioners that he represented all the other Central and Southern Illinois churches in bringing good wishes to the new parish and the new pastor.

Bishop Roth installed Pastor Hasty and prayed for blessings on his leadership and the congregations of Mt. Moriah and Salem Lutheran Churches.

Following the installation service, a reception was given in honor of Pastor Mark and special guests.

In addition to Bishop Roth, honorees included Mrs. Paula Hasty and daughters Hailee, Allison and Serena.

Also visiting were Paula Hasty's mother Joanne Broue and brother Eric Broue from New Berlin, Wis.

Also in attendance was Pastor Dennis Scoville, former interim pastor at Mt. Moriah and Salem Churches, now serving as interim pastor in Chester.

The Hasty family resides in the parsonage of Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro.

Pastor Mark maintains office hours at both churches and conducts services each Sunday at Mt. Moriah at 9 a.m. and at Salem at 10:45 a.m.

There will be a Gingerbread Workshop Day on Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for Hands of Faith volunteers. The Holiday Bazaar is set for Nov. 26 as a part of Christmas in Downtown Anna. Kay Rothschild can be contacted to help by donating items or hours of participation.

Men's group meets Nov. 7 at the church at 5:30 p.m.

Regular Sunday worship is held at Mt. Moriah at 9 a.m.

News from

# First Christian Church, Anna

On Sunday, Oct. 23, senior minister Dee Armes preached a sermon titled "Praying With Power" from James.

The message shared specific reasons for prayer: "when in trouble, stressed, and going through hardships." Suggestions for making prayer more powerful included scheduling a definite time every day for prayer, finding a place to be alone with God, praying out loud, and talking to God in normal language.

Birthdays: Dawson Montfort, Oct. 24; Makayla Black, Aaron Ehrhart, Oct. 25; Herb Hall, Oct. 26; Eric Rosson, Leo Martin, Oct. 29.

Sunday School for all ages is at 9:30 a.m., with worship services beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The Sunday evening program begins at 6 p.m. with the junior/senior high youth group led by Aaron Filbeck at the church. An adult Bible study meets at 6:45 p.m.

Awana for youth age 3 through 6th grade meets Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. A Wednesday evening Bible study meets from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

News from

# First Baptist Church, Cobden

On Sunday, Ed Falgout brought a message titled, "Family Ties," in reference to the 18th article from the Baptist Faith and Message. He spoke about the foundation, function and fuel for the family.

Brian and Sherri Lukes provided special music.

Trunk or treat will be Monday, Oct. 31, at 5 p.m. in the church parking lot. Donations of candy can be dropped off at the church office.

Sunday School begins at 9 a.m. Sunday morning worship service begins at 10 a.m. Sunday evening service begins at 6 p.m. Wednesday service begins at 6:30 p.m.

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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.



Rev. Carl Johnston received new members Sunday morning at the United Methodist Church in Anna. From left are Wayne Skogune, Rev. Carl Johnston, Jean Lamszus and not pictured Debbie Johnston.



Amanda, Ava and Paxton Boreup sang a special, Crown of Thorns, at the United Methodist Church in Anna Sunday morning.



Laura Spiller, Brenda Lovelace, Kathy Milam and Mary Elkins were the hosts at the Little Egypt Red Hat Halloween dinner party at Anna Pizza Hut Oct. 19.

## Alabama Trip

Jericha Carter and her dad Thomas went to Talladega, Ala., to watch the NASCAR race. It was his Father's Day gift. They left Friday morning and got back Monday morning.

While there they visited a Porsche racing school, watched motorcycle races, visited the NASCAR Hall of Fame and watched the NASCAR race.

## Branson Trip

Willie and Terrie Rhymmer spent Columbus Day weekend in Branson, Mo.

While there they went to Silver Dollar City and to the Number One Hits of the Sixties Show where Anna native Brian Caraker is part of the cast.

## Nashville Trip

Darla Womick and Charles spent the weekend in Nashville, Tenn., Christmas shopping and watching the Titan football game on Sunday with his sister Sharon, husband Dick, and Charles' mother Elvira. Sharon and Dick's daughter is a Titan cheerleader. Dick and Sharon come from In-

## Beta Sigma Phi meets

Zeta Phi Sorority's Beta Sigma Phi chapter had its October meeting at the home of Shirley West.

After dessert, the meeting was called to order by chapter president Linda Warren. Minutes were read by secretary Joyce Linson and approved.

A letter was received from Bethany Village asking for money donations. Members voted to give a donation.

Pecans were ordered and will be in the first part of November. The sorority plans to have a stand selling them at the Veteran's Day parade for \$10 for a one pound bag of this year's crop of fresh half shell pecans.

Elaine Crain gave a program about her 11-day bus tour in England and showed several pictures.

The door prize was won by JoVonna Noble.

dianapolis, Ind.

## 1st Birthday

Seth Englebright and Bobbi Lence of Festus, Mo., and Dorothy Hilliard of Anna spent time recently helping Jesse Bracken of Dongola celebrate his 1st birthday. Other family members and friends also attended.

## VFW

Oct. 28 C. W. will be at the post for karaoke from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. There will also be a Halloween party with snacks and prizes.

## Red Hat Meeting

Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies met at Anna Pizza Hut Oct. 18 for a Halloween party. Hostesses were Kathy Jackson, Laura Spiller, Brenda Lovelace and Mary Elkins. They decorated the tables with Halloween table clothes and decorations. Door prizes were given.

Queen Mom Joan Graves Edwards told all the Red Hat ladies how valuable they were to her. She told the ladies she was looking for someone to drive the trailer for the Veterans Day Parade and if she couldn't find someone they could decorate their cars and drive them.

Exchange gifts were given. Linda Clutts led the singing. Those celebrating birthdays were Pat Jones, Dale Cruse and Harriet Baker. The November meeting will be at the Vienna Diner, formerly Dolly's.

## Songwriters

Laurie Whitnel is coordinator of NSAI Regional Chapter Songwriters. They meet every third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Metropolis public library.

## Chicago Trip

Lisa Spiess recently returned from a trip to Chicago to visit her sister and attend a funeral of one of her friend's dad.

## Special Thanks

A special thanks to Lindsey Sadler, who was executive director of Union County Chamber for 15 months. Lindsey did a fantastic job of advertising and holding ribbon cuttings. Lindsey is an asset to our community.

## Guests

Guests of Gayle Caraker were her daughter Ginger Brasher from Harrisburg, and granddaughter Ashlyn.

