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News

Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

As of Jan. 13, the Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, had recorded a total of 4,176 COVID-19 cases in Union County. With the move to a centralized reporting system at the state level, daily updates about case numbers no longer are being issued by Southern Seven Health Department. Southern Seven's last report on Jan. 7 showed 3,795 cases in the county since the start of the pandemic...

...by Jan. 17, the IDPH case count for Union County had risen to 4,313.

Cobden High School Voice of Democracy winner Kaya Coleman earned third place at sectionals.

"SpongeBob the Musical" is scheduled to be presented March 25-27 at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. A cast of 25 students was scheduled to begin rehearsals during the first week of January.

Shawnee High School in Wolf Lake had a successful homecoming celebration. Autumn Derossett was named homecoming queen.

Top 10 Billboard American Roots Artist Grant Maloy Smith, of Rhode Island, remade a song that Kevin Lucas wrote in 2007 called "Cahokia Winds." Smith and Lucas filmed a music video for the release at Fort Defiance in Cairo, at the point where the Ohio River and Mississippi rivers converge, and also at Inspiration Point near Wolf Lake. The song and video pays tribute to the Native American civilization at Cahokia.

Congratulations are being extended to the Anna Junior High School girls' basketball team, which won a regional championship.

A winter book sale is planned by the Friends of Stinson Library. The sale is scheduled Feb. 11-13 at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna.

'Blast of winter weather' expected in region

The National Weather Forecast office in Paducah early this week was alerting the region's residents to "expect a blast of winter weather."

An arctic cold front was expected to sweep through the Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky region Wednesday, bringing with it some of the coldest air of the season.

The forecast posted online by the weather service office was calling for below-zero wind chills by Thursday morning (today) in the Southern Illinois area.

The weather service advised that plummeting temperatures could have led to moisture freezing on roads and highways by Wednesday evening. Some light accumulation of snow

was possible Wednesday evening.

"By early Thursday morning, wind chills will be around zero. The cold air will stick around through Friday, when early morning wind chills will be in the single digits," the weather service stated.

The forecast for the Union County area which was posted early this week on the website for the weather service office in Paducah was calling for rain before 3 p.m. on Wednesday.

Rain, with freezing rain, was possible between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m., followed by snow after 4 p.m. Little or no ice accumulation was expected. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch was possible.

The temperature was expected to fall to around 29 degrees by 5 p.m.



Snow on Sunday night

Snow fell for a brief period late Sunday night in the Union County area. A northbound freight train was making its way through Cobden while the snow was falling.

Strong wind gusts, as high as 28 miles per hour, were in the forecast.

The forecast was calling for a 30 percent chance of snow before midnight on Wednesday.

The low Wednesday night was expected to be around 12, with wind chill

values as low as 2 degrees below zero. Winds out of the north at 14 to 18 mph were expected, with gusts as high as 29 mph.

Sunshine, with a high near 23, along with north winds 10 to 14 mph were in the forecast for Thursday (today). Mostly clear condi-

tions, with a low around 11 and north winds at 6 to 9 mph, were expected Thursday night.

Friday is expected to be sunny, with the high near 29 and a low around 15. Sunshine and a high near 36 are in the forecast for Saturday.

Students who join CEO program become part of family

When a student joins CEO, she or he becomes a member of the CEO Family...

...and each member of the family gains support from business and community leaders, mentors and alumni.

Recently several alumni have visited class at HeBrewz Coffeehouse in Jonesboro to discuss interviewing, scholarships, jobs, college, internships, roommates, balancing sports with classes and more.

All agreed that CEO helped with interviewing and feeling comfortable with interviewers and college instructors.

Many have credited CEO with helping them to receive better, and more, scholarships.

Applications for the Union County CEO program class of 2022-2023 are scheduled to open Jan. 24. The application period is scheduled to close Feb. 4. References will be due from students by Feb. 11.

The current team plans to



Alumni meet with CEO students

Union County CEO program alumni met recently with members of the 2021-2022 team. From left are Camden Hodges, alumni Jackson Laster, Julia Hall, Joe Brumleve and Drake Roach, and team member Kyle Hall. Union County CEO photo.

have recruitment presentations in Union County high schools in the next two weeks.

