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## News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area.



A sure sign that the holiday season has arrived: a Christmas tree is on display in the heart of the square in Jonesboro.

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Dec. 7 is Pearl Harbor Day, which commemorates the Japanese attack on Hawaii on this date in 1941.

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Giving the gift of life: an American Red Cross blood drive is planned Thursday, Dec. 14, at the First Baptist Church in Anna.

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The Union County Chamber of Commerce plans to meet at noon Thursday, today, at Keller's Crossing at Stone Creek, near Makanda. SIU chancellor Carlos Montemagno is scheduled to be the guest speaker.

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Shop with a Cop/Fire-fighter events are planned this week in Anna. The special holiday season events are spearheaded by the Anna fire and police departments.

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## Bicentennial ceremony held in Jonesboro

State of Illinois, Union County, City of Jonesboro to celebrate 200th anniversaries in 2018

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

On Sunday, Dec. 3, Gov. Bruce Rauner and leaders of the Illinois Bicentennial Commission officially kicked off the state's year-long 200th birthday celebration during ceremonies which were held at Navy Pier in Chicago.

### Jonesboro Ceremony

During a noon hour ceremony on Monday, Dec. 4, the City of Jonesboro hosted a bicentennial flag raising ceremony. The ceremony was held on the square in the heart of Jonesboro.

City officials and others gathered for the raising of an official Illinois Bicentennial flag, which will be flown over the square.

Jonesboro Mayor Ken Blandford presided over Monday's ceremony.

Blandford opened the ceremony by thanking the many people who worked to make the special event possible, including Jonesboro City Council members, office staff, municipal employees and others. The mayor then read a proclamation which had been drafted by attorney Wes Wilkins.

The proclamation noted that "December 3, 2018, will mark the 200th birthday of the City of Jonesboro, County of Union and the State of Illinois, as the City of Jonesboro and County of Union were officially organized and Illinois became the 21st state in the union on Dec. 3, 1818...

"...the City of Jonesboro, Union County and the Illinois Bicentennial will be a year long celebration, between December 4, 2017, and December 3, 2018, which will be our City,

County and State's 200th birthday; and...

"...this Bicentennial Celebration will honor the many ways that Illinois and our local community have achieved, innovated and inspired pride in Illinois, our City and County, in showing the world what makes the place we all love and call 'home,' so special..."

"...the City of Jonesboro desires to begin this year long Bicentennial celebration by raising a special Bicentennial Flag on the Jonesboro City Square, which flag shall be flown with pride throughout the next year...

"...Therefore, it is with great pride and in recognition of nearly 200 years of outstanding and historic accomplishments that I, Ken Blandford, Mayor of the City of Jonesboro, Do Hereby Proclaim Monday, December 4, 2017, to be the official kick-off of the Jonesboro Bicentennial celebration!"

### Union County Flag Raising Ceremony

Union County plans to formally join the celebration at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 8, with a proclamation reading and ceremonial flag raising in front of the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

A special Illinois Bicentennial flag has been provided by the State of Illinois to counties and municipalities and is to be flown either beside or below the state flag during the entire bicentennial year.

The flag will officially be raised in Union County by the Anna VFW Post No. 3445 color guard.

Members of the public are invited to join local officials for the event.

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### Flag raising ceremony

An official Illinois Bicentennial flag was raised during a noon hour ceremony which was held on a very windy Monday on the square in Jonesboro. The bicentennial flag can be seen beneath the U.S. flag, a POW/MIA flag and an Illinois flag. The City of Jonesboro and Union County will join the State of Illinois in celebrating their bicentennials in 2018.

## Filing ends for 2018 primary

Union County's 2018 primary election is shaping up to be very competitive, as more than a dozen candidates have filed nominating petitions to seek office.

Filing of nominating petitions ended at 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4. Filing began on Monday, Nov. 27.

The primary election is set for March 20, 2018.

Candidates for local offices filed at the Union County clerk's office. The clerk's office is located at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Here's a look at the candidates who filed.

### Union County Commissioner

Seat A: Tina Waller, Anna, Democrat. Kent L. Pitts, Cobden, Republican.

Seat C: Kevin L. Starr, Anna, Democrat. Alex Foeller, Anna, Republican. Foeller is an incumbent.

Seat D: Thomas Sadowski, Anna, Democrat. Max Miller, Anna, Republican. Miller is an incumbent.

### Union County Treasurer

Leigh Burns, Jonesboro, Republican.

Monica Russell, Lick Creek, Republican.

John L. Hughey, Anna, Democrat.

Gary Dahmer, Jonesboro, Republican.

LaShonna Pinnon-Lovell, Anna, Republican.

### Union County Clerk

Terry Bartruff, Anna, Democrat. Bartuff is an incumbent.

Lance M. Meisenheimer, Jonesboro, Republican.

### Union County Sheriff

Scott Harvel, Jonesboro, Democrat. Harvel is an incumbent.



### Cobden School band performs at Christmas in the Village

Christmas in the Village was celebrated last Saturday in Cobden. The Cobden School band performed last Saturday afternoon during the holiday season event. The band presented several Christmas songs during a performance at the park in downtown Cobden. Following the band's performance, Santa Claus turned on holiday season lights which are on display at a shelter in downtown Cobden.





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## Mayor reads proclamation

During Monday's flag-raising ceremony, Jonesboro Mayor Ken Blandford, right, read a proclamation which commemorated the official beginning of the Union County city's bicentennial celebration.

## Jonesboro bicentennial

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### County Bicentennial Kickoff in January

The Union County Historical and Genealogy Society plans to kick off the celebration of the county's bicentennial on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018.

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

The event will feature a reading of the official document which established Union County, appearances by various local notable figures from the era, historical exhibits, hard cider and a fiddler.

### Illinois Celebration

At last Saturday's official kickoff of the State of Illinois' bicentennial celebration in Chicago, officials noted that the commemoration will pay tribute to the

people, places, and things that are being Born, Built and Grown in the nation's fifth most populous state.

"This is an opportunity to celebrate all that has been great in our first 200 years and lay the foundation for 200 more years of growth and prosperity," Gov. Bruce Rauner said.

"Illinois is home, and the bicentennial gives us a chance to reflect on how we can continue to make it great for our children and grandchildren."

The Illinois Bicentennial will be celebrated during a year-long series of events which began on Dec. 3, 2017, and continues through Dec. 3, 2018.

"The bicentennial is a once-in-a-lifetime invitation to fall in love with Illinois all over again," said Gloria Castillo, co-

chairwoman of the Illinois Bicentennial Commission and president and CEO of Chicago United.

"Throughout the next 365 days, Illinois Bicentennial will pay tribute to the people, places, and things that are being born, built and grown here every single day."

The Navy Pier festivities mark the beginning of events and projects that the commission has planned to kick off the celebration around the state.

An Illinois Bicentennial Exhibit was previewed Saturday at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library in Springfield, with music provided by the Illinois Symphony.

A simultaneous bicentennial flag-raising was scheduled to take place at

municipalities around the state at noon Monday, Dec. 4, to note the beginning of the state's 200th year.

The Illinois Municipal League and United Airlines partnered to provide complimentary flags to counties and municipalities statewide, and the Commission will also host a flag raising ceremony at McCormick Place at noon on Dec. 4.

During his kickoff address, the governor encouraged all citizens to participate in the celebration, to visit [illinois200.com](http://illinois200.com) and to use the hashtag #IllinoisProud on their social media posts.

Randy Dunn, the president of the Southern Illinois University system, also is serving as a co-chair of the Illinois Bicentennial Commission.

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"Super moon": this image was captured in the sky over Union County last Sunday night.

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Be sure to pay a visit to "A Night in Bethlehem" this weekend at the First Baptist Church in Cobden.

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Speaking of Cobden: the Appleknocker town appeared to have hosted another successful Christmas in the Village celebration last Saturday.

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Here it comes: the National Weather Service office in Paducah posted this message on its website on Monday afternoon: "This will be our last mild day for quite some time. Winter is on the way..."

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...and a bit of a follow-up to the preceding item: the forecast posted on the weather service website calls for "a chance of snow, mainly after midnight," on Friday...

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...and, just in case you were wondering, winter "officially" begins on Dec. 21.

## Weather

### Mild temperatures, damaging winds

Unseasonably mild temperatures highlighted weather in the Union County area during the period of Nov. 28 through Dec. 4. The high temperature reached 68 degrees during the period.

Damaging winds and light precipitation also were recorded.

Wind gusts of up to 30 miles per hour were recorded Dec. 4.

Precipitation for the period included .06 of an inch of rain on Nov. 30 and .36 of an inch on Dec. 4.

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

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Tuesday, Nov. 28	67	42
Wednesday, Nov. 29	64	35
Thursday, Nov. 30	58	29
Friday, Dec. 1	56	25
Saturday, Dec. 2	63	34
Sunday, Dec. 3	64	33
Monday, Dec. 4	68	53

### November Weather

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

The high temperature for the month was 77 degrees, which was recorded on Nov. 2. The average high was 59.

The low for the month was 22, which was recorded on Nov. 23. The average low was 36.

During the month, precipitation totalled 3.81 inches of rain.

The most rain in a 24-hour period was recorded on Nov. 3, with 1.31 inches.

Precipitation for the year, through the end of November, totalled 54.16 inches.



## New county commissioner takes oath of office

Newly appointed Union County commissioner Alex Foeller took his oath of office Thursday morning, Nov. 30. The oath was administered by Union County Presiding Judge Mark Boie. The ceremony was held at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro. Foeller was appointed as a member of the county board following the resignation of Dale Russell. From left are Union County commissioner Danny Hartline; Alex Foeller; Bobby Toler Jr., who is the board chairman; and Max Miller, who is the board vice chairman. Commissioner Dale Foster could not be present for the picture. Photo provided.

## Honor 200 program pays tribute to vets

Illinois officials have launched Honor 200, a signature program of the Illinois Bicentennial Celebration, honoring the work of 200 veterans whose contributions are above and beyond the call of duty.

"Illinois veterans have played a critical role in defining our heritage," Gov. Bruce Rauner said.

"They've served our country, protected our freedoms, and many of them continue to be a positive force in their communities. It's only fitting that we honor them and recognize their contributions to society."

"It is a very special privilege to honor our veterans," Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs, IDVA, director Erica Jeffries said.

"Honor 200 provides us with an opportunity to showcase our veterans and the values they have when it comes to serving our communities."

IDVA will work with veterans organizations throughout the state to promote Honor 200 and solicit

nominations for those who will be recognized as part of the program.

Nominees will be evaluated on their achievements and on the extent to which their contributions have aided, benefited and provided inspiration to their community.

Anyone can nominate an Illinois veteran. Written nominations can be sent to the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs, 69 W. Washington St., Chicago, Ill. 60601. Nominations can be submitted online at [www.illinois.gov/veterans](http://www.illinois.gov/veterans).

The official Illinois Bicentennial Celebration was scheduled to begin on Dec. 3 with events in Springfield and Chicago.

The celebration will continue with programs and events throughout 2018, ending with the Bicentennial Birthday Party on Dec. 3, 2018, at the United Center in Chicago.

The Honor 200 veterans will be recognized during the birthday gala.



## Union County holiday season tradition

The PAST organization of Union County hosted its Carols at Candlelight holiday season event on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 3, in Anna. Carols at Candlelight was held at historic St. Anne's Church, which is located along South Main Street, near Stinson Memorial Library. Music was presented by Back Porch Company. The landmark church was decorated for the Christmas season. Nearly a full house was on hand to be a part of the special event.



# State’s attorney, sheriff alert community about possible scams

Union County residents are being alerted about two scams which are targeting local community members.

Union County State’s Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds and Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel shared information about the scams.

**Money Owed to IRS**

Union County State’s Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds is alerting the public regarding an ongoing scam which has been targeting local residents.

An individual claiming affiliation with the “Internal Revenue Service” or “IRS” has placed unsolicited telephone calls to Union County residents, Edmonds stated in a news release.

The scammer is claiming that the citizen being called owes money to the IRS and will have a warrant issued if they do not provide payment.

