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## News

### Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

Happy New Year to all of our readers.

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Again this year, we ask that if you plan to celebrate on New Year's Eve, please do not drink and drive.

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We hope that everybody had a very, merry Christmas.

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The Union County Board of Commissioners has approved a budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. The budget was approved at a special board meeting, which was held last Friday afternoon at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

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The commissioners also approved an affiliation agreement with Southern Illinois University related to the utilization of interns in various departments.

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LIHEAP energy assistance sign-ups are available through the Shawnee Development Council.

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The Anna City Council last week approved bids for the sale of two surplus pickup trucks. No bids were received for a third pickup.

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Manhole improvements are planned in Cobden.

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It's still not too late to check out the many Christmas holiday displays which can be seen throughout the Union County area.

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As of last week, The Gazette-Democrat had embarked on its 170th year of serving Union County.

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Reminder: the deadlines for next week paper are way early.

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This week's paper includes photographs of some of the events which happened during 2018 in Union County.

## 'Drive Sober' campaign promotes safe driving

State and local officials throughout Illinois are joining to remind motorists to drive safely during the holiday season.

### "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over"

The Illinois Department of Transportation, IDOT, Illinois State Police and nearly 200 local law enforcement agencies are coming together for the annual holiday "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign to keep alcohol- and drug-impaired drivers off the road.

Now through the early morning of Jan. 2, Illinois motorists will see this life-saving enforcement effort on the roads of their communities and throughout the state.

"The holidays should be

a time for celebrating and making memories, not a time of tragedy and loss for families," said Cynthia Watters, IDOT's bureau chief of safety programs and engineering.

"Unfortunately, alcohol at holiday events means the potential for more impaired drivers. Driving and the use of alcohol, drugs or other substances needlessly contributes to deaths on our roads."

The holiday campaign features the familiar "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Click It or Ticket" messages.

In addition to DUI and seat belt offenders, law enforcement will show zero tolerance for speeding, distracted driving and other offenses.

"Driving under the influence has deadly consequences. Make a plan to designate a driver, call a cab, or use a rideshare service before consuming alcohol," said Illinois State Police director Leo P. Schmitz.

"Throughout the holidays, the ISP will be doing their part in keeping the roadways safe by strictly enforcing the four most common causes of fatal traffic crashes, The Fatal Four: DUI, speeding, seat belt, and distracted driving. Remember, Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over."

With all the seasonal festivities taking place, it is essential to plan for a sober ride home before the celebrating begins, state officials said.

The "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Click It or Ticket" programs are administered by IDOT using federal funds.

### "Keep Roads Safe"

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is reminding motorists who are celebrating during the holiday season to drive safely by not driving impaired or distracted.

"Drunk and impaired driving causes death and injury on our roadways every year during the holidays," White said in a news release.

"Let's keep the roads safe for our loved ones and others by driving sober and making sure we don't drive distracted."

In 2017, four of the six fatalities (66 percent) were

alcohol-related from New Year's Eve to New Year's Day in Illinois, according to IDOT.

In 2016, 29,528 DUI arrests were recorded by the Illinois Secretary of State's office.

Eighty-six percent of all drivers arrested for DUI are first-time offenders, according to the Illinois Secretary of State's office.

White suggests that those drinking during celebrations take public transportation, a cab or a ridesharing service or designate a sober driver.

White also reminds everyone to use safety belts and avoid driving while distracted, with a special emphasis on not texting while driving.

## Union County connections

### Unforgettable moments in Illinois history noted

During 2018, the State of Illinois, Union County and the City of Jonesboro all commemorated their bicentennials.

On Dec. 3, 1818, Illinois became the 21st state in the union.

Unforgettable moments in the state's history were highlighted in the Illinois Top 200 initiative of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, The (Springfield) State Journal-Register and the Illinois Bicentennial Commission.

Some of the unforgettable moments in the state's history have a Union County connection – most notably, the historic Lincoln-Douglas debate which took place in Jonesboro.

Events of deep sorrow

and tremendous joy – the funeral of Abraham Lincoln and the Chicago Cubs' 2016 World Series victory – top the list of unforgettable moments chosen by voters in the final Illinois Top 200 category of 2018.

They were followed by Illinois becoming the first state to ratify the constitutional amendment ending slavery and by Lewis and Clark starting their famous expedition to the west.

The historic 1858 series of debates between Lincoln and Stephen Douglas came in at No. 5 in the online voting.

Lincoln's 1865 assassination shocked the whole country, but the loss was especially painful in his home state.

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### Lincoln, Douglas debate

An historic debate between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas took place at what is now the site of the U.S. Forest Service's Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro. Statues of the two men stand at the site.

## Wounded Warriors participate in waterfowl hunt

By Mike Estel

The Wounded Warriors held a one-day waterfowl hunt Thursday, Dec. 13, at the Grassy Lake Hunting Club at Ware.

"It's the most amazing thing I've ever been involved in," said Collin Cain, who owns the Grassy Lake Hunting Club that hosted the special hunt.

The club sponsored 14 injured veterans affiliated with Fort Campbell, Ky., and Clarksville, Tenn., along with guides and volunteers.

"It's the best feeling in the world to give something back to them for what they've done for us," Cain said.

The hunt has been going on for the last 10 years and is put together each year by club manager Tom Goetz and the head of the Wounded Warrior Initiative Program, Gary Adams.

Cain said both of them begin working on the project for next year following the hunt.

"We like to think it does them good," said Adams, whose official title is regional aviation manager for aviation and missile command out of Fort Campbell. "We try to do this for them to facilitate their recovery a lot better."

"They are the real heroes," said Wayne Rosenthal, the director of the Illinois Department of

Natural Resources, about the Wounded Warriors. "They've been on the front line and made the sacrifices. I'm very happy to be part of this."

"I thank each one of you from the bottom of my heart," said State Sen. Paul Schimpf, R-Waterloo. Schimpf, a veteran himself, said that words were "not enough to truly thank you for what you've done."

"It's a great program," said Tim Coop, another one of the program's directors. "It provides an opportunity for them to engage in something and help them in their return to their communities. It really helps."

Southern Illinois University Carbondale athletics director Jerry Kill was in attendance and thanked the wounded veterans for their service. Kill shared contact information with the veterans and said they could contact him any time if they needed anything.

The wounded soldiers harvested 20 ducks during the hunt.

A noon meal was served in the club house following the morning hunt. Talks were given to the veterans following the meal.

Cooking the meal were Delmar Hunziker, Rocky Goodman, Tony Harvel and Dave Fellow.



### Support from legislator

State Rep. Terri Bryant, R-Murphysboro, right, was in attendance for the waterfowl hunt and luncheon at the Grassy Lake Hunting Club to show her support for the Wounded Warrior Project. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

"This is our favorite event of the year," Fellow said. "We love to do it for these guys."

The hunters then resumed hunting following the meal. Hunting continued until shooting hours concluded.

The wounded veterans were honored previously at the SIU vs. Murray State men's basketball game in Carbondale on Wednesday, Dec. 12. They were escorted out to the floor and introduced to the fans by the cheerleaders and student veterans.

The veterans also met the SIUC basketball players and coach Barry Hinson

in the locker room, where he thanked them for their service.

Prior to the game, the veterans were treated to a complimentary meal at the Great Boars near Anna.

Gary Wright of Cobden donated bus service to the evening dinner, the hunt and the SIUC basketball game.

The Davie School Inn in Anna gave the group complimentary room and board for the hunt.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources waived all fees and granted permits for the wounded soldiers to hunt.



### Legislator honored

Head of the Wounded Warrior Initiative Program Gary Adams, left, presented State Sen. Paul Schimpf, R-Waterloo, right, with a flag for his work in support of veteran affairs. Schimpf is a retired lieutenant colonel who served in the U.S. Marine Corps. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.



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# Unforgettable moments in Illinois history

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Hundreds of thousands of people filed by his casket when he lay in state in Chicago and Springfield. Others lined up alongside railroad tracks to see the car carrying his body to its final resting place in Springfield. Lincoln came to Union County in 1858 for a U.S. Senate campaign debate with Stephen A. Douglas.

Lincoln did not have a lot of support in Union County. He was a Republican. Douglas was a Democrat. "Jonesboro was the debate farthest south," local historian and author Darrel Dexter wrote in the book titled "A House Divided: Union County Illinois, 1818-1865," which was published in 1994.

"Lincoln felt the political contest in Union County and other parts of Southern Illinois, which was almost solidly Democratic, was between the two factions of that party and he had no chance of changing many voters' minds by coming to Jonesboro."

Dexter recalled that about 1,400 people attended the debate in Jonesboro. The turnout was "the smallest crowd for all the debates." Many of those who attended were not even from Union County.

The second spot on the list of unforgettable moments in Illinois history went to the Chicago Cubs winning the World Series after a record-breaking 108 years of disappointment and frustration.

The celebration afterward brought millions of people together.

The World Series championship was welcomed by the many Chicago Cubs fans in Union County. The county is a hotbed of Cubs fans — and supporters of their arch rivals, the St. Louis Cardinals.

"The range of events on this list is incredible. It includes expanded civil rights, exploration of the continent and the atom, and two great moments in Lincoln's life," said Alan

Lowe, executive director of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, in talking about the unforgettable events in the state's history.

"Of course, it also includes tragedies like Lincoln's death, but all of it is part of the state's fascinating history."

The Top 200 project allowed the people of Illinois to vote on the state's most inspiring leaders, greatest inventions, top businesses and much more.

By choosing a top 10 in 20 different categories, voters produced a list of the 200 most amazing things about Illinois, just in time for the state's 200th birthday on Dec. 3.

Here are the most unforgettable moments chosen in online voting:

### Mourning Lincoln

Nobody knew Abraham Lincoln better than his fellow Illinoisans.

When he was killed in April of 1865, the state went into mourning and then welcomed him back to rest forever in Springfield's Oak Ridge Cemetery.

"Even in Union County, where his name had been often cursed there was shock and mourning for the man who had led the country through the Civil War," Darrel Dexter wrote.

### Victorious Cubs

When the Cubs finally managed to win a World Series in 2016, much of the state went wild.

Millions (just how many millions is a subject of debate) lined the parade route or gathered at Grant Park for the official celebration.

### Ending Slavery

President Lincoln and his congressional allies passed the 13th Amendment on Jan. 31, 1865.

The very next day, Illinois became the first state to ratify the amendment, which officially ended slavery.

### Lewis and Clark

The Lewis and Clark expedition began from a base in Illinois.

The explorers spent the

winter of 1803-1804 near Wood River, where they prepared their troops and equipment, and then started west on May 14, 1804.

Before the expedition arrived in Wood River, it passed by what is now Union County.

A large plaque recalling the expedition's visit to the area stands along Illinois Route 3 in Ware.

The plaque reads: "Meriwether Lewis, William Clark, and their party passed this place on their way west. Here they crossed the river to visit Cape Girardeau. The next day they were relieved to find Nathaniel Pryor, a recruit who had gone hunting two days earlier but never returned. On November 24, 1803, they camped on a rocky sandbar nearby."

In his journal entry for Nov. 24, 1803, Lewis noted that as the expedition set off that morning "Pryor the man who had been absent and lost for the last two days hailed, we passed the river and took him in he was much fatigued with his wandering and somewhat indisposed." (The entry appears in a digital version of "The Journals of Lewis and Clark," which is maintained by the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

### Lincoln-Douglas Debates

When Lincoln faced Stephen Douglas in an 1858 Senate race, they held seven debates around the state. The debates put Lincoln on the path to the White House and set a new standard for political discourse.

### Women Voting

In 1913 Illinois became the first state east of the Mississippi River to let women vote. But it was a limited right at first.

Women could vote for president and for local offices but not for state offices or Congress.

### Obama Elected

Barack Obama addressed the nation from Grant Park after winning the presidency. Some 240,000 people attended, and millions more watched on TV. For friends

and foes alike, it was a remarkable moment.

Obama paid a visit to the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna before he was president.

### World's Fair, Chicago

The World's Columbian Exposition in 1893 celebrated the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus arriving in the Americas.

The event was a huge success, with a profound influence on architecture, the arts and Chicago's image.

The famed Kirkpatrick Pottery in Anna created a pig flask to commemorate the world's fair.

### The Nuclear Age

Chicago Pile-1, the world's first nuclear reactor, went into operation on Dec. 2, 1942. It produced about half a watt for less than five minutes but paved the way for the atomic bomb and nuclear power plants.

### (tie) Blagojevich Arrested

On Dec. 9, 2008, Gov. Rod Blagojevich was arrested for extortion, demanding campaign donations in exchange for state services and trying to sell a U.S. Senate seat. He was removed from office on Jan. 29.

### (tie) Native Americans Leave

Unable to stop a flood of settlers, the Ottawa, Ojibwe and Potawatomi gave up all their Illinois land in the 1833 Treaty of Chicago. They performed one last war dance two years later, then left for good.

The nominees which did not make the top 10 included:

The 1968 Democratic National Convention, Al Capone being convicted of tax evasion, the "Black Sox" scandal, the 1894 Pullman strike, Mormons being driven out of Illinois in 1846, Illinois voters rejecting slavery, the "Liberty Bell of the West" ringing in Kaskaskia, the strange flood in downtown Chicago and Harold Washington being elected mayor of Chicago.

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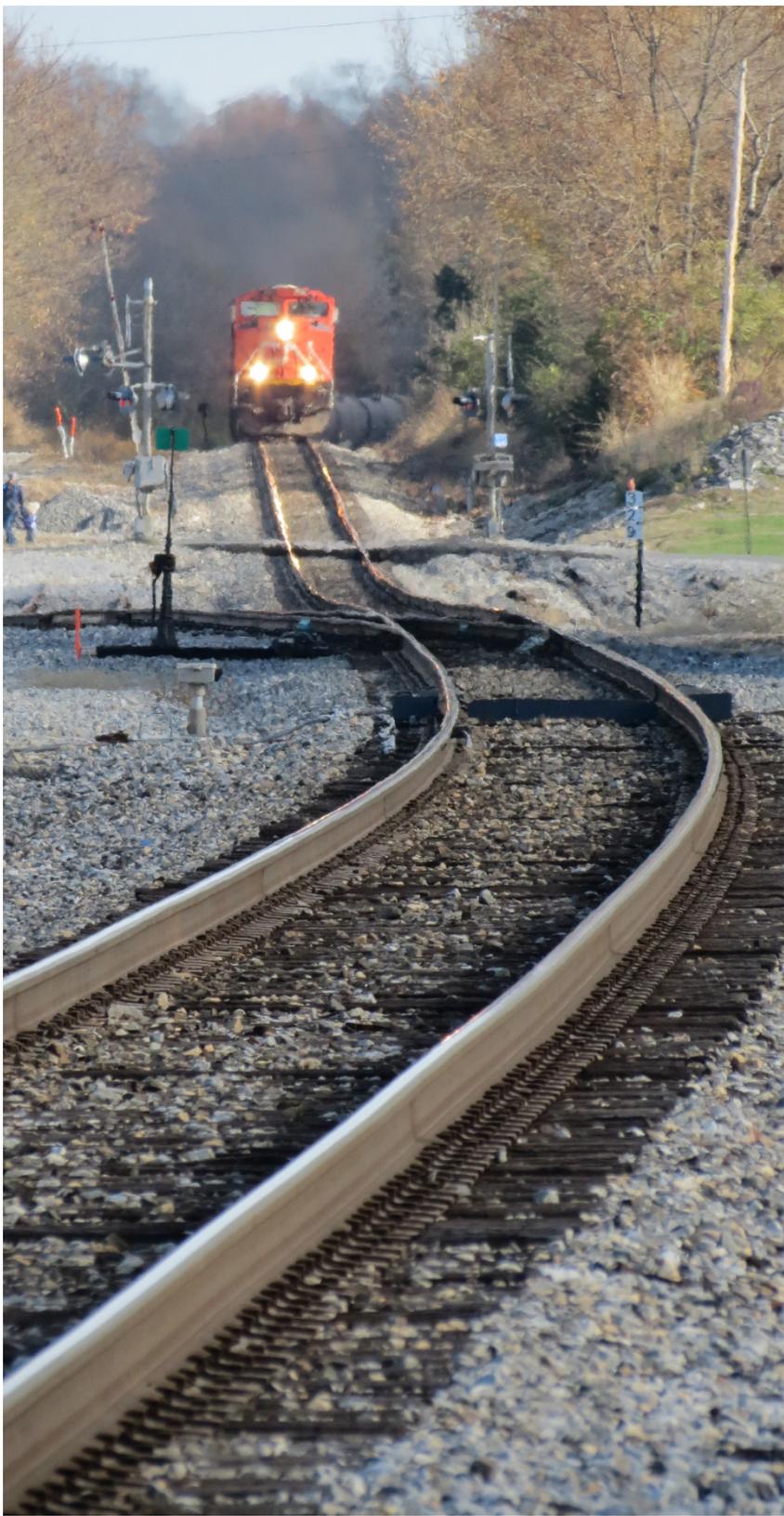


### Revolutionary War veterans honored

Four patriots who served during the Revolutionary War were honored during a special ceremony which was held on a rainy Saturday afternoon in early June at the St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery near Dongola. The cemetery is located west of Dongola, across the road from its namesake church.

The cemetery in Union County is the final resting place for many early pioneers of Illinois settlement, including four Revolutionary War veterans: Adam Clapp, Christopher Lyerle, Jacob Hileman and Peter Meisenheimer. As part of the Illinois bicentennial celebration during 2018, the Illinois Society Sons of the American Revolution undertook a statewide project to mark all active cemeteries that contain Revolutionary War veteran burials. The Revolutionary War was fought from 1775 to 1783.

During the ceremony at St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery, a new plaque which is on display at the cemetery was unveiled. The ceremony was sponsored by the Long Knives Chapter of the Illinois Society Sons of the American Revolution.



**Heading north**

A freight train was making its way north through Anna when the picture was taken. The picture was taken near a railroad crossing along South Main Street in Anna.



**Holiday lunch**

Union County employees had a Christmas lunch on Wednesday, Dec. 19. The holiday season event was held at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro. Photo provided.

**USDA planning to measure nutrient management practices**

Farmers should expect a survey in the mail in early 2019, as the U.S. Department of Agriculture works to measure nutrient management practices.

The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, NASS, plans to conduct a survey of Illinois farmers for the Illinois Nutrient Research and Education Council, NREC, in early 2019.

The survey will measure a number of management practices, including use of cover crops, timing of fertilizer applications and methods of determining nitrogen application rates.

In addition, the survey will measure edge of field practices including wood chip bioreactors, constructed wetlands and saturated buffers.

