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News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area, from social media and beyond...



This fellow in front of the Oasis Shrine Club stand at the Anna City Park might have been happy with Old Man Winter's recent visit...

Happy New Year to all of our readers.

As we have shared many times over the years: if you plan to celebrate the arrival of 2023, please do not drink and drive.

In the for whatever it might be worth category...on Thursday, Dec. 22, the temperature in Union County dropped nearly 50 degrees.

The Anna Fire and Rescue Department reminds everyone that as Jan. 1, 2023, any new smoke alarm installed in a single- or multi-family home is required to have a 10-year sealed battery.

The Anna Fire and Rescue Department also is proudly announcing that firefighter Colyn Girtman finished his basic operations firefighter course and achieved the most improved firefighter award.

The governor's office shared on social media that Illinois Veterans Homes in Anna, Chicago, LaSalle, Manteno and Quincy are seeking more volunteers.

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Snow...round one

A car makes its way through the falling snow in downtown Cobden late Thursday afternoon, Dec. 22. Strong winds were blowing at the time.

Winter storm brings snow, arctic cold to area

Bitter cold temperatures and snow late last week in the region were followed by two more rounds of wintry precipitation on Monday.

Local weather observer Dana Cross recorded a total of 6 1/2 inches of snow in Jonesboro, including 2 1/2 inches on Dec. 22 and 4 inches on Dec. 26.

Last week's snow meant that Union County had a white Christmas – while coping with subfreezing temperatures and wind chills in the range of 30 degrees below zero.

On Dec. 22, the temperature dropped from a high of 44 degrees to a low of 4 degrees below zero.

The low temperature was 6 degrees below zero on Dec. 23. The high that day was 8.

Wind chills well below zero in area

During the past week's blast of arctic cold, local weather observer Dana Cross recorded the following wind chills in Union County:

From 10:30 p.m. on Dec. 21 to 10 a.m. on Dec. 23, all of the recorded wind chills were 20 degrees below zero or colder.

From 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 22 through 8:30 a.m. on Dec. 24, all of the recorded wind chills were below zero.

Dec. 22, 11:30 p.m., 24.2 degrees below zero.

Dec. 23, 12 a.m., 24.3 degrees below zero.

Dec. 23, 7:30 a.m., 24 degrees below zero.

Dec. 23, 2 p.m., 23.5 degrees below zero.

Wind gusts of 32 mph were recorded at 4 p.m. and again at 9 p.m. on Dec. 22.

A wind chill of 24.3 degrees below zero was recorded at 12 a.m. on Dec. 23.

Warm Up Expected

As 2022 comes to an end much milder temperatures are in the forecast for the region. The new year begins Sunday, Jan. 1.

High temperatures are forecast to be in the 50s on Thursday (today), Friday, Saturday and Sunday (New Year's Day). Rain is possible today, Friday, Saturday and the first day of 2023.

The weather which impacted Union County just before Christmas was part of what the National Weather Service described as an historic winter storm which produced widespread disruptions to large portions

of the nation heading into the holiday weekend.

Dangerous...Record-Breaking Cold Air Mass

The weather service warned on Thursday, Dec. 22, that the powerful storm was expected "to produce widespread disruptive and potentially crippling impacts across the central and eastern United States."

"Record-breaking cold and life-threatening wind chills" were expected to overspread the eastern half of the nation by Friday.

"At the forefront of the impressive weather pattern is a dangerous and record-breaking cold air mass in the wake of a strong arctic cold front diving southward across the southern Plains today, and eastward into the Ohio/Tennessee Valleys

by tonight," the weather service state.

Immense Winter Storm

The weather service reported early Friday morning, Dec. 23, that a powerful Arctic front was sweeping across the eastern third of the nation.

The immense winter storm brought a frigid blast to much of the continental United States, along with impactful winter precipitation that continued to track across the eastern United States on Friday.

Winter weather hazards remained in effect from the Canadian border south to the Rio Grande, Gulf Coast and central Florida Peninsula while spanning from the Pacific Northwest to the Eastern Seaboard.

The National Weather

Service's Watch Warning graphic was depicting one of the greatest extents of winter weather warnings and advisories ever.

As of early Friday morning, over 240 million people within the United States were under some form of winter weather warning or advisory.

This included 181 million for wind chill warnings or advisories, over 11 million for a blizzard warning, 58 million for winter storm warnings and over 500,000 for ice storm warnings.

Travel was affected by the storm, and many power outages were reported.

The weather service warned that the system would have increasingly widespread impacts on (continued on page 2)



Snow...round two

A pickup truck was traveling on East Davie Street in Anna Monday morning, Dec. 26. After last week's winter storm, another round of snow fell on the area Sunday night and early Monday morning.

23,793 new COVID-19 cases

As families across Illinois and the nation planned to celebrate the holiday season last weekend, COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses were circulating at concerning levels.

Ahead of the weekend, the Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, was reminding the public to celebrate the holidays safely and to take action to protect their most vulnerable loved ones, including the elderly and the very young.

IDPH director Dr. Sameer Vohra urged those who were feeling ill to take a COVID-19 test and to stay home if they test positive to avoid spreading the virus to friends and family, especially those vulnerable to serious outcomes.

IDPH also announced on

Friday, Dec. 23, that as of the end this year, it will follow the lead of the CDC and shift from daily reporting of new COVID-19 cases and deaths to a weekly reporting of the data.

Daily case and death data will no longer be reported as of Jan. 1, 2023.

Following that date, IDPH plans to report weekly data on Wednesday of each week for the previous week ending Sunday.

IDPH plans to continue to report ICU bed availability and hospital admission data on a daily basis.

The CDC announced it was making the shift from daily to weekly reporting of case and death data in October.

IDPH officials believe that weekly reporting will

provide the public with a more accurate picture of COVID-19 trends across the state over time by tracking cases and deaths by the week they arise, rather than the date they are reported, which may be days or weeks later.

According to the CDC, as of Friday, 88 counties in Illinois were rated at an elevated level for COVID-19 by the CDC, which was up from 86 a week earlier.

Of those, the CDC reported 33 Illinois counties at a high community level for COVID-19, down from 43 a week earlier.

The CDC reported that 55 counties were at a medium level, compared to 43 a week earlier.

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Mr. Grinch...

The Grinch has been perched atop a ground storage water tank in Anna during the holiday season.



Winter storm

(continued from page 1) travel going into the busy holiday travel time. Christmas was Sunday, Dec. 25.

The storm also was expected to cause more power outages due to expected high winds, heavy snows, significant icing and overall increased power consumption in some places.

The powerful front allowed temperatures to plummet 30 to more than 50 degrees over a short period for a vast portion of the country.

Widespread record low maximum temperature values were possible Friday from the Lower Mississippi Valley, northeastward into the Tennessee and Ohio Valleys and stretching across large sections of the east from the Southeast, through the Southern to Central Appalachians and into the Mid-Atlantic.

In addition to the very cold temperatures, high winds in the wake of the front produced dangerous wind chill readings across nearly all of the central to eastern United States.

Wind Chill, Winter Storm Warnings

The National Weather Service office in Paducah issued a wind chill warning for the region on Wednesday, Dec. 21. The warning was for parts of Southern Illinois, Western Kentucky and Southeast Missouri.

The weather service was advising that dangerously cold wind chills of 16 degrees below zero to 26 degrees below zero were possible as a result of Thursday night low temperatures near zero and sustained winds of 15 to 20 miles per hour,

with gusts up to 30 to 35 mph.

"Dangerously cold wind chill values can quickly result in frostbite in as little as 30 minutes," the weather service warned.

The weather service issued a winter storm warning for parts of Southern Illinois and Southeast Missouri on Thursday, Dec. 22.

Heavy snow was expected, with total accumulations of 2 to 4 inches. Wind gusts of up to 40 mph were expected.

The storm arrived in the Union County area early Thursday afternoon, Dec. 22. Rain, sometimes heavy, fell initially. The rain gave way to snow.

Snow quickly covered area roads and highways. The Illinois Department of Transportation reported online that many roads in the state were either partly or mostly covered with ice or snow by late Thursday afternoon.

The Illinois State Police on Dec. 21 asked the motoring public to stay off the roadways for the next couple of days during the severe weather.

Several rounds of snowfall kept road crews busy during the past week.

Union County Sheriff David Wilkins and Anna Police Chief Bryan Watkins said that no major traffic accidents were reported during the winter storm.

Scattered power outages also were reported in the area during the bitter cold.

The weather service office in Paducah issued a winter weather advisory for the region that was in effect from late Sunday night through midday on Monday. Snow was expected, with accumulations of up to 2 inches possible.

Overview of Winter Storm

The weather service office in Paducah on Monday posted an overview of the impact of the Dec. 22-23 winter storm.

Snow amounts were reported to have been relatively light in the region, peaking at around 4 inches. Drifts from strong winds made the measuring of snow difficult.

Snowfall totals included 4 inches in Marion and



Traffic in Anna
Traffic was making its way along East Davie and Market streets in Anna early last Friday afternoon.

Carbondale, 3.5 inches near Paducah, 2.5 inches near East Cape Girardeau and 2.0 inches in Anna.

Some of the high temperatures on Dec. 23 in the region included 8 degrees in Cape Girardeau, 7 in Paducah and 7 in Marion.

Some of the low temperatures on Dec. 23 in the region included 6 degrees below zero in Cape Girardeau, 6 degrees below zero in Marion and 5 degrees below zero in Paducah.

Some of the coldest wind chills reported in the region, as of 5 a.m. on Dec. 23, included:

33 degrees below zero in Harrisburg. 30 degrees below zero at Rend Lake. 30 degrees below zero near Grand Tower. 29 degrees

below zero at Carbondale. 26 degrees below zero at Cape Girardeau. 26 degrees below zero at Marion. 23 degrees below zero at Cairo. 23 degrees below zero at Paducah.

Weather

6 1/2 inches of snow; high 46, low 6 below

A major winter storm just before Christmas highlighted Union County's weather from Dec. 20 through Dec. 26.

The storm, which occurred Dec. 22, was accompanied by snow and arctic cold. Two more rounds of snow fell on Dec. 26.

The Union County area received more than half a foot of snow.

Snowfall amounts included 2 1/2 inches on Dec. 22 and 4 inches on Dec. 26.

Temperatures during the period ranged from a high of 46 degrees to a low of 6 degrees below zero.

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

	H	L
Tuesday, Dec. 20	46	30
Wednesday, Dec. 21	46	26
Thursday, Dec. 22	44	-4
Friday, Dec. 23	8	-6
Saturday, Dec. 24	25	5
Sunday, Dec. 25	26	8
Monday, Dec. 26	36	21

Fatal fire near Anna

A fire last week in Union County claimed the life of a local woman.

Union County Coroner Jon Shaffer identified the victim as Janice Mae Austin, 65, of Anna.

The fire occurred Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 21, at her residence at 3935 State Route 146 East near Anna. The residence was reported to have sustained major damage.

The Anna, Jonesboro, and Dongola fire departments responded to the call.

Shaffer said the victim was pronounced dead at the scene.

An investigation is being conducted by the Illinois state marshal's office and the Illinois State Police.

Funeral arrangements were being handled by Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro.

News Notes

(continued from page 1) After a holiday break, Union County public schools are scheduled to be back in session on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

The Union County Board of Commissioners welcomed two representatives from the Southern 7 Health Department at a regular meeting on Dec. 22. Reports about the department's environmental health services and human resources were shared with county officials.

Union County Commissioner Kent Pitts, along with Brandon Smithey, have been appointed to posts on the Jackson/Union County Regional Port District.

Plans call for a biathlon to once again be held in Anna during ColorFest in October.

Anna city officials are hoping to move forward with development of an all-inclusive playground project at the Anna City Park in early 2023.

Harvest Church in Anna is planning to build a structure which will be utilized for teen and children's ministries, as well as other purposes.

COVID cases

(continued from page 1) Union, Alexander, Pulaski and Jackson counties were at a low community level as of Friday.

Williamson County was at a medium community level.

Johnson and Massac counties were at a high community level.

On Friday, IDPH reported 23,793 new confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in Illinois since Dec. 16, and 82 deaths.

"Illinois continues to see most of its communities at elevated risk levels for COVID-19, including 33 counties that are currently at high risk," director Vohra said.

"We are still seeing COVID-19 community levels, along with flu and other respiratory illnesses rise in many counties.

"Our goal is to limit hospitalizations, preserve hospital beds, and protect those most vulnerable to serious health outcomes, especially those over 65 and very young children.

"These preventative measures start with being up-to-date with the COVID-19 bivalent booster and getting your flu shot," Vohra continued.

"Other important protective steps include COVID-19 testing, especially if visiting someone at risk for severe disease; enhanced ventilation at gatherings; and good hand hygiene.

"And if you are sick, stay home and consult with your provider about whether you need one of the effective treatments that are available.

"A high-quality mask or respirator is also recommended and will protect you from COVID-19, the flu and other respiratory viruses. Our hope is for Illinoisians across our state to have a happy and healthy holiday weekend."

As of Friday, IDPH was reporting a total of 3,953,928 cases, including 35,714 deaths, in 102 counties in Illinois since the beginning of the pandemic.

Of Illinois' total population, more than 78 percent had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, 71 percent had completed their primary series of COVID-19 vaccines and of the eligible population, more than 18 percent had received the bivalent booster dose, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. All data are provisional and are subject to change.

Union County COVID Update

Dec. 23: 6,657 total cases. 67 deaths.

Dec. 19: 6,646 total cases. 67 deaths.

Dec. 1: 6,585 total cases. 67 deaths.

Nov. 30: 6,576 total cases. 67 deaths.

Nov. 1: 6,457 total cases. 67 deaths.

Oct. 31: 6,441 total cases. 67 deaths.

Oct. 3: 6,371 total cases. 67 deaths.

Sept. 26: 6,352 total cases. 67 deaths.

Sept. 2: 6,213 total cases. 66 deaths.

Aug. 31: 6,195 total cases. 66 deaths.

Aug. 1: 6,015 total cases. 66 deaths.

July 31: 6,001 total cases. 66 deaths.

July 7: 5,748 total cases. 66 deaths.

June 30: 5,691 total cases. 66 deaths.

June 1: 5,501 total cases. 65 deaths.

May 1: 5,384 total cases. 64 deaths.

April 1: 5,365 total cases. 64 deaths.

March 1: 5,334 total cases. 63 deaths.

Jan. 18: 4,378 total cases. 58 deaths.

Source: Illinois Department of Public Health website. Numbers represent statistics since the start of the pandemic.