Edmonds reminds the public “to never provide personal information such as bank account numbers or Social Security numbers over the phone to unsolicited callers.”

The IRS has addressed such scams recently and has reminded the public that the IRS will never:

- Call to demand immediate payment, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill.
- Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
- Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card.
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
- Threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

**Oil and Chipping Work**

The Union County Sheriff’s Office on social media warned the community about a potential scam.

The sheriff’s office shared that the scam involves a person with “Mid State Contractors” who is working for the Union County Highway Department to do oil and chipping work.

“The person states that they have chips left over from a job and are offering to sell them oil and chip for their driveway,” the sheriff’s office advised.

The person is reported to be driving a red colored truck with a magnetic sign that has the company’s name on it.

“The public should know that the Union County Highway Department does not contract with any outside company to perform oil and chip work,” the sheriff’s office stated.

Community members who may have contact related to the scam are advised to contact the sheriff’s office immediately

**Reporting Concerns**

Members of the public with questions or reporting suspicious activity can call the Union County state’s attorney’s office at 833-7216 or the sheriff’s office at 833-5500.

The state’s attorney’s office also noted that information about protecting your identity is also available from the Federal Trade Commission at [www.consumer.ftc.gov](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov) and from the Illinois attorney general’s office at <http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/consumers/hotline.html> or 1-866-999-5630.

Tax scams can be reported to the U.S. Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1-800-366-4484 or at [treasury.gov/tigta](mailto:treasury.gov/tigta).

# Christmas in the Village celebrated in Cobden

The ninth annual Christmas in the Village celebration was held Saturday, Dec. 2, in Cobden. Holiday bazaars, open houses and other special events were held. The day concluded with a performance by the Cobden School band and Santa Claus turning on Christmas lights in the village’s downtown park.



An exhibit at the Union County Historical Society Resource and Cultural Center (the former medical clinic in town) was on display. The display featured a collection of nativity scenes and vintage Noel figures. The Noel figures were from the collection of Patrick Brumleve.

## Career fair slated at A-J

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School is planning to host its first career fair for all Union County high school students on Feb. 15, 2018, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The career fair, coordinated by A-JCHS faculty members Natalie McLean Miller and Alysha Hase, will feature a wide variety of careers and businesses in Union County, as well as several SIU colleges which will share information with students about career options not commonly found in Southern Illinois.


Anyone interested in participating in the fair as a presenter can contact McLean Miller at [nmiller@aj81.net](mailto:nmiller@aj81.net) or 833-8502, extension 119.



A live nativity scene presentation was planned by the First Baptist Church in Cobden. Clare, Chris and Jill Bunyan were participating.



Santa and Mrs. Claus, with some help from Charles and Frances Swedlund, were on hand to greet visitors of all ages during Christmas in the Village.



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## Stephanie Cox named branch manager



Stephanie Cox, Assistant Vice President of Anna-Jonesboro National Bank, was recently named branch manager of the Jonesboro location. She has been with the bank for 18 years and also serves as the BSA officer, as well as the assistant compliance officer. Stephanie is excited about her new role and her ability to be of service to the Jonesboro customers.



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## Illinois State Police note special patrols

Illinois State Police District 22 is planning to conduct nighttime enforcement patrols during December in Union County.

Plans for the patrols were announced by Lt. Michael Alvey, who is the interim commander of District 22.

Alvey also announced the results of special traffic enforcement patrols which were conducted during November in Union County.

The nighttime enforcement patrols allow state police to focus on preventing, detecting and taking enforcement action in response to impaired driving and occupant restraint violations, especially between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.

During the patrols, officers will strictly enforce violations which include:

- Driving under the influence, safety belt and child restraint use, speeding, distracted driving and all Illinois Vehicle Code and Criminal Violations.

In announcing the results of special traffic enforcement patrols during November in Union County, Alvey stated that the details allowed state police to provide increased enforcement for impaired driving, occupant restraint, speeding and distracted driving violations during a national Click It or Ticket campaign.

Alvey reported the following statistics from the patrols related to violations and enforcement activity:

- Occupant restraint violations, two.
- Speeding citations and warnings, 26.
- Total citations, 26.
- Total written warnings, 12.

The patrols are funded through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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# Sports

## A-J wins Goreville title

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' basketball team defeated Hamilton County and Hardin County to win the Goreville Invitational Saturday, Dec. 2.

A-J's Jake Parr was named as the tournament's most valuable player.

A-J's Sheldon McGrath and Ross Pinnon were named to the all-tourney team, along with Parr.

"Our senior experience paid off," A-J coach Mike Chamness said about his team's success at the tournament.

The Wildcats last won the invitational title in 2014.

**A-J 52, Hamilton County 34:** The Wildcats pulled ahead 14-7 after one quarter and were in command 29-13 at the half.

Parr had 16 points and 5 rebounds to lead A-J. McGrath added 13 points and 4 rebounds. Carson Reynolds had 5 points and a rebound.

Logan Sawyer had 2 points and 5 rebounds. Tyler Smith, Blake Pena and Kyle McMahan had 2 points and 3 rebounds apiece. Pinnon had 2 points and a rebound. Noah Craig had 2 points.

A-J was 15 of 33 from the floor, 3 of 14 from

3-point range and 13 of 18 from the free throw line.

**A-J 69, Hardin County 41:** The Wildcats pulled ahead 20-11 after one quarter on their way to the win Saturday afternoon.

Parr had 18 points and 7 rebounds. Reynolds had 9 points. McGrath had 8 points and 4 rebounds. Zach Overstreet had 7 points and 2 rebounds.

Noah McFarland had 6 points and 3 rebounds. Craig and Jacob Zimmerman had 3 points and 2 rebounds apiece. Sawyer had 2 points and a rebound. Connor Jerolds had 2 points.

A-J was 12 of 31 from the floor, 11 of 28 from 3-point range and 12 of 14 from the charity stripe.

**A-J 73, Goreville 67:** The Wildcats posted the win over the home team Friday, Dec. 1.

"We were fortunate to have a few days off before we played them," Chamness said. "We were down 13 points in the third quarter and we kept battling back."

Parr led the way with 30 points and 14 rebounds. McGrath added 12 points and 5 rebounds. Sawyer had 6 points and 7 rebounds.

McFarland had 6 points

and 3 rebounds. Zimmerman had 6 points and 2 rebounds. Pena had 5 points and 3 rebounds. Pinnon had 5 points and a rebound. Smith had 3 points and 2 rebounds.

The Wildcats were 17 of 38 from the floor, 7 of 22 from 3-point range and 18 of 30 from the free throw line.

The Blackcats were 13 of 39 in shot attempts from the floor, 10 of 24 from 3-point range and 11 of 15 from the free throw line.

**A-J 70, Johnston City 39:** The Wildcats built a big 16-4 first quarter lead on their way to the win Tuesday, Nov. 28.

Parr scored 25 points and had 7 rebounds to lead A-J. McGrath added 18 points and 7 rebounds. Pena had 7 points and 2 rebounds. Overstreet had 6 points. Zimmerman had 4 points and 2 rebounds.

Smith had 4 points and a rebound. Sawyer had 2 points and 5 rebounds. Reynolds had 2 points and 4 rebounds. Craig had 2 points and 2 rebounds. McFarland had 3 rebounds.

The Wildcats were 15 of 47 in shot attempts from the floor, 7 of 16 from 3-point range and 19 of 28 from the free throw line.

**A-J 67, Benton 65:** Parr made a last second shot to lift the Wildcats to the win in overtime.

Parr had 35 points and 14 rebounds. McGrath had 11 points and 2 rebounds. Pinnon had 6 points and 4 rebounds.

Sawyer and Zimmerman had 4 points apiece. Sawyer added 6 rebounds and Zimmerman 2 boards. Pena 3 points and 2 rebounds. Reynolds had 2 points and a rebound.

The Wildcats were 20 of 48 in shot attempts from the floor, 6 of 18 from 3-point range and 9 of 16 from the charity stripe.

"We are excited about where we started," Chamness said. "Hopefully it will give our guys some confidence. We played well, but there are a lot of things we can do better."

The Wildcats, 5-0, play at Nashville Friday and at Cobden Saturday.

"Hopefully, we'll have a good week of practice," Chamness said. "And, we'll get some guys back from injuries."

Lick Creek defeated Joppa 52-20

Lick Creek was led by Kristen Edmonds with 15 points in the game. Brodie Denny scored 10 points.

Addison Denny added 9 points for the Lady Eagles. Gracie Cook scored 8, Erin Overstreet 6 and Danielle Dunaway and Macie George had 2 apiece to round out the scoring.

In the conference tournament championship game, Lick Creek edged New Simpson Hill 31-30.

Lick Creek was led by Kristen Edmonds in the championship game with 17 points. Next was Brodie Denny with 6. Addison Denny added 4 points for the Lady Eagles. Erin Overstreet and Kaylee Stover added 2 apiece to finish the scoring.

Lick Creek was scheduled to play Anna on Monday, Dec. 4, and Jonesboro on Tuesday, Dec. 5.

Next up is Unity Christian on Thursday, today, and Sesser at the Rend Lake College Shootout on Friday, Dec. 8.

## Lick Creek girls 14-0; conference title winners

The Lick Creek School girls' basketball team improved to 14-0 by winning the Egyptian Junior High Conference.

The Lady Eagles defense has been hard to beat this year, the team's coaches, Desiree Walter and Baylie Denny, said. The coaches credited the players with working hard to keep their undefeated season going.

In the first round of the conference tournament,

## Christopher 74, Cobden 61

Cobden fell behind 23-14 after one quarter on its way to a 74-61 loss to host Christopher in non-conference high school boys' basketball Saturday, Dec. 2.

Clayton Eck had 23 points to lead the Appleknockers. John Russell added 14 points, Noah Franklin 10, Joe Brumleve 9 and Dylan Lewey 5.

Cobden fell to 4-2 overall.

## Promotions highlighted

Promotions recently were highlighted at Coffman's Martial Arts Academy in Anna. Those who earned promotions are featured in the accompanying pictures. Photos provided.



### White and yellow belts

In the first row are Levi Hill, Leigha Hileman, Isaac Hileman, Sophia Hill and Allison Carillo. In the second row are Wyatt Goines, Drake Hileman, Lacey Goines, Rocelin Lilly and Josh Binversie. In the third row are Seth Eddleman, Jama Eddleman, Emily Kacinski, Jennie Kacinski and Amanda Lilly. Zane Plummer could not be present for the picture.



### Green and blue belts

In the first row are Jillian Stevens, Issacc Stevens, Elizabeth Hill, Logan Thompson, Levi Alvis, Sophie Smiley and Lucas Salazar. In the second row are Sadie Cross, Anita Palmisano, Terry Wright, Aaron Filbeck, Lilly Greer, Chase DeVore and Madalynn Delgadillo. Patricia Salazar, Ethan DeVore and Tyler Shoemate could not be present for the picture.



### Eddleman signs national letter of intent

Dongola High School senior Karlie Eddleman has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball at Missouri Valley College in Marshall, Mo. Missouri Valley is a four-year NAIA university. Eddleman is a 5-7 point guard. She is the daughter of Dana and Jama Eddleman of Dongola. From left are Missouri Valley College women's basketball head coach Timothy Dixon, Karlie Eddleman, Dongola High School girls' basketball head coach Rob Shepard and Missouri Valley College women's basketball assistant coach Andre Scott. Also present for the signing were the Eddleman family and Dr. Paige Maginel, superintendent of the Dongola School District. Photo by Josh and Trenea Ditto/JT Photo.

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## Water line break in Anna

Water was being flushed from a fire hydrant while work was being done to repair a line which broke Monday evening in Anna. The break occurred along East Vienna Street. The hydrant, located near the intersection of East Vienna Street and East Avenue, was being flushed to help take pressure off the line while repair work was being done. Traffic in the area was reduced to one lane Monday night. Anna city crews worked on the line until about 2:30 a.m. Tuesday. Work continued again on Tuesday morning.

