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## News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

December 7 is the anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, in 1941. Following the attack, the United States formally entered World War II.

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Through the end of November, the Union County area had received a total of nearly 5 1/2 feet of precipitation for the year.

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The Union County Board of Commissioners has approved a tentative budget for the county's new fiscal year, which began on Dec. 1. The budget, which is balanced, is on display at the Union County clerk's office at the courthouse in Jonesboro.

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Union County Clerk Lance Meisenheimer was scheduled to speak to the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School senior class on Tuesday.

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All of those who were involved with last weekend's Christmas in Downtown Anna celebration activities are to be commended for a job well done.

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Anna's Shop with a Cop/Firefighter evenings kicked off Tuesday and continue on Thursday, today. Fifty children are taking part this year.

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Be sure to attend this Saturday's Christmas in the Village celebration in Cobden.

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Lots of holiday season activities are on the calendar in the area.

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A holiday season Christmas Tree Lighting celebration is planned from noon to 5 p.m. Dec. 15 in Downtown Dongola. Santa is scheduled to be on hand for pictures.

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## Severe weather sweeps through region Saturday



**Heavy fog**  
Motorists were making their way through heavy fog last Saturday morning along Skyline Drive in Alto Pass.

Rounds of showers and thunderstorms brought heavy rain and flash flooding to the region on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported on its website that three persons were killed in Bollinger County in Southeast Missouri when the vehicles they were traveling in were swept off low water crossing bridges.

Some of the stronger thunderstorms produced hail. Hail up to the size of quarters was reported in southwestern Jackson County.

The weather service reported that rainfall amounts on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 in the

region included 2.74 inches at Bean Ridge in Alexander County, 2.30 inches in Carbondale, 1.93 inches near Murphysboro and 1.52 inches in Goreville.

Local weather observer Dana Cross recorded 1.40 inches of rain in Jonesboro on Nov. 30. An unofficial reading of nearly 3 inches of rain was measured in Cobden.

The weather service on Saturday morning issued an urban and small stream flood advisory for Union County and Johnson County.

As of about 8:12 a.m. on Saturday, up to 2 inches of rain had fallen in the area.

At 9:10 a.m. Saturday, the weather service issued a severe thunderstorm warning for northwestern Union County, western Williamson County and southeastern Jackson County.

At 9:10 a.m. Saturday, a severe thunderstorm was located near Grand Tower which was moving northeast at 65 miles per hour.

Strong, gusty winds occurred in Southern Illinois and Western Kentucky on Sunday.

A wind gust of 45 mph was recorded at around 6 a.m. Sunday by the weather service office in Paducah.

## Flood warnings issued for Mississippi, Ohio rivers

A familiar story is closing out the final month of 2019 as flood warnings once again were in effect for the region's two major rivers.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported that flood warnings were in effect for the Mississippi River at Cape Girardeau and for the Ohio River at Cairo.

The weather service reported that runoff from

recent heavy rainfall across the Mississippi River and Ohio River basins led to the flooding.

**Mississippi River at Cape Girardeau**

A flood warning was in effect from Tuesday evening, Dec. 3, to Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 4, for the Mississippi River at Cape Girardeau.

At 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2, the river's stage at

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## Christmas in Downtown Anna parade

An evening parade was one of the featured events at last Saturday's Christmas in Downtown Anna celebration. The parade was held along South Main Street, through the heart of Downtown Anna. Following the parade, a community Christmas tree on display near the four-way stop in Anna was lit.

Light rain didn't seem to dampen the spirits of the many people of all ages who came to watch the parade. The parade featured lighted Anna Fire Department trucks, caroling, a chance to give gifts to the local Pay It Forward program to help brighten the holidays for area children in need and a chance to meet with Jolly Old St. Nick himself, who had some help from Asa Busby. For more photographs from the Christmas in Downtown Anna celebration, please see the back page of Section A.



Volunteers helped to collect gifts given by those along the parade for the benefit of the Pay It Forward program.



Santa Claus shared hugs and pictures with lots of young folks who eagerly greeted him.

## Cobden to host annual Christmas in the Village



### Holiday season display

A holiday season exhibit has been on display in one of the front windows at the Union County Museum in downtown Cobden. The sleigh was built by Jack Nawrot.

The 11th annual Christmas in the Village celebration is planned Saturday, Dec. 7, in Cobden.

Holiday bazaars and open houses highlight a variety of events that climax with a presentation of Christmas lights in the village's downtown park.

The Old Feed Store on Appleknocker Street will host an open house with a hospitality table featuring Christmas treats starting at 9 a.m. A variety of local artisans and craft/art vendors will be set-up.

Santa Claus is scheduled to visit from noon to 3 p.m. and goody bags for children will be given out.

Santa will be escorted to the Feed Store at noon by the Cobden Fire Department.

Free wagon rides will be given during the day starting at 1 p.m. Other spirit of Christmas activities are planned.

A Shop-With-A-Cop pancake breakfast will be served at the Cobden Elementary School cafeteria from 7 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

A Cobden Christmas in the Village random draw

doubles disc golf tournament is planned at the Cobden Community Park at 10 a.m. Registration begins at 9 a.m. More information is available by contacting John Wingate at 618-697-2479.

The Union County Historical Society plans to present a "Beloved Children's Favorites Bears 'n' Chairs" exhibit.

The exhibit will be on display from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the historical society's resource center, which is located at 103 N. Appleknocker, next to The Old Feed Store.

The display will feature a variety of stuffed bears and a collection of vintage Christmas photos.

Walking history tours are planned at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Participants are asked to be in front of Downtown Abbey, at the corner of West Oak and North Appleknocker.

The tour will highlight the history of the Downtown Abbey block, the history of the bridge and the history of the Broadway house and Phillips house.

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## Christmas in the Village

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Bazaars featuring holiday decorations, gifts, crafts and homemade treats will be offered at the Union County Museum's Christmas Shop, the St. Joseph Catholic Church parish hall and the Apostolic Light-house Church.

Homemade soups will

## Rivers

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Cape Girardeau was 31.2 feet. Flood stage is 32.0 feet.

The river was expected to rise to near the flood stage of 32.0 feet by Tuesday evening before beginning a slow fall on Wednesday.

### Ohio River at Cairo

A flood warning went into effect Tuesday morning for the Ohio River at Cairo. The warning was forecast to continue through Tuesday, Dec. 10.

At 7 p.m. Monday, the river's stage at Cairo was 39.2 feet. Flood stage is 40.0 feet.

Minor flooding was in the forecast. The forecast called for the river to rise above flood stage on Tuesday morning. The river is expected to continue to rise to near 41.5 feet by Friday morning.

The river is expected to fall below flood stage by early Tuesday morning, Dec. 10.

be served from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the parish hall at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Cobden is the home of an antique mall, a bead/fiber shop and restaurants that are scheduled to be open and celebrating the holiday season.

Most activities and shops open for business between 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Cobden has recently experienced the opening of Steam Shovel Coffee House and hosts several great restaurants, including Downtown Abbey, The Iron Whisk and the nationally recognized Little House of Tacos.

Visitors are invited to come to Cobden and stroll through the unique downtown area while enjoying an old-fashioned Christmas celebration.

The village is located in the heart of the Shawnee Wine Trail.

The Cobden School Band is scheduled to perform a Christmas concert near the downtown park shelter at 4:30 p.m.

The celebration will conclude at 5 p.m. with the presentation of the Christmas lights at the shelter.

For more information, go to [www.cobdenil.com](http://www.cobdenil.com) or call the Cobden Village Hall at 618-893-2425.

A schedule of the events will be available at the Union County Museum and most of the shops.

## Friendly competition planned

A friendly competition is starting for Union County CEO's Holiday Hoops featuring county-wide fire and police departments. The game will be preceded by 3v3 tournaments for adults and students on Sunday afternoon and evening, Dec. 15, at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. The tournaments are open to competitors ranging in age from 5th grade and up. Games start at noon. Santa is scheduled to make a visit and a silent auction is planned. Information about the tournament is available at all Union County high schools, at Kiki's CoffeeHouse in Anna, on the Union County CEO program's Facebook page or by calling 618-559-9138.

Union County CEO program students and Anna emergency services personnel who are preparing for the competition include, in the first row, from left, Jayclynn Presutti, Laura Brown, Julia Lasley, CEO student and Cobden Fire Department firefighter Alex Ramsey, Anna Police Chief Bryan Watkins, Lauren Lyerla, Sally Sims and Braden Benns. In the second row are Michelle Wolford, Addison Osman, Drake Roach, Reece Barrow, Anna Assistant Police Chief Tim Smith, Joe Brumleve, Noah McFarland, Anna Fire Chief Gary Rider. Photo provided.

## CEO program to host Holiday Hoops event

The Union County CEO class of 2020 is planning and hosting Holiday Hoops on Sunday, Dec. 15.

Holiday Hoops is scheduled to start with an after-

noon of 3 on 3 basketball tournaments in the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School gymnasium.

The event will continue with a variety of activities

and Christmas fun, food, and games for all ages and will end with county-wide police versus firefighters' competition.

The 3 on 3 tournaments will be in two age groups: adult and high school, and 5th through 8th grade, which will start at noon.

Teams can be all male, all female or mixed. High school/adult teams are \$25 per player, up to four per team.

Fifth through 8th grade teams are \$15 per player, up to four, and one adult must be present for the team.

Participants need to register on the Union County CEO Facebook page or by contacting Kathy Bryan at Kiki's CoffeeHouse or by phone 618-559-9138.

The final, main event will begin at 7 p.m. with

a local police versus fire department basketball competition, starring police and firefighters from all over Union County. Organizers say this game is the first of its kind in Union County.

The cost for spectators will be \$5 adults, \$3 for 5-12 year olds, with 4 and under free for the full day or to come and go.

In the late afternoon, games and activities will be available for kids with visits from Santa and the Grinch.

Then guests will have the opportunity to enjoy Jennifer Cleghorn's Famous Italian Beef and other treats while they cheer on their favorite players.

The profits from this event will be loaned to the CEO students for their personal businesses, and support CEO student activities, with a significant portion returned to the community during their "give back" at the end of the year.

The class of 2019 gave \$1,000 donation to Union County Women in Business for their outstanding videos that create a positive attitude about Union County.

Union County CEO appreciates the businesses and individuals who continue to show their support for the program and the students in so many ways.

Students in the CEO class are learning to be the leaders of tomorrow through this experiential two credit hour class.

Union County CEO and the Midland Institute for Entrepreneurship partner together to establish and support excellent CEO (Creating Entrepreneurship Opportunities) programs across the nation that are long term economic development programs for nationwide forward-thinking communities.

(Editor's note: the accompanying news release and photograph were provided by the Union County CEO program.)

## Bazaar, bake sale, soup lunch planned at Cobden church

An annual bazaar and bake sale are planned Saturday, Dec. 7, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cobden. The day also will feature a homemade soup lunch.

The bazaar is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the church's parish hall. The church is located at 101 N. Centennial St.

The soup lunch will be served from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The bazaar, bake sale and lunch will be taking place on the same day as Cobden's Christmas in the Village celebration.

The bazaar will feature homemade jellies, jams, salsas, breads, cookies, candies, cakes and pies, as well as handmade crafts, Christmas items and more.

A "pick your own" raffle

is planned. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. The raffle drawing will be at 3 p.m. Ticket buyers do not need to be present to win.

The raffle prizes will include a quilt and baby quilt, both crafted by Betty Cerny; a handcrafted jewelry set by Marilyn Boysen; handcrafted jewelry by Heather Wright; art work by Paulette Aronson; and a child's bike provided by the church's St. Anne's Sodality.

A showing of art work created by Father Federico Higuera is planned in the library in the parish hall. One piece of art work will be sold in a silent auction.

Carl Dasenbrock of Cobden plans to demonstrate hand-carving throughout the day.

## Doubles disc golf tournament scheduled at Cobden park

A Cobden Christmas in the Village random draw doubles disc golf tournament is planned Saturday, Dec. 7.

The tournament will be played at Cobden's disc golf course. The course is located at the Cobden Community Park.

The event is being held in conjunction with Cobden's 2019 Christmas in the Village celebration.

Registration for the tournament is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Play begins at 10 a.m.

Registration is \$25 per person; a \$5 ace pot will

be offered. Thirty-six spots will be available.

Each player will receive a custom stamped Innova disc.

Teams will be drawn at random after sign-ups. Both members of the winning team will receive an MVP Disc Sports Voyager backpack disc golf bag.

An 18-hole tournament will be played.

All funds which are raised will help to support the Cobden disc golf course.

For more information, or to register early for the tournament, contact John Wingate at 618-697-2479.

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Saturday, December 7th

8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Pancake Breakfast 7-10:30 a.m.

Church Bazaars • Christmas Shop

Disc Golf Tournament 10 a.m.

Soup Luncheon • Strolling Carolers

Walking Tour Historic Sites 11 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Bears & Chairs Exhibit, Art Exhibit

High School Band & Lighting of Tree 4:30 p.m.

At the Old Feed Store

Arts & Crafts Vendors 9 a.m.