"We will mail more than 1,000 questionnaires to producers right after January 1, and I encourage everyone to respond using the postage-paid envelope that we provide. That is the best way to save taxpayer dollars and still gather information from the best source possible, the farmers themselves," said Mark Schleusener, the Illinois state statistician for NASS. "Every individual report is confidential by law and is also exempt from the Freedom of Information Act. NASS will only publish and share state totals and averages, never individual farm data," he added.

One month after the first mailing, NASS will mail another correspondence to producers who have not yet responded.

Finally, NASS will use its St. Louis calling center to call those who do not respond to either mailing.

"Our goal is to get the highest response we can and still stay under budget," Schleusener said.

Results from the survey are scheduled to be published in August 2019.

For more information, contact the NASS Heartland Regional Field Office at 800-551-1014.



*Hope the coming year is filled with cause for celebration for our many good friends. Three cheers for your loyal support!*

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**Governor takes clemency action**

Gov. Bruce Rauner on Dec. 14 granted 10 and denied 286 clemency petitions.

This was the 27th set of petitions the governor has reviewed since taking office.

Each person who was granted clemency has recently undergone a criminal background check through

the Illinois State Police's Law Enforcement Agencies Data System.

A granted clemency request for a pardon with expungement allows the petitioner to seek expungement of their conviction through the court system.

Rauner has acted on 3,829 petitions since taking office.

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# Sports

## A-J girls score win over Vienna

The host Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' basketball team pulled ahead early on its way to a 49-39 non-conference win over Vienna Wednesday, Dec. 19.

Sydney Heath had 14 points to lead A-J. Angel Helm and Mikayla Bundren had 11 points apiece, followed by Kristin Edmonds and Anna Hess with 4 each, Caya Coleman 3 and Morgan Wendling 2.

### Tournament Set

A-J, 11-2 overall and 4-1 in the conference, is scheduled to play Dec. 26-27 in the Merry Mule Tournament at Fairfield.

The Wildcats play at 11:45 a.m. against Carmi and at 3:15 p.m. against Oblong on Wednesday, Dec. 26. The semifinals are scheduled Thursday, Dec. 27.

## A-J player receives honor

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' basketball player Mikayla Bundren has earned recent WSIL-Banterra player of the week honors.

Bundren is averaging 14 points and 3 rebounds a game for the 11-2 Lady Wildcats.

## Chester defeats A-J

Visiting Chester pulled ahead early on its way to a 66-57 win over the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' basketball team Tuesday, Dec. 18.

Blake Pena had 17 points and a rebound to lead A-J. Tyler Smith added 16 points and 2 rebounds. Cameron Tweedy had 10 points and a rebound.

Noah McFarland had 8 points and 7 rebounds. Carson Reynolds and Zach Overstreet had 3 points and 2 rebounds apiece.

### Tournament Set

A-J, 3-7 overall and 0-2 in the conference, plays this week in the Eldorado Holiday Tournament Dec. 27-29.

The Wildcats open tournament play against West Frankfort at 8:30 a.m. Dec. 27.

## Cobden set to play at Sesser-Valier

The Cobden High School boys' basketball team is scheduled to compete in the 2018 Sesser-Valier Holiday Tournament Dec. 26-29.

The Appleknockers are set to open tournament play against Johnston City at 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 26.

The semifinals are scheduled Dec. 27-28 with the 3rd place, 5th place, consolation and championship games scheduled Dec. 29.

Woodlawn is the top seed in the 16-team tournament. Goreville is the No. 6 seed and Johnston City is No. 7.



## 2018: City of Anna honors state champion

The Anna City Council last week honored a student athlete who earned a 2018 Illinois High School Association state wrestling championship. A framed certificate of recognition was presented to Anna-Jonesboro Community High School student athlete Arieh Hart. Hart was honored during a ceremony which was held during a regular meeting of the city council. The meeting was Tuesday evening, March 6, at Anna City Hall.

On behalf of the city and the city council, Anna Mayor Steve Hartline presented the certificate to Hart. Among those in attendance were Arieh Hart; his mother, Easter Smith; his sister and brother, Aseana Smith and Asaiah Smith; Mayor Hartline; Anna City Council members Brandon Bierstedt, Martha Ann Webb, David Isom and Al Kamp; A-JCHS assistant wrestling coach Chase Hargrave; and A-JCHS principal Brett Detering. Also present were friends Heather Barrow, Angie Hargrave and Reese Barrow.

# SIU's new premier multi-use trail system expects to draw users from far and wide

By Christi Mathis  
news.siu.edu

Could Southern Illinois University Carbondale soon boast one of the Midwest's premier mountain biking parks?

Thanks to some imagination, hard work, determination and a new grant, that's a very real possibility.

Staff and volunteers have already been hard at work at SIU's Touch of Nature Environmental Center forging a pathway through the Shawnee National Forest: a pathway for biking and other recreational purposes.

The recent award of a \$200,000 federal grant is a big shot in the arm for the project, according to JD Tanner, Touch of Nature director.

Mountain biking is becoming a big business these days and the hunt is always on for great trails, Tanner said.

He knows that the terrain in Southern Illinois is perfect for the sport but there's currently not much on the map.

So, he and his team went to work about four years ago, dreaming and planning.

SIU's forestry department and Touch of Nature have partnered to secure \$47,000 in SIU Green Fund grant awards to develop a 10-year land management plan for the facility.

Students and faculty have worked together on the project, giving students practical experience to supplement their classroom learning.

A substantial segment

of that management plan includes the International Mountain Biking Association's, IMBA, Conceptual Plan and partial trail design that Touch of Nature staff raised \$22,000 in public donations to have IMBA create.

Touch of Nature staff members also secured a third Green Fund grant for \$11,615 in 2017 to provide an IMBA trail-building clinic for staff and community volunteers, teaching them the fundamentals of sustainable trail building and design.

Another \$8,000 in grants and donations went toward archeological surveys of the land where the trail is being built.

A trail system, about 30 miles long, was mapped out in such a way as to be sustainable, durable and low-impact for the environment.

They quickly came to realize that this trail system, the first of its kind in the region, would be a big draw for a variety of populations.

Although bikes were the impetus for the project, the Touch of Nature Multiuse Trail System will, as its name indicates, have more than one use.

The system will be open for hiking and running and will offer a variety of volunteer and educational opportunities for SIU students, staff and community members.

From beginners to advanced riders and walkers, the new trail system will appeal to all, officials said.

SIU is the only university in the country with a

multi-purpose/bike trail of this size, and organizers note that while serving as a great boost for tourism, it also offers a quality of life boost for area residents.

In addition, the trails will offer a unique opportunity to explore the Shawnee National Forest.

Volunteers have been the backbone of the project so far, officials said.

Isaiah Tanner began working on the project as a graduate student. After graduating in May with his degree in outdoor recreation and resource management, he continued to lend a hand as a part-time SIU employee.

"We've worked hard to create a trail system that will have a minimal impact on the forest and yet provide maximum benefits for those who use it," Tanner said.

"It's the first trail designated for such uses in Southern Illinois and we think it will not only draw people from throughout the region, but from across the country and even internationally. The site will be great for special events like adventure races or trail races, too."

This past summer, Tanner worked with a variety of groups on the trails. Volunteers from the Youth Conservation Corps in Oklahoma lent a hand, as did tribal teens from the Shawnee Conservation Corps and participants in the American Hiking Society's Volunteer Vacation program.

Touch of Nature has also sponsored a series of trail-building days, welcoming community volunteers to help clear trails.

The center provides all of

the equipment and refreshments while people give of their time and energy.

Students helping with the work can log volunteer hours that help them qualify for the Environmental Ambassador Award as well.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources announced recently that Touch of Nature would receive a \$200,000 Recreational Trails Program grant, with a substantial portion of the funding actually coming from the Federal Highway Administration.

This cash infusion will enable TON to hire professionals to get the project moving along more quickly.

JD Tanner estimates that with the grant funding and continuing volunteer build days, 8 to 10 miles of trails can be completed, featuring a mixture of beginner and intermediate terrain layouts.

He anticipates the first section of trails could be open by sometime in fall 2019.

Tanner's research indicates that when the trail is completely finished and open to users, it could potentially draw 55,000 or more users annually.

Funding is still needed to complete the remainder of the trail circuit. Donations are being accepted online through the Southern Illinois University Foundation for the project.

Additional opportunities for volunteers to help with the project await when the weather cooperates.

More information can be found online at <https://ton.siu.edu/facilities-and-services/touch-of-nature-forest/multi-use-trail-projects.php>, by calling 618-453-1121 or by emailing [tonec@siu.edu](mailto:tonec@siu.edu).

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# Abraham Lincoln pivotal figure in securing Springfield as state capital

By Kate Schott of the State Journal-Register

When state lawmakers head to the Capitol to do the people's business, they travel to Springfield. But that wasn't always the case.

Springfield became the state's third capital city in 1839. And the story of how Springfield became the capital is a tall tale...well, it's a tale with an outcome scripted by nine tall men.

Illinois has been governed from three cities and six buildings (one that was rented and five that were owned by the state), as told in an article in the 1975-1976 edition of the legislative Illinois Blue Book.

Kaskaskia was the first state capital after Illinois was admitted to the union in 1818, with the 29 House members and 14 senators in the first General Assembly of Illinois working in a rented two-story brick building at a cost of \$4 per day.

Yet by December 1820, the second General Assembly was meeting in a new building in a new capital city, Vandalia, which was a more central location within the state's original 16 southern counties.

Lawmakers agreed Vandalia would remain the capital city for at least the next 20 years.

But it didn't take long for many Illinois lawmakers, including a young state legislator who would go on to become the nation's 16th president, to cite location as they began petitioning for the capital to be moved again.

The argument this time for relocating was that the capital should be closer to the geographical center of the state.

In 1833, the General Assembly decided to ask voters, via the next general election, to weigh in on where the capital should be, according to the Blue Book history.

Vandalia, Jacksonville, Springfield, Peoria, Alton and the state's actual geographical center were the options. Although Alton emerged with a slim majority, the results were ruled inconclusive.

The idea of moving the capital continued to percolate, with talk put into action during the 1836-37 legislative session when Abraham Lincoln introduced legislation that would move the capital to Springfield.

He had the backing of eight legislative colleagues of the Whig Party who were called the Long Nine, as their aggregate height was 54 feet, according to the history provided in the 1975-1976 Blue Book.

An opponent to Springfield as the new location was a legislative foe Lincoln knew well.

Stephen A. Douglas, who also was serving in the General Assembly and wanted Jacksonville to be the state capital.

And the people of Vandalia weren't about to give up easily: They built a new brick statehouse in an attempt to keep the legislature where it was.

That effort was for naught, as after four balloting attempts Springfield received the majority of votes needed to move the state capital.

There have been allegations over the years that the Long Nine traded favors in order for Springfield to emerge triumphant, although Sen. Paul Simon in his book "Lincoln's Preparation for Greatness" disputed that notion.

Regardless of how the decision came to pass, state government began operating in Springfield by the end of 1839.

Work began in 1837 on a new Capitol building on the Springfield Town Square, with the first Capitol building providing room for the state House and Senate, the

governor and other elected officials, as well as housing the Illinois Supreme Court, according to the book "A. Lincoln: His Illinois," published by The State Journal-Register in 2008.

As the state's population grew, so too did its government, and within a few decades a bigger building was needed to accommodate the elected officials.

Construction began on the current Capitol building in 1868 and was finished in 1888, although lawmakers moved in about halfway through the construction process.

The first building, now known as the Old State Capitol, remains and is often used for reenactments, performances, rallies and political speeches.

As the state's capital, Springfield has witnessed some of the most important political moments in Illinois history. It's where Lincoln gave his "House Divided" speech, in which he condemned slavery.

Almost 150 years later, it's where Barack Obama announced in 2007 he was running for president of the United States.

Of course, it's also where four governors who later went to prison on various charges served as chief executive of the state.

And as long as Springfield remains Illinois' capital city, it will continue to be where some of the most politically important decisions about Illinois are made.

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## 'Wow, is that pretty!'

"Look at that picture over there! Here's the Earth coming up. Wow, is that pretty!" William Anders, Apollo 8, December 24, 1968. Photo, Anders quote courtesy of NASA/National Air and Space Museum, Washington, D.C.

The January 2, 1969, issue of The Gazette-Democrat featured two pictures, on page one, with the following captions:

**RETURNING HEROES** - Smiling with pride and accomplishment following their successful flight to the moon, America's three astronauts greet newsmen and the waiting crew of the recovery ship the USS Yorktown. The amazing trip to the moon accomplished by Air Force Col. Frank Borman, Navy Cpt. James A Lovell Jr. and Air Force Maj. William Anders provided a tremendous boost for the United States sagging international prestige. (Photo from TV by Charles Bare)

## MOTHER EARTH

- An out of this world picture of our planet as seen from the space capsule Apollo 8 was shown to the world this past week through TV broadcasts live from the spacecraft. The orbiting of the moon in a successful manner was credited with having perhaps accelerated a

planned landing there early next fall. (Photo from TV by Charles Bare)

Given the technology which was available at the time, the two photographs did not print well in the paper. The accompanying photograph, however, has become a classic image from the age of space exploration. The picture of the Earth was taken by

astronaut William Anders from aboard Apollo 8, which was orbiting the moon.

The National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C., planned to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Apollo 8, the first flight to the moon, with a special event at Washington National Cathedral on Tuesday night, Dec. 11.

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The schedule of workshops follows:

Jan. 9, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
 Feb. 6, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

March 7, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.  
 April 1, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.  
 May 9, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
 June 6, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Each two-hour presentation provides the most up-to-date information about how to go about creating a successful business or expanding an existing enterprise.

The cost of the workshop is \$20, which covers the cost of the presentations, as well as the business toolkit, in both print and electronic formats.

The kit contains a variety of helpful checklists, guides and resource booklets from the Illinois Small

Business Development Center statewide network and the U.S. Small Business Administration, along with other helpful details.

A question and answer session will wrap up each session. Participants also can connect with and acquire expertise from certified business advisers who will help them by assessing business plans and determining how participants can reach their goals.

Organizers noted that seating is limited for the workshops and often fills fast, so they recommend

registering early.

Registration and more information can be found online at <https://sbdc.siu.edu>, by calling call 618-536-2424 or by emailing [sbdc@siu.edu](mailto:sbdc@siu.edu) for details.

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# If You Celebrate: Drive Sober

## How alcohol affects the ability to drive

Interactions between alcohol and other substances in the body such as certain medications or illegal drugs increase impairment and make driving more risky.

Alcohol is a substance that reduces the function of the brain, impairing thinking, reasoning and muscle coordination. All these abilities are essential to operating a vehicle safely.

As alcohol levels rise in a person's system, the negative effects on the central nervous system increase, too.

Alcohol is absorbed

directly through the walls of the stomach and small intestine. Then it passes into the bloodstream where it accumulates until it is metabolized by the liver.

Alcohol level is measured by the weight of the alcohol in a certain volume of blood.

This is called Blood Alcohol Concentration, or BAC. At a BAC of .08 grams of alcohol per deciliter of blood (g/dL), crash risk increases exponentially.

Because of this risk, it's illegal in all 50 states, the

District of Columbia and Puerto Rico to drive with a BAC of .08 or higher. However, even a small amount of alcohol can affect driving ability.

In 2016, there were 2,017 people killed in alcohol-related crashes where drivers had lower alcohol levels (BACs of .01 to .07 g/dL).

BAC is measured with a breathalyzer, a device that measures the amount of alcohol in a driver's breath, or by a blood test.

(Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.)

## Responsible behavior

Being a responsible driver is simple: if you are drinking, do not drive.

Before drinking, choose a non-drinking friend as a designated driver.

Don't let your friends drive impaired.

If you have been drinking, call a taxi or ride service. Download NHTSA's SaferRide app to help you call a friend or family member, pinpoint your location, and arrange to be picked up.

If you're hosting a party where alcohol will be served, make sure all guests leave with a sober driver.

Always wear your seat belt: it's your best defense against impaired drivers.

(Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.)

## An overview

Every day, almost 29 people in the United States die in alcohol-impaired vehicle crashes: that's one person every 50 minutes in 2016.

Drunk-driving fatalities have fallen by a third in the last three decades; however, drunk-driving crashes claim more than 10,000 lives per year.

In 2010, the most recent year for which cost data is available, these deaths and damages contributed to a cost of \$44 billion per year.

(Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.)

## Consequences

Driving a vehicle while impaired is a dangerous crime.

Tough enforcement of drunk-driving laws has been a major factor in reducing alcohol-impaired-driving deaths since the 1980s.

Charges range from misdemeanors to felony offenses, and penalties for impaired driving can include driver's license revocation, fines, and jail time.

It's also extremely expensive. A first-time offense can cost the driver upwards of \$10,000 in fines and legal fees.

Some states require offenders to install ignition interlock devices at the driver's own expense.

An ignition interlock device is a breath test device connected to a vehicle's ignition.

The vehicle will not start unless the driver blows into the interlock and has a BAC below a pre-set low limit, usually .02 g/dL.

(Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.)

## BAC effects

Blood alcohol concentration, BAC, and its predictable effects on driving:

.02: Some loss of judgment; relaxation, slight body warmth, altered mood. Decline in visual functions (rapid tracking of a moving target), decline in ability to perform two tasks at the same time (divided attention).

.05: Exaggerated behavior, may have loss of small-muscle control (e.g., focusing your eyes), impaired judgment, usually good feeling, lowered alertness, release of inhibition.

Reduced coordination, reduced ability to track moving objects, difficulty steering, reduced response to emergency driving situations.

.08: Muscle coordination becomes poor (e.g., balance, speech, vision, reaction time, and hearing), harder to detect danger; judgment, self-control, reasoning, and memory

## Signs, suggestions

### Signs of Drunk Driving

Quick acceleration or deceleration. Tailgating. Weaving or zig-zagging across the road.

Driving anywhere other than on a road designated for vehicles. Almost striking an object, curb or vehicle.

Stopping without cause or erratic braking. Drifting in and out of traffic lanes.

Signaling that is inconsistent with driving actions. Slow response to traffic signals (such as a sudden stop or delayed start).

Straddling the center lane marker. Driving with headlights off at night.

Swerving. Driving slower than 10 mph below the speed limit. Turning abruptly or illegally. Driving into opposing traffic on the wrong side of the road.

### What Do You Do If You See a Drunk Driver?

First, stay away from the other vehicle as possible.

Second, do not try to pass the vehicle or signal the driver to pull over. Doing so could result in a collision.

Third, take notice of the license plate number along with the vehicle including make, model and color. Drivers are warned not to compromise their own safety trying to obtain this

information.