## United Methodist Church Anna

Rev. Carl Johnston welcomed everyone. Barbara House led the singing and did the call to worship.

Everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to Jack Zimmerman. Carolyn Dammann sent a note to the church family thanking them for all the prayers, love and support given to them. Al's surgery will be Nov. 1.

Three people joined the church: Debbie Johnston, Jean Lamszus and Wayne Skogune

Rev. Carl Johnston's sermon was on what kind of sacrifice, with scripture from II Timothy. Special music was by Amanda, Ava and Paxton Boreup, Crown of Thorns. October is Pastor Appreciation Month.

## A-J Women's Club

The Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club will meet Nov. 7 at 1:30 p.m. at Shawnee College Anna. Guest speaker will be Pat Brumleve. The theme will be

legislation.

Devotion by Barbara Bauer. Current events by Suzie Kessler.

Hostesses Lillian Milam and Clara Nell Butler. Everyone welcome.

## Get Well List

Lisa Spiess, Terry House, Billy Hutcheson, Gorge Griffin, Lynn Steveson, Connie Boyd, Anna Ferneti, Al and Carolyn Dammann, Jackson Boyd, Melba Nork, Turner family, Sara Russell Mann, Roger Glasco, Terry Jackson, Betty Tutt, Connie Wills, Sheilah Whittington, Sondra Bradford, Carrie Gibson, Elizabeth Corbit, Robert Anderson. I have had many unspoken prayer requests. Please keep them in your prayers.

## Harvest Church

Serving free hot delicious meals every Thursday to the community at Harvest Church from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

## Military Prayer List

Please send me a name if you want them on the military prayer list. If you



A haunted house is at the Anna Arts Center on West Davie Street this Friday and Saturday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Halloween night 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. All profits will be divided between the A-JCHS musical and the Anna Arts Center. A special thanks to everyone who worked in the haunted house.



Mariah Downs, daughter of Shelly Pearman, won Ultimate High Point Grand Supreme at the Cape Mall. Mariah won prettiest smile, prettiest eyes, best personality, beauty supreme and best costume at the Little Tiaras Lil Witches Contest.



A group of former Dongola school ball players recently had a Dongola coach Jim Chance reunion at the Dongola Ball Park. They played a few innings of softball then rested and spent time remembering the old days. Especially being kept up on stats by Chris Cundiff, ball historian. A great time was enjoyed by all. Pictured are, back row, coach Don Badgley, Kenny Dixon, Chris Cundiff, Tim Casey, Claudel Smith, Neil West, David Davis and coach Jim Chance. Front row, Willie Rhymmer, Roy West, Jerry Duckworth, Martin Lingle, Steve Karraker and Billy Hutchison.

have a loved one in the service email, call or mail their name to me. Also if they are not in the service anymore please let me know.

Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, CJ Youngerman, Freddy Morse, Reagan Morrison, Josh Steveson, Josh Williams, Lukas W. Da-

vis, Faith Odom, Tommy Goff and family Janette, Jamison and Kaylynn, Creighton Laster, Brandon Eaker, Jim Bonner, Jacob Schaefer, Jerod Schaefer, Jennifer Ann Bishop, Robert Jr. McMeely, James McWhorter, Arin White-mountain. Please keep them in your prayers.



Terri Goldsberry Pink Lady and Olivia Bono served 150 at the Loaves and Fishes last Tuesday night at the United Methodist Church in Anna.



Nancy Skoglund, Barbara House and Shirley West getting items ready for Loaves and Fishes free community meal at United Methodist Church. The meals are at 5 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month.



October birthdays celebrated at the Little Egypt Red Hat Halloween party included Pat Jones, Dale Cruse and Harriet Baker.



Little Egypt Red Hat ladies Sherry Rix, Kay Hen, Jan Guy and Harriet Baker joined their friends at Pizza Hut for a Halloween party Oct. 18. Everyone cheered when Kay announced she had been cancer-free for a year.

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# Cobden Junior-Senior High School announces first quarter honor students

Cobden Junior/Senior High School announces first quarter honor roll students:

### Junior High School 6th Grade, High Honor Roll

Gracelynn Fisher, Tyler Franklin, Leah Goins, Kirstin Guardian, Alex Guerrero Rivera, Makenzie Hilliard, Rhylee Sauerbrunn, Nicholas Sutliff and Jake Tally.

### 7th Grade, High Honor Roll

Olivia Brumleve, Sasha Buila, Jade Caraker, Cooper Flamm, Lillian Hofmeister, Makenzie Howell, Caleb Kilpatrick, Callie McGee, Leslie Morales and Hannah Stillman.

### 8th Grade, High Honor Roll

Avigail Amezcuita-Anaya, John Eck, Aubrey Fisher, Noah Franklin, Lillian Mason, Alyssa Penrod, Kate Staley and Emily White.

### 6th Grade, Honor Roll

Braden Bundren, Drake Campbell, Cresli Carrillo, Miranda Eads, Karleigh Ellis, Rebecka Eubanks-Burgess, Noah Fry, Aubrie Gibbons, Artie Gregg, Erickson Grimmer, Brianna Gutierrez, Sophia Lingle, Wendy Olvera-Amezquita, Emma Phillippe, Margaret Poirier, Xachary Roberts, Laritza Roman, Abigail Smith and Jesus Zamora.

### 7th Grade, Honor Roll

Tristan Brummer, Abby Clover, Antonio Fabian, Kyle Hall, Colbey Hartline, Jon "Amon" Ingold, Abigail Remsey, Brock Reynolds, Katelyn Shadowens and Molly Smith.

### 8th Grade, Honor Roll

Rory Baldwin, Lilia Carmona, Lucero Carmona, Mary Cavaness, Charlie Clausen, Brianna Eads, Riley Gearhart, Andrew Hawkins, Reuben Hawkins, Gage Lingle, Kennedie Marks, Daisy Prater, Selena Rafael, Elsie Robles, Anthony Stanczak-Rajcok, Mackenzie Stearns, Lynsey Timmons, Luis Villalva, Brooklyne Wright and Tania Zamora.

### High School

### Freshmen, High Honor Roll

Ryan Barr, Jessilyn Brown, Joseph Brumleve, Clayton Camden, Jamison Cowart, Victoria Fuhrhop, Christian Goins, Amanda Hawk, Jennifer Juarez, Brennan Kinsey, George Remsey, Madeline Shoemate, Lauren Sweitzer, Aidan Tunison and Quinn Tunison.

