

**Birthdays**



**Jonas turns two**

Jonas Clay Rumble turns two today, May 16. He celebrated early with a Mickey Mouse Clubhouse birthday party on Mother's Day Sunday with many family and friends. Jonas is the son of Mike and Julie Rumble of Pittsfield. He has two older brothers, Jonathon and Joshua. Grandparents are Stan and Monica Geiselman and Gary and Reba White, all of Pittsfield and Stuart and Holly Rumble of Quincy. Great-grandparents are Duska Shaw of Pittsfield and John and Jackie Rumble of Vero Beach, Fla.



**Benjamin turns one**

Benjamin Russell Bradshaw celebrated his first birthday, April 20. He is the son of Todd and Carrie Bradshaw of Griggsville. His grandparents are Rusty and Linda Pearson of Perry, Philip and Linda Bradshaw of Griggsville. His great-grandparents are Russell and Phyla Pearson of Pittsfield. Benjamin's family and friends helped him celebrate with a party at his home. Everyone enjoyed his Aunt Lisa's homemade pizza!

**Open House for 90th birthday**

Frances (Bo Carroll) Tucker of Quincy will celebrate her 90th birthday at an open house Sunday, May 20 in the Red Apple Room at the Old Orchard Country Club near Pittsfield. The open house will be from 2-4 p.m.

Frances operated her beauty shop on Monroe Street just south of the square in Pittsfield for many years. She was a long time member of St. Mary Catholic Church. She is looking forward to greeting many of her old friends and former customers. No gifts please. Cards may be sent to Frances Tucker, Apt. 327, Sunset Apartments, 301 N. 8th St., Quincy, 62301.

**Cards of Thanks & In Memory**

**CAWTHON**

Bud and I want to thank those who came, sent cards and made telephone calls for our 75<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. A special thanks to our children, grand and great-grandchildren who planned and carried out this wonderful day. Again, thanks and God bless each one of you.  
Bud and Clara Cawthon

**MCBRIDE**

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls, food and visits we received following the death of our mother, Oneta McBride. We also want to thank Lummis Funeral Home and Don Peebles for the lovely service. A special thanks to Liberty Village for the wonderful care during our mother's illness.  
The family of Oneta McBride

**Births**

**Noah James Brown**

Noah James Brown was born April 29. He weighed 9 lbs. 14 oz. and was 21 inches long. Parents are Lacy and Melissa Brown of Moshav Ahituv, Israel. Grandparents are Owen and Lisa Brown of Pittsfield and John and Becky Freesmeyer of Pittsfield. Great-grandparents are Jack and Barb Brown of Barry, Jim and Millie Carroll of Pittsfield, Marie Carroll of Pittsfield, Ella Jean Freesmeyer of Hamburg, and Lois Taylor-Fisher of Vincennes, Indiana. He is welcomed by two sisters and three brothers.

**Asher Lee Browning**

Anthony and Kelly Browning of Flora are the parents of a son, Asher Lee, born April 26 at 12:59 p.m. in St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital in Effingham. Asher weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz. and was 19" long. He has a very proud sister, Karissa. Grandparents are Kenny and Karen Martin of Griggsville, Rose Mary Garrett of Chambersburg, and Ed Browning of Perry. Great-grandmother is Betty Browning of Perry.



**White retires from JWCC**

Pat White is retiring from John Wood Community College following 22 years of service. She began as a part-time housekeeper for the JWCC Agricultural Center in 1990 and became a full-time building services worker for the Quincy campus in 2001.

A resident of Perry, White is a graduate of Griggsville High School.

She and her husband, Maurice "Frosty" White have two children, Andrea of St. Louis and Brian of Perry.

**Reunions**

Nebo School Alumni Reunion, May 25, doors open at 5:30 for registration and visiting. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. It is not too late to make a reservation and pay at the door. Call Bette at 573-754-6811, if no answer leave a message. Or email bette.garrison@yahoo.com.

East Pike High School Reunion for classes of '56, '57, '58, and '59 will be held June 8 at 6 p.m. at the Crossroads Center. All East Pike High School graduates, besides these classes, are also invited to come. If you have any info regarding addresses of the classes mentioned, please contact: Anabelle Peebles, Wanda Wade, or Ona Day Johnston. More info will be provided later.

Griggsville High School '39, '40 and '41 graduates will meet again May 26 at 5 p.m. at Old Orchard C.C. dining room in Pittsfield. Then extending our celebration Sunday, May 27 at G-P Gymnasium as usual. This invitation, in planning sessions, may have been made "open-ended-ly" to "other" classmates. Consider yourselves invited. Plan to be there. Call and inform others. Let's have a nice crowd for our memories, fun and food at O.O.C.C. It will be a free will offering and the excess will be given to an agreed upon class or cause. Call 217-285-9515 to give names and numbers of those attending.

