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News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area



The weather on Christmas Day in Union County was just dandy, with sunshine and unseasonably mild temperatures...which might have explained why dandelions were spotted in bloom.

The Snake Road at LaRue-Pine Hills near Wolf Lake in Union County is featured in the 2020 edition of The Old Farmer's Almanac. An article in the popular publication accompanied by a headline which reads "Where Glaciers Stopped...and Traffic Halts for Reptiles" also features Garden of the Gods.

Last Friday morning at its regular meeting, the Union County Board of Commissioners approved a tax levy for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

The county board also set its meeting dates for 2020. The county board generally meets at 8:30 a.m. on the second and fourth Friday of each month.

Union County government holidays for 2020 also were approved at last Friday's meeting. The first holiday was New Year's Day.

Recent local food drives helped to support the Shawnee Development Council's food pantry.

The year 2019 marked 40 years of service by the Southern Seven Health Department to those living in Union, Alexander, Hardin, Massac, Johnson, Pope and Pulaski counties in Southern Illinois.

AnnaVista in Anna welcomes donations of Christmas season items which people may no longer need. Details are available by contacting AnnaVista.

Top 10 weather events of 2019 in region

Excessively wet, major flooding, January snowstorm, autumn goes missing, record November cold and snow

A wet forecast for the final weekend of 2019 in the region may have been a fitting end to a very wet year.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah shared on its website that "2019 will be remembered as an excessively wet year, one of our wettest on record in fact."

The excessive precipitation "resulted in a prolonged duration of flooding along the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers that lasted deep into the summer season," the weather service said.

"The relentless wet pattern briefly let up during September, resulting in one of our driest Septembers on record," the weather service noted.

In December, the weather service office posted a review of the "10 biggest weather events in 2019" for the area which includes Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky.

Along with major flooding along the region's two major rivers, the review included a snowstorm in January, a lack of fall-like temperatures during October and a record cold start to November.

The spring severe weather season in the region was "relatively quiet," the weather service reported.

The "most noteworthy event" occurred on March 14, when an EF-2 tornado struck Paducah.

Severe weather ramped up in a big way in June and included a second tornado to hit Paducah in a time span of three months: an EF-1 twister was reported on June 23.

"Finally, the fall season will be remembered as one with wild temperature swings and a lack of comfortable fall-like temperatures," the weather service reported.

Here's a look at the top 10 weather events of 2019, in chronological order:

1. A snowstorm on Jan. 19 caused major travel impacts. I-57 in Southern Illinois was closed for a period of time. The storm dropped more than 5 inches of snow on the Union County area.

2. Major flooding along the Ohio River, including record duration at Cairo, from February through July.

3. March 14 tornadoes, including an EF-2 twister in Paducah.

4. Major flooding along the Mississippi River for a prolonged period from March through August. Major flooding also occurred along the Big Muddy River. Union County is bordered by both rivers.

5. Severe weather ramped up in June, including a June 21 derecho and a June 23 tornado in Paducah.

6. A large hail event was reported on Aug. 6.

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Winter snowstorm

A Union County Sheriff's Office squad car was making its way through Cobden during a snowstorm which occurred on Jan. 19.



Flooding in bottomlands

Major flooding was occurring in the Mississippi River bottomlands near Ware during June. Some of the roads in the area sustained major damage.



Severe weather

A large tree on the grounds of Stinson Memorial Library toppled during severe weather which swept through the region in late June.



Snow in autumn

A rare winter storm brought light snow, and very cold temperatures, to the region on Nov. 11.

WIBH Radio wraps up successful coat campaign for 2019

When it comes to helping Southern Illinois kids in need, one local radio station has it all wrapped up.

On Dec. 13, WIBH Radio in Anna concluded its annual coat campaign and surpassed its goal for the year.

Through monetary donations, the 2019 WIBH New Coats, New Hope Campaign raised over \$6,000 to purchase more than 300 new, winter coats for kids in need in Southern Illinois. The goal was 200 coats.

Postal Pal in Anna covered the cost of shipping, which allowed 100 percent of the donations to be used only for coats.

"We want to thank everyone who contributed to the New Coats, New Hope Campaign," WIBH Radio co-owner Moury Bass said.

"We continue to be amazed at the generosity of our listeners. We look forward to continuing this beneficial campaign for many years to come."

Since 2011, WIBH has partnered with local agencies in this effort.

This year, the Children's Medical and Mental Health Resource Network, CMMHRN, Family Counseling Center and Southern Seven Head Start locations were involved.

Over the years, more than \$37,000 has been raised and more than 2,100 coats have been purchased. Each year, the coats are ordered through the nonprofit organization Operation Warm.

Those involved in the

campaign said that it is estimated that 20 percent of Southern Illinois children live in poverty and a warm coat is an essential item for each of them.

A new coat promotes self-esteem, school attendance, outdoor play and gives parents and children a sense of security.

The coats are scheduled to arrive in early January. Shawnee Mass Transit District in Vienna plans to help deliver the coats to their destinations.

Coats will then be distributed through partnering agencies to children ages 3 to 16 living in the lower 45 counties in Illinois who have been affected by abuse, neglect, disaster and family need. No paperwork or proof of income is required to receive a coat.

Operation Warm is a national nonprofit that creates brand new, high-quality coats for children in need.

The organization partners with compassionate individuals and organizations across North America to give a gift of warmth, confidence and hope to millions of children in need.

For more information, or to request a coat for a child in need, contact Moury Bass at WIBH at 833-9424 or Shawna Rhine at Southern Seven Health Department at 618-634-2297, extension 161; or visit the WIBH New Coats, New Hope Campaign on Facebook. To learn more about Operation Warm, visit operationwarm.org.



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Shawnee students conduct mock trial

Students in teacher Jamie Nash-Mayberry's government course at Shawnee High School in Wolf Lake recently concluded their unit on the judicial system by participating in a mock trial simulation in which students played roles as either the jury, prosecution or defense.

Before conducting the trial, students learned about the justice system, watched court in action at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro and talked to officeholders. Then they analyzed evidence to piece together the "crime."

The simulation was cross-curricular: chemistry served as the forensics team, an English course served as witnesses, and later seniors in English will make satires about famous cases. School resource officer Jeff Stroehlein also advised the students.

All teams did a fantastic job, Nash-Mayberry said. In the end, Olivia Jackson was found not guilty in the "murder" of art teacher Lea Heller. Photos provided.

Top 10 weather events

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7. A flash drought occurred from late August into early October.

8. October featured a "wild temperature swing" and a lack of fall-like temperatures. The high in Union County for the month was 93 degrees, which was recorded on Oct. 2.

9. A record cold start to November, accompanied by rare snowfall on Veterans Day. A low temperature of 8 degrees was recorded on Nov. 13 in Union County. One inch of snow was measured on Nov. 11.

10. An excessively wet year, ranking among the top six wettest on record, was recorded in the region. Precipitation in Union County during 2019 totalled about 5 1/2 feet (65.78 inches) through the end of November.

(Editor's note: Local statistics again were shared by weather observer Dana Cross of Jonesboro. The Gazette-Democrat appreciates all of the information he shares about local weather.)

Early childhood programs receive support

The State of Illinois has secured \$40.2 million in federal funding over the next three years to improve early childhood programs across Illinois.

From 2020 through 2022, the state will receive \$13.4 million per year from the Preschool Development Birth through Five (PDG B-5) Renewal Grant, administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Pastor's Corner by Pastor Don Cox

If being "thankful" is not EXPRESSED openly, it has no value being kept in your head and NOT out your mouth! TRUE!

Congregational Church of Alto Pass
 Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.
 Worship-Messgae at 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study - Wednesdays at 6 p.m.
 Book of Revelation

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I want to Thank You all for the lovely cards, notes, calls and visits but most of all for your prayers, and if I may I would like to ask for your continued prayers as my leg is very slow healing, and this would mean a great deal to me. With my deepest appreciation God Bless you all and wishing each of you a blessed healthy and Happy New Year.

Mat Page

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"The Preaching Pen"
Resolutions for 2010

The New Year is here, if you're so inclined to make them, I would like to offer you 5 resolutions that I think each of us should make - and keep for 2020. They're found in Proverbs 3:1-10.

Resolution # 1 - I will get into the Word and stay in the Word (Prov. 3:1-2). Here's our resolution from Proverbs 1:1: "My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments." We all need to make a renewed effort to be good students of God's Word. Here's why: you can't be who God wants you to be if you don't know what God wants you to be. So how do you know? Read the Bible, God's Word!

Resolution # 2 - I will get serious about my commitment to God & others (vv. 3-4). One thing sorely lacking in our culture today is commitment. People aren't committed to God or to others like they should be.

Look at the divorce rate. Look at how many couples cohabitate instead of marrying. There's no commitment there! We have way too much "free agency" in relationships, in jobs, in religion, and most unfortunately in our commitment to Jesus Christ. Prov. 3:3: "Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart." "Mercy" ("chesed") - Heb., meaning "loyalty" & "Truth." Wouldn't you say that those two words indicate commitment? We must strengthen our commitment to God and to others.

Resolution # 3 - I will give up control of my life to God. (Prov. 3:5-6): "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." There must be a full commitment of ourselves to the Lord. We must trust Him for salvation and for the direction of our lives without reservation. We must admit that we're not able to guide ourselves. Jeremiah put it bluntly: "O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps" (Jer. 10:23).

Resolution # 4 - I resolve to learn humility (Prov. 3:7-8). V. 7: "Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil." If we don't humble ourselves before the Lord, if we don't fear Him - which primarily means we respect Him, then we are going to end up places we ought not be. A healthy respect for God and His commandments will keep us from all kinds of evil.

Resolution # 5 - I will be more generous (9-10). V. 9: "Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase." There are some powerful stewardship principles in this verse. Stewardship is about putting Christ first. Notice that the proverb says, "With the firstfruits of all thine increase." Putting God first isn't just about money. We must resolve to be more generous with our time, talents, as well as our finances.

Resolve to put God first in your life in 2020. Study with us at the Anna church of Christ any time and have a great day!

R.W. McAlister, Minister
 Anna church of Christ

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Mock trial conducted at Shawnee High School.



The prosecution.



The jurors.



The defense.

Vaping injury outbreak noted

Southern Seven Health Department reports that the Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, has released findings from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC, about what is called an unprecedented outbreak of vaping associated lung injury, EVALI, as a result of using E-cigarettes.

As of Dec. 17, 2019, a total of 2,506 EVALI cases have been reported across all 50 states to the CDC, including 54 deaths.

A recent study published in the New England Journal of Medicine shows that this is a new outbreak, rather than a previously unrecognized documentation.

In Illinois, the CDC reported that 206 cases of EVALI were investigated, including five deaths. The median age is 22 and the majority of cases are male.

Nearly all cases have required hospitalization, and roughly 50 percent of cases have required intensive care management.

Details about the Illinois and national outbreaks can be found on the websites for IDPH and the CDC.

Following the latest information about vaping, the CDC on Dec. 20 released two new Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Reports, MMWR, which provide updated clinical guidance for health care professionals.

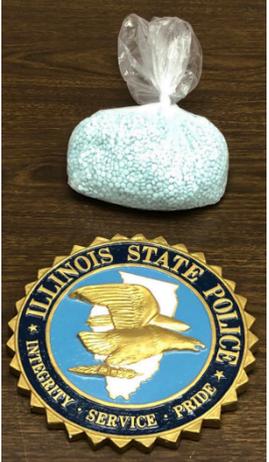
The reports suggest that Vitamin E acetate, VEA, in THC based e-cigarette vaping products has played a significant role in this acute outbreak.

Health officials shared that most cases reported using THC-based vaping products, and VEA has been found in both THC containing vaping products, as well as clinical lung fluid samples from impacted patients.

Symptoms of EVALI may include breathing difficulty, stomach pain, weight loss, fevers, headache, chronic pain and fatigue.

Persons who experience these symptoms who use e-cigarettes should seek medical attention immediately, health officials advised.

Illinois State Police make oxycodone seizure



A traffic stop made by an Illinois State trooper in Johnson County has resulted in the arrest of one suspect and the seizure of 814 grams of oxycodone pills.

The traffic stop occurred on Dec. 22, when a trooper from Illinois State Police District 22 stopped a passenger vehicle on Interstate 24 for a Scott's Law violation.

During the stop the trooper observed alleged indicators of possible criminal activity. During further investigation into the stop,

the driver allegedly was found not to possess a valid driver's license and had open alcohol in the vehicle.

A subsequent search of the vehicle resulted in the seizure of 814 grams of oxycodone pills, state police reported. The pills are suspected to be counterfeit pills containing Fentanyl.

The driver of the vehicle which was stopped was identified as Manuel Bracamonte of San Diego, Calif. State police said that the driver was arrested for manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance, no valid driver's license and illegal transportation of alcohol. Bracamonte was incarcerated at the Saline County Jail. Photo provided.

Food drive held

Shawnee Mass Transit had a company-wide food drive.

More than 1,500 food items were gathered over two and a half weeks. All of the items that were collected were distributed back to the county in which they were collected.

Cultivation centers approved

The Illinois Department of Agriculture, IDOA, has now approved all 21 cultivation centers to grow cannabis for adult use.

As of Dec. 23, the department had approved the three outstanding cultivating licenses authorized under state law.

One of the 21 cultivation centers approved by the state is located in Union County: Wellness Group Pharms LLC in Anna.

Bedford Grow LLC in Bedford Park, ILGrown Medicine LLC in Elk Grove Village and JG IL LLC in Edgewood are now approved to grow cannabis for adult use, bringing the number of cultivation centers in Illinois to 21.

Currently, only cultivation centers licensed to grow medical marijuana can apply for early approval adult-use growth, IDOA reported.

Social equity applicants will have additional opportunities to apply for cultivation center licenses in an upcoming phase.

News from Walnut Grove Church

The church was almost at capacity on Christmas Eve with members from Walnut Grove and the Jonesboro United Methodist Church, along with family and friends from nearby towns and even other states.

Pastor Bobbi and Aidan read the Christmas Eve Advent litany and lit all the candles including the Christ candle.

Gerry and Jim helped Pastor Bobbi with the Holy Communion service so everyone could receive communion or receive a blessing from the pastor.

When the candles were lit in the darkness, everyone sang "Joy to the World" and held their candles high.

Christmas music was provided throughout by Elizabeth Corbit on piano, Doug Brown on guitar and Loren Herold on flute.

On the first Sunday after Christmas at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church, Sandy lit the altar candles while Johnathan played the musical prelude on the piano, and Jim collected the offering.

Keith read scripture from Hebrews and the responsive reading was from the Psalms.

The scripture was from Matthew and Pastor Bobbi talked about Jesus as a baby boy who was part of the holy family with Joseph and Mary. "Through all their trials and tribulations, they found joy with each other and they are an example to all of us," the pastor said.