Weekly new COVID-19 cases reported in Illinois

Dec. 23: 23,793

Dec. 16: 23,334

Dec. 2: 20,495

Nov. 23: 14,388

Nov. 4: 14,225

Oct. 7: 11,447

Sept. 30: 10,945

Sept. 2: 26,127

Aug. 26: 24,297

Aug. 5: 30,762

July 1: 28,216

June 3: 32,605

May 6: 30,633

April 1: 8,426

March 4: 10,462

Feb. 4: 60,389

Jan. 7, 2022: 201,428

Dec. 3, 2021: 42,559

Nov. 5: 17,462

Oct. 1: 18,735

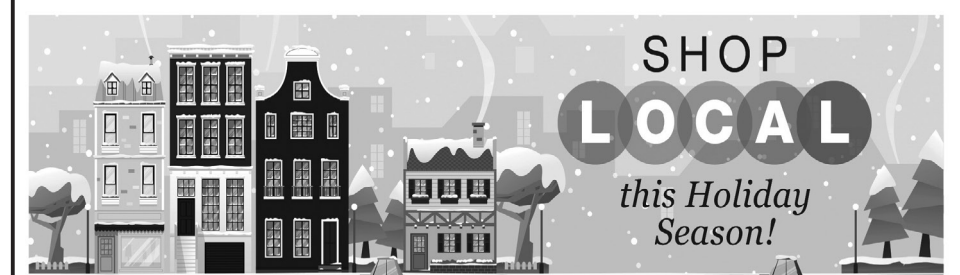
Sept. 3: 30,319




Aug. 6: 16,742

June 18, 2021: 928

Source: Illinois Department of Public Health

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New Illinois laws take effect Jan. 1

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SPRINGFIELD — By now, almost everyone in Illinois has heard that Jan. 1 will mark the beginning of a significant change in the state's criminal justice system — the elimination of cash bail.

It's an issue that dominated the 2022 campaigns and has been both praised and criticized on editorial pages in newspapers across the state.

It essentially means that starting Jan. 1, the decision as to whether a criminal suspect should be held in jail while awaiting trial will be based on public safety and the likelihood the suspect will flee rather than their financial ability to post bond.

And while that criminal justice reform has received widespread attention, it is by no means the only new law that will take effect when the calendar turns over to 2023.

For most people who work a minimum wage job, the new year will bring a pay raise to \$13 per hour, a \$1 increase over the current

wage.

That's the result of a law Gov. JB Pritzker signed in 2019, his first major legislative victory after being sworn into office a month earlier. The law will eventually raise the wage to \$15 an hour on Jan. 1, 2025.

The new \$13 hourly rate does not apply to all minimum wage earners. People who receive tips at work will see their base wage rise to \$7.80 an hour. And people younger than 18 who work fewer than 650 hours per year will see their wage go up to \$10.50 an hour.

The higher wage will probably come as welcome news for those who drive a car to and from work. That's because the new year will also bring higher motor fuel taxes.

The same year Pritzker signed the minimum wage bill, he also signed a multi-year, \$45 billion transportation and capital improvements bill known as "Rebuild Illinois," which is funded in part with higher motor fuel taxes that are scheduled to increase with inflation each year.

The adjustment in the tax rate is supposed to take

effect on July 1 of each year, the first day of the state's fiscal year. But last spring, in the face of rising inflation and healthy state revenues, lawmakers authorized a six-month delay in the scheduled increase, putting it off until Jan. 1.

As a result, starting Jan. 1, the motor fuel tax people pay at the pump will go up 3.1 cents per gallon, and then it will increase again when the next regular adjustment date comes around on July 1, 2023.

Criminal Law
Several new criminal laws will go into effect Jan. 1, including three that deal with sex offenses.

One of those prevents people who solicit sex from a minor or a person with a severe or profound intellectual disability from asserting a defense that they simply did not know the person was underage or intellectually disabled. House Bill 4593, signed into law May 27, puts the burden of proof on the defendant that they did not know the age or disability status of the other person, rather than the other way around.

Another new law changes

the definition of when a person is "unable to give knowing consent." Under current law, a person cannot give knowing consent when the accused person "administers any intoxicating or anesthetic substance or any controlled substance" that causes the victim to lose consciousness of the nature of the act.

House Bill 5441, signed June 16, broadens that definition to include when the victim has taken any intoxicating or controlled substance causing them to lose consciousness of the nature of the act, even if the substances were administered by someone else.

Another bill expands certain employment restrictions that apply to convicted child sex offenders. Currently, they are prohibited from being employed by, or even being present at, child day care centers, schools that provide before- and after-school programs for children or any facility that provides programs or services exclusively for people under age 18.

Senate Bill 3019, signed May 27, expands that to prohibit convicted child sex offenders from working at carnivals, amusement enterprises, county fairs and the state fair when people under age 18 are present.

Another new law expands the list of professionals who are required to report suspicions of child abuse or neglect. Starting Jan. 1, under Senate Bill 3833, signed May 13, occupational therapists and assistants, physical therapists and assistants, and athletic trainers will be added to that list.

Carjacking
Three new laws taking effect Jan. 1 are intended to address a spike in carjackings around the state. All were signed on May 26.

House Bill 601 expands the crime of possession of

burglary tools to include possession, with the intention to enter and steal a vehicle, of devices to unlock or start a vehicle without the key to that vehicle, or devices that capture or duplicate a signal from a key fob to unlock or start the vehicle.

House Bill 3699 expands an existing state council charged with providing grants and financial support to law enforcement agencies to aid in identifying, apprehending and prosecuting carjackers and recover stolen vehicles.

And House Bill 3772 ensures that victims of carjackings are not liable for costs and fines associated with impounding a vehicle that was stolen or hijacked, provided the owner files a police report in a timely manner.

Education
To address a shortage of substitute teachers throughout the state, House Bill 4798, signed April 27, allows students enrolled in approved teacher training programs who have earned at least 90 credit hours to obtain a substitute teaching license. Before, applicants had to hold a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution of higher education.

House Bill 4716, signed May 27, calls on the Illinois State Board of Education to adopt "rigorous learning standards" for classroom and laboratory phases of driver education programs for novice teen drivers. Those will include, at a minimum, the Novice Teen Driver Education and Training Administrative Standards developed by the Association of National Stakeholders in Traffic Safety Education in association with the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration.

Higher Education
In an effort to get more people to pursue careers in human services, Senate Bill 3925, signed June 10, establishes a student loan repay-

ment program. Subject to appropriations, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission will award loan repayment grants to qualified individuals with an associate degree or higher who works for a human services agency that contracts with or is grant-funded by a state agency that provides "direct or indirect services that ensure that individuals have essential elements to build and maintain physical, emotional, and economic well-being at every phase of life."

Awards can be made for a maximum of four years. Maximum amounts are \$3,000 per year for someone with an associate degree, \$15,000 per year for a person with a bachelor's degree and \$25,000 per year for a person with a master's degree or higher, with a \$5,000 per-year add-on if the applicant holds certain professional licenses.

Meanwhile, students currently enrolled in any program at a public university or community college will have access to trained individuals who can help them apply for federal, state or local assistance based on their financial need. House Bill 4201, signed June 7, requires those institutions to designate a "benefits navigator" to help students identify and determine their eligibility for various benefit programs.

Alzheimer's Care
Senate Bill 3707, signed May 27, requires all employees and people who work for agencies that contract with the Illinois Department on Aging who provide direct services to individuals participating in its Community Care Program to receive at least two hours of training in Alzheimer's disease and dementia, as well as safety risks, communication and behavior associated with the disease.

Hunting
Starting Jan. 1, deer hunters in Illinois will have a new option for the type of firearm they use. House Bill 4386, signed May 27, authorizes the use of single-shot centerfire rifles — guns that can fire only a single round of ammunition that contains primer in the center of the cartridge and not in the rim of the cartridge. Before, only shotguns, handguns and muzzleloading rifles were allowed.

State Symbols
Illinois will have two new official state symbols effective Jan. 1.

House Bill 4821 establishes the eastern milksnake as the official state snake. That was an initiative of Gentry Heiple, a snake enthusiast and Carverville Junior High School 7th grader.

And House Bill 4261 establishes dolostone as the official state rock. That was an initiative of a group of students from Pleasantdale Middle School and Maplebrook Elementary School.

Vehicles
People who own vehicles that were manufactured in Illinois will be able to apply for a slight break on their registration fees starting Jan. 1. Senate Bill 3609 allows those drivers to apply for a one-time \$25 rebate, "if the vehicle is manufactured in this state and the application for title is made no more than one year after the month in which the vehicle was manufactured."

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New Year's Holiday:

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Monday, January 2 - Closed

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New Year's Eve - Regular Hours
Monday, January 2 - Closed

Farmers State Bank - Alto Pass
New Year's Eve - Regular Hours
Monday, January 2 - Closed

First State Bank of Dongola
Dongola Ullin
New Year's Eve - Regular Hours
Monday, January 2 - Closed

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Sports

Appleknockers post wins over Century, Dongola

The Cobden High School boys' basketball team posted wins over Century and Dongola and fell to Vienna in recent action

Vienna 95, Cobden 24: The visiting Appleknockers fell behind early in the game which was played Tuesday, Dec. 20.

Tyler Franklin led Cobden with 8 points. Mitchell Howell and Aron Funes scored 4 each, Jeff Kuhn 3, Kingston Kuhn 2 and Brady Bundren and Matthew Howell 1 apiece.

Cobden 52, Century 43: Host Cobden was ahead 12-6 after one quarter, 23-17 at the half and 38-26 after three quarters in the game played Friday, Dec. 16.

Franklin led Cobden with 30 points. Funes scored 8, Mitchell Howell 7, Jeff Kuhn 4, Thomas Coleman and Matthew Howell 1.

Cobden 44, Dongola 22: The visiting Appleknockers built a 18-9 first quarter lead in the game played Tuesday, Dec. 13.

Franklin led Cobden with 23 points. Coleman scored 7, Mitchell Howell 6 and Bundren, Jeff Kuhn, Matthew Howell and Funes 2 apiece.

Cobden, 4-7, is scheduled to play in the Sesser-Valier Tournament this week.

Du Quoin outscores Wildcats

Host Du Quoin outscored the visiting Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' basketball team 66-56 Tuesday, Dec. 20

The game was tied 16-16 after one quarter. The Wildcats led 33-24 after the half and 48-37 after three quarters. A-J was outscored 29-8 in the final quarter.

Drew Page led A-J with 17 points. Dylan Harvel scored 13, J.J. Geradi and Payton Denny 8 each, Dawson Trammel 7, Evan Hall 2 and Taj Hodges 1.

A-J was 10 of 19 from the floor, 8 of 21 from 3-point range and 12 of 15 from the free throw line

The Indians were 21 of 48 from the floor, 2 of 12 from 3-point range and 16 of 23 from the free throw line.

A-J, 4-8, is scheduled to play this week in the Eldorado Holiday Tournament. A-J's first game was against Fairfield.

A-J defeats Fairfield

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' basketball team defeated Fairfield 60-44 in first-round action at the Eldorado Holiday Tournament Monday, Dec. 26.

Dylan Harvel led A-J with 24 points. J.J. Geradi scored 11, Evan Hall 8, Taj Hodges 5, Dawson Trammel 4, Payton Denny and Drew Page 2 apiece.

The Wildcats were 18 of 25 from the floor, 7 of 19 from 3-point range and 3 of 4 from the free throw line.

The Mules were 13 of 26 from the floor, 5 of 9 from 3-point range and 6 of 10 from the free throw line.

A-J, 5-8, advanced to play the winner of the Gallatin County-Massac County game in second-round action at the tournament.

Johnston City defeats A-J girls

Host Johnston City defeated the visiting Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' basketball team 55-40 Monday, Dec. 19.

The Lady Wildcats trailed 31-21 at the half and 46-26 after three quarters.

Savannah Smith led A-J with 15 points. Jayda Shepard scored 8, Riley Cruse 5, Jayci Needling, Olivia Schaefer and Kansas Craig 2 each and Raelynn Sadler 1.

A-J is scheduled to play this week in the Centralia Tournament.



White Christmas...

A winter storm late last week brought snow...and bitter cold temperatures...to the region. Trees along Gumdrop Drive at the Anna City Park were surrounded by snow...just in time for Christmas.



Nursing school graduate

Matthew Heisserer of Jackson, Mo., is a December 2022 graduate of the Southeast Missouri School of Nursing. He maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average throughout his schooling. Matthew is the son of Mark and Shannon Reppert Heisserer and grandson of Jerry L. Reppert of Anna.

Forestry, soil health workshop scheduled

The Pulaski-Alexander Soil and Water Conservation District announces a free forestry and soil health workshop is planned Jan. 12 at Shawnee Community College near Ullin.

The workshop is open to those in surrounding counties, including those eligible for the Let the Sun Shine In Oak Restoration project.

Those interested in attending the workshop are asked to register by Jan. 2 so the office can get a head count on meals to serve.

Interested parties can register for the workshop by calling the USDA Service Center at 618-747-2305, extension 3, or by going to the registry website at <https://pulaskial-exandersw.weebly.com/workshop-registration.html>. Those with questions can also call the office for more information.

Foresters Chris Evans and Chase Seals are scheduled to begin the workshop with breakfast and an in-

formational session about forest management and oak restoration practices.

Lunch will be provided in the L Atrium at Shawnee Community College.

Lunch will be followed by a session with Natural Resources Conservation Service state soil scientist Dr. Stacy Zuber and Area 4 NRCS soil scientist Mindy Siner. They will cover the benefits of soil health systems and demonstrate soil tests that show real results.

Steak dinner, fish fry, other events set Anna VFW

A steak dinner and other special events are planned at Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna. The post is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna.

Steak Dinner: A steak dinner will be served at the post on Saturday, Dec. 31. Serving starts at 6 p.m.

The menu will include steak, a baked potato and salad for a \$15 donation.

Reservations for the dinner can be made by calling the post at 833-5182 after 1 p.m.

Star Karaoke is scheduled to be at the post from 7 p.m. until midnight.

Taco Tuesday: Hard shell, soft shell tacos and taco salads will be served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Jan. 3. The public is welcome and carry outs are available.

Corn Hole Tournament: An indoor corn hole tournament is planned Thursday, Jan. 5. Sign up begins at 6 p.m. Play begins at 6:30 p.m. Entry fees are \$12 for blind draw and \$5 for knock out winner takes all. Food will be available for purchase.

Fish Fry: A monthly

fish fry is planned Friday, Jan. 6. Serving is planned from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. The menu will include fish, potato salad and baked beans for a \$12 donation.

The public is welcome and carry outs are available.

Drive-thru pick up will be available by calling 618-833-7737 no later than noon on Friday, Jan. 6.

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

To all our best friends far and near, go our best wishes for a wonderful year!



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Please don't drink and drive

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Report Drunk Drivers

You can help by reporting suspected drunk drivers to your nearest Illinois State Police headquarters. From your cellular telephone or citizens band radio, provide the state police with the following information: The location you are calling from. Time, location, direction of travel and a description of the suspected drunk driver. The make, color, and license plate number of the car.

Teen Drinking And Driving

Teenage Drinking and Driving

Drivers under age 21 represent 10 percent of licensed drivers but are involved in 17 percent of alcohol-related fatal crashes.