CEO alumni Jackson Laster, Julia Hall, Joe Brumleve and Drake Roach met with current team members.

College junior Jackson Laster is back at St. Louis University after a summer at Busch Stadium and a semester in Madrid, Spain.

Freshman Julia Hall attends Southeast Missouri State University in Cape

Girardeau and still does PBJ photography work.

Southern Illinois University sophomore Joe Brumleve has had great success with Joe's Produce business, but plans to have an internship in the medical

field this summer.

Shawnee Community College sophomore Drake Roach continues his highly successful SI Pressure Washing business and he also works for the City of Anna.

Zoom presentation to feature history of Choate Center

Darrel Dexter, of Jonesboro, plans to give a presentation titled "153 Years of History: From the Southern Illinois Insane Asylum to the Clyde L. Choate Mental Health and Development Center," on Saturday, Jan. 22, at 11 a.m. on Zoom. Dexter is a local historian and author.

Due to COVID restrictions, there will be no in-person attendance.

Registration for the event is free and open to all who are interested.

Registration can be done online at register.carbondalepubliclibrary.org/dar.

The state institution was created in 1869 and received its first patients in December 1873.

It was first known as the Southern Illinois Insane Asylum and then as the Illinois Southern Hospital for the Insane.

It also has been called the Southern Illinois Mental Health Center, the Anna Mental Health and Developmental Center, Anna

State Hospital and the Clyde L. Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center.

Dexter will focus on the history of the institution from its founding and the controversy over its location at Anna, instead of

at Jonesboro, where the chairman of the first board of commissioners, John Dougherty, wanted it located.

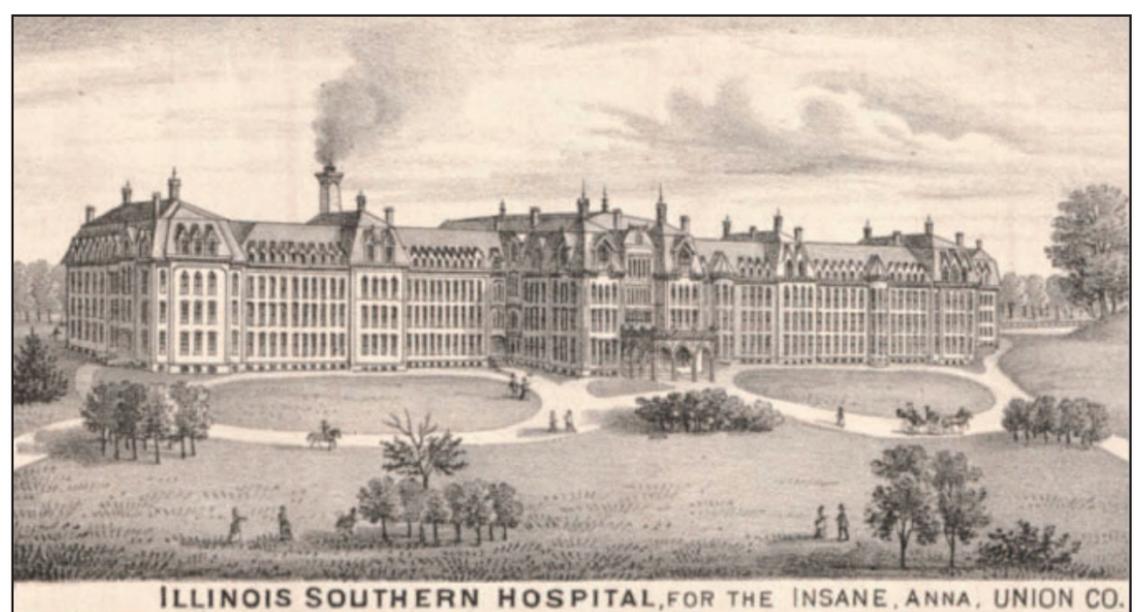
The hospital expanded physically and continued to grow in numbers until it reached its peak of nearly

2,500 residents in 1953, and its subsequent decline in numbers in more recent years to just a little more than 200.

Dexter will also discuss the Anna State Hospital Cemetery, once known as Valhalla, which was estab-

lished in 1874. There were 2,673 unmarked graves there up to November 1939, and about 1,200 marked burials since that date.