Concentration, short-term memory loss, speed control, reduced information processing capability (e.g., signal detection, visual search), impaired perception.

.10: Clear deterioration of reaction time and control, slurred speech, poor coordination, and slowed thinking.

Reduced ability to maintain lane position and brake appropriately.

.15: Far less muscle control than normal, vomiting may occur (unless this level is reached slowly or a person has developed a tolerance for alcohol), major loss of balance.

Substantial impairment in vehicle control, attention to driving task, and in necessary visual and auditory information processing.

(Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.)

information.

Finally, pull over and call 911. Give the exact location of the vehicle, including the name of the road or cross streets and the direction the vehicle is traveling. Give a complete description of the vehicle and the manner in which the vehicle is being driven.

### Tips to Prevent Someone from Driving Drunk

Be as non-confrontational as possible. Suggest alternate ways of getting to their destination.

Talk a bit more slowly and explain things more fully than if the person were a sober person.

Explain that you don't want them to drive because you care and you don't want them to hurt themselves or others.

Suggest that they sleep over. Enlist a friend to help or to act as moral support: it's more difficult to say no to two (or three or four) people than one.

If possible, get the person's keys. It is far easier to persuade the potential driver when holding this leverage.

If all else fails, call law enforcement. It's better to have a friend arrested than injured or killed.

(These tips come from <http://www.madd.org/>.)



## Driving after drinking

Driving after drinking is deadly. Yet it still continues to happen across the United States.

If you drive while impaired, you could get arrested, or worse: be involved in a traffic crash that causes serious injury or death.

Approximately one-third of all traffic crash fatalities in the United States involve drunk drivers (with blood alcohol concentrations [BACs] of .08 or higher).

In 2016, there were 10,497 people killed in these preventable crashes.

In fact, on average over the 10-year period from 2006-2016, more than 10,000 people died every year in drunk-driving

crashes.

In every state, it's illegal to drive with a BAC of .08 or higher, yet one person was killed in a drunk-driving crash every 50 minutes in the United States in 2016.

Men are more likely than women to be driving drunk in fatal crashes.

In 2016, 21 percent of males were drunk in these crashes, compared to 14 percent for females.

Take steps to prevent drunk driving:

If you will be drinking, plan on not driving. Plan your safe ride home before you start the party. Designate a sober driver ahead of time.

If you drink, do not drive

for any reason. Call a taxi, phone a sober friend or family member, use public transportation, etc.

Download NHTSA's SaferRide app from Google Play or the iTunes Store which helps you identify your location and call a taxi or friend to pick you up.

If someone you know has been drinking, do not let that person get behind the wheel. Take their keys and help them arrange a sober ride home.

If you see an impaired driver on the road, contact local law enforcement. Your actions could help save someone's life.

(Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.)

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## Alcohol-impaired driving has wide range of impacts

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration shares the following information about alcohol-impaired driving:

Drivers are considered to be alcohol-impaired when their blood alcohol concentrations (BACs) are .08 grams per deciliter (g/dL) or higher.

Thus, any fatal crash involving a driver with a BAC of .08 g/dL or higher is considered to be an alcohol-impaired-driving crash, and fatalities occurring in those crashes are considered to be alcohol-impaired-driving fatalities.

The term "driver" refers to the operator of any motor vehicle, including a motorcycle.

Estimates of alcohol-impaired driving are generated using BAC values reported to the Fatality Analysis Reporting System and BAC values imputed when they are not reported.

The term "alcohol-impaired" does not indicate that a crash or a fatality was caused by alcohol impairment, only that an alcohol-impaired driver was involved in the crash.

### Overview

All 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico have by law set a threshold making it illegal to drive with a BAC of .08 g/dL or higher.

In 2015, there were 10,265 people killed in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes, an average of 1 alcohol-impaired-driving fatality every 51 minutes.

These alcohol-impaired-driving fatalities accounted for 29 percent of all motor vehicle traffic fatalities in the United States in 2015.

Of the 10,265 people who died in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes in 2015, there were 6,424 drivers (63%) who had BACs of .08 g/dL or higher.

The remaining fatalities consisted of 2,908 motor vehicle occupants (28%) and 933 non occupants (9%).

From 2014 to 2015, fatalities in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes increased by 3.2 percent (9,943 to 10,265 fatalities).

Alcohol-impaired-driving fatalities in the past 10 years have declined by 24 percent from 13,491 in

2006 to 10,265 in 2015.

The national rate of alcohol-impaired-driving fatalities in motor vehicle crashes in 2015 was 0.33 per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (VMT), which is the same as in 2014.

The alcohol-impaired-driving fatality rate in the past 10 years has declined by 27 percent, from 0.45 in 2006 to 0.33 in 2015.

### Economic Cost for All Traffic Crashes

The estimated economic cost of all motor vehicle traffic crashes in the United States in 2010 (the most recent year for which cost data is available) was \$242 billion, of which \$44 billion resulted from alcohol-impaired-driving crashes.

Included in the economic costs are: Lost productivity. Work place losses. Legal and court expenses. Medical costs. Emergency medical services, EMS. Insurance administration. Congestion. Property damage.

These costs represent the tangible losses that result from motor vehicle traffic crashes.

However, in cases of serious injury or death, such costs fail to capture the relatively intangible value of lost quality-of-life that results from these injuries.

When quality-of-life valuations are considered, the total value of societal harm from motor vehicle traffic crashes in the United States in 2010 was an estimated \$836 billion, of which \$201.1 billion resulted from alcohol-impaired-driving crashes.

### Children

In 2015, a total of 1,132 children 14 and younger were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes. Of these 1,132 fatalities, 181 children (16%) died in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes.

Of these 181 child deaths: 92 (51%) were occupants of vehicles with drivers who had BACs of .08 g/dL or higher; 59 (33%)

were occupants of other vehicles; 29 (16%) were nonoccupants (pedestrians, pedalcyclists, or other non occupants); and 1 (<1%) was a driver.

### Time of Day and Day of Week

The rate of alcohol impairment among drivers involved in fatal crashes in 2015 was 3.5 times higher at night than during the day (32% versus 9%).

In 2015, 15 percent of all drivers involved in fatal crashes during the week were alcohol-impaired, compared to 28 percent on weekends.

### Drivers

In fatal crashes in 2015, the highest percentage of drivers with BACs of .08 g/dL or higher was for 21- to 24-year-old drivers (28%), followed by 25- to 34-year-old drivers (27%).

The 10-year trend of alcohol-impaired drivers

involved increased for older drivers when compared to younger drivers.

The percentages of drivers with BACs of .08 g/dL or higher involved in fatal crashes in 2015 were 21 percent among males and 14 percent among females. In 2015, there were 4 male alcohol-impaired drivers involved for every female alcohol-impaired driver involved (7,595 versus 1,761).

The percentages of drivers involved in fatal crashes with BACs of .08 g/dL or higher in 2015 by vehicle type were 27 percent for motorcycles, 21 percent for passenger cars, and 20 percent for light trucks (22% for pickup trucks, 20% for SUVs, and 10% for vans).

The percentage of drivers with BACs of .08 g/dL or higher in fatal crashes was the lowest for drivers of large trucks (2%).

## How to prevent someone from driving drunk

The best way to prevent someone from driving drunk is to make a plan for a sober designated driver, and make sure everyone agrees to it ahead of time. If you are faced with a situation where someone who's impaired is trying to drive, here are some tips on how to stop them:

Be as non-confrontational as possible.

Suggest alternate ways of getting to their destination:

a cab, a sober driver, public transportation.

Remember that the person you are talking to is impaired: talk a bit more slowly and explain things more fully than if you were speaking to a sober person.

Explain that you don't want them to drive because you care and you don't want them to hurt themselves or others.

Suggest that they sleep over.

Enlist a friend to help you or to act as moral support: it's more difficult to say "no" to two (or three or four) people than one.

If possible, get the person's keys. It is far easier to persuade the potential driver when you hold this leverage.

If all else fails, call law enforcement. It's better to have a friend arrested than injured or killed.

**Celebrate Safely**  
Please don't drink and drive

### Sobering Facts: Drunk Driving in ILLINOIS

**ALCOHOL-INVOLVED DEATHS**  
Persons Killed in Crashes Involving a Drunk Driver<sup>1</sup>

**Number of Deaths, 2003-2012**  
3,866 people were killed in crashes involving a drunk driver in Illinois

**Rate of Deaths by Age (per 100,000 population), 2012**

Age Group	NATIONAL	ILLINOIS
0-20	1.3	0.7
21-34	6.7	6.0
35+	3.1	2.1
All ages	3.3	2.5

**Rate of Deaths by Gender (per 100,000 population), 2012**

Gender	NATIONAL	ILLINOIS
Male	5.2	4.0
Female	1.5	1.0

<sup>1</sup>Deaths in crashes involving a driver with BAC ≥ 0.08%. Source: Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).

**DRUNK DRIVING**  
Percentage of Adults Who Report Driving After Drinking Too Much (in the past 30 days)

State	Percentage
NATIONAL	1.9%
ILLINOIS	2.2%

Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 2012.

Keep Illinois safe. Keep drunk drivers off the road.

This fact sheet provides a snapshot of alcohol-involved deaths and drunk driving and an overview of proven strategies to reduce or prevent drunk driving. The information can help local public health decisionmakers and community partners see gaps and identify relevant strategies to address the problem of drunk driving.

**Fast Facts**

- Drivers with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.08% or higher (i.e., drunk drivers) are considered alcohol-impaired by law.
- About one in three traffic deaths in the United States involve a drunk driver.
- Thanks to dedicated efforts, rates of drunk driving and alcohol-involved fatal crashes have gone down in recent years.
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## Monk's Mound

Monk's Mound is the largest mound at the Cahokia Native American site and is the largest man-made earthen mound in the North American continent. The mound stands about a 100 feet tall and has a base measure of 955 feet at its widest. Photo/Julian Lim.

By Mike Koziatek of the Belleville News-Democrat

A gaggle of rambunctious 5th-graders scrambled to the top of the 100-foot-high Monks Mound to get a great view of the Gateway Arch in downtown St. Louis and burn off energy at the end of their class field trip to the Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site.

Before climbing Monks Mound, the Gardner Elementary students from Waterloo, Illinois, toured the historic site's spacious interpretive center in Collinsville, Illinois, and learned how Native Americans based at the mounds conducted trade with people in other regions, including the Great Lakes for copper and the Gulf of Mexico for seashells.

"People from around the world come here to see the Cahokia mounds, and it's right in our backyard," said Amy Wagenknecht, one of the students' teachers.

The students were among the estimated 300,000 people who visit the state historic site each year.

Monks Mound was built by Native Americans, who are now known as members of the Mississippian culture. It is the largest pre-Columbian, earthen structure in all of North and South America, said Bill Iseminger, the assistant site manager who has worked at the Cahokia Mounds site since 1971.

It also is one of the 80 earthen mounds remaining

in the area, with 70 of the mounds protected within the Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site, which encompasses 2,200 acres. There originally were 120 mounds at the site.

At the height of the Cahokia Mounds, an estimated 10,000 to 20,000 American Indians lived at the site, and perhaps twice as many lived in the region, Iseminger said.

Cahokia was the largest prehistoric American Indian settlement north of Mexico. It's known as "America's first city," and it is believed to have had a population larger than London in 1250.

Archaeologists are not sure why the Mississippians formed this major settlement around 1000 to 1050, and they don't know why the site was abandoned by 1400, Iseminger said.

"The urban nature of Cahokia is what intrigues a lot of archaeologists and historians; trying to understand how it began and how it ended and that middle period is all something we're all constantly trying to unravel," Iseminger said. "We don't know what they called themselves or this place. It's not really a tribe, it's an urban area."

Archaeologists have raised questions about why the city rose from the Mississippi River flood plain near present-day St. Louis: Was it a powerful leader? Was a new religion developing? Was it inspired by a supernova seen worldwide in 1054?

Iseminger said a combination of motivations likely caused the Cahokia site to be abandoned.

"They probably depleted most of the natural resources in the area," Iseminger said.

Other possible causes include: a few bad leaders running the city; reduced crop production caused by extended droughts and cooling temperatures; flooding; nutritional problems from an overdependence on a diet of corn; a contagious disease could have spread with so many people living in close proximity; and a gradual breakdown of the ruling system with some challenging the authorities.

"Where they went or what tribes they became is not clear," Iseminger said.

In the 1800s, the mounds were named after the Cahokia tribe that lived in the area when European settlers arrived. But that tribe had moved into this area long after the mounds site had been abandoned.

Iseminger said French settlers often named their villages after American Indians who lived nearby, and that's the case for Cahokia, Illinois, which is about 11 miles from the Cahokia Mounds site, which is in Collinsville.

Monks Mound is named after a group of French Trappist monks who lived near the mound on another mound from 1809 to 1813.

Many visitors think the mounds are burial sites, but

Iseminger said most of the mounds were actually platforms for buildings. A large building on top of Monks Mound likely was the home of the site's leader.

But archaeologists have found burials in Mound 72, where the remains of more than 280 people have been found.

The majority of bodies in the mass graves were of young women 15 to 25 years old, "who apparently had been sacrificed and buried in these mass graves," Iseminger said.

"We don't know why; all we see is the end result," he said. The sacrifices occurred between 1050 to 1100.

"One burial seemed to be an individual of great importance; he was buried with the remains of other individuals on what appeared to be a platform of shell beads," according to the Cahokia Mounds website.

Archaeologists have found evidence of sun-based calendars comprised of red cedar posts in large circles on the Cahokia site. The circles were dubbed "Woodhenge" in a nod to Stonehenge in England.

In 1985, posts were erected at the Cahokia site to replicate one of the original circles.

Visitors can also see a reconstruction of what the wooden wall blockading Cahokia might have looked like.

The Cahokia site was protected by the state in

1920s and in 1982 was named a World Heritage Site by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Timothy Pauketat, an archaeologist and professor of anthropology for the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, urges the U.S. government to give federal protection to the Cahokia Mounds.

Pauketat, who published a book about the mounds titled "Cahokia: Ancient America's Great City on the Mississippi" in 2009, said many Illinoisans do not recognize "what a tremendous historical phenomenon existed in the southwestern part of the state."

"What happened there is comparable to the birth of civilization in Mesopotamia or Mesoamerica, except that Native Americans did it here and in ways culturally and contextually unique," he said in an email.

"The scope of the preservation problem is so great, which is why we need national involvement," Pauketat said. "The state of Illinois can't do it all."

Mike Koziatek of the Belleville News-Democrat can be reached at mkoziatek@bnd.com or on Twitter at @MikeKoziatekBND.

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Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site attracts about 300,000 visitors annually.

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Phone: 618-346-5160.

Online: Check out the website at cahokiamounds.org or the Facebook page called Cahokia Mounds World Heritage Site.

Groups: Download a group reservation form from the mounds' website and email it to the ILLINOIS South Tourism office via cahokiamounds@the-tourismbureau.org.

Location: The site's address is 30 Ramey St. in Collinsville, Illinois. Take Exit 24 off Interstate 255 and head west from the interstate on Collinsville Road for just over a mile. The entrance to the interpretive center will be on your left.

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# Lincoln-Douglas debates among landmark events in U.S. history

By Owen W. Muelder for the Register-Mail of Galesburg

The Lincoln-Douglas Debates are among the most important events in the history of the United States.

The seven debates were conducted throughout Illinois in the summer and fall of 1858. Not only significant in their own time, the debates have since been recognized as an ultimate example of our political process, which has continued throughout the centuries as most office seekers nationwide debate each other every campaign season.

Stephen A. Douglas and Abraham Lincoln were respectively the Democratic and Republican party candidates for the U.S. Senate. The primary question these men discussed was whether slavery should be extended into the nation's territories.

Lincoln was not an abolitionist, but he loathed slavery and looked forward to a time when it would disappear.

He also maintained that it should be forbidden from being established in new states that desired to join the Union.

Douglas defended the concept of "Popular Sovereignty," whereby the people who resided in western territories should have the right to decide if slavery would be allowed.

The slavery question was so important then that no other political issue was raised by either candidate during the debates.

Public oratory was popular in the 19th century; both

candidates often used harsh language and outspoken mud-slinging to characterize each other.

People attending these contests also shouted out derogatory comments and catcalls toward both men. Spectators came from every part of Illinois to hear the speakers and newspapers throughout the country published detailed accounts.

The first debate, in Ottawa, was held on a blisteringly hot day in the third week of August. Most historians agree Douglas put Lincoln on the defensive; consequently, the "Little Giant" appeared to be the winner.

However, at the second contest in Freeport, Douglas was put on the defensive. Lincoln asked Douglas how he could reconcile his "Popular Sovereignty" stance with the Supreme Court's Dred Scott decision, which ruled that slaveholders had the right to introduce slavery into the territories.

If Douglas responded that he supported the Dred Scott decision he would please Southerners, but if he stood by his "Popular Sovereignty" position, most Southerners would never forgive him.

His reply that day has since been dubbed the "Freeport Doctrine."

Douglas responded to Lincoln's query by saying the people who settled a territory would determine whether or not slavery could exist there. Put back on his heels, he hoped his answer would satisfy all parties, but it failed.

The third debate, in mid-September in downstate Jonesboro, was poorly attended.

In Southern Illinois, slavery was popular with many citizens. Lincoln finally came out more forcefully in Jonesboro, but he faced a hostile crowd and was characterized by Douglas as a radical. This debate is considered by most scholars a somewhat inglorious affair.

The fourth debate, in Charleston, was on neutral ground for both men and is remembered as a stalemate.

On a chilly day at Knox College's Old Main in Galesburg, the fifth debate on Oct. 7 drew more spectators than any of the other six contests.

Lincoln scholars are nearly unanimous in describing this debate as the one where Lincoln found his legs, displaying a confidence he had not shown before.

Lincoln knew Galesburg was an abolitionist town, known for harboring fugitives on the Underground Railroad.

Standing erect and self-assured on a stage above the crowd, Lincoln spoke for the first time at length about the immorality of slavery.

"I confess myself as belonging to that class in the country that contemplates slavery as a moral, social and political evil," he said. Paraphrasing Henry Clay, he accused Douglas of "blowing out the moral lights around us."

Lincoln biographer Benjamin Thomas described the Galesburg contest as the



**Jonesboro debate site**  
One of the Lincoln-Douglas debates was held in Jonesboro. Statues of the two men stand at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro. File photo.

turning point for Lincoln. One Boston newspaper reporter described Lincoln as "eloquent and bold." Lincoln was so successful emphasizing this moral theme in Galesburg that he repeated it at the sixth debate in Quincy.