If you are arrested for DUI you will be handcuffed and taken to jail. What will your parents say when you call home and tell them you are in jail?

Illinois DUI laws for drivers under 21 years of age are tough and will effect your life for years...if you live that long.

Crashes are a leading cause of death for teens. Nationally, six individuals between the ages of 15 - 20 die in motor vehicle crashes each day. About 2 in every 5 Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some time in their lives.

The average college student spends more money for alcohol than for books.

Legal Consequences of Underage Drinking and Driving

First Underage DUI Conviction

Loss of full driving privileges for a minimum of 2 years.

Possible imprisonment for up to 1 year.

Maximum \$2,500 fine.

.160 BAC and above mandatory minimum fine of \$500 and 100 hours of community service.

Second Underage DUI Conviction

Minimum five-year loss

of full driving privileges for a second conviction in a 20-year period.

Mandatory five days imprisonment or 240 hours community service.

Possible imprisonment for up to one year.

Maximum fine of \$2,500.

.160 BAC and above mandatory minimum fine of \$1,250.00 and 2 days in jail

Third Underage DUI Conviction - Class 4 Felony

Minimum 10-year loss of full driving privileges.

Possible imprisonment for up to seven years.

Maximum fine of \$25,000.

.160 BAC and above mandatory minimum fine of \$2,500.00 and 90 days in jail

Aggravated DUI - Class 4 felony

(following a crash resulting in great bodily harm or permanent disfigurement).

Revoked for a minimum of two years.

Possible imprisonment for up to 12 years.

Maximum fine of \$25,000.

Underage Illegal Transportation of an Alcoholic Beverage.

Maximum fine of \$1,000.

Drivers license suspended for first conviction.

Drivers license revoked for a second conviction.

Summary Suspension First Offense

A chemical test indicating a BAC of .08 or greater results in a mandatory six-month drivers license suspension.

Refusal to submit to a chemical test(s) results in a twelve-month license sus-

pension.

Subsequent Offenses (Within 5 Years)

A chemical test indicating a BAC of .08 or greater results in a mandatory one-year drivers license suspension.

Refusal to submit to a chemical test(s) results in a three-year license suspension.

Using a Fake Illinois Drivers License or ID Card

The penalties for using false IDs are serious and could change your life forever.

Obtaining a drivers license through false affidavit is punishable by 1-3 years in prison and a maximum \$25,000 fine.

Allowing another person to use your identification documents to apply for a drivers license or ID card is punishable by one to three years in prison and a maximum \$25,000 fine.

Zero Tolerance Law for Underage Drinking and Driving

Zero tolerance is a state law that went into effect on January 1, 1995. The law provides for suspension of the driving privileges of any person under the age of 21 who drives after consuming alcohol. Like the name zero tolerance suggests, any trace of alcohol in a young person's system can result in a suspended drivers license.

There are exceptions: minors who consume alcohol as part of a religious service or those who ingest a prescribed or recommended dosage of medicine containing alcohol.

Proper Action When Stopped By Law Enforcement Personnel

For the safety of vehicle operators and law enforcement, drivers stopped by police should adhere to the following suggestions:

Slow down and safely pull over on to the right-hand shoulder of the roadway.

If there is no shoulder or it is too narrow to pull over, find the next safest spot and pull over.

Do not slam on the brakes or stop in the lane of traffic. Drivers should not stop their vehicle on bridges, curves, next to guardrails, concrete walls, medians, or any place where it would be difficult for other vehicles to pass.

A vehicle should not be stopped too close to the solid white line, as oncoming traffic may strike it.

Stay in the vehicle with both hands clearly in sight on the steering wheel. Drivers should keep their hands on the steering wheel until the police officer instructs them otherwise or the traffic stop is complete.

Be prepared for the officer to approach from either the driver or passenger side of the vehicle.

Do not exit the vehicle unless asked to do so. Getting out of the vehicle can be perceived as aggressive behavior and a threat to the police officer's safety.

Comply with the officer's request to see a driver's license and proof of insurance. If these items are in the glove box or under the seat or if the proof of insurance is stored for display on a cellphone, the driver should inform the police officer of that fact and then follow the officer's directions before retrieving the information. Vehicle operators are required to have a valid driver's license, registration and insurance in order to operate a vehicle.

If a driver cannot identify an unmarked police vehicle and/or the driver as law enforcement, he/she should drive slowly and carefully below the speed limit and either (1) pull over at a well-lit, populated location, (2) drive carefully to the nearest police station and attempt to attract

the attention of a uniformed officer or (3) call 9-1-1. A driver should activate the vehicle's hazard lights as a helpful way to communicate intentions with the police officer.

If a driver is being stopped at night, it is acceptable to turn on the interior light of the vehicle.

A traffic stop could indicate the driver has committed a minor traffic violation without realizing it. There also may be a problem with the vehicle of which the driver is unaware or the vehicle may be similar to one used in a serious crime. Many officers will not provide the driver with specific reasons for the stop until they have obtained the vehicle registration, driver's license and insurance card from the driver.

If the traffic stop results in a ticket or arrest for the driver, he/she:

Should not debate the reason for the stop or argue with the police officer.

Should not refuse to sign a ticket if issued. A traffic ticket requires the driver's signature. Signing a ticket is not an admission of the driver's guilt...only an acknowledgment of receiving the ticket.

Should not be uncooperative with law enforcement at the scene. If a driver is suspected of drunk driving, refusal to submit to breath, urine, blood or performance tests can result in the loss of driving privileges.

Should not argue about the ticket at the time of issuance. If a driver believes an offense was not committed or the ticket was issued unfairly, he/she will have the opportunity to present the case in traffic court.

Should not resist arrest if taken into custody by the police.

A driver is to be treated with dignity and respect by law enforcement officers. If a driver believes that an officer has acted inappropriately during a traffic stop or other encounter, he/she should report the conduct as soon as possible to the officer's superiors. Officers are required

to provide their names and badge numbers upon request. Written complaints can be filed with the agency's internal affairs division or civilian complaint board.

Regardless of what action is taken, police officers are legally required to document all traffic stops, which includes obtaining the driver's name and address for data collection purposes.

Sources

Sources for information: Illinois State Police website, Illinois Secretary of State website and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website.

Number One Killer

Alcohol is the number one killer on American roadways.

Alcohol affects your vision and slows your reaction time so it takes longer to act in an emergency.

Alcohol affects your driving even if you are below the level of illegal intoxication.

Drinking even a small amount of alcohol increases your chances of causing a crash. Do not drink and drive.

Make a Plan

Illinois law enforcement personnel say that before the holiday fun begins, make a plan for a sober ride home and remember these tips:

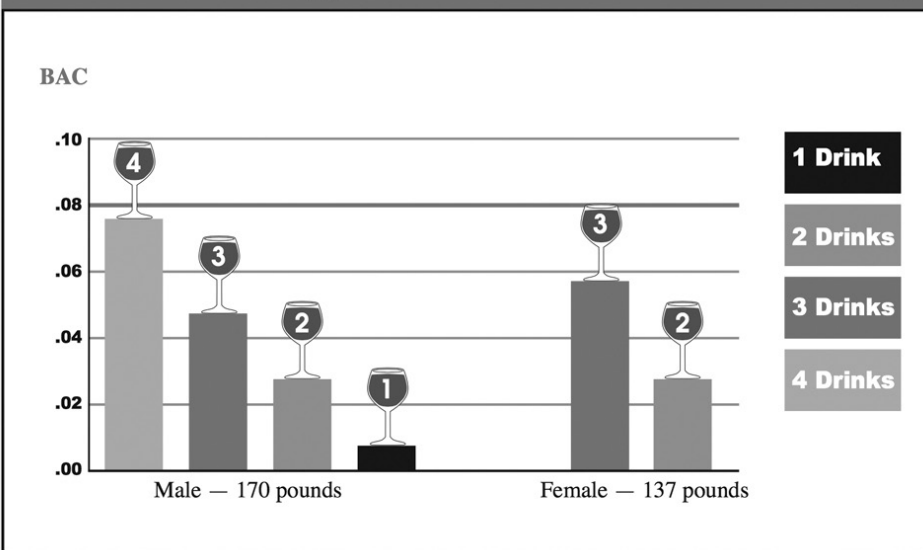
Designate a sober driver or make a plan to use public transportation or a ride-sharing service to get home safely.

If available, use your community's sober ride.

If you see an impaired driver on the road, pull over and contact 911.

Have a friend who is about to drive impaired? Take the keys away and make arrangements to get them home safely. They'll thank you later. Always buckle up.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Delinquent Lands, Town Lots, and Mobile Homes

A list of Lands, Town Lots and Mobile Homes in the County of Union, State of Illinois, upon which the General, School, City, Village, Bond and Road District and Special Assessments (other than Municipal) remain due and unpaid for the year 2021 (Mobile Home 2022) and back taxes for the year 2020 (Mobile Home 2021) and prior years will be listed in the following county papers.

The Gazette Democrat

- Anna
Alto Pass
Cobden
Jonesboro
Mountain Glen
Saratoga
Ware
Wolf Lake
Township 11-S-R1E
Township 12-S-R1E
Township 11-S-R1W
Township 12-S- R1W
Township 11-S-R2W
Township 12-S-R3W
Township 12-S-R2W
Township 12-S-R3W
Township 11-S-R4W
Township 12-S-R4W
Wilderness Trail Acres
Township 13-S-R1E
Township 13-S-R1W
Township 13-S-R2W
Township 13-S-R3W
Balcom
Dongola
Mill Creek
Wilderness Trail Acres
Big Creek Drainage No. 2

State of Illinois
County Of Union

Notice is hereby given that I, Leigh Burns, Treasurer and Ex-Of-
ficio County Collector of the County of Union, State of Illinois, will
apply to the County Court of said county in the State of Illinois on
the 14th day of February, A.D. 2023 being one of the regular days of
said County Court, held at the Courthouse in the City of Jonesboro,
in said County of Union for Judgment for the State, County, School
District, City, Village, Bond, Road District, and Special assessments,
(other than Municipal) Interests and costs against the Lands, Town
Lots, and Mobile Homes for the Satisfaction thereof:

And Notice is also hereby given that on Wednesday next suc-
ceeding the aforesaid 14th day of February, A.D. 2023 being the 15th
day of February, A. D. 2023 all of the Land, Town Lots, and Mobile
Homes for sale which an order has been made as aforesaid, will be
exposed to public sale in the community Room of the Courthouse,
in the City of Jonesboro, In said County, and State, for the amount
of taxes, special assessments, interest and cost due and unpaid
thereon, said sale to commence at 11 o'clock, in the morning of the
said date last mentioned, and all the Lands, Town Lots, and Mobile
Homes are offered for sale on the above date as required by law.

Leigh Burns
Treasurer/Ex-Officio Collector of Union County

Notice: Illinois State Law was signed into effect on September 12,
1990 that each buyer has to register with the County Treasurer no
less than 10 days before the date of the tax sale.

11-1E Parcel Count: 12

Table with 4 columns: Parcel ID, Name, Status, Amount. Includes entries like ANSTEDT, COREY MATTHEW \$56.54.

12-1E Parcel Count: 18

Table with 4 columns: Parcel ID, Name, Status, Amount. Includes entries like SCHLENKER, JOSHUA ADAM & MCKAYLA BRO \$937.73.

13-1E Parcel Count: 12

Table with 4 columns: Parcel ID, Name, Status, Amount. Includes entries like BRADSGUTTERS.COM \$2,938.25.

Table with 4 columns: Parcel ID, Name, Status, Amount. Includes entries like LINGLE, LARRY R & RAE W \$4,157.55.

11-1W Parcel Count: 52

Table with 4 columns: Parcel ID, Name, Status, Amount. Includes entries like DUGGAN, JAMES B \$682.40.

12-1W Parcel Count: 164

Table with 4 columns: Parcel ID, Name, Status, Amount. Includes entries like O'NEILL, BRETON K \$1,481.47.

Table with columns for parcel ID, owner name, address, and amount. Includes sub-sections: 13-1W Parcel Count: 66, 11-2W Parcel Count: 26, 12-2W Parcel Count: 24, 13-2W Parcel Count: 8, and 11-3W Parcel Count: 2.