The presentation will feature more than 60 photographs and drawings from 1876 to 2022.



Sketch from 1876

This sketch of the original hospital was published in 1876 in the Atlas of the State of Illinois. Photo provided.



Veterans Honor Flight planning June trip to Washington, D.C.

Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois announced Tuesday, Jan. 11, that the group plans to return to Washington, D.C., in the spring.

The all-volunteer group plans to conduct its eighth flight honoring veterans from Southern Illinois on Tuesday, June 7.

Founded in 2016, Veterans Honor Flight has transported more than 520 veterans to Washington, D.C., to see the memorials built in their honor.

Starting in 2017, the group has run two flights each year, with the exception of flights which were rescheduled due to COVID-19. Flight 8, originally scheduled for June 2020, is the last flight to be rescheduled.

Flight 7, held on Sept. 28, 2021, marked the return to flying after COVID-19.

Adhering to strict safety protocols, Veterans Honor Flight was able to conduct the flight with zero reported cases of COVID-19 among the 183 passengers who traveled. All of the participants were vaccinated in accordance with CDC guidance.

All veterans are being encouraged to sign-up for Honor Flight by going to www.veteranshonorflight.org and filling out an online application.

Veterans are selected based on their dates of service, with those serving in World War II being selected first, along with any terminally-ill veterans.

Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois has more than 300 veterans on the waiting list for flights and is serving those who served in World War II, Korea, Vietnam and between the conflicts.

Those who served in Vietnam with a birth date on or before 1942 are currently being selected. Younger veterans will be selected on future flights.

The trip involves a full day of touring Washington, D.C., with stops at the National World War II Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Vietnam War Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery along with other stops.

The trip is fully funded for veterans by donations to Veterans Honor Flight. Each veteran travels with a guardian, a volunteer who

assists the veteran with their needs during the day. Flight costs exceed \$83,000 for the one-day trip.

For those who would like to support Veterans Honor Flight, donations can be made at www.veteranshonorflight.org or any Peoples National Bank or Banterra Bank facility in Southern Illinois. All donations are tax deductible.

Additionally, donations may be made in association with sponsorships, such as a wheelchair banner sponsorship (\$100) which places a banner on one of the wheelchairs taken to Washington, D.C., in honor or memory of a veteran or with a personal message.

Additional sponsorship information is available by visiting www.veteranshonorflight.org.

Veterans Honor Flight can be followed on Facebook (www.facebook.com/veteranshonorflight) or Instagram (www.instagram.com/vethonorflight) for the latest information.

Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois is a hub of the Honor Flight Network and is dedicated to the service of the veterans in Southern Illinois.

Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with all available donations going directly to flight costs. As of 2019, 97.5 percent of all donated money was used for flight costs.

Weather High 54, low 18

Temperatures ranged from a high of 54 degrees to a low of 18 during the period of Jan. 11-17 in the Union County area.

Precipitation measured during the period included .05 of an inch rain on Jan. 14, .22 of an inch of rain on Jan. 15 and a trace of snow/melted precipitation on Jan. 17.

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

	H	L
Tuesday, Jan. 11	41	18
Wednesday, Jan. 12	54	34
Thursday, Jan. 13	54	28
Friday, Jan. 14	47	26
Saturday, Jan. 15	39	30
Sunday, Jan. 16	39	24
Monday, Jan. 17	44	25



Flag at half-staff
Union County Commissioner Darryl Harvell stood in front of the flag at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro last Friday morning. The flag was lowered to half-staff in honor of his son, Derek.

County commissioner grateful for support

A member of the Union County Board of Commissioners voiced gratitude for all of the support which has been shared following the death of his son.

Derek Thomas Harvell, 25, of Jonesboro, died Wednesday, Jan. 5. He was the son of Darryl and Diane Moreland Harvell. Darryl Harvell is a member of the Union County Board of Commissioners.

Harvell was present at last Friday morning's regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners. The meeting was at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

County board chairman Max Miller voiced sympathy to Harvell at Friday morning's meeting. Miller said that thoughts and prayers are with the Harvells and offered any help which the family might need.