### Sophomores, High Honor Roll

Tori Brummer, Madison Bundren, Jordyn Keith, Rosendo Martinez, Katherine Mason, Ionatan Menees, Lexi Miller, Megan Rhodes, Amanda Smith, Noah Walker and Chandler West.

### Juniors, High Honor Roll

Connor Allen, Lauren Anderson, Meredith Flamm, Zoe Furhop, Dane Inman, Gracey Lyerla, Grace Pitts, Gregoria Rafael, John Russell, Grace Schroeder, Maria Vicente.

### Seniors, High Honor Roll

Grace Grimmer, Emmelie Hawk, Elizabeth Hindman, Perla Lopez, Lisett Martinez, Makynzie Peterman, Emily Reese, Sydney Windings.

### Freshmen, Honor Roll

Landon Britt, Santiago Carmona, Myles Carter, Adriana Cocom, Katherine Eck, Clayton Flamm, Greta Grimmer, Jenna Hartline, Dylan Lewey, Cruz Lopez, Lauren Lyerla, Andrea Olvera, Evan Pardee, Grace Rhodes, Hayphin Sargent, Olivia Schroeder and Cullen Shanahan.

### Sophomores, Honor Roll

Morgan Bass, Harleigh Braden, Bradley Casper, Brayden Clark, Noah Evans, Noah Godinez, Jenna Gomez, Gunnar Groves, Carla Guerrero-Rivera, Felicity Lence, Alejandra Lopez, Carlos Lopez, Evelyn Martinez, Dalton Nance, Aaron Paneda, Zachary Pearl, Jacquelynn Potter, Lacey Rushing, Brooke Russell, Emma Staley, Dakota Wiseman, Guadalupe Zamora and Noe Zamora.

### Juniors, Honor Roll

Brooke Bailey, Eric Chairez, Maddy Childers, Amber Clark, Clayton Eck, Molly Ellis, Alaina Hartline, Ethan Penrod, Adriane Sargent, Nicole Shields, Haley Smith and Hannah Wade.

### Seniors, Honor Roll

Adeline Aspen, Madison Burns, Mariza Charicata, Dylan Duty, Inna Kinsey, Austin Lewey, Juan Miranda, Robert Phillippe, Alexis Ramirez, Jason Thompson, Brittne Timmons, Josie Walker and Hortensia Zamora-Martinez.

## Fall Feast dinner scheduled

Reservations are available for the seventh annual Fall Feast dinner, which is planned on Friday, Nov. 4, at 6 p.m. at the Alto Vineyards tasting room in Alto Pass.

Proceeds from the dinner and the silent auction benefit Food Works, a Carbondale-based non-profit organization with a mission of developing local, sustainable food systems for Southern Illinois.

The event features locally raised food in Southern Illinois. Chefs start with raw

## Public health officials report three Illinois deaths related to West Nile virus

The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, has confirmed the three human West Nile virus-related deaths in Illinois for 2016.

Three individuals in Cook County tested positive for West Nile virus in early September and have died.

"It's important for everyone to continue taking precautions like wearing insect repellent and staying indoors between dusk and dawn," IDPH director Dr. Nirav D. Shah said in a news release.

IDPH reported the first human case of West Nile virus in Illinois this year on June 6. IDPH reported 64 human cases as of Sept. 28. Last year, there were 77

human cases, including nine deaths.

West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of a mosquito. Common symptoms include fever, nausea, headache and muscle aches. Symptoms may last from a few days to a few weeks. However, four out of five people infected with West Nile virus will not show any symptoms.

In rare cases, severe illness including meningitis

or encephalitis, or even death, can occur. People older than 50 and immunocompromised individuals are at higher risk for severe illness.

Surveillance for West Nile virus in Illinois includes laboratory tests on mosquito batches, dead crows, blue jays, robins and other perching birds, as well as testing sick horses and humans with West Nile virus-like symptoms.



## Preparing for holiday luncheons

A Heritage House work crew began preparations for PAST's 2016 holiday luncheons. Linda Hileman, Carolyn Tripp, Elaine Crain, Mindy Carter and Judy Smith made ready to clean and decorate the house for the luncheons, which are planned Dec. 1-3 and Dec. 7-10. Plans are underway for a Christmas carol theme to coordinate food, decorations and museum exhibits. A special guest exhibitor will be announced soon for the annual Christmas quilt displays. For more information about PAST or Heritage House Museum, call 833-3228. Photo provided.

# Television Listings

## THURSDAY

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6:30 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Football Virginia Tech Hokies at Pittsburgh Panthers (Live) (HD)	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	"Return to Halloweentown" (06) (HD)	"Spider" Tonight	Quarry Mac asks for help.	"M2" (00) Masters of Sex (HD)
7:30 PM	Grey's Anatomy "Roar"	Big Bang (31) Indoors	Rosewood (HD)	Superstore Good Place	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Undercover	★ ★ ★ "Gods of Egypt" (16) Unlikely alliance. (HD)	Quarry "Seldam Realized"	One & Done/ Ben Simmons
8:30 PM	Notorious (HD)	(01) Mom Pieces (HD)	(59) Pitch Trading Blip.	Chicago Med (HD)	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Liv Maddie	Quarry "Coffee Blues"	Quarry High-profile job.	Shameless 1 Am a Storm
9:30 PM	Get Away with Murder	Pure Genius "Pi-lor" (HD)	Local Programs	The Blacklist (HD)	Scoreboard	Big Bang	Falling Water (HD)	Bizaardvark	Divorce	Quarry "Carnival of Souls" (15) Man adopts antihero alter ego.	Gigolos
10:30 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	College Football California Golden Bears at USC Trojans (Live)	Conan (HD)	(02) Eyewitness (HD)	The Lodge	(15) "Deadpool"	Quarry "Term Life" On the run.	Gigolos
11:30 PM	Nightline	(37) Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	2 Broke Conan (HD)	(02) Law & Order: SVU	Best Frnds	Ullman's	(25) Quarry (HD)	(50) Quarry	(35) X-Rated 2 Greatest Adult