It was a joy to have Petty Officer Third Class Lucas Batson at church with several of his friends.

The church received a thank-you card from SPERO (United Methodist Children's Home) for a Christmas donation.

The next ladies lunch is planned Jan. 3 at 11:30 a.m. at Goddard's Barn and Grill in Anna.

The Sunday service, which includes Sunday School for children, starts at 9:30 a.m.

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



Holiday tradition continues

Rusty's Home Center in Anna continued its annual holiday tradition with their ugly Christmas sweater contest, which was held on the morning of Tuesday, Dec. 24. Employees wore their most festively unflattering apparel to compete for the title of the season's least-stylish sweater. This year's participants included, from left, Brandon Smith, Jason Stegle, Eric Flamm, Jordi Pitts, Tracie Moore and this year's winner, Lars Whiteside. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

Sunday, Dec. 22

During the morning worship service, a congregational song was led by Randy Pastor Wright.

Ushers for the morning worship service were Curly Ralls, Mark Smith, Robert Smith and Terry Wiseman Sr.

The fourth Sunday Advent reading, "The Candle of Love," was read by Pastor Randy Wright.

Memorial Roll Certificates were presented to Jerod, Erin and Kylee Berry in memory of their daughters and sisters, Anna Faith and Sophie Grace Berry. Their names were placed on the Nazarene Missions International Memorial Roll in Kansas City and on the Memorial Roll Plaque that is displayed in our church foyer.

Other family members present for the presentation were Larry and Verna Fuller and Jeremy, and Jennifer and Rebecca Fuller.

The children's church opened the Christmas program with several traditional Christmas carols under the direction of Herman and

Jessie Wells and Lea Wright.

The NYI Christmas presentation, "Christmas Shoes," was presented under the direction of Lottie Smith and Lilly Hancock.

The evening service was an all church Christmas party held in the fellowship hall. Prizes were given to those who were dressed in their best Christmas attire.

Birthdays: Pastor Randy Wright, Dec. 22; Evan Parks, Jessie Wells, Dec. 27.

A candlelight service with Communion was held on Dec. 24.

Sunday, Dec. 29

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

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

The morning message, "Sanctification: Part 1," was brought by Pastor Wright.

During the evening worship service, congregational songs were led by Pastor Wright and the worship team.

Ushers for the evening

worship service were Mark Smith, Robert Smith, Larry Fuller and Terry Wiseman Sr.

Pastor Wright shared a song with the congregation before the evening message, "Sanctification: Part 2."

Sympathy is extended to Patti Mulback in the loss of her dad, Harry Taylor Sr. this past week, and to the Glasco family in the loss of their loved one, Steve Glasco, who was the brother of Verna Fuller.

Birthdays: Curt Lyerla, Dec. 31.

Anniversary: Robert and Nancy Smith, Jan. 1.

Jan. 11 is Team Day in Decatur.

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

Quizzing is at 5 p.m. on Sunday for children in grades 1 through 6. Youth services and quizzing are at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Dec. 29, Pastor Perry Williams brought the messages at both services. Dee Rose led worship.

Meghan Smith provided special music.

The Voyage Sunday School class is scheduled to meet at 9:45 a.m. Thursday, today.

Birthdays: Larry Rendleman, Dec. 30; Mary Lou Wright, Dec. 31.

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

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

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

News from

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna had its annual Christmas Eve candlelight service at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 24. The choir sang "O Holy Night," and Pastor Mark told the Christmas story.

The church bulletin presented a picture designed by Katie Stegle, and the worship program had on its cover a picture designed by Rowan LeFevre. Mt. Moriah is encouraging the children to help in any way they can with the worship services, and this is one way they can display their love of Christ.

Prayers for healing were offered for Ann West, Marlee Smith, Becky Poole, Abbie Edwards, Giovanna Hill, Jackie Myers, Jon Watson, Randy Bridges, Sue Ann Kaufman, Carla Sims, Nancy McNealy, Craig Bass, Jean West, Shawn Knupp, Nancy Lyerla and Hope Singleton. Mt. Moriah wishes everyone a very happy and prosperous New Year.



Candles were lit during the Christmas Eve candlelight service as the congregation sang "Silent Night." Photo provided.



Christmas Eve Worship
December 24, 2019
Mount Moriah Lutheran Church

A manger scene drawn by Rowan LeFevre was on the Christmas Eve program booklet. Photo provided.



WELCOME TO WORSHIP!
Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church
A manger scene drawn by Katie Stegle was on the church bulletin. Photo provided.

Union County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development presents a Superhero Gala!

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It's Time for a Superhero Gala
Celebrating our Business Superheroes



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Sports

Wildcats post win over Harrisburg at Eldorado Tournament

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' basketball team defeated Harrisburg and finished 1-2 at the 55th annual Eldorado Holiday Tournament last week.

Eldorado 66, A-J 49: The Wildcats tied the game at halftime, but the host Eagles pulled away in the second half Saturday, Dec. 28.

Blake Pena had 17 points and 3 rebounds to lead the Wildcats.

Zach Overstreet had 12 points and a rebound for A-J. Damareon Faust had 8 points and 8 rebounds. Ta'Kevon Williford had 4 points and 2 rebounds. Maddox Thorpe had 4 points and a rebound. Ethan Klett had 2 points and 3 rebounds. Noah McFarland had 4 points and a rebound.

A-J was 12 of 34 in shot attempts from the floor, 6 of 18 from 3-point range and 7 of 10 from the free throw line.

The Eagles were 23 of 37 in shot attempts from the floor, 3 of 13 from 3-point range and 11 of 18 from the charity stripe.

Massac County 58, A-J 42: The Patriots pulled ahead early on their way to the tourney win Friday, Dec. 27.

Pena had 15 points and 4 rebounds to lead A-J.

Williford had 6 points and 3 rebounds. McFarland had 6 points and 9 rebounds. Juan Valencia had

6 points and 2 rebounds. Overstreet had 4 points and 4 rebounds. Nate Belcher had 4 points and a rebound. Faust had a point and a rebound.

The Wildcats were 10 of 31 in shot attempts from the floor, 4 of 13 from 3-point range and 10 of 16 from the free throw line.

The Patriots were 10 of 23 in shot attempts from the floor, 9 of 17 from 3-point range and 11 of 16 from the charity stripe.

A-J 66, Harrisburg 57: The Wildcats pulled ahead early on their way to the first-round tournament win Thursday, Dec. 26.

"It was a good win for us," A-J coach Mike Chamness said.

A-J was 18 of 29 from the free throw line.

Pena led the way for the Wildcats with 19 points and 4 rebounds for the Wildcats.

Williford added 15 points and 6 rebounds. Overstreet had 14 points and 2 rebounds. Faust had 6 points and 3 rebounds. Valencia had 5 points and 3 rebounds. McFarland had 4 points and 7 rebounds. Thorpe had 3 points.

A-J was 18 of 31 in shot attempts from the floor and 4 of 12 from 3-point range.

The Bulldogs were 16 of 36 in shot attempts from the field, 5 of 9 from 3-point range and 10 of 17 from the charity stripe.

A-J, 4-9, is scheduled to play at Pinckneyville Friday, Jan. 3.

Appleknockers 1-2 at Sesser-Valier Tourney

The Cobden High School boys' basketball team finished 1-2 at the 39th annual Sesser-Valier Holiday Tournament last week.

Red Bud 66, Cobden 60: The Appleknockers were outscored 10-4 in overtime in the loss in its final game Saturday, Dec. 28.

The Musketeers led 18-11 after one quarter and 30-25 at the half. Cobden fought back for a 56-56 tie after four quarters.

Noah Franklin had 36 points to lead Cobden.

Dylan Lewey added 11 points for the Appleknockers, Joe Brumleve 7, Tyler Franklin 4 and Landon Britt 2.

Marissa 54, Cobden 45: The Appleknockers fell behind early in the loss Friday, Dec. 27.

The Meteors led 9-8 after one quarter and 23-20 at the half.

Noah Franklin had 20 points to lead the Appleknockers. Lewey added 15 points, Brumleve 5, Alex Remsey 3, Britt 2 and Tyler Franklin 1.

Cobden 60, Johnston City 41: Cobden came on in the second quarter on its way to the win in the opening game of the tourney Thursday, Dec. 26.

The Indians led 7-6 after one quarter. The Appleknockers fought back to pull ahead 20-14 at the half and were up 33-24 after three periods.

Noah Franklin had 22 points to lead Cobden.

Lewey added 12 points, Tyler Franklin 8, Brumleve 6 and Remsey 2.

Lady Wildcats play at Benton tournament

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' basketball team competed at the Rangerette Christmas Classic at Benton last week.

The Lady Wildcats, 1-1 in the Classic, were scheduled to play against Marion earlier this week. If they won, they were to have played in the 5th place game later on Monday against the winner of Cape Girardeau Central-Sesser/Valier.

Cartersville 52, A-J 34: The Lady Lions pulled ahead early on their way to the win Saturday, Dec. 28.

Kristin Edmonds led the way for A-J with 10 points, 3 rebounds and 3 assists. Mikayla Bundren had 9 points, 3 rebounds and 3 steals. Anna Hess had 5 points, 6 rebounds, 2 assists and a steal. Addison Denny had 5 points,

4 rebounds, 2 assists and a steal. Sydney Ralls had 3 points, 2 rebounds and 2 assists. Raegan Cruse had 2 points. Brodie Denny had a rebound.

A-J 49, Salem 39: The Lady Wildcats built an early lead on their way to the win in opening round play Friday, Dec. 27.

Edmonds had 18 points, 6 rebounds and 4 assists to lead the Lady Wildcats.

Cruse had 11 points, 4 rebounds, 3 steals and an assist. Bundren had 8 points, 3 rebounds and 2 assists. Hess had 6 points, 2 assists and a rebound. Addison Denny had 5 points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals and an assist. Brodie Denny had 2 points and a rebound. Ralls had a point, 2 assists, a rebound and a steal.

A-J, 8-8, is scheduled to play at home against West Frankfort Saturday, Jan. 4.

SIU Carbondale will no longer require SAT, ACT for admission

Southern Illinois University Carbondale will no longer require the SAT or ACT test for admission, aligning with a national trend to make standardized tests optional.

"Research has consistently demonstrated that the most important predictor of college success is the high school grade point average," said SIU chancellor John M. Dunn in a news release.

"Standardized tests can be a barrier to many students due to cost and demographic factors. We have a responsibility to level the playing field and ensure that every student with potential has an opportunity to study at SIU."

FairTest, a national organization that advocates for fairness in the college admissions process, reported that more than 1,000 institutions have made standardized tests optional, including the University of Chicago, the University of Arizona and Kansas State University.

The board of trustees at Indiana University recently voted to allow faculty on its campuses to decide whether tests are required, and the leaders of the University of California and California State systems have advocated for the approach.

At SIU Carbondale, applicants with a high school grade point average of 2.75 or above who have met

course requirements will be admitted to the university regardless of whether they submit their SAT or ACT scores.

Students enrolling for summer or fall 2021 with a 2.75 or above will be eligible for consideration for most scholarships without submitting standardized test scores.

Standardized tests tend to favor students who come from high socio-economic families and whose parents have a college education, according to FairTest.

"SIU has a long history of attracting strong students from diverse backgrounds, and we want to make sure this tradition continues," Dunn said.

"More than 40 percent of our students are the first in their families to go to college. In fact, we have just launched a First Saluki Center to support our first-generation students."

SIU also offers in-state tuition rates to any U.S. student, Dunn said.

"Our goal is to eliminate as many barriers to a college education as possible," he added.

"SIU Carbondale is a national university that gives students opportunities to engage in research and other hands-on learning experiences in the freshman year. We have a lot to offer students who are seeking a high-quality education in a friendly, supportive environment."

State police urge motorists to obey Move Over Law

The Illinois State Police, ISP, continue to urge motorists to obey the Move Over Law, also known as Scott's Law, and to use caution when approaching stationary emergency vehicles or any other stationary vehicle displaying flashing lights on the interstates and roads.

Through Dec. 23, 2019, 27 ISP stationary squad cars had been struck by vehicles, higher than the number of all ISP crashes of this sort that occurred in all of 2016, 2017 and 2018.

The state police also continue to mourn the tragic deaths of Trooper Christopher Lambert and Trooper Brooke Jones-Story.

Enforcement has increased as a result. In 2019, the state police have issued nearly 6,300 citations thus far for violating Scott's

Law, which is nearly 5,300 more than the combined totals of the two previous years.

Effective Jan. 1, 2020, violators of Illinois' Move Over (Scott's) Law will be fined no less than \$250 for a first offense and no less than \$750 for a subsequent offense.

If the violation involves property damage, the violator's driver's license will be suspended for a mandatory period of anywhere between 3 to 12 months.

If the violation results in injury to another person, the violator's driver's license will be suspended for a mandatory period of anywhere between 6 months and two years.

Gov. JB Pritzker signed two pieces of legislation during 2019 as a part of his ongoing effort. Public Act 101-173 increases the fines for those violating this law.

Additionally, a Move Over Task Force, implemented through Public Act 101-174, has been created to study the issues of violations of the Move Over (Scott's) Law and how to protect emergency responders. Both Senate bills are effective Jan. 1, 2020.

Scott's Law requires drivers to change lanes when approaching stationary emergency vehicles, including highway maintenance vehicles displaying flashing lights, and any stationary vehicle with their hazard lights activated.

The law also states that if changing lanes would be impossible or unsafe, drivers are required to proceed with due caution, reduce the speed of the vehicle and leave a safe distance until safely passing the stationary vehicle.

Curtis accepted at Culver-Stockton

Alleigh Curtis has been accepted into the incoming class for fall 2020 at Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Mo.

Curtis, of Jonesboro, is a senior at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

Curtis also was awarded the Wildcat Scholarship, an \$8,000 per year scholarship for four years. The scholarship is awarded based upon academic credentials and is renewable provided the student remains in good academic standing.

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FOR SALE: Hobby Farm/ House on 2+ acres surrounded by fields. \$82,000.00. Private area close to Shawnee National Forest and practically at the back door of Trail of Tears State Forest. The address is 1290 Clear Creek Levee Road (hard road), Jonesboro, which is located 2 miles east of Ware on hwy. 146. Call or text (618) 697-1934. I will get back with you as soon as I can.

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

SELENE FINANCE LP, PLAINTIFF, VS. SALLY J BALLARD, DEFENDANT. 18 CH 19

205 WEST VIENNA STREET ANNA, IL 62906

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on December

17, 2019, Sheriff of Union County will on February 5, 2020, in UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 309 W. MARKET, JONESBORO, IL 62952, at 9:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Union, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 14-00-08-633
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 205 West Vienna Street Anna, IL 62906

Description of Improvements: White vinyl siding, one story single family home, no garage

The Judgment amount was \$62,692.95.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St. Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 267249

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. I3140917

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY - JONESBORO,

ILLINOIS

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. PLAINTIFF

Vs.