Santa Claus Noon - 3:00 p.m.

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From left are David Gould, Union County commissioner; Keri Clark, director of juvenile programs for Union County; and Max Miller, chairman of the Union County Board of Commissioners. Photo provided.

## County-wide food drive begins

With the arrival of the holiday season, many fund-raising and charitable drives are in full swing around Union County.

As is often the case during the holidays, local food pantries may see an initial increase in donations.

However, as the holidays end, the pantries find themselves faced with the challenge of continuing to supply food to those in need throughout the community after the celebrations are done.

In order to help ease the burden on the local food pantry program, the Union County Board of Commissioners has approved the launch of a food drive.

The food drive started on #GIVING TUESDAY, which was Dec. 3.

The commissioners approved the county-wide food drive in coordination with Keri Clark, who is the director of juvenile programs for Union County.

“I know that for many children the meals they are served at school may be the only ones they eat in a day,” Clark said in a news release which announced the food drive.

“Seeing as Christmas break is upon us, I thought it would be helpful to start a food drive, in order to fill our local pantry with food that kids can access over the Christmas holiday.”

Clark approached Angela Knupp, the human resources director for Union County, who brought the request to the board.

The board approved the placement of a donation box in the foyer of the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

“Union County has a generous spirit. This is a small part of a larger giving initiative throughout the county,” Clark noted.

“The New Coats, New Hope Campaign held by WIBH radio, the Shop with a Cop/Firefighter program, the Adopt a Veteran program at the Anna Veterans home and the Anna- Jonesboro Angel Tree programs all share the common goal of helping others in the community.”

Participating businesses throughout the county include:

Farmstead Market. H&R Block. Anna-Jonesboro National Bank. Jus10’s Frozen Yogurt & Dessert Shoppe. Union County Market. Hebrewz Coffee House. Packrats Paradise Antique Mall. Walmart. Kroger. Walgreens.

“This time of year is an extra special time – Keri and Derek coming for support with this idea was an easy unanimous decision,” said Max Miller, the chairman of the Union County Board of Commissioners.

## Forest Service extends deadline for comments about proposed fee

The U.S. Forest Service has announced that a public comment period has been extended regarding a recreation site fee proposal for the Shawnee National Forest in Southern Illinois.

The Forest Service announced in a Nov. 26 news release that comments will be accepted until Dec. 26 to align with the comment period of the Federal Register Notice about the new fee proposal.

“We had a bit of a delay in getting the Federal Register Notice published, and it provides for a 31-day comment period,” said Laura Lecher, U.S. Forest Service recreation staff officer for the Shawnee National Forest.

“To save confusion, we’re extending the general public comment period to the same end date. I hope folks will take advantage of the extension and send us their thoughts, comments and suggestions.”

The fee proposal was announced Aug. 15, and public comments now will be taken until Dec. 26.

The Forest Service has proposed to implement new day-use-fees of \$5 per vehicle at six popular recreation sites:

Garden of the Gods Observation Trail, Pounds Hollow Beach, Johnson

Creek Boat Launch, Pomona Boat Launch, Bell Smith Springs Interpretive Site and Little Grand Canyon Trailhead.

A \$30 annual pass option is also proposed which would cover all day-use fee sites on the forest for a calendar year.

In addition, the proposal includes increasing the overnight camping fee for the electric sites at Pine Ridge Campground in Pounds Hollow Recreation Area to \$15 per campsite.

Information about the proposal can be found on the Shawnee National For-

est website at [www.fs.usda.gov/shawnee](http://www.fs.usda.gov/shawnee).

Comments can be submitted by using the comment form on the website or emailed to [SM.FS.ShawneeRec@usda.gov](mailto:SM.FS.ShawneeRec@usda.gov) (put in the subject line “Recreation Fee Proposal”).

Alternatively, comments can be mailed to the Shawnee National Forest Supervisor’s Office, 50 Highway 145 South, P.O. Box 505, Harrisburg, Ill. 62946, or hand delivered to any Shawnee National Forest office. An office is located in Jonesboro.

## Weather

**November: low of 8 degrees, 1 inch of snow; precipitation for 2019 totals 65.78 inches**

The Union County area received nearly 4 3/4 inches of rain during the period of Nov. 19 through Dec. 2.

Temperatures during the period ranged from a high of 65 degrees to a low of 24.

Rainfall totals during the period included .02 of an inch Nov. 19, .84 of an inch Nov. 21, .80 of an inch Nov. 22, .05 of an inch Nov. 23, .74 of an inch Nov. 26, .01 of an inch Nov. 27, .19 of an inch Nov. 28, .69 of an inch Nov. 29, 1.40 inches Nov.

30, a trace on Dec. 1 and a trace on Dec. 2.

Snow flurries were seen in the area on Monday, Dec. 2.

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

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Tuesday, Nov. 19	59	32
Wednesday, Nov. 20	60	28
Thursday, Nov. 21	56	48
Friday, Nov. 22	48	39
Saturday, Nov. 23	40	34
Sunday, Nov. 24	54	29
Monday, Nov. 25	62	33
Tuesday, Nov. 26	63	47
Wednesday, Nov. 27	65	35
Thursday, Nov. 28	39	33
Friday, Nov. 29	49	37
Saturday, Nov. 30	63	44
Sunday, Dec. 1	53	36
Monday, Dec. 2	37	24

### November Weather

The high temperature for the month of November was 67 degrees. The high was recorded on Nov. 10. The average high for the month was 52.

The low for the month was 8, which was recorded on Nov. 13. The average low was 29.

Precipitation for the month totalled 5.99 inches. The most rain in a 24-hour period was 1.40 inches, recorded on Nov. 30.

One inch of snow was recorded on Nov. 11.

Precipitation for the year, through the end of the month, totalled 65.78 inches.

Snowfall for the year, through the end of November, totalled 11.6 inches.

## Schools plan holiday programs

Holiday season programs kicked off this week at Union County public schools.

Jonesboro Elementary School planned to have its holiday program on Tuesday evening, Dec. 3.

Here’s a look at the upcoming schedule:

**Lick Creek School:** Tuesday, Dec. 17, 6 p.m.

**Anna School District 37:** Lincoln Elementary School, Tuesday, Dec. 10, 6 p.m.

**Davie Elementary School,** Tuesday, Dec. 10, 7 p.m.

**Kindergarten,** Thursday, Dec. 12, 6 p.m.

**Junior high,** Thursday, Dec. 12, 7 p.m.

**Cobden School District:** Junior high/high school, Sunday, Dec. 15, 2 p.m.

**Elementary school,** Thursday, Dec. 19, 12:30 p.m.

**Dongola School:** Tuesday, Dec. 17, 6 p.m.

**Anna-Jonesboro Community High School:** Tuesday, Dec. 10, 7 p.m.

**Shawnee School District, Wolf Lake:** Thursday, Dec. 19, 6 p.m.

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, Dec 7th

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

This event will be at

Olive Branch Masonic Lodge

Hand Crafted Items

Hot Chocolate

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Home Baked Goods

Photographs may be taken with Santa for a small fee.

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3rd Annual Dongola Tree Lighting

December 15

12 to 5 p.m.

Downtown Dongola

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**Young hunter harvests first deer**  
Kinley Lingle of Dongola harvested an 8-point buck in Union County during the 2019 Illinois opening firearm deer hunting season. The deer was the first one Kinley has harvested. Kinley's parents are Breanna and Landon Lingle. Photo provided.



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## Preliminary total of 50,173 deer harvested during first firearm season in Illinois

Hunters in Illinois harvested a preliminary total of 50,173 deer during the first weekend of the 2019 Illinois firearm deer season, which was Nov. 22-24.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, reported that hunters took 58,836 deer during the first firearm weekend in 2018.

The seven-day 2019 Illinois firearm deer season is scheduled to conclude Dec. 5-8.

Muzzleloader-only deer season is scheduled Dec. 13-15.

The archery deer season continues through Jan. 19, 2020. Archery deer hunting is closed Dec. 5-8 in counties open for the firearm deer season.

The preliminary harvest

News from

## Anna Nazarene Church

During Sunday morning's worship service, congregational songs were led by Pastor Randy Wright and the worship team.

Ushers for the morning worship service were Curly Ralls, Jason Elkins, Noah Wiseman and Terry Wiseman Sr.

The first Sunday Advent reading, "The Candle of Hope," was read by Lottie Smith and Jacob Wells.

Special music was provided by Jessica Elkins.

The morning message, "God Offers Abundant Hope," was brought by Pastor Randy Wright.

Congregational songs during the Sunday evening worship service were led by Pastor Wright and the worship team.

Ushers for the evening worship service were Mark Smith, Jason Elkins, Brad Clayborne and Terry Wiseman Sr.

Special music was provided by Jack and Nina Shepard.

Pastor Wright shared a song with the congregation before the evening message, "What Kind of Fruit Are You Bearing?" Scripture was from John.

Birthdays: Jeremy Fuller, Dec. 1; Blake Wells, Dec. 2; Peacelyn Benefield, Dec. 4; Jon Vicenzi, Dec. 5.

Illinois district superintendent Terry Armstong is scheduled to visit the church on Dec. 15. A potluck meal is planned following the service.

Christmas program practice is planned at 10 a.m. on Dec. 21. Pizza will be served at noon.

The Christmas program

## A-J tops Hardin County at Goreville Tournament

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' basketball team pulled ahead early on its way to a 68-47 win over Hardin County in first-round action at the Goreville Tournament Monday, Dec. 2.

Zach Overstreet scored 12 points and had 6 rebounds to lead A-J.

Noah McFarland added 9 points and 2 rebounds for the Wildcats. Juan Valencia had 8 points and 2 rebounds.

Damareon Faust had 7 points and 8 rebounds. Landon Trammel had 8 points.

Blake Pena had 7 points and 2 rebounds. Takevon

## Chester tops Wildcats

Chester built an early lead on its way to a 70-61 win over visiting Anna-Jonesboro in the season-opener in boys' high school basketball Tuesday, Nov. 26.

The Yellowjackets were ahead 36-33 at the half.

Zach Overstreet scored 22 points to lead the Wildcats.

Damareon Faust scored 10 points for A-J. Takevon Williford had 9, Noah McFarland 8. Juan Valencia 7, Ethan Carver 3 and Maddox Thorpe 2.

A-J was 21 for 36 in shot attempts from the floor, 5 of 15 from 3-point range and 4 of 7 from the free throw line.

A-J is scheduled to play this week at the Goreville Tournament.

**Olivia Jackson**  
Shawnee High School student Olivia Jackson has been selected as an Illinois State Scholar by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. Jackson is a senior at the Wolf Lake school. She was selected as an Illinois State Scholar based on her SAT score, class rank and grade point average.

## Bryan F. Williams earns Eagle Scout rank

Bryan F. Williams of Troop 44 in Anna earned the Eagle Scout rank in the Boy Scouts of America on Sept. 10. On Sept. 17, Bryan was joined by his friends and family to celebrate this achievement at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna.

Bryan has been in scouting since 2010. He earned the Arrow of Light rank in Cub Scouting, a total of 24 Merit Badges, hiking over 70 miles, camping over 100 nights and participating in more than 80 hours of community service throughout his scouting career. He is an active member in the Order of the Arrow Ceremonies team.

His Eagle project was highlighted by both the Southern Illinoisan and WSIL TV3. He built cubed fish habitat boxes in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and placed them into Kinkaid Lake. Bryan Williams is a second generation Eagle Scout behind his father Frankie Williams. From left are Frankie Williams, Katelynn Williams, Bryan Williams and Kristen Williams. Photo provided.