The Classes of 1951, 1952 and 1953 of Barry High School are holding a reunion June 16 at the Barry American Legion Building. Social hour begins at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. Contact Nancy Bartlett, Nancy Mills, Ann Doran or Martha Fee for reservations or more info.

35th Pittsfield Class of 1977 Reunion July 7 at the Pittsfield American Legion Hall beginning at 5 p.m. The class would also like to invite other friends to the reunion beginning at 8 p.m. If you know of any of our classmates who have relocated in the last five years, please let us know by calling either Teresa at (217) 248-7832 or Jane at (217) 248-5255.

**BRIDAL REGISTRY**

Jill Guthrie  
Luke Wiley- May 20

Alayna McGlauchlen  
Patrick Dodd- June 23

Megan Cookey  
Joseph Butler- June 23

Kayla Spangler  
Spencer Boren- July 28

Beth Swartz  
Ryan Obernuefemann- July 14

Ashley Reel  
Charlie Goetze- August 11

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May 27

Amy & Ronald Segebart  
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Dani & Josh Davis  
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I further certify that said newspaper is a newspaper as defined in an Act approved July 17, 1959 – Illinois Revised Statutes, Chapter 100, Pars. 1 & 5.

Given under my hand this 22 day of October 2012.

*/s/ Sarah Joan Coulson*  
Sarah Joan Coulson  
Publisher

Publication Fee \$ 448.80

## Coming Events

### Concert features local minister Steve Surratt

A gospel concert with Brothers Forever and Steve Surratt will be Saturday, May 5, 7 p.m., at the First Christian Church, 117 West Washington, Mt. Sterling, IL.

Brothers Forever is based out of Church Hill, TN. The group sings songs such as "I Feel a Blessing Coming On" and "I Can't Forget the Day".

Brothers Forever formed in 2004 with founding member Curtis Hagy. Hagy is joined by versatile vocalists Gary Ballew and Chris Higginbottom. Brothers Forever will be joined by Steve Surratt, a local minister, singer and song writer who lives in Mt. Sterling.

Steve will be recognized



SURRATT

for the nearly two decades he sang with the Two B Two Quartet.

There will no admission fee; a free will offering will be taken.

For more information anyone can call 217-744-9234.

### Pictures needed for graduation slideshow

Graduation is fast-approaching and the Media class is gearing up for the Senior Slideshow which is featured during the ceremony.

Parents/Guardians are asked to send up to six

pictures of their senior (an age) to the high school before May 4. The picture need to be in an envelope and clearly marked with the student's name.

The Media staff will scan the pictures and return them as soon as possible.

Parents can drop off the pictures to the main office or get them to Kris McCaskill Media advisor.

**Deadline For Ads  
Is Noon  
On Mondays**

### Teen Night at the Y

The Y is opening its doors exclusively for area teens Saturday, 7-10 p.m., for area 5th to 8th grade students.

Activities include music, open gym, various tournaments, video games, and more!

Admission is \$5 and includes pizza.

Anyone who brings a friend can get in for \$3 each.

### YMCA encourages kids to play and learn at Healthy Kids Day

Mt. Sterling YMCA is celebrating Healthy Kids Day Saturday with a free community event for kids and families.

More than 1,900 Ys across the country are taking part in the celebration, meant to kick start physical activity and learning throughout the summer - a critical out-of-school time for kids.

Healthy Kids Day, a national initiative of the Y to improve the health and well-being of kids, is filled with fun, active play and educational activities that will help parents improve their kids' lifestyles for the long term. Research shows that without access to activities that stimulate the mind and body, kids are more prone to gain weight and fall behind academically over the summer months.

"At the Mt. Sterling YMCA, we know that when the school year ends, many kids lose exposure to activities that keep them moving and learning. Healthy Kids Day will help parents begin thinking early about what their kids need to stay physically and intellectually active in the summer," said Carla Bond, Wellness and Social Programs Specialist. "Summer is just around the corner and is an ideal time for kids to get out and grow so they are healthier and sharper when the next school year begins." The event will take

### Dog obedience class offered

Brown and Schuyler County Extension offices will have a dog obedience class free for 4-H members.

Doris Ehret will teach it. The classes will be Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m., May 1-22, at the Schuyler County Fair Grounds Livestock show barn.

This is a four-week class that will help those involved in dog projects learn what they are supposed to work on with their animal.

For those who are not in dog projects, this can teach the correct ways to train a dog.