# Public Record

### Realty Transactions

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

Warranty Deed. Grantor: First Southern Bank, The Bank of Marion. Grantee: Anthony Stein. Name: Forest Place Addition, Block 1.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Teresa G. Caraker, Timothy P. Caraker. Grantee: Tasha M. Mealer. Name: George W. Norris 2nd Add. of Anna, Lot 7.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Brenda Kapper, Kenneth Kapper. Grantee: Amy C. Wheeler, Kyle Wheeler. Tract Section 25 Township 12S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jo Ella Basler, John Basler, Alex Belcher, Andrew Trainor, John M. Trainor, Paul M. Trainor. Grantee: Colton Wayne Collier. Tract Section 2 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Amvest Gas Properties LLC, Amvest West Virginia Coal LLC, Braxton-Clay Land & Mineral LLC, CNX Marine Terminals LLC, CNX RCPC LLC, Conrhein Coal Company, Consol of Kentucky LLC, Consol Pennsylvania Coal Company LLC, Helvetia Coal Company LLC, Island Creek Coal Company LLC, Lauren Run Mining Company LLC, Nicholas-Clay Land & Mineral LLC, R&PCC LLC, Terry Eagle Limited Partnership, Vaughn Railroad Company LLC, Windsor Coal Company LLC, Wolfpen Knob Development Company LLC.

Grantee: CNX Resource Holdings LLC. Tract Section 18 Township 11S Range 2W. Tract Section 2 Township 11S Range 3W. Tract Section 33 Township 11S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Fannie Mae, Federal National Mortgage Association. Grantee: Carrie Renee Barnett, John Paul Barnett. Name: George W. Norris 2nd Add. of Anna, Lot 1.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Carol E. Kenny. Grantee: Lick Creek Public Water District. Tract Section 13 Township 11S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Roy Walker Communications Inc. Grantee: Lick Creek Public Water District. Tract Section 11 Township 11S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Zachary D. LeFevre. Grantee: Lindsey C. LeFevre, Zachary D. LeFevre. Tract Section 26 Township 11S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Joella Basler, John Basler. Grantee: Lindsey C. LeFevre, Zachary D. LeFevre. Tract Section 26 Township 11S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Sarah Treece, John Watson. Grantee: Katy Newman, Garrett E. Williams. Tract Section

19 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Leland Mark Osman. Grantee: Derk Allen Wright. Name: E. Leavenworth's 1st Add. of Dongola.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Kathleen Trexler. Grantee: Dennis W. Trexler, Kathleen Trexler. Name: McIntosh Heirs Addition of Jonesboro, Lot 29.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Susan Nottage. Grantee: Connie Yates. Mike Yates. Tract Section 21 Township 12S Range 1E. Tract Section 28 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jeffrey Boyd, Jeffrey W. Boyd, Joe Boyd, Joe E. Boyd, Katherine Boyd, Jennifer Fields, Jenifer Jo Fields. Grantee: Patricia A. Landreth, Steven W. Landreth. Tract Section 7 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Doris J. Whiteside, Wayne F. Whiteside. Grantee: Christopher W. Whiteside. Tract Section 1 Township 13S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Amy C. Wheeler, Kyle Wheeler. Grantee: Danielle Quick. Name: S.A. Walton's 2nd Add. Anna, Portion 19.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: June Qualls. Grantee: Tameila S. Loomis. Tract Section 31 Township 11S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Ida Mae Smith. Grantee: Tameila S. Loomis. Tract Section 31 Township 11S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantee: Grand Rivers Community Group. Grantee: Lamar Property Group. Tract Section 30 Township 11S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Anna-Jonesboro National Bank. Grantee: Braden Mezo. Name: Forest Place Addition, Block 4 Lot 9.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Jeffrey Boyd, Jeffrey W. Boyd, Joe E. Boyd, Katherine Boyd, Jennifer Fields, Bonnie J. Cissell, Homer L. Cissell Jr. Tract Section 7 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Bonnie J. Cissell, Homer L. Cissell Jr. Grantee: Jeffrey Boyd, Joe Boyd, Katherine Boyd, Jennifer Fields. Tract Section 7 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Beth McMahan. Grantee: Beth McMahan, Jack Thornton. Name: Village of Wolf Lake, Lot 28.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Brooke Benefield, Christopher J. Benefield. Grantee: Lindsey N. Edwards. Name: John Grammer's Donation to the City of Jonesboro, Lot 9.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Vicki L. Beadle, Virgil A. Beadle. Grantee: Richard A. Ralls. Tract Section 15 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor:

### from the files at the Union County Courthouse

Douglas R. Charles, Wendy L. Charles. Grantee: Jo Ellen Myers, Scott Cordell Myers. Tract Section 20 Township 13S Range 2W.

### 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:

Denise R. Steck-Carpenter, Anna. Kelsey A. Fark, Murphysboro. Summer M. Eckart, Makanda. Darren B. Schroeder, Carbondale. Suzette V. Feher, Chicago. Danielle R. Wilson, Carbondale.

Courtney C. White, Skokie. Eric D. Pate, Chicago. Sam Ung, Traverse City, Mich. Andrea J. Perkins, Kennett, Mo. Erick A. Vilchis, Cardwell, Mo. Stacy Jeanette Verdich, Murphysboro. Abigail Michelle Siddell, Carlyle.

Lashaunique T. Maney, Cape Girardeau. Gwendolyn R. Humphrey, Memphis, Tenn. Roger C. Hopewell, Golconda. Michael T. Bridges, Cobden. Robert L. Wigginton, Edwardsville. Anthony Dean Nickolopoulos, Houston, Texas.

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:

Brenda Kay Childers, Anna, seat belt required/passenger, \$60. Chelsey D. Seymour, Makanda, seat belt required/passenger, \$60.

David I. Woodall, Bourbon, Mo., operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$120; no valid registration, \$120; violation classification, \$120; improper turn signal, \$120; disregard traffic control device, \$120.

Jarrod Michael Dakota Webb, Olive Branch, electronic communication device, \$120. Ronnie D. Barnhart, Anna, electronic communication device, \$120.

Christopher John Hand, Anna, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Ezekiel R. Baggett, Dongola, unlicensed, \$150.

Chandler B. Seay, Sedalia, Ky., fail to reduce speed, \$120. Derek Jo Curry, Herrin, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140.

Bobbie E. Bracken, Anna, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Megan Lee Davis, Jonesboro, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140.

Emily D. Flick, Cobden, fail to reduce speed, \$120. Chase A. Chauvin, Dongola, electronic communication device, \$120.

Scotty Len Griffith Jr., Jonesboro, electronic communication device, \$120. Basil R. Holmes, Marion, electronic communication device, \$120.

Alante D. Buckner, Chicago, speeding, 21-25 mph

above limit, \$140. Kelsea Taylor Fairless, Jonesboro, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

### Marriage Licenses

The county clerk's office issued a marriage license to: Timothy Bryan Hubbs, 44, of Anna, and Stacy Lynn Crunk, 42, of Anna.

Charles Earl Jackson, 41, of Anna, and Amber Michelle Dixon, 26, of Anna.

Arthur Robert Ketter, 25, of Nashville, and Kailey Mari-ah Pearce, 25, of Nashville.

Andrew Mikell Miskell, 36, of North Glenn, Colo., and Leah Enilia Landis, 33, of North Glenn, Colo.

Jesse J. Lambeth, 26, of Pinckneyville, and Karisa C. Driscoll, 24, of Pinckneyville.

Dylan Parker Bailey, 20, of Goreville, and Courtney Gene Newell, 22, of Marion.

Nolan Zachary Bowman Vail, 28, of Anna, and Kimberly Dean Reed, 27, of Anna.

Kyle Leon Bunch, 23, of Anna, and Jamie Leanne Potter, 21, of Anna.

Jesse Gordon Kiehn, 52, of Anna, and Carla Marie Houston, 52, of Anna.

Elijah Herman Samuel Burton, 25, of Anna, and Sydnee Nicole McFarland, 21, of Anna.

## Cobden girls score win over Shawnee

Cobden scored a win over Shawnee and fell to Christopher in recent high school girls' basketball action.

**Cobden 51, Shawnee 35:** Meredith Flamm scored 18 points to lead visiting Cobden in a 41-35 win over Shawnee in South Egyptian Conference high school girls' basketball action Monday, Nov. 27.

Jenna Hartline added 13 points for the Appleknockers. Alaina Hartline had 8 points and Grace Rhodes added 2.

Laycee Presutti had 15 points to lead the Lady Reds. Mariah Faire added 7 points, Autumn McMah- an 6, Kristen Pitts 3 and Madison Luttrull and Katie Charles scored 2 apiece.

**Christopher 56, Cobden 49:** Flamm had 15 points to lead visiting Cobden in a non-conference game played Saturday, Dec. 2.

Brooke Bailey added 13 points for Cobden. Jenna Hartline had 11, Alaina Hartline 9 and Lauren Sweitzer 1.

# Saluki Sports Update

### By Fred Huff

Who is the "Mr. SIU" of Saluki athletics?

The basketball Salukis won another game over the weekend and in reasonably impressive fashion.

There were two questions unanswered, however. The quality of the opponent and where are the fans? Not just SIU's students, but area fans.

And, while not having the answers to either, it opened the door for another completely non-SIU topic. Paul Morrison.

Widely known as "Mr. Drake," Morrison died last week at the age of 100.

To say that he was a friend of ours is an understatement. He was our idol.

In our opinion, Paul Morrison was the finest man we have ever known. He had no enemies, only fans, as he was the model for all in the sports information world, as well as any sports writer who had to cover an event involving Drake or happenings at the Des Moines, Iowa, university.

And, that included, naturally, the Drake Relays, where Saluki track and field teams became somewhat of a fan favorite years ago when under the tutelage of Lew Hartzog.

Yes, there were some crazy, almost unbelievable things about our friend, Paul.

He had two birth certificates. Different dates. "Take your pick," he once said to us.

He never had another job, only at Drake. When he retired years ago, he simply showed up the next day and said he was "volunteering," which he did for another 30 or 35 years.

He was still on the sidelines at Drake events keeping the scorebook at home and away games, including at SIU in his light blue

sports coat.

He never drove a car. Never.

He never learned how to use a computer. His old Underwood typewriter was his lifetime tool, while writing stories and letters to hundreds and hundreds of former Drake athletes around the world.

He would hand-deliver his stories to Des Moines radio, TV and newspaper outlets at the end of his working day.

We still have a typed letter from him that he sent to us in 1960 welcoming us to the field of sports information directors and volunteering suggestions, advice, whatever, if we ever had any questions. And, yes, we accepted his invitation on more than one occasion.

So, who is the "Mr. SIU" of Saluki athletics?

We could suggest several nominees, guys like Rey Dempsey and Jerry Kill in football, Jack Hartman and Bruce Weber in basketball, Itch Jones and Abe Martin in baseball, Hartzog in track, Bill Meade in gymnastics. I'm sure I've overlooked some Saluki standouts, but...

My choice, however, is a simple decision. It would be ex-athletics director Don Boydston, who transformed SIU's sports program from the late 1950s to early 1970s.

That's when it happened. Leaving the conference of Illinois' schools, winning the NIT in basketball, four national titles in gymnastics, almost annual participant in the College World Series and a major player on the national track scene.

And, of course, there were many other proud happenings.

Boydston's era was the start of SIU's sports program.

## A-J bowling teams in action

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' varsity bowling team earned a second-place finish at Saturday's Harrisburg Bulldog Invitational.

Belleville East won the invitational with a score of 5,912.

A-J was second with a score of 5,437. Mt. Vernon was third with a score of 5,374.

High scores for the A-J team were recorded by:

Jacob Cross, 231, 208. Evan Smoot, 236, 233. Darian Quick, 201.

Seth Busby, 212, 223, 186, 265, 220, 195, for a six game series score of 1,301.

### A-J vs. Carbondale

A-J hosted Carbondale Nov. 29. Boys' and girls' varsity teams competed.

The A-J boys defeated Carbondale by a score of 2,790-2,547.

High scores bowled by A-J included Evan Smoot, with 222, 223 and 181, for a 626 series; Zachary Odum, with 200; and Tyler Sutton, with 215.