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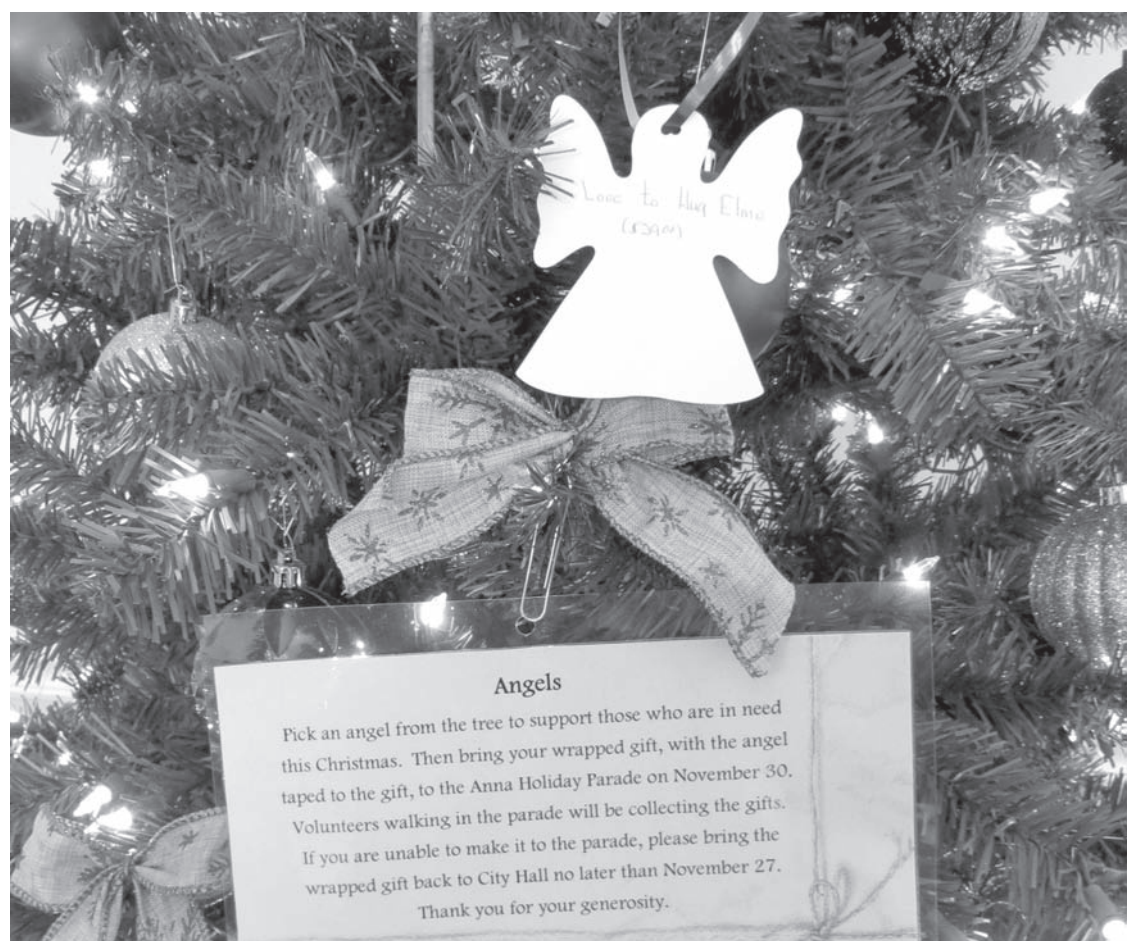
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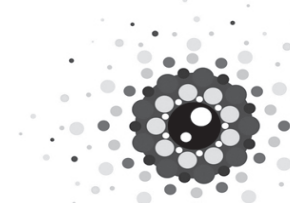



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NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

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Notice is hereby given

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Mahala Montfort  
1090 Hickory Lake Drive  
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Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 27th day of December, 2019, under the Assumed Name of Center for Lost Arts with the place of business located at 7140 Old Hwy. 51 N., Cobden, Illinois 62920, and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Bonnie Burton  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY – JONESBORO, ILLINOIS

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff, v. SCOTT CORDELL MYERS; JO E. MYERS A/K/A JO ELLEN MYERS A/K/A ELLEN MYERS; DELLA MCMAHAN SHEPARD; BETH MCMAHAN; ANNA HOSPITAL CORPORATION D/B/A UNION COUNTY HOSPITAL STATE OF ILLINOIS; UNKNOWN OWNERS-TENANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s).

Residential Mortgage Foreclosure

Case No.: 2019-CH-31

Judge: Presiding

Property Address: 166 Fair City Road Jonesboro, IL 62952

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, UNKNOWN OWNERS-TENANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, this case has been commenced in this Court against you and others, asking for foreclosure of the Mortgage held by the Plaintiff on the property located at 166 Fair City Road, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952, more particularly described as:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: A PARCEL OF LAND BEING PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION

20, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, UNION COUNTY, STATE OF ILLINOIS, SAID PARCEL IS PART OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AND RECORDED IN BOOK 341, PAGE 282 IN THE UNION COUNTY COURT HOUSE IN THE NAME OF DOUGLAS R. CHARLES AND WENDY L. CHARLES, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT AN

IRON ROD FOUND AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER SECTION; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 12' 51" E, 169.80 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER SECTION TO AN IRON ROD SET AT A CORNER OF THE PICKEL PROPERTY (BOOK 195, PAGE 515), THIS BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE ALONG SAID PICKEL PROPERTY THE FOLLOWING FIVE (5) CALLS: THENCE N 10 DEGREES 47' 32" E, 144.57 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE N 13 DEGREES 13' 34" E, 126.48 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE N 17 DEGREES 17' 43" E, 142.76 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE N 67 DEGREES 49' 24" E, 92.36 FEET TO AN IRON ROD SET; THENCE S 62 DEGREES 18' 59", 177.55 FEET, PASSING AN IRON ROD SET AT 177.55 FEET, TO A POINT IN THE CENTERLINE OF FAIR CITY ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID CENTERLINE OF FAIR CITY ROAD THE FOLLOWING FOUR (4) CALLS: THENCE ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT WITH CHORD BEARING S 04 DEGREES 11' 36" E, 75.78 FEET, A RADIUS OF 208.72 FEET, AND AN ARC LENGTH OF 76.20 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S 02 DEGREES 03' 39" E, 70.87 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S 12 DEGREES 58' 32" E, 100.28 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S 21 DEGREES 32' 29" E, 124.07 FEET TO A POINT IN THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER SECTION; THENCE N 09 DEGREES 12' 51" W, 417.41 FEET ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, PASSING AN IRON ROD SET AT 21.62 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID PARCEL TO CONTAIN 2.975 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. SAID PARCEL BEING SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF FAIR CITY ROAD AND ALL OTHER RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND EASEMENTS, RECORDED OR OTHERWISE. ALL SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

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UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the Office of the Circuit Court of Union County at the Union County Courthouse located at 309 West Market, Jonesboro, IL 62952 on or before January 6, 2020, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE.

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

FIRST SOUTHERN BANK, Plaintiff, vs. CACHE CREEK ANIMAL RESCUE, INC., AN ILLINOIS NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATION, DONNA L. HAWK, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY-INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, UNKNOWN OWNERS, And NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

Case No. 2019-CH-14

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above court entered in the above entitled cause on October 8, 2019, the following described real estate will on the 8th day of January, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., in a courtroom of the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market St., Jonesboro, IL 62952, be offered for sale and sold at public venue by the Sheriff of Union County.

A. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Lawler Brown Law Firm, 1600 West Main Street, PO Box 1148, Marion, IL 62959, telephone (618) 993-2222.

B. The common address and other common description, if any, of the parcel of real estate is 6535 Lick Creek Road, Buncombe, IL 62912.

C. The legal description of the first parcel of real estate is as follows:

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23' 31" W., 241.49 FEET); THENCE DEPARTING FROM SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY, N. 00 DEGREES 50' 12" W., 535.32 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 3.553 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. PER PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY SCOTT A. RICHARDS, ILLINOIS LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2996, RECORDED ON MARCH 27, 1997, IN RECORD BOOK 141 AT PAGE 369 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS;

Permanent Index Number: 02-09-00-748.  
D. A description of the improvements on the real estate is commercial property.  
E. The time and place of the sale are: Public sale at 9:00 a.m. on January 8, 2020, inside the Courthouse in Jonesboro, Union County, Illinois.

F. The terms of the sale are: Cash or certified check or the equivalent thereof at the time of sale. This property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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# Obituaries

## Violet Mae Branscum

Violet Mae Branscum, 89, of Vienna and formerly of Buncombe, died at 4:34 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29, 2019, at Integrity Healthcare of Anna.

She was born on Jan. 26, 1930, in Alto Pass, the daughter of Curtis A. and Grace Williams Caraker.

She married Trulen Clifford Branscum on April 16, 1947, in Piggott, Ark. He preceded her in death on Nov. 17, 1982.

Violet and Trulen were blessed with three children, a son, Clifford Branscum, and his wife Glenna, of Simpson; grandsons Kevin and Kyle Branscum and great-grandchildren, Logan and Parker, Kylie and Makensey; a daughter, Pat Mowery, and her husband Ron, of Jonesboro; a granddaughter, Kerry Denny and her husband Jeff of Anna; great-granddaughter Kailey Denny and a great-grandson Louis Denny and his wife Katie of Anna; a grandson, Todd Mowery and his wife Julie of Jonesboro; great-granddaughters Emilie Mowery and Lexi Tripp; great-grandsons Christopher Mowery and Logan Tripp; a great-great grandson, Zeke Tripp; a daughter, Anita Kerley, and her husband Dan, of Vienna; a grandson, Dane Kerley; a grandson, Jamie Kerley, and his wife Shannon, of Vienna; and great-grandchildren Jackson and Anna Kerley.



In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her four siblings and their spouses: Delbert “Pete” and Bertha Caraker, who lived in Buncombe; Curtis A. and Rena Caraker Jr., who lived in Sacramento, Calif.; Maxine and Andrew Littlepage, who lived in Pekin; and Joyce and Marcus Craig, who lived in Vienna.

She also is survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and her dearest lifelong friend, Helen Grant, of Buncombe.

Mrs. Branscum was a homemaker. She also cooked at the Buncombe Grade School, the Bob White Café in Boles and the Jolly Red Pig in Vienna.

Violet and Trulen were members of the Cedar Grove Church in Buncombe.

Both were also actively involved in Masonic affiliated organizations. Trulen was a member of Saline Masonic Lodge at Goreville and Violet was a 50-year member of Goreville Chapter No. 1009 of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She enjoyed quilting and embroidery, spending time with her family and friends and playing bingo. However, she always refused to accept money as a prize for winning at bingo. She much preferred a candy bar or a bag of Cheetos.

A service honoring the life of Violet Branscum will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Tom Gray will officiate. A eulogy will be shared by one of her grandsons, Jamie Kerley.

Burial will be in the Mt. Zion Cemetery, east of Buncombe.

Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, today, at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials can be made to Mt. Zion Cemetery, c/o Owen Lee Webb, 2190 Mt. Zion Rd., Vienna, Ill. 62995.

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

Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna is in charge of arrangements.

## Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Shirley Miller of McClure and Betty Carter and Barbara Adams enjoyed eating at Wok & Roll in Anna last Monday.

Deanie and Jerry Hinkle of Jonesboro, Ermadell Elkins and Bill and Tammy Davis, all of Anna, and Shirley Miller ate at Pizza Hut in Anna last Tuesday.

Those enjoying an early Thanksgiving on Saturday, Nov. 23, at the home of David and Kristy Miller in St. Charles, Mo., were Penny and Kerry Hill of McClure, Julie, Eric and Tessa Burtin of St. Peters, Mo., and Shirley Miller.

Penny Hill of McClure visited Saturday with Shirley Miller.

Sue Eudy of Anna visited Thursday at River to River with Shirley Kohler and Mrs. Kinder.

Those enjoying Thanksgiving at the home of Maxine and Fred Pender of Fair City were Russ and Patsy Pender, Leslie Grace, Brad and Lori Pender, Austin and Kristin, Jerry Basler, Tony Pender and two grandchildren, Heather and Josh Miller, Slayton and Chesleigh, Toni Mae Pender, Jack and Riley, Bailey Pender and girlfriend.

Gary Gibbs of Jonesboro visited with Maxine and Friend Pender.

Those spending Thanksgiving with Sue and Steve Eudy of Anna were Brian and Susan Eudy of Jackson, Mo., Megan Eudy of Cape Girardeau and Kevin and Emma Eudy of Cape

Girardeau.

Those spending Thanksgiving with dinner at the home of Dolores and Jack Reynolds of Reynoldsville were Rodney and Vicki Reynolds, Sara Choate, Luke and Adyson, Jonathan, Betsy, Brylee, Nash and Kyndal Oxford, Cameron Wright, Amy Hale, Alexis and Taylor, Jackie and Jay Jennings, River Kelley, Greg, Amy and Val-ley Reynolds, Jessie, Andrew and Rhiannon Livesay and Justin, Hunter, Gracie and Paxton Wilson.

Those enjoying the Parade of Lights in Cape Girardeau on Sunday night were Jack and Delores Reynolds, Jackie Jennings, River Kelley, Amy Hale and Taylor, Jonathan, Betsy, Brylee, Nash and Kyndal Oxford, Cameron Wright, Justin, Hunter, Gracie and Paxton Wilson and Skylar Eddleman.

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

Reynoldsville Missionary Baptist Church is having their Thanksgiving-Christmas dinner on Sunday evening, Dec. 8, at 6 p.m. You are invited to bring a covered dish or dessert and come visit. Meat and plates, cups, silverware will be furnished.

## Perry V. Mowery

Perry V. Mowery was born on May 30, 1924, in southern Union County, the son of Clyde Dennis and Eulalah Dillow Mowery.

He died on Nov. 26, 2019, in Metropolis.

He walked through the woods to attend Lingle Grade School, a one-room school. His first grade teacher was Ward Dillow, who was also his freshman advisor at Southern Illinois University. He graduated from Tamms High School and enrolled at SIU.



He left SIU and volunteered for cadet training with the U.S. Army Air Force at age 17 with written consent of his parents, where he served until the end of World War II as a vocational counselor. He also served as counselor at military hospitals. Sharp shooting awards followed his military career.

His wandering spirit, along with a brand new 1946 red Harley-Davidson motorcycle, led him to employment in Peoria.

