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News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area



Season's greetings: a "Vote Here" greets visitors to the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro. ***

If you haven't done so already, be sure to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 8. ***

Election results will be available online next Tuesday. Look for results at platinumelection.com, or for a link to that site at unioncountyiil.gov. ***

A wreath laying ceremony to honor deceased veterans is planned at 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at the veterans memorial at the Cobden Community Park in Cobden. ***

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 again is planning to sponsor a Veterans Day parade, which is scheduled Nov. 11 in Anna. ***

The American Red Cross is encouraging eligible donors to give blood prior to the upcoming holiday season. (continued on page 2)



Tuesday, Nov. 8, is Election Day

Tuesday, Nov. 8, is Election Day – voters in Union County will help to elect a new president of the United States, a new U.S. senator, state and local officials, judges, and decide the fate of a proposed amendment to the Illinois Constitution.

Polling places in Union County's 20 precincts are scheduled to be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day.

Union County Clerk Terry Bartruff said that he is

expecting a good turnout for the election. Union County has nearly 13,000 registered voters.

Election of a new president of the United States, which is on the ballot in 2016, generally boosts voter turnouts, Bartruff said.

As of Friday, Bartruff said the county clerk's office had recorded nearly 800 early voters. The county clerk said that he is anticipating up to, or possibly more than, 1,000 early vot-

ers. Early voting continues through Nov. 7.

Here's a look at the offices and candidates on the general election ballot:

For President and Vice President

Democratic Party: Hillary Rodham Clinton for president, Timothy Michael Kaine for vice president.

Republican Party: Donald J. Trump for president, Michael R. Pence for vice president.

Green Party: Jill Stein

for president, Ajamu Baraka for vice president.

Libertarian Party: Gary Johnson for president, Bill Weld for vice president.

For United States Senator

Democrat: Tammy Duckworth.

Republican: Mark Steven Kirk.

Libertarian: Kenton McMillen.

For Comptroller, to serve an unexpired two-year term

Democrat: Susana Mendoza.

Republican: Leslie Geissler Munger.

Green: Tim Curtin.

Libertarian: Claire Ball.

For Representative in Congress, 12th Congressional District

Democrat: Charles "C.J." Baricevic.

Republican: Michael Bost.

Green: Paula Bradshaw.

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Polling places set

Polling places have been set for the Tuesday, Nov. 8, general election in Union County.

Union County Clerk Terry Bartruff noted that polls are scheduled to be open from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday.

The polling places, by precinct, follow:

Anna 1 and 2: Main Street Center, 400 S. Main St., Anna.

Anna 3 and 4: Anna City Hall community room, 103 Market St., Anna.

Anna 5 and 6: Nazarene Church, 100 Kirk St., Anna.

Anna 7: Jo-Co Pools, 1009 Enterprise Dr., Anna.

Jonesboro 1 and 2: First Baptist Church, 201 W. Walnut St., Jonesboro.

Jonesboro 3: Jonesboro Fire Station, 102 W. Market St., Jonesboro.

Cobden 1 and 2: First Baptist Church, 200 S. Walker St., Cobden.

Dongola 1 and 2: Community center, 105 Oak St., Dongola.

Alto Pass: New Alto Pass civic center, 19 Elm St., Alto Pass.

Mill Creek: Mill Creek Baptist Church, 8525 State Route 127S, Mill Creek.

Balcom: Big Creek Baptist Church, 485 Big Creek Church Rd. near Anna.

Lick Creek: Lick Creek School, 7355 Lick Creek Rd.

Stokes: Camp Ground Church, 50 Tunnel Ln., east of Anna.

Union: Wolf Lake Community Center, 4720 State Route 3N, Wolf Lake.



Wildcats win playoff opener

The visiting Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Wildcats football team celebrated an opening round victory over host Fairfield last Saturday in the Illinois High School Association Class 3A postseason playoffs. A-J defeated Fairfield 9-6. With the win, A-J advanced to the second round of the playoffs. The Wildcats are scheduled to host North Mac this Saturday. Game time is set for 2:30 p.m. The game will be aired on WIBH radio in Anna. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.

12,834 registered in Union County

Record number of voters in Illinois

A record number of voters are registered in Illinois.

The Illinois State Board of Elections, ISBE, reported Oct. 26 that the number of registered voters in Illinois, currently 7,988,670, is approaching 8 million.

This surpasses the previous record high of 7,789,500 set for the 2008 general election and reflects the public's interest in the Nov. 8 general election, ISBE reported on its website.

Union County has nearly 13,000 registered voters. Union County Clerk Terry Bartruff reported a total of 12,834 voters in the county.

ISBE noted that since registration is available through Election Day, the

number of registered voters is expected to further increase.

Voters who have not yet registered were being cautioned that they could encounter long lines if they delay registration until Election Day.

Regular registration closed on Oct. 11, and online voter registration closed at midnight on Oct. 23.

However, voters who still have not yet registered may take advantage of grace period registration, which extends through Nov. 8.

Grace period registration allows a voter to register at locations designated by the appropriate election

authority and runs through Election Day.

Grace period, however, requires the person to cast her or his vote at the time of registering.

Early voting, which extends through Nov. 7 is an option available to voters who are already registered and want to cast their vote prior to Election Day.

Early voting can take place at any location designated by the election authority with which the voter is registered.

Voters who want to take advantage of early voting are advised contact their election authority for locations and hours.

Early voting is held in the Union County clerk's

office. The office is located in room 116 at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro. The courthouse is located at 309 W. Market St.

County clerk office hours are scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The clerk's office also has announced the following hours: Saturday, Nov. 5, from 8 a.m. to noon; and Sunday, Nov. 6, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

ISBE has encouraged voters who use either grace period or early voting to register (if required) and cast their vote as soon as possible to avoid long lines on Election Day and leading up to Election Day.

Veterans to be honored

Veterans will be recognized at a program which is planned next week in Union County.

On Monday, Nov. 7, at 6 p.m., the Shawnee Hills Arts Council/Anna Arts Center plans to host a Celebration to Freedom: Salute to Veterans and Active Duty Military.

A meal and entertainment are planned. 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.



Heading north

A Canadian National freight train makes it way through downtown Cobden on a recent autumn afternoon. The image was created by using a solarize tool in Photoshop.





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News Notes

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Paula Stairs has received Shawnee Development Council's Sarah Jane Clarke Community Service Award. She was honored at last Friday morning's regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners. More on this to come...

Appreciation is being voiced to all of those who helped in any way to support a recent dinner for the benefit of Cobden native Sarah Russell Mann. The dinner, which was served at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church parish hall in Cobden, raised more than \$6,000. A very well attended ecumenical prayer service in support of Sarah and her family also was held recently at the Cobden church.

Mobile home taxes are due Nov. 7.

Cobden's Christmas in the Village celebration is planned Saturday, Dec. 3. The event is sponsored by the Cobden Community and Business Association.

The 10th annual HHS Invitational Sidewalk Chalk Contest was Friday, Oct. 21 at Harrisburg Middle School. Anna-Jonesboro Community High School students Hannah Fuller and Hannah Stark won the Teacher's Choice Award for their drawing of a Roy Lichtenstein pop art painting.

Alysha Bottje is the first Wildcat Teacher of the Week at A-JCHS.

Hannah Baggott is the first Wildcat Student of the Week at A-JCHS.

The Anna School District No. 37 Board of Education has approved a Little Indian basketball program, which will be led by Jenny Sadler.

The District 37 Board also approved contracting with Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau for an externship for graduate students in speech pathology.

Registration is underway for the spring semester at Shawnee Community College.

Southern Seven Health Department plans to sponsor its second annual Tour de Seven 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna. A portion of proceeds from the event helps to support Union County Relay for Life.

The Union County Historical Society's annual Christmas Shop is sched-

uled to open Saturday, Nov. 19, at 8 a.m. The popular event is next door to the Union County Museum in Cobden at 117 S. Appleknocker. This is the 14th year for the shop.

A Las Posadas celebration recalling the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus is planned Nov. 20 at the Anna Arts Center in Anna.

"Book Fair" signs were on display early this week in front of Anna Junior High/Davie School.

The Saturday morning farmers market in Cobden appeared to have wrapped up for the season last weekend.

Time to put away the pumpkins and jack-o-lanterns and break out the Christmas trees and Jack Frost.

Candidate Profile
Dale Russell

Name: Dale Russell
Address: Buncombe
Office you are seeking: Reelection to the Union County Board of Commissioners
Party affiliation: Republican
Are you an incumbent? Yes

If yes, how long have you served? I have served as a Union County Commissioner for the last 5 1/2 years.

Have you ever sought, or held public office? If so, when and what office? Union County Commissioner.

Why are you running? To continue serving the people.

What are your goals if elected? To continue working on grants for county improvements.

If you are incumbent, what are your accomplishments while in office? My fellow commissioners and I have accomplished the following:

Brought the county out of operating in the negative to operating in the positive.

Brought new businesses into the area.

Received grants for road repairs and upgrades, including Skyline Drive.

Grants for an all-purpose building for county use.

As an extension to my Union County Commissioner duties, I have also served on the following boards:

Southern Seven Health Department, Southern Five Planning Commission, Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau.

Election Day

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For State Senator, 58th Legislative District

Democrat: Sheila Simon.
 Republican: Paul Schimpf.

For State Senator, 59th Legislative District

Democrat: Gary Forby.
 Republican: Dale Fowler.

For Representative in the General Assembly, 115th District

Democrat: Marsha Griffin.

Republican: Terri Bryant.

For Representative in the General Assembly, 118th District

Democrat: Brandon W. Phelps.

Republican: Jason V. Kasiar.

For Union County Circuit Clerk

Democrat: Tiffany Busy.
 Republican: No candidate.

For Union County State's Attorney

Democrat: Tyler R. Edmonds.
 Republican: No candidate.

For Union County Coroner

Democrat: Phil Hileman.
 Republican: No candidate.

For Union County Commissioner, Seat E, six-year term

Democrat: Dale Foster.
 Republican: Stevie Guined.

For Union County Commissioner, Seat C, six-year term

Democrat: Cary Quick Jr.
 Republican: Dale Russell.

For Judge of the Appellate Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, to fill the vacancy of the Hon. Bruce D. Stewart

Democrat: Brad K. Bleyer.
 Republican: John B. Barberis Jr.

For Judge of the Appellate Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, to fill the vacancy of the Hon. James M. Wexstten

Democrat: Jo Beth Weber.
 Republican: James R. "Randy" Moore.

Shall Each of the Persons Listed Be Retained in Office as Judge of the Circuit Court, First Judicial Circuit?

William G. Schwartz. Yes. No.

W. Charles Grace. Yes. No.

Constitution Ballot Proposed Amendment to the 1970 Illinois Constitution

Explanation of the Amendment

The proposed amendment adds a new section to the Revenue Article of the Illinois Constitution. The proposed amendment provides that no moneys derived from taxes, fees, excises, or license taxes, relating to registration, titles,

operation, or use of vehicles or public highways, roads, streets, bridges, mass transit, intercity passenger rail, ports, or airports, or motor fuels, including bond proceeds, shall be expended or other than costs of administering laws related to vehicles and transportation, costs for construction, reconstruction, maintenance, repair, and betterment of public highways, roads, streets, bridges, mass transit, intercity passenger rail, ports, airports, or other forms of transportation, and other statutory highway purposes, including the State or local share to match federal aid highway funds. You are asked to decide whether the proposed amendment should become part of the Illinois Constitution.

For the proposed addition of Section 11 to Article IX of the Illinois Constitution. Yes. No.

State's attorney's, sheriff's offices plan to monitor polling places on Election Day

Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds and Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel said this week that their offices again will be monitoring Union County polling places on Election Day, which is Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Prosecutors and sheriff's investigators will visit polling places throughout the county to ensure that voting rights are protected and that no improper activity occurs in or around polling places.

State's attorney's and sheriff's personnel will be monitoring for anyone campaigning in or around polling places or otherwise interfering with the election process.

The state's attorney's office and sheriff's Office will be working closely with Union County Clerk Terry Bartruff to respond to any suspected violations of the Illinois Election Code.

The public is reminded that violators could be arrested and face significant fines and jail or prison time. Possible criminal violations could include:

Active campaigning and solicitation of votes in the polling place or within the 100 foot campaign free zone of the polling place.

Voters who try to leave the polling place with a ballot.

Impersonating a registered voter. Payment for a vote. Tampering with voting equipment.

Illegal casting of votes. Interfering with the voting process.

Harassing the election judges. Harassing the voters. Illegal voter assistance or instruction.

The public is also reminded of their rights regarding the election process:

If a voter's registration is active and current, the voter does not need to show identification to vote.

If a voter makes a mistake or "spoils" a paper ballot and the voter has not cast the ballot, the voter has the right to receive a replacement ballot.

If a voter cannot read, has trouble understanding English, or has a disability,

that voter has the right to request assistance from anyone other than his or her employer, an agent of his or her employer, or an officer or agent of his or her union.

Voters have the right to register to vote and cast their vote at the same time up to and including on Election Day. Same-day registration and voting is available at the Union County Courthouse at 309 W. Market St. in Jonesboro, not at regular polling places.

Polls will be open on Election Day from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Members of the public who have questions or concerns regarding activities taking place at any Union County polling place are advised to contact the Union County clerk's office at 833-5711, the Union County state's attorney's

office at 833-7216 or the Union County Sheriff's Office at 833-5500.

Concerns may also be addressed to the Illinois State Board of Elections at 217-782-4141, the Illinois attorney general's office at 1-800-559-6812, the office of the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois at 618-628-3700, the FBI at 618-397-4401 or the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division at 1-800-253-3931 or voting.section@usdoj.gov.

Be Sure To Vote On Tuesday, Nov. 8



Vote for Phil Hileman
 Democrat Candidate for Union County Coroner
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What Is The Value Of A Community Newspaper?

What is the value of a community newspaper? What does it bring to that community that no other institution can provide?

The local newspaper is a basic institution in any community, like the post office, the schools and the churches.

The local community newspaper, whether it be a 2,000 circulation weekly or a 50,000 circulation daily, serves to keep people connected to their community, by telling them what's happening with their neighbors, as well as the institution serving the community.

The publication of obituaries, birth announcements, weddings and other significant events in our lives remind us of poet John Donne's words, "no man is an island."

Community newspapers alert members of the community to problems needing attention.

The community newspaper facilitates the exchange of ideas and opinions through its editorial page and letters to the editor.

There are so many things of value community newspapers provide: the recording of local history and helping to maintain a healthy local economy through effective advertising for local businesses are just a few areas of value.

The community newspaper's value to its community is unquestioned.

— from Publishers Auxiliary, a publication of the National Newspaper Association

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Early Voting Information
General Election - November 8, 2016

Union County

DATES
 Thursday, Sept. 29 - Monday, Nov. 7
 Monday through Friday
 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 * 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

Church again to serve free Thanksgiving dinner

Again this year, the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna plans to provide a free Thanksgiving dinner for anyone who would like to participate.

Delivery is planned between 11 a.m. and noon on Thanksgiving Day, which is Thursday, Nov. 24.

The church notes that for each year the special ministry has provided a meal, the response has increased.

There is no limit to the number the church can serve. Those who would like a meal are asked to

call as early as possible to ensure that their name is placed on a list of those who will be served.

The church is asking two things of those who would like to receive a meal:

•Call the church at 833-5225 by noon on Monday, Nov. 21. Give your name, address, phone number and the number of meals you will need.

•When the meals arrive, please take a moment to "give thanks" for all of your blessings during the past year.

Budget talks continue

The Union County Board of Commissioners planned to continue work on a new budget this week.

The commissioners were scheduled to meet Monday morning to work on the budget for the county's new fiscal year, which begins on Dec. 1.

The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 needs to be on public display by Nov. 15.

Commissioners had already spent three full days (Oct. 17, 18 and 19) working on the budget.

On the first day of the talks, the commissioners looked over revenue sources.

The commissioners met with office holders and department heads on Oct. 18 and 19.

Commissioners voiced their appreciation to the county's office holders and department heads for holding the line on spending

during the current fiscal year.

One aspect of the budget involves the establishment of new reserve funds which would address specific needs.

The county established a contingency fund two years ago which addresses needs which come outside the scope of the budget.

Tax Funds Distributed
In related news, Union County Treasurer Darren Bailey reported that his office had made its second distribution of property tax funds on Friday.

The funds were distributed to the county's taxing districts. The treasurer's office distributed \$6,627,456.75.