Township	Mobile Home Count: 6				
02-002-	\$253.00	RUMFLET, EDWARD & HELEN Address: 2555 CHRISTIAN CHAPEL RD DONGOLA, IL 62926 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: 0000000 Model Year: 2001 Sq. Ft.: 2240	05-514-	\$154.30	SIMS, ZACHARY LOGAN Address: 108 PARK LN LOT 14 JONESBORO, IL 62952 Park: WATKINS MOBILE HOME COURT VIN: 11246290 Model Year: 1994 Sq. Ft.: 924
02-005-	\$202.60	JERRELL, RICK Address: 755 HUMMING BIRD BUNCOMBE, IL 62912 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: 11242810 Model Year: 1993 Sq. Ft.: 1568	05-677-	\$171.40	MILLER, JEFF & RACHAEL Address: 850 FOSTER RD ANNA, IL 62906 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: 0000000 Model Year: 1966 Sq. Ft.: 1152
02-090-	\$176.20	RAINBOLT, LARONNA RONNIE & BRYANT, AGNES L Address: P.O. BOX 401 ANNA, IL 62906 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: 11255779 Model Year: 1998 Sq. Ft.: 1216	05-696-	\$344.20	BIRD, KIM & MICHAEL Address: 370 LELA LN ANNA, IL 62906 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: 0000000 Model Year: 2010 Sq. Ft.: 2880
02-212-	\$176.20	HOWERTON, GARY S Address: 1005 MT PLEASANT RD BUNCOMBE, IL 62912 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: SSDAL41471 Model Year: 2004 Sq. Ft.: 1216	Township	Mobile Home Count: 5	
02-217-	\$135.40	JOHNSON, KAREN L Address: 1030 CAMPGROUND RD ANNA, IL 62906 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: 0000000 Model Year: 1967 Sq. Ft.: 840	06-005-	\$176.20	BARNHART, JOE L Address: 120 W LEWIS ANNA, IL 62906 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: 0000000 Model Year: 1996 Sq. Ft.: 1216
02-230-	\$267.40	MIXEN, DOUGLAS & JEANNE Address: 2651 MT PLEASANT RD BUNCOMBE, IL 62912 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: DSD4AL50743AB Model Year: 2007 Sq. Ft.: 2432	06-043-	\$174.10	EDDLEMAN, R EDWIN & CAROLE Address: 5660 BOYD RD ANNA, IL 62906 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: 0000000 Model Year: 2001 Sq. Ft.: 1188
Township	Mobile Home Count: 6		06-151-	\$185.80	GIBSON GREGORY & BELINDA Address: 25 KIMBER RD DONGOLA, IL 62926 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: 0000000 Model Year: 1975 Sq. Ft.: 1344
03-004-	\$154.30	ASTIN, JERRY Address: 2505 MOSCOW RD DONGOLA, IL 62926 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: 0000000 Model Year: 1984 Sq. Ft.: 924	06-191-	\$202.00	TINGLEY, THOMAS G & VICHIAN Address: 29 PUSH LANE JONESBORO, IL 62952 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: 0000000 Model Year: 2003 Sq. Ft.: 1560
03-005-	\$194.20	YATES, JAMES F & REBECCA Address: 103 S GREEN ANNA, IL 62906 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: FC012132805AB Model Year: 2006 Sq. Ft.: 1456	14-367-	\$261.70	RICHARDSON, DOUG & FAITH Address: P.O. BOX 201 MILLCREEK, IL 62961 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: 00000 Model Year: 2003 Sq. Ft.: 2356
03-061-	\$164.80	UEHLE, LAWRENCE E & MARILYN Address: 815 SWAN POND RD DONGOLA, IL 62926 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: 0000000 Model Year: 1992 Sq. Ft.: 1064	Township	Mobile Home Count: 6	
03-103-	\$194.20	SCHULTZ, MICHAEL & BOBBIE Address: 2820 BETHANY RD CYPRESS, IL 62923 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: 0000000 Model Year: 2002 Sq. Ft.: 1456	08-008-	\$148.36	REYNOLDS, JAMES & ROSE Address: 1550 KRATZINGER HOLLOW COBDEN, IL 62920 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: FH103441 Model Year: 2000 Sq. Ft.: 1056
03-119-	\$257.80	POAT, JACOB Address: POAT, ERICA 3680 FRIENDSHIP CHURCH RD DONGOLA, IL 62926 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: DVAL11003840AB Model Year: 2010 Sq. Ft.: 1920	08-020-	\$223.60	ROYNE-ELLIS, DEBORAH Address: 415 BRIDWELL COBDEN, IL 62920 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: 0000000 Model Year: 2002 Sq. Ft.: 1848
08-554-	\$166.00	TREXLER, HEATHER Address: 27 PUSH LN JONESBORO, IL 62952 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: Model Year: 1988 Sq. Ft.: 1080	08-136-	\$140.44	ROBINSON, TULLEY & LINDA Address: 840 BERRYVILLE RD JONESBORO, IL 62952 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: 0000000 Model Year: 1981 Sq. Ft.: 924
Township	Mobile Home Count: 7		08-155-	\$176.20	BELL, MIKE & TERI Address: 255 WHEATON DR JONESBORO, IL 62952 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: 0000000 Model Year: 2000 Sq. Ft.: 1216
04-007-	\$176.20	GOINS, PHILLIP Address: 1375 WINGHILL RD COBDEN, IL 62920 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: 0000000 Model Year: 2000 Sq. Ft.: 1216	08-526-	\$143.50	KNIGHT, RICHARD Address: 743 BERRYVILLE RD JONESBORO, IL 62952 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: 150215008 Model Year: 1968 Sq. Ft.: 780
04-017-	\$140.80	CHAIRES, CIRO Address: 550 WRIGHTS CROSSING COBDEN, IL 62920 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: 0000000 Model Year: 1978 Sq. Ft.: 744	08-540-	\$178.60	WARDEN, DEON W Address: P.O. BOX 407 JONESBORO, IL 62952 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: 45330249XAB Model Year: 1988 Sq. Ft.: 1560
04-086-	\$176.20	CHAPMAN, HERMAN Address: P.O. BOX 355 COBDEN, IL 62920 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: 0000000 Model Year: 1996 Sq. Ft.: 1216	Township	Mobile Home Count: 1	
04-115-	\$148.00	CLARK, RICHARD Address: 255 QUAIL LN COBDEN, IL 62920 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: 0000000 Model Year: 1970 Sq. Ft.: 840	09-007-	\$206.50	GOODMAN, REBECCA Address: 450 HARVEL LN JONESBORO, IL 62952 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: 0000000 Model Year: 1996 Sq. Ft.: 1620
04-121-	\$154.30	WALKER, MARY Address: P.O. BOX 3498 CARBONDALE, IL 62901 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: 0000000 Model Year: 1980 Sq. Ft.: 924	Township	Mobile Home Count: 2	
04-220-	\$171.40	HAWK, DONNA Address: 60 HAWK LN COBDEN, IL 62920 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: 0000000 Model Year: 1988 Sq. Ft.: 1152	11-040-	\$176.20	MEZO, JUDY Address: P O BOX 17 WOLF LAKE, IL 62998 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: 0000000 Model Year: 1992 Sq. Ft.: 1216
04-273-	\$185.80	PEARSON, RICHARD Address: 2130 DOGWALK RD ANNA, IL 62906 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: 0000000 Model Year: 1975 Sq. Ft.: 1344	11-042-	\$169.00	NEILSON, JUSTIN L & AMAMDA K Address: 3930 WARE-WOLF LAKE RD WOLF LAKE, IL 62998 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: 21929974342AB Model Year: 1992 Sq. Ft.: 1120
Township	Mobile Home Count: 8		Township	Mobile Home Count: 6	
05-067-	\$179.50	FIRST AMERICAN R E TAX SERVICE Address: EVANS JACQUELINE & GROSS H E ALAN 1 FIRST AMERICAN WAY, BLDG 1 WESTLAKE, TX 76262 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: 0000000 Model Year: 2001 Sq. Ft.: 1260	14-002-	\$177.40	MCCAIN, HELEN R Address: 129 ASHLAR ST JONESBORO, IL 62952 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: 0000000 Model Year: 2000 Sq. Ft.: 1232
05-408-	\$171.40	BAILEY, KATHLEEN Address: 785 TOLLGATE RD ANNA, IL 62906 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: 0000000 Model Year: 1985 Sq. Ft.: 1152	14-007-	\$135.40	ODUOLA, KAREN Address: 301 E HEACOCK ST JONESBORO, IL 62952 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: 0000000 Model Year: 2000 Sq. Ft.: 672
05-414-	\$158.50	LINCOLN, ROGER C/O ANTHONY LINCOLN Address: 1435 CASPER CH RD COBDEN, IL 62920 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: 0000000 Model Year: 1977 Sq. Ft.: 980	14-079-	\$124.00	CAMPBELL, HOMER Address: 422 E CHESTNUT ANNA, IL 62906 Park: NOT IN PARK/PARK UNKNOWN VIN: 0000000 Model Year: 1963 Sq. Ft.: 520
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Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy
 Spending Christmas Day at the home of Fred and Maxine Pender of Fair City were Russ and Patsy Pender of Olive Branch, Shelton, Kayde and Ridge Pender, Heather, Josh, Slayton and Chesleigh Miller, Austin Pender and Allison, all of Tamm, Brad and Lori

Pender of Jonesboro, Tony Pender of Paducah, and Toni Mae Pender and Riley of Metropolis.

Those enjoying Christmas brunch at the home of Sue and Steve Eudy were

Kevin and Emma Eudy, Jonathan Bohnert, all of Cape Girardeau, and Ryan Wachter of Jonesboro.

Shirley Miller and family spent Christmas Day at the home of Penny and Kerry

Hill of McClure.

Happy belated birthday to Carolyn Harvel whose birthday was Saturday, Dec. 24.

You are invited to attend services at Reynoldsville

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Daily Bible Reading

John 1:1-18	John 1:19-34	John 1:35-51	Luke 2:21-38	Luke 2:39-52	Matthew 1:1-25	Jude 1-25
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(Mill Creek and Upper Elco)

What a Christmas Week...

Wow, what a Christmas week.

A lot of what was going on was not anticipated. Like the snow storm. It shut down work early, but we managed to get our Christmas luncheon in first. Thanks to all who helped with that.

The snow also made the roads a mess. Many folks lost power, some for a couple of hours and some, like my daughters in Cape Girardeau, for over 17 hours.

I ended up making a rescue run to retrieve the daughter with all the children and bringing them "over the river and through the woods, to Grandmother's house" when it became apparent that the power wasn't coming back quickly.

They stayed the night, since by the time my son-in-law called to say the power was back, it was nearly dark and the house hadn't warmed up yet.

The other daughter went to work during the worst of it. We certainly appreciate the law enforcement, emergency responders and the road and power crews that worked to keep everyone safe and to get that power back. I fear this winter weather may keep them all VERY busy.

More Snow...

We didn't watch the weather Christmas Day and were caught by surprise by the amount of additional snow the day after.

The weather made the roads too bad for my husband to get to work Monday and he nearly got stuck getting back home, after trying to get there.

The road crews are, once again, working hard to get those roads cleared again. They are probably glad this appears to be the last of the snow for at least another week. I know I am.

Christmas Services

We attended Christmas services Sunday morning, as I'm sure many did. Attendance was low, but we realize many carry out their traditions on that morning.

Brother Bobby Newberry brought us the nativity story with an accounting of just how many were visited by angels who apprised them of their roles in the miracle of Jesus' birth. These can be found in Luke 1 and 2, and in Matthew 1 and 2.

All were told not to be afraid. They had an important role and the angels were preparing them for it. Zacharias, Mary, and the shepherds, were visited by angels in person; Joseph was greeted by an angel in his dreams; and the Wise Men received a divine message.

God will get His message through to us too, in one way or another, we just need to listen and not be afraid to heed His word. Who knows what wonderous news He might have for us.

Prayer List

We continue to pray for our pastor, Bobby Richardson, as he recovers from surgery. Things are finally looking up there.

Lula Belle Tripp is also recovering from her surgery and hope she too is back to 100 percent soon.

We also ask prayers for those many who are ill, from various ailments. We pray too for those who are far from home this year.

As always, we pray for those that are suffering through loss this time of year.

Any time is rough, but those first holidays without them are brutal, and we pray God grants them peace and comfort.

Visitors

Bon Kohler was blessed to have his youngest daughter, Cheryl McKinney and great granddaughter, Daniella, visiting for the last week. They headed back to California before Christmas, but I know he was glad to have them for that time.

Cheryl was also able to see her great-aunt, Mary Anne Courtright, while they were here too. She also ran into my husband at the drug-store in Cape Girardeau, but he had his hearing aids out and didn't hear her hail him. That's pretty typical, so, if you run into him and think

he's ignoring you, he's not.

Many had family for the holidays and even more traveled to see family.

My mother-in-law, Shirley, will be returning this week from her journeys north to visit with her daughter, Vickie Jacobs, and her family for Christmas. They sent photos of their matching "Nightmare Before Christmas" pj's.

My sister-in-law and her husband, Tina and Darron Moore, are returning soon from a cruise they treated themselves to for the holidays.

The Chuck and Martha Harvel crew are enjoying their new granddaughter for the holidays.

I received a call Christmas morning from my brother-in-law and nephew, Gary and Skyler Lott, in South Carolina. They opened the gifts I sent them while we did our Christmas greetings.

I also received many texts and emails of greetings from coworkers, friends and relatives.

Our house is also decorated with the many holiday cards we received.

Additionally, we ourselves were blessed to have all of our family on hand, except for our newest son-in-law, who was in Canada and ill. We sure hope he gets better soon. They are still awaiting my daughter's permanent visa, so we were selfishly happy to have her close by one more year. Immigration is a nightmare I won't even get started on.

We also got to enjoy our granddaughter's first Christmas. She was pretty excited by the tearing paper and anything she can chew on. She finally got her two top front teeth this week and she's now a lot happier. That makes four teeth in the last month. It's made her pretty cranky getting them all.

The grandsons had fun opening their gifts and their

patience held out really well taking turns opening them. I'm sure many a living/family room looked like a paper factory exploded in it, but the joy and squeals are well worth the mess.

Let me just insert here that I also appreciate the waste collectors...mercy, what a dread they must be feeling about this week. The boxes, and paper and leftover piles...oh my.

As we close out the last week of the 2022 year, I wish to thank all those that have let me know how much they enjoy my column.

If you have news you'd like to see posted, send your news via text messages or leave a voice message at 573-208-9692 or email: sgph58@hotmail.com.

This column started out as a tribute to Lucille Smithey, the late correspondent for Mill Creek, and a life-long friend, who is missed very much. Unlike me, she knew everyone.

Let us all try harder to be more kind, to have more patience, and to practice more forgiveness. Remember we are all here on this earth for only a little while. Try to make each moment count, to leave lasting and pleasing memories, and to have joy in big moments and the small ones.

I pray each of you have a safe, happy, and healthy New Year. God Bless you all.

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News from

Anna Nazarene Church

A Sunday morning worship service was held Dec. 25 in the church and on Zoom.

Singing was led by Pastor Randy Wright and the worship team.

The message given by Pastor Wright was titled "Make Room for Christ." Scripture was from Luke, Galatians and John.

The message can be listened to on the church's website at annanaz.com and on the Anna First Church of the Nazarene Facebook page.

Birthdays: Jessie Wells, Dec. 27; Curt Lyerla, Dec. 31. Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 1.

Sunday School is planned at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 1.

A worship service is planned at 10:35 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 1.

Quizzing is planned at 5 p.m. on Jan. 1.

An evening worship service is planned at 6 p.m. on Jan. 1.

A Wednesday night service is planned at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 4 in the sanctuary and

on Zoom. Youth group and children's Bible quizzing are planned at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The pastor can be texted prior to the meeting for the Zoom password.

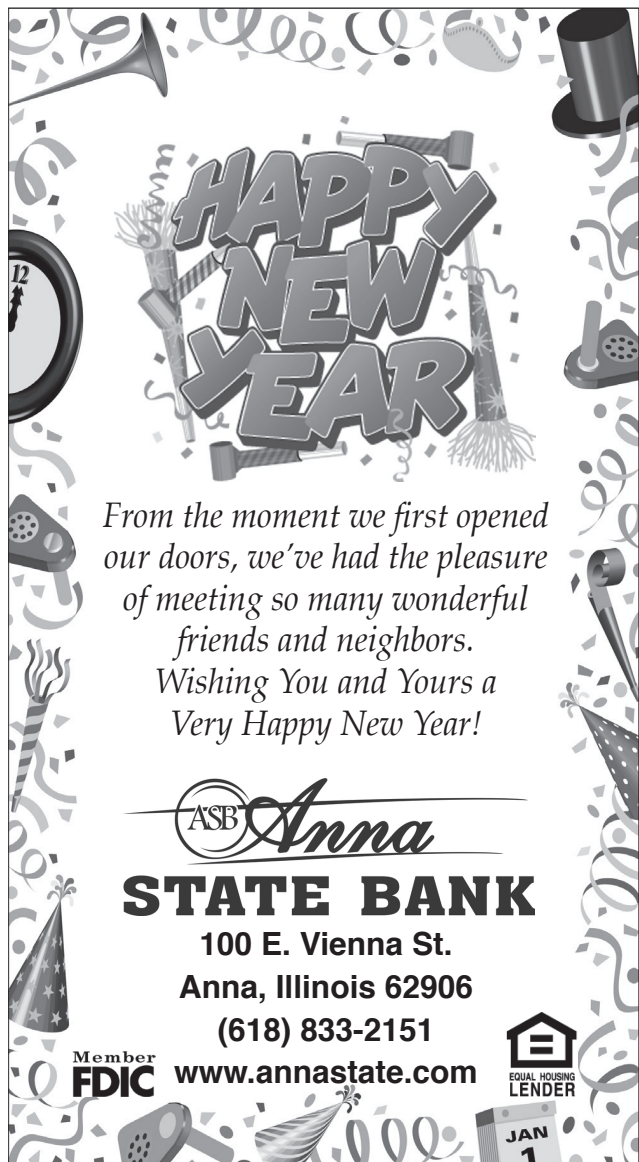
The church can be contacted by calling the church office at 833-6702 and leaving a message if necessary or by calling Pastor Wright at 618-534-7103.