It was there he met Jacqueline Darnell. They were married six weeks later on July 24, 1947. They were blessed to have 72 years together, sharing joys of travel, hobbies and careers.

He last worked in the Peoria area as chief engineer at Standard Brands Fleischmann’s Yeast Division Plant in Pekin. He had previous experience in power plant operation at other locations and was certified by the State of Illinois as chief engineer.

In 1971, they moved to their farm in Union County, where he actively pursued grain and cattle farming until his retirement in 1989.

His interest in amateur radio began at a very early age. In 1950, he obtained his license and K9DMG has had a memorable and respected signal on all bands. Many friends and unequalled experiences prevail, only understood by those of the same interest.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his paternal grandparents, Dennis Isiah and Delia Williams Mowery; his maternal grandparents, John Henry and Laura Etta Poole Dillow; his brother, Robert Wayne Mowery; and a sister, Lucille Smithey.

He is survived by his wife; a sister, Jean DeFrates; three nieces, Jane Patterson, Sue Nerganah, Julia Mowery; and one nephew, Mark DeFrates.

Graveside services were at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 2, at Friendship Cemetery, with Mike Meisenheimer and James Patterson officiating.

Memorials can be made to the American Legion.

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

**RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN** FUNERAL HOMES Randleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro was in charge of arrangements.

## James D. Sauve

James D. Sauve, 72, of Jonesboro, died Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2019, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

He was born on Nov. 4, 1947, the son of Charles and Ethel Sauve.

He is survived by his friends at Country Living.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He enjoyed antique car and truck shows. He enjoyed the simple things in life and always loved having company.

Graveside services will be held at a later date.



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

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

## Shaun Eudy

Shaun Eudy, of McClure, died Tuesday, Dec. 3. Funeral arrangements were pending at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro.

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

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## Shirley Isaacs

Shirley Isaacs, 83, of Cobden, died Sunday, Nov. 24, 2019, at Integrity Healthcare in Anna.

She was born on June 20, 1936, the daughter of Walter E. and Eva Jane Hoyle Absher.

She married Robert “Bob” Isaacs on May 29, 1954, in Crown Point, Ind.

She is survived by her husband, Robert “Bob” Isaacs of Cobden; children Marilyn (Frank) Kohnke, Teresa (Steve) Hook, Sandra (Ray) Lewis, Robert Jr. (Tracy) Isaacs and Michael (Sheila) Isaacs; grandchildren Brittany (Robert) Kohnke, Steven and Christopher Hook, Shannon Hein, Brook Pulido, Amanda Stone, Tabitha Isaacs, Heather Mailloux, Donald “Bubba” Isaacs and Michael Isaacs; 19 great-grandchildren; siblings Bobby Absher, Frank Hartline and Charlie Hartline; her dearest friend, Dorothy Mitchell and her family; beloved pets, Buddy, Boudreaux and Ellie May; other relatives and friends.



She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Walter Absher and Jack Absher; and sisters Rosemary and Sue.

She loved to travel with her husband Bob and she enjoyed fine dining.

At this time, no services will be conducted. Memorials can be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

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



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## Carols at Candlelight planned

The annual Carols and Candlelight holiday season event is planned Sunday, Dec. 8, in Union County. Carols at Candlelight will be from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at historic St. Anne’s Church in Anna. The church is located along South Main Street, not far from Stinson Memorial Library.

Back Porch Company, featuring Warren and Carla Anderson, Stuart Anderson and Richard Johnson, will perform. The come-and-go/come-and-stay holiday season tradition will feature Christmas music and refreshments. File photo.





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# Christmas in Downtown Anna celebrated on Saturday

The 2019 Christmas in Downtown Anna celebration was held Saturday, Nov. 30. The celebration in the Union County community coincided with the 2019 observance of Small Business Saturday. A number of activities were held in Anna during the course of the day. Christmas in Downtown Anna came to an end with a parade and the lighting of a community Christmas tree. The accompanying photographs are from some of the Christmas in Downtown Anna activities.



**Santa Claus came to town**  
Drake and Charlie Chapman sat on Santa's lap to pose for pictures and share their Christmas wishes. Santa Claus visited Anna-Jonesboro National Bank on Saturday as part of the seventh annual Christmas in Downtown Anna event. The bank was giving free photo prints to families and Christmas treats for the kids. Santa and his helper had some holiday season support from Asa and Tiffany Busby. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.



**VFW Auxiliary hosts craft expo**  
Dozens of crafters, artisans and other merchants assembled at the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School lower gym for the sixth annual craft/vendor expo hosted by the Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.



**Saturday evening parade**  
The Anna Fire Department's ladder truck was featured in a Christmas in Downtown Anna parade. The parade route was along South Main Street, through Anna's downtown area. Many people came out to watch the parade, even though light rain was falling at the time of the event. Many of those who came to the parade also shared gifts to help the local Pay It Forward program, which helps to make holidays brighter for children in need.



**Holiday bazaar at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church**  
Several booths of Christmas-themed crafts, art work and other potential gifts ideas were on sale at a special craft fair and holiday bazaar at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna. In addition to the vendors, silent auctions for holiday gifts were held, snacks were served, and arts and craft activities were available for kids. Norman Bauer of Norm's Woodworking presented some of the handcrafted wood products that he has available. Bauer sells a wide selection of handmade products, as well as custom woodworking projects. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

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Section B

## Lick Creek 4-H Club participates in events, members receive awards

This fall, the Lick Creek 4-H Club participated in several events and the members have received several awards.

On Oct. 5, Callysta Borders attended a 4-H awards banquet in Champaign. She earned an Emerald Award in project learning, the highest award for general records, for the 2017-18 year.

On Nov. 2, Union County 4-H Achievement Night was held at Anna Heights Baptist Church.

Maelyn Walker, Luke Sadler and Callysta Borders were honored for showing their projects at the Illinois State Fair on Aug. 9.

Small animal trophies were awarded to Lane Pillar for poultry, Kim Adams for her cat, Callysta Borders for both a dog and a rabbit and London Lance for a small pet.

Livestock awards were given to Colton Clausen for grand champion goat, reserve grand champion junior showmanship goat, reserve grand champion junior showmanship sheep, reserve grand champion rate of gain wether sheep and grand champion rate of gain ewe sheep.

Timothy Plott received an award for grand champion rate of gain under beef.

For the 2018-19 year club members received county awards for completing records.

Lane Piller, London Lance, Alexis Lance and Luke Sadler received a Silver Award.

Callysta Borders, Kaylie Adams, Kim Adams and Maelyn Walker received a Gold Award.

Cloverbud members who received certificates



Callysta Borders.

for completing records include Trystan Borders, Averie Dickinson, Madison Dickinson, Sabryna Borders, Katryna Borders, and Farrah Lance.

Kim Adams received secretary of the year and Junior Clover of the Year.

Lick Creek 4-H Club was also honored for winning the window display contest for 4-H Week.

Lick Creek 4-H and Union County Robotics members joined to participate in Can Construction.

Both clubs collected 1,845 items of non-perishables food during two food drives at Kroger and Wal-Mart, also through Stinson Memorial Library fine forgiveness donations.

The food was used to build a structure at Shawnee Community College before the food was donated to local food banks. The clubs won the awards for most food items collected.

On Nov. 12, Lick Creek 4-H Club had its Achievement Night. The club celebrated youth who had perfect attendance and club achievement.

Eighteen out of 21 members achieved perfect attendance and received a special 4-H blanket made by leader Verna Fuller.

New officers were installed: Corban Barringer, president; Callysta Borders, vice president; Maelyn Walker, secretary; Kim Adams, treasurer; Sabryna Borders, pledge chairman; Andria Taylor, reporter/publicity chairman; Trystan Borders, historian; and Mercedes Lance, recreation chairman.

This year the club has gained five new members, including Andria Taylor, Elizabeth Back, Kaylie Adams, Katie Beth Barringer and Daniel Plott.

The club's next meeting is planned Dec. 9.



Lick Creek 4-H Club food drive.



Lick Creek 4-H Club, Union County Robotics Can Construction.



Lick Creek 4-H Club award winners.



Lick Creek 4-H Club award winners.



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News from

# Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna



The Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church choir sang during the recent Thanksgiving service at historic Kornthal Church in rural Jonesboro. The service was sponsored by the Union County Alliance of Churches.

Beth Martin can be seen in the back of the photo. Martin was the pianist for the service and is also the accompanist for the Mt. Moriah choir. The men in the back row are Pete Housman, Pastor Mark Hastly, Chico Travis and David Stanley. Women on the front row are Kylee Stanley, Kay Rothschild, Liz Kelly, Patty Simpson and Deb Rossberg. The choir is directed by Kathleen Wright, standing. Others who sang but missed the photo included Sarah Hensch, Mary Jane Edmonds and Barb Bauer. Photo provided.



At the recent Gingerbread Bazaar at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church during Christmas in Downtown Anna, a featured activity was a kids' craft table. Visiting children could make and take a Christmas ornament project. Busy at this table were Addysyn and Jaylyn Stroehlein under the watchful eyes of grandmothers Sue Wilson and Debbie Stroehlein. Activity director at right is Stephanie Wilson Stroehlein. Photo provided.



At the recent Gingerbread Bazaar at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Alexandria Keller and Joan Dallas were marketing special Mt. Moriah note cards and Christmas cards. Sales of the historical note cards will benefit such church projects as youth activities. Photo provided.



Mt. Moriah's Candice Linton welcomed visitors to the Gingerbread Bazaar and explained how funds would be used to support the Anna Junior High School "Backpack" nutrition program. The Hands of Faith ladies work in cooperation with the school to provide nutritious food for needy children over the weekends. Photo provided.

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A highlight of Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church's Gingerbread Bazaar in Downtown Anna was the complimentary cookie, cocoa and coffee bar. The hospitality crew was represented here by Judy Lyerla and Patty Simpson. Photo provided.



A highlight of the Christmas season is Christmas in Downtown Anna at the Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church Gingerbread Bazaar. Photo provided.



On the first Sunday in Advent, Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church's lay minister R.L. Pete Housman assisted Rowan LeFevre to light the first candle in the Advent wreath. Carefully watching were Dallas Keller and Hasely LeFevre. The children and adults as well, listened anxiously as Housman explained the significance of the candles and of advent season as a call to prepare for Christ's coming. Photo provided.

News from

## First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Dec. 1, Pastor Perry Williams brought the message at both services.

Dee Rose led worship. Connor Benbrook provided special music.

A school ministry meeting is planned at 9 a.m. Thursday, today.

The Voyage Sunday School class is scheduled to meet in the family room at the center at 9:45 a.m. Thursday, today.

This is the Week of Prayer for International Missions at the church. The week culminates in the Bold Day of Giving Lottie Moon offering on Sunday, Dec. 8.

Birthdays: Ashley Massey, Dec. 2; Rhonda Boyd, Dave Johnson, Dec. 4; Samantha Charles, Dec. 6.

The schedule for worship at the church for this coming week includes Bible study at 9 a.m. on Sunday, and worship services at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The Dig-In children's group for ages 3 through 6th grade meets from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday.

Youth meet from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday.

An adult Bible study/prayer meeting is planned at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

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December 4

Salem - 7 p.m.

December 11

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December 18

Salem - 7 p.m.

Advent Midweek Services (with Holy Communion)  
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December 24

Worship service at Mount Moriah - 5:30 p.m.  
Christmas Eve service at Salem - 7 p.m.  
(with Holy Communion)

December 29

Worship service at Salem - 10 a.m.

Salem - 101 E. Market - Jonesboro  
Mount Moriah Lutheran Church - 102 W. Jefferson - Anna

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News from

# Walnut Grove Church



Brock and Layleigh assisted Pastor Bobbi with Communion on Sunday. Photo provided.

On the first Sunday of Advent at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church, Madge and Katelyn lit the altar candles while Johnathan played the musical prelude on the piano. Gus collected the offering.

Loren and Keith read the first Advent Litany that is about "Hope" and lit the first Advent candle.

The congregation shared in Communion during the Eucharist service during which Brock and Layleigh helped Pastor Bobbi.

Pastor Bobbi read the Epistle from Romans and talked about Advent which is looking ahead for the second coming of Christ. She reminded everyone to "be ready at all times through repentance and changing our ways."

Prayers were requested for Gary Hartline, Duane Gaffney, Karen and David Lamer and Ervin Crist.

Next Sunday, Walnut Grove will have a "Walk to the Manger" to give gifts to Jesus.

On Christmas Eve, Walnut Grove will celebrate with a traditional candle lighting service at 5 p.m., with the Jonesboro Methodist Church and many friends being welcomed.

The Christmas tree was scheduled to be decorated Wednesday evening, Dec. 4.

The next ladies' lunch is planned Friday, Dec. 6, at 11:30 a.m. at Diana's home.

The church's Sunday schedule includes Sunday school for the children and starts at 9:30 a.m.

The church is located at 3195 Mountain Glen Rd., near Cobden, and near Route 127.

News from

## First Baptist Church, Anna

In the Sunday morning service on Dec. 1, Pastor Nick DiMauro's sermon was titled "The One Thing." Scripture was from Luke.

Doug Allen was the guest music leader.