A total of \$13,031,294.95 in property tax funds have been collected in 2016. A total of \$6,403,838.20 previously had been distributed by the treasurer's office.

Mock debate planned at Cobden 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.

Erie Rosson celebrates 102nd birthday on Oct. 29



Erie Rosson

On Oct. 29, Erie Rosson, formerly of Anna, celebrated her 102nd birthday with family and friends at the Jonesboro Rehabilitation and Health Care Center.

Fifteen family members and friends were on hand to help Erie celebrate the very special birthday. Cake and ice cream were served. Erie opened cards and presents.

Erie's son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Pattie Rosson from Arizona, and her daughter Charlene Hileman of Jonesboro, planned her birthday party and surprised her with several friends and relatives from Missouri, Mississippi and Tennessee.

Erie's sister, Mary Casper from Jonesboro, her niece, Lisa Hicks with her husband Rick and their son Rik from Jonesboro, and her niece, Sandy Williams from Anna, also came to help her celebrate.

Her family shared the following story about Erie:

One hundred and two years is a long time to accumulate memories and achieve several accomplishments.

Clean living and hard work have contributed to Erie being able to celebrate over a century of birthdays.

Outliving many of her family and friends is possibly due to her strong will and work ethic.

A petite woman standing only 4 feet, 11 inches tall, Erie worked hard for a good portion of her life.

She married Charles Rosson in 1929 and together the couple raised

their four children on a farm just outside of Anna. There they raised dairy cows, pigs, chickens and vegetables.

Later they moved inside the city limits of Anna. For several years her husband worked at Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center and she worked at Florsheim Shoe Factory.

Later, she became a nurse's aide. She worked as an aide for 22 years. Dedication to her family and hard work have kept this little farm girl strong and well for over hundred years.

One of her fond memories is when she flew for the first and only time on an airplane with her son Bob and his family to California and the pilot seated her next to him in the cockpit.

Erie was 85 at the time and they were taking her to Disney Land, where she thoroughly enjoyed riding the roller coasters.

Erie Jaunita Rosson was born on Oct. 29, 1914, the daughter of Clarence and Izora McCommons.

She married Charles Rosson on Aug. 4, 1929, and the couple lived in Anna.

After her husband passed away in 1981, Erie still resided in Anna for several years.

Eventually, she moved to Elgin to live with her daughter Dee and her husband Leon Gould.

She then moved to her son Bob and his wife Patty Rosson's home in Elgin after her daughter Dee became ill and passed away.

Now she is back home in Southern Illinois to be near her daughter Charlene and her husband Gerald Hileman and her sister Mary Casper of Jonesboro.

Erie extremely enjoyed seeing several family and friends gather to help her celebrate another birthday.

When asked if she wanted to blow out the candles, she said "God no!" I suppose that would take a lot of air.

Weather Unseasonably warm; very dry

Unseasonably warm weather continued in Union County during the final days of October.

The high temperature reached 81 degrees during the period of Oct. 25-31.

Halloween day, and night, were very warm. The high temperature on Halloween, which was Monday, reached 79.

The period was dry, too, with only .51 of an inch of rain recorded on Oct. 26.

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

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Tuesday, Oct. 25	71	53
Wednesday, Oct. 26	79	44
Thursday, Oct. 27	65	47
Friday, Oct. 28	76	46
Saturday, Oct. 29	81	56
Sunday, Oct. 30	80	61
Monday, Oct. 31	79	55

Almost time to fall back

Daylight saving time comes to an end this weekend.

Readers are reminded to set their clocks back one hour before going to bed this Saturday night.

Saving time comes to an end early Sunday morning, Nov. 6.

A subscription to The Gazette-Democrat makes a great gift.

Vote for DALE FOSTER
Union County Commissioner

Your vote and support is appreciated!

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Congratulations to the Anna-Jonesboro Wildcat football team on their win last Saturday in the ISHA playoff game and good luck this Saturday on the second round!



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Appreciation banquet

The Two Rivers Child Advocacy Center held an MDT (multi-disciplinary team) appreciation banquet at the Blue Boar near Cobden on Friday, Oct. 21. Local law enforcement, DCFS, state's attorneys, mental health and medical personnel who work with the advocacy center were in attendance. Sponsors included Charlotte Clover/Country Financial, Enchanted Garden, From the Heart, Hendrix Accounting, Island Tan, Jordo's Pizzeria, Mayberry Music, Movie Depot, Napa Auto Parts, Phillip McGrath-Edward Jones, Rusty's Home Center and Taylor, Dodd and Wood Insurance Agency. Photo by Lindsey Rae Vaughn.



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SPORTS

Last-second field goal gives A-J playoff win

With 1.8 seconds remaining in a tie ball game, Sheldon McGrath kicked a 24-yard field goal to lift the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team to a 9-6 win over host Fairfield in first-round action of the Class 3A playoffs Saturday, Oct. 29.

"It's something I felt confident in," A-J football coach Brett Detering said. "I had no reservations about it. Fortunately, we were able to make that play when we needed to."

Detering said a lot of extra time was spent in last Thursday's practice on extra point and field goal attempts to further boost confidence in his kicker.

The win boosted the Wildcats to an 8-2 record and a second-round playoff game at home against North Mac, 9-1, this Saturday.

North Mac is a consolidated school located between Virden and Girard. Fairfield ended its season at 8-2 overall.

With a little over two minutes remaining in the game, the Wildcats took over at midfield following a Fairfield punt.

"Our kids ran out of bounds twice to stop the clock," Detering said. "They knew they had to get in field goal range."

With 4.8 seconds remaining, the Wildcats were in good field goal range.

The Mules then used all their time outs to try and put added pressure on McGrath.

However, it didn't work as the field goal became the first recorded by the Wildcats this season.

Earlier in the first quarter on the first play with A-J holding a 6-0 advantage, the Wildcats were faced with a fourth down and long yardage situation at the Mules' 20-yard line.

A field goal by the Wildcats was attempted and blocked and Jayden Lewis picked up the football and raced 75 yards for a touchdown. A pass for the extra point was incomplete and the score was knotted 6-6 with 11:43 remaining in the game.

"We had some snap issues," Detering said. "We didn't execute a very good snap."

The Wildcats, who have been plagued with lost scoring opportunities this season near the goal line, were halted again on their first drive.

Driving the length of the field on an impressive drive and moving to the Mules' 1-yard line, an off sides penalty moved the Wildcats back. A couple of plays later they were halted on a fourth down run.

"We're not finding a way to punch it in," Detering said. "We're at a point in our season where we were going to have to if we want to keep the season going."

The Wildcats did have the biggest offensive play of the game in the second quarter.

Taking the ball deep in their own territory following a Mule punt, A-J quarterback Bryce Osman broke loose for a 67-yard run and was stopped short of the goal line on the 11-yard line after being tackled from behind by Fairfield's Skylar Gray.

Two plays later, Jayce Turner scored on a 3-yard run.

A bad snap happened and the extra point kick was off and A-J held a 6-0 lead with 9:37 remaining in the second quarter.

Later in the quarter, the Wildcats' Caleb Clover intercepted Fairfield quarterback Macklin Snyder's pass to thwart a drive near midfield.

Osman made a nifty pass to Arieh Hart to move the Wildcats to the Mules' 12-yard line when the first half concluded.

The Mules were held to 104 yards rushing and 51 yards passing.

"We gave up 51 yards passing, but by and large they completed the passes in front of us," Detering said. "Our kids were in a position to make the plays."

In the "second half they didn't get across the 50 yard line. You've got to give a lot of credit to our special teams and defense. They pitched a shutout and (assistant/defensive coach) Mike Eudy did a good job," Detering said.

Osman was 2 of 6 passing for 42 yards and led A-J's 263 yard rushing attack with 99 yards on 7 carries.

Jayce Turner added 82 yards on 28 carries. Trenton Turner had 43 yards on 11 carries. Caleb Clover had 32 yards on 6 carries.

"It was an exciting football game," Detering said. "But unfortunately we didn't make some plays we should have."

Wildcats defeat Fairfield in first round of playoffs

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Wildcats football team opened postseason action last Saturday with a 9-6 road win over host Fairfield. The accompanying photos are from Saturday's game. Photos by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.



A-J's Dylan Fox looks for some running room.



A-J linemen in action last Saturday included, in the white jerseys, Jade Gillis, Trenton Turner, Austin Dillow, D.J. Latham and Kyle McMahan.



A-J's Arieh Hart carries the ball against Fairfield.

A-J set to host North Mac in second round play

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team is scheduled to play host to North Mac at The Pit this Saturday in an IHSA 3A second-round playoff game.

Game time is set for 2:30 p.m. For fans who can't make it to the game, the contest will be aired on WIBH radio in Anna.

North Mac is a consolidated high school, which is located between Virden and Girard, near Springfield.

North Mac, 9-1, posted a 35-7 win over Beardstown in first round action last Saturday.

"We played pretty well," North Mac coach Shane Owsley said. "We're a senior dominated team. They've been starting since they were sophomores."

North Mac is led at quarterback by senior Grant Graham, 5-8, 165 pounds. He rushed for 105 yards and passed for 105 yards in the win. He has 700 yards rushing and has passed for 1,100 yards this season.

Senior fullback Griffin

Hatalla, 5-9, 185 pounds, broke the century mark in rushing in the first-round win with 110 yards.

Another running back threat is senior Asa Donaldson, 6-3, 180 pounds. He rushed for 50 yards in the win. He is also the team's leading pass receiver and had 80 yards in pass receptions last week.

Other running threats are seniors Josh Weller, 5-10, 160 pounds and Jessie Trew, 6-2, 165 pounds.

"We're kind of a run-first team," Owsley said. "But we can throw it."

"They run a balanced attack," A-J coach Brett Detering added.

The offensive line is built around juniors Will Christopher, 6-6, 260 pounds, and Lucas Britenstine, 6-0, 300 pounds.

"We're pretty big up front," Owsley said. "We average about 270 to 280 pounds."

"They're very big," Detering added, who observed the team on game film. "They've got a lot of size."

Saluki Sports Update

By Fred Huff

We're now certain about several issues.

SIU's football Salukis won't make it to the playoffs this season, nor will they finish in the top half of the Missouri Valley Football Conference, nor will they finish with a winning record, nor will they better last year's record... and you could go on and on after last week's frustrating three-point, 38-35, loss at Missouri State.

Facts are facts and the Salukis have a long way to go before they're going to challenge for respectability in the tough MVFC, which, as a matter of fact, is the best conference in the NCAA's second-level of the sport.

But still, 2-6 overall, 0-5 in the conference... both figures are closing in on embarrassing numbers.

And, to make things even worse, the immediate future, three more games to finish out the 2016 season, is against three teams still in the running for top-division spots in the league. They won't make it, of course, but they all have possibilities and have more to play for than the Salukis.

It's enough to make Saluki sports fans ask: "When does the basketball season open?"

We don't know enough about the sport of football to know the answer.

It's true that SIU has played well at times. The Salukis have more than "just been close." Several of their losses have been true heartbreakers, just like last week's three-point loss at Missouri State.

But Missouri State has been the poorest team in the league for years. The Bears finally got around to hiring a quality coach two years ago and the improvements he has made in the overall program are obvious.

That's not SIU's immediate problem...needing a new coach, etc.

We still believe in Nick Hill and believe he is capable of turning SIU's football program around. But we're not sure how much time he needs to get the job done.

Just like all SIU fans, I read the stories and listen to the reports written and spoken by people who are much closer than we are to the program. It's true that multiple close losses and injuries to first-line players are unfortunate and are easy to place under the "bad luck" heading, but that's not good enough.

Good programs don't have multiple close losses and have replacements for injured players.

SIU's football program has not yet turned the corner.

Military appreciation tailgate slated at SIU

Shawnee Detachment 812 of the Marine Corps League, in conjunction with Saluki Athletics, plans to host a tailgate at the Southern Illinois University military appreciation football game versus South Dakota at Saluki Stadium in Carbondale on Saturday, Nov. 5. The tailgate

is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Free game tickets are available to veterans and active duty military personnel, along with half-price tickets for family members.

For information or to donate to Shawnee Detachment 812, Marine Corps

League, contact Mark (Skip) Cosgrove at 618-967-9462, skipcos@siu.edu or at 172 Wild Rose Ln. in Carbondale.

Information is also available at www.marine-sofshawneedetachment.com and the Marines of Shawnee Detachment Facebook page.



A football family

At the close of Saturday's thrilling win by the Anna-Jonesboro Wildcats over the Fairfield Mules in the first round of the playoffs, this scene brought tears to many eyes in the grandstands. Keaton Busby carried Jackson Boyd (number 3) across the field as the two teams met for handshakes after the game. Boyd suffered a compound fracture of his left leg during a Wildcat game four weeks ago, and was sidelined and on crutches for the Fairfield game. Busby picked Boyd up and carried him on his back all the way across the field. Through the years of A-J football, fans have heard the terms "We are Family," "Band of Brothers" and the "Blue Machine": this was seen as an example of all these things. Fans shared that the members of the A-J football team "are certainly a family of brothers who work together like a well oiled machine." Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.

Good Luck to the A-J Wildcats in the Second Round of the IHSA Playoffs

Illinois High School Association Class 3A Boys Football Playoff Schedule & Scores

First Round

- Game 1 — Elmhurst (IC Catholic) 49, St. Joseph (S.J.-Ogden) 8
- Game 2 — Paxton (P.-Buckley-Loda) 50, Aledo (Mercer County) 2
- Game 3 — Wilmington 51, Chicago (Corliss) 8
- Game 4 — Byron 44, Eureka 14

- Game 5 — Farmington 40, Winnebago 36
- Game 6 — Elmwood [E.-Brimfield Coop] 36, Bloomington (Central Catholic) 14
- Game 7 — Westville 57, Chicago (Marine) 0
- Game 8 — Monticello 49, Chicago (Clark) 8

- Game 9 — Newton 61, Auburn 29
- Game 10 — Pana (H.S.) 36, Marshall 35
- Game 11 — Carlinville 76, Wood River (East Alton-W.R.) 19
- Game 12 — Williamsville 56, Hillsboro 12

- Game 13 — Mt. Carmel 53, Sesser (S.-Valier) [Coop] 16
- Game 14 — Tolono (Unity) 46, Vandalia 20
- Game 15 — Virden (North Mac) 35, Beardstown 7
- Game 16 — Anna (A.-Jonesboro) 9, Fairfield 6

Second Round

- Game 17 — #1 Elmhurst (IC Catholic) (10-0) vs. #8 Paxton (P.-Buckley-Loda) (9-1) at Elmhurst (Plunkett Athletic Complex), Sat., Nov. 5, 4:00 pm
- Game 18 — #5 Byron (10-0) at #4 Wilmington (10-0), Sat., Nov. 5, 6:00 pm
- Game 19 — #7 Elmwood [E.-Brimfield Coop] (9-1) at #2 Farmington (10-0), Sat., Nov. 5, 3:30 pm
- Game 20 — #6 Monticello (10-0) at #3 Westville (10-0), Sat., Nov. 5, 2:00 pm
- Game 21 — #8 Pana (H.S.) (9-1) at #1 Newton (10-0), Fri., Nov. 4, 7:00 pm
- Game 22 — #5 Williamsville (9-1) at #4 Carlinville (9-1), Sat., Nov. 5, 3:00 pm
- Game 23 — #2 Mt. Carmel (10-0) at #10 Tolono (Unity) (8-2), Sat., Nov. 5, 2:00 pm
- Game 24 — #3 Virden (North Mac) (9-1) at #11 Anna (A.-Jonesboro) (8-2), Sat., Nov. 5, 2:30 pm

Quarterfinals

- Game 25 — Winner Game 17 vs. Winner Game 18, TBA
- Game 26 — Winner Game 19 vs. Winner Game 20, TBA
- Game 27 — Winner Game 21 vs. Winner Game 22, TBA
- Game 28 — Winner Game 23 vs. Winner Game 24, TBA

Semifinals

- Game 29 — Winner Game 25 vs. Winner Game 26, TBA
- Game 30 — Winner Game 27 vs. Winner Game 28, TBA

Championship

- Game 31 — Winner Game 29 vs. Winner Game 30 at Champaign (Memorial Stadium), Fri., Nov. 25, 4:00 pm

Scenes from last Saturday's A-J playoff win against Fairfield. Photos by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.