Gina Stokes; et. al. DEFENDANTS 2019CH21

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 08/30/2019, the Sheriff of Union County, Illinois will on February 5, 2020 at the hour of 9:00 AM at Union County Courthouse 309 West Market Jonesboro, IL 62952, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Union and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

PIN 14-00-09-645
Improved with Residential **COMMONLY KNOWN AS:**

6 Fairview Ave Anna, IL 62906

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general 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 Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).
If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-19-05924. I3140670

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FOR LEASE: Commercial Property. Retail Space, 1,105 sq. ft. Available now. 125 Leigh Avenue, Suite B, Anna, IL 62906. Call (618)-833-5636 for an appointment to view.

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FOR RENT: 16x80 3 bedroom, 2 bath mobile home. 5 miles south of Anna on U.S. 51. Refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, microwave, storage building, water & trash. No pets. Deposit required. Call (618)-827-4737 or (618)-697-1948.

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HOUSE FOR RENT: 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Located in Anna. No pets. No smoking. \$700.00 per month plus utilities. Deposit & references required. Please call (618)-697-4289.

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HELP WANTED

WANTED: LPN MULBERRY MANOR is accepting applications for Full/Part Time LPN Position. Background check required. Those interested may apply in person or email a resume. 612 E. Davie St., Anna, IL 62906. 618-833-6012 mulberrymanor@keltechmanagement.com EOE.

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WANTED: DSP/Mature Caretaker/CNA (we will train you) MULBERRY MANOR is accepting applications for the DSP positions. We will train you. No prior certification required. Background check required. Full time & part time hours. All shifts. Those interested may apply in person or email a resume. 612 E. Davie St., Anna, IL 62906. 618-833-6012 mulberrymanor@keltechmanagement.com EOE.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JAMES R. CASEY, Deceased. 2019-P-39

NOTICE OF DEATH, INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of James R. Casey, of Anna, Union County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on December 3, 2019, to Nancy Elizabeth Modglin, 710 Friedens Road, St. Charles, Missouri, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is William B. Ballard, Jr., 500 South Main Street, 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 Circuit Clerk of this Court at the Union County Courthouse, 311 W. Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before June 19, 2020, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/19-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated December 19, 2019

NANCY ELIZABETH MODGLIN

WILLIAM B. BALLARD, JR.
ATTORNEY FOR INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR
500 SOUTH MAIN STREET
ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906
PHONE: 618-833-6432
ARDC# 0103640
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STATE OF ILLINOIS, CIRCUIT COURT UNION COUNTY

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT)

Request of: Pamela Jane Thompson 2019-MR-117

There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from: Pamela Jane Thompson to the new name of: Pamela Jane Sadler. The court date will be held

on January 21, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., at 309 W. Market Street, Jonesboro, IL, Union County, in Courtroom #1.

Pamela Jane Thompson
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF POINSETT COUNTY, ARKANSAS CIVIL DIVISION

TRACI ANN SMITH, As custodian of BLYE SMITH-BOSECKER, a minor NO. CV-19-187

WARNING ORDER

To: John Bosecker

Take notice that on the 17th day of October, 2019, a Verified Petition for Change of Name was filed by Traci Smith, in the Civil Division of the Circuit Court of Poinsett County, Arkansas, in which Traci Smith is seeking a name change for her minor child.

A hearing on this matter is scheduled for January 28, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. at the Craighead County Courthouse in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing set forth above and show cause against such application, the Petition shall be taken as confessed and the name change granted.

Dan Ritchey
Circuit Judge

Dated this 12th day of December, 2019.

MISTY RICHARDSON RUSSELL, CIRCUIT CLERK BY: Deanne Jones

By: Kara L. Byars (#2011219)
Attorney at Law
107 North Gould
Harrisburg, AR 72432
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY - JONESBORO, ILLINOIS

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. PLAINTIFF

Vs. Gina Stokes; et. al. DEFENDANTS 2019CH21

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LOT NUMBER SIX (6) FIRST FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ANNA, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PIN 14-00-09-645
Improved with Residential **COMMONLY KNOWN AS:**

6 Fairview Ave Anna, IL 62906

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each

Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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

Happy New Year

Wishing everyone a wonderful and blessed new year.

Thanks

A special thanks to Tom and Karen Betts for giving me credit when they renewed a gift subscription to The Gazette-Democrat.

Christmas

Celebrating Christmas at the Rhymer household in Dongola for Christmas morning breakfast, were Jamie and Rebecca Yates, children Ruby, Mason, Violet and Miles from Anna, Andy, Preston, Ethan and

Taylor Rhymer from Kansas, Jordan, Alexis, Hadley and Junior Rhymer from Anna.

Christmas Eve

The Rhymer/Schultz families had their Christmas Eve get-together at the home of the Yates family in Anna. Lots of food and fun was enjoyed by all from families coming from, Dongola, Cypress, Kansas, Goreville and Anna.

Wisconsin Dells Trip

Lane, Ashley, Reid and Lenore Patterson enjoyed a Christmas trip to Wisconsin Dells on a raffle ticket

Lane bought from a student fund-raiser.

Among the places they went were Cascade Mountain and The "Lion King" Waterpark at Kalahari Indoor Waterpark and Theme Park.

Birthday

Brenda Allen celebrated her birthday on New Year's Day.

Wedding Anniversary

Dec. 28 Todd and Marla Williams celebrated their 33 wedding anniversary.

Christmas Celebration

Judy and Weldon Davis spent five days with son Bob and family at their newly remodeled home in Elgin. They had a great visit and celebrated Christmas with them. They came home on Friday, Dec. 27.

The weather was fine for traveling both ways, thank you God for that and for all the blessings we received.

Their son Kyle is a junior at Loyola College, son Bradley is a senior in high school and daughter Olivia is a sophomore in high school. They have grown up much too fast.

Christmas Guests

Christmas guests of Ron and Kathie Watkins were Doris Womick, Bill and Nancy Hooks, and Lindsey, Nora and Seth Houston.

News from Texas

It was good to hear from Louise Pitts from Wylie, Texas. Louise always enjoys reading The Gazette-Democrat.

After her husband Dale of 65 years went to be with our Lord, Louise moved into an assisted living facility called New Haven. It is close to her daughter Debbie and Jon so they help her.

Her grandson Jason moved into a new apartment this year. Her granddaughter Janie and David were married in October.

Granddaughter Katie and Mack live in Utah. Granddaughters Elana and Jenny are still in high school and help her also.

Mike and Betsy came from Indiana to help with Dale and helped Louise move.

Most of their family gathered together at Debbie and John's for Thanksgiving.

Louise said she had a list of names she sends Christmas greetings to ev-



The Union County Housing Board met at the Brick House Grill for their December meeting.



Willie and Terrie Rhymer, along with Jamie and Rebecca Yates and their children, Ruby, Mason, Violet and Miles, traveled to Grand Rivers to Patti's to celebrate the birthday of Rebecca Yates. The food was great and the new restaurant looks beautiful.



Rev. Carl Johnston was the guest preacher at the United Methodist Church in Anna on Sunday. He told the children about Jesus.



Four generations: Kathie Womick Watkins, mother Doris Womick, Nancy Womick Hooks, Lindsey Hooks Houston, Nora Houston celebrated Christmas.



Christian Lewellyn celebrated his 16th birthday Dec. 23 and Christmas with his grandmother Janice Lewellyn, who was visiting him in Dallas, Texas.

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LOT NUMBER FIVE (5) IN GEORGE W. NORRIS' FIRST ADDITION TO THE TOWN (NOW CITY) OF ANNA, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF ILLINOIS IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS, AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY. TAX NO. 14-00-08-633

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF ANNA

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Anna

will hold a Public Hearing on the 21st day of January, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. at the Anna City Hall, 103 Market Street, Anna, Illinois, to consider a petition by Anna Quarries, Inc. for Vacation of Street as the following described real estate:

A SECTION OF NORTH LIME KILN ROAD FROM EAST LEWIS STREET TO SYCAMORE STREET. THIS SECTION IS ONE BLOCK LONG AND APPROXIMATELY 400 FEET IN LENGTH. THIS SECTION OF NORTH LIME KILN ROAD IS ADJACENT TO THE EAST SIDE OF LOTS 1 THROUGH 10 OF FOREST PLACE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ANNA; AND ADJACENT TO THE WEST SIDE OF ANNA QUARRIES, INC., SECTION 20, T12SRIW, PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER.

Permanent Index Number(s): 14-00-09-299 & 05-20-03-527

Petitioner seeks to Vacation of Street in the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Anna, Illinois.

The Petition in its entirety is available for inspection and copying at the Anna City Hall. All persons interested in such petition should attend and will be given an opportunity to be heard. The Public Hearing may be continued from time to time without further public notice.

City of Anna
103 Market Street
Anna, Illinois 62906

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Diana and Ariana Moutell visited Magnolia Manor in Cairo for their annual visit for the holiday luncheon.



Barbara Anderson with her children Warren, Stuart and Brownie Anderson for Christmas.



Zachary Dudley turns 18 on New Year's Day. Tina his mother said Zach was the SIH 2002 New Year's Baby that year, born at 11:10 a.m. on a slow New Years Day on the OB unit. He will be spending the day babysitting his 3 year old nephew Judah. Happy birthday and Happy New Year.



Happy 7th birthday to Eva Meisenheimer, who celebrated her birthday Friday, Dec. 20, with a party on Friday and Saturday.



Honor Wreaths For Veterans: Wreaths Across America will match any wreaths bought from now to Jan. 15 so one wreath will go on the one purchased and the other wreath will go on a veteran that doesn't have one. We have over 800 veterans buried in our Anna cemetery so please help get them all covered to honor them at our ceremony next December. If we start now we can meet our goal. The wreaths are \$15.



Marge Davidson from Carterville, Cathy Ziegler from Carbondale and Corrine Steveson from Johnston City attended the Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies Christmas dinner in Anna.



Barbara Kempasky from Metropolis was honored on her December birthday at Little Egypt Red Hat Christmas party.



Gaylon Wayne Cates from Chicago celebrated his birthday Dec. 23 while visiting his parents, Gaylon and Clara Cates.

Illinois Statehouse, Springfield

Dome inspection reveals damage

By Jerry Nowicki
Capitol News Illinois
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SPRINGFIELD—A Capitol dome study conducted in December 2019 revealed “some obvious flaws on the exterior of the dome,” a state employee said Tuesday, Dec. 17.

Inspectors also found cracks inside the structure and changes made over the years that have altered the Statehouse’s historical profile.

The flagpole atop the Capitol needs to be replaced and the holiday lights will probably need to be hung in a different manner, Harl Ray, senior project manager for the secretary of state’s Department of Physical Services, said at a Capitol Architect board meeting.

Secretary of State Jesse White’s office is tasked with overseeing buildings in the Capitol Complex.

Chicago-based, woman-owned firm Bailey Edward performed an inspection from the top of the

Statehouse dome to the fourth floor, where access to the inner dome is located right outside the House gallery.

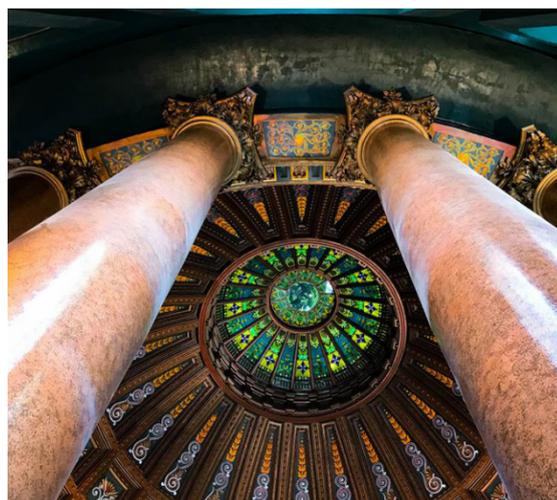
That dome, standing about 235 feet tall, is what Illinoisans see from inside the building. The outer dome is the silver-colored, 361-foot tall structure seen from outside the building.

The firm’s final report, expected by mid-January, will include “a detailed and prioritized list of recommended corrections and repairs to guide future preservation efforts of the Illinois State Capitol Dome,” according to its website.

Ray said examiners found open seams in the outer dome’s protective metal skin and other spots where the sheet metal overlaps incorrectly.

Those areas are “actually catching rain,” as opposed to allowing the rain to run from one metal shingle to the next, and causing “active leaks.”

Secretary of state crew members are using plastic



The Statehouse’s dome rises about 125 feet higher than the inner dome, which is made of colored stained glass covered by a hard shell. Capitol News Illinois photo by Rebecca Anzel.

sheeting to guide water into buckets so it does not seep below the inner dome to occupied areas of the Statehouse.

Inspectors also “discovered a crack on all four compass points” of the bracket structures supporting the stone columns visible outside the Capitol.

“They are not worried. There is no structural failure. They’re just wanting to know what happened and why,” Ray said. “Those cracks look like they’ve been there for decades: a long, long time.”

Assessors will reexamine those areas to determine whether additional support is needed, he added. They will be aided by a set of architectural drawings from 1870, which were donated from the Springfield Lincoln Library’s Sangamon Valley Collection last summer.

Inspectors are also examining brick archways in the area between the two domes and what effect the high-sulfur coal originally used to heat and light the Statehouse had on the material used in banding around the structure.

Ray said he expects the study to recommend replacing the “skin on the dome.” That might cost in the “ballpark” of \$5 million, according to estimates based on the cost of doing the same work in 1975. At that time, the state paid \$950,000.

Similar to the method utilized to renovate the U.S. Capitol, the work would necessitate scaffolding from the flat portion of the Statehouse roof to the flagpole, which also must be changed.

“Our guys and gals are at great risk when they’re up there changing the flag. It might be zero wind down here, but up there it feels like 25 or so,” Mike Wojcik, director of Physical Services in the secretary of state’s office, said.

“We’ve been fortunate that we have volunteers that want to go up, but more and more, we have less and less people that are not afraid to go up there.”

He proposed installing a pole similar to that in Chicago’s Union Station: the flag can be lowered, replaced and raised from the observation room.

This “safer” type of flagpole is being added to the Old State Capitol as well, Tim Partrick, a member of the Capital Development Board, added.

The exposed part of the pole at the Statehouse is 23 feet tall, with another 28 feet of pole that connects to the ceiling of the observation deck.

Each time the flag is lowered, workers use the floating staircase which, Wojcik said, was only meant for maintenance needs.

Ray said he also expects to receive a recommendation for “how and why and where we can do Christmas lights in the future.”

Since the Capitol saw its first legislative session in 1877, the state has made numerous renovations. “But the dome has been neglected, giving way to leaks and falling debris,” according to Bailey Edward’s website.