The A-J girls defeated Carbondale by a score of 2,406 to 2,240.

High scores bowled by A-J included TeeJay Hileman, with 182 and 181; Avery Page, with 188 and 202; and Logan Brown, with 229.

## Anna man sentenced

Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds on Nov. 29 reported that Irphan Gage Khurana, 21, of Anna, has been sentenced to three years in the Illinois Department of Corrections on one count of unlawful possession of weapon by a felon, which is a Class 2 felony.

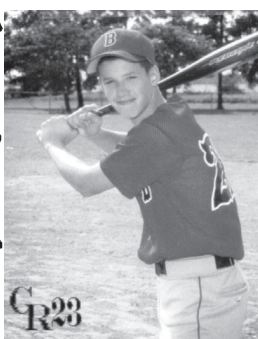
Khurana also will serve a two-year period of mandatory supervised release, formerly known as parole.

Khurana was arrested by the Anna Police Department in October after he was found to be in possession of a handgun at an Anna residence in the 500 block of South Street.

### In Memory

## CODY RING

September 5, 1990 - December 7, 2004



Our hearts still ache with sadness, and secret tears still flow.

What it meant to lose you, no one can ever know.

Miss you and love you, CR23  
Dad, Mom and Brian  
Grandpa & Grandma

## In Loving Memory of Wilson Dover

I want to thank everyone at Carbondale Memorial Hospital, Union County Hospital/Ambulance Service, St. Francis Hospital, Herrin Memorial Hospital and Dr. Ribbing and Stephanie at Anna Rural Health. Thanks to the Anna Moose Lodge, the VFW Post No. 3455, Scott Air Force Base, Anna Masonic Lodge #520 and Phil Hileman and Rendleman Hileman Funeral Home for all their help and condolences. A special thank you to all of our many friends and family for all the phone calls, hospital visits, support and love shown to us for these many months.

Sharon Dover and Family

## In Loving Memory of Sharon Dillon

9/29/44-12/4/16

Do not stand by my grave and weep,  
I am not there, I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow,  
I am a diamond glint of snow.  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,  
I am the gentle autumn rain.  
When you awake in the morning hush,  
I am the swift, uplifting rush, of quiet birds in circling flight.  
I am the soft starshine at night.  
Do not stand by my grave and cry,  
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I am alive and living within the lives of my sisters, children, family and friends.



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17-083129

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

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC PLAINTIFF, -vs- NORA L. STANARD A/K/A NORA STANARD A/K/A NORA L. ALLEN A/K/A NORA L. HARDIN A/K/A NORA L. STANARD FREEMAN; DEFENDANTS 17 CH 17

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on August 23, 2017; Scott Harvel, Sheriff, 307 W. Market, Jonesboro, IL 62952, will on January 3, 2018 at 9:00 AM, at Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market Street, Jonesboro, IL 62952, sell to the highest bidder for cash (ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Union County, Illinois.

Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in cash or certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court.

Said property is legally described as follows:

Commonly known as 106 Young Avenue, Anna, IL 62906

Permanent Index No.: 14-00-09-830-B02

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The Administrative Assistant will be responsible for the following: provide confidential administrative support for the Agency's Executive Director and Program Directors; compose and produce reports, letters, memos, and presentations; maintain electronic and paper files; schedule meetings and appointments; provide general clerical support; maintain computer databases and prepare mailings; assist with the preparation, submission and administration of grant applications.

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Interested applicants should send cover letter with resume and references to: Executive Director, Southern Five RPC, 5 Justice Drive, Ullin, IL 62992. Resumes will be accepted until 4 p.m. on December 18, 2017. Please feel free to contact us at (618) 845-9000, if you have questions about the position. Southern Five Regional Planning District and Development Commission is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:

Community Integrated Living, Inc. (CIL, Inc.), Anna, IL

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HELP WANTED: Independent Living Services, Inc. is accepting applications for full or part-time DSP's. Prefer certified, but will train. Must have high school diploma or GED. Apply in person at Independent Living Services office, 170 Lick Creek Road, Anna, IL.

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HELP WANTED:

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

THE BANK OF CARBONDALE, Plaintiff, v. SHORT GROUP, LLC a/k/a SHORT GROUP L.L.C., ZACHARY T. SHORT, SUBWAY REAL ESTATE LLC, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No. 2017-CH-33

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Notice is hereby given to Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants of the Complaint for Foreclosure filed in the above case on November 7, 2017 and they are named Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 735, Act 5, Sections 2-206, 15-1218 and 15-1502, and that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and unless you file an appearance or answer to the complaint the day on or after which a default may be entered against the above named parties for failing to file an appearance or answer is January 4, 2018, and that the following information applies to said foreclosure proceeding:

- The names of all Plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.
- The court in which said action was brought is identified above.
- The names of the title holders of record are: Short Group, LLC
- The legal descriptions of the real estate sufficient to identify them with reasonable certainty and the mortgages sought to be foreclosed are as follows:

A parcel of land being a part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 13 South, Range 1 West of the Third Principal Meridian. AID parcel is part of property described and recorded in Book 91, Page 153 in the Union County Court House in the name of Village of

Dongola. Said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at an iron rod found at the Southeast corner of said Quarter-Quarter section; thence N 00°17'15" W, 719.02 feet along the East line of said Quarter-Quarter section to a corner of the Earnhart property (Book 183, Page 428); thence N 42°45'00" W, 241.75 feet along said Earnhart property to a point in the centerline of a creek, this being the point of beginning. Thence along the centerline of said creek the following three (3) calls; thence S 52°28'57" W 47.81 feet to a point; thence S 43°13'38 W 54.3 feet to a point; thence S 34°26'13" W 15.43 feet to a point; thence N 41°22'26" W 348.63 feet along a new line, passing an iron rod set at 25.13 feet, to an iron rod set in the southeasterly right-of-way line of Cypress Road; thence along said southeasterly right of way along a curve to the left with a chord bearing N 43°17'25" E 108.76 feet, a radius of 5769.65 feet, and an arc length of 108.78 feet to an iron rod found at a corner of said Earnhart property; thence 42°45'00" E 353.16 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Said parcel being subject to all rights-of-way and easements, recorded or otherwise. All situated in the County of Union, State of Illinois. EXCEPT all coal, oil, gas and other minerals.

Permanent Index Number: 06-24-04-729-C

Commonly Known as: 465 North East Front Street, Dongola, Illinois

Date of mortgage: October 31, 2013

Name of mortgagor: Short Group, LLC

Name of mortgagee: The Bank of Carbondale

Date and place of recording: November 15, 2013 at Recorder's Office of Union County, IL

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

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC PLAINTIFF, -vs- NORA L. STANARD A/K/A NORA STANARD A/K/A NORA L. ALLEN A/K/A NORA L. HARDIN A/K/A NORA L. STANARD FREEMAN; DEFENDANTS 17 CH 17

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on August 23, 2017; Scott Harvel, Sheriff, 307 W. Market, Jonesboro, IL 62952, will on January 3, 2018 at 9:00 AM, at Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market Street, Jonesboro, IL 62952, sell to the highest bidder for cash (ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Union County, Illinois.

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

In re the Guardianship of:  
JASE ANDREW HUTCHASON,  
a minor,  
Respondent.  
Case No. 2017-P-45

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: THADD HUTCHASON

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that this matter has been set for a hearing on the Petition for Guardianship filed herein before the Honorable Mark M. Boie, or some other Judge acting in his stead, in Courtroom 1 at the Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois,

on WEDNESDAY, the 20th day of DECEMBER, 2017, at 9:00 A.M.

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

DATED this 28th day of November, 2017.

H. WESLEY WILKINS,  
Petitioner's Attorney

H. WESLEY WILKINS  
Atty. Reg. No. 3127822  
Attorney for the Petitioner  
602 South Main Street  
P.O. Box 691  
Anna, IL 62906  
(618)-833-7725  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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

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

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Donna L. Hawk, Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service and Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Cir-

cuit Court of Union County, Illinois, by the said Plaintiff against you and other defendants to foreclose a certain Mortgage covering the following described premises, to wit:

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

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

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

ter that day and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

Tiffany Busby  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Prepared by:  
JOHN R. SCHNEIDER  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE INTEREST OF:  
AURORA CARTER,  
A Minor.  
NO. 2017-JA-15

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO 705 ILCS 405/2-16

RYAN D. THOMPSON,  
and to ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

TAKE NOTICE that on 9/8/2017 a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by Tyler R. Edmonds, Union County State's Attorney, by his Assistant State's Attorney, Heather Heaslett, in the Circuit Court of Union County entitled "In the interest of AURORA CARTER, a minor" and that in Judge Charles Cavaness courtroom at Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois on Thursday, the 25th day of January, 2018, at the hour of 1 P.M., or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a permanency hearing will be held upon the petition to

have the child declared to be a ward of the court under the Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

Tiffany Busby  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Dated: November 30, 2017  
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# The Big Eight

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

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

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





**Shawnee students of the quarter**  
Shawnee School District No. 84 has honored students of the quarter. The students were recognized for their academic excellence, citizenship and attendance during the first quarter of the school year. The students were honored at a Nov. 22 Shawnee School Board meeting. Each of the students received a certificate and \$25 from First Southern Bank of Grand Tower. In the first row are, from left, Lillie Griffin, 2nd grade; and Avery Stegle, 5th grade. In the second row are Olivia Jackson, sophomore; Jasper Rohlfing, 7th grade; Conner Benbrook, 8th grade; and board of education president Tim Qualls. Senior Taylor Verble could not be present for the picture. Photo provided.

# Area schools scheduled to present Christmas programs

Union County public schools are planning to present holiday season programs.

Elementary school programs are planned, along with junior high school and senior high school concerts.

Programs were scheduled to begin this week. Here's a look at the schedule of events which has been shared by area schools:

The Dongola School Christmas concert and art show are Friday, Dec. 8, at 6 p.m.

The Lick Creek Elementary School Christmas program is Friday, Dec. 8, at 6:30 p.m.

The Jonesboro Elementary School Christmas program is Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 6 p.m.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School is having a band and choir concert on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m.

Lincoln School in Anna plans to have a program at 6 p.m. on Dec. 12. Davie School in Anna will present a program at 7 p.m. on Dec. 12. Both programs will be at Davie/Anna Junior High School.

An Anna pre-kindergarten program is set for 6 p.m. Dec. 14 at Davie/Anna Junior High School.

Anna Junior High School plans to host a program at 7 p.m. on Dec. 14.

The Cobden Junior High

# Rend Lake master plan project update workshop set

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rend Lake Project, plans to host a public workshop regarding the master plan update for the project.

The workshop is scheduled from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Dec. 12 at the Rend Lake Visitor Center, which is located at 11981 Rend City Rd., Benton.

The public workshop will be held using an "open house" format, allowing time for participants to review specific information about the master plan update process, ask questions and provide written comments to the Corps of Engineers staff attending the meeting.

The master plan addresses outdoor recreation and environmental stewardship activities occurring on lands owned by the Corps of Engineers at Rend Lake.

The master plan does not address shoreline management, water control or water quality, since these activities are included in other Corps of Engineers operating plans.

The Corps of Engineers noted that stakeholder input is extremely important to the process update.

The current master plan, along with comment forms and additional information concerning the updates, will be available on the St. Louis District website at <http://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/>.

For more information about the workshop, contact Dawn Kovarik at 618-724-2493.

# Tamms to host holiday parade

The fourth annual Light Up Tamms parade is set for 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9.

Santa is scheduled to be at the depot in Tamms. He will be available for pictures from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Free hot chocolate will be served at the depot.

The parade will leave from the big park in Tamms, travel south on Front Street, turn left on Russell Street, go left on 3rd Street, left on Indiana Street and then go back to the park.

For more information about the parade, including how to enter a float, call Sharon at 618-713-3875.

and High School Christmas concert is Sunday, Dec. 17, at 2 p.m.

The Cobden Elementary School Christmas program is Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 12:30 p.m.