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Tournament action

Eighth grader Carson Pengress attempted a layup during Anna Junior High School's consolation game against Shawnee on Thursday, Oct. 27, at the Egyptian Early Bird Tournament at Egyptian School in Tamms. Anna came out on top 45-29. Photo by Lindsey Rae Vaughn.



Consolation winners

The Anna Junior High School boys basketball team won the consolation trophy at the Egyptian Early Bird Tournament at Egyptian School in Tamms on Thursday, Oct. 27. Anna defeated Shawnee 45-29. Members of the team are Luke Lasley, Gavin Yates, Romeo Godinez, Nate Baggott, John David Bigler, Hayden Webb, Dylan Ralls, Carson Pengress, Maddox Thorpe, Matthew Wright, Matthew Camargo and Nate Belcher. The team is coached by Hunter Queen and Chris Priebe. Photo by Lindsey Rae Vaughn.

Food drive benefits pantry for SIU students

The Saluki Food Pantry will benefit from a food drive planned at the Nov. 5 Southern Illinois University Saluki football game. There's a twist to this food drive, which is designed to help SIU "Take a Bite Out of Hunger." Anyone who brings a minimum of five non-perishable food items or five toiletries, or donates at least \$5, receives a ticket for a special drawing that will take place at the game. The winner of the drawing wins a Saluki-Banterra gift basket that includes four club-level tickets for

the Nov. 19 football game against Western Illinois. Food donations will be accepted from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the entrance to Saluki Row: look for the National Guard vehicle. The day of Nov. 5's "Take a Bite Out of Hunger Food Drive," the Salukis take on the University of South Dakota Coyotes at 2 p.m. All food items and cash

donations go to the Saluki Food Pantry, which is located in the lower level of the SIU Student Center. Students enrolled at SIU can visit the pantry monthly to get food items and essential toiletries to supplement their needs. The pantry has helped over 300 students and their immediate family members since opening in August.

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Successful season

Buck Run Greenhouse sponsored the Green Titans soccer team, which won first place in the 3rd and 4th grade division with an undefeated record. The team's coaches were Becky Vicory and Sara Mowell. The team celebrated the successful season recently with an end of the year party. Photo provided.



All Stars take second place

UCSSL's 3rd/4th grade girls All Star soccer team took second place at the Perryville Cup tournament played Oct. 29-30. The girls won three games and lost one to earn their second place finish. Team members are, in the first row, from left, Ava Mowell, Olivia Schaefer, Ava Tweedy and Zoe Chen. Second row, Jayci Needling, Chloe Biggerstaff, Makenzie Jackson, Candria Rogers, Ruby Yates and Kansas Craig. They were coached by Jake Basler, Sara Mowell and Marcus Schaefer. Pressly Bierstedt and manager Ricky Tweedy could not be present for the picture. Photo provided.

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Obituaries

Curtis E. 'Corky' Hartline

Curtis E. "Corky" Hartline, 82, of Carterville, and formerly of Cobden, died at 4:15 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, 2016, at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

He was born on Feb. 15, 1934, in Mountain Glen, the son of Francis and Mae Hunsaker Hartline.

He married Jane Griffith on July 6, 1989, in Paducah.

He is survived by his wife, Jane Hartline of Carterville;

one daughter, Debbie (Marc) Wade of Carterville; three sons, Steve (Lisa) Hartline of Anna, Danny (Charlotte) Hartline of Cobden and David Hartline of Cobden; grandchildren Shane (Andrea) Wade, Sean (Jennifer) Wade, Matthew (Carrie) Hartline, Beau (Holly) Hartline, Danielle Hartline, Alina Hartline, Jenna Hartline, Colbey Hartline and Conner Hartline; great-grandchildren, Conner Wade, Hudson Wade, Jackson Wade, Olivia Wade, Lillie Hartline, Drake Hartline and Aiden Hartline.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Leota Swafford and Myrtle Bech; and by one brother, Jim Hartline.

He was retired from Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna, where he worked for many years as a firefighter. He was able to take 10 vacation days the month of November to duck hunt, and he did, every day. He served in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1959, spending 18 months in Korea.

He loved music, he helped the boys form a band, there was always music on the hill. He had a lot of friends, from the man in the suit to the next door neighbor in bib overalls. He was a member of the Congregational Church in Cobden. He was saved in 1952 at the Immanuel Baptist Church.

He was a life member of the Coal Belt Fire Fighter Association and a life member of Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna.

Memorial services will be at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden, with Pastor Ed Falgout and Matthew Hartline officiating. Military rites will be conducted at the funeral home by Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna.

Friends can call after 9:30 a.m. and until the service hour at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden.

Memorials can be made to the Fresenius Medical Care Dialysis Center. Curtis received dialysis here for the last 17 years.

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

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES

Carroll Mowery

Carroll Mowery, 77, of Dongola, died Sunday, Oct. 30, 2016, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

He was born on April 5, 1939, in Mill Creek, the son of Glenn Ernest and Lois Ina Lingle Mowery.

He married Joyce Hileman on June 7, 1958.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce Mowery of Dongola; two sons, John (Lora) Mowery of Mill Creek and Mark (Teresa)

Mowery of Dongola; one daughter, Carla (Joe) Roach of Stonefort; six grandchildren, Christina Mowery, Caleb Mowery, Callie Mowery, Jeff (Brittany) Roach, Greg Roach (Jilian Hanbaum) and Heather Feldscher; four great-grandchildren, Landon Roach, Tanner Roach, Nick Feldscher and Tara Feldscher; two sisters, Eloise Mowery of Jonesboro and Shirley Poole of Vienna; a brother-in-law, Gib DeWitt of Chana; nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Hazel DeWitt, and by one granddaughter.

He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Dongola. He was born on the family farm in Dongola. He worked with his father and in later years he purchased the farm to continue the family business of farming and raising cattle.

Funeral services for Mr. Mowery will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, today, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Dongola, with Pastor Tim Heinecke officiating. Interment will be in the St. John's Cemetery in Dongola.

Memorials can be made to the St. John's Cemetery or to the St. John's Lutheran Church.

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

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES

Steven Dale Ebert

Steven Dale Ebert, 55, of Anna, died at 8:45 a.m. Friday, Oct. 29, 2016, at Integrity Healthcare in Anna.

He was born on March 10, 1961, in Chicago, the son of Donald V. Sr. and Nancy Newberry Ebert.

He is survived by his mother, Nancy Ebert of Anna; a brother, Donald V. Ebert Jr. of Cicero; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Graveside services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016, at the Anna City Cemetery, with Pastor Mark hasty officiating. Interment was in the Anna City Cemetery.

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

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES

Evelyn Jeanne Pruehsner

Evelyn Jeanne Pruehsner, 90, of Anna, died at 12:15 a.m. Monday, Oct. 31, 2016, at Union County Hospital Long Term Care Nursing Home in Anna.

She was born on Dec. 8, 1925, in Mill Shoals, the daughter of William and Emma Funkhouser Toombs. Her mother Emma Louise died when she was 4 years old. Her father, William O. Toombs married Mary Weatherford, who helped raise Evelyn and her siblings.

In 1944, she married Leslie C. Pruehsner of Nashville. They were married 70 years. Mr. Pruehsner died in April 2015 at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna.

She was a 1944 graduate of Anderson High School in Anderson, Ind. She attended college for one year. She was a minister's wife and a mother to her three girls. Through the years there were many moves to different churches. She also worked 36 years at hospitals, 25 years at Mulberry Manor in Anna and 10 years at Target in Florida. She retired at the age of 86. She attended Tamms Methodist Church. Her church family was very special to her. She loved and served the Lord.

She had lived at the Union County Nursing Home in Anna since July 1, 2016. She loved them all as family.

She is survived by her family, three daughters, Carol (Jerry) Bequette of Albers, Pat (Don) White of Fairview Heights, and Menda (Rod) Cash of Jonesboro; seven grandchildren, David (Angie) White of Mascoutah, Tammy (Keith) Johnson of Jonesboro, Kristen (Kevin) Templin of Albers, Rodney Cash Jr. of Murphysboro, Andrea (Ash) Henry of Collinsville, Jenny (Jason) Sadler of Jonesboro and Melissa White of Glen Carbon; a sister, Betty Surber of New Port Richey, Fla.; 15 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, cousins and many special friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leslie Pruehsner; her parents, William and Emma Toombs; her stepmother, Mary Weatherford; and a brother, William Toombs Jr.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro, with the Rev. Brent Gordon, the Rev. Les Sinks and Jimmy Keller officiating. Interment was in the Anna City Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Tamms Methodist Church or to the Preacher's Aid Society & Benefits Fund.

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

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

Crain Funeral home

Jeffrey Richard Rivers

Jeffrey Richard Rivers, 39, of Alto Pass died Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2016.

He was born on Oct. 1, 1977, in Bryan, Texas, the son of Richard and Marilyn Krape Rivers. The family moved to Southern Illinois the next year, where he attended Giant City School and Carbondale High School.

He married Amber Mae Short on May 26, 2012, in Cobden. He studied history at Southern Illinois University and has enjoyed serving clients in the Southern Illinois region as a Microsoft Certified IT professional.

He was an avid reader, and was particularly interested in motoring and military history. As a motoring enthusiast and an active member of the Vintage Sports Car Club since 2008, he and Amber enjoyed traveling and participating in rallies and events involving pre-World War II cars.

Family was always important to him and in his mind, no family was ever complete without pets. Of late, his greatest joy and newest passion was watching the growth and development of his son, Alistair born three and a half months ago. He had already begun sharing his passions with Alistair and planning their future adventures together.

He is survived by his wife, Amber Rivers of Alto Pass; his son, Alistair Jeffrey Rivers; his parents, Richard and Marilyn Rivers of Alto Pass; a sister and brother-in-law, Jennie and Ben Nelson of Brimfield; a nephew and niece, Mika and Anja Nelson; his grandmother, Mayme Krape of St. Charles, Mo.; a great-aunt, Thelma Hooper of Mesquite, Texas; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He had three dogs and a cat.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Reuben and Vera Rivers and Harold Krape Jr.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, at Grand Avenue Christian Church in Carbondale, with Pastor Mitch Marrow officiating. Burial was in the Alto Pass Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Alistair's College Fund, Alistair Jeffrey Rivers Fund, c/o The Bank of Carbondale.

To share a story or memory, visit www.meredithfh.com or his memorialized Facebook page.

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES

Earle Farnum

Earle Farnum, 72, of Anna, died in his sleep, early Sunday morning, Oct. 30, 2016, at his home.

He was born on June 9, 1944, in Chicago, the son of Earl Willis and Gertrude Rita Moran Farnum.

He is survived by his two sisters, Patricia Hogan of Villa Park and Joan Kuchta of Watertown, Wis.; and all of his family and friends at Independent Living.

He had encephalitis at an early age and spent most of his life in care. He had many struggles through life but he had a loving family that was blessed he was able to know them. Earle liked coffee, cowboys and Indians, Halloween, Santa Claus and pumpkin pie. Everyone loved Earl and he loved them.

Memorial services for Mr. Farnum will be at a later date. Interment will be in the Anna City Cemetery.

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

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES

Brenda Sims Bennett

Brenda Sims Bennett, 53, of Anna, of Anna, and formerly of Grand Tower, died Thursday, Oct. 20, 2016, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

She was born on Dec. 7, 1962, in Oregon, the daughter of Karell and Lena Clutts Sims.

She married Mark Bennett on Nov. 21, 1980.

She worked as a CNA and director of medical records at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna. She loved her family, friends, grandchildren and all of her nieces and nephews. She enjoyed listening to Elvis Presley and collecting Elvis memorabilia and also enjoyed collecting Indian memorabilia.

She is survived by her husband, Mark Bennett of Anna; a son, Daniel Bennett of Jonesboro; daughters Danielle (Chris) Davidson and Mechelle Bennett, both of Jonesboro; grandsons J.P. Zavala, Julian Cotzajay, Jacob Doss and Alex Bennett, all of Jonesboro; granddaughters Isabel Zavala of Jonesboro, Aubrey Davidson of Paducah and Kayleigh, Kiyleigh and Kynleigh Shepard of Jonesboro; her mother, Lena (Clutts) Sims of Anna; a brother, Bill Sims of Buncombe; sisters Rhonda (Mike) Ford of Buncombe and Darla (Shawn) Fleming of Anna; many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her dad, Karell Sims and a brother, Darrell Sims.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro, with the Rev. Larry Barnhart officiating. Interment was in Walker Hill Cemetery in Grand Tower.

Memorials can be made to Crain Funeral Home to offset funeral expenses.

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

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

Crain Funeral home

James 'Jamie' Fischer

James Arthur Fischer, 46, of Paducah, died Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2016, at his home.

He was employed as a technician with Lemons Coin Machines Inc.

Mr. Fischer was born on Dec. 24, 1969, in Cairo, the son of John and Mary Fischer. He had been a life-long member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Cairo. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and a 3rd Degree Knight.

He served several times as the president of the Cairo chapter of the JayCees and also as a state director of the Illinois JayCees. He enjoyed competing in area barbecue competitions.

He is survived by his wife, Johnna Fischer, of Paducah, and her son, John Anderson and wife Barbara, and granddaughter, Hunter, of Mayfield, Ky.; his father, John Albert Fischer Jr., of Cairo; his sisters, Julie Fischer-Swisher and Jane Fischer, both of Cairo; his nieces, Amanda Gibson and Mary Kate Swisher, both of Cairo; his nephews, Matthew Stone and Jared Swisher, both of Cairo, Scott Gibson and wife Meshia, of Florissant, Mo.; eight great-nieces and nephews; many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Emma Kaha Fischer; and his brother, John A. "Boo" Fischer III.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home in Paducah, with the Rev. Topper Council officiating. Burial was in Briensburg Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to St. Patrick Catholic Church, 312 9th St., Cairo, Ill. 62914. Condolences can be shared at www.milnerandorr.com.

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"The Preaching Pen" What is Your View of God?

In our society, an inaccurate picture of the character and nature of God has been created - one in which God is not both a rewarder and a punisher, but only a benevolent rewarder. Many people today have failed to properly assess the reality of God's wrath. They have substituted emotion and human feelings for truth and the clear statements of God.

What much of the religious world fails to understand is that there are two aspects to God's nature. Furthermore, many fail to realize that the Bible connects both of them - His goodness and his severity (Romans 11:22).

In Deuteronomy 28, the Bible depicts the blessings that would be Israel's for obedience to God (His goodness) and the curses that would be inflicted for rebellion (His wrath). Both of these are found in the same chapter and context.

In the New Testament, in Matthew chapter 11, the same chapter and verse setting that contains the invitation of Jesus is preceded by the condemnation meted out to the cities on the northwest coast of the Galilean Sea, Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum, for their impenitent condition (Matt. 11:20-30). The former depicts God's goodness; the latter, His wrath. In Romans 1:16 & 17, Paul writes of the gospel, which is God's power to save (His goodness, in other words) and immediately portrays God's wrath as revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men (Romans 1:18).

Dear Reader, what is your view of God? Do you think of Him as more of a "Heavenly Grandfather," one who will merely smile and shake His head at your sin? Make no mistake: God will punish all those who are not obedient to His will. "...The Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who know not God, and who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord" (II Thessalonians 1:7-9). We implore you, don't buy into manmade religion or your own personal beliefs, but learn what the Word of God teaches about the nature of God and how He views sin. Learn the way to eternal life.

Also, let us pray for this country in view of the coming presidential election. May we elect the candidate who most closely mirrors what the Bible upholds - one who is not embroiled in scandal - and let us remember that no matter who becomes president, Jesus Christ is still King.

R. W. McAlister, Minister
Anna church of Christ



A-JCHS bass team places first

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School bass fishing team won first place out of 18 boats at the Herrin High School Bass Fishing Invitational at Cedar Lake on Saturday, Oct. 29. Freshman Avery Goines, left, and junior Hunter Ralls, right, caught 11.91 pounds. The boat captain was Steve Ralls. Photo provided.

Girl Scouts to collect blankets for veterans

Girl Scout Troop 8548 is working on its Bronze Award.

After several discussions the troop unanimously agreed to make and collect blankets for the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna.

The girls will be making lap blankets. The troop also will be collecting new and gently used twin blankets.

Troop members plan to be in front of the Anna Wal-Mart store on Nov. 5 and Dec. 17 to fill the bed of a truck provided by the local Coad dealership.

Those who want to donate but cannot attend one of those dates can contact one of the girls in the troop or their parents.