Eric Whitlock, a secretary of state employee, said all tours of the dome have been cancelled due to safety issues.



Jake and Mary Knight celebrated their 11th wedding anniversary Dec. 27.

Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, C.J. Youngerman, Freddy Morse.

Christmas, Birthday Celebration

On Christmas Day Linda Comte was at daughter Shelly McDaniel’s house in Carrier Mills.

They had a jolly old time. Present were daughter Shelly McDaniel, her granddaughter Linda’s great-granddaughter Mia Comte and Linda Comte.

Shelly cooked a ham dinner. They opened their presents before eating. They had a very Merry Christmas.

On Saturday they had Mia Comte a one day early 13th birthday party at Quicks Skating Rink in Anna. The young kids there had a wonderful day. There were Mia C., Hunter, Trevor, Madison, Mady, Tory, Mia W, Hunter’s mom Amanda and grandmommy Linda. Mia’s birthday is the 29th so grandmommy and Mia celebrated her birthday at home.

Trip to Texas
Janice Lewellyn enjoyed a trip to Dallas, Texas, to celebrate her grandson Christian Lewellyn’s 16th birthday Dec. 23.

Janice had fun helping make tamales with one to 10 around the table at different times working. There were 30-plus in attendance for Christmas.

A secret can be kept by family from Elgin to Dallas, Texas. At least kept

from Janice. Janice found out when she flew back to Marion and was expecting her son Tim and Susan to be waiting to pick her up but found her son Ron and great-grandchildren Anthony and Bryce from South Elgin waiting on her.

They spent a few days with Janice in Anna and had a great time. Janice’s daughter-in-law Ingrid and great-grandson Jeramy were unable to come along unfortunately.

Women’s Club Meeting
GFWC (General Federation of Women Club) Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women’s Club will meet Monday, Jan. 6, at 11 a.m. at El Jalapeno. Guest speaker will be Gary Dahmer, public works manager for the City of Anna.

Everyone is welcome to attend. The club is always looking for new members.

The club supports our city and community along with our state and nation. Donations are made to Safe Celebration, Shop with a Fireman and Police Officer, Stinson Memorial Library’s summer reading program, Honor Wreaths for Veterans, school children, gives a scholarship, conservation, and supports many more.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Sunday morning Dean Corbit welcomed everyone and call to worship.

The ladies choir’s special was “The Rose of Bethlehem,” Carla Anderson, Marcy Morris, Barbara House, Nancy Hooks, Kathie Watkins, Chris Foster.

Guest pastor was Rev. Carl Johnston who told the children “we should magnify the Lord” and asked them if they knew what that meant: “To worship and put God first and tell the world about Jesus and what he means to us.”

Rev. Carl’s sermon was A Time For Everything, with scripture from Ecclesiastes.

It was good to have Rev. Richard Sullins in attendance while he mends from his surgery.

Birthday
Sydney Waun celebrated her 15th birthday Dec. 29.

Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Visiting with Maxine and Fred Pender of Fair City on Christmas Day were Russ and Patsy Pender, Leslie Grace, Shelton, Kayde and Ridge Pender, all of Olive Branch, Josh, Heather, Chesleigh and Slayton Miller of Tamms, Kristin Pender of Indiana, Brad and Lori Pender of Jonesboro, Austin Pender and Allison of Tamms, Toni Mae Pender and Riley of Metropolis.

Gary Gibbs of Jonesboro and Tony Pender of Metropolis visited one day recently with Maxine and Fred Pender.

Christmas guests of Sue and Steve Eudy of Anna were Brian and Susan Eudy of Jackson, Mo., Megan Eudy and Kevin and Emma Eudy of Cape Girardeau. Kyle and Drew Eudy of Cape Girardeau visited in the afternoon.

Sue and Steve Eudy visited Thursday evening with Venita and Robert Lingle of Anna.

Emma Eudy and Jonathon Bohnert of Cape Girardeau were dinner guests of Sue and Steve Eudy on Sunday, Dec. 29.

Joe Schneider of Cape Girardeau visited with Shir-

ley Miller of McClure on Dec. 24.

Penny and Kerry Hill of McClure and Shirley Miller went to St. Charles and St. Peters, Mo. They visited with David and Kristy Miller in St. Charles, Mo., on Christmas, along with Julie, Eric and Tessa Burtin of St. Peters, Mo., and enjoyed dinner with them on Christmas Eve. They then enjoyed Christmas Day at the home of Julie, Eric and Tessa Burtin in St. Peters, Mo.

Those enjoying pizza at Pizza Hut in Anna after church Sunday evening, Dec. 29, were Rev. Jamie and Maria Bridgeman and Clayton of Cape Girardeau, David and Linda Parks of Jonesboro, Penny and Kerry Hill and Shirley Miller, all of McClure, and Sue and Steve Eudy of Anna.

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

A look back at 2019 in Union County



2019: Fun bubbles over at celebration

The fun was bubbling over at a celebration which marked the end of a 2019 summer reading program at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna. The celebration was Wednesday evening, July 31, at the library. More than 200 young people participated in this year's summer reading program. The theme for the program was "A Universe of Stories." The July 31 celebration featured food, treats from Jus10's Frozen Yogurt & Dessert Shoppe, games, prizes, an opportunity to spend "book bucks" earned during the program and a raffle which featured bicycles donated by the Anna Kiwanis Club and Masters Choice. The popular summer reading program at the Anna library started in June and continued through July.



2019: Graduation ceremonies held at local high schools

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School hosted its 2019 commencement ceremony Saturday evening, May 18. The ceremony was held outdoors at the Union County school's football stadium. The 2019 ceremony marked the 100th anniversary of the first graduation at A-JCHS, which was held in 1919. Commencement ceremonies also were held during the spring at Cobden High School, Dongola High School and Shawnee High School at Wolf Lake.



2019: Night time at the Union County Fair in Anna

The lights of the Union County Fair at night were reflected in a pond at the Anna City Park on an August night. The fair takes place each year at the park. The Henry Dillow Grandstand was packed for demolition derby action which was being held on the night that the photograph was taken.

Obituaries

Bill Lee Eblen



Bill Lee Eblen, 94, of Anna, died peacefully at 6:46 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 23, 2019, at the Illinois Veterans Home at Anna.

He was born on Dec. 29, 1924, in Cairo, Ill., the son of Elory "Teeny" and Virgil Jackson Eblen.

Bill married Mary Ann Profflet on Aug. 31, 1966. She preceded him in death on April 8, 2008.

As a young boy, Bill grew up in several towns as his father worked for a company that required him to move his family often.

He graduated from Rock Island High School in 1943 and immediately joined the U.S. Marine Corps to proudly fight for his country in World War II. Bill served in the military for eight years, ending his career in the Air Force toward the beginning of the Korean War.

After completing his military service, Bill built a career in sales, spending many years in the insurance business.

Bill loved life and lived it to the fullest. He was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Anna, singing in the choir, serving as Eucharistic Minister, and was the initial Grand Knight of the Union County Knights of Columbus.

He and Mary Ann loved to travel and started a small business "Mary Ann's Beans" that they presented at craft shows throughout the region.

His hobbies included golf, duck hunting and fishing. He served on the Union County Country Club Board of Directors and helped create 17 chapters of Ducks Unlimited.

Bill loved animals, especially dogs, and supported PAWS and other animal shelters in the region.

Those who knew Bill enjoyed hearing his jokes and limericks. Titles that Bill had over the years included Santa Claus, Easter Bunny, Family Ear Piercer, Family Drivers Ed Teacher and "Something Blue" dressed in his military uniform for a niece's wedding.

He was a passionate Cardinals' fan and enjoyed watching every game on TV.

At the Illinois Veterans Home he took it as his mission to inspire and support his fellow comrades. On Oct. 1, 2019, Bill thoroughly enjoyed going on the Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.

Bill is survived by his niece, Nancy (Allan) Maly of Grinnell, Iowa; niece Patricia (Jerry) Swaney of Lombard, Illinois; and nephew, James "Skip" (Debra) Schmulbach of Sachse, Texas.

Bill is also survived by his brothers-in-law John Profflet of Anna and Jim (Debbie) Profflet of Jackson, Mo.; sisters-in-law Barbara Newbury of Fayetteville, Ark., Patricia (John) Sullivan of White Pigeon, Mich., Marge (Bill) Harper of Owensboro, Ky., Janet Burkstaller of Englewood, Fla., Martha Ellen Lankheit of Charleston, Mo., Kay Wild of Gainesville, Fla., Sara (Patrick) Lancaster of Germantown, Tenn., Donna Profflet of Brentwood, Tenn., Ginny (Tod) Ponting of Paducah and Emilie (Kris) Martin of Cape Girardeau; several nephews, nieces, great-nephews, great-nieces, and many other relatives and friends. Bill is also survived by a special friend, Judy Edwards of Anna.

Besides his parents and his wife, Bill was preceded in death by his sister, Jo Schmulbach; a daughter, Susan Eblen; and a granddaughter, Annette Marie Eblen Smith.

The Rosary was prayed at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Anna, with Father Uriel Salamanca officiating.

Interment was in the Anna City Cemetery, with military honors accorded by the VFW's Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna and the Illinois Honor Guard.

Memorials be made to St. Mary's Church, PAWS or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna was in charge of the arrangements.

John W. Elkins



John W. Elkins, 84, of Anna, died Thursday, Dec. 26, 2019, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

He was born on Oct. 21, 1935, in Ware, the son of James and Dovie Merriman Elkins.

He married Lola Ryan on Feb. 13, 1999, in Anna.

Mr. Elkins is survived by his wife, Lola Elkins of Anna; one brother, Donald (Doris) Elkins of Massachusetts; other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; and by five sisters and brothers.

Mr. Elkins attended Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. He was a member of the Refuge Worship Center in Ware for many years. He was an avid golfer. He retired from Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna after 26 years of service.

Funeral services were at noon Monday, Dec. 30, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with Pastor Danny Jones officiating. Interment was in the Anna Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Lola Elkins to help her with expenses.

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna was in charge of arrangements.

Trish Coleson



Trish Coleson, 63, of Mill Creek, died Saturday, Dec. 28, 2019, at her home.

She was born on Dec. 29, 1955, the daughter of Grady Ray and Imogene Nolan Dabbs.

She married Michael Coleson on Jan. 23, 1974, in Mound City.

She is survived by her husband, Michael Coleson of Mill Creek; children Kimberly (Doug) Richardson of Mill Creek, Jonathan Coleson of Mill Creek, Jaidyn Weidman of Mill Creek and Billy Sparks of Anna; grandchildren Bryce Richardson, Kylie Richardson, Casey Sparks and Rose Sparks; great-grandchildren Zyeliana Richardson and Zalik Brown; siblings Jerry Dabbs of Mill Creek, Randy Dabbs of Cairo, Linda Turner of Elco, Janet Dabbs of Mill Creek, Sherry Newell of Mill Creek and Lisa McClellan of Pulaski; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by two sisters, Carolyn Sparks and Cathy Klassner.

She enjoyed fishing, cooking and entertaining family and friends. She was a member of the Fellowship of the Cross Church in Mill Creek.

Funeral services will be at noon Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro. Interment will be in St. John's Cemetery near Dongola.

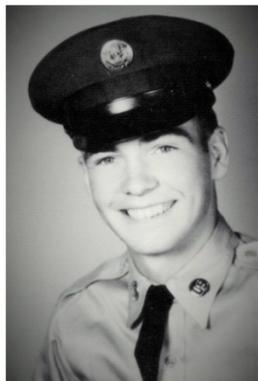
Friends can call from 10 a.m. and until the service hour at noon at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro.

Memorials can be made to the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home.

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

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

Fred Spurlock Jr.



Fred Spurlock Jr., 74, of Anna, died Friday, Dec. 27, 2019, at his home.

He was born on Sept. 17, 1945, the son of Freddie Ray Sr. and Barbara B. Brown Spurlock.

Mr. Spurlock is survived by his mother, Barbara Lair of Jonesboro; children Timothy Warren Spurlock and Lauri Ann Spurlock, all of Katy, Texas; a sister, Kelly (Larry) Gaddis of Dongola; a sister-in-law, Margaret Dale of Jonesboro; a brother-in-law, Raymond Menz of Anna; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father; his stepfather, Ray Lair; siblings Larry Joe Spurlock, Steven Spurlock, Cindy Sue Menz and Gail Lee Spurlock.

Mr. Spurlock served in the U.S. Army. He worked for many years in construction.

His wishes were to be cremated and no services will be held.

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

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

Nancy N. Ebert

Nancy N. Ebert, 81, of Anna, died Wednesday, Dec. 25, at her home.

Funeral arrangements were pending at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna.

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

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

Harry Taylor Sr.



Harry Taylor Sr., 79, of Anna, died Monday, Dec. 23, 2019, at the Life Care Center of Cape Girardeau.

He was born on Sept. 16, 1940, in Anna, the son of Logan and Anna Tolbert Taylor.

He married Gloria L. Wollard on July 15, 1961, in Joliet. She preceded him in death on Oct. 30, 2003.

Mr. Taylor is survived by his children, Harry Jr. (LeAn) Taylor of Carroll, Iowa, Patricia (Rick) Mulback of Anna, and Michael Taylor of Anna; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Gloria L. Taylor; a son, Steven Taylor; and four brothers.

Mr. Taylor served in the U.S. Navy. He worked many years for General Motors as a welder. He enjoyed the outdoors, especially fishing, golf and watching westerns.

Funeral services were at noon Friday, Dec. 27, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with Pastor Randy Wright officiating.

Interment was in the Anna Cemetery. Graveside military rites were conducted by Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna and the Navy funeral honor detail.

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna was in charge of arrangements.

William 'Bill' Dixon



William "Bill" Dixon, 88, of Tamms, and formerly of Murphysboro, died at 3:49 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, 2019, at home.

He was born on Jan. 8, 1931, in Carbondale, the son of Claude Marron and Myrtle Ruth Claxton Dixon.

He married Patricia Cappingler on March 14, 1954, and they have shared 65 years of marriage together.

Mr. Dixon started his career in the U.S. Air Force, where he worked as an electrician on B-25 bomber aircraft during the Korean War era.

Upon honorable discharge from the military he went on to become a painter for the Local 32 Painters Union, a field in which he worked for more than 50 years.