Douglas, often a heavy drinker, was described as "tight" and spoke slowly, hammering home his contention that decisions about slavery should be left to local and state governments.

In the final debate, at Alton, which was a rehashing of the previous points, Douglas, his voice fraying, seemed worn down. An energetic Lincoln said the Declaration of Independ-

dence applied to all men, not just some, and the slavery question was between right and wrong.

In November, the state Legislature reelected Douglas by 54 to 46, but the debates catapulted Lincoln's name and reputation across the nation; the Republican Party nominated him for the presidency two years later. His election victory proved to be a significant watershed in American history.

Owen W. Muelder of Galesburg is director of the Knox College Underground Freedom Railroad Center. This story was shared by the Illinois Press Association.

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**Union County Bicentennial kickoff event**

Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds portrayed Illinois territorial Gov. Ninian Edwards at a bicentennial celebration which was held in early January at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro. The celebration was sponsored by the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society.

In his 1994 book titled "A House Divided: Union County, Illinois 1818-1865," local author and historian Darrel Dexter wrote that Jonesboro "holds a significant place in Illinois history. It was founded in 1818 and with the exception of Kaskaskia and Shawneetown, is one of the oldest towns in Illinois. It was a town before Illinois was a state."

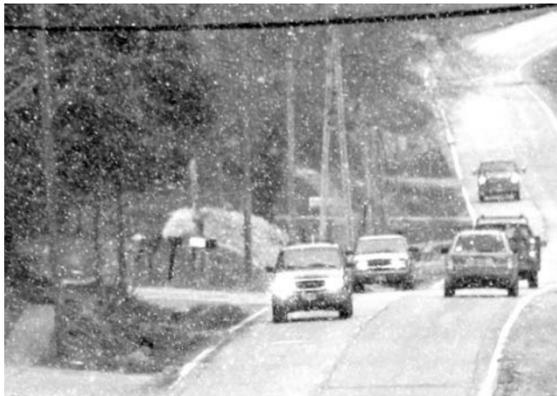
The act creating Union County was approved on Jan. 2, 1818. Illinois, a territory at the time, would become a state in December of 1818. Dexter wrote in "A House Divided" that Union County "was named, probably at the suggestion of John Grammer, who represented the area in the 1818 territorial legislature. "The name commemorates a union camp meeting held in the Dongola area about 1817 by two preachers, George Woolf, a Dunkard, and James Jones, a Baptist from Johnson County."

Historical exhibits were on display at the courthouse, including copies of the 1818 census of the county, plat maps showing the location of those owning property in the county and in Jonesboro in 1818, an 1819 Jonesboro Township poll book, a list of the 1807 and 1813 squatters in Union County and where they were living, maps showing the progression of the development of the State of Illinois and photographs of early Illinois statesmen. First day of issue envelopes commemorating the bicentennial celebration were on sale. Members of the Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club served refreshments.



**Cobden Peach Festival**

The annual Cobden Peach Festival was celebrated in early August. A parade was one of the highlights of the Peach Festival. The Cobden High School Marching Appleknockers band participated in the parade. The Peach Festival again was sponsored by the Cobden Lions Club, with the help of many volunteers.



**Snow on a Sunday afternoon in April**

Light snow was falling on a spring time afternoon as motorists made their way through Cobden. The picture was taken on Sunday afternoon, April 8.

**Illinois Bicentennial celebration held**

Two hundred years ago, on Dec. 3, 1818, Illinois became the Union's 21st state.

On Dec. 3, 2018, Illinois celebrities, dignitaries, veterans and citizens came together to celebrate at the Bicentennial Birthday Party on Chicago's Navy Pier.

Journalist Bill Kurtis hosted the program, which opened with Wayne Messmer singing the national anthem and Gov. Bruce Rauner welcoming a crowd of more than 2,300 party-goers.

"Tonight, we recognize some of the great contributions Illinois has made to society and the world," Rauner said.

"The milestones featured during our 200th birthday represent opportunities to reflect on our past and understand the great assets our state has to build on for the future. We have a lot to be proud of... and lot to build on."

Rauner noted the contributions of Bicentennial sponsors who made it possible to conduct a year's worth of Bicentennial activities without spending taxpayer money.

The key sponsors included Wintrust, which served as the Official Bank of the Bicentennial, Walgreens, Abbott, Boeing, BMO Harris, Illinois Office of Tourism, Comcast and United Airlines.

Act 1 of the program started with features to establish the Bicentennial theme of things Born, Built and Grown in Illinois.

While members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra performed "Happy Birthday," Rauner joined Eli Cheesecake's Mark Schulman to cut a 1,000-pound Honest Abe Apple Cheesecake that was shaped like the Illinois State Capitol.

Chicago vocalist Simone Green added a rendition of the Illinois state song.

Governor-elect JB Pritz-

ker also addressed the crowd.

"We are celebrating our bicentennial as one Illinois," he said, "ringing in our third century with hope and optimism to build on the progress of our first 200 years," he said.

In Act 2, members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra paid tribute to the Bicentennial Honor 200 Veterans with a piece composed by John Williams from the movie "Lincoln."

After a video about Illinois military history narrated by Illinoisan Joe Mantegna, Maj. Gen. Richard Hayes, head of the Illinois National Guard, recognized Honor 200 veterans from 50 counties. The members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra added to the emotion of the segment by performing the "Armed Forces Medley."

In Act 3, a video highlighted iconic Illinois theater, movie, and television productions, actors and actresses.

Second City and SNL alum Robert Smigel and George Wendt reenacted their Superfan "Da Bears" skit.

In Act 4, Smigel and Wendt introduced video on the birth of the NFL and the Bears.

The piece featured legendary Papa Bear George Halas as his grandson, Bears CEO and president George McCaskey, looked on. The Bears will celebrate their 100th anniversary in 2019.

Also in Act 4, East St. Louis native and Olympic Champion Jackie Joyner Kersee hosted a salute to Illinois champions.

For the first time ever, all six major league professional team championship trophies were together. She focused on the trophies one at a time as spotlights

illuminated trophies of the Chicago Bears, Blackhawks, Bulls, Cubs, Fire and White Sox.

Representatives of each of the teams were joined by Olympic Champions and two members of the Women's League Champion Rockford Peaches.

In Act 5 on history and culture, the audience was treated to video tributes to the men from Illinois who became U.S. presidents.

Under the direction of Broadway in Chicago, Miguel Cervantes (Hamilton in Chicago) performed an original composition of the "Gettysburg Rap."

Cervantes was accompanied by Illinois High School Musical Theater awardees from all over the state.

"I am so excited to be a part of the celebration, to reflect on this historical speech and deliver what will be a powerful message," Cervantes said.

Act 6 featured Illinois music, with an acoustical performance by Kevin Cronin of REO Speedwagon.

Cronin reminisced about being from Illinois, "I am thrilled and honored to come home and celebrate Illinois' 200th birthday."

REO Speedwagon was named the number one musical band in an Illinois Top 200 Bicentennial survey this past year.

Act 6 also included a video chronicling the migration of jazz and blues from the Deep South to East St. Louis to Chicago, showing what a great contribution Illinois gave to the music industry.

The Real Deal of Chicago, Buddy Guy, and his band performed.

Then a number of the evening's performers joined Guy for a finale, "Sweet Home Chicago."

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# Obituaries

## Nancy C. Green

Nancy C. Green, 86, of Anna, and formerly of Wynne, Ark., died at 4:25 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, 2018, at the home of her daughter.

She was born on June 16, 1932, in Fort Worth, Texas, the daughter of William Tilton and Ina Mae Hughes.

She was raised in Fort Worth, Texas, and graduated from Texas Christian University, TCU, in 1952 with a degree in education.

She met and married a young U.S. Air Force pilot in 1954. For the next 30 years she raised five children as a wife to an Air Force officer. During this time she not only supported her family through moves and changes but often provided support and guidance to other military wives and their families. Her service as a military wife included visiting and supporting wounded servicemen separated from family.

Upon Col. James "Bud" Green's retirement from the Air Force, Nancy and Bud moved to Wynne, Ark.

She joined the Wynne Baptist Church where she was a Sunday School teacher, leader for the church's Awana children's group, and a leader for the women's Bible study group.

She was also an active member of the West Memphis chapter of PEO International, whose mission is to promote educational opportunities for women around the world.

She is survived by her two daughters, Sheryl (Bill) Ribbing of Anna and Cynthia Carol (Bruce) Martin of Florence, S.C.; three sons, Kelly Green of Charleston, S.C., Ed Green (Felicia Hicks) of Lebanon, Mo., and Col. James S. (Katherine) Green of Wickliffe, Ky.; 15 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, James "Bud" Green.

A memorial service for immediate family and close friends was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna. A private graveside interment followed in the Anna City Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org. or to PEO International at donations.peointernational.org.

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

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

## Paul Flint Farris

Paul Flint Farris, 61, of Cape Girardeau, died Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2018, at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, with his family by his side.

He was born on May 19, 1957, in Cairo, the son of Paul R. and Lois Miller Farris.

He married Donna J. Hoppe on Nov. 26, 1993.

He was a 1975 graduate of Egyptian High School and attended Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

He worked on the family farm through high school. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Cape Girardeau.

Mr. Farris was employed as a sales marketing representative for the American Lubricants Company of Dayton, Ohio, and Seay Oil Company of Hopkinsville, Ky. At the time of his death, he was employed with Heritage Petroleum Company of Evansville, Indiana.

In addition to receiving numerous awards and recognitions for his work, he was a member of the Society of Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers and a Certified Oil Monitoring Analyst.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Farris of Cape Girardeau; his mother, Lois Miller Farris of Cape Girardeau; a son, John Paul Farris of Dongola; a step-daughter, Amy (Frank) Simpson of Carbondale; a stepson, Bucky Thompson of Cape Girardeau; grandchildren Alissa Farris, Sydney Simpson and Tyler Thompson; a great-grandchild, Ella Rose Crisman; a sister, Nancy Speakman of Liberty, Mo.; a brother, Chad (Kay) Farris of Whitewater, Mo.; nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Paul Farris.

Funeral services for Paul Flint Farris were at noon Friday, Dec. 21, at Crain Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Cape Girardeau, with the Rev. Ellen Gurnon officiating. Interment was in St. John's Cemetery near Dongola.

Memorials can be made to Saint Francis Medical Center's Heart Fund and will be accepted at the funeral home.

**Crain Funeral Home** and Cremation Service in Cape Girardeau was in charge of arrangements.

## Daisy Grace Phillips

Daisy Grace Phillips, 57, of Anna, died Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018, at Integrity Healthcare in Anna.

She was born on Nov. 18, 1961, in Evansville, Ind., the daughter of Walter Lee and Thelma Louise Weibert Sutton.

She is survived by her daughter, Bonnie Harvey of Newburgh, Ind.; a son, Brian Phillips of Evansville, Ind.; nine grandchildren; several brothers and sisters; many other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents.

The family will privately hold a celebration of life.

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

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

## Lindell 'Lin' Koonce

Lindell "Lin" Koonce, 92, of Murphysboro, and formerly of Lombard, died Monday, Dec. 17, 2018, at Manor Court.

He was born on Aug. 1, 1926, in Mounds, the son of Harry and Leatha Hitchcock Koonce.

He married Kathleen Lehman in June of 1948. She preceded him on Dec. 25, 2013.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Force.

He had attended the University of Wisconsin and received a BSME. He retired as a mechanical engineer for General Motors after 37 1/2 years of faithful service.

He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale.

He is survived by three sons, David Koonce of Goreville, Paul Koonce of Gainesville, Fla., and John (Donna) Koonce of Naples, Fla.; grandchildren Kristen Koonce of Chicago, Marcy Koonce of Naples, Fla., and Adam (Denise) and Aaron Koonce of Vista, Calif.; a daughter-in-law, Eileen Koonce of Vista, Calif.; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Peter Koonce; and siblings, Clinton Dale Koonce and Janice Baker.

Funeral services for Lindell Koonce were Friday, Dec. 21, at noon at the First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale, with Elder Pat Manfredi officiating. Interment was in Pleasant Grove Memorial Park.

Memorials can be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Carbondale and/or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home was 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).

## Betty McDermott

Betty McDermott, 77, of Anna, and formerly of Mill Creek, died at 6:50 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2018, at Integrity Health Care in Anna.

She was born on Aug. 10, 1941, in McClure, the daughter of William Bryant and Bertha Adaline Hutchison Dickerson.

She had worked for Anna City Care Nursing Home for the past 15 years. Before that she had worked for Florsheim Shoe Factory.

She was a member of Elco Pentecostal Church. She loved to fish, crochet, read her Bible and especially to spend time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter, Tracy (Phillip) Smithson of Buncombe; grandsons Bryant (Michele) Nolan of Mill Creek and Skylar (Michelle) Nolan of Buncombe; a granddaughter, Amber (Will) Hubbs of McClure; great-grandchildren Hunter Hubbs, Amiya Nolan, Nolan Hubbs, Journey Hubbs, Waylon Nolan and Tesla Nolan; many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by a son, Marty McDermott.

Funeral services for Betty McDermott were at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro, with Pastor Aaron Boyd officiating. Interment was in Cummins Cemetery, which is located off of County Line Road in Alexander County.

Memorials can be made to Cummins Cemetery and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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

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

## Shirley J. Elkins

Shirley J. Elkins, 69, of Buncombe, died at 3:45 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2018, at her home.

She was born on Aug. 31, 1949, in Cape Girardeau, the daughter of Raymond and Elizabeth Haire Manus.

On June 7, 1970, she married Jim Elkins in Buncombe. He preceded her in death on March 21, 2000.

Survivors include her daughters, Krystal (Terry) Pierce of Metropolis and Rachel (Paul) McBride of Vienna; five grandchildren, Payton, Nathan, Macy, Briley and Hadley; a sister-in-law, Patti (Gale) Evans of Mt. Vernon; and a niece, Tiffany (Jeremy) Myers of Searcy, Ark.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Brad Elkins; a daughter, Tracy Elkins; and her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Halbert and Helen Elkins.

She was a 1967 graduate of the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. She received a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Southern Illinois University.

She was employed by the Regional Office of Education. She was an instructor in the adult education/GED program, as well as the Youth Alternative Education program.

She was a beautiful artist and loved to paint and draw. She designed and collected one-of-a-kind custom dolls. She also loved flowers and enjoyed spending time in her garden. She enjoyed quilting and was a loving grandmother.

A graveside service was conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, at Mt. Zion Cemetery near Buncombe.

Memorials can be made to the SIH Cancer Institute.

To share a memory or to leave a message of condolence for her family, visit [www.baileyfh.com](http://www.baileyfh.com).

Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna was in charge of arrangements.



## David Jampolis

David Jampolis, 71, of Cobden, died Friday, Dec. 7, 2018, at his home.

He was born on June 7, 1947, in Chicago, the son of Morris and Myrna Weintraub Jampolis.

He is survived by his son, Jessie Jampolis of Cobden; two grandchildren; a brother, Sam Jampolis of Boulder, Colo.; other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He worked many years as a restaurant owner/operator. No services are planned at this time.

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

**RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN** Funeral Homes Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden was in charge of arrangements.

## Janice Curtin

Janice Curtin, 74, of Anna, died at 9:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, at Baptist Health in Paducah.

**Crain Funeral Home** Funeral arrangements were pending at Crain Funeral Home in Anna.

## Photographer's works featured in Cedarhurst Center exhibition

By Pete Rosenbery [news.siu.edu](http://news.siu.edu)

Photographers operate on curiosity. For Daniel Overturf, a professor in the cinema and photography degree program at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, the curiosity is endless.

Overturf's work is featured in an exhibition which is on display through Dec. 30 at the Cedarhurst Center for the Arts in Mount Vernon.

The exhibition is titled "Places Been. People Met. Photographs Made: Daniel Overturf."

The 113-piece photography exhibition of "observations and portraits recognizes the mundane to the unpredictable, with plenty in between, but always from life," according to Overturf.

Known for his small-town documentary classes and his own work and exhibitions, along with the 2008 book "A River Through Illinois," the exhibition includes work from a variety of locations.

Some of the work that Overturf selected is culled from unprinted negatives tin stored notebooks in his darkroom and are strong enough to show, but unrelated to any specific project.

"I went back and collected work from different locations and people that I have experienced within the last few years. The set of images had merit but did not fit into one of the bigger projects' tidy categories," Overturf said.

"Looking at the photographs in this exhibit I suppose I felt I had something more to say than just those specific projects."

The result was a collection with a broader theme than any of his other projects.

"Like most photographers or artists, my motivation comes from curiosity and that's the guiding principle in this show."

Rusty Freeman, director of visual arts at Cedarhurst Center for the Arts, said he invited Overturf to show because of his incredible photography project involving people in the region's small towns.

"It is an extraordinary example of 'representation,' a social documentary photography project so necessary in today's world," Freeman said.

He sees Overturf's work as philanthropic: photographing with respect "the people and their ways of living and working that

could very well be ignored in today's fast-paced, digital high-tech world."

There are images that do have related themes but have never been shown together.

There are works from annual trips to Scotland, along with photos and portraits of people from other regions, including Barbados and Bangkok, Thailand; Alexander County in Southern Illinois; the American Bottoms, a river collection; California; Albuquerque, New Mexico; the aftermath of the May 2011 tornado that hit Joplin, Mo.; and Chicago.

There are 360-degree pieces of work and platinum palladium prints in the collection. Overturf notes there are only two large prints with an idea of showing more moments, people and information.

Overturf is regularly looking for things to photograph in his spare moments, whether early morning in Thailand or on a recent family vacation to South Carolina. For Overturf, it is a way of life.

"It's not about those things, those places," he said. "If you have that reason to get up out of bed and to make pictures...you are going to do that wherever you happen to be," he said.

He is quick to point out the exhibition is introspective view of his work, not a retrospective.

"That's the 'R' word when you get up to a certain age," he said.

Overturf has participated in several exhibitions throughout his career. He is fascinated by the ways a photograph sparks conversation about triggered memories from a viewer's own experience.

"It's amazing that the more fact-based your work is, the more people want to talk about another set of facts from their own lives, which is interesting," he said. "The conversation does end up back talking about the photograph."

The eight students in Overturf's biennial Small Town Documentary Class have been spending the fall semester chronicling separate communities, this year including Golconda, Fayetteville, Crab Orchard and Cypress. This is the 11th edition of the class since it started in 1996.

The exhibit was scheduled to begin Nov. 27 in the north wing of the Communications Building, between the SIU School of Journalism and cinema and photography departments.

Obituaries Online at  
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# Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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

## Holiday Blessings

Hope everyone had a blessed Christmas. Wishing everyone a wonderful New Year with many blessings. I appreciate the news everyone sends me. Looking forward to hearing about everyone's Christmas guests and trips.