## OCTOBER 27, 2016

## FRIDAY

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6:30 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at Toronto Raptors (Live) (HD)	Seinfeld	Mod Family	Stuck Mid.	"Cast Away" Tonight	"Fury Road"	(5:15) "45 Years" (15) (R)
7:30 PM	Man Stand.	MacGyver (HD)	2016 World Series "Game #3" (Live) (HD)	Caught on Camera (HD)	Scoreboard	Big Bang	Mod Family	BUNK'D	"Ted 2" (15) Ted and Tami-Lynn want to be parents.	Crew protects self and seeks revenge.	"Caro!" (15) Cate Blanchett. Women's bond. (R) (HD)
8:30 PM	Shark Tank (HD)	Hawaii Five-0 (HD)	Dateline NBC Investigative news. (HD)	Dateline NBC Investigative news. (HD)	NBA Basketball Golden State vs New Orleans (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	Mod Family	The Lodge	Star vs. Vaders	Quarry "Nuoc Cha Da Mon" (HD)	"Weiner" (16) Mayoral campaign. (HD)
9:30 PM	(01) 20/20 (HD)	Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs	Local	Local	ELEAGUE (HD)	Mod Family	Future (HD)	Real Time w/ Bill Maher	Quarry "X-Rated 2 Greatest Adult"	(35) X-Rated 2 Greatest Adult
10:30 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	Local	"The Matrix" (99) A hacker fights to free humankind.	Mod Family	BUNK'D	Ullman's	(25) Quarry (HD)	(35) X-Rated 2 Greatest Adult
11:30 PM	Nightline	(37) Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Chrisley	Chrisley	Girl World	Real Time w/ Bill Maher	(50) Quarry	(35) X-Rated 2 Greatest Adult

## OCTOBER 28, 2016

## SATURDAY

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6:30 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(4:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Football "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	★ ★ ★ "Star Wars: Episode II: Attack of the Clones" (02)	Chrisley (HD)	Undercover	(5:15) "Seventh Son" (15) (HD)	"Entourage" (15) Actor, agent and friends make movie.	Shameless 1 Am a Storm
7:30 PM	(07) College Football "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	To Be Announced	2016 World Series "Game #4" (Live) (HD)	Dateline NBC Investigative features and profiles. (HD)	Scoreboard	Big Bang	Chrisley (HD)	Liv Maddie	"Poltergeist" (15) Terrifying spirits. (HD)	Quarry "Nuoc Cha Da Mon" (HD)	★ ★ ★ "Rambo" (08) Thai missionaries. (HD)
8:30 PM	Local	To Be Announced	Local Programs	Dateline NBC Investigative features and profiles. (HD)	College Football "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	Chrisley (HD)	Lab Rats	Westworld Bounty hunt.	Quarry "Casino Royale" (06) James Bond takes on a terrorist banker.	(35) "Casino Royale" (06) James Bond takes on a terrorist banker.
9:30 PM	Local	48 Hours	Local Programs	Saturday Night Live (HD)	Local	Big Bang	Chrisley (HD)	Walk Prank	Gamer's My Fight	"Furious 7" (15) Crew protects self and seeks revenge.	Shameless 1 Am a Storm
10:30 PM	Local	Local	Hell's Kitchen (HD)	Local	Local	Frontal (HD)	Mod Family	Undercover	"Trainwreck" (15) Questioning anti-monogamy beliefs.	(45) Quarry	(35) X-Rated 2 Greatest Adult
11:30 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	(29) Saturday Night Live Sketch comedy.	SportsCenter (HD)	2 Broke (HD)	Mod Family	Best Frnds	Ullman's	(50) Quarry	(35) X-Rated 2 Greatest Adult

## OCTOBER 29, 2016

## SUNDAY

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6:30 PM	Local Programs	60 Minutes (HD)	NFL (Live)	Football America (Live) (HD)	Soccer (Live)	"Star Wars: Episode III: Revenge of the Sith" (05)	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Liv Maddie	"Poltergeist" (15) Terrifying spirits invade family home.	★ ★ ★ "San Andreas" (15) Wake of earthquake. (HD)	Shameless 1 Am a Storm
7:30 PM	Once Upon a Time (HD)	NCIS: L. A. (HD)	2016 World Series "Game 5 (if Necessary)" (Live) (HD)	(20) Sunday Night Football Philadelphia Eagles at Dallas Cowboys from AT&T Stadium (Live) (HD)	2016 World Series of Poker "Final Table" (Live) (HD)	(04) "Star Wars: Episode IV - A New Hope" (77) Adventure in space.	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Liv Maddie	Westworld "Contrapasso"	"Emilie" (16, Thriller) (NR) (HD)	The Circus
8:30 PM	Secrets and Lies (HD)	Madam Secretary (HD)	Local Programs	Local	Local	(45) People	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Girl World	Westworld "Contrapasso"	"True Story" (15) Intimate interview.	The Circus
9:30 PM	Quantico "KAMFORGET"	Elementary (HD)	Local Programs	Local	Local	Frontal (HD)	Eyewitness (HD)	The Lodge	Divorce (HD)	"The Last Witch Hunter" Last hope.	Masters of Sex "Topeka"
10:30 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local	2 Broke (HD)	(01) Falling Water (HD)	Stuck Mid.	Oliver (HD)	"Krapampus" (15) Krampus unleashed.	Shameless 1 Am a Storm
11:30 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Dateline NBC (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	People (HD)	(01) Law & Order: SVU	Babysitter	Westworld "Contrapasso"	(15) "True Story" (15) Intimate interview.	Masters (HD)

## OCTOBER 30, 2016

## MONDAY

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6:30 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Monday Countdown (Live)	"Star Wars: Episode VI: Return of the Jedi" (83)	NCIS "Viral" (HD)	Undercover	(5:55) Oliver	"The Pyramid" (14) (HD)	Masters of Sex "Topeka"
7:30 PM	Dancing with the Stars (HD)	Kevin Wait Man Plan	Gotham Psychedelic trip.	The Voice "The Knockouts, Part 3" Tim McSwain. (HD)	(15) Monday Night Football Minnesota Vikings at Chicago Bears (Live) (HD)	People (HD)	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (HD)	Bizaardvark	★ ★ "Poltergeist" (15) Terrifying spirits.	"Resident Evil" (02) Milla Jovovich. Zombie battle.	Shameless (HD)
8:30 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	Local	People (HD)	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Girl World	Westworld "Contrapasso"	"The Last Witch Hunter" Last hope.	Masters of Sex "Topeka"
9:30 PM	(01) All Access Nashville	Scorpion (HD)	Local Programs	Timeless "The Alamo" (HD)	Local	Family Guy	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Undercover	Jessie (HD)	"Krapampus" (15) Krampus unleashed.	Shameless (HD)
10:30 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	Local	Frontal (HD)	Eyewitness (HD)	Undercover	Ullman's	"Krapampus" (15) Krampus unleashed.	Masters of Sex "Topeka"
11:30 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local	Conan (HD)	(05) "Couples Retreat" (09) Troubled couples. (HD)	Babysitter	(10) Oliver	(15) "True Story" (15) Intimate interview.	The Circus