# Invasives pull set at Giant City

A winter creeper invasives pull is planned Sunday afternoon, Dec. 10, at the Fern Rocks Nature Preserve at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

The project is being sponsored by the Shawnee Group of the Sierra Club.

Those who would like to help are asked to meet at the visitors center at the park at 1 p.m.

Workers are asked to bring water. Work gloves will be available. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information, contact Barb at 618-529-4824 or [babitaji@aol.com](mailto:babitaji@aol.com).

# Fort Massac hosts Christmas event

An Olde Tyme Christmas will be celebrated Sunday, Dec. 10, at Fort Massac State Park in Metropolis.

The holiday season event is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the visitors center at the park.

Visitors will be able to see how a traditional Christmas might have been for a French soldier or villager in 1759.

The Olde Tyme Christmas will feature music, refreshments and decorations.

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**Special friends**  
George Sichling, right, and Paul Trammel, left, reunited at NovaCare Prosthetics and Orthotics in Cape Girardeau after 51 years. Photo provided.

# During special season, two friends meet again for very special reunion

NovaCare Prosthetics and Orthotics in Cape Girardeau has a lot to be thankful for during this season of thanks and sharing gifts.

NovaCare says that one of those reasons – a huge reason – is serving veterans with their needs.

On Monday, Nov. 20, unbeknownst to anyone else, there were two special veterans in their office.

George Sichling of Dongola, a Vietnam veteran who lost his left leg in the war, is a prosthetic patient working with Robert James, CP.

Paul Trammel of Anna, also is a Vietnam veteran, and is an orthotic patient working with Richard Haws, CPO.

The two men met 51 years ago in Vietnam, while serving in the U.S. Army during the war in the Southeast Asian nation.

Trammel had written "Southern Illinois" on his combat helmet. Sichling saw it and began to ask questions.

The two men found out they were from small towns in Illinois that were very close together.

They struck up a friendship, and Trammel would bring his hometown paper, The Gazette-Democrat, to Sichling when his mother sent it to him.

One day, Trammel went to take the paper to Sichling, only to find out his friend had been sent home because he lost his leg.

Trammel had thought and wondered about Sichling throughout the years.

Then, on Nov. 20, Trammel found Sichling in the NovaCare office in Cape Girardeau – and they were reunited after 51 years.

NovaCare Prosthetics and Orthotics shared that the reunion was a heartwarming and overwhelming experience for the men and the staff who witnessed it.

The NovaCare team voiced its gratitude to "George, Paul and all other veterans for their service to the country and to us. We are very thankful to have them as patients."

One member of the NovaCare team shared that seeing the looks on the faces of the two men when they met again "was priceless. It was the most moving experience."

**THANK YOU**  
To Steve Hornbeak & family, Nicky V, all the friends who shared their talent at St. Anne's Saturday evening concert, and to our audience who gave so generously to help maintain Historic St. Anne's Church.

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**December 20**  
Mount Moriah - 7 p.m.  
Advent Midweek Services (with Holy Communion)  
Supper served at 5:30 p.m. preceding each Advent Service

**December 24**  
One worship service at Mount Moriah - 10 a.m.  
Christmas Eve service at Mount Moriah - 6:30 p.m.  
Christmas Eve service at Salem - 9 p.m. (with Holy Communion)

**December 25**  
One worship service at Salem - 9 a.m.  
Salem - 101 E. Market - Jonesboro  
Mount Moriah Lutheran Church - 102 W. Jefferson - Anna



# Obituaries

## Dr. Clide DeWayne Cassity

Dr. Clide DeWayne Cassity, 76, of Palmetto, Fla., died Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017.

He was born on Aug. 20, 1941, in Browning, Mo., the son of Cecil and Lois Cassity. He was one of five children. He was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church in Bradenton, Fla.

He married Sandra K. Maxam on Dec. 21, 1986, in Anna, and they were blessed to enjoy 30 years of marriage together. She preceded him in death.

He loved nothing more than spending time with his grandchildren, watching them grow and attending their various activities. He also enjoyed traveling the world and spending time with friends and family.

Dr. Cassity dedicated his life to education and empowering thousands of students. He earned his undergraduate and master's degree in business education at Truman State University (formerly Northeast Missouri State University) and a doctoral degree in education administration at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo. As director of Pinellas Technical Education Centers in Florida, he helped continue the education of thousands of adult students. He was very proud of his work to extend adult education globally.

He dedicated his life to empowering people through education and leadership. He was incredibly loving, patient and kind, selfless and giving. He touched the lives of everyone he came in contact with.

Survivors include two brothers, Carl (Betty) Cassity of Caldwell, Idaho, and Charles (Charlene) Cassity of Rayville, Mo.; two sisters, Carol McFadden of Birmingham, Ala., and Karen (Mike) Nielsen of St. Peters, Mo.; three sons, Steven Cassity of Joplin, Mo., James (Lisa) Maxam of Charlotte, N.C., and Ryan (Olivia) Maxam of Land O' Lakes, Fla.; one daughter, Clare Cassity of Kirksville, Mo.; one great-aunt, Phyllis June Brooks of Ft. Myers, Fla.; six grandchildren, Alexander and Gretchen Maxam, Ryan Jr. and Brittani Maxam, Kera and Joseph; and one great-grandchild, Draeke.

He was preceded in death by his wife and his parents.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the hour of the service at the funeral home.

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

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

## Mary Elizabeth Belcher-Jackson

Mary Elizabeth Belcher-Jackson, 97, of Anna, died on Nov. 29, 2017, at her home.

She was born on July 10, 1920, in Metropolis, the daughter of Clarence and Mae Colgrove Gillespie Sr.

She married Harry Belcher on Aug. 7, 1940. He preceded her in death on Oct. 14, 1996. Afterwards, she married Leonard Jackson, who also preceded her in death.

She retired from Sears after 26 years. After retirement, she and Harry saw all of the United States and parts of Canada, always taking someone with them to enjoy the same. She loved people and was active in her church at First Baptist Church of Jonesboro. She accepted Jesus at the age of 26 and often said her greatest gift in life was her salvation. She found that his peace and joy was her strength in life. She loved her family with all her heart.

She is survived by her son, Gary Belcher of Anna.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, Harry Belcher and Leonard Jackson; a brother, Clarence Gillespie Jr.; two sisters, Peggy Mallams and Betty Bauer; and a daughter, Dedyra Ann Belcher.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro, with the Rev. Joe Aldridge officiating. Interment was in the Anna City Cemetery in Anna.

Memorials can be made to First Baptist Church of Jonesboro.

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

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

## Ricky Vick

Ricky Vick, 61, of Tamms, died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017, at home in Tamms.

He was born on March 4, 1956, in Cairo, the son of Roy and Martha Foster Vick.

He married Joan Betts on Dec. 27, 1988.

He was a hardworking man. He had worked as a mechanic at Green Implement and was a farmer.

He is survived by his wife, Joan Vick of Tamms; a daughter, Rachel Johnson of Cairo; a son, John Betts of St. Louis; 10 grandchildren; and two sisters, Betty Loila Carroll of Paducah and Loretta Polston of Sesser.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family will hold private services at a later date.

Crain Funeral Home in Tamms is in charge of arrangements.

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# Obituaries Online at annanews.com

## Russell S. Brinker Nancy Carol Brinker

Russell S. Brinker, 85, of Makanda, died Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017, at home.

Nancy Carol Brinker, 84, of Makanda, died Sunday, Nov. 26, 2017, at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

Russell and Nancy were married on Sept. 20, 1952, and shared 65 happy years of marriage together.

Russell was born on May 20, 1932, in Cicero, the son of Frederick and May Vlach Brinker. He served in the U.S. Army, where he earned the rank of PFC. He was awarded the Korean Service Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal and United Nations Service Medal while serving in the armed forces before being honorably discharged.

Upon discharge from the military, he held a few positions in the work force, but his most recent position was as a maintenance supervisor at a local nursing home in Carbondale.

Nancy was born on Aug. 22, 1933, in Warrenville, the daughter of Arthur James and Mildred Ann Stafford Fairbanks. She worked as the activities director and as a nurse's aide at local health care facilities in the Carbondale area.

She also was involved in the First Christian Church in Anna, where she enjoyed singing in the choir and helping with the children's Sunday School classes.

They are survived by one son, Vince Brinker of Lake Butler, Fla.; one daughter, Mary (Allen) Rose of Fallbrook, Calif.; grandchildren Jessica (Jeff) Brinker Camp, Kathy (James) Brinker Ritchey and Erik R. Rose; great-grandchildren Olivia Camp, Jackson, Aden and Emma Ritchey; and many other relatives, neighbors and friends.

Russell and Nancy were both preceded in death by each of their parents.

Graveside services for Russell were at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, at Mound City National Cemetery in Mound City.

Graveside inurnment for Nancy took place at Mound City National Cemetery in Mound City, on Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2017, at 12:30 p.m.

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

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

**Crain Funeral Home**

## Maxine Ridenhour Douglas

Maxine Ridenhour Douglas, 100, of Kansas City, Mo., and formerly of Dongola, died Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2017.

Born on Oct. 16, 1917, in Dongola, she and her husband, Carroll Eugene Douglas, moved to Kansas City after he returned from serving in the Navy during World War II. He preceded her in death on Feb. 11, 1983, after 48 years of married life together.

Maxine R. Douglas was a beautiful, caring, intelligent and giving woman who was dearly loved, admired and respected by all who knew her. She was a great cook, who graciously shared recipes for her world class lasagna, potato soup, banana cream pies and more.

Although an avid reader, she still found time to serve as a PTA president and a Cub Scout leader. While in Dongola, she was active in the Eastern Star and loved playing bridge with her many friends.

Survivors include her son, James Douglas (Betty); daughter Diane Carol Stewart (Mark); granddaughter Dianna Lynn Schuster (Randy); grandsons Michael James McMillin (Chris), Jeffrey Jon McMillin (Angel), Michael Lee Douglas Jr. (Beth); seven great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Her parents Harry and Ruth (Walker) Ridenhour preceded her in death, as well as her son, Michael L. Douglas Sr., granddaughter Mary Elizabeth Douglas, brother Harold Ridenhour (Laverne), and sisters Betty Lou Grear (John), Anita Severs (Don) and Joanne Ridenhour.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at the American Legion Cemetery in Dongola. Confirmation of services was pending family travel.

Crain Funeral Home in Dongola is in charge of local arrangements.

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

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## Donn S. Miller

Donn S. Miller, 75, of Tamms, and formerly of Cairo, died Sunday, Nov. 26, 2017, at 6:37 a.m. in Cairo at Asperion Care.

He was born on July 17, 1942, in Cairo, the son of Charles H. and Alice Marie Sterrett Miller.

He was a graduate of Cairo High School and retired from the U.S. Postal Service. He was an avid bicyclist and considered himself a philosopher and social critic.

He is survived by his brother, John Miller (fiancee Frances Comte) of Olive Branch; his companion, Amanda Ford of Tamms; special friend Mitch Haskins of West Mounds; numerous friends and acquaintances in the Alexander County area, as well as his many canine friends who kept him company.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, at Green Lawn Memorial Gardens.

Memorials can be made to PAWS.

Crain Funeral Home in Tamms is in charge of arrangements.

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

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## Lawrence R. ‘Sandy’ Johnston

Lawrence R. “Sandy” Johnston, 71, of Jonesboro, died Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017, at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

He was born on July 13, 1946, in Union County, the son of Claude “HI” and Gladys M. Lacey Johnston.

He married Kay (Clayton) on April 12, 1968, in Simpson.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Kay Johnston of Jonesboro; a daughter, Kim Johnston of Vienna; a sister, Sharlet Evans of Anna; a sister-in-law, Jeanne Clayton of Simpson; other family and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and by a brother-in-law, Glen Evans.

He was of the Christian faith. He was retired from Lewis Brothers Bakery, working many years as a route salesman. He was an avid sports fan, especially L.A. Dodgers baseball. He served on the Jonesboro City Council and was a precinct committeeman. He will be missed by his coffee friends at McDonald's.

Funeral services for Mr. Johnston were at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with the Rev. Paul Sadler officiating. Interment was in the Gilead Cemetery in Simpson.