## Branson Trip

Bob and Betty Caraker went to Branson to visit their son Brian Caraker

and to bid farewell to the 2018 season at Kings Castle Theater.

They love their shows and the cast members, and theater personnel are the very best. They spent time on The Caraker Farm, as kidding season has begun, so always work to do there.

## Trip

Bessie Ellis and Martha Ann Webb enjoyed a trip to Paducah for a mother /

daughter day out, Christmas shopping and eating out. A trip to Carbondale shopping. Also visiting with their friend Lisa Spiess.

## Red Hat Ladies

Twenty three Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies met at Anna Pizza Hut for their Christmas dinner and party.

Hostesses were Lula Belle Tripp and Ginger Bowman. Two others were to be hostesses and helped with the decorations but couldn't be there; Mary Haffley who was in the hospital and Barbara Layman who was sick.

Prayers were said for them and also for Queen Mom Joan Graves Edwards, who was sick, Pat Jones, who is in Jonesboro Health Care, Geneva Jackson, who was in the hospital and Cathy Ziegler's husband, who is in St. Joe's hospital in Murphysboro.

One guest Charlotte Smith from Winter Haven, Fla., was visiting with her mother Lillian Milam.

The room was decorated for the Christmas theme. Beautiful red and white striped table clothes lined with Christmas decorations. There were two Christmas trees that the hostesses let everyone pick an ornament off of to keep honoring Jesus birthday.

There was a gift exchange. Christmas poems were read by Lula and Ginger and games were played. Lula Belle and Henry Tripp were celebrating their wedding anniversary.

Cathy and Howard Ziegler were celebrating their 49th wedding anniversary Dec. 20.

Rev. Millie Sloan said the prayer and blessed the food. Linda Clutts led the singing. The ladies stood and sang God Bless America to honor Jesus birthday, God and our country before they left.

## Guests

Guests of Lisa Spiess and family were Mike and Mary Anne Finefield from Cary.

## Woodmen Life

Woodmen Life members met at El Jalapeno Wednesday night for a dinner and installation of officers: president Lillah Williams, vice president Charlene Fairless, treasurer Linda Morgan and secretary Twilla Smith.

## Wedding Anniversary

A special happy wedding anniversary all the way to Texas for Dale and Louise Pitts and a special happy birthday to Louise.

## Guest

Christmas guest of Gaylon and Clara Cates is their son Gaylon Wayne from Chicago. Happy Birthday to Gaylon Wayne who celebrated his birthday while here.

## Illinois Office of Tourism

Carol Hoffman wanted everyone to know the Illinois Office of Tourism is preparing for brand new promotions for 2019.

Union County has the

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The choir at the United Methodist Church Anna sang their cantata Sunday morning and also Wednesday night at the Union County Nursing Home.



Helping with Wreaths Across America: from left are Bob Fuller, Neil Ayers, Jason Shadowen, Dr. John McConnaughey, Butch Wagoner, Jerrold Montgomery, Bruce Childers, Jim Koonce, Clay Goodwin. Not in picture Brian Flath, David Melby, Fran Ayers and Sharon Fuller.



Shown here are Williamson County 4-H youth who learned to sew a Christmas ornament. Instructor Marie Samuel was assisted by Esther Waddy, 4-H program coordinator, and Joe DeVillez, as well as a 4-H leader and a parent in the Dec. 20 class.



Wreaths Across America 2018 once again was a success. Megan Brumleve is thankful for the opportunity to be able to show respect by "Remembering, Honoring, and Teaching." "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction." Ronald Reagan. Megan is pictured with Ms. Corene who she met for the first time Dec. 15 when they both went to the same headstone to place a wreath on an old friends marker at the National Cemetery in Mounds City.



Ginger Bowman and Lula Belle Tripp hosted the Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies Christmas dinner party. Mary Nell Chew guessed what was in the bag for the door prize.



Corinne Steveson won a Christmas spider for a door prize. Cathy Ziegler won the \$2 with her gift of a beautiful book mark when they played a game at the Little Egypt Red Hat Christmas party at Anna Pizza Hut.



Mrs. Claus Dale Cruise and her mother Clara Nell Butler enjoyed the Little Egypt Red Hat Christmas dinner party at Anna Pizza Hut.



Lou Manus decorated a surprise gift for the Little Egypt Red Hat Christmas dinner.



Anna Eastern Star 522: New officers for Anna Star 2019 were installed Thursday night, Dec. 20, including Worthy Matron Lola Mayberry, Worthy Patron Troy Mayberry, Associate Matron Brenda Allen, Associate Patron Jim Hinkle, Secretary Steve Carpenter, Treasurer Brenda Mayberry, Conductress Denise Steck-Carpenter, Ruth-Barbara File, Martha-Shirley Spurlock, Warder Lillah Williams. Organist Mary Nell Chew, Installing Marshall and Grand Lecture-Lenora Thomas from Ziegler, Installing Marshal Judy Stacey from Eddyville, Installing Chaplain Debby Baker from Carterville. Those who could not be present included Associate Patron Sarah Mayberry, Chaplain Ruby Brimm and Adah-Pat Jones.



David and Carrie Howard, associate pastor at Anna First Baptist Church, enjoyed planning a Christmas party for their church.



Anna Eastern Star Chapter 522 had an installation of officers for 2019 Thursday night, Dec. 20: Worthy Matron Lola Mayberry and Worthy Patron Troy Mayberry for 2019 with retiring Worthy Matron Denise Carpenter and Worthy Patron Steve Carpenter 2018.



Linda and David Hall: David was honored with a 63rd surprise birthday party by Davis's children Kim Hale and her little man Andrew Bunch, Chrys Hale and her son Ethan Ralls, and Robbie and Missy Hale.



Congratulations to Halie and Tanner Starling on the birth of Elijah Raylan Starling, weighing in at 7.8 pounds, and 20.5 inches long, born Dec. 20th. Elijah has one big brother Jeremiah.

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**ESTATE OF JEAN PAUL JONES, DECEASED. IN PROBATE NO. 2018-P-66**

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

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Jean Paul Jones of 601 N. Main Street, Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on December 12, 2018, to Jean Paula Jones Diemer, 359 Winfield Point, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 and Sue Wahl, 283 S. Lake Drive, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701, as Independent Co-Executors, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of admission, you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses in open Court or other evidence, as provided by Section 5/6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21.)

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Will to probate.

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Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 311 West Market, Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before June 20, 2019, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: December 18, 2018.

JEAN PAULA JONES  
DIEMER  
SUE WAHL

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

**In the Matter of the Estate of HAROLD L. KRAATZ, Deceased. Case No. 2018-P-64**

### CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of Harold L. Kraatz. Letters of Office were issued December 5, 2018, to Paula Stover, whose address is 403 E. Schlenker Ln., Buncombe, Illinois 62912, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is Elisha Deen Sanders, Barrett, Twomey, Broom, Hughes & Hoke, LLP, Attorneys at Law, 100 North Illinois Avenue, P.O. Box 3747, Carbondale, Illinois 62902-3747. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's office, Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 20th day of June, 2018. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Paula Stover,  
Independent Executor of  
the Estate of Harold L.  
Kraatz

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

**In the Matter of the Estate of Mickle R. Brock, Deceased. Case No. 2018-P-63**

### CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of Mickle R. Brock. Letters of Office were issued December 5, 2018 to Doris M. Brock, whose address is 3080 Burnes, Dongola, Illinois 62926, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney of record is Mark A. Kochan, Kochan & Kochan, 121 West Cherry

Street, Herrin, IL 62948. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 28th day of June, 2019. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

DORIS M. BROCK,  
INDEPENDENT  
ADMINISTRATOR OF  
THE ESTATE OF MICKLE  
R. BROCK, Deceased

Mark A. Kochan  
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Lance Meisenheimer  
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## More Anna News

(continued from page 12) opportunity to submit a list of upcoming anniversaries and milestones taking place in our beautiful areas next year.

Carol would appreciate your help by spreading the word to others that may have this type of information, so they can be sure to recognize these important occasions throughout all

our area.

Please email Carol carol@southernmostillinois.com by the end of 2018 if possible.

**United Methodist Church, Anna**

The Christmas Cantata God is With Us by the choir was sung Wednesday night at Union County Nursing Home. Natilyn Corbit sang a solo Away in the Manger. Teri Goldsberry sang a solo A Christmas Prayer.

**Anna Eastern Star 522**  
Thursday there was a supper and installation of new officers.

**Military Prayer List**  
Tanner Anderson, Hayden Young, Garrett Goines, Nick Harvel, Nona Elizabeth Luke, Lucas J. Strickland, William Nathaniel Frankell, Ethan Maze, Lukas W. Davis, Kiefer Stull, David Jordan Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, CJ Youngerman, Freddy Morse, Reagan Morrison, Josh Steveson, Josh Williams, Faith Odom, Tommy Goff and family, Janette, Jamison and Kaylynn, Creighton Laster, Jim Bonner, Jacob Schaefer, Jerrod Schaefer, Jennifer Ann Bishop, James McWhorter, Arin Whitemountain.



**Howard and Cathy Ziegler celebrated their 49th anniversary Dec. 20.**



**Kent Young with his granddaughter June Young in the swing he built 10 years ago. It took Kent two months to build the giant swing.**



**Curt Lyerla representing the Shawnee Hills Christian Coon Hunters presented a check to Rev. Richard Sullins for the Union County Alliance of Churches.**



**James and Cheyenne Trambley enjoyed a trip to Hopkinsville, Ky., to meet Cheyenne's aunt and uncle, Maryetta Gottschalk and Jeff Zell.**

# Grant's first march to war: from Springfield to Quincy

By Greg Olson  
Of the Jacksonville  
Journal-Courier

Col. Ulysses S. Grant passed up a chance to have his soldiers ride in train cars. Instead, he thought it best that they march to war.

So, on July 3, 1861, Grant mounted a horse and led his first Civil War command out of Camp Yates in Springfield, en route to Quincy.

The 39-year-old Grant had molded his somewhat unruly troops, members of the 21st Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment, into a disciplined fighting force.

"There was direct railroad communication between Springfield and Quincy, but I thought it would be good preparation for the troops to march," Grant wrote in his "Memoirs."

The approximately 1,000 men of the 21st Illinois marched about 8 miles the first day before setting up camp just west of present-day Riddle Hill near what is known today as the Old Jacksonville Road in Sangamon County.

On the Fourth of July, Grant led his men to Island Grove in western Sangamon County, where they stopped for a while at the home of Capt. James N. Brown, a wealthy farmer and Shorthorn cattle raiser.

"My father, Capt. Brown, sent (my brother), William Brown, out to meet Col. Grant and tell him the people wished him to stop and the troops could rest and enjoy the day with them,"

wrote Benjamin Warfield Brown in 1927.

"The exercises soon began and Col. Grant and a great many of the soldiers listened very intently to the exercises. Hon. David A. Brown read the Declaration of Independence and the Rev. Peter Cartwright delivered the main address."

The march on the Fourth covered about 17 miles and ended on the Corrington farm, 9 miles east of Jacksonville.

Years later, William Corrington recalled the soldiers' encampment on his father's farm.

"I well remember that 4th of July as I watched Grant and his regiment go in camp just across the road from my father's home... on the head of the Mauvaisterre (Creek)," Corrington wrote.

"Another reason that I remember it so distinctly was I had my pockets full of firecrackers; had been celebrating the 4th, when by some means, the crackers got on fire, and before I could get them out, they had burned a hole in my new cotton trousers; and as I was standing in front of Grant's tent that evening, he said, 'Son, what's the matter with your pants?' My answer was: 'I had firecrackers in my pocket, and they got on fire.' He laughed and said: 'I bet you are a Union man,' and I said, 'Yes, sir.' I was all through the camp, and the soldiers gave me several little keepsakes I prized very highly. They were a tired, footsore lot."

On July 5, the 21st Illinois broke camp and head-

ed west to Jacksonville.

The regiment passed through Jacksonville on State Street late on the morning of July 5. As the soldiers passed the Joshua Moore family home on West State Street, 15-year-old Ensley Moore asked what regiment it was.

"The reply was 'the 21st Illinois.' And to the question who is your colonel, the reply was 'Grant.' Grant! I had never heard of him, and probably no other citizen of Jacksonville had," Moore said years later. "But there he was, riding along up the street, his horse moving at a slow walk, an officer on each side of the colonel."

The 21st Illinois made its way to the Morgan County Fairgrounds just west of Jacksonville and rested.

During the Civil War, the fairgrounds was called Camp Duncan and was used for drilling soldiers.

In 1910, A.Y. Hart of Mattoon, who served in the 21st Illinois, remembered the regiment's brief stay at the fairgrounds.

"Col. Grant stationed himself at the gate at the fairgrounds and examined our canteens for whiskey," Hart said. "One man of my company bought a coffee boiler, stopped the passage between the boiler and spout with wax, filled the boiler with whiskey and the spout with milk, and Col. Grant passed him in."

After resting at the fairgrounds, the 21st Illinois marched southwest to Allinson's Grove, about 7 miles from Jacksonville.

The soldiers camped there the night of July 5.

The next day, Grant and his command covered about 15 miles, marching from Allinson's Grove, through Exeter in Scott County and camping that night on the northern edge of Naples, near the east bank of the Illinois River.

On July 8, the regiment was ferried across the river and then marched west on the Perry and Naples Road. Grant later received orders to return to the west bank of the Illinois River and wait for a steamboat that would carry them to St. Louis. From there the regiment was to board a train for Ironton, Mo.

Grant and the regiment waited for the steamboat, but it never arrived because

it got hung up on a sandbar downstream. On July 10, the 21st Illinois crossed the Illinois River and caught a train for Quincy. Grant's men then went to Missouri to reinforce Union troops who were under attack from secessionist guerrillas.

Grant left the 21st Illinois in August 1861, when he was promoted to brigadier general. He would later lead all Union forces in the war.

Members of the 21st regiment, most of whom were from eastern Illinois, later participated in the battles of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Chickamauga, Ga., where they suffered many casualties.

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(Editor's note: this story was shared by the Illinois Press Association.)



Winter snow...in autumn

The Southern Illinois area recently experienced a rare early season winter storm in November. Several inches of snow fell in the Union County area. The snow created a winter scene in autumn at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro.

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Section B

## Illinois has had bumper crop of political figures

By Kerry Lester  
The Daily Herald  
Arlington Heights

The Gettysburg Address. Hull House. The nation's first African American president — and first lady.

All of these are due to Illinois' bumper crop of political figures and politicians, who represent a diverse range of viewpoints and contributions throughout history.

Here, in alphabetical order, are some of the leaders who came from our state:

### Jane Addams

A social worker and a leader in the women's suffrage movement, Addams was the first American woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

She ran Hull House, a settlement house for poor immigrants in Chicago, and co-founded the American Civil Liberties Union.

She also chaired a women's conference for peace in the Netherlands in 1919 and worked unsuccessfully to get the United States to serve as a mediator between warring countries in World War I. She died in 1935 in Chicago. I-90 in Illinois is named after her.

### Hillary Rodham Clinton

Clinton's 2016 Democratic nomination for president culminated a lifetime of public service, including terms as U.S. secretary of state, U.S. senator and first lady, a job where she chaired a task force that devised a plan to provide universal health care for Americans.

Raised in Park Ridge, she moved to Arkansas in 1975 and married Bill Clinton, who became the 42nd U.S. president.

Her first run for president was in 2008, when she lost the nomination to fellow Illinoisan Barack Obama.

### Richard J. Daley

Born into a working-

class Irish family in Chicago's Bridgeport neighborhood, Daley worked in the Union Stockyards to pay for law school.

He was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives, then became Chicago's 38th mayor with a 21-year tenure that ended with his death in 1976.

Daley delivered key Democratic votes from Cook County in the 1960 presidential election of John F. Kennedy.

He received national attention, and criticism, for authorizing the use of police force during the 1968 Democratic convention in Chicago.

His son, Richard M. Daley, followed him as Chicago mayor from 1989 to 2011.

### Everett Dirksen

A native of Pekin, Dirksen helped steer the U.S. through the turbulent 1960s. As U.S. Senate minority leader, the Republican held a crucial role in passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Civil Rights Act of 1968.

A World War I Army veteran, he was one of the Senate's strongest supporters of the U.S. role in Vietnam. He died while in office in 1969 and is buried in Pekin.

Did Dirksen say, "A million here, a million there, pretty soon, you're talking real money"? No written or recorded record has been found, reports The Dirksen Center in Pekin.

While a few people emphatically recall him uttering the famous words, at least one remembers the senator denying it.

### Stephen Douglas

A rising figure in Illinois' early years, Douglas served in the Illinois House of Representatives and as Illinois secretary of state and Illinois Supreme Court associate justice, all by age 27.

A few years later he was

elected to the U.S. House, then the Senate and became one of the Democrats' leaders.

The chief nemesis and sparring partner of Abraham Lincoln during the Lincoln-Douglas debates of 1858, Douglas was nicknamed "the little giant" because of his diminutive stature and political forcefulness. Douglas (along with Lincoln) championed the Illinois Central Railroad, now part of the Canadian National Railway.

He designed the Kansas-Nebraska Act, which brought the question of slavery into the national spotlight by allowing slaves in U.S. territories.

He died of typhoid fever at age 48 in 1861 and is buried on Chicago's South Side.

### Betty Ford

Born Elizabeth Ann Bloomer in 1918 in Chicago, she moved with her family to Michigan before traveling at 18 to study dance in Vermont and New York.

She married and divorced, then married Gerald Ford as he was campaigning for the U.S. House of Representatives. He later became the 38th president of the United States.

As first lady, Betty was known for her frank and outspoken nature and irked some conservatives because of her support of socially liberal causes, including the Equal Rights Amendment and abortion access.

Five years after leaving the White House, she founded the Betty Ford Center after recovering from alcohol and painkiller addiction. She died in 2011 at age 93; her husband died 74 days later.

### Ulysses S. Grant

Born in Ohio, Grant served in the Mexican-American War and moved at age 38 with his wife to Galena to join the family leather goods business.

The Civil War began a year later and Grant led a regiment south. Eventually promoted to commanding general and reporting di-

rectly to President Abraham Lincoln, he helped lead the Union Army to victory over the Confederacy.

As the 18th president from 1869 to 1877, he oversaw Reconstruction.

He kept a home in Galena. He died in 1885 and is, with his wife Julia, buried in Grant's Tomb at the General Grant National Memorial in New York.