He loved hunting, fishing, building balsa wood model airplanes, gardening and being with family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mr. Dixon was a member of the American Legion Post No. 127 in Murphysboro and the Tamms United Methodist Church. He was baptized in the First Christian Church in Murphysboro.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Dixon of Tamms; five children, Doug Dixon of Somerville, Ala., Scott (Donna) Dixon of Waltonville, Craig (Debra) Dixon of Cobden, Danny (Gala) Dixon of Galatia and Becky (Michael) Etherton of Murphysboro; nine grandchildren, Amber C. Dixon, Meredith A. Dixon, Jeremy Dixon, Jason Dixon, Casey Dixon, Lance Dixon, Alexis Johnson, Emily Dixon and Autumn Grant; eight great-grandchildren, Jackson, Timothy, Courtney, John, Caitlyn, Drake, Harrison and Summer Rose; one great-great-grandson, Rhett; and one great-great-grandchild on the way; many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Steven Dixon; a brother, Charles Dixon; and a sister, Hazel Lipe.

Funeral services for William "Bill" Dixon were at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30, at Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home between Carbondale and Murphysboro on Old Route 13, with Pastor Brent Gordon officiating. Entombment was in the Pleasant Grove Memorial Park Mausoleum with full military honors.

Memorials can be made to the Siteman Cancer Center or to the American Diabetes Association.

Crain Funeral Home in Tamms was in charge of arrangements.

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

James 'Jim' Ulmer



James "Jim" Ulmer, 79, of Dongola, and formerly of Colona, died at 1:19 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2019, at his home.

He was born on Feb. 29, 1940, in Saskatchewan, Canada, the son of Philip and Ruth Zirbel Ulmer. He married Sheila Butler on Sept. 18, 1971.

He served in the U.S. Army for three years. He was employed by John Deere Harvester Works in East Moline for 26 years.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing, especially for crappie and bluegill. He was a member of the Anna Moose Lodge.

He is survived by his wife, Sheila Ulmer; a daughter, Annette Rosenberg; granddaughters Grace and Miranda Rosenberg; brothers Clifford Ulmer and Tim Schroeder; sisters Melody Bina and Carol Burns; other relatives and friends.

Mr. Ulmer was preceded in death by his parents and by a brother, John Ulmer.

Per his wishes, there will be no services. Cremation was accorded.

Memorials can be made to the Anna Moose Lodge.

Crain Funeral Home in Dongola was in charge of arrangements.

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

Wanda Kay Knupp

Wanda Kay Knupp, 68, of Jonesboro, died Saturday, Dec. 28, 2019, at her home.

She was born on April 29, 1951, in Anna, the daughter of Ellis William and Mae Elizabeth Clendenin Knupp.

She is survived by her longtime partner, Roy Swafford of Jonesboro; a son, Bryan Crews of Jonesboro; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, David and Delbert Knupp; and two sisters, Jane Knupp and Dorothy Sadler.

She was an over the road truck driver for many years. At this time no services will be held.

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

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

Obituaries Online at
annanews.com

Remembering those who passed

Following is a listing of the names of those who passed away and whose obituaries appeared in The Gazette-Democrat during 2019:

January

Jan. 3. Donald G. Baggett. Doris Evelyn Clinton Robinson. Ed Trexler.

Jan. 10. Joshua Graves. Rev. James Eugene "Gene" Hart. Lorene Jenkins. John Paul Keller. Anita Maze. Jason Jerome Randolph.

Jan. 17. Patsy Childers. Roy Lee "Pops" Ferguson. Martha Ann Garrett. Stacy Ann Carter-Gonzalez. Roger Kent Jones. Everett "Butch" Mainer.

Jan. 24. Jim "Pa" Clary. R. Frank Hileman. Ethel Lechtenberger. George R. Modglin. Thomas Murillo. Robert "Zeke" Eugene Pullivan. Goldie E. Woods. Bill Wright. Valerie E. Young.

Jan. 31. L. Larry Bittle. Gordon L. Cheniae. Elizabeth E. Dillow. Ruby Jeanette Fuller. Jerold "Jerry" Landrum Jr. Ann L. Michels. Elmer Harry Pryor. Kevin Lee Smith.

February

Feb. 7. Arlynn del Greco. Geraldine McLane. Barbara Ann Modglin Prinster. Gail West Rigby. Dorothy Elizabeth Stanley Whaley.

Feb. 14. Martha L. Casper. James Edward Jackson III. Rickey Lee McReynolds. Thomas Herloph Sather.

Feb. 21. Ronald Cain. Milton D. Eiselmeier. Ernest "Speedy" Elder. Vincent Newton Gross. Capt. Thomas Oral Norton Jr. Virginia Marie Scutt. Bill T. Smith.

Feb. 28. Roy "Sonny" Basler Jr. Mary Edna Butler. Ruthe M. Clayton. Kathryn L. Fox. Marjorie M. Hinkle. Joseph A. Rushing.

March

March 7. Rick Alsip. Donald S. Blakley. Annie Hupp. Patsy Sue "Pat" Jones. Clyde E. Schluter. Fred Wright.

March 14. Carolyn D. Crowell. Janet L. Johnson. Betty L. Smith-Norton. Dianna Lynn Pearl. Ryan Pender. Don Reynolds. Lizzie K. Horst Weaver.

Hess News

By Glenn Heisner

We went to Branson to celebrate Juanita's 80th birthday. There were 14 of us from six states. We stayed in a house in Branson Canyon.

We all enjoyed the Sights and Sounds Christmas show and the Dixie Stampede Christmas show.

We also visited Faith Barringer at the College of Ozarks. She is always glad to see "home" folks.

Our son-in-law then drove us to Texas for Christmas and another birthday party.

Chad and Tabitha File came from Marshall, Texas, for her actual birthday party. Tabitha is the granddaughter of Louise and Bruce Williams. He teaches at Latuorneau University.

Bruce Williams' family celebrated Christmas on Dec. 28 with six of seven daughters and families.

On Dec. 28, Wanda Schlenker's family gave her a surprise 80th birthday party at the United Missionary Baptist Church. They had a full sit down meal.

On Dec. 29, a 50th anniversary celebration was held at Maple Grove Baptist Church in Perks for Kenton and Beverly Earnhart. Several from Anna were in attendance.

In reading about Choate history we have my grandmother's skirt she wore when she worked there from 1908 to 1910.

I would like to thank Barb Stute for her renewal to The Gazette-Democrat.

Harold Norman Davis. Juanita Brimm Fuller. Bonita "Bonnie" Inman. Randy Gene Mills. Arthur Clinton "Jack" Poole. Brenda Stokes. Ruby Mae Treece. Mary Elizabeth Landreth Winn.

March 28. Joann Boatright. Melvin Brown. Isiah Nathaniel Dunn. Geraldine Namen.

April

April 4. Leota Cruse. Jeanne Lynn Dalton. Stanley Phillip "Stan" Eudy. Michael Leo Hancock. Joseph B. Hardin. Suella Jordan Mowery. Bobby Smith. Valerie Ann Sullivan. David R. Veldhouse.

April 11. Bonnie Louise Dunn. Bruce Fulenwider.

April 18. Thomas Lewis Gonzalez. Scott Hoehner. Dr. William M. "Doc" Koblner Sr. Carl H. Sims. Louise Willyerd.

April 25. Jerry Dillow Sr. Paul Dean Dillow. Barbara Marilyn Johnson Frizzell. Geneva Jackson. Logan J. Johnson. Mary Strunk. Howard Theis.

May

May 2. Richard Wayne "Richie" Hale. Gary Noble. Walter L. Smith. Jerry Dean Walker.

May 9. Betty J. Baker. Donald Wayne Clover Sr. Sharon Lee "Gabby" Jones. Peggy Sue Penrod. Clara E. Seals.

May 16. Sarah Adeline Boyd. Shelbby Eubanks. Laura J. McMahan. Col. Billy (Bill) J. Miller. Joseph Pickens. Karen R. Toler.

May 23. Patricia Ann Fahlberg. W. Sue Hall. Larry William Harber. Dora Marie Johnson. Grace C. Loyd. John Warren Widows.

May 30. James Wesley Casper. Janette Dove. Wanda Gully. Kathy Lentz. Judy Prystalski.

June

June 6. Katherine "Katy" Anderson. Tracy Lynn Derossett. Marilyn D. Nall. Shelly Mary Nimmo. Goldie Delores Pearson. Sue Ann Peters. Peggy Gale Woodard.

June 13. Jack Dean Bennett. Randy Lynn Clark. Eunice Maxine Chambers. Mercedes Delores Mull. Josephine Pearl Poole.

June 20. Terry Lawrence Allen. Edmond George Bridewell. Juanita Ruth (Nita) Cauble. Murray Rickliffe Choate. Diana Graham. Danny Milton Hartsock. James Allen Metzger. Virginia "Virgie" Metzger. Eleanor Elizabeth Sitter Peadro. Dennis Lee York.

June 27. Cecil Dillon. Judy Easterly. Peggy Jo Esmond. Leonard Flamm Jr. Ted Goins Jr. Clara Kesler. June Smith Minton.

July

July 4. Brian Scott "Bear" Blunt. Frankie Murray. Opal Joy Osman. Katherine C. Turner.

July 11. William (Doug) Allen. Violet L. Davis. Robert G. "Bud" Easterly. Truman Dale Pitts. Homer Eugene Seals. Leon Ross Sitter. Terry Lee "T-Ball" Trammel.

July 18. Charles W. Harwell. Eanis Poole. Sonya F. Underwood.

July 25. Rev. Robert L. Goins. James F. Holmes. Leroy "Roy" Keith.

August

Aug. 1. Laura Helen Bedwell. Patricia Brown. James Michael "Mike" Coles. Rena Annette Hepburn. Lue Dee Jackson Sr. Marian R. Murray. Carl Elbert Sellars. Carl H. Sims. Billie E. Wilson.

Aug. 8. Delia Pauline Atchison. Charles Ray "Chuck" Baggett. Amber Michelle Dixon Jackson. Debra Kay "Debbie" Dixon. Violet Eddleman. Bradley Jones. Calvin J. Mag-

inel. Michelle Kirk. John Schultheiss. Jason Shelton. Janice Short. James Thomas Simms. William R. "Bob" Wright.

Aug. 15. Mary Ruth Riley. Tiffney Michelle Pickett Ryan. Lori Ann Webster. Barbara Keller Youngblood.

Aug. 22. Harlan Browning. Donna Jo Cavness. Betty Lee Cerny. Donald E. Murray. Frances Caroline Page. Harry L. Rodman. Betty Jean Sharp. Constance Elaine Young.

Aug. 29. Bill Bridges. Larry G. Hall Sr. Kenneth Paul Williams.

September

Sept. 5. Veronica Bennett. Pete Franco. Gail Alice Knight. Helen Jennette Stevens.

Sept. 12. Norma Jean Carlisle. Helen Copeland. Leeta M. Ervin. Walter W. Graham.

Sept. 19. Revis Brown. Leonard Leon Cooley. Jack Etherton. Margaret Louise Lingle. Darlene Magee. Marge Parker. Edward Earl Shelby. Paul William Schmidt.

Sept. 26. Larry "Kimosabe" Bates. Norma Jean McCann Fuller. David S. Gould Sr. Opal Gayle Kirby. Mariam Hope Manning. Harold F. Mull. Herman E. Tanner.

October

Oct. 3. Judy A. Anderson. Rose Mary Fleming. Louise Kelley. Francis Morgan. Edward L. Stone. Sandra Terbrak. Judy Ann Theis.

Oct. 10. Mary Margaret Adams. Larry E. "Smiley" Burnett. Paul Darroll Carter. James Harold Liljegren. Kevin Rogers. Pleas J. Yon Sr. Beth Mae Weiss. Robert E. Whitaker. Ashley Nicole Wilkins.

Oct. 17. Anna Faith Berry. Sophie Grace Berry. Larry W. Dodson. Robert Wayne Gearhart. Erna G. Martin.

Oct. 24. Brenda Kay Brown. Russell "Papa Russy" Colson. Wilma Davis. Kenneth Smith. Sarah E. Heilig Taake. Girard Joseph Weir.

Oct. 31. Mary Lou Bridges. Stephen Ray Gatlin. Bobby L. Hall. Robert "Bob" Eugene Lyerla. Brig. Gen. John C. Reppert.

November

Nov. 7. Stephen Eric Cremeens. Richard Dickerson. Ruby Jeanette Hunter. Simone Bertha Willyerd.

Nov. 14. Gladys Freeze. Carolyn S. Frick. Mattesyn Allen Honey. Karen Penrod Graham. Carol Miller. Rev. Kenneth Carroll Mixen. Louise Williams.

Nov. 21. Trudi Hunter. Kimberly (Kim) Jackson. Jerry Ray Mertes. Jerry Moore. James "Mike" Smith. Sarah "Sally" Standard. Robert Swadener.

Nov. 28. Virginia Erwin. Margarita Garcia.

December

Dec. 5. Violet Mae Branscum. Shirley Isaacs. Perry V. Mowery. James D. Sauve.

Dec. 12. Nellie L. Boyd. Betty Jean Dickerson. Shaun Eudy. Mary Lou Lang. Stephen Lee McMahan. Don C. Raby. Jerry Dean Riley Sr. Elsie Shaffer. Jerry E. Williamson. Ruth Marilyn Fife Zink.

Dec. 19. Nathan Anthony Bell. Ronald M. Davis. Betty Loraine Irvin. Wanda R. Lovitt. Ray Sadler. Irene Tellor. Geraldine I. Winstead.

Dec. 26. John Gilmore III. Jack Richard Graves Sr. Jesse W. Masterson. Eugene C. "Gene" Schaefer. Wanda Lee Woods.

(Editor's note: every effort was made to include a complete listing of all of the obituaries which appeared in the newspaper during 2019.)



Fire equipment tested

Union County fire departments participated in annual pump equipment testing which was conducted in mid-December in Anna. The testing was done at the Anna fire station by Banner Fire Equipment. All of the county's fire departments participated in the annual testing, which is required for certification.

Tropical plants can be successfully overwintered

URBANA – Tropical plants have gained a lot of popularity in recent years as an easy way to add an attractive look to back patios, decks and containers.

Plants such as mandevilla, alocasia (elephant ear) and hibiscus are sold at garden centers in containers and, while they offer great interest over the warm months, by the first hard frost they are done for.

"In essence, tropical plants are treated as annuals in the landscape, but with a few tricks and some practice, these unique tropical plants can be overwintered and revived for the next year," says Austin Little, a University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator.

With regard to overwintering, there are three categories of tropical plants: plants that produce big tuberous roots, like alocasia (elephants ear) or cannas; tropicals that produce woody stems with

fleshy crowns and fibrous roots, such as mandevilla; and soft-stemmed tropicals with fibrous roots, like begonia or coleus.

For overwintering tropicals with bulbs or fleshy tubers, wait until the foliage starts to die back after the first light frost, and then lift them out of the soil with a gardening fork.

Trim the leaves down to an inch or so, and let the bulbs dry out for a few days in a shaded area out of the rain.

Once they have dried, brush off any extra soil, and they're ready for storage.

A breathable cardboard box is good, but they can also be stored in an open tote or crate.

Store the bulbs in dry peat, wood shavings, or wrap them in newspaper.