The First Baptist Church of Anna plans to have a family Christmas celebration at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 8.

A concert will feature John Nimmo, the James Rainey Trio and the Anna First Baptist Church choir.

Refreshments and family photographs are planned in the fellowship hall after the concert.

The next free Soup and Serve is planned from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9, in the fellowship hall. Doors open at 4:15 p.m. The menu will include ham, sweet potato casserole, vegetable salad, bread pudding, coffee, tea and lemonade.

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Num. 11:1 - the Israelites are in the beginning stages of their wilderness experience: "And when the people complained, it displeased the LORD: and the LORD heard it; and his anger was kindled..."

The people failed to trust God and they lost sight of God's guidance. Remember, the Israelites had just left Mt. Sinai – they had just begun their great march to the Promised Land. Yet, they were complaining about the hardships they were facing along the march. Life was hard, and they blamed God. This was a terrible sin of Israel, and it was committed by them time and again. In fact, practically every time they faced a hardship, they complained and grumbled. Look at a few instances:

They complained and grumbled because they had no food: (Exodus 16:2-3).

They complained and grumbled because they had no water: (Exodus 17:3).

They complained and grumbled because of the trials they were facing in the wilderness: they wanted to go back to Egypt – the place of their enslavement – or they'd have been happy to die in the wilderness! (Num. 14:2-4).

They complained and grumbled because they became tired of Moses' and Aaron's leadership (Num. 16:3, 11).

When we complain and grumble, we reveal a heart of unbelief in and distrust of God. We reveal that we don't believe God's power and goodness. We don't believe that God is in control, that He will work out the situation. When we grumble, we don't trust in God's timing. A heart that trusts God will always pray, asking God to help.

When we grumble about the weather; when we complain about work, when we murmur against our financial station in life, we're really speaking against God! Who ultimately provides all these things? God! How does God view our complaining against Him? Recall Num. 11:1.

Phil. 2:14: "Do all things without murmurings and disputings." Instead of complaining about the negative things that happen, focus on the blessings you enjoy, for they are the blessings of a loving God.

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R.W. McAlister, Minister  
Anna church of Christ

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*Jesus said to his disciples: "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the Kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. "Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock. And everyone who listens to these words of mine but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. And it collapsed and was completely ruined." From the Gospel of Matthew*

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### Daily Bible Reading

Matthew	Matthew	Matthew	Matthew	Psalm	Psalm	Psalm
24:1-28	24:29-51	25:1-30	25:31-46	24	91	92

Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society X Daily Devotional at [DailyBible.AmericanBible.org](http://DailyBible.AmericanBible.org)

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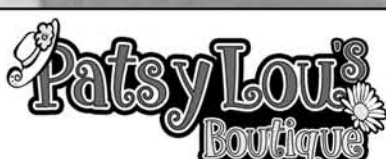
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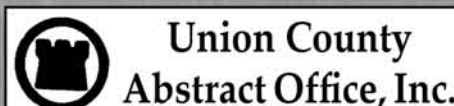
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## ‘Steel Magnolias’ slated to open ‘Year of Woman’ season at arts center

An upcoming 2019-2020 season of plays presented by the Shawnee Hills Arts Council is being billed as a celebration of “The Year of the Woman.”

The plays will be a celebration of the passage in 1920 of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The plays will be staged at the arts council’s Anna Arts Center in Anna.

The season is scheduled to open with a presentation of “Steel Magnolias.”

“Steel Magnolias,” opens at the Anna Arts Center main theatre building on Friday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. The arts center is located at 125 W. Davie St. in Anna.

Other performances are on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 8, at 2 p.m.

Other plays which are on the schedule include “Women of Choice” in February and March, 2020; “The Long Hot September” in April, 2020; “Nunsense” in July and August, 2020; “The Decade that Roared” in October, 2020; and “Polkadots,” a children’s theatre production in November, 2020.

One performance of a murder mystery production also is being planned.

Season tickets for all seven shows are \$75, which is a savings of \$25. More information about season tickets is available by contacting Lee at 1-904-625-1109 or email her at vabchlee@gmail.com.

“Steel Magnolias”

“Steel Magnolias” is a famous play which was made into a film.

The story takes place in Truvy Jones’ beauty shop. All of the women who are anyone in town have their hair done at the shop.

M’Lynn’s daughter Shelby is about to be married. She has been warned that pregnancy would not be good for her Type I diabetes.

Six veteran actresses will share the stage as they bring the story to life.

Cody Acklin will be the director of “Steel Magnolias.”

Acklin has announced the cast for the production. Angie Gordon is playing M’Lynn.

Morgan Bunch, who has performed several roles in arts center productions, is cast as Shelby.

Seen in the role of newcomer Annelle is Sophia Dudley.

## Zeta Psi salutes young man for desire to help veterans

Zeta Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Nov. 21 at the home of Sue Abernathy. Snacks and cake were served by the hostess.

The sorority received a note from Gabriel Kristiansen thanking the sorority for its contribution to the Socks for Vets project he sponsored.

Gabriel was able to donate more than 774 pairs of socks and sweat pants to the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna and to the Marion VA.

The chapter salutes Gabriel for having a desire to help the veterans.

The chapter chose a family with three children to receive money for their Christmas gifts. Two of the chapter’s members will deliver a check to the family.

The chapter is planning to have a Christmas luncheon in December.

The chapter’s pecan fund-raiser has been going well. Members were winding up their sales.

As of last week, the chapter still had bags of pecans available if anyone would be interested in purchasing some for Christmas. Information is available by contacting Linda Warren at 833-8004 or any chapter member.

A cultural program was given by Nancy Gunn, who gave a history about George Washington. She shared some of the 110 Rules of Civility and Decent Behavior in Company and Conversation that Washington wrote when he was 14 years old.

Nancy Gunn won the door prize.

## History of Shawnee National Forest topic at Vienna event

The history of the Shawnee National Forest in Southern Illinois is scheduled to be the topic of a Sunday, Dec. 8, meeting of the Johnson County Genealogical and Historical Society.

The meeting will be at the Vienna Public Library in Vienna. The program is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m.

Mary McCorvie, the U.S. Forest Service’s chief archaeologist for the Shawnee National Forest, is scheduled to present the program.

The Shawnee National Forest is celebrating the 80th anniversary of its founding this year.

McCorvie will review the history and development of the forest.

Prior to the presentation of the program, a potluck dinner and election of officers for the society for 2020 are planned. Those who plan to attend are asked to bring a covered dish to share and their own eating utensils.

The Dec. 8 event will be the society’s annual meeting.

For more information about the Johnson County Genealogical and Historical Society, call 618-771-6877.

**Gospel singing set**

A gospel singing is planned Saturday, Dec. 7, at Shiloh Baptist Church in Villa Ridge.

Singing begins at 7 p.m. The Gloryroad Travelers will be featured. A potluck supper is planned at 6 p.m.

### News from

## Camp Ground Church, Community

Sunday was our Hanging of the Greens worship service.

Each adult was given the opportunity to read about an element of the decorations: Advent candles, evergreens and wreaths, tree, Chrismons, creche and poinsettias.

After the reading, that particular decoration was placed as a coordinating carol was sung.

Rev. Thompson’s devotion on Sunday, titled “The Manger and the Cross,” was part of the Hanging of the Greens service.

She reminded everyone that “in all our preparation for Christmas, we need to remember what we are celebrating.

“Most of us have not come to terms with the message of the manger: Christmas was necessary because we are sinners.

“What does His coming mean? We have the choice of salvation or condemnation. The baby in the manger was born to die for me.”

Addie Bonner lit the first Advent candle, symbolizing Hope. She was assisted by her younger sister Raelynn.

Addie and Raelynn also received the offering.

Tony Gerard is Camp Ground’s lead elder for the month of December.

Birthday wishes this week go to Reed Crane, whose special day is Saturday, Dec. 7.

Camp Ground Church invites everyone to mark their calendar and plan to join them on Sunday evening, Dec. 22, for the church’s annual Christmas program and candlelight service. A finger food fellowship begins at 5 p.m. The program starts at 6 p.m.

Camp Ground invites everyone to join them in Bible study and worship. Coffee and fellowship begin at 9:30 a.m. Bible study is at 10 a.m. Worship is at 11 a.m. The church is located at 50 Tunnel Ln., east of Anna.



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

**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AS OF JUNE 30, 2019**

Local Sources (1000) Educational Fund 1,798,013, Operation & Maintenance 376,132, Debt Services 441,698, Transportation 181,251, Municipal Retirement/Social Security 179,047, Site Construction/Capital Improvement 0, Working Cash 76,967, Tort 326,283, Fire Prevention & Safety 71,166; Flow-Through Sources(2000) Educational Fund 0, Operation & Maintenance 0, Transportation 0, Municipal Retirement/Social Security 0; State Resources(3000) Educational Fund 2,546,485, Operation & Maintenance 0, Debt. Services 0, Transportation 29,226, Municipal Retirement/Social Security 0, Site Construction/Capital Improvement 0, Working Cash 0, Tort 0, Fire Prevention & Safety 0; Federal Sources (4000) Educational Fund 354,433, Operation & Maintenance 0, Debt Services 0, Transportation 0, Municipal Retirement/Social Security 0, Site Construction/Capital Improvement 0, Working Cash 0, Tort 0, Fire Prevention & Safety 0; TOTAL DIRECT RECEIPTS/REVENUES – Educational Fund 4,698,931 Operation & Maintenance 376,132, Debt Services 441,698, Transportation 210,477, Municipal Retirement/Social Security 179,047, Site Construction/Capital Improvement 0, Working Cash 76,967, Tort 326,283, Fire Prevention & Safety 71,166; TOTAL DIRECT DISBURSEMENTS/EXPENDITURES - Educational Fund 4,495,743, Operation & Maintenance 454,192, Debt Services 408,821, Transportation 169,974, Municipal Retirement/Social Security 169,593, Site Construction/Capital Improvement 0, Tort 284,980, Fire Prevention & Safety 337,733; OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Educational Fund 0, Operation & Maintenance 0, Debt Services 0, Transportation 0, Municipal Retirement/Social Security 0, Site Construction/Capital Improvement 0, Working Cash 0, Tort 0, Fire Prevention & Safety 0; **BEGINNING FUND BALANCES – JULY 1, 2018-** Educational Fund 680,705, Operation & Maintenance 129,552, Debt Services 94,422, Transportation 597,963, Municipal Retirement/Social Security 202,889, Site Construction/Capital Improvement 0, Working Cash 714,150, Tort 53,919, Fire Prevention & Safety 666,604; **ENDING FUND BALANCE – JUNE 30, 2019** - Educational Fund 883,893, Operations & Maintenance 51,492, Debt Service 127,299, Transportation 638,466, Municipal Retirement/Social Security 212,343, Site Construction/Capital Improvement 0, Working Cash 791,117, Tort 95,222, Fire Prevention & Safety 400,037.

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## E. Coli outbreak possibly linked to romaine lettuce

The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, reported on Friday, Nov. 22, that it is working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, FDA, and the Department of Agriculture, USDA, as well as public health and regulatory officials in other states to investigate a multistate outbreak of E. coli O157:H7 infections possibly linked to lettuce.

A total of 40 cases had been identified in 16 states, including one case in Illinois involving a person who was hospitalized.

“Tens of thousands of people get sick every year in the U.S. from foodborne illnesses, and approximately 3,000 die,” said IDPH director Dr. Ngozi Ezike.

“We will continue to work with state and national health officials to investigate this ongoing outbreak in an effort to prevent additional cases and potential deaths.”

The CDC is recommending people not eat romaine lettuce from the Salinas growing region in California.

When buying romaine lettuce, check the labeling to see if it says Salinas, IDPH advised. If it does, or there is no label, do not buy

that romaine lettuce.

Similarly, if you have romaine lettuce at home that indicates it is from the Salinas growing region, or you don’t know where it is from, do not eat the lettuce and throw it out.

Additionally, Missa Bay LLC. has recalled ready-to-eat salad products that contain meat or poultry because the lettuce may be contaminated with E. Coli O157:H7.

The products subject to the recall can be found on the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service website at [www.fsis.usda.gov](http://www.fsis.usda.gov).

The products were distributed in Illinois as well as in 21 other states. If consumers still have these products in their refrigerators, they should throw them out, IDPH stated.

The investigation is ongoing to determine other potential sources of contamination and if additional products are linked to illness.

Symptoms of infection vary for each person, but often include severe stomach cramps, bloody diarrhea, and vomiting.

Anyone with symptoms, especially if they are severe, should seek medical care and alert medical providers that you have recently eaten romaine lettuce.

## Christmas celebration set in Olmsted

Olmsted is planning to host a Christmas in the Village celebration on Saturday, Dec. 7. Activities are scheduled from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Festivities are set to begin at 4:30 p.m. with the lighting of the caboose.

A Christmas parade of lights is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.

To learn how to enter a float, contact David Laird at 618-967-2231.

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will be at the train depot for pictures.

“The Night Before Christmas” will be read. Darren the Magician will be doing magic tricks and balloon art.