Any blankets which cannot be used at the veterans home will be donated to the Union County animal control program.

Garden club meeting scheduled

After spending the last two meetings on field trips in the outdoors, the Anna-Jo Garden Club plans to have its next monthly meeting at the United Methodist Church in Anna. The meeting is set for 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Hosts are scheduled to be Dana Griffith, Pete Housman, Opal Ulrich, Virginia Housman and Minnie Ahrendt.

A program about gardening with native perennials is planned.

The program will be presented by Ruth Kelly, who is a member of the Tupelo Chapter of The Wild Ones.

A horticulture tip will be given by Minnie Ahrendt.

Members will be signing up for committees for next year.

Anyone who is interested in learning about the club is invited to attend the meeting.

Trail society hike planned

The River-to-River Trail Society plans to sponsor a guided hike on Saturday, Nov. 5, at Ferne Clyffe State Park near Goreville.

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 parking area beside the lake at the park.

The society said that this will be a hike of moderate difficulty and is intended for people in good physical condition who have done some walking.

Boots or sturdy shoes and hiking sticks are highly 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.

School Menu

Jonesboro School Menu

Monday, Nov. 7: Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fresh fruit, orange juice, choice of low fat milk. No lunch served.

Tuesday, Nov. 8: Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, fresh fruit, orange juice, choice of low fat milk. Lunch: Turkey hot dog or ham and cheese chef salad, dinner roll, vegetarian chili, triple bean Italian salad, sliced cucumbers, fresh or chilled fruit.

Wednesday, Nov. 9: Breakfast: Bagel with strawberry cream cheese, fresh fruit, fruit punch juice, choice of low fat milk. Lunch: Crispy chicken sandwich patty or turkey and cheese sandwich, baked fries, power peas, cherry tomatoes, fresh or chilled fruit.

Thursday, Nov. 10: Breakfast: Ham and cheese biscuit, fresh fruit, apple juice, choice of low fat milk. Lunch: French toast sticks with turkey sausage and strawberry topping or Sunbutter and jelly sandwich, tater tots, broccoli florets, marinated cool cucumbers, fresh or chilled fruit.

Friday, Nov. 11: No school.

News from

First Baptist Church, Cobden

On Sunday, Ed Falgout's message was titled "Why Genesis?" He stated that "Genesis begins the grand story of the gospel, and it answers the how and why of creation."

Austin Walker provided special music.

Sunday School begins at 9 a.m. Sunday morning worship is at 10 a.m. The Sunday evening service is at 6 p.m. The Wednesday service begins at 6:30 p.m.

News from

First Baptist Church, Anna

The next Soup and Serve is planned Monday, Nov. 14, in the fellowship hall.

Serving is planned from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Soup, sandwiches, coffee, tea or lemonade will be served. The meal is free.

Friends of Shawnee Forest event scheduled

An event to help support the Friends of the Shawnee National Forest is planned Saturday, Nov. 12 at The Old Feed Store in downtown Cobden.

Doors are scheduled to open at 5:30 p.m. The event will feature a silent auction, music and dinner. Dinner begins at 6 p.m.

A concert is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m., with music by the Ivas John Band and Free Range Chicks.

The cost is \$35, which is a tax deductible donation. For ticket information, visit www.shawneefriends.org/fundraiser.

Union County Hospital again helps with health insurance program

Beginning Nov. 1, Union County Hospital in Anna planned to again begin helping area residents learn about and enroll in health insurance options on the Health Insurance Marketplace.

Open enrollment was scheduled to begin Nov. 1 and continues through Jan. 31, 2017.

As part of the Affordable Care Act, ACA, most U.S. citizens were required to have health insurance beginning in 2014.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, since the passage of the ACA, about 16.4 million uninsured people have gained health coverage as of May 2015. Yet, approximately 30 million Americans remain uninsured.

"As a primary health provider in Union County, our goal is to help educate residents in an easy-to-understand way, as well as assist those who haven't yet signed up for health insurance or Medicaid, if qualified," Union County Hospital CEO Jim Farris said in a news release.

Health Plans on Health Insurance Marketplaces

The Health Insurance Marketplace provides U.S. citizens access to affordable health insurance coverage.

Depending on household income, some individuals may qualify for government financial assistance, or subsidies, towards the cost of the premium and other financial obligations like co-pays or deductibles.

All health plans on the Marketplace must offer a comprehensive set of benefits, and coverage cannot be denied for individuals with a pre-existing health condition.

Some of the health benefits include free preventive care and wellness services, doctor visits, prescription drugs, hospital and emergency department care, lab services, pediatric services and more.

The penalty fee for not having insurance has increased this year. If you can afford health insurance coverage, but don't sign up, you may have to pay a penalty.

For more information about this year's penalty

fees, visit healthcare.gov/fees.

"This is where Union County Hospital can assist," Farris said. "With many people not having access to a computer or having difficulty maneuvering on the government website, our application counselor can help individuals and their families evaluate the health plan options and determine if they are eligible for Medicaid or other financial assistance. We'll also help with re-enrollment. The service is free."

A few of UCH's outreach efforts will include:

Beginning on Nov. 1, consumers could make an appointment with application coordinators who can help them find affordable health insurance on the Marketplace.

Informational panel cards will be available throughout the facility, in associated clinics and around the community that include a phone number to call to set up an appointment.

Information will be inserted into self-pay and uninsured billing statements.

Though a major function of www.healthcare.gov is assessing whether individuals and families qualify for financial assistance to lower the cost of health insurance, Union County Hospital's application counselor can perform the same analysis and help with enrollment and re-enrollment.

To make an appointment to meet with the application counselor, call 833-1032.

Lead exposure addressed

The Illinois governor's Cabinet on Children and Youth recently announced a statewide, cross-agency initiative to reduce children's exposure to lead.

Lead poisoning is one of the most prevalent, preventable, environmental health hazards and is known to contribute to learning disabilities, developmental delays and violent behavior.

Compared to other states, Illinois remains among the highest for percentage of children with elevated blood lead levels.



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ISBE: 'rigged' election 'completely unfounded'

The Illinois State Board of Elections, ISBE, reports that it has received inquiries from voters, the media and public interest groups concerning the integrity of the Nov. 8 general election.

The state board stated in an Oct. 20 news release that it "wishes to assure voters that the allegations of a 'rigged' election are completely unfounded."

The state board's outlook was shared by Union County election officials. Union County Clerk Terry Bartruff said that safeguards are in place to ensure the security of the election.

ISBE stated that "a brief overview of the election process illustrates the numerous safeguards built into the election system to secure the integrity of the voting machines and tabulation of election results."

Initially, the Voting and Registration Systems Division of the Illinois State Board of Elections thoroughly tests the voting equipment to ensure compliance with both federal and state standards prior to approving its use in Illinois elections, and also conducts testing of the voting equipment prior to each election.

The testing takes place in jurisdictions selected by the ISBE both randomly and in those jurisdictions where it is deemed advisable due to any problems in previous elections, and is open to the public.

Each of the 109 election authorities in the state must conduct errorless pre-tests of their automatic tabulating equipment and program to verify that they will correctly count the votes for all offices and public questions.

A copy of that program is filed with the state board prior to the election. Thereafter, not less than five days prior to Election Day, the election authority must publicly test the equipment.

The public test of the equipment takes place at a minimum of 48 hours after notice is published, and is

open to the public and all interested parties.

Following these mandatory public tests, the voting equipment and memory cards are locked and sealed in tamper-proof containers until Election Day.

The containers are unlocked and unsealed on Election Day in the presence of the election judges and any authorized watchers that are present. If tampering occurs, it will be evident at that time, ISBE stated.

In addition to the mandatory testing, the law requires training for all citizens who serve as election judges.

Each election authority must establish a four-hour training course for its judges.

Also, the ISBE conducts schools for the training of election judges throughout the State of Illinois. These schools, conducted by board staff, are well-attended and on-going. Between July 25 and Nov. 2, there were 62 schools scheduled.

Significantly, on Election Day the polling places are staffed by five judges, composed of both Democrats and Republicans, in each precinct.

There are approximately 10,000 precincts in Illinois, which translates to 50,000 election judges present to assure the integrity of the process. (Union County has 20 precincts.)

Additionally, authorized poll watchers are eligible to be present in each precinct.

Following the close of the polls, the election judges process the ballots in the presence of all the judges and any authorized poll watchers in attendance.

Elections in Illinois are conducted not by the ISBE, but by each of the 109 election jurisdictions.

The ISBE declared that an attempt to "rig" the election would require involvement with multiple jurisdictions. The results from each of the precincts are totaled by each election jurisdiction and there is no connection to

the internet. There is a paper trail in Illinois for each ballot cast, by whatever means it is cast.

Following the election, in those jurisdictions where in-precinct counting equipment is used, the election authority retabulates the

total number of votes cast in 5 percent of the precincts within the election jurisdiction, as well as 5 percent of the voting devices used in early voting.

Any voter who is concerned about the integrity of the election process may

want to consider becoming an election judge.

Election authorities are always seeking election judges and serving as such allows the voter to experience first-hand the system from the opening of the precinct to the tabulation

of the results.

Voters may also consider volunteering as a pollwatcher though to do so they must be affiliated with a candidate, political party or civic organization engaged in overseeing the election process.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the

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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 Relief 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 lien or 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.

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YARD SALE: 505 N. Main Street, Jonesboro, starting at 8 a.m. Saturday, November 5. Women's & men's clothing including men's 4X sizes, furniture. Lots of everything.

YARD SALE: 211 Apple Lane, Anna. Friday & Saturday, November 4 & 5, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

YARD SALE: Friday & Saturday, November 4 & 5. 5525 State Route 3 N., Wolf Lake (next to Duck Inn).

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holders of "original" certificates for contributions made to the Cobden Civic Industrial Foundation, Inc., an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, of the potential sale of the medical building. The certificates issued on or around the year 1958 promised to return the donation, without interest, in the event the building was ever sold.

The board of the Cobden Civic Industrial Foundation, Inc. has determined that it would be in the best interest of the foundation to sell the building as there has been no operating medical facility therein for several years now. Any holder of such "original" certificate may present the certificate for repayment of the donation by contacting the following:

DEBBY STROEHLEIN (BOARD MEMBER) 600 BAKER HILL ROAD COBDEN, IL 62920 (618)-559-4710

The board requests that any such certificates be presented no later than December 10, 2016.

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 EXECUTORS 500 SOUTH MAIN STREET ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906 PHONE: 618-833-6432 ARDC# 00103640

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, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF GARLAND BANEY AKA GARLAND B. BANEY AKA GARLAND DEAN BANEY, DECEASED, Defendants. 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 Relief 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 fol-

lowing 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 ALLEY; 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 EASTERLY 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.

Now, therefore, unless 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.

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NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois SS County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 25th day of October, 2016, under the Assumed Name of The Gathering Place with the place of business located at 313 S. Main Street, Anna, Illinois 62906 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the Sole Owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Susan A. Whitemountain
Norma Lee Hackney
455 Dogwalk Road
Anna, IL 62906

Terry Bartruff
Union County Clerk
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and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Norma Lee Hackney
Susan A. Whitemountain
455 Dogwalk Road
Anna, IL 62906

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Chamber of commerce names new executive director



Bonnie Littleton
By Amber Skelton

The Union County Chamber of Commerce recently hired Bonnie Littleton as executive director to run the chamber office on South Main Street in Anna. Littleton has been on the job since Monday, Oct. 24, but she said she's enjoying it so far. "I love working with people. I love anything with customer service and putting out fires," she said. Though Littleton grew up in Florida, she said she is happy to be in a small town community. She and her husband enjoy the quiet at-

mosphere and having property for raising their horses. Littleton originally went to school for child development, but went back to study graphic design. "I'm a photographer by trade," she said. Since moving to the area, she has joined the Union County Women in Business.

Littleton will be responsible for organizing and promoting the chamber's monthly meetings, updating social media, assisting with website updates, planning ribbons cuttings for area businesses and more.

"I will attack any challenge, again, wanting to be the problem-solver."

She said that in addition to getting to know the job and the people of Union County, she is planning upcoming ribbon cuttings and a gala.

The Union County Chamber of Commerce office is located at 301 South Main Street and is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Limited trapping program planned at fish, wildlife area

The Union County State Fish and Wildlife Area near Ware has announced plans to implement a limited furbearer trapping program for the 2016-2017 season.

Two trappers with a site permit and each trapper's designated assistant (optional) will be allowed for each month during the season.

Selection of trappers will be made with random draw by the district wildlife biologist. Trappers need not be present for the draw.

Those who want to register for the drawing are

Fish fry set

Friday at VFW

A fish fry is planned Friday, Nov. 5, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 near Anna.

Serving is planned from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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

asked to contact the Union County SFWA site office at 618-833-5175 or the district wildlife biologist at 618-713-1322 to provide a name and phone number by 3 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 4.

Trappers will be asked to also provide the same infor-

mation for any assistant and indicate a first, second and third month of choice.

Prior to opening day of the 2016 trapping season, both the trapper and assistant must have a valid trapping license and habitat stamp to participate in

this program.

Those individuals drawn will be notified by phone and must obtain a map, site trapping permit and specific instructions prior to the opening of furbearers trapping season on Nov. 10.

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Section B

History of Golconda Madstone comes to life in performances



Discussing treatment

At W.H. Noel's Store in Brownfield, Dr. Clark and some loafers discuss how the bite of a mad dog should be treated: with the madstone or with the Pasteur treatment. In the first row are, from left, Madilyn Hawk, Jessi Riley and Marlene Rivero. In the second row are Ricky Borders, Kiersten Wright and Sarah Gentry. Photo provided.

The history of the Golconda Madstone came to life during recent performances of a play which was staged at the Anna Arts Center in Anna. The play also was presented in Golconda.

The accompanying story was shared by Lee Hackney of the Anna Arts Center. The photographs were taken by Tina Riley.

The balladeer (Marlene Rivero) opened the play inviting the audience to listen to "a tale of hope and healing from rattlesnake

bites and worse: the mad dog bite that brought deadly disease."

Grandma (Nancy Kucera) and Jimmy (Anthony Jimenez) took the audience back into time to tell the story of "The Golconda Madstone." Over 100 people attended the play and were delighted to learn the history of the madstone.

"I heard about the madstone growing up, but did not really pay attention. I learned more about my family and the madstone during this play than I did growing



Sale of madstone

Mrs. Edward Trovillion and Luigi discuss the sale of the madstone in the first half of the 1800s in Wilson County, Tenn. From left are Ricky Borders and Jessi Riley. Photo provided.



Treatment

Vernell (Maggee Bleyer) helped her grandmother, Christie Boos Bushman (Trinity Sweet) administer the madstone treatment to Betty Lou (Madilyn Hawk) at the request of Dr. Clark (Marlene Rivero). Photo provided.

up. I am glad I came to see the play," Tim Trovillion shared.

In the first half of the 1800s Mrs. Edward Trovillion (Jessi Riley) bought the madstone from Luigi (Ricky Borders) in Wilson County, Tenn.

It was passed down to the Trovillions' descendants, with Christie Boos Bushman being the last person to administer the madstone in Golconda to hundreds of cases of snake, spider and rabid animal bites. It was believed and



Applying madstone

Mary (Sarah Gentry) comforts her husband George (Ricky Borders) as Christie Boos Bushman (Trinity Sweet) applies the madstone to his dog bite. Photo provided.

in practice proven to cure potentially lethal wounds.

The audience met Mrs. Boos (Trinity Sweet) and her granddaughter, Vernell (Maggee Bleyer), as they treated various patients, from George (Ricky Borders) and his wife Mary (Sarah Gentry), who dragged him to Mrs. Boos for treatment, to the 25 patients who were bitten by a mad dog.

Mrs. Boos had to make decisions on who to treat first. Farmer Brown (Pete Housman) wanted his prize team of horses treated first versus the 25 people bitten.

Margie Lange, the daughter of Vernell and 80 years young, shared, "I remember my mom telling me the story about Christie treating the 25 people bitten and refusing to treat the farmer's horses.

"The play reminded me of stories my mom shared with me. I was honored to be there and see my mom portrayed in the play helping Christie administer the treatment. The cast did an amazing job on bringing the (madstone) history alive."

The scene announcer (Gwendolyn Bowman) kept the play moving with the various patients being treated (Callysta Borders, Kiersten Wright, Megan Wright, and Madilyn Hawk).

All of the cast members have remarked about the interesting history behind the play and they were glad they could put life into the madstone story.