Memorials can be made to the United Methodist Church in Anna.

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

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

## Michael Knight

Michael Knight, 70, of Anna, died at 8:01 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2017, at his home.

He was born on March 9, 1947, in Christopher, the son of Raymond James and Helen Marlene Eddings Knight.

He married Linda Sue Schimdt in Elgin. She preceded him in death in 1991.

He is survived by two brothers, Dale Knight and David Knight, both of Anna; one sister, Dawn (Gary) Roach of Anna; many nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Charles Raymond Knight; and one sister, Marilyn Sue Bird.

He enjoyed riding motorcycles and cared dearly for his dogs.

Funeral services for Michael Knight will be held privately by his family at a later date.

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

**RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES**  
Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro is in charge of arrangements.

## Reynoldsville News

by Sue Eudy

Danielle and Jamie Shepard of Marble Hill, Mo., and Chris Smiddy of Cape Girardeau visited with Dorothy Smiddy of Reynoldsville.

Jessie and Rhiannon Livesay of Wolf Lake, Alma Linson of Jonesboro and Barb and Edwin Livesay of Anna were recent visitors with Jack and Dolores Reynolds.

Jack Reynolds and Greg Reynolds of Reynoldsville attended a big tractor sale in Perryville, Mo., on Saturday.

Alma Linson and Shirley Miller of McClure enjoyed eating out in Cape Girardeau on Saturday. After lunch they visited with Doris Sims at Chateau Cape Girardeau.

Shirley Miller and Vivian Bennett of McClure enjoyed lunch at Dairy Queen in Anna on Sunday. That afternoon they attended the Tree of Remembrance in Murphysboro hosted by Crain Funeral Home.

Sue and Steve Eudy enjoyed lunch on Friday at Delmonico's in Jackson, Mo.

Sunday dinner guests of Sue and Steve Eudy were Kevin and Emma Eudy of Jackson, Mo., Jonathan Bohnert of Cape Girardeau and Ryan Wachter of Jonesboro.

Reynoldsville Missionary Baptist Church will be having their annual Thanksgiving/Christmas meal on Sunday night, Dec. 10, at 6 p.m. Bring a covered dish (optional) and join us in celebrating these holidays with our church family. All are welcome.

Sue Eudy of Anna visited Saturday with Ervina Johnson of Jonesboro.

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

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Local couple celebrates 60th anniversary

A local couple is celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on Dec. 7. The family shared the following story: “60 years ago, Judy Fuller and Gary Keller ran away to Booneville, Miss., and so began their life story. Four years later, they were blessed with twin daughters Tami and Toni, and later a wonderful son-in-law, Rusty, joined the family. Throughout the years, six beautiful grandchildren came along: Jordi, Ellie, Joseph, Sydne, Eric and Bea; and then came two fantastic grandsons-in-law, Chad and Kyle. Two precious great-grandchildren, Kellen and Lucas, with a third one, Beckett, just days away, have been a blessed addition to our ever-growing family. How lucky can two people be?” Photos provided.



Joel Poinsett introduced poinsettia to United States

No flower says Christmas like the poinsettia, according to Ron Wolford, a University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator.

Wolford shares some facts, and dispels some misconceptions, about this traditional Christmas plant.

Poinsettias are part of the Euphorbiaceae or spurge family.

Botanically, the plant is known as Euphorbia pulcherrima.

Joel Roberts Poinsett introduced the poinsettia plant to the United States from Mexico.

Poinsett was a botanist, physician and the first United States ambassador to Mexico.

Poinsettias are not poisonous. A study at The Ohio State University showed that a 50-pound child would have to eat more than 500 leaves to have any harmful effect.

However, you might want to keep your pets from snacking on poinsettia leaves. Eating the leaves can cause vomiting and diarrhea.

Many plants in the Euphorbiaceae family ooze a milky sap.

Some people with latex allergies have had skin reactions, most likely to the sap, after touching the leaves. For pets, the poinsettia sap can cause mild irritation or nausea.

The best approach is to keep pets away from the plant, especially puppies and kittens.

Who would want to eat poinsettia leaves anyway? They are reported to have an awful taste.

The showy colored parts of poinsettias that most people think of as the flowers are colored “bracts,” otherwise known as modified or specialized leaves.

Because of their red color, poinsettias have been called the lobster flower and the flame-leaf flower.

In Mexico, the poinsettia is a perennial shrub that will grow 10 to 15 feet tall.

There are more than 100 varieties of poinsettias available today. Poinsettias come in colors like red, white, pink, burgundy, yellow, apricot, marbled and speckled.

Dec. 12 is Poinsettia Day, which marks the death of Joel Roberts Poinsett in 1851.

Holiday season wreath can be created from variety of fresh greenery

Decorative wreaths are a popular favorite during the holiday season. A holiday wreath adds color, interest and a festive focal point inside or outside a home.

“A wreath can be made from a variety of fresh greenery,” says Andrew Holsinger, a University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator.

“Some of the plant material used for your wreath may even be found in your own landscape.”

When creating a holiday wreath with fresh plant material, remember that gathering the live mate-

rial is actually pruning the plant, and proper cutting techniques are necessary.

Be sure to distribute the cuts evenly around the plant to preserve its natural form and beauty.

“Pines, firs and cedars hold up well for indoor uses,” Holsinger says.

“Just like Christmas trees, these evergreen materials will dry out slowly over time.”

A wreath placed outdoors may last for several weeks and those with many broadleaf evergreens actually will last longer if used outdoors. A few nice,

needed choices for outdoor wreaths are spruces or hemlock.

Don’t be disappointed if you don’t have the selection of plant material in your landscape, Holsinger says.

Typically, many florists and garden centers have adequate supplies, but contact them as early as possible to find the best choices. A difficult growing season sometimes results in some shortages.

“Caution should be used when decorating with plant materials inside the home,” says Holsinger.

“Poisonous berries can be found on yews, mistletoe, holly plants and many others.”

The leaves of yew are particularly toxic. Keep all these plants out of the reach of children and pets. Never place fresh greenery near heat sources such as heat vents, space heaters, sunny windows or open flames such as candles and fireplaces.

Proper care of plant material will keep your wreath looking great from the start.

Holly branches will need protection from freezing temperatures after cutting, otherwise the leaves and berries may blacken.

Use outer tips of branches since they are often the most visually appealing and offer the best uniformity in appearance.

Holsinger also provides some recommendations for the preservation and use of greenery.

“When selecting greenery from your landscape be sure to use sharp cutters and immediately put the cut ends into water until ready to use,” he says.

When preparing the cuttings, keep the greenery out of sunlight. Prepare the cuttings to be consistent lengths to arrange around the frame of the wreath.

Maintain balance in your wreath by using uniform bundles of plant material as you secure them to the wreath frame.

In addition to green materials, use other plant materials to decorate your wreath. These add color and texture.

Some popular choices are dried hydrangea blooms, pinecones or reindeer moss.

Student, teacher honored

Michael Bigler, owner of the Goosehead Insurance agency in Anna, has recognized a November student athlete and teacher of the month in Anna School District 37. Photos provided.



The student athlete for the month is Ethan Ames, who is in 8th grade. Ethan received a \$50 gift card from Dick’s Sporting Goods.



The teacher of the month is Tammy Smith. Tammy teaches kindergarten. She received a \$50 gift card to Blue Boar.

Pierce first president to have Christmas tree in White House

Ron Wolford, University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator, shares these Christmas tree facts that are sure to spruce up your yuletide knowledge.

Christmas trees are grown in all 50 states as well as Canada.

The average growing time for a Christmas tree is seven years.

A total of 350 million Christmas trees are growing on Christmas tree farms in the United States.

Some 25 million to 30 million real Christmas trees are sold in the United States each year.

There are 4,000 local Christmas tree recycling programs throughout the United States.

In 1856 Franklin Pierce, the 14th president of the United States, was the first president to place a Christmas tree in the White House.

Thomas Edison’s assistant, Edward Johnson, came up with the idea of electric lights for Christmas trees

in 1882.

Christmas tree lights were first mass-produced in 1890.

The tradition of an official Chicago Christmas tree was started in 1913 when Mayor Carter H. Harrison lit the first one in Grant Park.

From 1887 to 1933 a fishing schooner called the Christmas Ship would tie up at the Clark Street Bridge in Chicago and sell spruce trees from Michigan to Chicagoans.

Since 1971, the Province of Nova Scotia has presented the Boston Christmas tree to the people of Boston. This gesture is in gratitude for the relief supplies Boston sent after a ship exploded in 1917 in the Halifax, Nova Scotia Harbor, leveling parts of the city and killing or injuring thousands.

In 1979, the National Christmas Tree was not lit except for the top ornament. This was done to honor the American hostages in Iran.

State of Illinois prices \$750 million in bonds

The State of Illinois on Nov. 29 priced \$750 million in new money general obligation bonds for 2018 capital expenditures.

Bond proceeds will be used to fund major capital construction projects and finance information technology projects.

The general obligation bonds were priced competitively in two separate bids.

A \$655 million series of December 2017A fixed-rate bonds with a final maturity in 2042 will be used to fund major capital construction projects.

The 2017A bonds received eight bids and the bonds were awarded to Bank of America Merrill Lynch with a true interest cost of 4.33 percent.

A \$95 million series of December 2017B fixed rate bonds with a final maturity in 2027 will be used to finance information technology projects.

The 2017B bonds received 10 bids and the bonds were awarded to Bank of America Merrill Lynch with a true interest cost of 3.71 percent.

The governor’s office reported that the bond issue has an all-in borrowing cost for the combined series of 4.29 percent.

The bonds are being issued as fully tax-exempt from federal taxation and are rated BBB by Fitch Ratings, Baa3 by Moody’s Investors Service and BBB-minus by S&P Global.

News from First Christian Church, Anna

“Why Communion?” was the title of the sermon preached by Senior Minister Dee Armes on Sunday, Dec. 3.

The message shared that “sacred things of God should be treated with reverence and respect. The Lord’s Supper is just as sacred, and the reason for that is because Jesus instituted it.”

Birthdays: Doug DeVore, Dec. 1; Taylor Harvel, Dec. 8.

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

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

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

Cobden Elementary honors readers

Cobden Elementary School has honored students who reached their goals in November in the school-wide Accelerated Reading program.

Students are required to read books and to take comprehension tests on a computer to achieve their points. Photos provided.



100 Point Club: Alyssa Fabian.



50 Point Club: Autumn Mosley, Brooke Mosley, Natalie Franklin and Autumn Ebersohl.



25 Point Club: In the first row are Layla West, Lucy Brehm and Selena Flores. In the second row are Zaira Uribe, Clarence Royster, Amelia Long, Naomi Stone and James Eagle. In the third row are Ava Rothweiler, Tommy Quertermous, Adrianna Caraker, Daniel Tomas, Madeline Merriman, Ana Rafael and Kingston Kuhn. Kennadi Ellis could not be present for the picture.



# THE GAZETTE-DEMOCRAT

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## Union County 4-Her creates special angel tree for holiday season project

Kim Adams has a 4-H community project that she is doing during December.

Kim wanted to create an angel tree in the shape of an ice cream cone because it was going to be set up at Jus10's Frozen Yogurt in downtown Anna.

Kim said she wanted a child to have a "sweet" Christmas.

After going on Facebook to see who we could benefit, a friend of her mother's reached out to Heather Newman to see if something could be done for her family.

She agreed and Kim loved the idea of helping this little boy and his mom.

Kim's tree was put up on Wednesday, Nov. 22, at Jus10's.

Each sprinkle on it has an item that someone can purchase and bring back to put in the donation box.

Gifts can be wrapped or unwrapped. If anyone wants to give a monetary donation, they can put it in the tip jar at Jus10's.

Bryan and Mary K Miller, owners of Jus10's, have said that all tips collected while the tree is up will go



**Sweet project**  
Union County 4-Her Kim Adams has created a unique project to help a child to have a "sweet" Christmas.

to the family. Donations will be accepted through Dec 21. On Dec. 22, the donations

will be gathered, unwrapped gifts will be wrapped and then delivered to the Newman family.