Commissioner Harvell said his family was grateful for all of the expressions of support which have been shared by the community.

He also voiced appreciation for the American flag in front of the county courthouse being lowered to half-staff in honor of Derek.

The commissioner suggested that if people wanted to honor Derek's memory, donations to the soccer program at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School or to the Union County animal control program would be appreciated.

Cobden School District takes day off due to COVID

COVID-19 was having an impact last week in Cobden School District No. 17.

The school district posted a message late last week on social media which reported that COVID was impacting its students "significantly." Friday, Jan. 14, was to have been used as an emergency day in light of the increasing impacts of COVID.

Friday was to have been

treated as an emergency day, as a snow day would have been.

School district officials said they hoped the time off would allow "for some recuperation among families and have our students and faculty/staff in a healthier place to begin the new week."

All athletic events and practices were cancelled until Jan. 18.

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Driver services facilities to remain closed due to high COVID numbers

Out of an abundance of caution and due to the continued high numbers of new COVID-19 cases statewide, Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced Jan. 13 that all Secretary of State departments, including driver services facilities, are scheduled to resume conducting in-person transactions Monday, Jan. 24.

The Secretary of State offices and facilities first closed on Jan. 3, due to the surge in COVID-19 cases statewide.

Driver services facilities operating on a Tuesday through Saturday schedule

207,203 new COVID cases in Illinois

The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, on Friday, Jan. 14, reported 207,203 new confirmed and probable cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Illinois, including 738 deaths since reporting on Jan. 7.

IDPH was reporting a total of 2,589,640 cases, including 29,099 deaths, in 102 counties in Illinois.

As of Thursday night, Jan. 13, 7,320 people in Illinois were reported to be in the hospital with COVID-19.

IDPH reported that undated analysis showed almost 90 percent of COVID-19 hospitalizations in Illinois were unvaccinated.

All data are provisional and will change, IDPH reported.

are scheduled to reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 25. A driver services facility is located in Anna.

"After careful consideration and out of an abundance of caution, we have decided to extend the closures of offices and driver services facilities an additional week, with a reopening date set for Monday, Jan. 24, 2022, due to the continued high number of COVID-19 cases," White said in a news release.

"The health and safety of employees and the public remains my top priority, and face-to-face transactions potentially increase the further spread of the virus. We are pleased to see what appears to be the beginning of a downswing in COVID-19 cases and, if this trend continues, we will reopen January 24 for face-to-face transactions."

White continued to encourage the public to visit ilsos.gov for online services.

Online transactions will remain open for all departments to conduct office services. In addition, the drivers and vehicles services hotline phone number remains open at 800-252-8980.

Customers with issues involving administrative hearings can email adminhearings@ilsos.gov or call 312-793-3722 or 217-782-7065.

As a reminder, White has extended all driver's license and ID card expiration dates to March 31, 2022.

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Development of bike trail moving forward

Plans for the multiphased development of a bike trail in Union County are moving forward. The Rails to Trails project was initiated by the Alto Pass Village Board. The board is looking to work with outside groups on the project, and a steering committee has been established. Plans call for the first phase of the project to be developed along the Quetil Trail in Alto Pass (where the photograph was taken) to Aldridge Road. Ultimately, those working on the project hope to see the trail go from Jackson County to Jonesboro and then to the nearby Tunnel Hill State Trail in Southern Illinois. An informational meeting about the proposed bike trail was planned Wednesday night, Jan. 19, at the community building in Alto Pass.

Cobden Women's Club had holiday season luncheon at Giant City Lodge

The Cobden Women's Club had a Christmas luncheon on Dec. 2 at Giant City Lodge near Makanda.

Club members who attended the luncheon included Donna Budelsky, Dorothy Cirilla, Janis Corrington, Lou Ann Hartline, Carol Nebughr, Joann Sharp, Mary Sue Treece, Macky Cohen, Dianna Yates, Carol Savini, Susan Yates, Charlotte

Hartline, Sherri Lukes and Chrisy Null.

The club had a very short business meeting. Club members voted to give a donation to the food pantry at Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna.

The donation was made possible from proceeds the club made from its pie crust making project in November.