## OCTOBER 31, 2016

## TUESDAY

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6:30 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	CFB Playoff: Top 25	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU "Clock"	"Little Giants" (94) Misfit kids form a football team.	"The Intern" Tonight	"The Good Shepherd"	Shameless (HD)
7:30 PM	The Middle	NCIS "Home of the Brave"	2016 World Series "Game 6 (if Necessary)" (Live) (HD)	The Voice (HD)	30 for 30 "Fit It Hard" (HD)	Big Bang	WWE SmackDown (HD)	Westworld Bounty hunt.	(10) "Me and Earl and the Dying Girl" (15, Drama)	"Me and Earl and the Dying Girl" (15, Drama)	60 Minutes Sports (HD)
8:30 PM	Fresh Off O'Neals	Bull (HD)	Local Programs	This Is Us "Career Days"	2016 World Series of Poker "Final Table" (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	Girl World	Westworld "Contrapasso"	★ ★ ★ "Term Life" (16) On the run. (R) (HD)	"Thirteen" (03) Teenage 'strife.	Inside the NFL (HD)
9:30 PM	Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.	NCIS: New Orleans (HD)	Local Programs	Chicago Fire (HD)	Local	Big Bang	Chrisley	Bizaardvark	★ ★ ★ "Old School" (18) On the run. (R) (HD)	"Thirteen" (03) Teenage 'strife.	Florida (HD)
10:30 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	Local	Big Bang	Chrisley	Austr/Ally	Westworld "Contrapasso"	"Thirteen" (03) Teenage 'strife.	Florida (HD)
11:30 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local	Conan (HD)	Mod Family	The Lodge	Insecure	(35) "Thirteen" (03) Teenage 'strife.	60 Minutes Sports (HD)

## NOVEMBER 1, 2016

## WEDNESDAY

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6:30 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA Countdown (Live)	People (HD)	Mod Family	"Princess Protection Program" (09)	Ullman's	"Kingsman" (15) ★ ★ ★ "Sleeping" (15)	Shameless (HD)
7:30 PM	The 50th Annual CMA Awards	Survivor: Millennials (HD)	2016 World Series "Game 7 (if Necessary)" (Live) (HD)	Blindspot FBI Help. (HD)	NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Boston Celtics (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	Mod Family	Stuck Mid.	(15) "Hitman: Agent 47" (15) Engineered killer. (HD)	★ ★ ★ "Erin Brockovich" (00) Secretary's crusade. (HD)	60 Minutes Sports (HD)
8:30 PM	Local	Criminal Minds (HD)	Local Programs	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Local	Big Bang	Mod Family	Best Frnds	Westworld "Contrapasso"	★ ★ ★ "Erin Brockovich" (00) Secretary's crusade. (HD)	60 Minutes Sports (HD)
9:30 PM	Local	Code Black (HD)	Local Programs	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Local	Big Bang	Mod Family	Walk Prank	Westworld "Contrapasso"	★ ★ ★ "Erin Brockovich" (00) Secretary's crusade. (HD)	60 Minutes Sports (HD)
10:30 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	Local	Big Bang	Mod Family	Bizaardvark	Wednesday	★ ★ ★ "Erin Brockovich" (00) Secretary's crusade. (HD)	60 Minutes Sports (HD)
11:30 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local	Conan (HD)	Mod Family	Austr/Ally	Westworld "Contrapasso"	"Lara Croft: Tomb Raider" (01) Seeking a talisman.	Inside the NFL (HD)

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Deadline for all material is Friday, November 11th.

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# HAPPY HALLOWEEN



**Halloween trick-or-treat hours are planned in communities throughout the area. Halloween is Monday, Oct. 31.**

**Trick-or-treat hours in area communities follow.**

- Anna, Monday, Oct. 31, from 6 to 8 p.m.**
- Cairo, Saturday, Oct. 29, from 5 to 7 p.m.**
- Cobden, Monday, Oct. 31, from 5 to 8 p.m.**
- Dongola, Monday, Oct. 31, from 5 to 8 p.m.**
- Jonesboro, Monday, Oct. 31, from 5 to 8 p.m.**
- Karnak, Monday, Oct. 31, from 5 to 7 p.m.**
- Mounds, Friday, Oct. 31, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.**
- Tamms, Monday, Oct. 31, from 5 to 7 p.m.**
- Thebes, Monday, Oct. 31, from 5 p.m. till Dark**
- Ullin, Monday, Oct. 31, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**



## Play it Safe at Halloween

Halloween is right around the corner, and University of Illinois Extension encourages everyone to remember a few important safety concerns when it comes to trick-or-treating.

Young children should always go trick-or-treating with an adult. Older elementary school-age children often want to go trick-or-treating with their friends. If you decide to let your older children go in a group, take some time to talk about safety."

Here are some tips for an enjoyable Halloween:

Select a costume that fits and avoid using baggy clothes or oversized shoes.

Decorate costumes with reflective tape to make sure children are visible at night.

Children should have at least two buddies with them, sharing their route plan with an adult.

Stay in familiar neighborhoods and where you know the residents.

Be cautious of strangers while trick-or-treating.

Only visit houses where the front porch lights are on.

Never go into a house to accept a treat; stay on the porch.

Say thank you for the treats and respect the property you are on.

Carry a flashlight and stay on sidewalks and driveways when possible.

Don't eat candy until an adult examines the treats (discard homemade items, and wrapped candy that looks suspicious).

## Colored contact lenses a concern

With the arrival of the Halloween season, the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, IDFPR, and the Illinois Optometric Association, IOA, are reminding the public that purchasing colored contact lenses from anyone other than a licensed eye care professional or pharmacist is dangerous.

In recent years, illegally-purchased colored contacts have flooded the retail market during Halloween and are most often found at malls, beauty supply stores and on online websites.

The lenses are often made overseas in non-FDA approved facilities with tinting materials that may be toxic to the eye.

Without a proper examination and fitting, colored contacts can cause damage to the eye, including blindness.