Those interested may sign up by calling Jeremy Reynolds at 217-322-3381.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**SAT., APR. 28:** Pathfinder's Blessing of the Bikes, 10 a.m., Cornerstone Church, Rt. 24 East, Mt. Sterling. Farmer's Market, KC Hall, Mt. Sterling, 8-noon. Spring Fling baked ham supper, Community Building, 4-7 p.m.

**TUE., MAY 1:** Rolling Greens Tuesday Ladies League Golf and Soup Supper, tee off at 5:30, supper to follow. All lady golfers welcome.

**SAT., MAY 5:** Farmer's Market, KC Hall, Mt. Sterling, 8-noon.

**TUE., MAY 8:** Hardin Lodge meets, Supper at 6:30, meeting at 7:30.

**FRI., MAY 11:** 2nd Annual Big Brothers Big Sisters Cook-out, Clark Park, 5-7 p.m.

**WED., MAY 16:** VFW Post 10399 mtg., Legion Building, 6 p.m., Mt. Sterling.

**MON., MAY 21:** Mt. Sterling American Legion and Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m., meal at 6:30 p.m.

**SAT., JUNE 2:** County wide yard sale - Mt. Sterling & Versailles.

**SAT., JUN. 9:** Golf for Kids Sake, Rolling Green Golf Course, registration - 8 a.m., tee-off - 9 a.m.

**FRI. JUL. 27:** Back to School Round Up, Clark Park, 1-7 p.m.

Eligibility for the Community Calendar is limited to civic, social and non-profit organizational meetings and events, holidays and community events. Send Community Calendar items to The D-M, P.O. Box 71, Mt. Sterling, IL 62353.

### YMCA offers youth camps

Mt. Sterling Community Center YMCA will have 11 weeks of summer day camp for youth 6 to 9 years old, and eleven weeks of Extreme Tween camp for youth 10-12 years old.

Both camps will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, with before and after care available for free. Before and after care enables parents to drop off their children at 7:30 a.m. and be picked up as late as 5:30 p.m.

Each week will have a different theme. Children will do a number of

activities that are both fun and educational. Each week will include a field trip and a trip to the pool.

Campers may sign up for certain weeks or the entire 11-week session.

Cost is \$74 per week for members and \$95 per week for non-members. For those enrolling multiple children, a sibling rate is established, with each additional sibling costing \$62 per week for members, \$77 per week for non-members.

For more information, anyone can call Jeff Summers at 773-2230.

place at the Mt. Sterling Y 9-11:30 a.m. and will feature activities such as an inflatable bounce house and slide, games and competitions, a punt, pass and kick competition (weather permitting), and laser tag.

Community organizations will be present to help residents prepare for a great summer for kids.

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## Attorneys respond Gilsdorf request to remove sheriff

By DAN LONG  
Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan and Brown County State's Attorney Mark Vincent have responded to attorney Jesse Gilsdorf's request to remove Karl Groesch as Brown County sheriff. "I'm declining to bring the request to action," Vincent said Friday. The Attorney General's office is, too. Illinois statutes provide for the offices of sheriff and coroner to be held by the same person, according to Vincent. Gilsdorf's request stemmed from his want to

serve Groesch in relation to a lawsuit. The sheriff serves summonses, but can't serve himself. Next in line is the coroner. Gilsdorf stated in his letter to both offices he believed since the duties conflicted, the positions could not be held by the same person. "There are other ways to service someone," Vincent said, "including the court appointing anyone over 18 years old. "The sheriff could hire someone who isn't a deputy to serve him." With both offices declining to bring action, Gilsdorf can, according to Vincent.

## Adams 2012 Quincy Area Wide Directory is available

The Adams 2012 Quincy Area Wide Telephone Directory has had more than 61,000 copies distributed throughout Western Illinois and Northeast Missouri recently. The white page listings are in one section for all businesses and residential listings. Additional easy to find features include: zip codes for Quincy and Hannibal, maps, the community and information section with a detailed listing of area schools, and a guide to area attractions. There is an online directory that can be found at [www.Quincy411.com](http://www.Quincy411.com) or [www.adams.net](http://www.adams.net).

Searches can be done by business name or type, which includes a business map for easy reference, and searches available using a telephone number (reverse look-up). Locations where anyone may pick up a directory are listed on the Adams website at [www.adams.net](http://www.adams.net). The directory is the official directory for Adams Telephone Co-Operative. Anyone with questions can contact Adams Telephone Co-Operative by e-mailing [quincyareawide@adams.net](mailto:quincyareawide@adams.net) or by calling toll-free 877-696-4611.