The club plans to meet

at 1 p.m. Thursday, today, in the Family Life Center at the First Baptist Church in Cobden. Carol Nebughr is scheduled to be the hostess.

At the meeting, the club will collect \$20 yearly dues from members.

All interested women are invited to the meeting to discover what the club does during the year to help the community and Union County.



Club members

Cobden Women's Club members gathered for a Christmas luncheon in early December at Giant City State Park Lodge. Photo provided.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School announces honor students

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School announces fall semester high honor roll and honor roll students.

Students on the high honor roll had a grade point average of 4.0-plus.

Students on the honor roll had a great point average of 3.90 to 3.99.

High Honor Roll

Logan Abernathy, Hallie Black, Nathaniel Boyer, Madalyn Clark, Brinley Corbit, Kayma Dawson, Brooklynn Eastman, Brianna Flick, Benjamin Hauser, Audrey Hileman, Christopher Hodges, Macie Hoehner, Zoe Jones, Malayna Korb, Chesnee Marks, Scotti Murray, Connor Richardson.

Zoe Sadler, Lucas Salazar, Kylee Stanley, Kenzie Stover, Kylie Tripp, Tess Wilkins, Kaylina Willey, Ruby Yates, Samuel Allen, Addyson Bailey.

Emily Belcher, Cadence Black, Callysta Borders, Brianna Brunner, Ryleigh Brust, Jasmine Buck, Miranda Bundren, Lizbeth Carrillo-Garcia, Lakelyn Carter.

Eric Chen, Riley Cruse, Payton Denny, Daniel Dover, Presli Garner, Evan Hall, Alyson Hasty, Bree Hazelrigg, Zachary Henry, Angel Hernandez, Andrew Holshouser.

Mattilynn Houseman, Alexandria Keller, Ella Lingle, Alexander Meier, Alayna Menees, Gunnar Myers, Jossilin Needling, Om Patel.

Alexis Peeler, Victoria Perez, Torie Ralls, Jadya Samuels, Anndrew Smith, Deven Smith, Kaitlyn Sullivan, Tysen Tripp, Sammi Turner, Hannah Webb, Joshua Williams.

Hailey Wright, Austin Adams, Jolie Barger, Carter Beanland, Jada Buck, Pierce Chapman, Nile Chotner, Megan Clark, Brodie Denny, Oregon Dover, Madelynn Eastman, Jaden Ebberts, Evie Eddings.

Serena Hasty, McKena Kimmel, Parker Mayberry, Lia Mays, Jacob Merriam, Emilie Mowery, Avery Osman, Mallory Ozment, Will Poulos Keller, Hayden Ralls.

Evan Ray, Reese Reynolds, Jessica Sartin, Liam Schroeder, Kaylee Stover, Brylen Suggs, Isabel Tehandon, Shealyn Thorn, Mikaya Tripp, Sydney Waun, Jonah Westbrook.

Gracie Barlow, Hunter Boyd, Trevor Cochran, Ian Crunk, Hayley Davis, Joshua Davis, Addison Denny, Andrew Detering, Kaelyn George, Bryce Henry, Brittany Hill.

Annie Hobson, Camden Hodges, Dylan Holderfield, Corydon Jerrell, Kyle Jerrell, Lucas Lasley, Alyvia Lawrence, Alex Little, Blake Mays, Chloe McFarland, Joely McHary.

Darci McMahan, Ethan Minckler, Gavin Osman, Jayden Perez, Kamden Richardson, Noah Rich-

ardson, Riley Rios, Anna Rodgers.

Breckstin Schaefer, Madison Schnaare, Bo Schuetz, Payton Seip, Marlee Smith, Tabitha Smith, Allison Toler, Beto Vaca Diez.

Honor Roll

Daylon Butler, Noah Chotner, Kyle Conway, Robert Dover-Velasques, Addison Farris, Allison Fowler, Rylan Frazier, Riley Hennis.

Cassidy Janke, Landon Lofton, Grace Mowell, Ellie Penrod, Candria Rogers, Drew Sadler, Olivia Schaefer, Savannah Smith, Luke Vaughn.

Jonah Watkins, Ava Alsip, Joselin Avila, Jadeyn Biggerstaff, Jaden Brimm, Brooke Carmack, Tyler Cunningham, Adriel Del Rosario.