An ugly Christmas sweater contest is planned. The contest will feature several age groups.

A Kids Zone will be new this year and will feature activities for children.

Complimentary soup and chili will be served at Lynda’s Diner. Cookies, coffee and hot chocolate will be served at city hall.



**Dongola School students of the month for November**  
Dongola School has recognized students of the month for November. Students were selected for the honor based on the character word of “confidence.” Students of the month include Brian Ditto, pre-kindergarten; Levi Eddleman, kindergarten; Remington Chick, 1st grade/Parr; Victoria Cummins, 1st grade/Ward; Brantley Hoffman, 2nd grade; Jersey Shepard, 3rd grade; Carleigh Lewis, 4th grade; Michael Rossi, 5th grade; Jersey Wright, 6th grade; Blake Herren, 8th grade; Noah Wiseman, high school freshman; Madison Delgadillo, high school sophomore; Madi Boner, high school junior; and Megan Theis, high school senior. Photo provided.

## SIU ceremony, reception honors employees for years of service

Southern Illinois University Carbondale planned to recognize 372 employees for their service and commitment to the university during a ceremony and reception which was scheduled Dec. 3 at the SIU Student Center.

The event honored employees with 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and 45 years of service to SIU Carbondale.

The employees have a combined total of 6,370 years of service to the university.

There were 48 employees with 25 years of service, 15 employees with 30 years of service, six employees with 35 years of service, two employees with 40 years of service and three employees who were marking 45 years of service to the university.

The following employees, listed by hometowns, years of service and departments, were among those honored:

**Alto Pass**  
30 years: Gina K. Wiles, Student Health Services.

**Anna**  
10 years: Elizabeth Lenora Back, University Honors Program; Rachel A. Frazier, Registrar’s Office.

15 years: Patty Ann Kelley, Information Technology.

20 years: Brad William Dawson, Physical Plant Service; Kimberly Elizabeth Little, College of Business; Douglas James Simmons, Library Affairs.

**Buncombe**  
15 years: Steven Eugene Ralls, Physical Plant Service; Ira Dugan Tripp, Physical Plant Service.

**Cobden**  
10 years: Bailey Charles Bunyan, Physical Plant Service; Adam Joseph Kaszubski, Physical Plant Service; Kevin Matthew Mayberry, Bursar.

15 years: Julie A. Reese, Head Start Agency; Sally Jo Wright, Recreational Sports and Services.

20 years: Sarah Buila, School of Social Work; Chris P. Bunyan, Student Health Services; Thomas N. Cerny, Student Health Services.

25 years: Judith A. Sherwood, College of Engineering; Valerie Brooks Wallin, Undergraduate Advisement.

**Dongola**  
10 years: Melanie Lynne Terbrak, Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

15 years: Jeffrey R. Williamson, Information Technology.

**Jonesboro**  
10 years: Josh Dale Tripp, Student Center.

**Makanda**  
10 years: Anneke M. Metz, MEDPREP/Medical Education Preparatory-School of Medicine, Carbondale; Walter Carl Metz, Cinema and Photography; Samuel R. Pavel, ASA Aviation Management and Flight; Jun Qin, Electrical and Computer Engineering.

15 years: Danny Franklin Brewer, University Housing; Kevin Lee Cox, Department of Public Safety; Elizabeth M. Grotts, SIU Extended Campus; Mary L. Kappel, Aerospace Studies-Air Force ROTC; Corne Prozesky, Recreational Sports and Services; Catherine E. Wagner, Library Affairs.

20 years: Daniel G. Douthett, Physical Plant Service; Jonathan M. Gray, Communication Studies; Dawn Donelle

Legier, Office of Equity and Compliance; David E. Sutton, Anthropology; Karl Williard, College of Agricultural Sciences and Forestry.

25 years: Maria Rosa Fernandez Bell, Languages, Cultures, and International Trade; James R. Eagelston, Broadcasting Service; Cheri W. Kelly, Family and Community Medicine/Physician Assistant Program-School of Medicine, Carbondale; Charles M. Rendleman, Agribusiness Economics.

**Pomona**  
20 years: Laura J. Halliday, Linguistics.

## Retiring employees honored at SIU ceremony, reception

Southern Illinois University Carbondale planned to recognize 147 retiring employees for their service to the university during a ceremony and reception which was scheduled Dec. 3 at the SIU Student Center.

The recognition was for university employees who retired between Aug. 1, 2018, and July 31, 2019.

The retiring employees had 3,308 years of combined experience with the university.

Of these retirees, 77 had 20 to 29 years of service, 18 employees had 30 to 34 years of service, six employees had 35 to 39 years of service and two employees retired with 41 and 43 years of service to the university, respectively.

Employees who were honored include those listed below by their hometown:

**Buncombe**  
Roy Allen Sims, Physical Plant Service, 12 years.

**Cobden**  
Holly Elizabeth Duckworth, Head Start Agency, 22 years.

Alethea Renee England, Information Systems/Carbondale-School of Medicine, Carbondale, 21 years.

Ray Edward Houseman, Broadcasting Service, 32 years.

Crystal Renee Null, Family and Community Medicine/Carbondale-School of Medicine, Springfield, 30 years.

William E. Null, Student Center, 28 years.

Denise Adair Vance, Financial Aid Office, 30 years.

**Makanda**  
Rebecca A. Jarvis, Evaluation and Developmental Center, 25 years.

Susan J. Moberly, Information Technology, 22 years.

Michael Bruce Reiman, Records Management, 24 years.

Melanie Rose Schmeck, Registrar’s Office, 15 years.

Tina M. Shingleton, Alumni Services, 20 years.

**Pomona**  
Rhonda Sue Rothrock, Cinema and Photography, 23 years.



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## SURPLUS AUCTION

Anna District #37 is holding a surplus auction. Items include tables, bookshelves, buses, playground equipment and much more. Bids are due on December 12th by 8 a.m.

Please call Dr. Julie Bullard, Superintendent at 618-833-6812 or visit <http://anna37.com> for more information.

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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.

## Christmas Parade

A special thanks to everyone who came out to the first giving Christmas parade in Anna. The fire and rescue trucks were decorated with colored lights and led the parade with Christmas carols playing.

People brought gifts and handed to those who were walking and singing Christmas carols in the parade to collect for children and veterans for Christmas gifts along with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

After the parade every-

one sang Christmas carols around the Christmas tree as Santa was lighting the Christmas tree near the 4 way stop in Anna.

Years ago the churches in Anna had Christmas parades with beautiful floats that went from Anna to Jonesboro.

The last parade I remember when they stopped having them it was snowing and sleeting and the bands had to stay in their busses and were playing Christmas carols out the window of the buses as they drove down



Children with Santa after the Anna city Christmas tree lighting.



Santa and friends after lighting of the Anna city Christmas tree.



The Massey family at the lighting of the Anna city Christmas Tree in 2015. My how that little tree has grown.



Ashley Massey, Emily Massey, Zach Massey, Leah Turner and Skyla Turner were at the lighting of the Anna Christmas tree.

the street. This was back in the 1970s. Trophies were given to the church floats in the parades when they could have them.

## Thanksgiving Trip

John and Tracee Foley enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner with Tracee's dad Ron Alstat in Olmsted.

## Thanksgiving Week Guests

Alice Holderfield daughter and granddaughter and daughter's boy friend were visiting Alice's nephew Jeremi Poe. Daughter Sara Jenkins, her daughter Jayden Jenkins and boyfriend Aaron Vaughn. They are on their way to see Alice's sister and brother-in-law Eddie and Beverly Cottone formerly from Dongola. Beverly and Eddie now live in Mena, Ark.

## Anna Vista

is very thankful this Thanksgiving for the community, for all the support and donations they have given them this past year. They had a delicious Thanksgiving dinner.

When you are taking down those Christmas decorations, trees and wreaths and you decide you want new decorations next year, please think of them, they will accept your old and unwanted Christmas decorations. To donate you can call 618-614-8350 to drop off your stuff at Anna Vista.

## Anna VFW

A monthly fish dinner will be served Friday, Dec. 6, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Star Karaoke will be at the post from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

## Thanksgiving Guest

Gaylon Wayne Cates from Chicago visited his parents Gaylon and Clara. He went hunting while here and got a deer.

They enjoyed a big Thanksgiving dinner. They enjoyed eating at Blue Fish in Dongola one day.

## Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving guests of Angela and Brett Gordon were their daughter Olivia Gordon from New York City, their son Graham, Margie and Larry Brymer, Donnie and Vella Friedman, Steve and Kathy Hornbeak, Sophie Bryan and Mike Hornbeak.

## Birthdays

Nov. 23 Andrew Crabtree, Nov. 25 Logan Deming 4 years old, Jessie Tash, Nov. 26 Shirley Ray, Debbie Dillon, Nathan Betts, Dec. 2 Ricky Borders, 3 Carolyn Dammann, 4 Edna Poole turned 90, 7 James Wilde, 9 Wanda Dillow, 11 Jonah Watkins, 12 Rose Nevels, 14 Sue Ann Zimmerman, 16 Olivia Hand, 19 Amber Belcher, Muriel Zachary, 22 Natalie Shasteen, 27 Boyd LaFoon, 31 Leah Goins.

## Guests

Thanksgiving week guests of Lisa Spiess and family was her sister Mary Ann from Chicago.

## Thanksgiving Dinner Guests

Guests of Curt, Bessie and Elijah Ellis were Brad Ellis, Martha Ann Webb, and Earl Miller. They enjoyed being together and ended the day with the Christmas parade in beautiful downtown Anna and watching Santa light the Christmas tree.

My how that little tree has grown over the last 5 years. It will be a big tree some day.

## Wedding Anniversary

Wayne and Pam Helton celebrated their 48th Anniversary Nov. 25. Barbara Hash and Juan Garcia.

## United Methodist Church, Anna

Sunday was the first Sunday of Advent. Rev. Millie Sloan lighted the first Advent candle in their Sunday School class.

Church liturgist Dean Corbit welcomed everyone and led in the litany, Hope for those who wait, and



Elaine Crain, Martha Ann Webb, Linda Hileman, Evelyn Gillespie: Martha Ann's name was drawn at the PAST quilt raffle and she was very appreciative.



Norm and Barb Bauer were pleased to celebrate Thanksgiving in St. Louis at the home of their son Lou and Deb Bauer. An entertainment highlight was a remembrance of America's first Thanksgiving in 1621. Armed with a book from Anna's Stinson Library and costumes from PAST, Barb Bauer arranged a "reenactment" with the great grandkids. Pictured reenactors are Gideon Boyd Song (back to camera); "Native American" Finlay Hileman with an heirloom bow and arrow from his dad Jacob's childhood; Abigail Song in her Native American dress; Joshua Song bearing an heirloom handmade wooden "hunting rifle" from his granddad Doug Hileman's collection; little Pilgrim Leah Hileman in her pinafore and carrying a basket of fruit; Emmie Hileman dressed as a Pilgrim lady, and "Pilgrim" Owen Bauer bringing his basket of fruit to the Thanksgiving feast.

The Bauer guest list included Norm and Barb Bauer from Anna; Lou and Deb Bauer; Chris, Katie and Owen Bauer; Matthew Bauer and friend Paula; Jacob, Nadia, Finlay, Emmie and Leah Hileman all from the St. Louis area. Also Timothy Bauer, David and Ursula Bauer from Wisconsin and Matt, Sarah, Joshua, Abigail and Gideon Song from Ft. Worth, Texas.



Rehearsal for Steel Magnolias: Cody Acklin, director; Sophia Dudley, Annell Dupuy/Desoto; Morgan Bunch, Shelby Eatenton; Marilyn Musgrave, stage manager; Angie Gordon, M'Lynn Eatenton; Sallee Collins, production assistant; Elisabeth Collins, Truvy Jones; Nancy Kucera, Ouiser Boudreaux; Mary Beth Hileman, Clairee Belcher; (not pictured) Reed Absher, set designer. Steel Magnolias opens at the Anna Arts Center main theatre building on Friday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. Other performances are Saturday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 8, at 2 p.m.

scripture from Isaiah.

The lighting of the Advent wreath was by the youth and first candle lighting by Jessie Riley.

Choir special was Christ be our light with reading by Kathie Watkins. Wanda Dillow read "A sky full of children." Special music was by Ava Boreup Star Song.

Sermon was Be Ready Jesus is Coming by Bobby Cooper with gospel reading from Matthew and Epistle lesson from Romans.

Special prayers for healing for people with cancer and other needs.

Julia Theis from Dongola, grandmother of Ava Boreup, was visiting. Dr. Charles Halterman's son Jeff and Joyce Halterman from St. Louis was visiting.

## Thanksgiving Trip

Jane Bauer went to St. Johns, Ind., to visit her brother-in-law Roger Anderson and family. They all enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner at Roger's granddaughter Clara Chadwick's home in Portugal, Ind. There were 20 guests with three of Roger's children and grandchildren.

## Honor Wreaths for Veterans

A special thanks to those

donating wreaths this week and to everyone who has donated a wreath in memory of a loved one or for a Veterans that doesn't have a wreath.