Sarah Gentry shared, "It is like a history lesson with my friends on stage." Maggee Bleyer summed it up: "The story is really very neat! It took place in my home town (Golconda)."

After the play, Denise Lescano spoke about her great grandmother, Christie Boos Bushman, who was the last to administer the madstone treatment in Golconda and placed the madstone that was used by Christie on display. The stone is smaller than a thumb nail.

Denise shared, "I am surprised at how emotional I am after seeing the play and seeing my great-grandmother brought to life.

"My grandmother, Catherine "Sue" Jennings, was Christie's daughter and she

saw her mom administer the madstone treatment.

"My grandmother, Sue, told me stories about the families coming with the person that was bitten by a rabid animal.

"It might take a week to treat the patient, so the family was given room and board also.

"She and her sister did not think anything of moving out of her bedroom to make room for a family. I listened to the stories, but not until now after seeing the play do I realize the impact that the madstone had on people's lives."

Rachelle Lange, granddaughter of Vernell, reflected, "It (the play) was amazing! My mom and I were honored and very proud to be there. It was overwhelming and very emotional to see my grandmother (Vernell) depicted as a young girl and help Christie treat mad dog bites.

"Growing up I heard stories about the madstone. The play brought some of those stories to life. The cast did an amazing job!"

Shawnee Hills Arts Council, SHAC, was proud to present the play, "The Golconda Madstone," written by Eva Baker Watson and directed by Doda Roberts Starkey.

SHAC voices appreciation to:

•Everyone who made a contribution in any way to make this production and the party after the Golconda show a success.

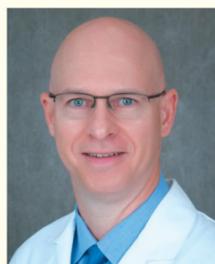
•Parents for getting your children to rehearsals, for providing costumes, and your general support. We appreciate you.

•Jeanne Boglino, Sandy Cowser, Scotty Jackson, Mary Jimenez, Tina Riley, Janet Roper, Lynn Steveson, Alice Thodoropoulos, Susan Whitemountain, Nancy Young, Dinner Bell Too, Gentry Store, Golden Circle, Herald Enterprise, The Gazette-Democrat, The Southern Illinoisan, Vienna Times, Pope County Historical Society and Museum and the Pope County Bicentennial Committee for providing props, public relations and support.

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2016 A-JCHS homecoming celebration was very successful

The recent 2016 homecoming celebration at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School was a big success.

Homecoming activities were discussed at October's regular meeting of the A-JCHS District No. 81 Board of Education. The meeting was Oct. 17 at the school.

Highlights from minutes of the meeting included a review of the 2016 homecoming celebration. Activities were sponsored by student council at the Union County school.

Homecoming spirit week was termed a success, with more than 300 students participating each day.

More than 80 entries were reported in the homecoming parade. The number of entries was a record for the parade.

Kortnie Bonner was crowned as homecoming queen. Ethan Carlson was crowned as homecoming king.

More than 340 students attended the 2016 homecoming dance.

In other news, the student council was working on an American Red Cross blood drive, which was scheduled for Oct. 19. A goal of 70 units was set for the drive.

The student council also announced plans to work on the painting of

McFarland playing hoops at Morthland

Former Anna-Jonesboro Community High School basketball player Ben McFarland is a member of this season's men's basketball team at Morthland College in West Frankfort.

Morthland head basketball coach Rich Herrin said the 6-7 forward from A-J is an excellent shooter, but needs to improve on his rebounding.

The Morthland College Patriots were 19-13 overall last season and won the Christian College National Invitational Tournament.

Aquatic issues to be addressed

Environmental issues affecting aquatic ecosystems in Illinois and the Midwest will be the focus of a free program which is planned Thursday, today, in Carbondale.

The program is set for 7 p.m. and will be at 216 E. Monroe (look for the green door off the alley), behind the Newell House and Holt Tire.

Brooks M. Burr, co-author of the Peterson Field Guide to North American Fishes, is scheduled to be the speaker.

The program is being presented by the Shawnee Group of the Sierra Club.

the Union Hall lobby. The council is hoping to have the work done prior to the start of the basketball season.

News also was shared at the board meeting by A-JCHS teachers.

Bringing civics into the classroom and new social studies standards were discussed at a workshop in late September which was attended by Hannah Maze.

The second annual Powderpuff football game was held in October. The game raised about \$2,000 to help support an individual in the community who is fighting breast cancer.

Culinary arts classes at the school prepared food for volleyball and football concession stands and for away games. The classes also made and donated treats for a Smash Out Cancer video game contest which took place in October. The culinary arts classes plan to cater a Beta Club dinner in November.

A t-shirt press at the school has been very busy, with requests to make t-shirts for the Anna Indians baseball team, Pink Out shirts for the A-J volleyball team's Pink Out game and junior class homecoming shirts. Churches and organizations in the community also have requested shirts.

Teachers Natalie Miller, Shawn Horn and Alysha Bottje took the A-J senior class to Shawnee Community College for a Senior Day event.

An A-J Kindness Project was launched during homecoming week, with various random acts of kindness for the students to choose. Many students were involved in the project.

Teacher Alysha Bottje and the school's adult living classes welcomed a couple who talked about marriage.

SAT session scheduled at Shawnee

Shawnee Community College plans to host an Introduction to the New SAT session on Nov. 10.

The session is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the college's main campus near Ullin.

As Illinois prepares to administer the SAT in April 2017, the college notes that it is important for educators to understand the content and structure of the new assessment.

Those who attend the Nov. 10 session will learn about specific content changes to the SAT, the updated College Board Assessment Reporting Data Portal and key resources that are available as the state transitions to the SAT.

Light refreshments will be served. Those who plan to attend are asked to RSVP by Nov. 7 to Mindy Ashby at mindya@shawneecc.edu or by calling 618-634-3316.

Aiden Bass and Graham Gordon organized a Smash Breast Cancer Super Smash Brothers video game tournament, which was held Oct. 8. The tournament had 18 participants and raised \$300 for the Breast Cancer Foundation.

Teachers Dawna Gregg and Julie Lewis took nine of their seniors to Springfield in October. They went to Lincoln's Tomb and the Lincoln Museum. Lewis received a grant from the PAST organization of Union County for \$100 to pay for fuel for a bus which was used for the trip. The students' lunch was paid for by a local business.

Lewis voiced her appreciation to the school for allowing her to continue to take students to Springfield. This was the first year that Gregg and her students joined them.

Teachers Hannah Maze and Julie Lewis welcomed a visit by Union County Clerk Terry Bartruff to their government classes. Bartruff discussed what a county clerk does and registered eligible students to vote.

Teacher Alysha Bottje had mock interviews in her resource management class in October. Mike Chamness, Jimmy Page, Jennifer Lylerla, Moury Bass and Kelli Wood came in to do the interviews.

The Art Club and the National Honor Society at the school will be collecting for the New Coats-New Hope Campaign sponsored by WIBH Radio in Anna. Hats, gloves, scarves, mittens and money can be donated until Dec. 2. The purpose of the drive is to provide new coats for children ages 3 to 16 in seven Southern Illinois counties.

The first art competition of the year is planned at the Anna Arts Center. The show will welcome entries from students at Union County schools in grades 4 through 8 and high school. The art work will be on display during an annual arts and crafts sale on Nov. 26.



A-JCHS class of 1946 reunion

Members of the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School class of 1946 celebrated their 70th year anniversary with a luncheon at the Blue Boar Restaurant between in Anna and Cobden on Oct. 21. Those in attendance were Betty Williams Hartline, Alice Bauer McMillion, Mildred Casper Cunningham, Afton Brown Menees, Loel Verble, Duane Pugh, Gloria Fritze Stokes, Shirley Cross Casper, Lee Roy Rendleman, Mary Alice Daubs McIntosh and Donald Wayne Boswell. Photo provided.



Successful screening clinic

The Oasis Shrine Club and Shriners Hospitals for Children are voicing their appreciation to everyone who helped with a free screening clinic which was held Oct. 22 in Anna. Appreciation especially was voiced to the Southern Seven Health Department for hosting the clinic. The Oasis Shrine Club reported that "the screening clinic was a huge success."

Shawnee College offering community education courses

Shawnee Community College has scheduled a variety of community education courses during November and December.

Classes are planned at the college's main campus near Ullin, at the college's extension center in Anna and in Cobden.

Financial Workshop: A financial workshop was scheduled to begin on Nov. 1 and continue on Nov. 8, 15, and 22, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the college's extension center in Anna.

Participants can attend as many classes as desired. The class fee is \$10 for each class. The class will be taught by Edward Jones financial advisor Tim McGrath.

My First Hat: My First Hat will take place Nov. 3, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Southpass Beads and Fibers, located at 203 E. Ash St. in Cobden.

The class fee is \$10

with a supply fee of \$25. LouAnn Elwell will teach the class.

Know the 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters: The class will take place on Nov. 10 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the college's extension center in Anna.

Participants will learn 10 warning signs associated with Alzheimer's disease.

The class is presented at no cost and will be taught by Becky Doiron.

Tricks to eBay: Tricks to eBay is Nov. 17 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the college's main campus near Ullin.

The class fee is \$10. The class will be taught by Chris Dexter.

Holiday Breads: The course will be taught on

Nov. 22, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the college's main campus.

The class fee is \$10 with a supply fee of \$15. Connie Lowery, owner of Connie's at Shawnee, will teach the class.

Christmas Ornament Glass Painting: The class will take place Dec. 1, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the college's extension center in Anna.

The class fee is \$10 with a \$5 supply fee (paid directly to the instructor). Sandra Montgomery will teach the class.

For additional information or to register for a class, contact Stacy Simpson at 618-634-3266 or stacys@shawneecc.edu.

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Realty Transactions

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

Warranty Deed. Grantor: JP Morgan Chase Bank. Grantee: The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. Name: J.H. Spans 1st Add. of Anna, Portion 3.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Amie McLaughlin, Amie Skelton. Grantee: Amie McLaughlin, John J. McLaughlin. Tract Section 29 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Marsha M. Burke. Grantee: Catherine J. Smith, Michael D. Smith. Tract Section 30 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Stephen G. Haynes. Grantee: Billy B. Davis, Tammy Davis. Tract Section 19 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Lucas Trevor Williams, Monica M. Williams. Grantee: Sherran C. Stull, William R. Stull. Tract Section 30 Township 11S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Kristy R. Mason, Michael D. Mason. Grantee: Clark Newton, Janice Newton. Name: Grammers Add. of Jonesboro, Portion 38.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: James W. Marvel, Linda K. Marvel. Grantee: Jason Oliver, Molly Oliver. Name: Lewis 3rd Add. of Anna, Lot 5.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Nancy J. Hooks, Kathie D. Watkins, Doris Womick. Grantee: Sonya L. Smith. Name: Winstead Davies 1st Add. of Anna, Lot 23.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Amanda J. Page, Daniel M. Page. Grantee: Debra K. Laster, Richard O. Laster. Tract Section 16 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: John B. Wiles. Grantee: Gina K. Wiles. Tract Section 6 Township 11S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Marjorie J. Vaughan. Grantee: David A. Suttle, Susan M. Suttle. Name: Wilderness Trail Acres Sub., Block 1, Lots 34, 35, 36, 40, 39, 37, 38.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Mayra Alejandra Garcia, Francisco Javier Godinez. Grantee: Francisco Godinez, Jesus Godinez. Name: Daniel W. Browns Add. of Anna,

Lot 6.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Michelle Yunker-Downs. Grantee: Debra K. Hess. Tract Section 23 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jessie Lee Aldridge, Shirley A. Aldridge. Grantee: Gregory K. Aldridge, Kimberly K. Aldridge. Tract Section 14 Township 11S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Benjie Dunville, Janet Dunville. Grantee: Amy C. Dunn, Bobby D. Dunn. Tract Section 30 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Edwina Murray, Edwina Palmer. Grantee: Jordan A. Adams, Lindsey C. Patterson. Tract Section 18 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: US Bank National Association. Grantee: Jessie Lois Webstern. Name: Forest Place Addition, Block 5, Lot 9.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Patricia A. Ellis, Steven R. Ellis. Grantee: Christina Poirier. Tract Section 29 Township 11S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Gilbert L. West, Linnae Ayn West, Lois Ann West. Grantee: Kenneth J. Craig, Sharon M. Craig. Tract Section 15 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Carolyn Sue Bass. Grantee: Christy Sue Basse, James Jeffrey Basse, Julie Ann Hamilton. Tract Section 25 Township 12S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Sylvia L. Maske, Thomas D. Maske. Grantee: Sylvia L. Maske. Tract Section 24 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Ryan Kirby, Shantell Milbourn. Grantee: Ryan Kirby. Name: Forest Place Addition, Block 11, Lot 3.

Traffic Citations

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

Richard S. Price Jr., Algonquin. Elisha A. Gossman, Du Quoin. William V. Tipton, St. Louis. John L. Hernandez, Conroe, Texas.

Quintrell L. Richmond, Bellwood. Lakeka M. Hampton, Carbondale. Corey

Althoff, Anna. Keith R. Sams, Alsip. Derek R. Zimmer, Mt. Carmel. Tyler J. Taylor, Grand Tower.

Curtis Wayne Glasper, Grand Rapids, Mich. Venkata D.S. Srikakolapu, Woodridge. Ashley N. Gamber-Buchanan, Anna. Angela Charpentier Hebert, Chauvin, La. Zane N. Clark, Elkville.

Vera K. Murphy, Anna. Freddie L. Green Jr., Mounds. Robby Joe Byler, Cape Girardeau. April Leann Altice, Cape Girardeau. Benjamin F. Traxel, Poplar Bluff, Mo. Trevor J. Propst, Cape Girardeau.

Deshawana A. Mayfield, Zion. Ryan L. Markle, Maysville, Mo. Terry L. Simms, Oak Ridge, Mo. John Victor Frentzel, Marion. Zachary A. Sapienza, DeSoto. Deionta D. Dellairo, Carbondale.

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

Terry W. Scott, Johnston City, registration expiration, \$120. Eddie McClenton, Milwaukee, Wis., improper traffic lane usage, \$315.

Nicolas T. Samuels, Jonesboro, seat belt required/passenger, \$65. Lance R. Dixon, Jonesboro, transport/carry alcoholic liquor/passenger, \$120.

Kenan M. Mansur, Carterville, electronic communication device, \$120. Marin Martinez Zamora, Cobden, registration expiration, \$120.

Jose Antonio Carmo, Carbondale, seat belt required/passenger, \$60. Yvonne J. Friesland, Wilsonville, transport/carry alcoholic liquor/passenger, \$120.

April M. Wrubelski, Herrin, child restraint violation, \$75. Larry J. Davis, Makanda, registration expiration, \$120.

Ryan Scott Chapman, Anna, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Jacqueline C. Klump, Ullin, seat belt required/driver, \$65.

Rolland E. Bridges Jr., Cobden, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Qi Yang, Cape Girardeau, improper passing on left, \$120.

James M. Richards, Olmsted, seat belt required/passenger, \$60. Levi A. Johnson, Dongola, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Stacy E. Turner, Jonesboro, seat belt required/driver, \$65. Melodie G. Johnson, DeSoto, disregard traffic control device, \$120.

Ryan C. Johnson, Chaffee, Mo., operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200; head/tail/side-light, \$120. David Anthony Schultheis, Prairie du Rocher, log violation, \$120.

Jordon N. Lence, Buncombe, fail right-of-way/t-intersection, \$120. Allison R. Broussard, The Woodlands, Texas, speeding, 21-25 mph

above limit, \$140.

Steve W. Colboth, Carmi, overweight on axle, \$760. Carrie B. Davis, Ullin, electronic communication device, \$120.

Pedro Velasco-Espinoza, Anna, electronic communication device, \$120. Alicia E. Friesland, Wilsonville, transport/carry alcoholic liquor/passenger, \$120.

Ruben Guzman, Cobden, seat belt required/passenger, \$60. John P. McCarver, Goreville, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140; child restraint violation, \$75.

Diana Franess Baltzell, Carbondale, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140. Mary P. Matthews, Belle Rive, electronic communication device, \$120.

Steve E. Dunlap, Buncombe, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Alyssa Marie Wallace, Anna, seat belt required/passenger, \$60.

Dorena L. Gibson, Anna, driving on suspended license, \$1,082. Thamer Sau Alanazi, Carbondale, unlicensed, \$150; speeding, 11-14 mph above limit, \$120.