Illinois State Police cadet classes graduate

The Illinois State Police commissioned 91 new troopers at graduation ceremonies during December.

Cadet Class 139

The state commissioned 49 new troopers on Dec. 22 from Cadet Class 139 at a graduation ceremony at the Illinois State Police Academy in Springfield.

The total number of ISP troopers added since 2019 now stands at 417.

The new troopers were scheduled to report to 15 Illinois State Police patrol districts throughout the state on Monday, Dec. 26, and immediately began their patrol duties.

Among the assignments for the graduates were:

One of the cadets was assigned to Illinois State Police District 22 at Ulin. Three cadets were assigned to District 13 at Du Quoin.

One cadet was assigned to District 19 at Carmi

and one to District 12 at Effingham.

The governor's Fiscal Year 2023 budget for the Illinois State Police is the largest in state police history and allows for an additional 300 new troopers. Cadet Class 139 was a Lateral Entry Training Program, LETP, class.

To be eligible for LETP, applicants must be a certified police officer having graduated from an accredited law enforcement academy and have at least two years of experience while employed as a full-time sworn police officer.

"ISP is always looking for the best to join the ranks of one of the premier law enforcement agencies in the country," Illinois State Police director Brendan F. Kelly said in a news release.

"Cadet Class 139 consists of troopers who were law enforcement officers with other agencies. Their

previous experience combined with comprehensive training through the ISP Academy has allowed ISP to more quickly put experienced and highly trained troopers back into the communities from which they came."

LETP focuses on recruitment of current law enforcement officers to expedite the number of sworn troopers, which will provide increased safety to the citizens of Illinois.

The 49 newest troopers have completed a demanding 11-week program of physical and classroom instruction.

In addition to the 11-week academy training, troopers are required to participate in one-on-one mentoring with field training officers as part of a 14-week field training program, expanding their total training to 25 weeks.

Troopers who successfully complete the field training program advance to solo-patrol status.

LETP condenses in-person training at the academy for prior law enforcement officers to five weeks with no more than three weeks in a row in person.

The cadets report to the academy for the first three weeks of the basic training program for an introduction into ISP cadet life.

The cadets then complete training at regional locations across the state with the ability to return to their residence at the end of each workday.

Cadets are required to return to the academy for specific trainings such as the emergency vehicle

operations course.

Additionally, cadets graduating through the lateral program are not required to relocate their residence upon graduation.

The ISP Academy is one of the most respected and recognized training facilities in the country. Dozens of law enforcement agencies use the ISP Academy curriculum to meet standards set forth by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. Earlier this year, the ISP Academy became the first Academy in the nation to adopt the National Association of Colored People "Ten Shared Principles."

Cadet Class 138

The state police also commissioned 42 new troopers from Cadet Class 138 at a graduation ceremony on Dec. 16 at the state police academy.

The new troopers reported to Illinois State Police District Chicago and District 11 at Collinsville on Monday, Dec. 19, and immediately began their patrol duties.

The 42 newest troopers have completed a demanding 28-week program of physical and classroom instruction.

In addition to the 28-week academy training, troopers are required to participate in one-on-one mentoring with field training officers as part of a 14-week field training program, expanding their total training to 42 weeks.

Troopers who successfully complete the field training program advance to solo-patrol status.

Illinois travel, tourism conference held in Chicago



Carol Hoffman, right, executive director, and Brandy Nance, president, of the Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau attended the Illinois Governor's Conference on Travel & Tourism, which was held in early December in Chicago. Hoffman and Nance reported that a bottle of wine from Blue Sky Vineyard near Makanda was placed on every table during the conference's dinner event. Photos provided.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Dec. 25, during the morning worship service, Pastor Perry Williams spoke about the wonders of Christmas. The message was based on scripture from the Book of Isaiah in the Old Testament.

The service was sent via transmitter for worshippers who stayed in their cars on the church's lower parking lot while tuned in to their radios on station 87.9 FM.

The service also was live streamed on Facebook, where it can be viewed.

The church's Facebook page, Jonesboro FBC, has videos and the latest information about possible closings.

Music director Dee Rose led the worship. Debbie York was the pianist.

Meghan Smith sang the song "Messiah (A Baby Born to Save Us All)." Robert McCain and Rodger Goines sang "There's a New Kid in Town."

Birthdays: Larry Rendleman, Dec. 26; Mary Lou Wright, Dec. 31.

The regular schedule for worship at Jonesboro First Baptist Church includes Sunday School classes on Sunday at 9 a.m., Sunday morning worship at 10 a.m. and Sunday evening worship at 6 p.m.

Youth are scheduled to meet from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sundays and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays.

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Income, property tax rebates issued by state

State officials announced Dec. 21 that income and property tax rebates have been issued to over 5.1 million qualified taxpayers in Illinois. The rebates total \$1.042 billion.

The rebates were the result of the Illinois Family Relief Plan, passed by the General Assembly, which also provided grocery, gas and school supply tax savings.

The rebate payments, which were issued over the course of several weeks, were automatically sent to Illinois residents who filed 2021 state income taxes and claimed a property tax credit.

Those who did not file, were still able to receive rebates after completing an additional filing.

Individuals who made less than \$200,000 in 2021 received \$50 income tax rebates.

Couples filing jointly with incomes under \$400,000 received \$100.

Tax return filers also received \$100 per dependent they claimed on their 2021 taxes, up to three dependents.

The State of Illinois also provided property tax rebates for eligible homeowners in an amount equal to the property tax credit they qualified for on their 2021 returns, up to a maximum of \$300.

The rebate was not allowed if a taxpayer's adjusted gross income for the taxable year exceeded \$500,000 for returns with a federal filing status of married filing jointly, or \$250,000 for all other returns.

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The Illinois Department of Revenue, IDOR, certified the list of eligible taxpayers, and the rebates were issued by the comptroller's office.

Rebates were sent automatically using the same method original refunds were transmitted if they were sent directly to the taxpayer by the State of Illinois.

Though the 2021 tax deadline was April 18, all qualified taxpayers who filed by Oct. 17, 2022, were eligible for rebate payments.

Less than 4 percent of qualified taxpayers may still be awaiting their rebates. This includes taxpayers who filed their state income tax returns later in the year, and those currently having to respond to IDOR inquiries regarding their rebates.

For additional information or to check on the status of a rebate, taxpayers can visit tax.illinois.gov/rebates.

Taxpayer representatives are also available to provide assistance at 1-800-732-8866 or 217-782-3336.

Energy markets expected to remain uncertain

By Daniel Grant
FarmWeek

U.S. consumers have seen some relief at the fuel pump in recent weeks.

Nationwide, average weekly prices for diesel fuel declined from \$5.21 Nov. 21 and \$5.14 Nov. 28 to \$4.96 per gallon Dec. 5.

The average weekly price of regular gasoline during the same period declined from \$3.64 and \$3.53 to \$3.39 per gallon, the U.S. Energy Information Administration, EIA, reported.

But prices were still up \$1.29 per gallon for diesel and 5 cents for gasoline during the first week of December compared to last year.

So, what can consumers expect through the month and into next year?

"We expect the combination of a slight contraction in the U.S. economy and refinery maximization of distillate fuel production will reduce distillate prices," EIA noted in its short-term energy outlook released Dec. 6.

"However, the EU's ban on seaborne imports of petroleum products from Russia creates supply and

price uncertainty to distillate markets in early 2023."

The markets also must contend with a recent decision by OPEC to maintain crude oil output cuts of 2 million barrels per day, or about 2 percent of world demand.

The purpose of the move is to boost the global price of oil, which has fallen recently on fears of demand weakness, particularly in China, according to AAA, the Auto Club Group.

"Gas prices are dropping sharply and are only a nickel more per gallon than a year ago," said Molly Hart, AAA spokesperson.

"But, with oil being the main ingredient of gasoline, OPEC's move could slow this decline. However, the gas price will likely soon be lower than it was a year ago."

EIA projects global oil inventories could decline by 200,000 barrels per day the first half of 2023 before rising nearly 700,000 barrels per day the second half of the year.

The forecast leaves global oil inventories higher at the end of 2023 than previously projected, which results in a

current price forecast of \$92 per barrel for Brent crude oil in 2023, down \$3 from the November estimate.

The projection of higher winter heating demand mixed with tight supplies of some fuels could boost the cost for U.S. citizens to heat their homes and businesses this winter, along with other electrical needs.

"Winter energy expenditures for most households likely will be higher than last winter. Expenditures could be much higher if the weather is very cold," EIA noted in its winter fuels outlook.

EIA estimates winter expenditures could rise by an average of 28 percent for natural gas, 27 percent for heating oil, 10 percent for electricity and 5 percent for propane this season compared to last year.

Total winter expenditures account for all costs, not just home heating, from October through March.

"We expect natural gas

prices to increase from November levels as a result of both higher winter natural gas demand and rising exports," EIA reported in its short-term outlook.

"We expect natural gas prices will begin declining after January as U.S. storage levels move closer to the previous five-year average."

The highest projected electricity prices for this winter are in New England, due in part to capacity constraints on pipelines delivering natural gas into that region.

Nationwide, almost 90 percent of homes are primarily heated with natural gas or energy. The use of heating oil and propane is more regionally concentrated.

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Realty Transactions

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

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: PAWS, Pets Are Worth Saving Inc. Grantee: Happy Trails by Sampson LLC. Tract Section 20 Township Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jason K. Oliver, Molly G. Oliver. Grantee: Delaney R. Cummins. Subdivision Name: Jacobi E. Wards 1st Add. Anna. Lot 4.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Cheap Home Finders Inc. Grantee: The Yayla Company. Subdivision Name: Village of Dongola. Lots 50, 51.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Carolyn Foster. Grantee: Jennifer Foster. Subdivision Name: Orchard Drive Sub. Lot 62.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Paul J. Frank. Grantee: Carlynn Quinn Edwards, Jason C. Edwards. Subdivision Name: Ben L. Wileys Add. Block H. Lots 4, 7, 8, 9.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Gregory M. Healy. Grantee: Michael Robert Morton. Tract Section 21 Township 12S Range 2W. Tract Section 28 Township 12S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Amy L. Shafer, Robert W. Shafer. Grantee: Robert W. Shafer. Tract Section 29 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jean Ellen Boyd. Grantee: Ross A. Kaeding, Sara Kaeding. Tract Section 13 Township 12S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: City of Anna. Grantee: Caleb Mixen. Subdivision Name: E.R. Leonards 1st Add. of Anna. Lot 14.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: City of Anna. Grantee: Caleb Mixen. Subdivision Name: George W. Norris 2nd Add. of Anna. Lot 7.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: City of Anna. Grantee: Caleb Mixen. Subdivision Name: J.F. Martins 1st Add. of Anna. Lots 1, 2.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Charlotte Echols, Kendall Echols, Kendall A. Echols. Grantee: Kelly Ann Redden, Nathaniel Shane Redden.

Tract Section 12 Township 12S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: David M. Woolard, Kimberly L. Woolard. Grantee: David M. Woolard Trust. Tract Section 3 Township 13S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Howard E. Robinson. Grantee: Damian Eftink. Tract Section 23 Township 12S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Donna R. Walton. Grantee: Marion L. Komisarz. Subdivision Name: Willis Willards 2nd Add. of Jonesboro. Lots 2, 3.

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

Monique Lillian Bell, Philadelphia, Miss., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Jacob P. Lechtenberger, Jonesboro, electronic communication device, \$164.

Jeffrey B. Payne, Carbondale, electronic communication device, \$164. Jeffery B. Bearden, Benton, electronic communication device, \$164.

Jesus Carbajal-Sanchez, Chicago, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Logan E. Boulds, Eldorado, disregard stop sign, \$164. Kajayah Clark, Jonesboro, fail right-of-way/intersection, \$164.

Sergei Kostin, Miami Beach, Fla., improper traffic lane usage, \$257. Jordan L. Kern, Dongola, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$733.

Kaliyah Lee Liggins, Racine, Wis., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257. Demari M. Greenwood, Carbondale, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257.

Marcus D. Becker, Independence, Mo., driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$257. Dana R. Thomas, disregard yield sign, \$164.

Brandt N. Schaffer, Jackson, Mo., disregard yield sign, \$164. Sarah P. Treece, Dongola, disregard yield sign, \$257. Divya L. Indrakanti,

Memphis, Tenn., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Akeem R. Hutchinson, Chicago, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257.

Virginia N. Zavala, Cobden, electronic communication device, \$257. Christian Elizabeth Quinn, Patton, Mo., electronic communication device, \$257.

Kendra M. Hall, Du Quoin, electronic communication device, \$164. Tina S. Acree, Mound City, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$733.

Bradley L. Smith, Duluth, Ga., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257. Charles A. Stearns, Carbondale, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$157.

Adrianna Christine Ovalle, San Antonio, Texas, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Hannah Z. Maloney, Jonesboro, fail to obey stop sign, \$164. Jerry K. Price, Brighton, Ind., driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164.

Cassandra R. Chandler, Marion, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$257. Kenneth J. Craig, Anna, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Roberto B. Wells, Cape Girardeau, unlicensed, \$257. Rodolfo V. Flores-Amaya, Baton Rouge, La., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Adrian Barraza, Carpentersville, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Ashraf Hussain, Cape Girardeau, driving 11-14 mph above limit, \$164.

Hary E. Martinez Ortega, Houston, Texas, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$257. Aldo Reveles, Melrose Park, log violation, \$257.

Ezell Jones Jr., Hernando, Miss., no reciprocal registration, \$257. Erica S. Carter, Hazel Crest, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$257.

Camillo Reyes-Pena, Fort Worth, Texas, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$257. Lance Maria Demarzo, Irondale, Mo., driving 15-20

mph above limit, \$164.

Nemiah D. Scott, Marietta, Ga., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257. Kristi M. Mueller, Altenburg, Mo., disregard stop sign, \$164.

Kyle L. Reel, Evansville, Ind., disregard yield sign, \$164. Songyon Shin, Buffalo Grove, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Christian J. Greer, Cartersville, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257. Steven L. Destri, Normal, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Heather K. Folley, Anna, electronic communication device, \$164. Steven R. Wright, Jonesboro, electronic communication device, \$164.