Victor Guijon, Liam Hale, Drake Hartline, Dylan Harvel, Bennett Keller, Jace Lee, Genesis Martin, Amora

Melvin, Bailey Mix.

Hannah Morris, Janie Ozment, Isaiah Pitts, Whitely Quick, Peyton Samuels, Cayden Sawyer, Thomas Smith, Jason Vizard.

Elvira Zamora, Dylan Chilman, Sophia Dudley, Aniyah Graham, Hardyn Griffin, Malik Groh, Caleb Mays, Daden Moore, Alexis Nekola.

Madilyn Robinson, Marissa Simmons, Samantha Stokes, Serena Tripp, Matteo Vaca Diez, Skylar Webb, Jenna Chamness, Kelsie Cole.

Gracie Cook, Abigail Dahmer, Harrison Ford, Sarah Gentry, Madi Hawk, Anthony Jimenez, TRuby Lawrence.

Ana Markovic, Zachary Miller, Eli Powell, Brenna Pribble, Sara Sini, Aislynn Smith, Joseph Smith, Brooke Starr, Matthew Wright, Marisol Zamora.

Jonesboro School announces second quarter honor students

Jonesboro Grade School announces second quarter honor roll students.

8th Grade, High Honors

Travis Burgher, Raegan Jones, Reese Jones, Aidan McFadden, Kenzie Miller, Lucas Tehandon, Kayleigh Wheaton.

8th Grade, Honors

Graydon Edmonds, Isabella Hawk, Grant Lingle, Heidi Miller, Jayci Needling.

7th Grade, High Honors

Blake Abernathy, Mackenzie Barnhart, Elizabeth Hill, Norah Kelley.

7th Grade, Honors

Hannah Hale, Kinley Leek, Brooke Sheffer, Mackenzie Turner.

6th Grade, High Honors

Melaina Bundren, Seth Cochran, Hayden Staples, Adalyn Suggs, Kaitlyn Sullivan.

6th Grade, Honors

Sophia Hill, Elly Mays, Madalyn Moss, Macayla

Nance.

5th Grade, High Honors

Levi Hill, Allison Leek, Emmett Meier, Trent Miller, Clara Mix.

5th Grade, Honors

Jessica Ambrocio, Makayla Black, Alexis Darling, Kylie Dillow, Lindyn Eudy, Caden Gurley, Hayden Lewis, Scarlet Myers, Kynlee Needling, Gabriella Newberry.

Kutak named honor student

Kyle Kutak of McClure has been named to the fall semester dean's list at Central Methodist University in Fayette, Mo.

Nearly 1,000 students across all of the university's campuses and online learning program met the requirements for placement, including a grade point average of 3.50 or higher for the semester.

College acquires high-tech system for anatomy, physiology education

The Shawnee Community College Science Department has announced the recent purchase of an Anatomage Table, which is a new tool which is designed for increased learning outcomes.

The Anatomage Table is a technologically advanced 3D anatomy visualization system.

The system is used for anatomy and physiology education that is used by medical schools and other institutions of higher learning.

The table provides students with a fully segmented real human 3D anatomy system which provides a digital visualized anatomy exactly as students would see using a real cadaver.

The system allows for a dissectible experience in 3D and allows for exploration and learning of human anatomy beyond what any cadaver could offer.

"This new table is going to help our students experience a level of anatomical instruction that has previously been unavailable to smaller institutions," Shawnee Community College math and science chair Lori Armstrong said in a news release.

"Often the students in our biology and anatomy classes, including nurses, have only a limited amount of opportunities to experience dissection in such an immersive way.

"The Anatomage Table will allow them to effectively perform dissection in a 3D environment and help them to gain a more in-depth understanding of the human anatomy not previously possible."

The table was purchased upon recommendation by Dr. Tim Taylor, the president of Shawnee Community College as part of broader implementation of the college's strategic plan.

Last year, as Taylor met with the college's faculty and staff, he encouraged them to seek out new available technology that could help them better prepare students for real-world vocational opportunities.

The Anatomage Table will be utilized during the upcoming spring semester by students at the college.