Keep the box in a cool, dark place such as a cellar or garage that does not get

much above 55 or below 32 degrees Fahrenheit.

Bulbs can be repotted and started a few months before the last frost or they can be planted outside when soils warm above 65 degrees.

Tropicals like mandevilla and lantana are woody shrubs in their native range but can be tricked into dormancy for the winter.

Following the first frost, cut back the foliage to about six inches, transfer the root balls to containers, and store them in a cool, dark spot next to your alocasia.

Water lightly over the winter, every few weeks at most.

A month or so before the last frost, they can be moved into the light and given more water.

After the last frost, they can be moved outside to harden off and may benefit from a light application of tropical fertilizer.

Soft, fleshy-stemmed tropical plants are best overwintered by taking vegetative cuttings and letting them root in a well-drained potting mix in the sunniest location in the house.

The plants will not need much water over the winter; rather, it is better for the soil to be on the dry side.

Ensure the foliage does not contact glass windows, as this can cause freeze damage.

Sheriff's office grateful for Shop-with-Deputy support

The Union County Sheriff's Office has voiced appreciation for all of the support which was shown for the 2019 holiday season Shop-with-a-Deputy program.

A message of appreciation was posted on social media which shared that:

"The Union County Sheriff's Office would like to take this time to thank all donors for the recent Shop-with-a-Deputy events.

"Because of your generous donations we were able to help 31 children have a very Merry Christmas.

"It takes a lot of help to get this done and we would especially like to thank Pizza Hut and their generosity.

"Pizza Hut fed all of the kids, deputies and community helpers, before each shopping night, with absolutely no cost to the program.

"We would also like to thank Wal-Mart! Especially Cindy Hammer, Gene Hammer, Debbie Rhymer and Jessica Matlock, you always go above and beyond for the

children and this year was no exception.

"Thank you to all of the businesses that gave money and the citizens that gave their time and money you are our heroes, because without you this program would not exist. Thank you again to all!"

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Section B



Cobden homecoming celebration planned

Homecoming is planned Jan. 10 at Cobden High School. The Cobden High School boys' basketball team is scheduled to play Cairo at 5:30 p.m. Homecoming coronation and a dance will follow the game. Members of the 2020 homecoming court are, in the first row, sophomore class representative Abby Clover; queen candidates Olivia Schroeder, Lauren Sweitzer, Jamison Cowart, Taylor Harvel and Katie Eck; freshman class representative Marlea Poirier; and junior class representative Lilia Carmona. In the second row are sophomore class representative John Fuhrhop; king candidates Alex Ramsey, Dylan Lewey, Alex Kinsey, Landon Britt and Joe Brumleve; freshman class representative Gabe Winchester; and junior class representative Riley Gearhart. Photo provided.

Health department offers tips on staying healthy this winter

Southern Seven Health Department says that unlike most bugs, the cold and flu bugs don't go into hibernation in the winter.

The health department offers some tips to help area residents to stay bug free this winter.

Start by talking to your family about maintaining a good level of hygiene to defend themselves from germs.

Encourage frequent hand washing for at least 20 seconds each time. Use wipes and anti-bacterial hand-wash when on the go.

When getting dressed, layer up for insulation. And don't keep the house too hot.

Boost your family's immune system by offering lots of healthy and nutritious meals.

Try a rainbow of colors

when serving fruits and vegetables to get a good mix of vitamins and antioxidants. Eat good sources of fat, such as nuts, seeds and fish.

Drink plenty of water and fruit teas to stay hydrated instead of copious amounts of tea and coffee. For kids, steer clear of sugary fruit drinks.

Keep your medicine cabinet filled with cold and flu remedies recommended by your doctor for easy access. Remember to always keep medicines locked away or out of children's reach.

Get some extra sleep. Those darker, cooler mornings are a great excuse for the whole family to stay in bed a little longer and relax.

Try to give up smoking, since it's particularly bad for your health during the colder weather. Smok-

ing has been reported to compromise your immune system.

Get a flu shot. To schedule your vaccine, and for

Spring Master Naturalist volunteer training planned

University of Illinois Extension is accepting applications for the spring Illinois Master Naturalist volunteer training that is planned at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

Training is planned on Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. from Jan. 23 to April 9 at the visitors center at Giant City State Park.

Following the training, participants complete a 60-hour volunteer internship within two years to become certified as Master Naturalists.

After certification, vol-

unteers continue learning more ways to keep your family healthy this winter, call Southern Seven Health Department at 618-634-2297.

and volunteering to remain active Master Naturalists by completing 10 hours of continuing education and 30 hours of volunteering each year.

Applications are due Jan. 10. Applications can be found online at <https://extension.illinois.edu/ajmpu/master-naturalists>.

Acceptance into the program will require a mandatory background check and an informal in-person interview.

The program has a \$250 fee, which covers the cost of training and a Master Naturalist manual.

For more information about the program, contact Extension educator Erin Garrett at emedvez@illinois.edu or 833-6363.

Anna VFW plans fish fry

Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 plans to serve a fish fry on Friday, Jan. 3.

Serving is planned from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the post, which is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna.

The menu will include fish, potato salad, slaw, baked beans, onions, pickles, hush puppies and bread for a \$10 donation.

The fish fry is open to the public. Carry outs will be available.

Star Karaoke will start at 6 p.m.

Spring Master Gardener training set at John A. Logan

University of Illinois Extension plans to host training this spring at John A. Logan College at Carterville for the Master Gardeners program.

The mission of the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener program is "helping others learn to grow."

Master Gardeners assist individuals in improving their quality of life by helping them find sound management practices for home and urban natural resources, by creating aesthetically pleasing environments, by promoting well-being through people-plant interactions and horticultural therapy, and by contributing to a safe, abundant food supply through home fruit and vegetable production.

Spring training is scheduled on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. starting Jan. 28 and continuing through April 21 at the Mees Center at John A. Logan College.

Some of the course topics include botany, organic gardening, soils, insects, diseases, and vegetables and fruits.

Following the training, participants complete a 60-hour volunteer internship within two years to

Department hires military liaison

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, IDFP, has hired its first military liaison.

The liaison will directly help service members and their spouses navigate the licensure process and will work with IDFP staff and military officials to enhance communication and improve the overall application process for service members and spouses.

Starting Jan. 1, 2020, professional and occupational license applications from service members and their spouses will be expedited for review and determination of licensure within 60 days of IDFP's receipt of all necessary documents.

Gospel singing set

A gospel singing is planned Saturday, Jan. 4, at Shiloh Baptist Church in Villa Ridge.

Singing begins at 7 p.m. Billy Carter and the Gloryroad Travelers from Mounds will be featured.

become certified Master Gardeners.

After certification, volunteers continue learning and volunteering to remain active Master Gardeners by completing 10 hours of continuing education and 30 hours of volunteering each year.

Applications are due Jan. 10. Applications can be found online at <https://extension.illinois.edu/fjprw/master-gardeners> under the steps for joining tab.

Acceptance into the program will require a mandatory background check and an informal in-person interview.

The program has a \$200 fee, which covers the cost of 12-week training and manual.

Extension has limited funding assistance available for residents of Alexander, Johnson, Union, Massac, and Pulaski counties if the course fee is a barrier.

For more information about the program, contact Erin Garrett at emedvez@illinois.edu or 833-6363.

Touch of Nature offers memberships

Registration is underway for a bird identification and feeding seminar at Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Touch of Nature Environmental Center in February.

The event is just one of the activities and benefits available exclusively for Touch of Nature members.

The bird identification and feeding seminar is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Feb. 8 at Touch of Nature.

The center is located about 8 miles south of Carbondale on Giant City Road. It's free for members and their extended families.

To sign up, call 618-453-1121 or register online at ton.siu.edu.

Touch of Nature is an experiential outdoor recreation laboratory encompassing more than 3,100 acres along Little Grassy Lake.

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Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy Biennial Report released

The directors of the Illinois Department of Agriculture, IDOA, and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, IEPA, recently announced the release of the state's second Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy, NLRs, Biennial Report.

The document describes the continued progress being made in Illinois to reduce nutrient losses from multiple sources to improve water quality not only in Illinois waterways, but also in the Mississippi River and Gulf of Mexico.

"The report illustrates all facets of agriculture coming together to promote best management practices," IDOA director John Sullivan said in a news release.

"The next step is transitioning more farmers from awareness of nutrient loss practices to application."

"The 2019 Biennial Report describes some of the dramatic reductions in total phosphorus discharges from some of the largest wastewater treatment facilities in the state," IEPA director John Kim said.

"We've already nearly met one of our 2025 goals of 25 percent reduction of phosphorus from the point source sector, and we look forward to continued nutrient reductions."

These reductions are being realized as a direct result of investments by wastewater treatment facilities to meet more stringent nutrient permit limits.

Illinois officials expect to see continued progress in meeting the long-term goal of 45 percent reduction in nutrients as additional planned wastewater treatment facility upgrades occur.

The Illinois NLRs was first released in 2015. The strategy's goal is to reduce the amount of nitrogen and phosphorus in Illinois waterways by 45 percent.

Interim goals include reducing the amount of phosphorus by 25 percent and nitrogen by 15 percent by 2025.

Implementation efforts are led by strategy partners in the policy working group and other sector committees, guided by the IDOA and IEPA, with assistance provided by the University of Illinois Extension.

The Illinois NLRs is part of a broader effort being implemented by states in the Mississippi River Basin to reduce the amount of nutrients entering the Gulf of Mexico, which causes a "dead zone" of oxygen-depleted water.

During the reporting period of 2017-2018, the agriculture sector invested more than \$59 million in nutrient loss reduction for research, outreach, implementation and monitoring.

These contributions have come from Agriculture Water Quality Partnership Forum members and other agriculture related organizations that are working to-

ward reaching the goals set forth in the Illinois NLRs.

During that same period, over 84,000 people attended field days, conferences, or workshops to learn about practices that can be implemented to reduce nutrient loss from farm fields.

IDOA administers the state-funded Partners for Conservation program in cooperation with the states' 97 soil and water conservation districts.

The program provides technical and financial incentives to Illinois landowners for the construction or adoption of conservation practices that reduce soil erosion and nutrient loading from non-point agricultural sources and improve water quality.

Popular practices include conservation tillage, cover crops, grass waterways, field buffers, streambank stabilization structures, and various other similar practices.

IEPA issues National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, NPDES, permits to wastewater treatment facilities (point sources) to regulate the amount of pollutants that can enter Illinois waterways.

By the end of 2018, Illinois EPA had issued 65 NPDES permits to wastewater treatment facilities limiting the total phosphorus concentrations to 1.0 mg/L.

The agency expects the number of permits with a total phosphorus limit to grow substantially in the coming years.

Data also shows some facilities without permit limits are reducing their nutrient loads by optimizing existing equipment.

During the reporting period of 2017-2018, the point source sector invested over \$224 million dollars in nutrient removal technologies and related activities.

IEPA, through its state revolving fund program, provides low interest loans to point source projects addressing water quality issues, including nutrient pollution.

The program provided \$668,408,486 in loans from 2017-2018, with \$176,191,342 specifically spent on nutrient removal technologies.

In addition, IEPA's Section 319 grant program provides funding for non-point source projects designed to achieve nutrient reduction and provides \$3.5 million annually to projects mitigating agriculture and urban storm water runoff.

The full biennial report is available at: <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/water-quality/watershed-management/excess-nutrients/Pages/nutrient-loss-reduction-strategy.aspx>.

The biennial report will be updated again in 2021. The agencies and organizations leading the effort will continue to collaborate and invest in programs that meet the goals of the Illinois NLRs.

Poshard Foundation for Abused Children receives Ameren grant

To help make the holidays a little brighter for local children in need, The Poshard Foundation for Abused Children received a \$5,000 grant from Ameren Illinois to support their Holiday Gifts for Kids programs and Camps for Kids.

"Both programs offer great experiences for abused, abandoned and neglected children who otherwise would not be able to receive a gift on Christmas morning or attend summer camp," said Jo Poshard, director of The Poshard Foundation.

"The programs offer positive memories the kids can cherish forever; we are so grateful to Ameren Illinois for awarding us this grant."

For more than 20 years, the foundation has lived its belief that every child deserves a safe place, a safe person and a safe community.

Many of these children have experienced abuse or trauma, so these programs will not only help put a smile on their faces but also help build confidence and lessen anxiety.

The grant funds were awarded through the Ameren Cares program, which connects Ameren Illinois with the communities it serves through charitable giving and vol-



Grant presented

The Poshard Foundation for Abused Children has received a grant from Ameren Illinois for \$5,000. The grant has been used to help with the purchase of our Holiday Gifts for Kids Project and will be used summer of 2020 for Camps for Kids. From left are Jason Simac, Ameren Illinois senior manager of operations for Division 6 South; Phyllis McCowen, Poshard Foundation volunteer; Jo Poshard, Poshard Foundation director; and Tina Gibbs, Ameren Illinois community relations coordinator. Photo provided.

unteering.

Tina Gibbs, community relations coordinator for Ameren Illinois, presented the foundation with the contribution to help improve the quality of life for children.

"The Poshard Foundation has been a staple in our community for years. We are grateful for the work they do and proud to support their efforts as they enrich the lives of our

community's less fortunate children," Gibbs said.

For more information about The Poshard Foundation, visit poshardfoundation.org or call 618-985-2828, extension 8564.

Founded in 1999, The Poshard Foundation's mission is to help abused, abandoned and neglected children in Southern Illinois.

The nonprofit organization provides funding for

children in crisis when other funds are not available.

Funding typically covers car seats, beds, counseling, medical equipment, activities, toys, special projects and more.

Additionally, the foundation collaborates with Prevent Child Abuse Illinois to sponsor workshops that aim to educate those who attend about domestic violence, sexual abuse, trauma and other similar topics.

Report: Illinois public education improving, more work lies ahead

By Peter Hancock
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SPRINGFIELD — A group that advocates for public education in Illinois released a report indicating the state has made some progress in improving educational outcomes over the past five years, but it still has a long way to go to achieve the goal of having 60 percent of all adults attaining some kind of college-level degree or certificate by 2025.

"To achieve this goal, we must focus on the entire education continuum, birth through career, and work to ensure that all students are on track across the critical academic milestones that mark their road to postsecondary completion," according to the report by Advance Illinois.

The report, "The State We're In 2019," was released in mid-October. The group has since been traveling the state to discuss the significance of its findings on local communities.

The report examines how the state performed on a wide range of educational outcome measures, from kindergarten readiness to postsecondary completion,

in 2018 and in most cases compares that with 2013. It also shows how the state ranks with other states on those measures.

Perhaps the most troubling statistic in the report concerns kindergarten readiness, data for which became available only in 2018.

According to the Illinois State Board of Education, only 26 percent of 5-year-old children in Illinois showed the social, emotional and academic skills needed to start kindergarten.