Anna-Jonesboro Rotary Club one wreath for a Veteran who doesn't have one. Janie Meirndorf for her step father Eddie Phillips a Navy Seabee, her son-in-laws Father Kenny Burgess a Marine and 5 wreaths for a veteran that doesn't have one. Ruby Brimm for her husband Bob Brimm and Norman Snell in the Army. Gary, Andrea, Abigail and Edward Dahmer for a Veteran who doesn't have a wreath. Gary Dahmer family, Rhonda Shannon family, and Bessie Mae Ellis family for a Veteran who doesn't have one.

James and Bonnie Sullivan 1 wreath for Bonnie's dad Amon Lee Jackson and 14 wreaths for Veterans that do not have one.

If you didn't order a wreath this year you can buy now for next year. Anything received after Dec. 2 will go on next year.

Dec. 14 at 11 a.m. will be the ceremony at the Anna Cemetery and then the laying of the Honor Wreaths. Remembering,

Honoring, and Teaching. "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction." Ronald Reagan.

## Bald Knob Cross

The paver brick engraver has extended the date so that if you place an order by Thursday, Dec. 5, it will be laid in the paver garden by Christmas.

## United Missionary Baptist Church

The church's annual Christmas bazaar will be Dec. 7 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Clear Creek Baptist Association building.

All proceeds will go to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions.

## A-JCHS Musical

Brad Stamp announced Bye Bye Birdie as the Musical that will be in March. Forty students have their parts and the stage crew are working on the props. Everyone is excited about the musical that will be in March of 2020.

## New Coats Sponsored by WIBH

Donations for new coats are being collected at WIBH Radio, Attn: Moury Bass, 330 S. Main St., Anna, Ill. 62906. A new coat is \$20. One hundred percent of





Barbara Treece, administrative assistant at the United Methodist Church in Anna, was honored with a farewell cake after church on Sunday, Nov. 17. She and her husband are relocating to Southern California. From left are Robert and Barbara Treece and Rev. Richard Sullins.



Family picture: Brenda Kelley in the front. Standing next to Brenda is Kooper Neighbors, with the pink bow, and Tytan Smith; from left to right are Stacy Smith holding Pyper Smith, Joey Smith, Carmin Smith, Kevin Neighbors, Kobe Myers and Michelle Myers. The Smiths are from Dongola and the Myers and Neighbors are from Springfield, Mo. Kevin, Michelle, Kobe and Kooper come back at Thanksgiving every year to spend time with each family. They all get one day. They spend the first day with Kevin’s mom, Pauline Neighbors and family. The second day, they spend with Brenda and Joey’s family. The third day they spend with Michelle’s dad, Tom Myers and family. We combine Thanksgiving and Christmas. Kobe will be 18 in July and off at college next year so this was the best year for a family picture.

This picture was taken at the Anna Hotel (Super 8) in the breakfast area. Brenda thought it was a fantastic backdrop.



Willie and Terrie Rhymer of Dongola spent the Thanksgiving holiday in Parsons, Tenn., with her sister and husband, Jim and Deborah Walker. They enjoyed a meal on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and then the ladies spent Thanksgiving Day shopping until early Friday. Terrie and her sister Deborah are shown with their shopping shirts. The Rhymers returned home on Friday with a side trip to Martin, Tenn., to eat at the Grind Mac and Cheese Restaurant.



Roger and Lana Kay Glasco celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary Dec. 1.



Gary, Andrea, Abigail and Edward Dahmer decorated the Anna city Christmas tree at the 4 way stop. Andrea remembered the tree was 6 feet tall when they planted it. It was 11 feet this year at the eighth Christmas celebration in beautiful downtown Anna.



Macalya Palmer celebrated her 21st birthday on Nov. 30.



Tammy Woodrum with her friend Carolyn Mers from Bloomington, who had a booth at the Davie School Inn at the Christmas Craft Sale Saturday. Carolyn is an author who was inspired to write one of her books when she was staying at the Davie School Inn.

all donations go directly to purchasing the coats and is made possible by Postal Pal in Anna, which covers shipping costs.

**Anna Arts Center**  
Steel Magnolias, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6-7, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 8, at 2 p.m.

**Salt of the Earth**  
Jeannie Porter is having a first anniversary sale at her new store located in the former Bunny Bread building at 101 Springfield Ave. ending Dec. 7.

**Carols at Candlelight**  
St. Anne’s Church will have their annual Carols at Candlelight Dec. 8 at 4 p.m.

**Heritage House**  
PAST Winter Wonder-

land luncheons will be Dec. 5, 6, 7, 11, 12 13. Message 618-833-8745 if you would like to attend. Arrive at 11:30 a.m. Meal served at noon.

**AFSCME Illinois Retirement Chapter 31**

The state retirees met at Anna Heights Baptist Church. President Jim Wright opened the meeting and everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

The members voted to donate \$200 to WIBH Operation Warm for coats for children and \$200 for the Shawnee Development Council food pantry. Judy Shoemaker won the door



Weldon Brown says 56 years with this wonderful lady Judy Nov. 30. Happy wedding anniversary.

prize.

The group will meet Jan. 28 at 1 p.m. for their next meeting at Anna Heights Baptist Church in the room across from the chapel room.

**Red Hat Ladies**  
Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies will meet at United Methodist Church Anna fellowship hall for their Dec. 18 meeting at 11 a.m. Rev. Millie Sloan is the hostess.

**A-JCHS Safe Celebration**

Tina Mayberry is the Safe Celebration coordinator and asks for your donations be made to A-JCHS Safe Celebration and mailed to A-JCHS Safe Celebration, Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, 608 S. Main St., Anna, Ill. 62906, or they may be taken to the school.

In order to provide the celebration, they need the moral and financial support of the community.

They request support in one or more of the following ways. Encourage A-J graduates to stay alcohol and drug free by attending the Safe Celebration.

Give a monetary donation for food, prizes and activities. Donate food items (dinner and breakfast). Donate prizes, such as electronics, gift cards, sporting goods.

May 16, 2020, the night will be filled with activities which include volleyball, basketball, corn hole tournaments, a bounce house, movies, and so much more. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the night.

All activities will be supervised by responsible adults and a great time is in store for all involved.

**Military Prayer List**

Katelynn Williams, Lucas W. Davis, James Sullivan, Lindsey Keene, Jacob Schaefer, Jerod Schaefer, Creighton Laster, Reagan Morrison, Josh Steveson, Josh Williams, Faith Odom, Jim Bonner, Jennifer Ann Bishop, Arin Whitemountain, James McWhorter, Nick Harvel, Nona Elizabeth Luke, Lucas J. Strickland, William Nathaniel Frankell, Ethan Maze, Lukas W. Davis, Tanner Anderson, Hayden Young, Garrett Goines, Kiefer Stull, Davis Jordan Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, C.J. Youngerman, Freddy

# Television Listings

THURSDAY											DECEMBER 6, 2019		
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW		
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Sydney BUNKD	"Planet Apes" (11)	(5:20) "Reclaim" (14)	(5:50) "The Fugitive" (93) Doctor seeks killer.		
7 PM :30	Christmas	Young Unicorn	Thursday Night Football Dallas Cowboys at Chicago Bears (Live)	Sat. Night Live (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	Watchmen (HD)	★★★½ "Jaws" (75, Thriller) Shark attacks. (HD)	★★★ "At Eternity's Gate" (18) Painter creates.		
8 PM :30	"Same Time Next Christmas" (19)	(01) Mom Carol's			Wom. College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie Naïve nanny.	Howery (HD)				
9 PM :30		Evil "Exorcism Part 2"		Making It (HD)		Bang (HD)	Temptation Island	Coop & Cam Sydney	(05) "Shazam!" (19) Orphan gets power. (HD)	(05) "Jaws 2" (78) More shark attacks. (HD)	Gigolos Ray Donovan (HD)		
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan Frontal	Family	Raven	Just Roll				
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	The Misery	Family	Jessie	Fletcher	"Hero" (02) Jet Li.	"American"		

FRIDAY											DECEMBER 6, 2019		
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW		
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA Countdown (HD)	"Kong: Skull Island"	SVU (HD)	(4:55) "Movie"	(20) Silicon Valley	"Mr. Brooks" (07) (R)	"Poetic Justice" (93)		
7 PM :30	College Football "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Hawaii Five-0 (HD)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live) (HD)	The Blacklist (HD)	NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Boston Celtics (Live)	(15) "Thor: Ragnarok" (17) Thor defends Asgardian civilization. (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	"The Town" (10) Thriller	★★★½ "The Mustang" (19, Drama)	"A Bad Moms Christmas" (18) Painter creates.		
8 PM :30		Magnum P.I. (HD)		Dateline NBC (HD)			"Doctor Strange" Neosurgeon with magical powers.	Just Roll	Affleck. A Boston thief.				
9 PM :30		Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs Local info.		NBA Basketball Los Angeles vs Portland (Live) (HD)			BUNKD	Watchmen (HD)	(40) "The Gunman" (15, Action) Lost love. (R)	Flack "Summer"		
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local		ELEAGUE (HD)	Family	Just Roll	"Upgrade" Attempting to cure. (R)	(35) "Enemy of the State" (98)	Eddie (HD)		
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local	(35) Tonight (HD)		"The Wolverine" (13)	Family	Unstoppable	Jessie		Ray Donovan (HD)		
	Nightline	Corden	Local	Late Night			Family	Jessie	Gumbel				

SATURDAY											DECEMBER 7, 2019		
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW		
6 PM :30	Scoreboard	Coll. Ftbl	Pregame (Live) (HD)	Local Programs	UFC Fight Night Prelims (Live)	"Age of Ultron" (15)	(5:00) "Doctor Strange" (16)	(5:05) "Movie"	"Bridesmaids" (11)	"Mr. & Mrs. Smith"	"Scream 3" (00) (HD)		
7 PM :30	College Football "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Bull Trial consultant.	College Football "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	The Voice (HD)		★★★ "Thor: Ragnarok" (17) Asgardian threat. (HD)	"Guardians of the Galaxy" (14, Action) Team of misfits.	Big City	(55) ★★★ "Long Shot" (19) Writer & diplomat.	"The Marine" (06, Thriller) (HD)	Shameless (HD)		
8 PM :30		48 Hours (HD)		Dateline NBC (HD)	UFC Fight Night from Capital One Arena in Washington D.C. (Live)			Big City	Unstoppable	"Blockers" (18) Prom night pact.	Showtime Championship Boxing "Charlo vs. Hogan" (Live) (HD)		
9 PM :30		48 Hours (HD)		Sat. Night Live (HD)		(45) ★★★ "Thor: Ragnarok" (17) Asgardian threat. (HD)		Just Roll	Dan Soder: Son (HD)	"Idiocracy" Rule of the witless.			
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	Beat Shazam (HD)	Local	Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.		Family	Raven	Watchmen (HD)				
11 PM :30	Local Programs	Local	Local	Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.	NFL Prime.		Family	Just Roll	Dan Soder: Son (HD)	"Must Die"	R. Donovan		

SUNDAY											DECEMBER 8, 2019		
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW		
6 PM :30	Home Videos (HD)	NFL (Live)	Miss Universe 2019 Women compete. (HD)	Football America (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	(4:30) "Wonder Woman" (17)	Law & Order: SVU	(5:15) "Zombies" (18)	(5:45) "Long Shot" (19) Writer & diplomat. (R)	"The Nice Guys" (R)	(5:55) The L Word		
7 PM :30	AFV: America, This Is	God Friended Me		(20) Sun. Night Football Seattle Seahawks at Los Angeles Rams (Live) (HD)	Championship Drive: Who's In?	"Suicide Squad" (16) Will Smith, Villains team-up. (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Music	Watchmen (HD)	"Reclaim" (14) Adoption agency.	Ray Donovan "Hisps" Negotiations. (HD)		
8 PM :30	Kids Say (HD)	NCIS: L.A. "Answers"		Dateline NBC (HD)			Law & Order: SVU	Unstoppable		(40) "Sky-scraper" (18) Burning building. (R)	Gen. Q		
9 PM :30	The Rookie (HD)	Madam Secretary	Local Programs Local info.	Sat. Night Live (HD)			Mr. Robot "410 Gone"	Star Wars	(05) Silicon Valley	"Blockers" (18) Prom night pact.			
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	The Misery	Treadstone (HD)	Raven	Fletcher	"Idiocracy" Rule of the witless.	Work		
11 PM :30	Local Programs	Local		Local Programs Local info.	SportsCenter (HD)	"The Dark Knight Rises" (12)	The Purge (HD)	Just Roll	Watchmen (HD)	(25) "The American" (10) (HD)	Gen. Q		
	(35) Local		Local					Jessie	Sil Valley		Shameless		