### Jesse Jackson

Jackson lived under Jim Crow laws during his youth in South Carolina, but later participated in the 1965 Selma to Montgomery marches for civil rights and went to work for Martin Luther King Jr., which led Jackson to Chicago to establish an office of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

He attended the Chicago Theological Seminary and was ordained, then later received a master of divinity degree.

Jackson was at the Memphis, Tenn., hotel when King was assassinated.

As one of the most influential civil rights leaders in the nation, he founded Operation PUSH and organized the National Rainbow Coalition, now merged as Rainbow/PUSH.

Jackson ran for the Democratic nomination for president in 1984 and 1988 and later assumed a role in negotiating internationally for release of U.S. hostages and prisoners abroad. President Bill Clinton awarded Jackson the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2000.

### Ethel Kennedy

A human rights activist, widow of late U.S. Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and mother of 11, she was born Ethel Skakel in Chicago and later moved to Connecticut.

She married Kennedy in 1950 and founded the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Human Rights after his assassination in 1968.

She was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2014 by President Barack Obama.

### Abraham Lincoln

A lawyer and member

of the Illinois House of Representatives and U.S. House, Lincoln became the 16th president of the United States, serving from 1861 until his assassination in 1865.

Lincoln's presidency was marked by the Civil War and he is credited with preserving the Union. His Emancipation Proclamation in 1863 declared that all slaves within the Confederate states "are, and henceforward shall be free."

Lincoln is considered a leader in building the new Republican Party. He is buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield.

### Barack and Michelle Obama

Barack Obama, born in Hawaii, came to Chicago to work as a community organizer after graduating from Columbia University.

He taught at the University of Chicago Law School before being elected to the Illinois Senate and U.S. Senate.

In 2008, he became the 44th president of the United States. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2009.

Michelle Obama was born in Chicago, attended Princeton University and Harvard Law School, and returned to Chicago to work at the law firm Sidley and Austin, where she met her husband.

As first lady, she made healthy eating and exercise for children a focus.

### Ronald Reagan

A former actor and California governor who became the 40th president of the United States, Reagan was born in Tampico and attended Eureka College.

The two-term president was dubbed "the great communicator" and was credited with cutting taxes and bringing a quicker end to the Cold War with the Soviet Union.

He survived an assassination attempt in 1981 outside the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C., and died in 2004 after battling Alzheimer's disease.

### Paul Simon

Born in Oregon, Simon moved to Illinois and borrowed \$3,600 to take over the Troy Tribune, becoming the nation's youngest editor and publisher at 20 and building the newspaper

chain to 14 weeklies in the late 1940s.

He railed against gambling, prostitution and government corruption and, after Army service during the Korean War, began his political career in the Illinois House of Representatives.

A Democrat, he was lieutenant governor under Republican Gov. Richard Ogilvie, the only time those two offices have been held by people from different parties.

He was elected to the U.S. House, then the Senate, where he served for 12 years until 1997.

Simon ran for president in 1988, but lost in the primary to Michael Dukakis.

Simon lived in Makanda and founded the Paul Simon Institute at Southern Illinois University before his death in 2003.

### Adlai Stevenson II

Born into a family of prominent Illinois politicians, Stevenson was raised in Bloomington, where his family ran The Daily Pantagraph, and spent his adult life calling a farm along the Des Plaines River near Libertyville his home.

His grandfather Adlai Stevenson was vice president of the U.S. under Grover Cleveland, his father Lewis Stevenson was Illinois secretary of state, and his son Adlai Stevenson III was a U.S. senator from Illinois from 1970 to 1981.

As for Adlai II, he was Illinois governor from 1949 to 1953 and was the Democratic nominee for U.S. president in 1952 and 1956.

Unsuccessful in both attempts, he was appointed by President John F. Kennedy to be the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations and served during the Cuban missile crisis. He died in 1965 in London while traveling on U.N. business.

He's buried in Bloomington; the public Adlai E. Stevenson High School in Mettawa is named after him.

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# 1943: the holiday season during World War II

The mercury dropped after a week of mild weather as Union County residents prepared for the arrival of the Christmas holiday 75 years ago this month.

But in December of 1943, the pages of The Gazette-Democrat also featured news about the men of Union County who were serving the nation during World War II.

Only two years earlier, in early December of 1941, the United States had entered the war after the Japanese Empire's surprise attack on the American naval base and other strategic facilities in Hawaii.

This week, The Gazette-Democrat takes a look back at some of the news which was featured during December of 1943.

In addition to the news from 75 years ago, readers also will see some of the advertisements which appeared in the paper 75 years ago this month.

## Week of December 23, 1943 Another Group To U.S. Service

The following is a list of men who entered Service, through Union County Local Board No. 1, week ending November 27, 1943.

Walter G. Hill, Anna, Army.

John Moses Stokes, Anna, Marine Corps.

Charles Ray Sims, Jonesboro, Navy.

James Claxton, Cobden, Navy.

James Clyde Karraker, Anna, Army.

Carl Preston Hinkle, Anna, Army.

Glenn Rosson, Anna, Army.

## Expect Large Crowd to Attend Wilson Services

From all indications the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Banquet and Service this year will be one of the most outstanding ever held. According to those in charge there has been a fine response to the annual event (which) will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 28. The dinner will be at the Jonesboro Methodist church at 6:30 and the Hon. M.C. Anderson, nationally known speaker of Wickliffe, Ky., will deliver the memorial address at the Court House at 7:30.

## Sgt. James E. West Gets Oak Leaf For Service Over Europe

Staff Sgt. James E. West, gunner and radio operator of a Liberator bomber based in England, has been decorated with the Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster for participating in combat missions in the European theater.

## Good Response To Locker Plan; Many Subscribe

Subscriptions for the proposed Frozen Food Lockers are coming in fine, according to E.A. Bierbaum, county farm adviser, and as soon as a sufficient number have made payment installation of the lockers will be started.

Each locker will have a capacity of approximately six cubic feet of storage space for between 200 and 250 lbs. of meat. With the natural turnover this is about the amount that the average family would need in storage at any one time.

## Green Urges Citizens To Conserve For War Effort

Governor Dwight H. Green, in a recent proclamation, urges all Illinois citizens to "conserve critical resources for war." He suggests particularly that the use of coal, electricity, fuel oil, gas, water, transportation and communications be reduced to a minimum in accordance with the rules of health and safety.

## Ask That Holiday Festivities Not Slow War Work

Holiday festivities should not be permitted to slow up the various war activities, the Illinois War Council urged today in a statement issued by Arnold P. Benson, chairman of the Committee on Public Education.

## Junior High School Closes Early

We are in the midst of a mild type of influenza. To avoid a feeling of panic, it is well to point out that uncomplicated influenza of the present type is of a short duration and great advances have been made in making available treatment for cases with serious complications.

Every possible effort should be made for your own protection regardless

of how mild the case.

Due to the increased numbers of cases in our schools, it has been deemed wise that we close our schools, not only to prevent the spreading of the disease, but to enable those who are absent to have an opportunity of making up school work. School will again convene Monday, January 3rd.

## A-J Cage Team Beats Chester and Cobden

**By John S. Rendleman:** Two more cage quintets fell to the A-J Wildcats the past week, as the local quintet defeated both Chester, a conference opponent, and Cobden, a county rival.

## Wildcats Meet Pontiac In Centralia Tourney

Coach Paul Houghton's Anna-Jonesboro Wildcats will meet Pontiac December 30, in the third game of the Centralia Holiday Tournament.

## Disney Feature "Bambi" To Rodgers Sunday and Monday

George Montgomery and Annabelle are co-starred in "Bomber's Moon," which is coming to the Rodgers (Theatre) Sunday and Monday. The story tells of the heroic and suspense-filled exploits of a Yank flyer and a young girl doctor of the Russian army held captive by the Nazis.

Also on the same program will be Walt Disney's new feature, "Bambi," based on the Feliz Salten novel which has had such phenomenal sales, it is the most adult of all the productions Disney has turned out.

## Weather Colder This Morning

After a week of milder weather, the mercury dropped last night and this morning. During the past week there has been no snow but that which fell a week ago is on the ground yet in many places.

## High School Faculty Entertained Monday

The faculty of the Anna-Jonesboro Community

High School and the school board members and their wives enjoyed a Christmas dinner in the Home Economics department Monday evening, followed by a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R.L. McConnell.

## Wireless Station

Had our biggest snow Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning, it was 6 below zero.

## Sitter School

We are glad to see our teacher back this morning. He was sick three days last week with the flu.

The Sunshine Club met last Wednesday with Mrs. Esta Carter with only two members present. It was too cold that day. We hope to do better next time.

## Casper Church

We are having a nice snow and if it continues we will have a real nice Christmas decoration in this community.

## Mt. Pleasant

Archie Verble and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Prater assisted Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Henderson with their hog killing Saturday.

## Vineland

There was no school at Hamburg last Monday because of the flue being choked up and they couldn't have any fire. Mr. Cavaness of Anna came down and fixed the furnace and flue.

**SERVICE NEWS**  
About the Men and Women You Know

Editor's Note: We want news items concerning all the men and women of Union County who are in the Service. Bring in the news about YOUR SONS and DAUGHTERS. Their friends are interested in them. This column is a regular feature of The Gazette-Democrat.

## Week of December 30, 1943 SERVICE NEWS About the Men and Women You Know

Pfc. Harold Pribble is now in Italy, having been transferred from North Africa.

Staff Sergeant Harold W. Eddleman, who recently returned from service outside the continental United States, now is being processed through the Army Air Forces Redistribution Station No. 2 in Miami Beach, where his next assignment will be recom-

mended. As gunner on a B-17 "Flying Fortress" he flew 50 missions over Sicily, Italy, France and Austria, and holds the Purple Heart Air Medal.

The following letter has been received from Mrs. Perry Turner from her brother, Sgt. Cecil Webb:

Have made quite a move since you heard from me last. I am in civilized country now but can't say just where I am in England but it is nice country. We have small barracks to live in now. We sergeants in my

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

W E PAUSE, on the Eve of Christmas, 1943, to contemplate how much we owe the perennial character of our customers. With gratitude and pride we scan the list. Some of these customers have been with us for more than a quarter of a century.

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barracks bought a victrola and have a lot of good records. Right now Bing Crosby is singing "White Christmas." It makes me feel a little homesick but it is the nearest thing I have to home. Here you can at least understand and talk to people - the girls are not bad either.

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Don B. Crader, A.O.M. 3/c, participated in the recent engagements on the island of Tarawa, according to a letter received this week by his wife, the former Miss Imogene Cochran of Anna. Crader stated that his days consisted mostly of dodging in an out of fox holes, sleeping in pup tents, and enjoying chow which is cooked in large kettles out-of-doors and is much better than any food served (to) him in the States.

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## Need Pulpwood In Many Vital War Industries

Pulpwood cutting and food production go hand in hand to serve American fighting men, Secretary Claude R. Wickard of the Department of Agriculture said last week in urging farmers to back the Victory Pulpwood Campaign.

## Pay Respects To Late Pres. Wilson Tuesday

In spite of bad weather, practically every county in this congressional district was represented at the Annual Woodrow Wilson Memorial Dinner and Services held in Jonesboro Tuesday night. The dinner was served at the Methodist church and the Memorial Services were held afterwards at the Court House. The court room was filled for the services.

## Coastguardsmen Entertain Children

Young coastguardsmen stationed at the Wolf Lake Training Camp and unable to be at home for Christmas made their own Christmas atmosphere by inviting all children of the nearby rural areas under twelve years of age to attend a Christmas party Friday afternoon at the camp.

The entertainment began at four o'clock in the after-

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noon when Santa appeared "from over the hill" singing as he approached the recreation hall. Santa was attired in a real Santa suit (acquired through the untiring efforts of the U.S.O. hostess of Anna) and distributed packages of fruits, nuts, and candies to the children.

## Lunches and Full Meals are Furnished

(A) press release has been prepared by the Food Distribution Administration Illinois state office in connection with the Illinois Community School Lunch program.

Nutritious lunches, in many cases a completely balanced meal, are now being served to an estimated 217,000 children attending 1,170 schools in Illinois, under the Community School Lunch program.

Our county has been selected as one of the several in southern Illinois which has done a particularly good job in developing the school lunch program. School lunches are being provided for in the following schools in Union county:

- Toppingtown served 247 meals per month.
- Union Point, 830 meals.
- Rendleman, 464 meals.
- Davis, 181 meals.
- Knupp, 254 meals.
- Sifford, 418 meals.
- Lyerla, 1,008 meals.
- Davie, 2,214 meals.
- Lincoln, 2,798 meals.
- Mt. Glenn, 306 meals.

- Mackey, 179 meals.
- Jonesboro, 1,918 meals.
- Tripp, 520 meals.
- Ware, 817 meals.
- Balcom, 310 meals.

Total number of meals served for the month of November was 6,494, with 15 schools participating. Total amount of money spent was \$878.15.

## Many Sign For One Or More Food Lockers

Those in charge are more than pleased with the enthusiastic reception of the frozen locker plan that is being offered in the county and according to the number of persons who have registered at the Farm Bureau office for one or more lockers it won't be long until installation on the locker system can be started. It is expected that 600 lockers will be installed to start with but more can be purchased if there is a demand for them.

## Wildcat Cage Team Will Meet Cape January 4

Coach Paul Houghton's Wildcats will battle against the Cape Central Tigers January 4, for their first game after New Year's in the A-J gymnasium.

## "This Is The Army" To Rodgers Theatre Next Week

"This is the Army," the Army's own musical show that was so great it had to be put on film for the world to see, comes to the Rodgers for a special premiere showing Saturday night at 11 o'clock and then will be

shown at regular hours on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

The Sgt. Irving Berlin of World War I was responsible for the picture and, of course, wrote the music, music that is already famous and loved. He wrote one new number for the picture version, entitled "What Does He Look Like?", a beautiful tune, sung in the film by Frances Lanford.

The Hollywood contribution is a lavish cast of players including George Murphy, Joan Leslie, Lieutenant Ronald Reagan, Geo. Tobias, Alan Hale, Charles Butterworth and Una Merkel.

## Lots of Rain; Some Snow

Over the week-end and the first of the week there was more than an inch of rain and snow. Christmas day there was .12 inches of precipitation that froze as it hit the ground. The tem-

perature was then higher the next few days.

**Sweet Potato Wrappers**  
We have some beautiful pink sweet potato wrappers: just the color to catch the eye!

**Casper Church**  
On account of sickness in this vicinity and rainy weather Sunday there were no Sunday school or church services.

**Meisenheimer**  
The teacher and scholars of the Meisenheimer school gave a nice program Friday evening. Mrs. Helen Rich gave two nice readings and Ottis Brown gave a nice talk and then came Santa Claus with a nice treat. It was enjoyed by all.

**Barringer**  
The program at our school Friday, that was put on by the teacher and scholars was well attended and all enjoyed it very much. Two Santas were there to hand out the presents and

treat the pupils, teachers and visitors.

**Sitter School**  
Old Santa visited our school last Thursday night and gave the children a nice treat. A nice program was given.

**Western Saratoga**  
The school children gave a nice program last Friday and Santa came with (a) treat and presents for the children and a generous treat of candy for the groupings.

**Tygett School**  
The teachers and pupils of the Tygett School presented their annual Christmas program Friday morning at 10 o'clock. Santa Claus also came with (a) treat for all.

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**IDNR News Bits**

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, shares the following items of interest:

**Archery Deer and Fall Turkey Permits:** Illinois archery deer and Illinois archery fall turkey seasons are open through Jan. 20, 2019.

Permits are available over-the-counter at DNR Direct license and permit vendors.

Vendors can be found online at <http://dnr.illinois.gov/DNRDirectMonitor/VendorListing.aspx>.

**Spring Turkey Applications:** Hunters can apply through Jan. 11, 2019, for the second lottery for 2019 Illinois spring wild turkey season permits.

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**1860 plat book presented to Union County clerk's office**

Dr. Susan A. Whitemountain, right, on Nov. 30 presented a copy of the book titled "An Atlas of Union County for 1860" to Brandi Boyd, deputy Union County clerk, to be available as a reference at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

"An Atlas of Union County" was compiled by members of the PAST organization of Union County, working with Dr. Susan A. Whitemountain at The Gathering Place in Anna. The work captures the people who lived in Union County in 1860 into a series of hand-drawn maps, and also includes maps for Anna, Dongola, Jonesboro, Mt. Pleasant, South Pass and Western Saratoga, with the names of people who occupied the town lots.

Additional information in the book includes a list of mercantile, manufacturing and professional businesses found in Union County in 1860, as well as a list of schools and churches that existed in the county.

The book can be purchased at The Gathering Place at 313 S. Main Street in Anna for \$40. For more information, contact Whitemountain by phone at 833-6525 or by email [docwhitemtn@gmail.com](mailto:docwhitemtn@gmail.com). Book proceeds support the PAST organization of Union County. Photo provided.

**Scholarships available to agriculture students**

Agriculture students and Illinois Farm Bureau, IFB, members and their children are being encouraged to apply for 72 college scholarships offered by the IAA Foundation, Illinois Farm Bureau's charitable arm.

The scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500, will be awarded in total of \$110,000 for the 2019-2020 school year.

"We are pleased to help students through our growing scholarship program," said Susan Moore, director of the IAA Foundation.

"It is a great privilege to support the next generation of leaders, and encourage continuing education in agricultural fields."

Students can apply for a variety of scholarships, including three IAA Foundation Top Scholarships. Winners will each receive \$5,000 awards.

Another \$7,500 award goes to the Illinois Farm Bureau Legacy of Leadership scholarship winner.

In addition to family scholarships often established to honor the memory of a loved one, the IAA Foundation offers scholarships on behalf of organizations such as Prairie Farms Dairy and St. Louis District Dairy Council.

All applicants must be high school seniors accepted for enrollment, or students already enrolled at an accredited college, university or community college.

Scholarships are awarded for exceptional academic ability, leadership and financial need.

Previous winners of an IAA Foundation scholarship are eligible to apply again.

A full listing of available scholarships and eligibility guidelines are available on the foundation's website: [www.iaafoundation.org](http://www.iaafoundation.org).

The application period opened Dec. 1. Applications must be completed online by Feb. 1, 2019.

Information also is available at county Farm Bureau

offices, from the IAA Foundation at 309-557-2230, or by e-mailing Susan Moore, director of the IAA Foundation, at [smoore@ilfb.org](mailto:smoore@ilfb.org). The Union County Farm Bureau office is in Jonesboro.

The mission of the IAA Foundation, Illinois Farm Bureau's charitable arm, is to fund education, research, and charitable activities that benefit Illinois farm families and agriculture.