## Haunted forest hayride planned

The Village of Karnak is planning to host a haunted forest/spooky hayride Oct. 28-29, starting at 6 p.m. each day.

There is a \$3 charge for one time through or \$5 for two times.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks and cotton candy will be available for purchase.

## 'Haunted Trails' scheduled at Shawnee College

Shawnee Community College plans to present "The Haunted Trails" on Friday, Oct. 28.

The event is planned from dusk until 9 p.m. on the college's main campus near Ullin.

Tickets are \$3 each, with children under 6 years old admitted for free.

The college noted that "The Haunted Trails" will be dialed down for younger thrill seekers."

For more information, contact Ed Billingsley at 618-634-3264.



Jack-o-lantern display at the Union County Museum shop in Cobden.



## Halloween donations accepted

Halloween trick-or-treat hours are planned from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Cobden. Halloween is Monday, Oct. 31.

Treats will be available at the Cobden Fire Department. Members of the Cobden High School Beta Club plan to be on hand to help greet children.

Donations are being accepted for trick-or-treat at the fire department.

Treats, or money for treats, can be taken to Cobden Village Hall.

## Anna Arts Center hosts haunted house

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council/Anna Arts Center are hosting a "Haunted House of Horrors."

The haunted house is scheduled to be open on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 28-29, and on Halloween, Monday, Oct. 31.

Hours are from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. each day at the arts center, which is located at 125 W. Davie St. in Anna.

Admission is \$5 per person or \$20 for groups of five.

Proceeds will be split between the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Theater Boosters and the Anna Arts Center.

## Grand Chain Halloween carnival set

An annual Grand Chain Halloween Carnival is planned Saturday, Oct. 29, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Learning Center in the Old Grand Chain School.

Chili and hot dogs are scheduled to be served at 4 p.m. and children's games will begin at 5 p.m.

A costume judging contest is set for 7 p.m. Ages for judging are 0-2, 3-5, 6-9, 10-12.

The event is sponsored by the Grand Chain Civic Development Association and the Grand Chain Eastern Star.

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# Pumpkin crop looks good

This time last year, the threat of a major pumpkin shortfall was in the news.

Sources were predicting that the 50 percent yield losses, due to early rains, cooler-than-normal weather, and fast-spreading disease, would mean fewer pumpkin pies at Thanksgiving.

But thanks to manufacturer decisions not to reserve stock for after the holiday, the doom and gloom scenario was largely not borne out.

Still, the lead-up to Thanksgiving was a tense time for the pumpkin industry.

This year, according to University of Illinois plant pathologist Mohammad Babadoost, the pumpkin outlook is much improved. "The season started out very well," Babadoost says. "There was enough rain to germinate seeds, but not too much. Then there was a period of relatively warm and dry conditions, which pumpkins love. Germination and plant establishment were good and fruit set was very good. Harvesting was timely. The product, I've been told, is very good."

A scare came in mid-August, when downy mildew reared its head in some fields.

This fast-spreading fungus was one of the pathogens that wreaked havoc on the pumpkin crop in 2015. Its occurrence has been

confined to a small area in Tazewell County, and it has not been a significant problem elsewhere.

Other isolated diseases have been detected. For example, a bacterial disease has been on the rise in jack-o'-lantern pumpkins across the Midwest and worldwide for the past seven to eight years.

"This bacterial disease affects leaves and fruit. When the disease gets onto pumpkins, it produces tiny spots, or lesions. Growers can't see them unless they are very carefully examining the fruit. Those tiny lesions are then colonized by opportunistic bacteria and fungi, and then the fruit just collapses. We are working very hard to find good management, but it takes time," Babadoost explains.

A few farms in Illinois and Indiana have observed fruit rot after seemingly healthy pumpkins were placed into bins for sale. Babadoost investigated and discovered that the problem was worker sanitation.

"The workers cut and collect the fruit and put it in the bin, which goes to the warehouse and finally to the stores," Babadoost says.

"A few pumpkins in the field are affected by phytophthora, a fungal pathogen, and are rotting on the soil side.

"Workers pick them up and realize the pumpkins are decaying. They put the

infected pumpkins down, but their hands are now contaminated.

"When they pick up healthy pumpkins and put them in the bin, their contaminated hands transfer the pathogens to the uninfected pumpkins. After a few days, the pumpkins start rotting from the top or sides, wherever the worker touched them.

"Growers should be very careful. If workers touch infected pumpkins, they have to decontaminate their hands," he said.

Some farmers have complained of rodent damage in the field this year. Jack-o'-lantern carvers can relate, recognizing those unwelcome chew marks on Halloween pumpkins.

Babadoost says the squirrels and mice are after the seeds inside, even though most are scooped out before carving. If pumpkins are displayed on porches, it is not uncommon for them to rot after only a few weeks.

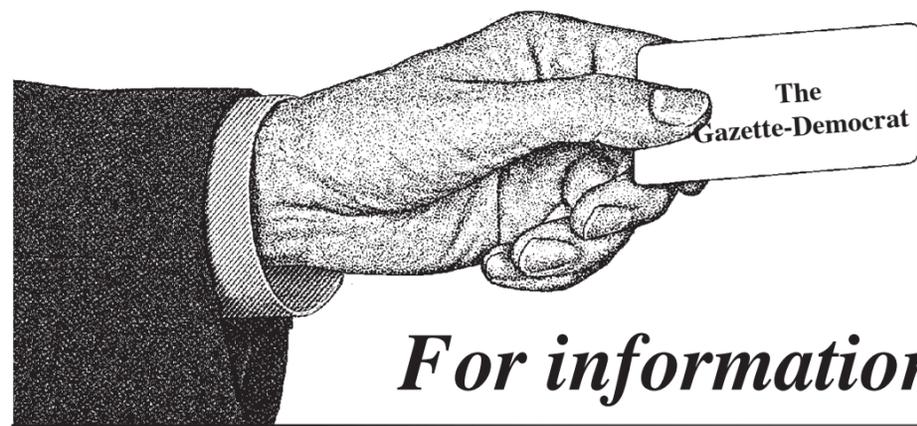
But if they are kept dry, Babadoost says, most pumpkins can last a very long time. A large uncarved white pumpkin has decorated his lab space for over 14 months, with no sign of fruit rot.

Babadoost is an enthusiastic champion for the pumpkin industry, and hopes the public will take advantage of everything the season offers.