Joshua Gene Stroud, Marion, seat belt required/driver, \$60. James Ray Hubbs, Dongola, transport/carry alcoholic liquor/driver, \$120.

Stacy Lynn Crunk, Anna, improper traffic lane usage, \$120. Ethan A. Ebberts, Dongola, transport/carry alcoholic liquor/passenger, \$75.

Steven M. Isom, Mounds, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Janice S.K. Micheal, Dongola, electronic communication device, \$120.

Alvin L. Dyer, Westmont, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140. Trevor C. Smith, Dongola, seat belt required/driver, \$65.

Chayse A. Swink, Dongola, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Megan L. Middleton, Anna, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Celeste N. Williams, Anna, seat belt required/passenger, \$60. Derek Allan Hogue, Cobden, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Thomas C. Howard, Anna, transport/carry alcoholic liquor/driver, \$120. Jake Colten Sullivan, Jonesboro, seat belt required/passenger, \$60.

Randall S. Duncan, De Soto, improper passing/left

no passing zone, \$120. Skylar E. Nolan, Buncombe, fail to reduce speed, \$6,290.

Najahla J. Williams, Chicago, transport/carry alcoholic liquor/passenger, \$120. Brandy M. Sanders, Barbourville, Ky., speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140.

Jesus Olivera-Gonzalez, Anna, registration expiration, \$120. Hannah E. Grey, De Soto, improper traffic lane usage, \$120.

Haleigh W. Sadler, Anna, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Braeden Timothy Treece, Wolf Lake, squealing/screeching tires, \$120.

Luis L. Geston, Ullin, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200. Bryan D. Wise, Carbondale, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200; speeding, 15-20 mph above limit, \$120.

Vernon Benjamin Hunter, Anna, speeding, 15-20 mph above limit, \$150. Kayla R. Johnson, Centralia, registration expiration, \$120.

Beth C. Dusch, Carterville, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140. Steven Earl Wood, Bone Gap, operate vehicle without safety certificate, \$120. Bulmaro Charicata, Cobden, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Marriage Licenses

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

Joshua L. Spears, 30, of Carbondale, and Monique M. Glenn, 24, of Carbondale.

Nathaniel Lee Hastings, 32, of Jackson, Mo., and Chrislyn Anne Leipold, 35, of Jackson, Mo.

Brian Joel Smith, 34, of Fenton, Mo., and Molly Colleen Skelton, 30, of Fenton, Mo.

Christopher John Hand, 28, of Anna, and Kendra Nicole Newman, 26, of Anna.

Stacey M. Preston, 36, of Vergennes, and Amy J. Straub, 22, of Vergennes.

Timothy A. Parrish, 56, of Cobden, and Lori E. Mitchell,

45, of Carterville.

Austin James Smith, 29, of Jonesboro, and Shelby Dawn Schaefer, 22, of Paducah.

Jackson Ray Bass, 37, of Makanda, and Anne Elizabeth Townsend, 33, of Makanda.

Kenneth Allen Shipley Jr., 25, of Cobden, and Nichole Marie Pitts, 25, of Cobden.

Thomas A. Gerth, 26, of Marion, and Kaitlin M. Sweitzer, 27, of Marion.

Richard H. James, 61, of Alto Pass, and Marsha C. James, 60, of Alto Pass.

Leah Jo Brown, 34, of Dongola, and Megan Marie Sperry, 31, of Dongola.

Christopher Lee Flanigan, 34, of St. Louis, and Andrea Renee Hale, 29, of St. Louis.

Logan E. Chronister, 33, of Murphysboro, and Erin M. Teller, 28, of Murphysboro.

Mark C. Hornbostel, 26, of Mt. Carmel, and Bryn K. Quick, 22, of Mt. Carmel.

Eric M. Habeck, 35, of Collinsville, and Lindsey J. Hallam, 35, of Collinsville.

Thomas D. Holtzman, 29, of Anna, and Kayla L. Brokaw, 23, of Anna.

Mark Douglas Goddard, 51, of Carterville, and Kimberly Marie Milligan, 45, of Marion.

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Area veterans invited to take part in controlled pheasant hunt

For the first time, veterans from throughout the region will be able to take part in a controlled pheasant hunt, courtesy of Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Veteran Adventures.

The inaugural pheasant hunt is set for Dec. 3 and all active-duty military personnel, post-9/11 veterans and members of the National Guard and Reserves are welcome to participate.

Each veteran will have the opportunity to harvest two pheasants. Local sportsmen will provide dogs to assist with the hunt.

The pheasant hunt is scheduled to take place at Wayne Fitzgerald State Park, alongside Rend Lake and near Benton.

Participants must be at the park by 7:30 a.m. on Dec. 3 and may ride a free shuttle to the site from Touch of Nature Environmental Center. The center is located about 8 miles south of Carbondale on Giant City Road. The shuttle will leave at 6 a.m.

To register for the hunt,

or for more information, contact Shane Brady at 618-453-1122, extension 220, or by email at shanebrady6@siu.edu.

The event is limited to the first 10 veterans; organizers said that veterans are encouraged to call as soon as possible.

Stacy E. Turner, Jonesboro, seat belt required/driver, \$65. Melodie G. Johnson, DeSoto, disregard traffic control device, \$120.

Ryan C. Johnson, Chaffee, Mo., operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$200; head/tail/side-light, \$120. David Anthony Schultheis, Prairie du Rocher, log violation, \$120.

Jordon N. Lence, Buncombe, fail right-of-way/t-intersection, \$120. Allison R. Broussard, The Woodlands, Texas, speeding, 21-25 mph

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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.



Henderson Farms (T.J. and Tanette Henderson) hosted an end of the season bonfire party for the Henderson Farms Lil Bulls football team at the creek located on their farm after their last game on Saturday. It was a beautiful warm day for the party. The kids enjoyed playing in the creek, running through the woods, catching frogs and minnows, making mudslides and building a teepee. It was a great afternoon of old fashioned family fun.



Friends Betty Eagle, Mary Ann Evetts, and Kathy Camden enjoyed a trip to Metropolis and the Encampment at Fort Massac State Park.

A-J Band

The A-JCHS Wildcats band did a beautiful performance in Belleville last Saturday.

A-J Football Team

Congratulations to the A-JCHS football team on winning their game.

Election Day

Tuesday is the day we have all been waiting for. Vote and the choice is yours. Don't vote and the choice is theirs. We live in a free country where we have those choices.

Florida Trip

Larry and Cindy Swope visited their son Jason and Bev Karraker in Santa Rosa Beach, Fla.

Anniversary

Louie and Tina Bryant celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary on Oct. 19.

North Carolina Trip

Dr. Jerry and Jeni Goddard visited their son Matt and Anna Goddard and granddog in Asheville, N.C. They enjoyed their visit and seeing the beautiful leaves in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Birthday Celebration

Jane Baker celebrated her birthday with friends Ruth Parker, Winnie Howell, Marie Blankinship, Becky the manager and crew of Taco Bell in Carbondale.

Birthdays

Oct. 29 Kynleigh Grace Teller, Kaitlin Casper.

Mardi Gras

Nancy Ragain and friends attended the Pinckneyville Mardi Gras parade Saturday.

Birthday Celebration

Monice Bellee celebrated her birthday with family and friends at Italian Village in Carbondale.

Sunshine Inn

The seniors meet at

Goddard's Bar and Grill for their noon meals.

A total of 16,321 meals were served between Oct 1, 2015, and Oct. 1 2016 (reported by Monica Bellee). They enjoyed many different groups who sang, devotions and played bingo.

AFSCME Retirees Meeting

The faithful group that meets voted to donate money to the New Coats, New Hope campaign for children sponsored by WIBH. They will also donate money for the Shawnee Development Council food pantry at Choate.

Health care and pensions were discussed. Also supporting the state employees who were still working if they have to go on strike.

They are praying they don't have to do that and that a fair budget will be planned.

Kate Jamruk is the new retiree program coordinator in Springfield over the retirees union. Kate graduated from the SIU Law School last May. She is



Congratulations to Becky Goodman and Jeremy Wheaton on their '60s theme wedding on Friday, Oct. 28.



Earl Miller and Martha Ann Webb visited the Little Egypt Art Association on the square in Marion to see masks their friend Marie Samuel made which are on display.

looking forward to visiting Anna the first of next year.

Betty Caraker won the door prize.

The next meeting will be Nov. 22 at 1 p.m. at Anna Heights Baptist Church Chapel room. All retirees are encouraged to attend.

Red Hat Meeting

Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies November meeting will be at the Vienna Diner, formerly Dolly's, at 11 a.m. Nov. 16.

Silver Sneaker Program

Rebecca Cerney wanted to reach out to everyone that a lot of the silver sneaker members are not using their memberships.

This is a card many insurances give to keep everyone healthy by encouraging exercise.

Winter will be here soon and too cold for many to walk outside. Seniors in the community check with your insurance then call Fitness Forum to see if you could be covered. They may lose their silver sneaker partnership if there is not enough participation.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Guest speaker was Rev. Ed Weston, retired Methodist preacher from Belleville. He is from the Preacher's Aid Society and Benefit Fund.

Rev. Ed's sermon was on one foot in the boat, one foot on the dock with scripture from Matthew. The children's choir sang with the ladies choir.

The church received a thank you from WIBH for the children's offering for the New Coats, New Hope campaign this fall. They will be able to purchase seven coats.

Game night will be the first Friday of November and December due to the fall bazaar and the Christmas dinner theatre.

New York Trip

Warren and Carla Anderson have returned from a visit to Brooklyn, N.Y., where they visited their daughter Jessica and attended one of her concerts.

A-J Women's Club

The Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club will meet Nov. 7 at 1:30 p.m. at Shawnee College in Anna. Guest speaker will be Pat Brumleve. The theme will be legislation.

Loaves and Fishes

The free community meal is on the third Tuesday of each month from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church fellow-

ship hall.

Free Soup & Serve

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

Get Well List

Lisa Spiess, Terry House, Billy Hutcheson, George Griffin, Lynn Steveson, Connie Boyd, Anna Fennetti, Al and Carolyn Dammann, Jackson Boyd, Melba Nork, Turner family, Sarah Russell Mann, Roger Glasco, Terry Jackson, Betty Tutt, Connie Wills, Sheilah Whittington, Sondra Bradford, Carrie Gibson, Elizabeth Corbit, Robert Andrews. I have had many unspoken prayer requests. Please keep them in your prayers.

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Becky Speck and Jeremy Wheaton on their marriage Oct 28. The couple choose a retro wedding of the '60s.

The bride wore her mother's wedding dress. And the groom and groomsmen wore bell bottom slacks.

Chris Wheaton daughter of the groom sang "I can't help falling in love with you" as the bride marched down the aisle with her father and youngest son carrying the rings.

Thanks

A special thanks to Mary Lou Bridges, Opal Treece, Susan Hase, and Jim and Peggy Rains for giving me credit when they renewed their subscriptions to The Gazette-Democrat.

Military Prayer List

Please send me a name if you want them in the military prayer list please. If you have a loved one in the service email, call or mail their name to me. Also if they are not in the service anymore please let me know.

Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, CJ Youngerman, Freddy Morse, Reagan Morrison, Josh Steveson, Josh Williams, Lukas W. Davis, Faith Odom, Tommy Goff and family Janette, Jamison and Kaylynn, Creighton Laster, Brandon Eaker, Jim Bonner, Jacob Schaefer, Jerod Schaefer, Jennifer Ann Bishop, Robert Jr. McMeely, James McWhorter, Arin Whitemountain. Please keep them in your prayers.



Colton Goins with the deer he shot with a bow.



Henderson Farms Lil Bulls football team had an amazing 2016 Season. Along with being blessed with youngsters with huge hearts and a drive for the game, Coach Henderson credits the success of this team to the involvement of the parents, grandparents and families of this team. Their devotion to this team has been remarkable. This team felt like one giant family. Coach Henderson also congratulates the Black and Blue teams in this division as well as the board members and referees for jobs well done this season.

Annual Auction for Animals scheduled

A wide range of items will be up for bid Saturday, Nov. 5, at PAWS' 23rd annual Auction for Animals benefit.

The event is presented by Pets Are Worth Saving Inc., a local animal welfare organization, which is based in Anna.

The event is planned at Blue Sky Winery on Rocky Comfort Road near Makanda, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Appetizers and desserts will be available, along with a complimentary glass of wine or a soft drink with the admission ticket of \$35.

PAWS reported that as of last week, still more items were arriving daily and suggested watching its Facebook page for preview.

This year's event sponsors include Glenn and Jo Poshard and Swafford Pediatrics at the \$1,000 level, Anna-Jonesboro National Bank and Bob and Shordy Ramsey at \$500, then at \$250 each are Charlotte Clover for Country Financial, Anna State Bank, Crain Funeral Homes, Hughey Farms, Heath Glassworks, Illinois Liquor Marts, Lick Creek Acres

and Master's Choice Inc. PAWS voiced appreciation to all of the sponsors for their support, as well as to Blue Sky Winery for donation of the venue and to Alex Belcher for serving as auctioneer.

All proceeds from the event go to the rescue, care and re-homing of homeless and unwanted dogs, cats, puppies and kittens, through the operation of a no-kill facility, PAWS Place Adoption Center, which is located at 139 E. Vienna St. in Anna.

Nearly 5,500 dogs, cats, puppies, kittens, a number of horses, along with several rabbits, have been taken in and found new homes since PAWS opened the first no-kill facility in this area in July 2001.

PAWS actively supports adoption from shelters, humane treatment for all living creatures, and spaying and neutering of companion animals as the "only truly acceptable means to manage pet overpopulation."

For more information, call PAWS Place at 618-833-3647.

Cobden Women's Club meeting held on Oct. 21

The Cobden Women's Club met Oct. 21 at the First Baptist Church in Cobden. Mary Sue Treece and Lou Ann Hartline were hostesses.

The meeting was opened with the pledge to the flag.

A devotion was given by Mary Sue Treece with the theme of "Friends Understand."

The devotion shared that "there are times when we need someone to understand. We need a friend, Christ is the ultimate friend. We must be a friend to have a friend."

The club will be donating \$50 of food to the Shawnee Development Council food

pantry in October.

As a Christmas project the club will be donating \$300 in coats to the Union County Counseling Service. The club will also take pointsettias to nursing homes.

The club voted to donate \$50 to the village for a Christmas banner. The club will also donate \$25 to help with materials for the new park shelter and \$100 to the veterans memorial.

Members brought a total of \$10 in pennies for the Pennies for Veterans Project.

The club's next meeting is planned Nov. 18 at the Presbyterian church in Cobden.



Joyce Sullivan, John Sullivan and Ellie Penrod celebrated their October birthdays at Joyce's home on Thursday evening, Oct. 26. Joyce celebrated her 75th birthday. John celebrated his 52nd birthday and Ellie celebrated her 10th birthday. Those helping celebrate were Joe Sullivan, Terry and Billie Henderson, Linda Cain, Cathy, Eian, Easton and Arriana Sullivan, Gene and Lisa Sullivan, Amy and Jason Penrod, Hannah and Mayci Hileman, T.J., Tanette, Rage and Titan Henderson, Rusty and Rachel Sullivan, Jake Sullivan Katie McIntyre and Patty Hinson.

Southern Seven/Head Start sites earn Gold Circle recognition

Southern Seven Health Department/Head Start Sites Early Learning Center sites in Anna, Cobden and Jonesboro have received Gold Circle of Quality designations from ExceleRate Illinois.

ExceleRate Illinois is the state's new quality recognition and improvement system for early learning and development providers.

"Every early learning and development provider who participates in ExceleRate Illinois makes quality a priority," said Gail Nelson, QRIS policy director in the Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development, in a news release.

"The higher the designation, the higher the program's demonstrated quality and comprehensiveness in meeting children's early learning needs," she said.

"We are proud to receive the Gold Circle of Quality," said Dona Middleton, site supervisor at two of the three locations.

"Providing quality in early learning and development will help our children be better prepared for success in school and in life."

ExceleRate Illinois helps families make more informed choices about their children's early learning.

It establishes standards to help infants, toddlers, and preschoolers develop intellectually, physically,

socially and emotionally.

Additionally, it provides a framework for early learning and development professionals to identify opportunities to enhance their knowledge and skills.

Research in science and brain development shows that children who are more meaningfully engaged in early learning experiences from infancy through the first five years of life are more likely to be successful in school and in life.