## Southern Illinois Flute Choir fall concert set in Carbondale

The Southern Illinois Flute Choir plans to present a fall concert Friday night, Dec. 8, in Carbondale.

The concert is set for 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, which is located at 214 W. Main St. Admission is free.

The choir is under the artistic direction of Dr. Douglas Worthen and assistant conductor Rachel Alessio.

The ensemble includes the complete range of flute voices: contrabass, bass, alto, C flute and piccolo.

Members come from throughout Southern Illinois and the Southern Illinois University community to rehearse weekly, with the goal to provide a unique musical experience for the general public through semi-annual concerts.

A special feature at Friday night's concert will be the premier of the junior flute choir, whose members are middle school through high school students from communities throughout Southern Illinois.

The upcoming concert

works of the flute choir include "A Night on Bald Mountain" by Mussorgsky and "Symphony No. 3, mvt 2 – Andantino con moto" by Sibelius.

The junior choir will play the traditional carol "I Wonder As I Wander" and "In Nomine I & II" by Thomas Tallis.

As a finale, the choirs will join together to close the concert with traditional Christmas carols.

For more information about the choirs, visit [siflutes.org](http://siflutes.org).



### CELEBRATING THE BICENTENNIAL OF ILLINOIS

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

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

### ILLINOIS – THE BICENTENNIAL STATE

Some local people may remember the Sesquicentennial, or 150th anniversary of Illinois becoming a state. That was in 1968. The people of this area had great fun celebrating the event that year. This next year, 2018, we will be celebrating the 200th anniversary, or the bicentennial of Illinois.

Looking back to the six years leading up to 1818, the whole southern end of the Illinois Country was one huge county. It was called Johnson County; it had been established while Illinois was just a territory of the United States, back in 1812. Johnson County's eastern border was the Ohio River and its western border was the Mississippi River, which had less than ten years previously been the western border of the United States. Johnson County extended north to include present day Carbondale and Marion. Most of the population of the Illinois Territory was in what we call Southern Illinois.

Ed and Diane Annable have written a book to coincide with the bicentennial year of Illinois – *Six Years in the Illinois Territory, 1812 – 1818, When Johnson County Spanned River to*

*River*. They have invested many years of research to be able to present this to the people of Southern Illinois.

The book, written in short story format, recalls events that led up to Johnson County's formation and some accounts of the people who came to settle here. An Indian massacre, pirates and horse thieves are among the stories. Although illegal, slavery existed in Johnson County, as well as across the Illinois Territory.

That six-year period saw the growth of the territory. There were men that began to talk of moving from a lowly territory to becoming a state. One of the most prominent men in this movement was Nathaniel Pope Cook, for which a county was later named. The process moved much more rapidly than most people thought possible. Two hurdles had to be overcome – a constitution and meeting the population requirement.

By the end of 1818, Johnson County had been split into the following counties: Johnson, Pope, Union, and the future Alexander County. That part north of Union became a part of Jackson County. Men from these new counties that had once formed the Old Johnson County, helped to write the first constitution of Illinois.

One item that was contentious was the issue of slavery. Under an earlier

agreement, or ordinance, the territory of Illinois could not join the union of states as a slave state. There were those who were pro-slavery and those against it. The pro-slavery group decided to wait until Illinois became a state, then they would change the constitution to allow slavery.

A second hurdle was the population issue. Certain numbers had to be met before the territory could become a state. Seeing that the population numbers would fall short, those in charge of a special census saw fit to use a little fancy pencil work in order to meet that requirement.

Two hundred years ago, Illinois became the twenty-first state in the Union and the people of Old Johnson County played a large roll in that process.

During 2018, Ed and Diane have agreed to write an article each week for this newspaper. These articles will sometimes be borrowing information from their book to present the history of the local area during the six year period prior to Illinois becoming a state.

*Don't miss next week, December 14th*

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## Anna-Jo Garden Club meets; to plant bicentennial trees

The Anna-Jo Garden Club met Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 14, at the United Methodist Church in Anna.

The regular meeting was called to order by club president Shari Sweeney. The pledges to the flags were said and roll call was taken. Members responded to the roll by sharing a garden chore they actually enjoy.

Hosts were Linda Karkner, Tom Sadowski, Tammy Loomis, Marge Selinger and Mary Light.

The Sunshine Committee's members reported that they visited the Jonesboro nursing home in November.

The club approved the

purchase of a sound system.

Eleven club members went to a district meeting, which was well attended, with 95 people all over the district present.

The club discussed an Epoma grant, liability insurance for club events, the club's December Christmas luncheon meeting and suggestions for speakers and field trips for 2018.

The club decided to plant two trees: one for the Union County bicentennial on Jan. 7 and one for the Illinois bicentennial.

Club members with November birthdays included

Brenda Tripp and Dana Griffith.

On Nov. 10, a ceremony was held to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the club's Blue Star marker. The ceremony was held at the Anna-Jo Garden Club Park in Anna. Linda Clutts shared pictures from 20 years ago when the marker was dedicated by the club.

The club plans to have a Christmas luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 12.

The club's next regular meeting is set for 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018, at the United Methodist Church in Anna.

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News from

# Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

On the first Sunday of Advent, Pastor Mark said “Advent is a season of waiting, but we’re not just waiting for Christmas. We’re ‘waiting’ for Jesus!” He said, “Christmas is not just a Christian celebration, but a time to put Jesus into your life and keep Him there.”

Mt. Moriah’s prayer list includes those in need of healing: Karen Toler, Will Eidson, Beth Martin, Alma Osterholm, Edward Becker, Daniel Seddon, Gladys Freeze, Jill Bell, Ed Lee, Gary Davis, Adalee Davie, Paula Keistler, Betty Brown, Paul Wittke, Bobbie Adams, Denise Garner, Natalie Wood, Jim Dallas, Bob Manus, Spencer Hammond, Nancy Ljerla and David Stanley Jr., Jim Clark, Kenny Roach, Pam Wheaton and Ron Tomme. Prayer was offered for those grieving for Kathy Hill Stevens, JoAnn Wahlstrom and Irene Becker. Gratitude was extended to Mt. Moriah and Salem church members who participated as bell ringers on Dec. 2. Members plan to do so again on Dec. 23. Proceeds from the annual red kettle fund raiser will go to the Union County Alliance of Churches for local assistance projects.

The Share and Care tree is up in the church entryway. Members are encouraged to give a gift of love by placing caps, mittens, scarves or sox on the tree. Items gathered will be given to children of the area who are in need of them. A special evening of contemporary music took place at Salem Lutheran Church on Saturday, Dec. 2. The event was planned especially for young people, but people of all ages enjoyed the music. Organizers report a rewarding evening and plan to continue the music event on first Saturday nights at Salem.

The annual Mt. Moriah Ladies Christmas gathering is planned Dec. 12 at the

# Walnut Grove Church

On the first Sunday of Advent at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church, Sandy lit the altar candles during the musical prelude.

The Advent liturgy, with scripture from Isaiah, was read by Diana Ward and Kathy Wills. The first Advent candle, representing hope was lit.

The church also had a Christmas tree lighting ceremony with the blessing of the tree.

Pastor Bobbi Shultz read scripture from Mark and she talked about how “we await the second coming of Christ during Advent. We anticipate and we hope for the fulfillment of God’s plan. We stand in the dark and hope for the light.”

The congregation presented Pastor Bobbi with a Christmas card and gift.

Prayers were requested for Jodi Murphy, the Rev. Roger Russell and his wife Carol and their family, and Lucky Morgan’s family.

The congregation and Pastor Bobbi read “The Banquet of Hopeful Expectation,” and then shared in the Advent communion during the Eucharist service.

The next church ladies lunch is planned at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 8, at Diana Ward’s home.

A monthly music night is planned at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 13. All musicians are welcome to come and practice or play music. Listeners are welcome, too.

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

News from

# Anna Nazarene Church

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

Special music was provided by Abby Barlow, with Curly Ralls, T.J. Macy, Mark Smith and Terry Wiseman Sr. serving as ushers.

The morning message, “Making the Future Less Scary,” was brought by Pastor McBride from Esther.

The message shared that “because of what Jesus has done we don’t have to fear the future of death.”

Music for the Sunday evening worship service was led by guests Gary and Stacy DeHarpert, accompanied by Daniel Cohen on the violin.

Special music was provided by Stanley and Marilyn Elkins, with Curly Ralls and Jason Elkins serving as ushers.

The evening message, “Holiday or Holyday,” was brought by Pastor McBride from Mark.

The message shared that “as Advent begins let’s reflect if we celebrate a holi-

day or a holy day. Is Advent a time to get into the holiday spirit or a time to prepare for an encounter with the Holy One? Let’s remember that God came wrapped in humility and He desires our lives to be wrapped in holiness. To take on a new look, a new value, a new direction. Let’s anticipate an encounter with the holy one this Advent season.”

Birthdays and anniversaries: Dec. 4, Peacelyn Benefield; Dec. 5, Jon Vicenzi; Dec. 8, Leonard Sadler; Dec. 9, Jeanette Fuller.

A Christmas open house is planned at the parsonage from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Dec. 9.

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

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

News from

# First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

The guest speaker on Sunday, Dec. 3, was Tony Auxier, who is the CCBA’s director of missions. His message was titled “Filled with Grace.” The message was based on scripture from Luke.

Interim music director Dee Rose led worship. Connor Benbrook provided special music.

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

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

A school ministry meeting is planned at 9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 8.

As a gift to the community, the church’s annual Christmas concert and meal are planned Saturday, Dec. 9.

The meal begins at 5:30 p.m. A concert, “The Greatest Story Ever Told,” is

planned at 6:15 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 10, is the Day of Giving for Lot-tie Moon. “The Greatest Story Ever Told” will be presented during the morning worship service, which begins at 10 a.m.

Birthday: Rhonda Boyd, Dec. 4.

Anniversary: James and Sue Clary, 60 years on Dec. 6.

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

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

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# Page from the Past

## From the files of The Gazette-Democrat

### 50 Years Ago, December 7, 1967

This Saturday, December 9, is a very important day in the lives of most of the citizens of the Shawnee Junior College District, which comprises Union, Pulaski, Alexander, Massac and all but the northwest corner of Johnson and the Grand Tower and Pomona communities of Jackson County.

This day is most important due to the fact that voters will go to the polls to elect a seven man board of directors for the newly created Shawnee Junior College. Polls will be open on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.

Over 160 Chamber of Commerce members, their wives and guests attended the Annual Ladies Night held at the Community Center on Monday evening, Dec. 4, and enjoyed the delicious dinner and entertainment.

All over the county, it is beginning to look a lot like Christmas. The streets of Anna are beautifully decorated and the lights shine brightly each evening. The tree in the Illinois Central lot welcomes visitors to Anna, with its traditional green and red lights.

A large number of persons attended the Sesquicentennial meeting held last Thursday, Nov. 30, at the Stinson Memorial Library. It was agreed to select three representatives from each community as a Board of Directors of the Union County Sesquicentennial. Joe Thomas was elected president, George Edwin Parks secretary and Alfred Bishop treasurer.

Within the past nine days, the Union County area has experienced all types of weather, including lightning, thunder, rain, sleet and snow. The high for this period was 58 on Saturday, Dec. 2, with a low of 22 recorded on Tuesday, Nov. 28.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Civil Defense held Monday evening, Dec. 4, at the Emergency Operating Center, recently well trained Shelter Managers were assigned to all the major shelters in the Anna-Jonesboro area.

The Anna-Jonesboro Wildcats started their 1967-68 basketball season Friday night at A-J, but were defeated by the Meridian Bobcats 53-28.

From the Alto Pass Happenings: The Alto Pass Schools will have a Christmas program December 18 at the High School.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017

The summary must be published in the local newspaper.

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by December 1, annually. Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact:

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Also by January 15, annually the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017, will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website@ [www.isbe.net](http://www.isbe.net).

SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2017

		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	468,074	118,289	0	31,588	96,395	0	7,850	91,655	7,850
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0		0	0				
State Sources	3000	1,358,913	147,056	0	78,699	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	259,114	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		2,086,101	265,345	0	110,287	96,395	0	7,850	91,655	7,850
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		2,099,317	264,573	0	174,651	105,640	223,259		57,678	2,635
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2016		26,644	31,908	51,553	43,960	62,955	385,534	420,659	11,093	0
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2017		13,428	32,680	51,553	(20,404)	53,710	162,275	428,509	45,070	5,215

SALARY SCHEDULE OF GROSS PAYMENTS FOR CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL AND NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

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GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000	Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999	Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999	Salary Range: 60,000 - \$89,999	Salary Range: \$90,000 and over
MILLIE ANDERSON JACKIE COLE BRENDA HOGUE BETHANY MCPHERSON DANIEL RICE JANET BARRETT JESSICA ANN COLEMAN JERRY HUNTER TERESA MOWERY SYGA ROBINSON MARLIN BURD LOUIS GASTON KALEB MAPLES JARED NEWMAN DEBORAH WILLIAMSON	JENNIFER ANDERSON REBECCA BRACKEN NIKKI BURROWS LORNA FERGUSON LARRY HACKETHAL BETHANY HELF SALINA HILLIARD REBECCA WASHINGTON AMY WILLIAMS BARB WOOLARD	SALLY CASEY CONNIE GOSNELL PRESTON HALL SUSAN KAUFMAN BARBARA LAYMAN KATHY MCCLELLAN PAMELA MORRIS SHERRY PARR CAROLINE PRICE	JOHN F GODDARD	DR. PAIGE MAGINEL

GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

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**Payments over \$2,500, excluding wages and salaries.**

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BREHM PREP SCHOOL		92,281	
CAIRO PUBLIC UTILITY		19,576	
CHESTER DAIRY		12,682	
CLEARWAVE		3,015	
COMMON GOAL		4,907	
CRS		61,552	
CHRIS CUNDIFF		9,767	
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DONGOLA REVOLVING FUND		20,971	
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PEARSON		5,513	
PRAIRE STATE INSURANCE		43,219	
PRESIDIO		15,840	
REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION		2,507	

<u>Person, Firm, or Corporation</u>		<u>Aggregate Amount</u>
REGIONAL VOC. SYSTEM		3,478.00
RENAISSANCE LEARNING		5,366.75
REPPERTS OFFICE SUPPLY		4,723.40
REPUBLIC SERVICE		4,906.97
JENNIFER RIDER		12,349.12
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TRS		118,124.05
UNION COUNTY COUNSELING		3,500.00
VILLAGE OF DONGOLA		4,333.00
WHTIE AND BORGOGNONI		12,699.00
WRIGHTWAY TRANSPORTATION		35,990.00



# 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.



Scout Crew 7751 from Choate collected 158 food items during Scouting for Food. All of the food was donated to the Shawnee Alliance Food Bank. The scouts were proud to do this service project.

## Cairo Trip

Diana Moutell, Ariana Moutell and Shad Turner attended the Magnolia Manor annual holiday luncheon Dec. 2, in Cairo.

They enjoyed the meal, especially the bread pudding. They also enjoyed the magnificent holiday decorations, as well as the beauty of the mansion and its furnishings.

They also visited Riverlore and the Mound City National Cemetery.

Magnolia Manor is a postbellum mansion built in 1872 by the Galigher family. Riverlore was built by the Halliday family in 1865.

Mound City National Cemetery is one of the oldest national cemeteries in the United States. It was established after the Civil War.

## Kansas Guests

Guests of Bob and Barbara Treece arriving Nov. 26 for a three day visit were Bob's brother and his wife, Joe and Leslie Treece, from Wichita, Kan. They had a great visit and it was good to see familiar faces from out of town.

## Trip

Rick and Wanda Dillow visited family in North Carolina.

## Guests

Carlene Tripp's recent guests were her daughter and husband, Dana and Bill Betlinski of Mineral Point, Wis. They were on their way to visit their son Justin, daughter-in-law Heather and grandson Hunter in Asheville, N.C.

## Thanksgiving Trip

Jane Bauer and Pat Fahlberg motored together for a Thanksgiving trip.

Jane dropped Pat at Morris to spend Thanksgiving with her sister and family and Jane went to St. John, Ind., to spend Thanksgiving with her sister and family, Judy and Roger Anderson.

There were 15 family members present for dinner at the home of Judy and Roger with all of their four grown children and two grandchildren.

The center of attraction was their new great-granddaughter Lilly Anna London, who was just born a couple of days before. It was beautiful weather.

## Red Hat Ladies

The Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies will have their Christmas dinner party in Vienna at the Vienna Diner that used to be Dolly's Dec. 20 at 11 a.m. Everyone welcome. Bring an exchange gift if you would like to be

in the exchange.

## Art Show

Marie Samuel attended the reception of her friend at the art show at the Harrisburg library.

## Thanksgiving Guests

Guests of Mary and Carolyn Light were Jason, Darla, Cheyenne and Shaylee Lingle, Juan and Barbara Hash, Michael and Maxine Pixley, Dusty and Lacey Davis, and children Carter, Sawyer and Janice Davis, Lee and Betty Light, Lou Curdie, Bobbie Stevens, Dale and Donna Treece.

## Trip

I heard from my friend Connie Wilson Kesler, who lives in Florida and is formerly of Anna. She will spend Christmas in Houston, Texas, with her daughter LeAnn.

## Calling America Back to God

Thursday, tonight at 6 p.m. meeting at Anna Heights Baptist Church.

## Birthdays

Dec. 1, Cheryl Stamp, Bradley Casper, Kristy Gardner, Jr. Oliver, 2 Brad Watkins, Ashley Massey, Janice Plemon, Ricky Borders, Crystal Garland, Amy Howell, 3 Bob Bennett, 6 James Wilde, 9 Steve Shepherd, Wanda Dillow, 11 Jonah Watkins, 12 Rose Nevels, 14 Sue Ann Zimmerman, 16 Olivia Hand, 19 Amber Belcher, Muriel Zachary, 22 Natalie Shasteen 27 Boyd LaFoon, 31 Leah Goins.

## Anniversaries

Nov. 27 Cheryl and Mark Strahm, Dec. 2 Lana Kay and Roger Glasco, 12 Don and Elaine Thady, Eric and Cassandra Watkins, 17 Bud and Rose Nevels, 28 Thomas and Sylvia Maske.

## 9th Birthday

Justin Smith celebrated his birthday with his mother Diana, dad Nathan and sister Amber in Springfield.

## Guest

Betty Warden stopped by to see me and surprised me with a beautiful Red Hat Lady plate.

I really appreciated it. Knowing how sentimental I am it will always have a special place in my heart because she said it belonged to her aunt. It was like a plate I had been looking for several years. I was sorry to hear her husband Leon broke his shoulder. Please keep him in your prayers.

## Missouri Trip

Brenda Allen enjoyed a trip to Southern Missouri to have Thanksgiving dinner with her dad John Paul Allen.

## Auditions

The Anna Arts Center is having auditions for its spring production, "Scenes From Pooh," from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 27-28. The production will be April 26-29.

The reason for the early auditions is to give Cindy Wright, the costumer, a head start.

Dr. Lynn Steveson has compiled the script from the original Winnie the Pooh books. She will also direct. The production is not a musical, and it is not based on any Walt Disney materials.

This will be an all child production. Students from grades 4 through high school may audition. Main roles will be double cast to give more people a chance to participate. There is no preparation needed to audition.

If there is bad weather on those two days, audition dates will be moved. There will be no early auditions. Rehearsals will begin in late February.

## United Methodist Church, Anna

Christmas cantata "Lamb of Bethlehem" will be Sunday, Dec. 10, at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Sunday morning, Dec. 3, Rev. Carl Johnston's sermon was Once in a Lifetime with gospel lesson from Luke.

Holy Communion was taken.



Back Porch Company presented special music at Carols at Candlelight at historic St. Anne's Church Sunday evening. Back Porch Company includes Warren and Carla Anderson, Stuart Anderson, Richard Johnson and narrator Kay Johnson.

Special music was "Gesu Bambino" Julia Hall, voice, Clayton Bridgeman, viola, accompanied by Carla Anderson. Clayton Bridgeman also played his viola at the offering.

The lighting of the first Advent candle was by the youth.

Carolyn Dammann celebrated her birthday Sunday.

Thursday, Dec. 7, at 6:30 p.m., there will be a special service for those who can not make worship service on Sunday morning.

Friday, Dec. 8, is game night.

## Anna VFW

Thursday, Dec. 7, is Pearl Harbor Day, a day that will live in the hearts of Americans forever.

The auxiliary will have a cookie/candy exchange and the ugly sock exchange at 6 p.m. Dec. 7. Bring six dozen of your favorite cookies or candy and a tin to take goodies home in and they will all exchange the goodies. Then if you want bring a pair of socks, one of them stuffed with lip balm, lotions, etc., and the other filled with candies. They will draw and see what everyone ends up with.

Saturday, Dec. 9, at 5 p.m. is the Christmas dinner. The post provides the meal and auxiliary members bring a dessert. Peggy will be there with her Star Karaoke from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

## United Missionary Baptist Church

Annual Christmas Bazaar will be Saturday, Dec. 9, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Clear Creek Association building. All proceeds go to foreign missions.

## Anna Star Chapter

The Anna Eastern Star meets on the first and third Thursday of each month, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge near the Anna City Park.

## State Retirees Meeting

AFSCME Retirees Chapter 90 will not have a meeting in December.

Todd Vincent won the November door prize.

Shawna Rhine, sales and promotions manager for WIBH, thanked everyone for their donation to the Coats for Kids.

## Free Community Dinners

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

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

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

## Military Prayer List

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



Olivia, Angela, Graham and Brent Santa Gordon were at Christmas in Downtown Anna.



Special music "Gesu Bambino" was presented by Julia Hall, voice, and Clayton Bridgeman, viola, at the United Methodist Church in Anna Sunday morning.

## Branson Trip

An Anna Heights Church group of 12 enjoyed three days and two nights in Branson, Mo., last week.

They saw wonderful shows, including the No. 1 Hits of the '60's show and Dublin Irish Tenors and Celtic Ladies in which Brian Caraker performs. Brian is a 2003 graduate of A-J High School.

They also saw beautiful drive through Christmas lights, The Miracle of Christmas and Raiding the Country Vault.

## Thanksgiving Trip

Bob and Betty Caraker had a beautiful six day trip to their daughter's home in Alabama for Thanksgiving. Beautiful weather all week. Lots of shopping, lots of good eating.



John A. Logan College Historical Village: Shown at left is historical village docent Marie Samuel with village gardeners Richard and Ruie Whitecotton of Lake of Egypt. They were a few of the costumed volunteers who were greeting over 200 area visitors and sharing information about the village and historical artifacts there at the Dec. 3 annual Christmas Stroll. Guests were entertained by both vocal and instrumental music, given samples of locally grown cotton and plants, shopped a silent auction of donated items and served refreshments. Marie helped youth color a page drawn by Nathan Darling, who illustrated a coloring book of buildings in the village.

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Lee, Ashley and children Emily and Zack Massey enjoyed Christmas in Downtown Anna.



Friends Janna Harner and Olivia Gordon sang at St. Anne's Church for Christmas in Downtown Anna.



Ariana Moutell and Shad Turner were at the annual holiday luncheon at Magnolia Manor in Cairo.





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by Geof Skinner

Well, I suppose that we've been doing this long enough that what you are seeing could be considered a tradition.

December has arrived, which means that yet another year is rapidly coming to an end. With that mind, I hope you folks will humor me, again.

This week, I'm going to share some of my favorite critter pictures from 2017. The pictures were taken here...and there...and all in Union County.

This week, various two-legged, four-legged and six-legged creatures which call our little corner of Southern Illinois home are featured. Next week, if all goes as planned, squirrels will take center stage.

Then, during the final two weeks of December, if, again, all goes as planned, there's a bit of a "treat" in store. Stay tuned...

Hope you like the pictures. As always, thank you for taking a look at these musings and pics...



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