The report also indicated wide racial, ethnic and economic disparities in kindergarten readiness, which is largely attributable to the availability of early childhood education programs in different communities.

"Kindergarten readiness is critical," the report states. "Performance gaps on key measures such as fourth-grade reading and eighth-grade math begin to take root much earlier — during a child's first and most formative years. Kindergarten-ready students have an 82 percent chance of being academically on track and mastering key skills by age 11. Children who are not kindergarten-ready have a

45 percent chance of reaching proficiency."

In other areas, Illinois made slight improvement over the five-year period.

For example, 35 percent of fourth-grade students in 2018 met or exceeded state standards for reading skills, a key indicator of a student's future risk of failing or dropping out of school. That was up one percentage point from 2013.

But there were fewer students demonstrating mastery of 8th-grade math skills: 32 percent in 2018, down from 36 percent in 2013.

Postsecondary enrollment among high school graduates rose during the period — 53 percent in 2018 compared to 45 percent in 2013 — but the report also noted that enrollment is down across the board at Illinois public colleges and universities, an indication that students are leaving the state to attend college.

Finally, the report noted that 45 percent of Illinois adults had an associate degree or higher, up from

43 percent in 2013 but still far short of the goal of 60 percent by 2025.

Advance Illinois gave credit to the new Evidence-Based Funding formula the state adopted in 2017, which requires annual increases in K-12 education funding, with the bulk of that new money earmarked for the least well-funded districts.

But it also said inadequate funding remains an issue at all levels of public education, especially for low-income families.

"From preschool to postsecondary, lack of funding and affordability are critical barriers for low-income residents," the report states.

"This is troubling because early education determines outcomes in later school years, and postsecondary attainment remains key to employment and a living wage. If we lose students early, we risk losing them entirely. And if we fail to support postsecondary success, we damage the economic prospects of our students and our state."



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This is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing. From the Gospel of John

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When 2019 ends, 365 days will have passed. As 2020 begins, it will bring another measure of time...366 days more. We will begin to speak of the old year as "last year" and the new year as "this year." Last year may have been a happy one or a sad one. Happy moments, shared with others – a birth, wedding, anniversary – are times we look back on with joy. Difficulties – illness, bereavement, betrayal – cause us to remember the pain and sorrow. This New Year, shape the future by what you have learned from the past - the good along with the bad. Live well and do better; spend your time so that it blesses you and everyone around you. The time God has allotted us on this earth is most precious. Most of all, remember to praise Him for each and every moment.

Daily Bible Reading

Titus	Revelation	Revelation	Romans	Romans	Romans	Matthew
3:1-15	21:1-27	22:1-21	1:1-17	1:18-32	2:1-16	1:1-17

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Obesity declines in young children enrolled in WIC

Southern Seven Health Department reports that a new study shows significant declines in obesity among young children from low-income families who are enrolled in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, WIC.

The report was released in November by the Centers for Disease Control, CDC.

The report shared that 41 U.S. states and territories showed significant declines in obesity among children ages 2 to 4 years from low-income families who were enrolled in WIC between 2010 and 2016.

The report highlighted data which was published in the CDC's recent Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, MMWR.

In 2009, WIC state agencies were required to implement redesigned WIC food packages to better align with the U.S. Dietary Guidelines for Americans and infant feeding practice guidelines of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

The change led to increased availability of healthier foods and beverages in authorized WIC stores and improved dietary quality among families who enrolled in WIC.

In addition to the food packages, WIC helps to establish successful long-term breast-feeding, provides participants with a wider variety of food and offers WIC state agencies greater flexibility in prescribing food packages to adapt to participants with cultural food preferences.

"Improvements in national, state and caregiver guidance around nutrition

and physical activity may be contributing to this decline in childhood obesity," said CDC director Dr. Robert Redfield.

"We are moving in the right direction and helping parents make healthy choices for their children is reducing the potential for complications posed by childhood obesity later in life."

CDC and U.S. Department of Agriculture, USDA, researchers analyzed obesity trends from 2010 to 2016 among young children, ages 2 to 4 years, from low-income families enrolled in WIC.

Over 12.4 million children ages 2 to 4 years from 56 WIC state agencies and territories were included in the study.

To be eligible for WIC through Southern Seven Health Department, a woman must be pregnant or breast-feeding or have an infant or child up to age 5, meet income eligibility guidelines, show a medical or nutritional need, and live in Alexander, Hardin, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski or Union county in Illinois.

In Illinois, WIC is administered by the Illinois Department of Human Services and is funded by USDA.

The full report can be found online at www.cdc.gov/mmwr.

Information about CDC's childhood obesity and prevention efforts can be found by visiting www.cdc.gov/obesity.

To learn how to enroll in WIC through the Southern Seven Health Department, call 618-634-2297, extension, 157 or visit southern7.org.



2019: Cinco de Mayo celebrated

Cinco de Mayo was celebrated Sunday, May 5, in the downtown Alto Pass area. The celebration included a parade, live music, pinatas, games, food and more. The history.com website explained that "Cinco de Mayo, or the 5th of May, is a holiday that celebrates the date of the Mexican army's 1862 victory over France at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War."

Television Listings

THURSDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Football 2020 TaxSlayer Gator Bowl Indiana vs Tennessee (Live) (HD)	Seinfeld Seinfeld	NCIS "Neverland"	(10:00) Big City Greens "Fitya Henry: People Watching" Ventriloquist act. (HD)	"Day After" (04) (HD)	"Black Knight" (01)	Shameless (HD)
7 PM :30	Jeopardy!	Young	Last Man Standing	Superstore Harmony	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	NCIS "Scope" (HD)		"Breakthrough" (19) Mother's prayer. (PG)	★★★ "Mamma Mia: Here We Go Again!" (18)	"Green Book" (18, Drama) South tour. (HD)
8 PM :30	American Baking Show A baker wins.	(01) Mom	Deputy (HD)	Place Will (HD)		Bang (HD)	NCIS (HD)			★★★ "What's Your Number?" (11)	Gen. Q "LA Times"
9 PM :30	Local	Local	(01) Local Programs Local info.	Local SVU	SportsCenter with Scott (HD)	Bang (HD)	NCIS (HD)		"Les Misérables" (12, Musical) Runaway prisoner. (HD)	★★★ "Without a Paddle" (04)	(10) Work
10 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Local (35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Brooklyn	NCIS Sara's mother.	Jessie			(45) ★★ "Without a Paddle" (04)
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Conan		Jessie	"Hellboy"		"Drive Angry"

JANUARY 2, 2020

FRIDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA Countdown	Seinfeld Seinfeld	Family	(5:35) "Movie"	"Bruce Almighty" (11)	"Adjustment" (11)	(5:15) "The Fugitive" (93, Action)
7 PM :30	Housewife Boat (HD)	Hawaii Five-0 (HD)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live) (HD)	The Blacklist (HD)	NBA Basketball Philadelphia vs Houston (Live) (HD)	"Liar Liar" (97) Jim Carrey. Lawyer can't lie.	Family Family	Raven Just Roll	"POKEMON Detective Pikachu"	★★★ "Die Hard" (88, Action) A lone hero. (HD)	"The Wedding Guest" (19) (HD)
8 PM :30	20/20 Investigative news. (HD)	Magnum P.I. (HD)	Local Programs	Dateline NBC Investigative news. (HD)			Family	Unsitabile BUNKD	(45) Real Sports (HD)		
9 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local (35) Tonight (HD)	NBA Basketball New Orleans vs Los Angeles (Live) (HD)	"Vacation" (15, Comedy) Wally World. (HD)	Family Family	Coop & Cam Raven	"The Darjeeling Limited" (07)	"Die Hard with a Vengeance" (95) Cop battles bomber.	(05) Flack The Making
10 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local	Local (35) Tonight (HD)		ELEAGUE (HD)	Family Family	Just Roll Unsitabile			Gen. Q "LA Times"
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local	Late Night			Family	Jessie	"Rock the Kasbah"		(05) Ray Donovan

JANUARY 3, 2020

SATURDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	News	Local Programs	NFL Playoffs (Live)	30 for 30 Sports	"Liar Liar" (97) Jim Carrey. Lawyer can't lie.	"xXx Return of Xander Cage"	(5:05) "Movie"	"Mrs. Doubtfire" (93)	"Shanghai Knights"	★★★ "Pavarotti" (19) Opera singer. (HD)
7 PM :30	Conners	To Be Announced	Flirty Dancing (HD)	The Voice (HD)	College Basketball (Live) (HD)			Big City	"The Aftermath" (19) Rebuilding lives. (R)	"Meet the Fockers" (04) Eccentric parents.	"The Upside" (19) Unlikely chemistry. (HD)
8 PM :30	Goldbergs	To Be Announced	Deputy (HD)	Dateline NBC		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	★★★ "The Hitman's Bodyguard" (17) Escorting assassin	Big City			
9 PM :30	20/20 (HD)	48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)		Unsitabile Just Roll	★★★ "Fantastic Beasts: Crimes" (18) (HD)	(55) ★★ "Little Fockers" (10) (HD)	Gen. Q "LA Times"
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Beat Shazam (HD)	Local Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.	SportsCenter (HD)	Frontal	Dare Me (HD)	Raven			
11 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	★★★ "27 Dresses" (08, Comedy)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Just Roll	"The Aftermath" (19)	"Bandits" (06) Female bandits.	(05) Work Eddie

JANUARY 4, 2020

SUNDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Home Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	Last Man Standing	Golden (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	"Kong: Skull Island" (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	"Home" Space alien.	"Crazy, Stupid" (99) (R)	"Fight Club" (99) (R)	Ray Donovan
7 PM :30	Kids Say (HD)	God Friended Me	Simpsons The Harts	The 77th Annual Golden Globes Awards Carol Burnett Award. (HD)	NFL Rewind	★★★ "Transformers" (07) Robots bring ancient battle to Earth. (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Unsitabile	★★★ "Talkien" (19, Drama) Young writer.	"Replicas" (19) Family back. (HD)	Ray Donovan (HD)
8 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	NCIS: L. A. (HD)	Fam Guy		SportsCenter (HD)		(01) Dare Me (HD)	Unsitabile		(50) ★★★ "Stay" (05) A suicidal patient. (HD)	Shameless (HD)
9 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	Madam Secretary	Local Programs	(01) Manifest (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)		Dare Me (HD)	Star Wars Big City	"Unknown" (11) Liam Neeson. Identity theft.		Generation Q "Labels"
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	"Transformers" (07) Alien robots battle. (HD)	Family	Raven		"Jurassic World: Fallen" (18)	Generation Q "Labels"
11 PM :30	(35) Local	Local	Local	Local	Sports		Family	Jessie	★★★ "Talkien" (19)		Shameless

JANUARY 5, 2020

MONDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	Sports	Fam Guy	Chicago P.D.	BUNKD	"Bruce Almighty" (99) (HD)	★★★ "Contingency" (11)	Generation Q "Labels"
7 PM :30	The Bachelor (HD)	Neighbor. Bob Hearts	9-1-1 "Malfunction" (HD)	America's Got Talent: The Champions	College Football 2020 LendingTree Bowl Louisiana vs Miami (Ohio) (Live) (HD)	Fam Guy Fam Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	BUNKD Sydney	"Isn't It Romantic" (18) Detective mission.	"BlacKkKlansman" (18) Detective mission.	Shameless (HD)
8 PM :30		All Rise (HD)	(01) Prodigal Son			Fam Guy		Raven			God (HD)
9 PM :30		Bull (HD)	Local Programs	(01) Manifest (HD)		Fam Guy		Just Roll	"True Lies" (94) Secret agent tries to save his marriage.	"The Operative" (19) Woman spies on Iran.	The Making
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local (35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Dad (HD) Dad (HD)		Coop & Cam Sydney			Generation Q "Labels"
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Local (35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)	Conan Brooklyn	Family Family	Unsitabile Just Roll	(15) "The Town" (10)	"Knock Knock" (15)	Ray Donovan (HD)
	Nightline	Corden	Local	Late Night		Conan	Family	Raven			Shameless (HD)

JANUARY 6, 2020

TUESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball "Teams TBD" (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	BUNKD BUNKD	"Les Misérables" (19)	"Jumppin' Jack" (86)	"Total Recall" (90)
7 PM :30	JEOPARDY!	NCIS "In The Wind" (HD)	The Resident (HD)	Games (HD)		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	BUNKD Sydney	"The Aftermath" (19, Drama) (R)	"Tag" (18) 30-year game of tag.	Ray Donovan (HD)
8 PM :30	mixed-ish black-ish	FBI "Fallout" (HD)	Gordon (HD)	This Is Us (HD)	College Basketball "Teams TBD" (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven		★★★ "The Little Stranger" (01) Doctor disturbance.	Inside the NFL (HD)
9 PM :30	Emergency "15 Years"	FBI: Most Wanted	Local Programs	(01) New Amsterdam		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Coop & Cam Sydney			Shameless (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local (35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)	Conan New Girl	Law & Order: SVU	Unsitabile			Inside the NFL (HD)
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Local (35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)	Conan New Girl	Law & Order: SVU	Just Roll	"Alfie" (04) Manhattan playboy.	(25) ★★ "Dim Sum Funeral" (18)	Ray Donovan (HD)
	Nightline	Corden	Local	Late Night		Conan		Raven			

JANUARY 7, 2020

WEDNESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Stephen A	Seinfeld Seinfeld	NCIS "Cadence" (HD)	BUNKD BUNKD	"Crazy, Stupid" (99) (HD)	"In Bruges" (08) (HD)	"On Basis" (90) The Making
7 PM :30	Modern Family "The Prescott"	Undercover Boss	Flirty Dancing (HD)	Chicago Med (HD)	NBA Basketball Milwaukee vs Golden State (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	WWE NXT (HD)	BUNKD Sydney	"Mrs. Doubtfire" (93) Disguised father. (HD)	"Spy Game" (01) An agent in trouble. (R) (HD)	"Flashdance" A dancer dreams.
8 PM :30		Criminal Minds (HD)	Almost Family (HD)	Chicago Fire (HD)		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)		Raven			(35) "Ghost" (90) Love from beyond. (HD)
9 PM :30	Stumptown (HD)	Criminal Minds (HD)	Local Programs	Chicago P.D. (HD)	NBA Basketball Milwaukee vs Golden State (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	★★★ "Bad Boys" (95) Two detectives chase stolen heroin.	Coop & Cam Sydney	"The Sun Is Also a Star" (19)	(10) "The Mustang" (19, Drama)	
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local (35) Tonight (HD)		Conan		Unsitabile			
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Local (35) Tonight (HD)	SC (Live)	Frontal New Girl		Just Roll	"Finding the Way Home" (19)	(50) "Nocturnal Animals" (16)	(45) "Phenomenon" (96, Drama)
	Nightline	Corden	Local	Late Night		Conan	(49) SVU	Raven			