**Quilt winner**

Susan Hase, left, of Anna, was the winner of the Bicentennial Quilt designed and made by the Happy Scrapper Quilters of Anna. The pieced quilt in vintage patterns and colors was donated to PAST as a fund-raiser for the support and maintenance of Heritage House in Jonesboro. The quilt was presented to Hase by Barb Bauer for PAST at a recent Heritage House Christmas luncheon. Photo provided.



**Anna school welcomes special visitor**

Santa Claus came to visit Lincoln School in Anna on Dec. 19 to wish the boys and girls a Merry Christmas. To begin their day, students are greeted each morning at Lincoln before going to class. The school voiced appreciation to Walmart in Anna for helping show Santa around the school. Photo provided.

**Student art works welcomed**

Student artists are invited to submit their art to the 19th annual For Kids' Sake art auction fund-raiser by Dec. 31.

Art work which is accepted for the event will be professionally framed and hung for a silent auction in the art auction from March through April 2019 at the Longbranch Café & Bakery in Carbondale.

All proceeds from the sale of art work will go toward providing shelter,

food, clothing, health care and education to orphans and students in Bangladesh.

Student artists of all ages can submit their art work from anywhere in the world.

A submission form can be found online at [www.forkidssake.net/art-auction](http://www.forkidssake.net/art-auction).

Artists can drop off or mail artwork to: For Kids' Sake, 100 E. Jackson St., Suite C, Carbondale, Ill. 62901.

Digital art work can be sent to [info@forkidssake.net](mailto:info@forkidssake.net). For more information, call 618-529-5044.

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# Ken Gray's legacy left a bridge to the future for Southern Illinois



**Gray and Reagan**  
Kenneth J. Gray flew to Southern Illinois on Air Force I with President Ronald Reagan in 1988. They visited the Krone farm in Du Quoin to view damage caused by the drought. Photo courtesy of Marleis Trover/Maxine Pyle.



**Gray and LBJ**  
Kenneth J. Gray, "the Prince of Pork," shakes hands with Lyndon B. Johnson, known for his wheeling and dealing in the U.S. Senate. Photo courtesy of Marleis Trover/Maxine Pyle.

Illinois."

Gray's influence can be seen all over Southern Illinois, starting with Interstate 57, part of which is now named Ken Gray Expressway in his honor.

Many small towns have post offices thanks to Gray. Rend Lake is another of the "pork" projects Gray brought to Southern Illinois. Rend Lake spurred economic growth when a boat factory opened nearby that offered steady employment to an area with little opportunity.

Gray sponsored infrastructure bills that helped jump start the growth of industry throughout his district, including in Marion, where Pepsi MidAmerica, one of the area's largest employers, is located.

Former Mayor Bob Butler, the longest serving mayor in Illinois history, worked closely with Gray to secure federal funding that enabled Marion to grow. Butler told Trover he was "irritated" when Gray was referred to as "the Prince of Pork."

"He was just better at it than anyone else and they couldn't stand it," Butler said.

Gray's wheeling and dealing with Washington's elite also brought the Marion Federal Penitentiary, Devils Kitchen dam, the Olmsted Lock and Dam, numerous federal housing projects, an expansion project for the Marion Veterans Administration Medical Center, education funding and funding for the arts.

For Gray, it was never about power or personal gain; it was always about the people.

"When you came into his office, it didn't matter if you were Democrat or Republican," Gray-Clay said. "You were his constituent and he would help you."

Gray was popular at home and gained respect in Washington's inner circles. He was frequently called upon by U.S. House leaders such as Sam Rayburn and Tip O'Neill to stand in as the speaker pro-tem. He frequently appeared in public with presidents John F. Kennedy, Gerald Ford, Lyndon Johnson and Ronald Reagan.

Gray retired in 1989. He continued to be active in the district, lending a hand as an auctioneer, appearing at various dinners and fundraisers, or offering advice to his successors.

Gray died on July 12, 2014, at age 89. He enjoyed reciting parables and poems, with one of his favorites being Allen Dromgoole's "The Bridge Builder."

# Antibiotics awareness promoted

Antibiotics save lives and are critical tools for treating a number of common and more serious infections.

However, antibiotics are often used when they should not, which can cause them to stop working.

Up to 50 percent of all prescribed antibiotics are not needed or are not effective as prescribed.

Each year in the United States, at least 2 million people become infected with antibiotic-resistant bacteria and at least 23,000 die.

To help stop the misuse of antibiotics, the Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, launched a statewide Precious Drugs & Scary Bugs Campaign to promote appropriate antibiotic use in doctors' offices.

IDPH urges people to educate themselves, their families, and their communities about antibiotic resistance.

Antibiotics do not work on viruses, such as those that cause colds, flu or runny noses.

Antibiotics are only needed for treating infections caused by bacteria, but even some bacterial infections get better without antibiotics, including many sinus infections and some ear infections.

By Holly Kee  
of the  
Southern Illinois  
Local Media Group

In 1956, a little-known freshman congressman from Franklin County in Southern Illinois gave his first major speech on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, receiving a standing ovation for his efforts.

In that speech, amateur magician Kenneth J. Gray from West Frankfort, used his skills to illustrate the "rosy" prospects of then-President Dwight D. Eisenhower's Interstate Highway Act.

Carrying a bouquet of red roses, Gray illustrated the interference of lobbyists and special interests that he said were "killing" the program by snapping flowers off the stems until all the blossoms were gone.

At the conclusion of the speech, Gray suggested the lobbyists would fail and all would be "rosy" again, holding up the bouquet with white roses blooming from the bare stems.

In a political career that spanned 24 years in Congress, Gray was responsible for bringing nearly \$7 billion in public works projects to Southern Illinois.

Using earmarks on bills

often referred to as "pork barrel politics," Gray's ability to score for his district earned him the moniker "the Prince of Pork."

"It was a title he embraced," said his daughter, Becky Gray-Clay. "My dad knew that those projects meant jobs for people in Southern Illinois."

In what would become an infamous interview with The Southern Illinoisan in 2008, Gray said, "They call Rend Lake pork. Yet the engineers, six years ago when there was tremendous flooding, said that because of Rend Lake, more than \$100 million worth of property downstream was saved. If that is pork, pass me the plate, another heaping serving."

Part of that quote ended up as the title of a book about Gray's life by a pair of local authors and educators, Marleis Trover and Maxine Pyle.

"Pass the Plate: the Legend and Legacy of United States Congressman Kenneth J. Gray" tells Gray's story via a walk down memory lane that showcases the man that Trover describes as "one of the most effective congressmen of the 20th century."

Trover said Gray understood the most important

job of a leader is to provide hope.

"Each time he showed off Southern Illinois," Trover said, "he brought more people here or he connected our area with officials in other cities."

Although he never went to college, Gray educated himself about his area and beyond. He exaggerated his age to 18 to enlist during World War II, Trover said.

Gray's exaggeration, including his colorful suits, bow ties, red permed hair, and even his modes of transportation, made him stand out, giving him instant recognition.

After returning from World War II, Gray served as commander of the American Legion for the 15-county area, providing services to help reintegrate the returning soldiers.

"Having flown in the war, Kenny used his skills to pilot a helicopter around Southern Illinois," Trover said. "He later used what he saw in those counties to identify priorities to raise the standard of living for all the people of Southern

Holly Kee, a reporter for the Southern Illinois Local Media Group, can be reached via email at hkee@localsouthernnews.com.

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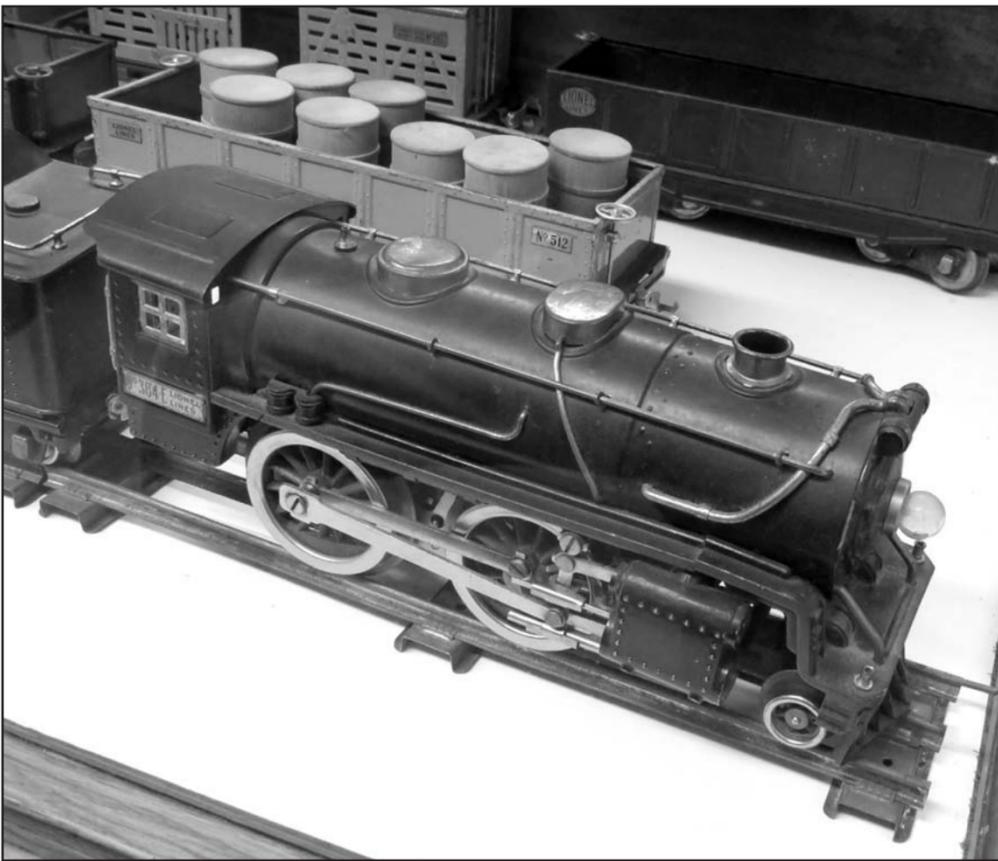
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# Vintage toy trains featured

Vintage toy trains were featured at an exhibit which was on display during the 2018 Christmas in the Village celebration during early December in Cobden.

The trains were on display at the Union County Historical Society Resource and Cultural Center (the former medical clinic) in downtown Cobden.

Visitors could see trains, some dating back to the early 1900s.



# NSDAR chapter has Christmas dinner

By Dixie Terry

The Daniel Chapman Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution met Monday evening, Dec. 3, at the Carnegie Library in Vienna.

Regent Doda Starkey called the meeting to order and welcomed members and their guests to the annual Christmas potluck dinner. The hostesses were Bonnie Hogue, Elizabeth James and Carol Racey.

New members Linda Hileman and Carol Palmer were welcomed in an orientation conducted by membership chair Ruth Brown, registrar Marilyn Meisenheimer and chaplain Bonnie Hogue. The new members were presented a DAR pin by regent Starkey.

A memorial service was conducted as a tribute to five departed members, by chaplain Hogue, Julia Mowery and Elizabeth James.

Care and concern cards had been sent by chaplain Hogue to Joyce Stryker, Carol Racey, Jo Ann McRoy and Rene and Loudene Lemme.

The president general's message was read by Julia Mowery. The national defense report was given by Jeanne McKenzie.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Janice Mc-

Cormick. The American's Creed was presented by Sandra Boaz. The Preamble to the Constitution was given by Susan White-mountain.

Reports were heard from officers and chairpersons.

Registrar Meisenheimer reported that she is working on seven applications for new members.

In an Indian minute, Sandra Boaz showed a photo of the medals presented to the Indian Code Talkers.

Wreaths Across America were to be placed on the tombstones of Mrs. P.T. Chapman, founder of the Daniel Chapman Chapter NSDAR; Daniel Chapman, the chapter's patriot; and one for a soldier at the Mound City National Cemetery, on Dec. 15.

A chapter officer and committee workshop is planned Jan. 7 at 9:30 a.m. at the Vienna Carnegie Library. The workshop is open to all members.

A new member orientation is planned Jan. 12 at 9 a.m. at the Union County Farm Bureau office at 104 W. Broad St. in Jonesboro. The orientation is open to all members.

The chapter's next regular meeting is planned at The Gathering Place at 313 S. Main St. in Anna, on Feb. 11 at noon, followed by the annual Valentine

party at 2 p.m. at the Illinois Veterans Home.

Members present at the December meeting were:

Sandra Boaz, Linda Hileman, Susan White-mountain, Carolyn Tripp, Carol Palmer, Lee Hackney, of Anna.

Jeanne Boglino, Golconda. Ruth Brown, Juanita Broyles, Goreville. Sharon Brown, Paducah. Bonnie Hogue, Loudene Lemme, Barbara Williams, Doda Starkey, Irene Webb, Vienna.

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Guests who were present included:

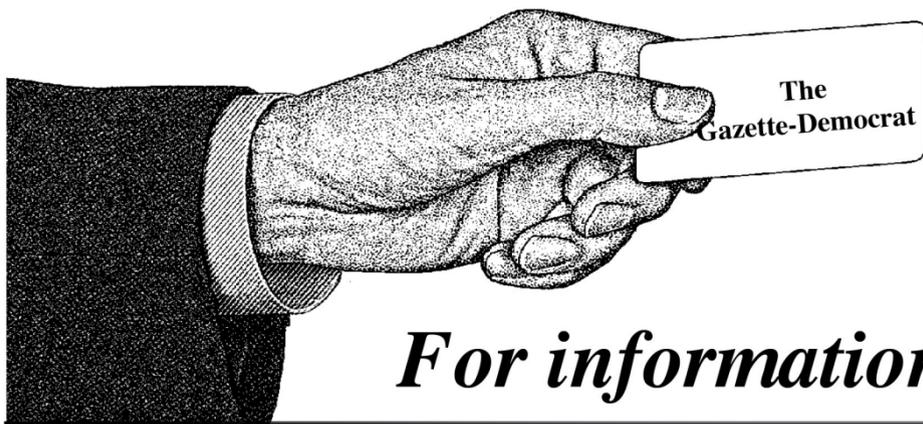
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Independence Day fireworks

Many people turned out to watch a fireworks display which was presented Wednesday night, July 4, at the Anna City Park in Anna. People were on hand at the park and in many areas surrounding the park to watch the fireworks. The Independence Day fireworks were presented by Brad Dawson. The Anna Fire Department coordinated the event, with support from the City of Anna and the community.



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**Snowy Monday morning in Union County**

Motorists had a snowy commute on Monday morning, Jan. 15, in the Union County area. Snow which was falling early in the morning covered area streets, roads and highways. The accompanying picture was taken shortly after 8 a.m. Monday at the intersection of South Main and Davie streets in downtown Anna.

**Comic book art work featured at Southeast's Crisp Museum**

The Rosemary Berkel and Harry L. Crisp II Museum at Southeast Missouri State University's River Campus in Cape Girardeau is hosting an exhibition titled "Comic Book Art from the Collection of Terry Godwin" through Jan. 27.

The exhibition of comic book art highlights original art work from the collection of Terry Godwin.

The art works include well-known characters, such as Tarzan, Batman, Spiderman, Flash Gordon, Green Lantern, The Hulk, Evangeline, Power Girl, Jack Dundee, Captain Britain, John Carter, Vampirel-

la, along with other fictional heroes, villains and sci-fi comic strip characters.

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

Museum hours are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Friday, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the first Friday of the month. The museum will be closed through Jan. 1, 2019.

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

**Television Listings**

**THURSDAY**

**DECEMBER 27, 2018**

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	(4:15) College Football (Live) (HD)	Seinfeld	(5:01) "Harry Potter & Hallows 1" (10) (HD)	BUNK'D	"Maze Runner:" (18)	Tour Bus	★★★½ "Spotlight" (15) Abuse cover-up. (HD)
<b>7 PM</b> :30	New Year Book report.	Bang (HD) Young	Man (HD) Cool Kids	I Feel Bad	Scoreboard	Seinfeld		Raven	★★½ "He's Just Not That Into You" (09) (HD)	Tour Bus	(15) Escape "Part 6"
<b>8 PM</b> :30	★★★ "Rudolph" (76)	(01) Mom Neighbor.	Man (HD) Cool Kids	Law & Order: SVU "Man Up; Man Down" (HD)	College Football Baylor vs Vanderbilt (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	(:58) "Harry Potter & Hallows 2" (11) (HD)	Coop & Cam		"War for the Planet of the Apes" (17) Fight for Earth.	(15) "The Bourne Ultimatum" (07, Thriller)
<b>9 PM</b> :30	Conners	S.W.A.T. "Hunted"	Local Programs Local info.	Local		Seinfeld	Family	Raven	★★★ "Taken" (09) Teen kidnapped.		(10) "Logan" (17) (R)
<b>10 PM</b> :30	Local	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(:35) Tonight (HD)		Seinfeld	Family	Raven			(10) Ray Donovan
<b>11 PM</b> :30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night	Sports	Brooklyn	Family	Bizaard	"Traffik"		

**THURSDAY**

	SHOW
<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>ABC Happy New Year, Charlie Brown!</b> Charlie Brown is assigned a book report on "War and Peace," but keeps getting distracted by dance lessons and a party, so he barely finishes the report. TV G
<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>FOX The Cool Kids "Sid Comes Out"</b> Margaret tries to persuade Sid to finally come out to his son; Hank won't accept that he needs glasses and Charlie helps him trick his way through his eye test. TV14 (HD)

**FRIDAY**

**DECEMBER 28, 2018**

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	(4:15) College Football (Live) (HD)	Burgers	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	"Rampage" (18) Huge animals attack.	"Supremacy" (04)	"The Death of Stalin" (17, Action) Ill-fated heist. (HD)
<b>7 PM</b> :30	Boat (HD)	Garth: Live at Notre Dame, Ind.	Man (HD) Cool Kids	Midnight, Texas (HD)	Scoreboard	★★★★ "Captain America: Civil War" (16, Action) Avengers divided.	Law & Order: SVU	★★★ "The Good Dinosaur" (15)	Sally4Ever	"Arizona" (18) Really dangers.	"Baby Driver" (17, Action) Ill-fated heist. (HD)
<b>8 PM</b> :30	20/20 "A Killing on the Cape" (HD)	Blue Bloods (HD)	Hell's Kitchen (HD)	Dateline NBC Investigative news. (HD)	College Football 2018 Valero Alamo Bowl vs Washington State (HD)		Law & Order: SVU	Coop & Cam	"Dances with Wolves" (90) A soldier lives with the Lakota Sioux.	"MacGruber" Soldier battles foe.	
<b>9 PM</b> :30	Local	Local	Local Programs Local info.	Local		ELEAGUE (HD)	Family	Raven		"X2" (03) A madman plans mutant genocide.	"Pimp" (18) Woman struggling.
<b>10 PM</b> :30	Local	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(:35) Tonight (HD)		"National Security"	Family	Andi Mack		"Tomb Raider" (18)	Escape
<b>11 PM</b> :30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night	Sports		Family	Bizaard			