Alexander W. Sanders, Wheeling, speeding, 26-34 mph over limit, \$529. Samantha B. Ames, Dongola, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$733.

Timerie A. Hoe, Carbondale, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$257. Hallie N. Huffman, Thebes, seat belt required/passenger, \$164.

Amber Dawn Hernandez, Muscatine, Iowa, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257. Adelia Nanette Ceesay, Racine, Wis., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257.

Tracia Brenae Hagler, Cape Girardeau, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$257. Jessica A. Coryell, Dongola, disregard traffic control device, \$257.

Jennifer K. Glodo, Jonesboro, electronic communication device, \$164. Keyera J. Keck, Anna, electronic communication device, \$164.

Corinthia Walls-Stribling, Jackson, Miss., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257. Anthony Jerome Mackins, Cape Girardeau, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257.

Katherine A. Young, Kell, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164. Sally A. Casey, Dongola, disregard stop sign, \$164.



Honoring a veteran

A National Wreaths Across America Day/Honor Wreaths for Veterans ceremony was held Saturday morning, Dec. 17, at the Cobden Cemetery. Following the ceremony, wreaths were placed at the graves of veterans who are buried at the cemetery.



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He Who Shall Be Blessed: James 1:21-25

In the book of James, the apostle addresses important Christians concepts. Verses 2-18 speak of how to face temptations, and verses 19-27 discuss how to hear and follow the Word. In verse 18, James reminds Christians to be the "first fruits" of HIS creation, and verses 19-21 instructs on how to accomplish this task.

Lesson #1: To be blessed we must look into God's Law. To be blessed, one needs to do more than to take a cursory view of God's word. **John 5:39. Isaiah 34:16-** "seek ye out the book of the Lord and read." These verses imply that one must make a special effort and concentrate what one reads. This is not normal for man; looking, as God would have one to do, requires training and discipline.

Lesson #2: To be blessed we must continue in God's Law. To be blessed, one must not only "look" into His law but remain active with a continual search. This requires one to continue not just with the passages one agrees with but also with passages which highlights our disharmony with the law. To continue requires one to "abide" in the law. One must dwell, remain, endure **2 Timothy 2:15.** Christians have a responsibility of perseverance and should want more than anything else to be blessed.

Lesson #3: To be blessed we must not be a forgetful hearer of God's Law. To be blessed, one must remember God's Word. Forgetful hearers are the "in one ear and out the other," type of Christians. To avoid this pitfall, one must acquire the following disposition, **Matthew 5:6** (hunger and thirst after righteousness). Listening is not enough; one must examine the way we hear **Luke 8:18.** God convicts our heart, but **Romans 1:28** shows a debased mind will not retain God's knowledge.

Lesson #4: To be blessed we must be a doer of God's Law. To be blessed, one must WORK for it; **James 2:17-26** says one must; to do otherwise is to fail. In scripture, we find only two hearers, **Matt 7:24-27.** Hearing and doing are the keys to responsibility with God. Both are in our control and under our decision-making. **Romans 2:13** tells that the "doers of law" are justified before God. Let us strive to make sure that we are those which please God.

Ryan Thornsberry
Anna church of Christ

Obituaries

Lotrell Hileman

Lotrell Hileman died on Dec. 26, 2022, at Helia Healthcare of Energy.

She was born on May 10, 1932, in Carrier Mills, the daughter of Lee J. Tweedy and Geneva Thompson Tweedy.

On July 4, 1955, she married Henry Leroy Hileman in Springfield, Tenn. Together they had four children.

Survivors include one daughter, Tammy (David) Stewart of Jonesboro; three sons, Carey (Sue) Hileman of



Crab Orchard, Bruce (Helen) Hileman of Creal Springs and Todd (Sue) Hileman of Jonesboro; six grandchildren, Joshua Hileman, Tyler Hileman, Chad and Ian Stewart, Brittney and Marrina Hileman; one sister-in-law, Lillian Tweedy; two brothers-in-law, Robert (Doris) Hileman and Terry (Marybeth) Hileman; and additional survivors, including four nieces, six nephews, 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Hileman retired from the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna after several years as a technician.

After retirement, she became involved with the local chapter of AFSCME and served several years as president. She also served as a Ladies Auxiliary State Representative of the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna. She was a life member of the Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 VFW Women's Auxiliary and the AFSCME State Council.

In retirement, she enjoyed quilting and playing bingo. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Carrier Mills.

Her family was her life, and she will be dearly missed. Those having gone before her include her loving husband of 60 years, Henry L. Hileman; her parents; two sisters, Wylodean Tweedy and Trilby Anice Pettijohn; a brother, Thomas Z. Tweedy; grandchildren Brandon T. Jackson and Henry M. Hileman; sisters and brothers-in-law, Shirley and James Mueller, Anita and Charles Davis; and in-laws, Doyle and Eva Hinkle Hileman.

Funeral services for Lotrell Hileman will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with Pastor LaRue Parr officiating. Interment will follow in McGinnis Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the service hour at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30, at the funeral home. Memorials can be made to McGinnis Cemetery. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To visit her memorial page and to leave online condolences for the family, visit the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home website at rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

RENDELMAN & HILEMAN Funeral Homes Randleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna is in charge of arrangements.

Barbara A. Dye

Montgomery Village, Md. – Barbara A. Dye, 90, died peacefully on Dec. 13, 2022, at Shady Grove Hospital.

She was born on March 19, 1932, in Anna, Illinois, the daughter of Thomas and Helen Meisenheimer, deceased.

Barbara had an interesting, varied, and for a time, secret life.

Shortly after graduation from high school she was interviewed by a recruiter from the Central Intelligence Agency, CIA. She accepted their offer and was trained by the CIA as a cryptographer.

In 1953, she was assigned to a very sensitive program in Germany and was the youngest woman ever assigned to such a program.

She was the sole cryptographer for the CIA team assisting the new German Intelligence Service. This was at the height of the Cold War and the threat of communist expansion into democratic Europe was a real threat.

Barbara was required to live under cover and many times had to travel behind the Iron Curtain under fictitious names.

In 1956, she returned to CIA headquarters and met her future husband, Louis E. Dye, also an CIA employee. They were married in 1959 and later assigned to a small town in Iran near the Russian border.

In Iran, while pregnant and alone, she survived the worst earthquake in the history of Iran. Later, she narrowly escaped a bloody street riot which threatened her and the new baby boy.

In 1964, Barbara resigned from the CIA to care for her family as they were assigned to programs in Florida and California. In 1971, the family moved to Montgomery County, Md., and Louis continued working for the CIA.

Barbara used her natural charm and intelligence to develop a career in real estate and was successful for 38 years.

She was also very active with the county regulatory associations. She served on the following County Board of Realtors committees: chairman of the Sales Award, Finance, Professional Standards and Grievance.

She was also active in the Montgomery County Heart and Cancer charities, helping to organize fund raising activities and events.

Barbara is survived by her husband, Louis E. Dye of Montgomery Village, Md.; her sister, Sandra of Alabama; sons Louis E. Dye III and his wife Mary of Germantown, Md., and Thomas P. Dye and his wife Cindy of Arley, Ala.; three grandchildren, Harrison, Connor and Shelby.

A service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, 2023, at Boyds Presbyterian Church, 19901 White Ground Rd., in Boyds, Md. 20841, with Pastor Norma Russell officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Barbara's name to the American Cancer Society Inc., Montgomery County, Md., Chapter.



Jan Inman

Jan Inman, 82, of Cobden, died Friday, Dec. 23, 2022, at his home.

He was born on Nov. 22, 1940, in Cobden, the son of Forest Harold and Geraldine May Fischer Inman.

Mr. Inman is survived by his son, Douglas Inman and daughter, Cassandra (Gary) Sweitzer, all of Cobden; five grandchildren, Nora Inman, Devyn Inman, Alexander Inman, Theron Sweitzer and Lauren Sweitzer; his former wife, Janice Inman of Cobden; a brother, Patrick (Sharon) Inman of Blanco, Texas; a sister, Maribeth Smith of Cobden; a sister-in-law, Melba Inman of Cobden; nieces and nephews; great-nieces and nephews; other relatives and many dear friends.



He was preceded in death by his parents; infant son Jeffrey Inman; two brothers, Stephen and Michael Inman; and a brother-in-law, Donovan Smith.

Mr. Inman served in the U.S. Army. He served in the 101st Airborne Division. He was a retired millwright craftsman after working many years in the trade.

He loved attending his grandchildren's sporting events, watching horse racing and tending to his vegetable garden. He never met a stranger. He loved sharing stories and spending time with his nephews, Danny and Darrin. He will be deeply missed.

Memorial funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden, with Davy and Danny Miller officiating.

Military rites will be conducted at the funeral home by Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna and the Illinois Army National Guard funeral honor team of Marion.

Friends can visit after 11 a.m. and until the service hour at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, at the funeral home.

Memorials can be made to the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

RENDELMAN & HILEMAN Funeral Homes Randleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden is in charge of arrangements.

Eva E. Klepper

Eva E. Klepper, 83, of Anna, died Friday, Dec. 23, 2022, at 11:40 a.m. at Integrity Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Anna.

She was born on Aug. 2, 1939, in Fabens, Texas. She was the daughter of Emilio Jauregui Sr. and Manuela Holguin Jauregui.

Survivors include her sons, Jimmy Jauregui of Fabens, Texas, and Charles Legate of Athens, Ga.; seven grandchildren, Brittney, Josh, Robert, Stevie, Jamie, Justin and Matthew; great-grandchildren, including Camron, Lukas, Jonas, and Zeke; her siblings, Jose Ramon, Lorenzo, Ricardo, Hector, Ofelia, Bertha and Marylou; as well as nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her daughter, Judy Easterly; siblings Gloria, Josefina, Paula, Emilio, Jr., Delia, Martha; and two infant sisters.

She was employed by the Florsheim Shoe Company and later worked at Jo-An Laundry, both in Anna.

She was a skilled artist. She enjoyed drawing and coloring.

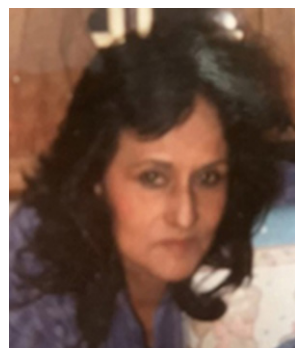
She was a member of the Catholic faith.

A celebration of the life of Eva Klepper will be conducted at a later date.

Memorials can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tenn., 38105-1905 or online at www.stjude.org.

To share a memory or to leave an online message of condolence for her family, visit www.baileyfh.com.

Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna is in charge of arrangements.



Edward R. Molter Sr.

Edward R. Molter Sr., 69, of Anna, died Sunday, Dec. 25, 2022, at the Union County Hospital in Anna.

He was born on Feb. 3, 1953, in Chicago, the son of Norman William and Shirley Ann Hassler Molter.

Mr. Molter is survived by his son, Zeb Molter of Anna; daughter Jessica (Steven) Isom of McAllen, Texas; six grandchildren, Daphne Molter, Blake Isom, Tessa (Devin) Trammel, William Molter, Jonathan Molter and Mackenzie Molter; two great-grandchildren, Adalynn and Aubrey Trammel; a brother, Charles (Patricia) Molter of Chicago; dear friend Bobby Mathis; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Norman William Molter; his mother, Shirley Ann Wright; and a brother, Michael Molter.

Mr. Molter worked for 35 years as an over the road truck driver until his retirement. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle with his son and spending time with his family.

There will be no services at this time.

To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

RENDELMAN & HILEMAN Funeral Homes Randleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna is in charge of arrangements.



William 'Bill' Joseph Gooden

William "Bill" Joseph Gooden, 84, of Cairo, died Friday, Dec. 23, 2022, at his place of residence.

Mr. Gooden was born on April 10, 1938, in Cypress, the son of William Thomas and Ada Belle Snell Gooden.

He was married to the love of his life, Brenda Solomon Gooden, for 65 years.

A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, he served four years. He then went on to own and operate B&B Salvage (later Midwest Company) in Cairo, a one of a kind business for his area that he built from the ground up.

Mr. Gooden was a long-time booster of the Cairo High School boys' basketball program. His reverence for the game stretched decades. He will forever be remembered as a Pilot.

He was an avid dresser who loved to travel. Another of his interests was fishing, his love for which was so great he often could be seen driving around with his boat loaded on a trailer, even when there was no fishing spot near.

Mr. Gooden is survived by his wife Brenda; his daughters, Janna (Melvin) Cornelius and Carrie Bridges; his siblings, Jerry (Ellen) Gooden, Larry D. (Pat) Gooden and Tina Lowry; grandchildren Vichai "Joe" (Shataka) Jangirawat, Glenn (Leah) Box, Kinley Box-Love, Jareb Box, Shaina (Ed) Glass, Devron (Winie) Bridges, Kevin Zweigert-Bridges, Anthony Bridges, Montez Bridges, Emmanuel Bridges, Harley Story and Russell Bridges; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Oren "Scott" Gooden; and his son-in-law, Melvin Cornelius.

Funeral services will be held at Mound City National Cemetery in Mounds at 1 p.m. Thursday today. Friends are asked to gather at the cemetery.

Crain Funeral Home in Cairo is in charge of arrangements.



Frances Kathleen Manus

Frances Kathleen Manus, 83, of Anna, died Monday, Dec. 19, 2022, at Oakview Nursing and Rehab in Mt. Carmel.

She was born on Sept. 16, 1939, and grew up in Anna.

After graduation from Anna-Jonesboro Community High School and Shawnee Community College, she began her life's work in nursing.

She worked several intervals at Union County Hospital in Anna, was a trauma nurse and was the first flight nurse for the area.

She went on to become director of nursing for Wexford Health Services.

She was a member of Anna Heights Baptist Church.

She was Nonnie to many, including her loving family; her son, Jay (Terry) Manus; her daughter, Beth Harvel (Sam Betts); grandchildren, Mike, Brandon (Ashley), Lauren (Davin), Lillie and Carl; great-grandchildren Peyton, Wyatt, Aniston, Asher, Landon and Dawson and one more on the way; her sister, Linda Kelley; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her son, Michael Patrick Manus, on Nov. 13, 1989; and by her parents, Frank and Laveda Fritz Pitts and Lyndall Turley.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 23, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro, with the Rev. Darryl Williams officiating. Interment in the Anna Cemetery followed the service.

Memorials can be made to the Autism Society of Southern Illinois.

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

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



Janice Mae Austin

Janice Mae Austin, 65, of Anna, died Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2022, at her residence.

She was born on May 4, 1957, in Frankfurt, Germany, the daughter of Henry and Eula E. Jackson Austin Jr.

She worked as a Union Laborer for the Local 703. In her spare time she liked gardening and carpenter work and loved playing video games.