JANUARY 8, 2020

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Realty Transactions

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

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Warranty Deed. Grantor: David W. Chamness, Tamala L. Chamness. Grantee: Brittany J. Sweitzer. Tract Section 29 Township 11S Range 1W. Tract Section 30 Township 11S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Megan Middleton. Grantee: Abigail Alsip, Kimberli Alsip. Name: Forest Place Addition. Block 4. Lots 7, 8.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Shirley Broadway. Grantee: Kenneth L. Pearson. Tract Section 16 Township 11S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Capaha Bank, Southern Bank. Grantee: Darrell W. Coleson, Deodra K. Coleson. Subdivision Name: Lewis 4th Addition of Anna. Lot 3.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Anders Hedman, Gerd Hedman. Grantee: Jennifer Schroeder, Scott Schroeder. Tract Section 9 Township 11S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Anders Hedman, Gerd Hedman. Grantee: Jennifer Schroeder, Scott Schroeder. Tract Section 9 Township 11S Range 2W. Tract Section 10 Township 11S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Anna-Jonesboro National Bank. Grantee: Radim Teuer. Subdivision Name: Winstead Davies 2nd Add. of Anna. Lots 3, 4.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: John D. Hoffman, Jan Puoci. Grantee: John Paul Maginel and Paige Helm Joint Revocable Trust, John Paul Maginel, Paige Helm Maginel. Tract Section 17 Township 11S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Melanie Burgher, Scott V. Burgher. Grantee: Scott Spray. Tract Section 27 Township 12S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Cody M. Harris, Emily B. Harris. Grantee: Brittney Hilt. Subdivision Name: Henry N. Kohlers 2nd Add. of Anna. Lots 1, 2.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Nicole L. Aden, Nicole L. Craig. Grantee: Amber L. Toler. Tract Section 19 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Leon Bunch. Grantee: Barbara S. Adams, David E. Adams. Tract Section 27 Township 12S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Phyllis Yancey. Grantee: Margarita Bartolo. Name: Allie Millers 2nd Add. of Cobden. Lots 8, 9.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Nancy L. Cunningham. Grantee: Thomas D. Davis, William H. Davis. Tract Section 25 Township 13S Range 3W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Nadine Sneddon. Grantee: Diana Schaefer, Nadine Sneddon. Tract Section 14 Township 11S Range 1E.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Peggy Jan Green. Grantee: Jo Ann Green. Tract Section 32 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Collin L. Cain. Grantee: Colin H. Crane, Collin H. Crane. Tract Section 30 Township 12S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Johnson, Schneider & Ferrell LLC, John R. Schneider. Grantee: D&D Farms, Jeffrey M. Davis, Thomas D. Davis. Tract Section 30 Township 13S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Mary Jo Hartline, Russ A. Hartline. Grantee: Robyn L. Benefield, Nathan E. Holderfield. Tract Section 30 Township 11S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Sandra J. Graham. Grantee: Lori R. Rich, Paul D. Rich. Tract Section 5 Township 13S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Anthony W. Davis, James F. Davis, Sandra Davis. Grantee: Big 8 Holdings LLC. Subdivision Name: Original Plat of Anna. Lot 131.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Diane R. Dillon, Lonnie R. Dillon. Grantee: Timothy James Crosby, Andrea Marie Hahn. Tract Section 28 Township 11S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Zachery Greer, Zackery Greer. Grantee: Clayton P. Pearl. Tract Section 10 Township 13S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Gayle Ann Fox, Richard T. Fox. Grantee: Marvin Anthony Henderson Sr., Debbie Jean Henderson. Tract Section 25 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Justina Lynn Szeliga Lee. Grantee: Holly Sue Szeliga, John L. Szeliga. Tract Section 36 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: James B. Melvin II, Jamie L. Melvin. Grantee: Roberta Ramsey. Subdivision Name: Lewis Meisenheimer's 1st Addition of Dongola. Lots 1, 15, 16.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: D&D Farms. Grantee: Jeffrey M. Davis, Thomas D. Davis. Tract Section 31 Township 13S Range 2W. Tract Section 30 Township 13S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. Grantee: Belinda Jerolds, Bradley Jerolds. Tract Section 20 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Morgan A. Stevenson, Thomas L. Stevenson. Grantee: Jessica A. Grigsby. Subdivision Name: Purcell Heights Sub. of Anna. Lots 53, 54, 55.

Traffic Citations

The following people were cited for speeding and were assessed \$164 in fines and court costs as recorded at the Union County circuit clerk's office in Jonesboro:

Seth W. Wakefield, Anna. Daemar D. Marshall, Carbondale. William Daniel West Jr., De Soto. Ambrosio Sarmiento Gomez, Indianapolis, Ind. Angela D. Evans, Ullin. Billy Vinson Wilkins, Cordova, Tenn.

Jordan Reed Wilkins, Piperton, Tenn. Joseph A. Thomas, Chicago. Kevin Conway Mahoney, Chicago. Brett Adam Benefield, Cobden. Machenzie Jade Prout, Dongola.

Gianna M. Pavone, Medinah. Carla Guerrero Rivera, Cobden. Diedrich N. Doersken, Chatham, Ontario, Canada. Evelyn P. Taylor, Montgomery. Kenneth Holshouser, Millstadt. Shauna Marie Halphen, Wetaug.

Clayton R. Heavin, Indianapolis, Ind. Sammy Elayan, St. Charles. Jennifer A. Buchanan, Country Club Hills. Samuel Keith Crawford, Ferriday, La. Rosemary J. Rainey, Marion. Vincent A. Loreto, Dallas, Texas.

The following people were cited for the indicated violations and were assessed \$164 in fines and court costs as recorded at the circuit clerk's office:

Carrol G. Turner, Anna, seat belt required/driver. Cale D. Smith, Cobden, seat belt required/driver.

John Kenneth Robinson, Anna, transport/carry alcoholic liquor/passenger, \$164. Jayce Thomas Turner, Anna, electronic communication device, \$164.

Marriage Licenses

The county clerk's office in Jonesboro issued a marriage license to:

Jason R. Randall, 42, of Cobden, and Christina M. Poirier, 40, of Cobden.

Jacob Quinton Tellor, 20, of Anna, and Taylor Ann Lynn Hoekstra, 19, of Anna.

James Paul Elliott, 22, of Fort Campbell, Ky., and Porcia Deanna Rosario, 23, of Colorado Springs, Colo.

Edward A. Guersney, 64, of Cobden, and Christine A. Evans, 51, of Cobden.



2019: Marching Appleknockers in Cobden Peach Festival parade

A parade was one of the many highlights of the 2019 Cobden Peach Festival parade. The parade was held Saturday afternoon, Aug. 3, in downtown Cobden. The Village of Cobden sponsored the parade. The Cobden High School Marching Appleknockers band performed for hundreds of people who lined the streets on a warm and sunny August afternoon. The Peach Festival, once again sponsored by the Cobden Lions Club, was Friday and Saturday, Aug. 2-3.

2020 brings higher minimum wage, legalization of marijuana to Illinois

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SPRINGFIELD – The state's minimum wage increased by \$1 hourly, recreational marijuana went on sale to those over 21 years of age, and some state taxes and licensing fees increased when the calendar hit January.

The changes are among hundreds resulting from laws passed during a busy legislative session which adjourned in early June in 2019.

Minimum Wage: The minimum wage increased by \$1 to \$9.25 hourly on Jan. 1, the first such increase since 2010. The wage will increase to \$10 hourly in July before increasing \$1 each January until it hits \$15 by 2025.

Marijuana Legalization: With the legalization of adult-use marijuana in the state, Illinois residents will be allowed to possess 30 grams of cannabis flower, 500 milligrams of a marijuana-infused product and five grams of cannabis concentrate. Non-residents can possess half those amounts.

Consumption of marijuana will still be banned in public places, however, unless a licensed marijuana facility or certain lounges obtain local government clearance for allowing use at their facilities.

Marijuana legalization will also provide for the expungement of low-level cannabis convictions and criminal records in the state, the first of which were filed in Chicago last month.

New Taxes, Fees for Capital Plan: Some new taxes and fees which will help fund a multi-year \$45 billion capital infrastructure plan also took effect starting in January.

Registration fees for passenger vehicles increased to \$151 from \$101, while elec-

tric vehicle registration fees increased to \$251 annually from \$34 every other year.

The licensing fee for a trailer weighing less than 3,000 pounds increased to \$118 from \$18, with every weight class above that also seeing a \$100 increase.

A new tax on parking garages also took effect, with a 6 percent rate applied to hourly and daily garages and a 9 percent rate applied to monthly.

The state will also begin taxing the value of traded-in vehicles starting after \$10,000 of value, down from \$20,000.

Other New Laws

The maximum fine for hitting a construction worker with a vehicle increased to \$25,000 from \$10,000.

Those violating "Scott's Law" by failing to reduce speed or change lanes when an emergency vehicle is stopped on the side of the road will see increased fines in the new year as well. The minimum fine for a first offense increased to \$250 from \$100, while the minimum for a second offense will be \$750.

Money collected from such violations will go to a Scott's Law Fund to produce driver education materials. The maximum fine will remain at \$10,000. The law also increased the severity of violations that result in the death or harm to a first responder to a class 2 felony.

Passing a stopped school bus that has its "STOP" arm extended will now result in a \$300 fine, up from \$150 for the first offense. The second offense will cost drivers \$1,000, up from \$500.

Public locations must convert single-occupancy restrooms into all-gender restrooms and designate them for use by no more than one person at a time, or for families or assisted use. Public locations must

change exterior signage as well.

Public buildings will be required to have baby changing facilities in any of their public restrooms.

The burial benefit for a firefighter, state police or local law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty will increase to \$20,000 from \$10,000.

The Illinois secretary of state will be required to allow applicants to choose between "male," "female" or "non-binary" when designating the applicant's sex on their driver's license or ID card.

Any report received by the Department of Children and Family Services alleging the abuse or neglect of a child by a person who is not the child's parent or immediate family must immediately be referred to the appropriate local enforcement agency and state's attorney for consideration of criminal investigation or other action.

Diesel trucks will be prohibited from idling for more than 10 minutes within one hour if the vehicle is within 200 feet of a residential area.

Graduate assistants will no longer be classified as "students," but rather as "employees," which grants them the right to collectively bargain.

Insurers in the state will be required to cover the costs of medically necessary epinephrine injectors, commonly referred to by the brand name EpiPen, for persons under 18 years old.

Hospitals must post information on how to enroll in health insurance through the Illinois health insurance marketplace.

The Illinois Senate Democratic and Republican caucuses have each compiled lists of new laws available at their respective websites, illinoisensatedemocrats.com and senategop.state.il.us.

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Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

In keeping with tradition...

It's two weeks after Christmas, the bills are all due...

...wait a minute...we already made a lame attempt at a parody of the famous and classic poem which is about the "night before Christmas." We'll just leave it alone.

However, we will begin the new year, and the new decade, with one more tradition for the holiday season, which no doubt is quickly fading into memory.

By the way, I hope you had a wonderful holiday season. At our humble abode, we continued one long-standing tradition which involved a grill and some meat on Christmas Eve. Keeping that tradition

alive didn't seem fair. It was way, way too warm. Cooking outdoors when there was no snow...or sleet...or bone-chilling temperatures just didn't seem right. Oh, well.

We also made a Christmas Eve jaunt into the Great Outdoors. Hardly even needed to wear jackets for our little adventure. I suppose we will probably pay for such things at some point during the winter.

Let's get on with our tradition. Last week, as you may (or may) not recall, this page featured some of the photographer's favorite critter pictures for 2019. This week, we turn our focus on one critter in particular. One with a

bushy tail. Yup, it's time for our annual look back at some of the photographer's favorite images of squirrels for 2019.

All of the photographs you see were taken in Union County land. Perhaps looking at the photos will inspire you to make plans for Squirrel Appreciation Day, which is January 21. Really. Look it up.

Oh, by the way...just for the sake of planning ahead...because you don't want to get behind...you've got something like 357 shopping days until Christmas...have fun...

Once again, I hope you enjoy the photographs...and I hope you have a great 2020, too...



April 1. No foolin'.



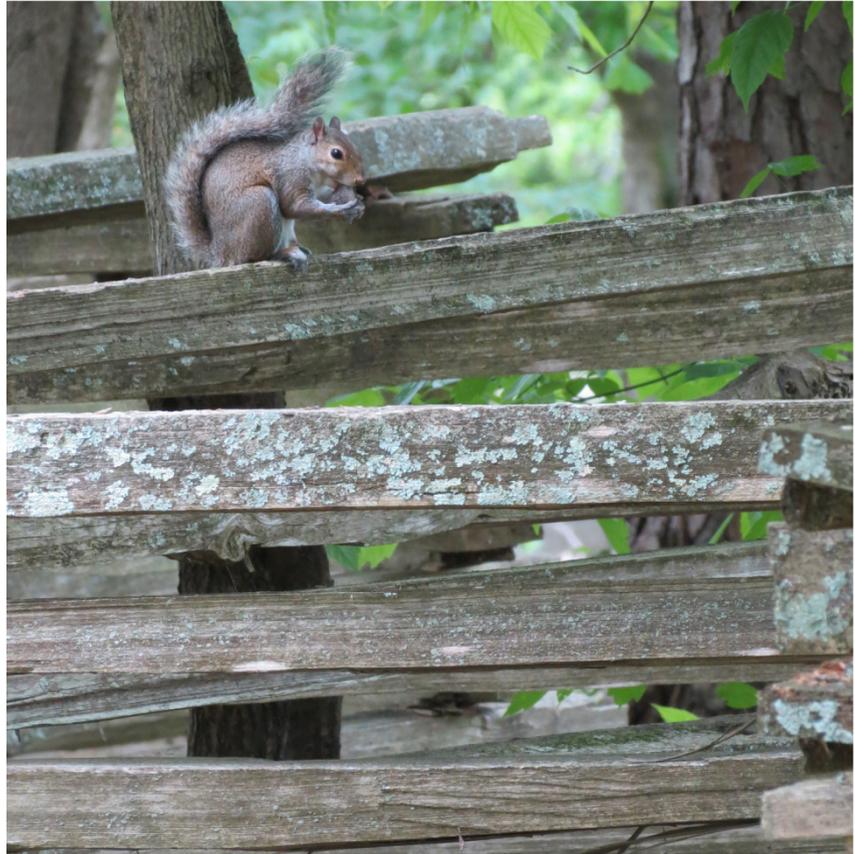
May 27. Crossing that bridge when he (or she) got to it.



Nov. 24. Pausing for a pose.



April 4. Squirrels seem to like to eat...



May 9...and eat...



Aug. 7...and eat.



May 29. The end.