**Pickin' pumpkins**

A Pickin' at the Patch Fall Market Day was held Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Rendleman Orchards Farm Market near Alto Pass. Visitors could pick their own pumpkins from a patch at the Union County business. The event took place during the 2016 ColorFest weekend in Union County.



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# Opinion and Commentary

## From the Wildcats' Lair

By Rob Wright, Superintendent  
Anna-Jonesboro Community High School

Things have been busy at the high school these first few months of school. I'm sure many of you have noticed the construction that has been going on and wondering if it will ever be completed. We are still waiting on the arrival of our new sign for the front of the school. Once it is installed, we should be able to complete the facelift to Union Hall that has been ongoing for the past two years.

If you have attended any events this year, please excuse what seems to be a lack of cleaning in the lobby. Due to damage done by flooding and other events beyond our control, the final cleaning and repairing cannot take place until construction is complete.

Once the sign is installed and new lighting outside complete, the floors will be cleaned appropriately. Our Student Council has also volunteered to paint the lobby and halls.

The fall sport seasons are also starting to wind down. All of our teams are having successful seasons. The football team has once again qualified for the playoffs, our volleyball team won the conference, our girls' golf team qualified for the sectionals, we had a couple of our boys' golfers also qualify for the sectionals and our boys' soccer team has followed up with another winning season.

I am very proud of our coaching staffs and all of the volunteers and members of the community who support our extracurricular activities.

Academically, the state has shifted away from PARCC for the high school, an assessment tool that has been used the past two years to determine academic achievement.

Prior to using PARCC, the state used primarily the ACT, a common college entrance exam that many are familiar with.

The state recently signed a new contract with SAT, a competing college entrance exam that is not as common as ACT in this area. Beginning this school year, all of our juniors will be taking the SAT in the spring. We have also decided to test freshman and sophomores with similar tests, the PSAT 9 and 10.

We hope to use this information to project how our students will do, to help remediate areas of weakness and prepare them for the SAT their junior year.

Another new development this school year was the implementation of a Bring Your Own Device, BYOD, program. It is a different world, and a digital world, we are living in now. The program actually encourages our students to bring their smartphones, tablets and laptops to school to use in an instructional setting.

We have also purchased extra devices for all of the classrooms for students who need them. We are still experiencing some bumps along the way, but believe we are on the right path to making our students better prepared for life after high school.

We also added an AP Course in American History and are close to having another AP approved course in Humanities. I would like to thank Mrs. Amy Penninger and Mr. Shawn Horn for the hard work in these endeavors.

I would also like to point out that Parent-Teacher Conference nights are coming up on Nov. 3 and the 8. Please take the time to come out and visit with your child's teacher. I would like to see the halls full.

This is your child's education and future and we cannot do our job as well as we would like to without the support of the parents. Please do not hesitate to call or stop if you have any questions or concerns. This is your school and your community and we are here to serve you. Thank you for your time and may God bless and protect us all.

## Letters to the editor

The Gazette-Democrat welcomes letters to the editor. Any letter which is submitted to the paper must be signed by the person who wrote the letter. We ask that letters be of local interest and must be as brief as possible.

Each letter must include an address and phone number for the person who wrote the letter. This information is needed so the identity of the person who wrote the letter can be verified. Letters which do not include this information will not be used.

The deadline to submit a letter to the editor is noon on Thursday. Letters which are submitted after the deadline will be held for the following week.

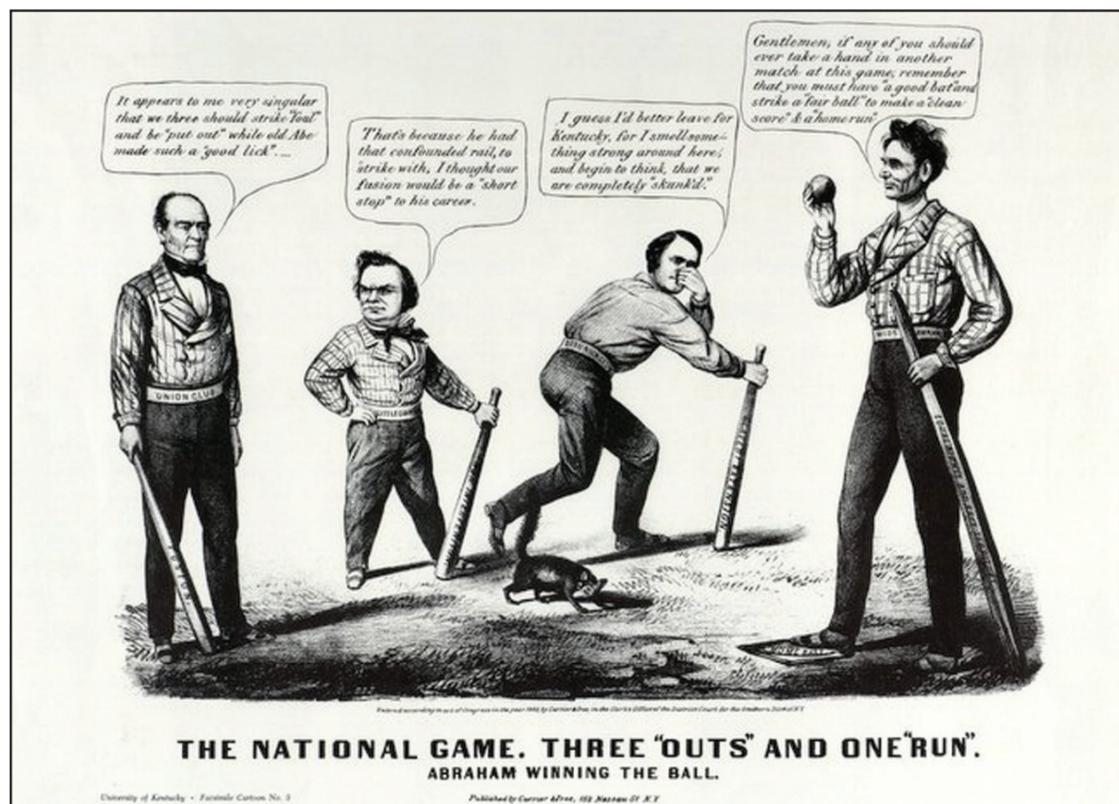
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Letters can be submitted in several ways. Letters can be mailed to the paper; send them to The Gazette-Democrat, P.O. Box 529, Anna, Illinois 62906. Letters can be sent by fax at 618-833-5813. Letters also can be emailed to news@annanews.com.