Survivors include son Daniel (Leah) Austin; grandson Kaiden Austin; brothers Larry W. Austin and Henry "Allan" Austin; longtime friend Dru Wright; and other family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister Barbara Diane Barnett; and brother Daniel Gene Austin.

Cremation rites will be accorded. No services will be held.

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

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



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HELP WANTED: Looking
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ans for Shawnee Community
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HELP WANTED: Full-
time Insurance Receptionist
Position. Please send resume
to Taylor, Dodd & Wood In-
surance, 151 Leigh Avenue,
Anna, IL 62906.

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POSITION OVERVIEW

The Golf Professional
will be responsible for the
promotion and operation
of the club's complete golf
program including the men's,
women's, couples and youth
activities. In addition, the
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responsible for the success-
ful staffing of the pro shop,
merchandising and golf
instruction, while providing
quality service to the club's
members and guests.

HOW TO APPLY

Please send a letter of
application and copy of your
resume to uccc@gmail.com
and/or a hard copy addressed
to: Union County Country
Club, Attn: Jim Honey, 430
East Jefferson Street, Anna,
IL 62906.

**INTERESTED
CANDIDATES SHOULD
RESPOND NO LATER
THAN JANUARY 10,
2023 IN ORDER TO BE
GIVEN PROPER
CONSIDERATION.**

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HELP WANTED:
Anna CCSD #37 has the
following position openings
for the 2023-2024 school
year:

- **Elementary Teacher
(two positions)**

The application packet,
which can be picked up at
the Davie/Jr. High building or

found online at www.anna37.com,
should be completed
and returned to: Julie Bullard
at 301 South Green Street,
Anna, IL 62906 no later
than 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday,
January 10, 2023. Phone:
618-833-6812.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised the
Shawnee Community Unit
School District #84, Wolf
Lake, Illinois has scheduled
a public hearing on Tuesday,
January 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
in the library of Shawnee
Junior-Senior High School
located at 3365 State Route
3 North, Wolf Lake, Illinois.
The purpose of the hearing is
to receive public comment on
a proposed waiver application
which would allow the district
to apply for a modification of
the Illinois School Code. Said
modification would allow the
district to charge less than
110% of the per capita tui-
tion charge for non-resident
children of employees of
Shawnee CUSD #84.

Likewise, testimony will
be received and considered
at the hearing. Anyone with
questions or comments may
contact the central office at
618-833-5709.

By Order of:
Shelly Clover-Hill
Superintendent

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**CITY OF ANNA,
ILLINOIS
NOTICE OF SALE OF
SURPLUS PROPERTY**

Pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-
76-4 of the Illinois Municipal
Code, the City of Anna has
declared the following Sur-
plus Property List, as surplus
personal property and offers
the same for sale.

2003 Ford Crown Victoria
VIN# 2FAPF-
71W63X125145
SOLD AS IS CONDITION
MINIMUM BID \$500

Said property may be
inspected at the City Garage
located on Market Street in
the City of Anna and is sold
in "AS IS" condition, without
any implied or expressed
warranties.

Sealed bids, identifying
the above-described item,
shall be received by the City
Clerk during normal busi-
ness hours, Monday through
Friday at the Anna City Hall,
103 Market Street, Anna,
Illinois through January 17,
2023. Minimum bids have
been established and no bids
for less than that amount will
be accepted.

All bids will be opened
and read at the regular meet-
ing of the Anna City Council
to be held on January 17,
2023, at 5 p.m. at the Anna
City Hall. The City of Anna
reserves the right to reject any
and all bids.

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

**FREEDOM MORT-
GAGE CORPORATION,
Plaintiff(s),**

vs.

**NATALIE NICHOLE
CAST,**

**MATTHEW LEVI
SHEIBLE,**

Defendant(s).

Case No. 22 FC 14

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S
SALE
OF REAL ESTATE
MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that pursuant to a
Judgment heretofore entered
by the said Court in the above
entitled cause, the Sheriff
of Union County, Illinois,
will on February 1, 2023, at
the hour of 9:00 AM, at the
UNION COUNTY COURT-
HOUSE, 309 W. MARKET
STREET, JONESBORO, IL
62952, sell at public auction
to the highest and best bidder
for cash, all and singular, the
following described premises
and real estate in the said
Judgment mentioned, situ-
ated in the County of Union,
State of Illinois, or so much
thereof as shall be sufficient
to satisfy said Judgment, to wit:
GENERAL DESCRIP-
TION: SITUATED IN AND
A PART OF THE NORTH-
WEST QUARTER OF THE
NORTHWEST QUARTER
OF SECTION 20, TOWN-
SHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE
1 WEST OF THE THIRD
PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN,
CITY OF ANNA, UNION
COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

DETAIL DESCRIPTION:
BEGINNING AT THE
POINT OF INTERSECTION
OF THE EAST LINE OF
GREEN STREET IN THE
CITY OF ANNA, WITH
THE SOUTH LINE OF THE
NORTHWEST QUARTER
OF THE NORTHWEST
QUARTER OF SECTION
20, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH,
RANGE 1 WEST OF THE
THIRD PRINCIPAL MER-
IDIAN, SAID POINT
BEING 153.02 FEET EAST
OF THE SOUTHWEST
CORNER OF SAID QUAR-
TER QUARTER SECTION;
THENCE DEFLECTING
LEFT 89°-34'-09" A DIS-
TANCE OF 110.00 FEET;
THENCE DEFLECTING
RIGHT 89°-34'-09" A DIS-
TANCE OF 122.60 FEET;
THENCE DEFLECTING
RIGHT 89°-52'-56" ALONG
THE SAID NORTH LINE A
DISTANCE OF 122.00 FEET
TO THE POINT OF BEGIN-
NING; CONTAINING 0.309
ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

Common Address:

113 HENDRA ST.,

ANNA, IL 62906

P.I.N. 05-20-03-579

Contact the Law Office
of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC,
175 North Franklin, Suite
201, Chicago, Illinois 60606,
(312) 357-1125, for further
information.

The terms of the sale are:
Ten percent (10%) due by
cash or certified funds at the
time of the sale and balance
is due within 24 hours of the
sale. The subject property is
subject to real estate taxes,
special assessments or special
taxes levied against said real
estate and is offered for sale
without any representation as
to quality or quantity of title
and without recourse to Plain-
tiff and in "as is" condition.
The sale is further subject to
confirmation by the Court.
The property is improved
by a Single Family Resi-
dence, together with all
buildings and improvements
thereon, and the tenements,
hereditaments and appurte-
nants thereunto belonging
and will not be available for
inspection prior to sale.

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Legal Notice

**Invitation for Bids
Cairo Unit School
District #1, Cairo IL
4201 Sycamore Street,
Cairo IL 62914**

The Board of Education
for the Cairo Unit School Dis-
trict #1 is seeking bids for the
2023 Construction Projects in
Cairo, Illinois. The following
is a list of scopes of work that
bids will be accepted on the
new building.

1. Site work
2. Concrete work
3. General Construction,
pre-engineered metal build-
ing, metal studs, drywall
4. Acoustical ceilings
contractor
5. Painter/epoxy floor
contractor
6. Flooring contractor
7. Special construction,
basketball goals, standards,
and bleachers

Interested bidders may
obtain drawings, bid forms
and scopes of work for each
division by contacting the
construction manager Ver-
egy. Rodney Bridger PDE,
rbridger@veregy.com 573-
380-0571, Jason Trickey
PM, jtrickey@veregy.com
573-275-0706.

There is a pre-bid meet-
ing on Thursday 12/29/22
at 1:00PM. Additional site
visits may be scheduled if
needed. All site visits must
be scheduled thru Veregy.
Failure to comply will result
in disqualification.

Sealed bids are due no
later than 9:00 AM on January
1/6/23 at the main office as
listed above. Bids must be in
a sealed envelope and clearly
marked with the bidder's
company name and division
of work they are bidding.
Any bids received past this
time will not be opened. The
Owner reserves the right to
review and choose the most
responsible bid. Emphasis
on local labor.

Work is scheduled to
start the spring of 2023. This
project is a prevailing wage
enforced project.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
DAVID CALLENDER
Deceased.
Case No. 2022-PR-23**

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

Notice is given of the death
of David Callender, of Cob-
den, Union County, Illinois.
Letters of Office were issued
on the 25th day of October
2022, to Marcia Slifka, 4763
South Hazel Road, Edwards-
ville, Illinois, as Independent
Administrator, whose attor-
ney is listed below.

The Estate will be admin-
istered without Court super-
vision, unless under Section
28-4 of the Probate Act (755
ILCS 5/28-4), any interested
person terminates Indepen-
dent Administration at any
time by mailing or delivering
a petition to terminate to the
Clerk of this Court.

Claims against the Estate
may be filed in the office

Debra Dean

'Debbie' Shipley

Debra Dean "Debbie"
Shipley, 73, of rural Villa
Ridge, and a former resident
of Johnson County, died
Thursday afternoon, Dec. 22,
at 1:28 p.m. at her residence.

She was born on July 24,
1949, in Peoria. She was the
daughter of Delbert Dean and
Lillie E. Burke Askew.

On April 6, 1968, Debbie
was united in marriage to
Brother Jim Shipley at the
home of her parents in Mar-
ion. He survives.

In addition to her husband,
she is survived by her children,
Ronnie (his wife Jamie)
Shipley of New Boston, Texas,
and Robyn (her husband Tim)
Mize of Villa Ridge; five grand-
children; 15 great-grandchild-
ren; her siblings, Mary Ruth
(her husband Bob) Zimbelman
of Peoria, Linda (her husband
Bill) Clay of Johnston City,
Mitchell (his wife Georganne)
Askew of Houston, Texas, and
Lori (her husband Scott) Allen
of O'Fallon, Mo.; as well as
many nieces, nephews, other
relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death
by her parents; a great-grand-
daughter, Riplee Jo Crouch;
and a brother, Jimmy Askew.

She was a homemaker. She
had formerly served as an
election judge for the Elvira
voting precinct in Johnson
County. She was also a faith-
ful volunteer worker at the
Goreville Ministerial Alliance
thrift store.

She had many interests and
hobbies, including collect-
ing figurines, cookbooks,
antiquing and visiting thrift
stores. She especially enjoyed
going to Wal-Mart with her
grandchildren. She was also
an avid St. Louis Cardinals
baseball fan.

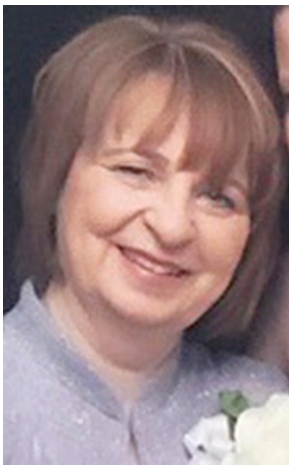
She was a faithful Christian.
She was a member of Mt.
Pleasant Baptist Church near
Pulaski and was formerly a
member of Mt. Zion Baptist
Church east of Buncombe
during the 20-plus years that
Jim served as pastor.

A service honoring the life
of Debbie Shipley was con-
ducted Wednesday, Dec. 28,
at 1 p.m. at Bailey Funeral
Home in Vienna.

Burial was in Pleasant Grove
Cemetery near Buncombe.
Memorials can be made to
the Epilepsy Foundation of
America, 3540 Crain Highway,
Suite 675, Bowie, Md.
20716 or online at www.epilepsy.com.

To share a memory or to
leave an online message of
condolence for her family,
visit www.baileyfh.com.

Bailey Funeral Home in
Vienna was in charge of ar-
rangements.



of the Clerk of Court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market St., Jonesboro, IL 62952, or with the Independent Administrator on or before the 16th day of June 2023, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Independent Administrator is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.

Email: aj@biglerlawoffice.com 2-4g

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

ESTATE OF VLEMA SUE CLARY, DECEASED. NO. 2022-PR- 27 IN PROBATE

NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Velma Sue Clary, of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on December 15, 2022, to Melinda Lea Clary, P.O. Box 292, Anna, Illinois 62906, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of admission, you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses in open Court or other evidence,

as provided by Section 5/6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21.)

You also have the right, under Section 5/8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1), to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within six (6) months after admission of the Will to probate. The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless, under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755, Par. 5/28-4), any interested person terminates Independent Administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk of this Court.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before June 22, 2023, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk may be mailed or delivered by the claimant to

the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: December 19, 2022.

MELINDA LEA CLARY, Executor

CAMERON LAW FIRM, LLC ELVIS C. CAMERON ATTORNEY FOR INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR 205B N. MAIN ST. ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906 PHONE: 618-833-2220 ARDC# 6244394

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NOTICE - VILLAGE OF DONGOLA, ILLINOIS

TAX INCREMENT REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA REGISTRATION FOR INTERESTED PARTIES REGISTRY

Pursuant to Section 5/11-74.4-4.2 of the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, 65 ILCS Section 5/11-74.4-1 et. seq., as amended ("Act") the Village of Don-

gola ("Village") is required to establish an Interested Parties Registry ("Registry" or "Registries") for each Tax Increment Financing ("TIF") redevelopment project area created whether existing as of the date of this notice or hereafter established. On December 5, 2022, the Village adopted a resolution authorizing the establishment of an Interested Parties Registry by the Village Clerk ("Clerk") and adopting registration rules for Registries. The purpose of this notice is to inform interested parties of the establishment of the Registry and rules for the Registry and to invite interested Parties to register for the Dongola Redevelopment Project Area #2.

Any organization active within the Village and any resident of the Village ("Interested Parties") are entitled to register in the Registry for any Redevelopment Project Area. Organizations include, but are not limited to, businesses, business organizations, civic groups, not-for-profit corporations, and community organizations.

An individual seeking to register as an Interested party must complete and submit a

registration form to be provided by the Village Clerk. Such individual must also submit additional information sufficient for the Village Clerk to determine residency within the Village. Organizations seeking to register as an Interested Party must submit a registration form which identifies a contact person and provide the Village Clerk with a statement that identified its activities within the Village. Rules of the Registry identify the process for registry in detail, entitlements of the registered public, and procedures. The registration form and rules may be obtained by contacting the Village Clerk at: Village of Dongola, Village Hall, 136 NE Front Street (P.O. Box 404), Dongola, Illinois 62926.

The Village of Dongola has determined to establish an Interested Parties Registry for the following prospective TIF Redevelopment Project Area:

Dongola Tax Increment Financing District #2 - All legal parcels of land within the corporate limits of the Village of Dongola, Illinois excepting those legal parcels of land located within the established Dongola Tax Increment Financing District #1.

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Television Listings

THURSDAY

Table with 12 columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Lists programs for Thursday, Dec 29, 2022.

DECEMBER 29, 2022

THURSDAY

Table with 2 columns: Time, SHOW. Lists programs for Thursday, Dec 29, 2022.

FRIDAY

Table with 12 columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Lists programs for Friday, Dec 30, 2022.