## Legion and Auxiliary celebrate

By NANCY MITCHELL  
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT  
March is a time of celebration for the American Legion and its Auxiliary. Members of both organizations met March 19 to celebrate the birthday of the American Legion. A nice meal, including a birthday cake, was enjoyed

by all present. The Auxiliary gave awards for continuous membership. Mary Kleinlein, Rita Kitchell, Doris Sorrells, Marian Wagner, and Doris Todd received 10-year pins. Twenty-year pins went to Barb Groesch, Samantha Kassing, and

## First electronic collection event deemed a huge success

The first electronic collection event for Brown County was a huge success, according to organizer Brenda Middendorf. A total of 43 trucks, 18 SUVs and five cars provided a steady stream of traffic and electronic equipment to unload. Volunteers included Mt. Sterling Acting Mayor Matt Bradbury; Jeff Seefeldt, USDA Rural Development; Taylor Herald; Cody Hammer; and Aaron Brown. DOT Foods allowed the use of its west facility to host the event and provided a forklift. "This effort could not have been completed without all the wonderful volunteer support we received", said Middendorf with Two Rivers RC&D and organizer of the Electronic Collection Event. Fourteen pallets were filled and loaded onto a semi-truck for transportation back to Wisconsin where the items will be recycled. Electronics are complex devices which are made of a wide variety of material constituents. Some of the constituents, such as lead, nickel, cadmium, and mercury, could pose risks to human health or the environment if mismanaged at their end-of-life. However, it's just as important to keep used electronics out of landfills, to recover materials and reduce the environmental impacts and energy



A STEADY STREAM of vehicles kept volunteers busy unloading, sorting by category and then wrapping the pallets for loading onto the semi-truck. Taylor Herald (with back to camera) Jeff Seefeldt, Cody Hammer (back to camera) and Mt. Sterling Acting Mayor Matt Bradbury unloaded electronics. The man second from the left was not identified.

demands from mining and manufacturing. Electronics are made from valuable resources, such as precious metals, copper, and engineered plastics, all of which require considerable energy to process and manufacture. Recycling electronics recovers valuable materials and as a result, reduces greenhouse gas emissions,

reduces pollution, saves energy, and saves resources by extracting fewer raw materials from the earth. For example: \* Recycling one million laptops saves the energy equivalent to the electricity used by 3,657 US homes in a year. \* One metric ton of circuit boards can contain 40 to 800 times the concentrations

of gold ore mined in the US and 30-40 times the concentration of copper ore mined in the US. Anyone who missed this electronic recycling event can participate in another event planned for this fall.

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### 2012 BC High School Prom Court

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### Students of the week

KATHRYN PIEHLER, 8th grade; Grace Moore, 6th; Olivia Hea, 5th; (l-r) and Taylor Winner, 7th (individual) are the Brown County Middle School students of the week. This program is teacher led and every student is eligible every week. Each grade will select a student and the criteria for the program is based on behavior, character, student work, leadership and modeling what a good middle school student should be. Each week the winners will have their picture posted in the front office and receive a gift certificate to a McDonalds. This is another effort to continually raise expectations for all students.



THE SCIENCE FAIR 10 grand finalist were (front, l-r) Randi Scheer, Janel Dormire, Sara Logsdon, Jade Taylor-Hall, Jaden Lerch and (back, l-r) Kathryn Piehler, Bret Templin, Nick Hendricker, Evan Carmean, and Kylie Carr. Piehler and Hendricker received Best of Show.

### Science fair high lights 92 projects

The 2012 Brown County Middle School Science Fair was April 26 with an open house and awards ceremony in the evening. There were 92 science fair projects on display with students available for presentation and questions

from family and community members. There were 15 volunteer judges who were assigned projects that matched their area of expertise. From the 92 projects, the 15 judges selected the 10 grand finalists. From those

10, two were selected for Best of Show. The grand finalists received a plaque in addition to their medals and the best of show students received an additional \$50 donated from Farmer's State Bank.

### FCCLA collects 67 units

Brown County High School FCCLA had a Red Cross blood drive Friday, April 27. Sixty-seven good units were collected. As a result, \$500 in Red Cross scholarship money will be divided between two BCHS students. The recipients will be announced at Award Day Friday. Casey's, The Station and FS donated pizzas.

### Versailles resident graduates with masters

Elaina Lynn May, Versailles, graduated from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Friday and Saturday, earning a masters in science. A total of 1,840 students

were eligible to graduate during SIUE's commencement ceremonies at the School of Nursing, the School of Business and the Graduate School.

### Local Mt. Sterling youth to Boy's State

American Legion Post of Mt. Sterling will attend Boy's State at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston June 9 -15.

Zach is a junior at Brown County High School. He has been in Science Club three years, National Honor Society one year Drama Club three years, Quiz Bowl two years, WYSE two years, and track two years. While at Boy's State he will learn about government and be a part of it, while having time to participate in sports. Zach is a son of Kit Fuqua of Mt. Sterling and Jennifer Redlich of Quincy.



ZACH FUQUA

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