# Please read this. . .

by Geof Skinner



Like magic, this political cartoon from the 1860 presidential election campaign arrived one day last week from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, thanks to the magical powers of email. Just in case you were wondering, two of the figures depicted in the cartoon actually paid a visit to Union County back in 1858: Stephen A. Douglas, second from left; and Abraham Lincoln, on the right...the tall guy.

## Mr. Lincoln: Cubs fan? Or, Cardinals fan?

So, I'm trying to figure out how to make a connection between the utterly bizarre political campaign season which has been torturing us (and is about to come to a merciful conclusion) and the utterly bizarre baseball season (which, also, is about to come to a merciful conclusion).

Thanks to the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, aka IHPA, I was, indeed, able to make a connection between playing ball and playing politics.

On October 20, we received an email from the IHPA. The email was a news release which announced an opportunity for children "across the country...to use their imaginations and artistic skills to celebrate two American institutions - Abraham Lincoln and baseball - in an art contest by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum," which is in Springfield.

IHPA explained in the news release that the art contest "connects to a baseball-themed exhibit the Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum will host next year."

"Lincoln and the Civil War have numerous ties to baseball, or 'base ball,' as it was still called back then. One amateur team played at a park near the White House, and Lincoln is said to have watched some games, taking Tad at least once." Tad was his son.

"The war helped make baseball a national game by introducing it to soldiers who later took it back to their hometowns. An early editorial cartoon portrayed Lincoln playing baseball with a bat labeled 'equal rights and free territory'," IHPA shared.

An item penned by a gentleman named Dayn Perry which your intrepid journalist uncovered on the cbs sports.com website explained that the political cartoon which accompanies this week's colyum was "tied to the 1860 presidential election, which Lincoln of course won. From left to right you've got renderings of John Bell, Stephen A. Douglas, John C. Breckinridge, and Lincoln himself. There's also a 19th-century cat-rat. Or a chinchilla-squirrel. One or the other.

"Anyhow, all four cartoon candidates are, as you can see, holding bats, and Lincoln is brandishing the baseball itself. Lincoln above says, 'Gentlemen, if any

of you should ever take a hand in another match at this game, remember that you must have 'a good bat' and strike a 'fair ball' and make a 'clean score' of a 'home run.'" Since the item was found on the internet, it must be true.

The Lincoln cartoon and baseball brought back a memory of a brief conversation yours truly had with author Doris Kearns Goodwin when she paid a visit to Southern Illinois University Carbondale a couple of years ago. Kearns Goodwin wrote a wonderful book titled "Team of Rivals," which chronicled President Abraham Lincoln's masterful political maneuverings during the Civil War years.

During a gathering with area media representatives, yours truly asked Kearns Goodwin if she thought Lincoln would have liked baseball. She suggested that Mr. Lincoln would have indeed liked the game.

And, given that he was from Springfield, Mr. Lincoln might have been a Cubs fan. Or, maybe, a Cardinals fan. Trouble is, neither team was around at the time.

That brings us to the 2016 baseball season. For the past couple of days, I've been putting on an extra pair of sox, just to keep my feet warm.

You see, a certain team from Chicago, has (and this is still very, very, very hard for a Cardinals fan to write) made it to the World Series. Such an occurrence has led to rather cold conditions underfoot, since it now appears likely that Hades is about to freeze. Just in time for the hockey season, I suppose.

Actually, I'm glad for all of you Cubs fans. Maybe now you can forget about goats and curses and Bartman. With that in mind, let me share a couple of thoughts, one from Mr. Lincoln, and the other from one of his contemporaries, a certain Mr. Mark Twain (both quotes were found on the internet, so, again, they must be true):

"That some achieve great success, is proof to all that others can achieve it as well." Abraham Lincoln

"They did not know it was impossible so they did it." Mark Twain

## Letters to the editor

### Grateful for support

To the editor,  
My name is Paula Hays. My son, Aaron Owens who is a manager at Burger King in Anna, recently invited me into his home.

I am now staying at Bethany Village until I get into the housing. I have some medical issues which may require me to have a service dog so this is going to be difficult but I have a note from my doctor saying I need one. I come from Centralia and there are a lot more drugs there.

The place where I lived has a park called Laure Leede Park and in July, there was a drive-by shooting and two innocent victims got injured, not fatally, but the guy got off because he knew other big-time drug dealers the judge and court system wanted. I think this is wrong but this is what the system has come to.

I suffer from epilepsy and transient global amnesia and there is no cure for the latter. I just found out at 53 I had this condition and I was born with this.

Since moving to Anna, the police have been very helpful to my family and for that I am thankful. I am also thankful to my church family at Anna Heights Baptist Church and Pastor Darryl Williams.

Signed, Paula Hays, Anna

### 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.

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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.

## Page from the Past

From the files of The Gazette-Democrat

50 Years Ago, October 27, 1966

Thursday, Nov. 3, is the last day to apply by mail for an absentee ballot. Saturday, Nov. 5, is the last day to apply in person for such a ballot. Tuesday, Nov. 8, is the general election date.

Veterans Day, 1966, will be observed in Union County by special ceremonies being prepared by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

The new Cold Storage Locker Plant near Cobden is nearing completion.

The coming Sunday, Oct. 30, is the date set for return to Standard Time.

Minor changes in passenger train schedules, effective Sunday, Oct. 30, with the return to Central Standard Time, are announced by the Illinois Central Railroad.

A dinner will be held at the Elco Baptist Church, Sunday, Oct. 30, to celebrate the birthday of Mrs. Ida Palmer who will be 104 years of age.

The Cobden Unit School will hold its annual Halloween Parade today, Thursday, Oct. 27, beginning at 12:30 p.m. All the school bands in the county will be featured in this parade.

The state is making a survey of cemeteries in Union County.

The low of 34 degrees was recorded Wednesday morning, Oct. 26, with slight frost. The weather has been beautiful the past week and Indian Summer does seem to be trying to come to Southern Illinois, before the month ends.

Coach Larry Davis' Wildcats combined a good ground attack as they crushed the Metropolis Trojans by the score of 29-0 in a non conference encounter at Metropolis in the Trojans' homecoming game Friday night.

The annual Alto Pass Public School Carnival was held Friday evening, Oct. 21st, with a large crowd attending. At the conclusion of the dinner and carnival, a queen was crowned. The lucky young lady was Miss Dorain Dover, a senior.

From the Nubbin Ridge news: The first killing frost of the season was discovered here October 20.