DECEMBER 30, 2022

FRIDAY

Table with 2 columns: Time, SHOW. Lists programs for Friday, Dec 30, 2022.

SATURDAY

Table with 12 columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Lists programs for Saturday, Dec 31, 2022.

DECEMBER 31, 2022

SATURDAY

Table with 2 columns: Time, SHOW. Lists programs for Saturday, Dec 31, 2022.

SUNDAY

Table with 12 columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Lists programs for Sunday, Jan 1, 2023.

JANUARY 1, 2023

SUNDAY

Table with 2 columns: Time, SHOW. Lists programs for Sunday, Jan 1, 2023.

MONDAY

Table with 12 columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Lists programs for Monday, Jan 2, 2023.

JANUARY 2, 2023

MONDAY

Table with 2 columns: Time, SHOW. Lists programs for Monday, Jan 2, 2023.

TUESDAY

Table with 12 columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Lists programs for Tuesday, Jan 3, 2023.

JANUARY 3, 2023

TUESDAY

Table with 2 columns: Time, SHOW. Lists programs for Tuesday, Jan 3, 2023.

WEDNESDAY

Table with 12 columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Lists programs for Wednesday, Jan 4, 2023.

JANUARY 4, 2023

WEDNESDAY

Table with 2 columns: Time, SHOW. Lists programs for Wednesday, Jan 4, 2023.

Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

Please have news to me by Sunday night. Email me at marthaannwebb@gmail.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.

Happy New Year

Wishing everyone a wonderful, blessed, happy and healthy New Years.

Matched Wreaths

A special thanks to everyone who helped lay the Honor Wreaths for Veterans for the last four years.

If you would like to purchase your wreath for 2023, please contact Martha Ann Webb, coordinator for Anna Cemetery. Liz Wilkins coordinator for Jonesboro Cemetery, Alyssa Penrod, coordinator for Dongola cemeteries, St. John's and the American Legion, Karen at Cobden Village Hall, coordinator for Cobden Cemetery, Monica Williams, coordinator for Alto Pass Cemetery.

You can also purchase wreaths for other cemeteries or door hangers in memory of your veterans from one of us.

From now until Jan. 15, 2023, if you purchase your Honor Wreaths for Veterans for the wreath laying in December 2023, Wreaths Across America will match a wreath for every wreath bought. This gives a wreath to someone that has no one to buy for them anymore. The wreaths are still \$15. Make your checks to Honor Wreaths for Veterans.

A special thanks to everyone who supports Honor Wreaths for Veterans. Honor Wreaths for Veterans is a branch off Wreaths Across American

so we can lay our wreaths in our city and country cemeteries at the same time. Wreaths Across American lays wreaths in our national cemeteries all over the United States.

Jim Koonce from Cartersville is president and founder of Honor Wreaths for Veterans.

Martha Ann Webb started the program for Union County in Anna through



A special thanks to Carol Hoffman and her friend Patty Denny for helping us lay Honor Wreaths for Veterans in our Anna Cemetery.



Ruby Brimm has been a faithful member of Anna First Baptist Church for many years. She admired the bench in memory of Dale Farris at the church's Christmas dinner.



A special thanks for helping lay our Honor Wreaths for Veterans in our Anna Cemetery to Jayse VonNida, Raine VonNida and Debbie Fitzgerald. Photographer Mike Fitzgerald.

Jim and hopes someday to see every veteran buried in Union County have a wreath.

Please if you are a family member and live in Union County, put on a card your veterans name, the branch of services they served in also if possible that you will place the wreath on your loved ones grave. This will help the volunteers to put the wreaths on the ones bought who live out of our area and on the veterans that have no one to buy for them anymore.

Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club

GFWC Illinois Anna Jonesboro. Women's Club will meet Monday, Jan.

2, at Don Sol for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Martha Schwegan will share about receiving her conservation awards for years. The club will work on end-of-year reports. Martha Ann Webb will give the devotion and Jane Bauer will do current events

Anna First Baptist Church

Rev. Lupe and Yadi Lopez have returned to a mission trip in Durango, Mexico. They met Pastor Miguel Ortiz and Lily Amaya with "Casa de Garcia" ("House of Grace"). They have invited everyone to celebrate their 4th year anniversary in March.

Get Well

From Joyce Plott. Roger Plott is scheduled to have a hip replacement on Wednesday, Dec. 28, at Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau. Please keep him in your prayers.

Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies

Eighteen ladies met at

Don Sol Mexican restaurant in Anna. Hosting were Lilian Milam, Kay Johnson and Dee Miller. They gave many door prizes of small Santa Clauses, churches, Christmas trees and other Christmas decorations. There was a gift exchange and several bought gifts for each other.

There were two guests. Marla Saint Arbor brought her mother Lila Eleanor Schley of St. Petersburg, Fla., who is here visiting for Christmas. Carole Anderson from Anna also was a guest.

Christmas Eve

Dinner guest of Bessie, Elijah Glen and Curt Ellis was Martha Ann Webb. They enjoyed a delicious dinner and opening gifts.

Later in the evening they went to Anna First Baptist Church and took our Lord's Supper.

A special thanks to Rev. Lupe and his wife Yadi Lopez for being there for everyone and praying a

special prayer for each one who came to the service.

Anna United Methodist Church

From Jane Nimmo: United Methodist Church Anna celebrated the March to the Manger with Christmas music and the reenactment of the Nativity.

Chime Choir opened with "Angels We Have Heard on High." Teri Goldsberry did a wonderful job singing "What Child is This?" "What You Gonna Call Your Pretty Little Baby?" sung by Carla Anderson, Marcy Morris and Teri Goldsberry was very moving. It was a beautiful service. There was also a candlelight Christmas Eve service.

AFSCME Retirees

Subchapter 90 members are invited to attend January sub-chapter meeting 9 a.m. Jan. 24, 2023, at the Anna Kiwanis building, 125 Herman Wright Dr.

As the new year begins, we know that many people have questions about changes to benefits. Please come join us and ensure you are in the know regarding any changes. This meeting will also include the election of officers of subchapter 90.



Marla Saint Arbor with her friend Lillian Milam at Little Egypt Red Hat dinner meeting at Don Sol in Anna. Lillian was one of the hostesses. Marla teaches school at Dongola. Lillian and Marla both attend Lockard Chapel Baptist Church and were looking forward to a great time Christmas singing songs to worship our king baby Jesus.



Thanks for your service in the Army, Douglas Mark Saint Arbor, husband of Marla. If anyone would like one of these flags for downtown Anna, a smaller one at our Anna City Park or a flag for your yard for next Veterans Day 2023 honoring your veteran, please contact Anna City Hall.



Cathy Ziegler, left, and Marie Samuel, right, have enjoyed several Red Hat groups since retiring from where they both taught at Cartersville High School. Since Cathy taught both English and French, Marie enjoys finding gifts for her with a French theme as shown here. Cathy knows about Marie's collection of aprons, so she found a pretty apron with a positive message to give Marie. Little Egypt Red Hats is a group both retired teachers enjoy very much. They attended Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies dinner and meeting last Wednesday at Don Sol in Anna.



Walk to the Manger at the United Methodist Church in Anna.



Honor Wreaths for Veterans ceremony at Anna First Baptist Church. Left to right, Alyssa Penrod, coordinator for Dongola Cemeteries, St. John's and the American Legion, Liz Wilkins, coordinator for Jonesboro Cemetery, Martha Ann Webb, coordinator for Anna Cemetery, Phil Ray, Vietnam veteran and member of the American Legion and VFW who led the ceremony.

From now until Jan. 15, 2023, if you purchase your Honor Wreaths for Veterans for the wreath laying December 2023, Wreaths Across America will match a wreath for every wreath bought. The wreaths are still \$15 each. Please make your checks to Honor Wreaths for Veterans.



The United Methodist Church in Anna choir celebrated the birth of Jesus at Walk to the Manger Sunday morning.



The Anna city employees and their families enjoyed a Christmas bowling party at The Strike Zone in Anna.

Opinion and Commentary

Southern 7 offers winter safety tips

The region experienced bitter cold temperatures and snow during the past week. With the arrival of winter weather, Southern 7 Health Department says that it's time for area residents to prepare for the potential hazards that come with it.

The health department is sharing some basic steps people can take to safely weather the storms.

Heat your home safely. Furnaces should be inspected prior to use and always follow the manufacturer's instructions. Check local fire codes for your area if using a fireplace, space or kerosene heaters.

Generators, gas or charcoal grills, camp stoves or similar devices should be used following all manufacturer instructions.

Never use any of these devices indoors. Each can produce fumes that can be deadly, so make sure to install a battery-powered carbon monoxide, CO, detector in your home. Do not use a generator or any appliance if they are wet.

Should you lose your primary heat source for any reason, do not turn on the stove for heat but instead bring out extra blankets, sleeping bags and warm winter coats.

Conserve heat by avoiding unnecessary opening of doors and windows, close draperies or cover windows with blankets at night and close off unneeded rooms.

Remember that babies and older adults may not be able to maintain body heat effectively. Consider staying elsewhere if heating your home becomes an issue.

Keep your home well-lit to avoid injuries. Use battery-powered flashlights and lanterns during a power outage avoiding candles, if possible. Never leave lit candles unattended.

Make sure to dress warm with layers, stay dry and eat well-balanced meals if you're planning to venture outdoors.

Alcoholic and caffeinated beverages cause your body to lose heat faster, so instead choose warm, sweet beverages or broth to keep yourself warm. Talk to your doctor about any dietary restrictions you may have.

When you're outside, always watch for signs of hypothermia, frostbite and over exertion in yourself and others. Let someone know when you are going outdoors and when you plan to return.

If you are traveling, let others know your plans and check weather reports and travel conditions frequently. Always carry extra warm clothing and blankets in your vehicle, and keep your phone charged.

If you become stranded, stay in your car until help arrives. Run the motor and heater for about 10 minutes per hour, opening one window slightly to let air in to avoid CO poisoning.

For more tips about staying safe during a winter storm, visit www.cdc.gov/disasters or call Southern 7 Health Department emergency preparedness coordinator Bobi Cavins at 618-634-2297, extension 9123.

Broadband critical tool for rural health care

By Tammie Sloup, FarmWeek

Shirley Bloomfield sees an opportunity for a rural renaissance. But access to health care is vital.

The NTCA-Rural Broadband Association CEO discussed the intersection of rural health and broadband during a recent webinar organized by the National Organization of State Offices for Rural Health.

The event, titled "Collaboration Carpool: Conversations with Mission-Minded Rural Stakeholders," included multi-sector experts who discussed collaboration efforts to improve health for the nearly 61 million people living in rural America.

"I think broadband can be a really critical tool as we think about ways to augment, supplement, support existing health care," Bloomfield said.

He added that approximately 60 percent of the 7,200 federally designated health care provider shortage areas are in rural communities.

And thanks to ongoing initiatives, including the federal infrastructure bill that allocates \$65 billion for the expansion of broadband, now is the ideal time to call attention to the connection between rural health care and broadband, she said.

During the pandemic, telemedicine quickly became a critical piece of health care, with mental and behavioral health care the fastest-growing sector.

"The ability to offer health care and mental health support and substance abuse support to people where they live and where they are comfortable is going to be extremely important," she said.

Along those lines, Bloomfield highlighted a grant program initiated by the Foundation for Rural Service – the Virtual Living Room.

The program blends rural technology, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs resources and local support to encourage veteran use of advanced medical technologies.

Virtual Living Room saves veterans travel time and costs while enabling connections to skilled physicians and other providers in the VA medical system such as telehealth and other online resources.

"The grant is used to create a safe space in a local library, community hall, a local Rotary Club, we have them set up everywhere," she said.

"These aren't complicated, but they allow the ability to create that safe space, that access to care, that instantaneous service that rural Americans are looking for."

For more information about the program, visit frs.org/virtuallivingroom.

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By Geof Skinner



October 29...takin' it easy...

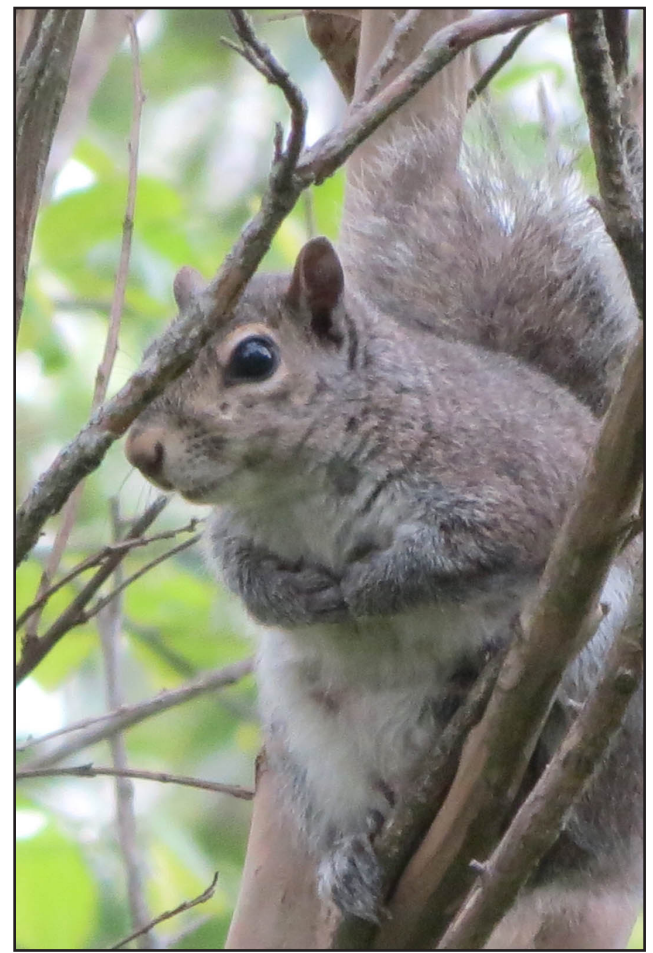
One last 'tradition' for the holiday season...

One more "tradition" as the year comes to an end...and we're going to make it short...and sweet.

In the final column of 2022, we're sharing some of our favorite photographs of squirrels. Squirrels are cute. Squirrels have big eyes. Squirrels have bushy tails. Squirrels are fun to watch. Squirrels are smarter than some folks given them credit for.

All of the squirrels seen in the photographs live right here in Union County. I saw them on various walkabouts... around the block sometimes...during a visit to the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro...and one just looking out the back door...

Enough for now. Enough of 2022. Hope you had a nice Christmas...and managed to stay safe and warm. Happy New Year...let's see what kind of adventures we'll have...



May 4...the squirrel seemed to smile...



April 8...pause for a pose...



January 22...a cold drink...on ice...



October 13...time for a picnic...



March 16...high wire snack time...



March 14...a feast fit for a squirrel...



June 17...and with this one, we've reached the end...