With the right engagement, children can form a healthy foundation of neural pathways in the brain, which impact their ability to think, react, process and grow.

ExceleRate Illinois is a comprehensive system that includes licensed child care centers, licensed family child care, preschool for all and center-based prevention initiative programs, Head Start and Early Head Start programs.

ExceleRate Illinois is administered through INC-CRRA under the joint direction of the Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development, the Illinois Department of Human Services and the Illinois State Board of Education.



Student readers honored

Cobden Elementary School has recognized students who reached their goals during September in the schoolwide Accelerated Reading program. Students were required to read books and take comprehension tests on a computer to achieve their points. Students who achieved the 25 Point Club included Beatrix Genung, Mya Morse and Kaylie Adams. Photo provided.

Fall Festival planned at Lick Creek School

The annual Lick Creek Fall Festival is planned Saturday, Nov. 5, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. The festival will be at Lick Creek School.

Students, parents, family, friends and the community are invited to attend.

Fall Festival activities are set to include games, a silent auction, a pie auction, a cake walk, a bounce house, raffles and more.

A pedal tractor pull is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. Age divisions are 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12 year olds.

First and second place trophies will be awarded. The entry fee is \$5. The event is open to the com-

munity. The tractor pull awards and a pie auction are planned from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Betsy Bingo is also planned; squares can be bought at the school for \$5 each. A washer tournament is also planned.

Funds raised during the Fall Festival will be used for classroom needs, field trips, reading night and other activities.

Alto Pass Quilters plan to host bazaar

The Alto Pass Quilters plan to have a Christmas bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 5.

The bazaar is scheduled to be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Alto Pass Community Center.

A quilt raffle, baked goods, crafts and gently used items will be available. Chili and hot dogs will be served for lunch. Proceeds from the bazaar will stay in the community.

Dongola School Board to meet

The Dongola Unit School District No. 66 Board of Education plans to have a special meeting on Nov. 9.

The meeting is set for 6 p.m. in the administrative building.

Five generations

Mallory Elizabeth Hall was born on Oct. 11, 2016, the daughter of Dylan and Megan Ray Hall. Great-great-grandmother Irene "Tootie" Rendleman is holding Mallory; also in the picture are great-grandfather Darryl Rendleman, grandmother Courtney Rendleman Ray and mother Megan Ray Hall. Photo provided.

Television Listings

THURSDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Countdown	2 Broke SVU (HD)	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	"Another Cinderella Story" Pop star	"Phoenix" Tonight	"Friday Night Lights" (04) High school football (HD)	Masters of Sex "Topeka"
7 PM	Grey's Anatomy (HD)	Big Bang Indoors	Rosewood (HD)	Superstore Good Place	College Football Oklahoma Sooners at Iowa State Cyclones (Live) (HD)	2 Broke SVU (HD)	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Undercover	"Sisters" (15) Two sisters throw one final party. (HD)	Quarry "Nuoc Cha Da Mon" (HD)	"Carol" (15) Cate Blanchett. Women's bond. (R) (HD)
8 PM	Notorious "Chase" (HD)	(01) Mom Pieces (HD)	(59) Pitch "Wear It" (HD)	Chicago Med (HD)	Big Bang	Big Bang	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Liv Maddie Girl World	Divorce	(25) "Emelle" (16) (HD)	Shameless (HD)
9 PM	Get Away with Murder	Pure Genius (HD)	Local Programs	The Blacklist (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Big Bang Conan (HD)	(01) Eyewitness (HD)	Bizaardvark	Insecure	"The Happening" A suicide epidemic.	Gigolos
10 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	Local	Local	(01) Eyewitness (HD)	The Lodge Babylister	"AVPR: Aliens vs. Predator" (07) (HD)	Masters of Sex "Topeka"	Gigolos
11 PM	Nightline	(37) Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Dream Corp Conan (HD)	(01) Law & Order: SVU	Best Fmnds	Wednesday		

NOVEMBER 3, 2016

FRIDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA Countdown (Live)	Seinfeld	NCIS "Stop the Bleeding"	Sluck Mid. Elena	"Insidious" Tonight	(5:55) "Knocked Up" (07)	"Southpaw" (15) Boxer gets help to revive career.
7 PM	Man Stand. Dr. Ken	MacGyver (HD)	Hell's Kitchen (HD)	Caught on Camera (HD)	NBA Basketball New York Knicks at Chicago Bulls (Live) (HD)	"Tammy" Woman takes roadtrip with grandmother.	NCIS "Personal Day" (HD)	BUNK'D Girl World	"Our Brand Is Crisis" (15) Strategist competes. (HD)	"Entourage" (15) Kevin Connolly. Actor and friends.	One & Done! Ben Simmons
8 PM	Shark Tank Faux flower.	Hawaii Five-0 (HD)	(01) The Exorcist Media storm.	Dateline NBC (HD)	NBA Basketball Golden State vs Los Angeles (Live) (HD)	ELEAGUE "Group B Play-Off" (HD)	NCIS "Double Trouble"	Star vs. The Lodge	Real Time w/ Bill Maher	"We Are Your Friends" Hollywood DJ.	(35) ShoBox: The New Generation (T) (HD)
9 PM	(01) 20/20 (HD)	Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Local	Local	Local	Mod Family	BUNK'D	Ullman's	(40) "Bad Girls Behind Bars" (16)	
10 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	Local	Local	Mod Family	The Lodge	Real Time w/ Bill Maher		
11 PM	Nightline	(37) Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	Local	Local	Chrisley	Best Fmnds	Ullman's		

NOVEMBER 4, 2016

SATURDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	Pregame College Football "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	College Football "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	"Tammy" (14) Woman takes roadtrip with grandmother.	NCIS "Enemy on the Hill"	"Descendants" (15, Action) Children of iconic villains get chance. (HD)	(5:15) "Ride Along 2" (16)	"Scream" Teens murdered.	Shameless "Own Your Sh*t"
7 PM	(07) College Football "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	College Football Alabama Crimson Tide at LSU Tigers at Tiger Stadium (Live) (HD)	Hell's Kitchen (HD)	Horse (Live) (HD)	D. Ortiz (HD)	Big Bang	NCIS "Cadence" (HD)	Lab Rats	"How to Be Single" (16) City guide. (HD)	"Scream 2" (97) Movie re-release causes killings to recur.	"Black Hawk Down" (02) U.S. soldiers are cornered in Somalia. (HD)
8 PM	Secrets and Lies (HD)	Madam Secretary (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Dateline NBC (HD)	Scoreboard	Big Bang	NCIS "Return to Sender"	Walk Prank	"How to Be Single" (16) City guide. (HD)	"Scream 3" (00) Woman is terrorized by a masked killer.	"No Escape" (15) Escaping coup. (R) (HD)
9 PM	Quantico "Aquila" (HD)	Elementary Cat-fish murder.	Hell's Kitchen (HD)	Local	College Football "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Frontal (HD)	Mod Family	Gamer's	"How to Be Single" (16) City guide. (HD)	"Paranormal Sex" (16)	Shameless "Own Your Sh*t"
10 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs Local info.	Local	Local	People (HD)	Mod Family	Best Fmnds	"How to Be Single" (16) City guide. (HD)		
11 PM	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	Dateline NBC (HD)	Sports (HD)	People (HD)	Mod Family	Liv Maddie	Austin & Ally		

NOVEMBER 5, 2016

SUNDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Funniest Home Videos (HD)	NFL (Live)	Son of Zom	Football America (Live) (HD)	Playoffs	"Wedding Crashers" (05)	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	(4:55) "Descendants" (15, Action)	(05) "How to Be Single" (16, Comedy) City guide. (HD)	(20) Quarry High-profile job.	Shameless "Own Your Sh*t"
7 PM	Once Upon a Time (HD)	NCIS: L. A. "Crazy Train"	Simpsons	(20) Sunday Night Football Denver Broncos at Oakland Raiders from Oakland Coliseum (Live) (HD)	D. Ortiz (HD)	"Tammy" (14) Woman takes roadtrip with grandmother.	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Bizaardvark	"How to Be Single" (16) City guide. (HD)	Quarry "Carnival of Souls"	The Circus
8 PM	Secrets and Lies (HD)	Madam Secretary (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Dateline NBC (HD)	To Be Announced	Big Bang	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Liv Maddie BUNK'D (HD)	Westworld "The Adversary"	(15) Quarry "Nuoc Cha Da Mon" (HD)	Shameless (HD)
9 PM	Quantico "Aquila" (HD)	Elementary Cat-fish murder.	Local Programs Local info.	Saturday Night Live (HD)	30 for 30 "Hit It Hard" (HD)	"Tammy" (14) Woman takes roadtrip with grandmother.	Eyewitness "Crime Brulee"	Girl World	Divorce (HD)	(40) "Furious 7" (15, Action) Crew protects self and seeks revenge.	Masters of Sex (HD)
10 PM	Local Programs Local info.	Local	Local Programs Local info.	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	People (HD)	(01) Falling Water (HD)	Bizaardvark	Westworld "The Adversary"		
11 PM	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	Dateline NBC (HD)	Sports (HD)	People (HD)	(01) Law & Order: SVU	Austin & Ally	Insecure		

NOVEMBER 6, 2016

MONDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Monday Countdown (Live)	Family Guy	Mod Family	★½ "The Little Rascals" (15)	"We Are Your Friends" Tonight	Masters of Sex (HD)	
7 PM	Dancing with the Stars (HD)	Kevin Wait	Gotham (HD)	The Voice "The Live Playoffs" (HD)	(15) Monday Night Football Buffalo Bills at Seattle Seahawks (Live) (HD)	Family Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	Walk Prank	"Minority Report" (02) Detective accused of a future murder. (HD)	(07) A pregnant teen faces life changes.	Shameless (HD)
8 PM	Man Plan	2 Broke Odd Couple	Lucifer "My Little Monkey"	Sat. Night Live (HD)	30 for 30 "Hit It Hard" (HD)	Family Guy	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	Liv Maddie Undercover	Westworld (HD)	★½ "Pitch Perfect 2" (15) A cappella group. (HD)	Masters of Sex (HD)
9 PM	(01) Conviction (HD)	Scorpion (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Local	Local	Family Guy	Frontal (HD)	The Lodge	Insecure	(40) "Furious 7" (15, Action) Crew protects self and seeks revenge.	Shameless (HD)
10 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs Local info.	Local	Local	Conan John Krasinski.	(05) "Parker" (13) A thief seeks revenge on his crew.	Bizaardvark	Ullman's		Masters of Sex (HD)
11 PM	Nightline	(37) Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	People (HD)	Chrisley	Best Fmnds	"The Intern"		The Circus

NOVEMBER 7, 2016

TUESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	ABC News Your Election Night 2016 (HD)	Campaign 2016: CBS News Coverage of Election Night (HD)	(5:00) Local Programs	NBC News Special: Election Night 2016 (HD)	CFB Playoff: Top 25	Seinfeld	NCIS "Hatus Part 2" (HD)	"Diary of a Wimpy Kid" (11)	Real Time Tonight	"The Godfather Epic"	(5:00) The Splymsters
7 PM	Man Plan	2 Broke Odd Couple	FOX News Special: Election Night Presidential race.	Local Programs Local info.	Gold Glove (HD)	Big Bang	WWE SmackDown (HD)	Walk Prank	Westworld "Contapasso"	★½ "San Andreas" (15) Wake of earthquake. (HD)	Shameless (HD)
8 PM	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	Local	30 for 30 "Hit It Hard" (HD)	Big Bang	Chrisley	Liv Maddie	Westworld (HD)		Inside the NFL (HD)
9 PM	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	Local	E-60 (HD)	Big Bang	Chrisley	The Lodge	Insecure	★½ "Pitch Perfect 2" (15) A cappella group. (HD)	Shameless (HD)
10 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs Local info.	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan Jeff Bridges. (HD)	Chrisley	BUNK'D	"How to Be Single" (16) City guide. (R)	(40) "Furious 7" (15, Action) Crew protects self and seeks revenge.	Masters of Sex (HD)
11 PM	Nightline	(37) Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	2 Broke Conan (HD)	Chrisley	Best Fmnds	"Love You"	★½ "Bullet to the Head"	Election Night

NOVEMBER 8, 2016

WEDNESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA Basketball Brooklyn Nets at New York Knicks (Live) (HD)	Seinfeld	NCIS "The Searchers"	(5:10) "Wimpy Kid" (11)	"Gods Egypt" Tonight	"Criminal" (15) (R)	(15) "45 Years" (15) (R)
7 PM	Goldbergs	Survivor: Millennials (HD)	Lethal Weapon (HD)	Blindspot Jane's warning.	Gold Glove (HD)	Big Bang	NCIS "Semper Fidelis"	Walk Prank	"The Bourne Ultimatum" (07) Amnesiac assassin.	★½ "San Andreas" (15) Wake of earthquake. (HD)	"Fast Times at Ridgemont High" (82)
8 PM	Mod Family black-ish	Criminal Minds (HD)	Empire (HD)	Law & Order: SVU (HD)	30 for 30 "Hit It Hard" (HD)	Big Bang	NCIS Wife and mistress.	Girl World	BUNK'D	★½ "American Wedding" (03) (R) (HD)	(10) One & Done! Ben Simmons
9 PM	Designated Survivor (HD)	Code Black Rape victim.	Local Programs Local info.	Chicago P.D. (HD)	NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at San Antonio Spurs (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	NCIS "Charade" (HD)	The Lodge	Wednesday	"Mad Max: Fury Road" (15) Social collapse. (R) (HD)	
10 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	Local	Conan (HD)	Mod Family	Walk Prank	Westworld (HD)		
11 PM	Nightline	(37) Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	2 Broke Conan (HD)	Mod Family	Best Fmnds	"Batman"		

NOVEMBER 9, 2016

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This section has letters from all Pre-K through 2nd grade children from all area schools telling what they are thankful for. If you would like to advertise and support this special section, call Patricia Taylor at 618-833-2158.

Deadline for all material is Friday, November 11th.

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News from

Camp Ground Church and Community

On Oct. 23, Rev. Vance was on vacation. Rodney Miller gave the message that day. The message was titled "What Difference

Does It Make?" Scripture was from Proverbs and Ecclesiastes.

The message shared that "as Christians, we must

make our decisions according to biblical teachings to make a difference in our society whether it be in the upcoming election or our daily life."

On Oct. 30, Rev. Vance's message was titled "The Touch of the Master's Hand," with scripture from 1 Samuel.

He used an acrostic to describe "the Touch of God. It will Transform us, will put our life in Order, will Unify us, will Cleanse us and will Heal us."

Receiving the offering Sunday were Aldi and Vodra Gerard, assisted by their father Tony.

During the announcements prior to worship, the congregation expressed gratitude to Rev. and Mrs. Vance for their dedication to the church for the past three months.

The church's elder for November is Karen Vaughn.

Sunday, Nov. 6, Camp Ground Church will have a congregation meeting prior to worship to nominate and elect elders for the class of 2017-2019.

Celebrating birthdays the past two weeks have been David Miller on the 25th, Richard Edwards on the 27th and Gage Roach on the 28th.

Those having wedding

anniversaries last week were Rev. and Mrs. Joe Vance the 21st and Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Jones the 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Edwards spent Thursday and Friday in St. Elmo with Connie Barnes and family.

Sympathy goes to the family of Carroll Mowery, who passed away Sunday morning. A grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Roach and sons, are part of the Camp Ground congregation.

Congregant Janis Smith was hospitalized most of last week. The church family is happy she is home and wishes her a quick, complete recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Boaz spent the past two weeks in Morris with their son Mark and family, helping them move from a rental and settle into their recently purchased home. While there, they also belatedly celebrated grandson Matthew's 7th birthday.

Gospel singing set

Shiloh Baptist Church in Villa Ridge plans to host a gospel singing Saturday, Nov. 5, at 7 p.m.

Victory Way of Kentucky and the Gloryroad Travelers of Mounds are scheduled to sing.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

Sunday, Oct. 30, Pastor Mike finished his "Red Sea Rules (Changing Worry into Worship)" series with a sermon titled "Open the Flood Gates," based on the 15th chapter of Exodus.

Worship was directed by the Rev. Paul Lemon. Jerri Tehandón provided special music.

The Women On Mission and Titus 2 Ladies planned to pack shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse on Tuesday, Nov. 1.

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

A school ministry meeting is planned at 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 4.