MONDAY											DECEMBER 9, 2019		
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW		
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Monday Countdown	Fam Guy	(5:59) Chicago P.D.	Sydney BUNKD	(10) "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" (11)	"Malkovich" (99) (R)	Gen. Q		
7 PM :30	The Great Christmas Light Fight (HD)	Neighbor. Bob Hearts	Beat Shazam (HD)	The Voice (HD)	Monday Football New York Giants at Philadelphia Eagles (Live) (HD)	Fam Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	Raven	"Deep Rising" (08, Thriller)	"Death Be- comes Her" (92) (HD)	Shameless "Sparky"		
8 PM :30		All Rise "Dripsy" (HD)	The Moody's (HD)			Fam Guy		Just Roll	His Dark Materials	(50) "The Meg" (18) Prehistoric monster. (HD)	On Becoming a God		
9 PM :30	The Good Doctor	Bull "The Good One"	Local Programs Local info.	(01) Making It (HD)		Dad (HD)		Unstoppable	His Dark Materials		Gen. Q		
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	(15) SportsCenter with Scott (HD)	Dad (HD)		Coop & Cam	Watchmen (HD)	(45) "Hanna" (11) Teen assassin.	Black Mon.		
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	NFL Prime.	Conan	Family	Sydney	Tom Apart	"Bridemaids" (97)	Black Mon. Ray Donovan (HD)		
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Conan	Family	Jessie	"Actually"				

TUESDAY											DECEMBER 10, 2019		
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW		
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball Texas Tech vs Louisville	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Sydney BUNKD	"Unknown" (11) Liam Neeson, Identity theft.	★★★ "Get Carter" (00)	(5:30) "Attrition" (18)		
7 PM :30	Conners	NCIS Newborn child.	The Masked Singer	Ellen's (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven		"Death Be- comes Her" (92) (HD)	Ray Donovan (HD)		
8 PM :30	Bless Mess	FBI "Most Wanted"	The Moody's (HD)	(01) The Voice (HD)	Basketball	Bang (HD)	The Purge "Hail Mary"	Unstoppable	"Belichick" (19) (HD)		Inside the NFL (HD)		
9 PM :30	mixed-ish	NCIS: New Orleans	Local Programs Local info.	(01) Making It (HD)	College Basketball Connecticut vs Indiana	Bang (HD)	(01) Treadstone	Coop & Cam	(15) Silicon Valley	★★★ "Mamma Mia: Here We Go Again!" (18)	Shameless "Sparky"		
10 PM :30	black-ish			Local		The Misery	Law & Order: SVU	Sydney	Fletcher		Inside the NFL (HD)		
11 PM :30	Emergency (HD)			(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter with Scott (HD)	Conan	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	Watchmen (HD)	"8 Heads in a Duffel Bag" (97)	Ray Donovan (HD)		
	Local	Local		Local		Conan	Family	Sydney					
	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)		Conan	Family	Just Roll	Tom Apart				
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Conan	Family	Jessie	"Actually"				

WEDNESDAY											DECEMBER 11, 2019		
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW		
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA Basketball Los Angeles vs Toronto (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	NCIS "Bullet-proof"	Sydney BUNKD	"Robin Hood" (18, Action) Re- bellion. (HD)	(4:50) "Deja Vu" (06)	"Road House" (06)		
7 PM :30	Goldbergs	Survivor (HD)	The Masked Singer	Ellen's (HD)		Bang (HD)	WWE NXT (HD)	Raven		★★★½ "The Gunman" (15, Action) Lost love. (R)	★★★ "The Fast and the Furious" (01) (HD)		
8 PM :30	Schooled	(01) SEAL Team	(01) Almost Family	(01) Making It (HD)	NBA Basketball New Orleans vs Milwaukee (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)		Just Roll	"Moonlight Sonata" (19)				
9 PM :30	Family	S.W.A.T. "Monster"	Local Programs Local info.	Making It (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Coop & Cam	Watchmen (HD)	★★★½ "The Take" (Picket helps.	"2 Fast 2 Furious" (03) Street racing. (HD)		
10 PM :30	Single			Local		Conan Frontal	Law & Order: SVU	Sydney					
11 PM :30	Stumptown (HD)	Local		Local		Conan	Family	Raven					
	Local	Local		(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Frontal	Family	Just Roll	(35) Silicon Valley	"Dragged Across Concrete" (R)	★★★½ "Fast" (06) (HD)		
	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)		Frontal	Family	Jessie "G.I. Jessie"	Fletcher				
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		New Girl	Family	Jessie					



# Opinion and Commentary

## Why start a business when you can start a movement?

By Jim Nowlan

This column proposes a powerful, practical, if highly unconventional, way to start a national conversation, even a movement, that could possibly help restore a healthy American democracy and solid economic future, and maybe even replace one of our two bankrupt political parties.

Politics and policy are today focused on supporting old coots like me (I’m 78), and the boomers who followed, through oppressive government debt, mountainous student loan burdens, inadequate investment in research and higher education, and generally listless K-12 education. The consequences of our selfish, debt-fueled pandering to my generation will be paid by those who are in college today. Embarrassing.

In the present era, national politics are shaped by winning intra-party primary elections, which are largely captured by activists at polar extremes. The great swath of us in the middle are marginalized, having little impact on who become candidates.

I propose a nationwide competition, with big prizes, among teams at our business school MBA programs, to develop the best “business plan” for creation and implementation of a new, competitive political party. Why start a business, I say to the MBA students, when you can start a movement?

A new political party is really just a start-up, nonprofit enterprise. I used to run U.S. Senate and other major political campaigns. For each, we developed a campaign plan to operate the equivalent of a lively business for one year. Without a good plan, no success. A new party would need a terrific plan.

Why focus largely on the business schools? (I would indeed open the competition to teams from elsewhere.) Because many of the brightest and most successful of the coming generation are enrolled there. They need to appreciate they have a huge stake in the future, and my generation is strewing shards of glass in their path.

We should also disabuse business school deans who might think the business of America is solely about business. Wrong. A stable, far-sighted political system is an absolute precondition to a flourishing, sustainable economy.

For example, after World War II, observers identified Argentina as the nation that had all the ingredients to be the next economic powerhouse: a well-educated, hard-working populace with substantial natural resources, unscathed by the war. Yet dysfunctional, populist Peronist and later governments crushed the dreams of a global powerhouse in Argentina.

My proposal is that MBA students, plus teams from elsewhere, be assigned the task of developing a plan for a new, national third party.

After all, the Republican Party began as a third party, founded in 1854 in the midst of the implosion of the Whig Party. Just six years later, Republicans captured the White House with 39 percent of the popular vote in a four-party contest, and saved the Union.

There would obviously be daunting challenges to creation of a successful competitive new party for the political contests after 2020.

For example, students of political parties will point out the original GOP rode the coattails of a searing matter in the North, extension of slavery, and that a new political party begun in 2020 would lack such a riveting issue.

Second, a new party would probably have to appeal to those of us located somewhere along the middle of the political spectrum; unfortunately, moderation famously lacks that emotional appeal necessary to drive voters to the polls.

Third, at least as I see it, a new, future-oriented party would have to promote some jarring, even painful policies; for example, reduce benefits a bit now to extend Social Security and Medicare programs into the future, increase revenues for long-term research investments, and curb health care expenditures.

To counter these challenges, a successful plan would have to arouse constructive fear, the great motivator, that our student generation will otherwise inherit a society bereft of the resources necessary to fuel a prosperous society for themselves and their children.

A new political party can also benefit from the immediacy and ubiquity of social media, for marketing, recruiting, fund-raising.

I am thinking prizes of \$1 million for the winning team, half that for second, less for runners-up. I see half of each prize going to the team members, the other half to be applied as seed-money to start implementation. I am right now casting about among my few, really deep-pocketed friends and acquaintances to recruit interest in funding the idea.

Sure, the idea is eccentric. But I’ll bet that in 1854 unimaginative folks in Central Illinois thought the awkward, unschooled young lawyer from New Salem and his political buddies were also off on a fool’s errand.

I think such a competition could fascinate America. The public might even be involved in the voting among competing finalist plans.

What might the bright young leaders of tomorrow come up with? Are they up to the challenge? Are we?

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# Please read this...

By Geof Skinner



Look...up on the fence...it’s a bird...nope...it’s a plane...probably not...you know what it is...don’t you?

## Do you suppose raccoons celebrate Thanksgiving?

Maybe we should all be used to such things by now. For some reason, the weather prognosticators were suggesting on Sunday evening that there was a “chance” for snow flurries.

So it was a bit of a surprise when I looked out the window Monday morning and saw that “flurries” had accumulated on the vehicle I would be driving to The Paragraph Factory to start another bright and shiny week of toil.

Actually, I don’t think that writing stories and taking of photographs amounts to “toil,” but that would be another story...for another time.

One thing was for certain Monday morning. It was, indeed, Monday. This time of year, at least for those of us at The Paragraph Factory, which day is what sometimes becomes a bit confusing. Same sort of thing happened to The Other Half and your scribe.

We’ve touched on this crucial issue many times in the past. During the week of Thanksgiving at The Paragraph Factory, the Friday before the holiday became Monday. Monday became Tuesday. Tuesday was Wednesday. Wednesday was Thursday.

Thursday, it seems, was still Thursday, even though things seemed a little bit confusing. Maybe that’s because professional football games, which used to be played pretty much on Sunday, were being played on Thursday. Of course, pro football games now are played during the day on Sunday, during the night on Sunday, on Monday night, on Thursday night and sometimes on Saturday day and Saturday night. Confusing?

For The Other Half and yours truly, we got a little confused because we did something on Saturday which we usually do on Sunday. Soooooo, Saturday became Sunday. Sunday was still Sunday. We think.

We’ll get to repeat the whole thing for Christmas and New Year’s Day, which both fall on a Wednesday, which will become some other day. I think.

That’s why it was so comforting to wake up on Monday and know that it was, indeed, a Monday. In late autumn. Which did not explain the snow on my vehicle.

This whole concept of which day is what got me to thinking, which is never a good thing. Just ask The Other Half.

Do critters know what day it is? Does it matter to them whether it’s Monday or Friday or Sunday? Do they look forward to the weekend. Do they dread Monday morning? Do they celebrate holidays? Do animals have day planners? Do they have smart phones with calendars or reminders or some kind of app that helps them to keep track of important stuff?

The White Rabbit in Lewis Carroll’s fantastical story, “Alice’s Adventure in Wonderland,” carried a watch, and was late for some sort of appointment, which led to Alice’s Adventure in Wonderland.



With apologies to The Monkees...there it went...runnin’ down the street...gets the funniest looks from...everyone it meets...hey, hey it’s a raccoon...(yes, I know, it wasn’t running down the street, but I couldn’t think of any other words that would rhyme...oh, by the way, you won’t be able to get that song out of your mind for days...)

## SIU planning to host holiday craft event

The 41st annual Holiday Craft Sale at Southern Illinois University Carbondale is planned Dec. 5-7. The event will be in the SIU Student Center Art Gallery, which is located on the first floor. Hours are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

About 80 vendors will offer arts and crafts and other assorted wares for sale. Admission is free. The SIU Student Center’s Craft Shop sponsors the sale.

The event will offer a wide range of items, including ceramics, fibers, jewelry, paintings, woodworking, printmaking, plants, leatherwork, clothing, glassware and homemade soaps.

Holiday decorations, crocheted and knitted items, candles, pottery, woven items and assorted other handiworks crafted by regional artisans can be purchased as well.

There will be locally produced honey and homemade salsa, too.

The Craft Shop will showcase some of its new merchandise, including limited edition ceramic plates and screen-printed Saluki gear, and will offer a gift-wrapping station to help you prepare for the holidays.

A number of student organizations are participating in the craft sale as well, raising funds for needed equipment, projects and special activities.

Southern Clayworks, an organization of art and design students, will offer pottery and ceramics pieces.

The Horticulture Association will be selling holiday wreaths and garlands, while the Graduate Association of Painters and Printmakers will offer mini-prints for purchase.

The Southern Illinois Metalsmiths Society, comprised of students in the university’s metals program will be marketing all sorts of metal work, from jewelry to sculpture and more.

For additional information about the Holiday Craft Sale, call 618-453-3636.

## A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, Dec. 4, 1969

Approximately 250 persons in beautiful holiday attire attended the Chamber of Commerce Ladies Night dinner Monday night at the American Legion Community Center in Anna.

Christmas shopping will soon reach its height and for the convenience of their customers many merchants keep their stores open until 8:00 p.m. tomorrow evening, December 5, Monday, Dec. 8, Friday, Dec. 12 and starting the 15th they will remain open until 8:00 p.m. each night up until December 24 when they will close at 5:00.

The draft call for the Union County area for the month of December is for one to be inducted; and ten for physicals Thursday, Dec. 4, 1969.

The First Baptist Church, Jonesboro, which was destroyed by fire January 4th, will dedicate their newly erected Sanctuary Sunday, Dec. 7.

Excitement will fill the hall of Cobden High School Friday, Dec. 5, with the various activities being planned for the annual homecoming celebration.

The Holiday Tour of Homes will be held Sunday from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. This tour is sponsored by the Anna-Jonesboro Junior Woman’s Club.

From the Lockard Chapel news: Lockard Chapel had their annual Thanksgiving service at the church Wednesday evening. After a song service and devotional a delicious turkey supper was enjoyed. We have so much to be thankful for.