**FRIDAY**

	SHOW
<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>TBS Captain America: Civil War</b> ★★★★★ (2016, Action) Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr. Captain America and Iron Man become deeply divided after disagreeing about a UN proposal of increased accountability for the Avengers. PG-13 TV14
<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>ABC 20/20 "A Killing on the Cape"</b> A woman's brutal murder with her baby unharmed at her side leads police on a three year search for her killer, which includes a long list of potential suspects. (HD)

**SATURDAY**

**DECEMBER 29, 2018**

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> :30	News	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Cotton B. Pre/Post	"National Security"	NCIS (HD)	Raven	"Blockers" (18) (HD)	★★★ "Atomic Blonde"	Shameless (HD)
<b>7 PM</b> :30	Mickey's 90th Spectacular Mickey Mouse.	God Friended Me	9-1-1 "Haunted" (HD)	Dateline NBC Investigative news. (HD)	Capital One Orange Bowl Oklahoma Sooners vs Alabama Crimson Tide (Live)	Bang (HD)	NCIS Young refugee.	Raven	★★½ "Life of the Party" (18) (HD)	★★★ "Die Hard 2" (90) Airport terrorists. (HD)	"When Harry Met Sally ..." (89)
<b>8 PM</b> :30		48 Hours (HD)	The Resident (HD)			Bang (HD)	NCIS "Fallout" (HD)	Raven	High Maint		"A Bad Moms Christmas" Rebellious moms.
<b>9 PM</b> :30	A. Baldwin (HD)	48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live (HD)		Bang (HD)	NCIS Past figure. (HD)	Coop & Cam	High Maint	"John Wick: Chapter 2" Out of retirement.	Sommere (HD)
<b>10 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	Hell's Kitchen (HD)	Local	(:50) SportsCenter with Scott (HD)	Frontal	Family	Coop & Cam	(:45) "The Hangover" (09) After the party. (R)		Escape
<b>11 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.		★★★★ "Love Actually" Love stories.	Family	Andi Mack		"Thoroughbreds" (R)	

**SATURDAY**

	SHOW
<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>HBO Life of the Party</b> ★★½ (2018, Comedy) Melissa McCarthy, Gillian Jacobs. A devoted housewife returns to college, where she participates in a journey of self-discovery, after her husband abruptly leaves her. PG-13 (HD)
<b>8:35pm</b>	<b>SHOW A Bad Moms Christmas</b> ★★½ (2017, Comedy) Mila Kunis, Kristen Bell. Three exasperated mothers decide to rebel against Christmas, as they try to create the perfect holiday atmosphere while hosting their own visiting mothers. R (HD)

**SUNDAY**

**DECEMBER 30, 2018**

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> :30	Videos (HD)	NFL (Live) 60 Minutes (HD)	The OT (Live) (HD)	Football America (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	(4:45) "Blended" (14)	Law & Order: SVU	"Toy Story 2" (99)	"Book of Eli" (10) (R)	"Sunshine" (07) (HD)	Escape "Part 5"
<b>7 PM</b> :30	Videos (HD)	Neighbor.	The Orville "Ja'loja"	(:20) Sunday Night Football "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD)	SVU (HD)	(:10) "Toy Story 3" (10) The toys in daycare.	"Inception" (10) Entering dreams and stealing ideas.	"War for the Planet of the Apes" (17) Fight for Earth.	Escape "Part 6"
<b>8 PM</b> :30	Videos (HD)	Neighbor.	Fam Guy		Tiger Woods: Return (HD)	Bang (HD)	SVU	(:24) SVU			Ray Donovan "Baby"
<b>9 PM</b> :30	Videos (HD)	God Friended Me	Local Programs Local info.			Bang (HD)	(:05) SVU	Raven			Escape At Dannemora "Part 7"
<b>10 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	S.W.A.T. "Payback"			SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	★★½ "Life of the Party" (18) (HD)	(:25) "Logan" (17, Action) Young mutant. (HD)	Escape At Dannemora "Part 7"
<b>11 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Game Day Prime (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	SportsCenter (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	SVU	Liv Maddie	"American Made" (R)	"Paycheck"	

**SUNDAY**

	SHOW
<b>7:10pm</b>	<b>DISN Toy Story 3</b> ★★★★★ (2010, Comedy) Tom Hanks, Tim Allen. As Andy leaves for college, the toys are packed and donated to a daycare, but when things get a little too rough, they plan a daring escape so they can go home. G TV G
<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>SHOW Ray Donovan "Baby"</b> Radulovic and the Staten Island cops take a drastic measure with Ray on the run, which sends him on a warpath; Mickey confronts his son; Sam makes final move. TVMA (HD)

**MONDAY**

**DECEMBER 31, 2018**

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:30) Local Programs	Local Programs	Scoreboard	Fam Guy	Law & Order: SVU	Coop & Cam	★★★ "Kingsman" (17)	"Drunken Fist" (16)	★★½ "Bad Moms" (17)
<b>7 PM</b> :30	New Year's Rockin' Eve "Part 1"	Neighbor. Happy	FOX's New Year's Eve Pt 1	A Toast to 2018! Popular stories. (HD)	College Football North Carolina State vs Texas A&M (Live) (HD)	Fam Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	Raven	"Rampage" (18) Huge animals attack.	"Atomic Blonde" (17) British super agent.	Ray Donovan "Baby"
<b>8 PM</b> :30		Magnum P.I. (HD)				Fam Guy		BUNK'D			Escape At Dannemora "Part 7"
<b>9 PM</b> :30	New Year's "Part 2"	Bull "Bad Medicine"	Local Programs	New Year's Eve (HD)		Fam Guy		BUNK'D	"Ready Player One" (18) Tye Sheridan. Virtual reality.	"The Bourne Identity" (02) Amnesiac agent.	(:40) "The Foreigner" (17) Vengeful father.
<b>10 PM</b> :30	Local	Local	FOX's New Year's Eve Pt 2	(:58) Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	Andi Mack			
<b>11 PM</b> :30	Dick Clark's New Year's "Part 1"	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local	New Year's Eve (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Brooklyn	Law & Order: SVU	Liv Maddie	"It" Demonic clown.	"John Wick 2" (17)	"American"

**MONDAY**

	SHOW
<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>ABC Dick Clark's Primetime New Year's Rockin' Eve with Ryan Seacrest 2019</b> "Part 1" Host Ryan Seacrest presents the primetime festivities and leads the traditional countdown to midnight from the world famous Times Square in New York City.
<b>8:50pm</b>	<b>HBO Ready Player One</b> ★★★★★ (2018, Science Fiction) Tye Sheridan, Olivia Cooke. An Easter egg contained in a video that was made by the creator of a virtual reality world, and can be used to find his fortune, is released upon his death. PG-13 (HD)

**TUESDAY**

**JANUARY 1, 2019**

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	(4:00) 2019 Rose Bowl (Live)	(4:30) "Blended" (14)	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D	"Blockers" (18) (HD)	★★½ "Predator 2" (90)	Escape At Dannemora "Part 7" Tension rises.
<b>7 PM</b> :30	Conners	NCIS "Destiny's Child"	Lethal Weapon (HD)	Games (HD)		Bang (HD)	WWE SmackDown (HD)	Raven	"The Hangover" (18) After the party.	"Back to the Future" Changing the past.	Inside the NFL (HD)
<b>8 PM</b> :30	black-ish	FBI "Doomsday" (HD)	The Gifted (HD)	This Is Us (HD)	(:40) 2019 Allstate Sugar Bowl Texas Longhorns vs Georgia Bulldogs (Live)	Bang (HD)		Coop & Cam	(:45) "Half Baked" (98, Comedy)		Ray Donovan "Baby"
<b>9 PM</b> :30	The Rookie (HD)	NCIS: New Orleans	Local Programs Local info.	(01) New Amsterdam		Bang (HD)	Miz & Mrs	BUNK'D		"Back to the Future Part II" (89)	Inside the NFL (HD)
<b>10 PM</b> :30	Local	Local		Local		Conan Kevin Nealon.	Miz & Mrs	Raven	★★½ "Get Him to the Greek" (10) Wild rocker.	★★★ "Back to Future Part III" (90)	★★★ "Crank" (06) (HD)
<b>11 PM</b> :30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night	Post Game SC (HD)	New Girl	Miz & Mrs	Bizaard			

**TUESDAY**

	SHOW
<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>HBO The Hangover</b> ★★½ (2009, Comedy) Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms. Groomsmen with no memory of their wild night in Las Vegas must retrace their steps in order to find the missing groom before his wedding. R (HD)
<b>7:40pm</b>	<b>ESPN 2019 Allstate Sugar Bowl</b> Texas makes 55th all-time bowl appearance; Georgia trails all-time series, 3-1, but upset the unbeaten and No. 2-ranked Longhorns in the 1984 Cotton Bowl, 10-9.

**WEDNESDAY**

**JANUARY 2, 2019**

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA Countdown (HD)	Burgers	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D	"Rampage" (18) (HD)	"Thirteen Days" (01)	"The Break-Up" (06)
<b>7 PM</b> :30	Goldbergs	To Be Announced (HD)	Gordon Cajun café.	Chicago Med (HD)	NBA Basketball Minnesota vs Boston (Live)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D	"Never Been Kissed" (99) (HD)	"The Usual Suspects" (95) (HD)	"Maid in Manhattan" (02) Unlikely love. (HD)
<b>8 PM</b> :30	Family	(01) SEAL Team (HD)	The Masked Singer	Chicago Fire (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Coop & Cam	(:50) Holmes (HD)	"Out of Sight" (98) George Clooney. Agent falls for con.	★★ "The Back-Up Plan" (10) (HD)
<b>9 PM</b> :30	Match Game (HD)	Criminal Minds (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Chicago P.D. (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D	"Fifty Shades Freed" New enemies appear.		"Spotlight" (15) Abuse cover-up.
<b>10 PM</b> :30	Local	Local		Local	NBA Basketball Oklahoma City vs Los Angeles (Live) (HD)	Frontal (HD)	Family	Raven			
<b>11 PM</b> :30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		"The Hobbit: Five Armies" (14)	Family	Bizaard		"Red Sparrow" (18)	

**WEDNESDAY**

	SHOW
<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>FOX Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back</b> "The Trolley Stop Café" The Trolley Stop Café in New Orleans is suffering from an absentee owner and restaurant staff that lacks proper discipline and communication. TV14 (HD)
<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>FOX The Masked Singer</b> "Season Premiere: Mask On Face Off" Six undercover celebrity singers don animal masks to conceal their identity as they perform before panelists who try to guess the singer's identity. TVPG

# Opinion and Commentary

## Farewell to 2018... ...welcome to 2019

Another year is rapidly coming to an end...we are about to say farewell to 2018...and we prepare to welcome 2019.

We hope that 2018 has been a good year for you. We also hope that 2019 will be a happy and prosperous year for you, your family and all of those who are an important part of your life.

As 2018 comes to an end, we share a few thoughts about the New Year, including some words of wisdom from a fellow by the name of Mark Twain...

New Year's Day – Now is the accepted time to make your regular annual good resolutions. Next week you can begin paving hell with them as usual. Yesterday, everybody smoked his last cigar, took his last drink, and swore his last oath. Today, we are a pious and exemplary community. Thirty days from now, we shall have cast our reformation to the winds and gone to cutting our ancient shortcomings considerably shorter than ever. We shall also reflect pleasantly upon how we did the same old thing last year about this time. New Year's is a harmless annual institution, of no particular use to anybody save as a scapegoat for promiscuous drunks, and friendly calls, and humbug resolutions, and we wish you to enjoy it with a looseness suited to the greatness of the occasion. – Letter to Virginia City Territorial Enterprise, January 1863 (from twainquotes.com)...

...and some thoughts from those who remain anonymous, from thoughtco.com...

“Many people look forward to the New Year for a new start on old habits.”

“A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.”

“Last year's resolution was to lose 20 pounds by Christmas. Only 30 pounds to go.”

“Remember when we were young and wanted to stay up for New Year's? Now we are old and all we want to do is sleep.”

“May the New Year bring you significantly more joy than the holidays did.”

## Happy New Year

## Library, museum recently added three Lincoln documents to collection

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield recently added three Lincoln documents to its collection, thanks to the generosity of a donor who wishes to remain anonymous.

The documents illustrate Lincoln's duties both as an attorney and a president. One is from an 1851 libel case. Another, a note on White House stationery, apologizes for not being able to review troops.

The third proclaims a new treaty between the United States and Belgium.

“We are deeply grateful for this generous donation of amazing documents to the ALPLM,” said Alan Lowe, executive director of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.

“I am especially excited about the document related to the treaty with Belgium. Lincoln's foreign policy genius is an often-overlooked topic, and this document will allow us to better tell that important story.”

The documents were donated by a Central Illinois collector who wanted to see them safely preserved and available to future scholars and Lincoln fans.

“It was clear to me that the Lincoln Presidential Library was the best place to see these documents protected and also shared with the world,” the donor said. “They need to be in Springfield.”

The libel case involved two men who had built competing schools in Danville.

George W. Casseday wrote an article accusing his rival of abandoning his dead wife's body to be buried by other people. William Fithian was outraged and hired Lincoln to sue for libel.

In the newly donated letter, Lincoln explains that his client did leave his wife to be buried by someone else, but only because he needed to be at the side of his son, who was seriously ill in a town 40 miles away. Lincoln's client won and was awarded \$547.90.

Details of the case can be found by searching “Fithian v. Casseday” at [www.LawPracticeOfAbrahamLincoln.org](http://www.LawPracticeOfAbrahamLincoln.org).

The other Lincoln documents are an 1863 note to a general in which the president apologizes for not having time to review a New York military unit, and an 1864 letter instructing the secretary of state to “affix the seal of the United States to my proclamation of the Treaty” with Belgium.

The donation also includes two non-Lincoln items signed by future president William Henry Harrison.

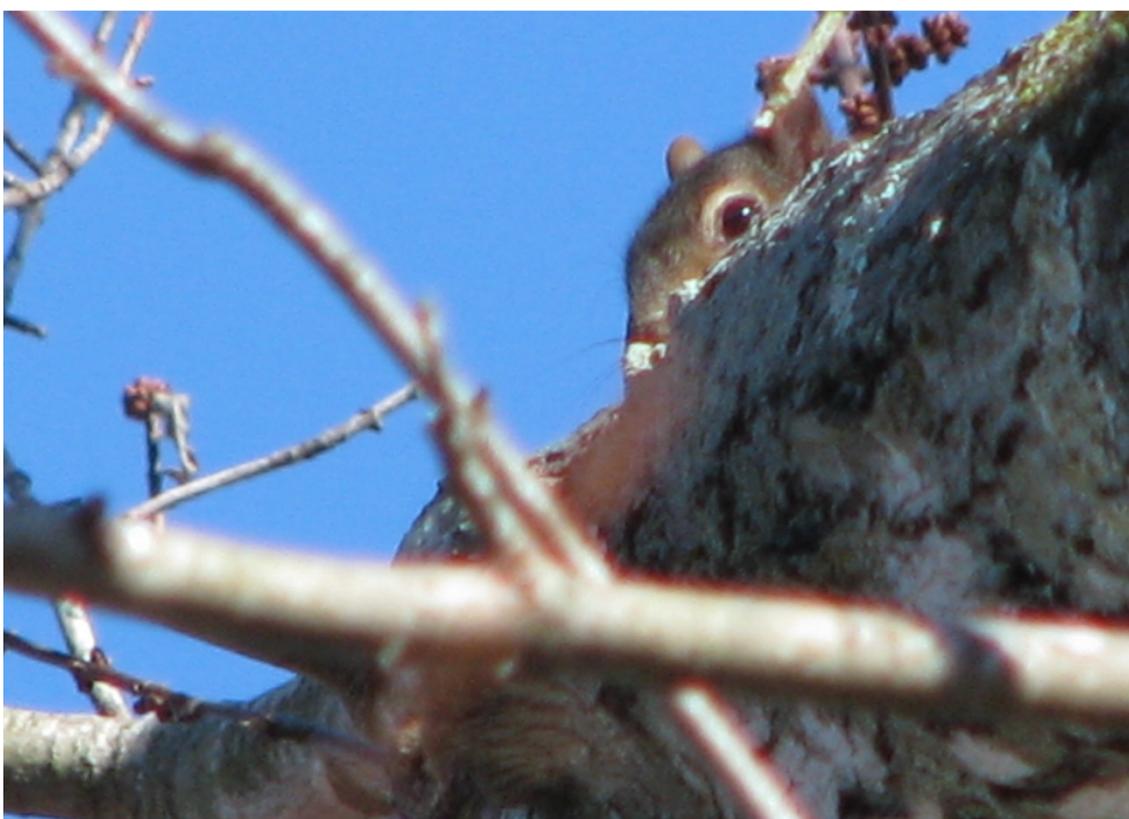
The most important is from 1795, when Harrison was helping to implement the new Treaty of Greenville, which gave the United States possession of most of Ohio and the future site of Chicago.

In the brief note, Harrison requests beef, flour and whiskey for the Potawatomi, one of the tribes that signed the historic treaty.

The other document is a \$41 check Harrison wrote in the 1830s.

## Please read this...

By Geof Skinner



Peekaboo...he (she?) sees you. Oddly, squirrels seem to be pretty good about hanging around long enough for a picture like this. Then, of course, they are gone in a flash.

## Another nutty year comes to an end...

Thank goodness for squirrels. They are cute. They can be goofy. And they are great when it comes to taking pictures.

Last week, in keeping with tradition, this space featured some of yours truly's favorite critter pics from 2018.

This week, again in keeping with tradition, we're having our annual squirrel picture page.

Next week, I suppose, is going to be a bit disappointing, mainly because your writer, most likely, is going to have to write again. Hopefully, inspiration will fall from the sky. We shall see.

In the meantime, I hope you enjoy the squirrels. I also hope that you have a very Happy New Year. See you in 2019...



Wanna box? A squirrel spotted on a cold day in February seemed to be taking on the pose of a pugilist.



Snack time? A lemon peel, or maybe it was an orange peel, can't remember, caught this squirrel's attention one day last spring.



This squirrel appeared to have a bit of a jungle gym in a tree. So many branches...so many choices...



Are you looking at me? Or, maybe, this squirrel was just leaning closer, for a better picture.