The church's annual Matthew Dinner is planned Saturday, Nov. 5, at 6 p.m. The

guest speaker is scheduled to be Ken Evans, from Pigeon Forge, Tenn.

Evans will also minister in the church's Sunday morning services on Nov. 6.

Birthdays: Josiah Lemon, Oct. 30; Paige Ralls, Oct. 31; Lori Davidson, Nov. 2; Caleb Clover and Katie Mosby, Nov. 6.

Anniversary: LeeRoy and Marla Rendleman, Nov. 2, 25 years.

The schedule for worship at Jonesboro First Baptist Church includes three services on Sunday at 8:15 a.m., 10:35 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Awana for children ages 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.

Shawnee Hills Wine Trails plans wine, food pairing event

The Shawnee Hills Wine Trail plans to host its annual fall wine and food pairing event, Autumn Inspirations, on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 6, from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The event celebrates the fall harvest with seasonally inspired dishes during a progressive tasting along the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail.

Member wineries have created autumn inspired dishes and paired them with their award-winning wines.

How It Works: Pre-purchase your ticket online and select a starting point. The first winery that you visit will give you a souvenir wine glass and your tasting ticket. Bring your ticket to each location along the trail to enjoy your pairings. The event ticket is good for both days.

Those who attend must be 21 to participate. The cost is \$35 per person. The last day to purchase tickets is Oct. 30.

For tickets and menu information, visit the website at www.shawneewinetrail.com.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

Music for the morning worship service on Sunday, Oct. 30, was led by Randy Wright, accompanied by Johnathon Cauble.

The offertory was provided by the praise band. Curly Ralls, Heath Brooks, Jacob Wright and Mark Smith served as ushers.

The morning message, "The Story of God's Love," was brought by Pastor McBride, with scripture from Romans. The message shared that "we trust God with our salvation but will we trust him with our lives? Being Christian isn't about being a good person or moral person it's about

receiving the love in the greatest story ever."

Ushers for the Sunday evening service were Mark Smith, Leonard Sadler, and Bryan Morrison.

A singspiration was held, with Randy Wright, Johnathon Cauble, Teddy Anderson, Jaida Smith, Lottie Smith and Yvonne Graham participating, along with the congregation.

A Virginia Glasco Memorial Roll presentation is planned on Nov. 6, followed by Auriana Mayer, a preaching ambassador from Olivet Nazarene University bringing the morning message.

On Nov. 6 at 6 p.m., the guest singer is scheduled to be Annette Bingaman.

A Prime Time Thanksgiving luncheon is planned at 11:30 a.m. on Nov. 17 in the fellowship hall.

A missionary poverty dinner is planned Nov. 23.

Birthdays and anniversaries: 30th Kiel McKinney, Kristina Myers; 31st Logan Wiseman; 5th Kevin and Marla Fuller.

News from

Walnut Grove Church

On Sunday, Oct. 23, the congregation at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church sang "Happy Birthday" to Loren and Keith Herold, and to Jodi Batson.

Carolyn Moore and Loren Herold played a special, "All Because of God's Amazing Grace."

Everyone was pleased to see Dave Batson and his family visiting. Prayers were requested for Pat Batson.

The Rev. Robert Fear talked about, "Going a Little Farther." He said that "when we help each other we should always do more than is expected and go the extra step."

Last Sunday was Kathy Wills' birthday. The special music was "The Savior is Waiting."

Prayers were requested for Carolyn Moore's niece Kathy and for Corky Hartline's family.

The Rev. Fear's message was from scripture in John about "what God says we must do and what we must not do: the 'Musts' of the Bible."

The next ladies lunch is planned Friday, Nov. 4, at Giant City Lodge.

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

News from

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

On Reformation Sunday, the prayer was that "the Holy Spirit renew the church and bestow on it a saving peace."

Pastor Mark said: "Through Jesus, God speaks a truth that makes us free; but freedom can leave us feeling insecure. The hope for Christian life is that we grow to trust our faith in God, more than we trust anything else."

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

The families of Shane Laminack, Stan Kozak, Joe Lyerla, Mildred Kohler and Bill Hensch were remembered in prayer for loss of their loved one.

Mt. Moriah's holiday bazaar is set for Nov. 26 as a part of Christmas in Downtown Anna."

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Boyd performs in concert

Craig Wayne Boyd, the winner of Season 7 of NBC's "The Voice," appeared in concert at Alto Vineyards in Alto Pass on Sunday, Oct. 23. Boyd performed songs from his time on "The Voice," his first album and an album set to be released in March 2017. Nashville duo Towne opened the show. Photo by Amber Skelton.

\$148,384,722 to Illinois for LIHEAP funding

The federal Administration for Children and Families has released \$148,384,722 to help low-income families in Illinois stay warm during winter months, cool during summer months and make cost-effective home energy repairs. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, LIHEAP, is run by the Office of Community Services at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families. The program provides

funding to states, the District of Columbia, territories and tribes to assist households with paying energy bills and weatherize homes for energy improvements. LIHEAP funding assists households with meeting home energy needs, including vulnerable households with very young children, individuals with disabilities and older individuals. Individuals who are interested in applying for energy assistance are advised to contact their local, state, territory or tribal LIHEAP agency or call 866-674-6327.

Sanders appointed as resident circuit judge in Williamson County

Chief Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier and the Illinois Supreme Court have announced the appointment of Marion attorney John W. Sanders as the resident circuit judge of Williamson County in the First Judicial Circuit.

Sanders has been appointed to fill the vacancy created by the upcoming retirement of resident Circuit Judge Carolyn Smoot, effective Nov. 30.

The appointment of Sanders takes effect on Dec. 1, and will conclude on Dec. 3, 2018, when the vacancy will be filled by the winner of the November 2018 general election.

"I'm honored that Chief Justice Karmeier and the Supreme Court have the confidence in me to serve as a Circuit Judge," Sanders said in a news release.

"I've had the pleasure to represent clients throughout Southern Illinois for the past 28 years. I now look forward to working with the other judges to serve the people of Williamson County and the First Judicial Circuit."

Karmeier recommended the appointment to the full court following a review of applicants by a screening committee.

Sanders practiced alongside his late father, attorney James W. Sanders, and his brother, attorney J. Lawrence Sanders, at the Marion firm of Sanders & Sanders since 1988.

He earned a bachelor of science degree in political science from the University of Illinois in 1985 and his juris doctor from the Southern Illinois University School of Law in 1988.

Sanders is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association and member and past president of the Williamson County Bar Association.

He served for 18 years as an elected trustee to the John A. Logan Community College Board and recently served on the Association of Community Colleges national board. He currently serves on the Illinois State Board of Education.

He and his wife, Amy, reside in Marion and have been married for 34 years. They have two sons, attorney J. David Sanders of Carbondale and Nicholas Sanders, a senior at Millikin University.

Williamson County is one of nine counties in the First Judicial Circuit. The First Judicial Circuit is also comprised of the Southern Illinois counties of Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski, Saline and Union.

Tree identification program planned

A winter tree identification program is planned Saturday, Nov. 5, at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

The free program is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and is open to the public.

The program will involve a hike on the Giant City Nature Trail.

The hike will be led by NRCS soil conservationist Margaret Anderson.

Those who want to go on the hike are asked to meet at the visitors center at the park. For more information, call 618-457-4836.

Anna Kiwanis Club makes donations

The Anna Kiwanis Club continued its longstanding support of community projects with two recent donations. Photos provided.



Anna Kiwanis Club president Brad Donna, left, presented a check to Bill Ecker, committee chairman of Boy Scout Troop 44. The check was for \$845 and represented proceeds from a recent barbeque sales fund raiser.



Kiwanis Club president Brad Donna, left, presented a check to Rick Livesay, the athletic director at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. The check for \$2,500 represented proceeds from a recent fish fry fund raiser. The funds will go for improvements at Kiwanis Field at the Anna City Park in Anna. The A-JCHS baseball team plays its home games at Kiwanis Field.

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Opinion and Commentary

Start talking

You most likely have guidelines for your family. A guideline is defined as a rule of instruction that shows or tells how something should be done.

You likely have guidelines for who takes the trash out and when; for when homework is to be done and what type of grades are expected; for how much screen time is allowed each day and probably even for bedtime routines.

But do you have guidelines for tobacco, alcohol and other drugs? And, at when should you set those guidelines?

According to the Union County data from the 2016 Illinois Youth Survey, the average first age of use for tobacco, alcohol and marijuana is 14. That means some youth are starting much younger, while others are choosing not to use at all.

Starting conversations early, before kids get to junior high, and having them often is a key strategy when it comes to reaching our youth regarding the use of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs.

Talking to your kids early and often will help them understand these topics are safe to talk about with you.

Talking early and often allows them to be a part of the conversation as your family works towards setting guidelines pertaining to the use of these substances.

When setting guidelines, make your conversations positive; don't just make a list of things for them not to do.

Talk to your children about their dreams and goals. Discuss why avoiding these substances can help them reach their goals.

Determine together as a family where you stand on not just the actual use of these substances but also on issues such as being at parties where alcohol is served or riding in a car with someone who has been drinking or using drugs.

Once you have made your position clear, be sure to discuss the consequences. There should be consequences for following the guidelines. Yes, consequences can be positive and fun.

There should also be consequences for not following the guidelines. Be sure to revisit these guidelines and consequences as your child grows to ensure they are appropriate for the situations they are facing as well as age appropriate consequences.

For more information on setting family guidelines, visit the Rising Up for Change Facebook page www.facebook.com/risingupforchange.

The coalition, which shared this article, is dedicated to addressing the substance abuse issues and underage use within our community by educating adults about underage drinking, risks factors and building resiliency.

The coalition holds monthly meetings at the Fellowship House Prevention office. Contact The Fellowship House preventionists Teresa Goddard or Mandy Hazel at 618-833-4460 for more information.

Letters to the editor

Going above and beyond

To the editor,

Thank you Union County! As is usually the case you have gone above and beyond to help out, in this case a former neighbor in need!

Hearing the words "Your son/grandson has cancer" is undoubtedly one of the most devastating phrases a person can hear and brings with it a sense of isolation and loneliness.

While Will still has a long road ahead of him and only God knows the final outcome, the love and support you have shown us has helped tremendously.

Carrie Alsip sent us a 6 page list of donations from businesses as well as private individuals for the "Benefit for Will, 6 pages!"

There is no way to properly convey our gratitude for your generosity. The outpouring of prayers, financial support, and love has done something very special for this family.

We have been constantly reminded that God has not brought us to this place and left us alone; he has given us many wonderful people who are helping us along our way.

We may not be physically present in Union County right now but our hearts always are. Thanks and God bless you all.

Signed, the Eidson Family, #WILLPower

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.

The newspaper reserves the right to edit all letters. Please limit the length of letters to 300 or fewer words. The newspaper reserves the right to reject letters which are deemed inappropriate for any reason. Personal attacks are not allowed.

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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



A groundhog, AKA Chuck Wood, was enjoying a snack when your intrepid photographer spotted him last weekend. The image might not be the greatest, 'cause it was shot through a screen and a window. Oh, well.

A groundhog...a mystery bug...and a sign...

Thank goodness for groundhogs. And the occasional mystery bug. And the occasional message posted on a sign in front of one of our local churches.

Last Saturday, while engaged in dish-washing duties, I happened to look out our kitchen window and spotted our neighborhood groundhog.

I say it's the neighborhood groundhog, as in a single critter. I'm not sure if we don't actually have more than one such creature which has decided to set up home in our neighborhood.

I think I've seen the same groundhog several times. To tell you the truth, he kind of reminds me of a grizzly bear which got thrown in the dryer and shrunk six or seven sizes.

The groundhogs I've seen before have pretty much been brown. This one is more of a silver/brown. Kind of dignified colors, I should think. Perhaps we have a wise old groundhog, a critter which would be eligible for membership in AARP, if such a thing were possible. I wonder if there's an American Association of Retired Groundhogs. AARG!!!

Our groundhog appears to be, in a word, well fed. He was munching on some sort of goody when I spotted him last Saturday. We're guessing that he's getting ready for winter. Nice and plump. With that in mind, one has to wonder: is the plumpiness of a groundhog an indication of the kind of winter we are about to experience.

A groundhog wasn't the only creature which got my attention over the past couple of days.

Last Saturday and Sunday were very sunny, very, very warm, and very, very unusual for the last weekend in October, at last in terms of the weather.

Thanks to the warm weather, some of the mums in our front yard actually were buzzing on Saturday and Sunday. All sorts of winged, flitting, buzzing creatures were visiting the mums. Yes, there were so many bugs buzzing around that you could actually hear the buzziness.

One of the creatures which paid a visit to the mums was a butterfly which I'm not sure I had ever seen before. The butterfly had black wings, with white tips at the end of the wings. Must be time to do a Google search. I'll let you know if I unravel this mystery.

You may be wondering why I'm making mention of a groundhog and a butterfly this week. Then again, you probably know that I tend to share such things on a pretty regular basis in this space. I like critters in all kinds of shapes and sizes, and we have lots of critters in all kinds of shapes and sizes in our yard and neighborhood.

I couldn't help but think how lucky our friend the groundhog really is. He just eats all of the good stuff growing in The Other Half's garden and gets fat, er, plump, for the winter. And the mystery butterfly just



Mystery bug: not sure if I've ever seen this kind of butterfly before; it made a stop on mums which are growing in our front yard.

kind of flits around, looks for something to eat, and does whatever a butterfly does on a sunny, warm day in October.

Both of these critters don't have to worry the silliness which has been part of the 2016 election campaign, which, as near as I can tell, actually started sometime in 1800. Fortunately, the silliness comes to a merciful end next week. I hope...

...which leads to the message which I saw one day last week on a sign in front of a church in Anna. All I can think of saying after seeing the the message on the sign is...amen...



The message posted on a sign in front of the First Baptist Church in Anna might be worth remembering.

Commentary

Violence not the answer

By Mike Estel

I heard something recently that caused me to cringe a little with the election right around the corner.

It's been brought out a little in the national news recently, but nothing like this recent news cast I heard. The statement from an individual claimed there would be violence in this country if a certain individual is not elected to be president.

With the election only a few short days away, this is not something that is very comforting to hear.

Everyone has the right to their opinions in this free society in America that we have created. But this goes above and beyond.

This is not a Third World country, but the land of the free. We don't take to the streets if we don't agree with someone.

We have the right to do about anything we wish in a free democracy, but violence is not the direction we need to go.

This is not a couple of centuries back when this country faced an aggressive England dead set on restricting freedoms by obtaining complete control.

However, this statement goes above and beyond to encourage people to take to the streets during 2016 and bring on an uprising like our forefathers did against Great Britain.

Different times and very different situations.

Violence is not the answer. But what do we do? Toss the elected official that receives the majority of the votes out of office and put in the one who comes in on the losing end with the minority of the votes. That's not the way a free society operates.

If this would ever come true here, this sounds like a dictatorship would take over in the land of the free. If you don't like the results, protest the majority's choice and put the person who you want in power.

What can be done if a person is dissatisfied with the

election results is wait until the next election and cast a vote against that person in office that you don't like.

That's the American way and it's not the way of street justice. We don't even need to be thinking of something like this in a country that was founded and continues to function on complete freedom of choice.

Page from the Past

From the files of The Gazette-Democrat

50 Years Ago, November 3, 1966

Tuesday, Nov. 8, is the date for the General election and many issues are at stake. Although not a National Election, nevertheless, the outcome of this election should prove to be a very important one for the National Election two years hence. Union County has 13,135 registered voters with 23 precincts.

The Veterans Day Celebration sponsored by the VFW posts in Union County, and the American Legion Posts, will officially begin Friday morning, Nov. 11, with a parade beginning at 9:45 a.m.

A few flakes of snow fell in Union County Tuesday and the temperature dropped to 26 Tuesday night, Nov. 1.

Despite the inclement weather, the show or rather party, must go in, and it did, Halloween Eve, Monday, Oct. 31. The annual Halloween Party sponsored by the merchants and civic leaders in cooperation with the Anna City Police, was moved from the Anna City Park due to the inclement weather, to the Community Center where hundreds of children and their parents, gathered to join in the festivities.

Miss Shelia Camden, a 16 year old Junior, was crowned Fall Festival Queen for 1966 at the Fall Festival held in Cobden, Saturday, Oct 29. The coronation took place in the High School Gym.

Coach Larry Davis' Wildcats suffered their fifth setback by the score of 13-9 at the hands of a stubborn Sparta Bulldog team Friday night in a conference duel at Anna.