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Sports

Cobden scores wins over Hardin County, Harrisburg

The Cobden High School boys' basketball team won a pair of games last week.

Cobden 38, Hardin County 35: The Appleknockers went ahead early on their way to the win over Hardin County in a game which was played at Unity Point near Carbondale Wednesday, Jan. 12.

"We pulled ahead early and hung on to it," Cobden head coach Wendell Wheeler said. "It was a good win."

Tyler Franklin led Cobden with 15 points. Elliott Lowndes added 9 points, Cooper Flamm 6, Drake Campbell 5 and Edwin

Funes 3.

Cobden 53, Harrisburg 39: The Appleknockers took another early lead to post the win in a game which was played at John A. Logan College in Carterville on Tuesday, Jan. 11.

"It was a very big win," Wheeler said. "They've got a good team."

Franklin led the way for Cobden with 19 points. Lowndes added 17 points, Reynolds 10 and Funes 7.

Cobden, which improved to 12-5 overall, plays this week at the Mid-Winter Round Robin Tournament at Egyptian.

A-J girls fall to No. 4 Nashville in close game

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' basketball team lost 27-21 to visiting Nashville Thursday, Jan. 13.

Nashville came into the game as the No. 4 ranked team in Illinois in Class 2A.

When the two teams played earlier in the season, Nashville scored a win by a much wider margin. The final was 53-23.

A-J head coach Matt Denny said his squad played well against Nashville and continues to improve.

A-J slowed the game down and had closed

Nashville's lead to just 22-21 at the end of three quarters.

Brodie Denny led the way for the Lady Wildcats with 11 points, 4 rebounds and a steal.

Addison Denny added 5 points, 4 rebounds and assists and a steal. Marlee Smith had 3 points, 2 assists and a rebound.

Macie George had 2 points and a steal. Jenna Sadler had 3 rebounds, an assist, a steal and a blocked shot. Riley Cruse had a rebound.

A-J, 9-11 overall, is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at Benton.

A-J boys' basketball team falls to Vienna, Nashville

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boy' basketball team lost twice last week.

Vienna 63, A-J 58: The visiting Eagles pulled ahead early on their way to the win over the host Wildcats Saturday, Jan. 15.

Dylan Harvel led A-J with 20 points and 5 rebounds.

Landon Trammel had 19 points and a rebound. Bryce Henry had 4 points and 5 rebounds. Payton Denny had 2 points and a rebound. Ethan Carver had 6 rebounds. Joey Sullivan had a rebound.

A-J was 14 of 29 in shot attempts from the floor, 8 of 24 from 3-point range and 6 of 8 from the free throw line.

Vienna was 18 of 24 in shot attempts from the field, 10 of 23 from 3-point range and 11 of 18 from the charity stripe.

Nashville 60, A-J 36: The host Wildcats let a first quarter lead slip away in the loss Friday, Jan. 14.

Harvel had 18 points and 4 rebounds to lead the Wildcats.

Landon Trammel had 12 points and 3 rebounds. Dawson Trammel had 4 points and 2 rebounds. Carver and Henry each had a point apiece. Henry had a rebound.

A-J was 9 of 20 in shot attempts from the floor, 4 of 9 from 3-point range and 6 of 13 from the free throw line.

The Hornets were 17 of 25 in shot attempts from the floor, 4 of 18 from 3-point range and 14 of 17 from the charity stripe.

A-J is scheduled to play this week in the Johnston City Classic.

Meridian tops Shawnee

Meridian posted an 83-21 victory over Shawnee Tuesday, Jan. 11, in high school boys' basketball.

Xander Wigler led Shawnee with 8 points. Koda Abraham and Ryan Libbert added 4 apiece, Dustin Smith 3 and Dryden Willis 2.

The Shawnee junior varsity lost 49-47 to Meridian.

Shawnee is scheduled to play this week at the Egyptian Mid-Winter Classic.

A-J wrestlers post two wins

The Anna-Jonesboro wrestling team traveled to West Frankfort to compete in a dual match Tuesday, Jan. 12.

The Wildcats topped the host Redbirds 45-36 and Herrin 66-16.

With the wins, A-J improved to 17-6 overall in dual matches, which was four wins away from the school record in dual competition.

A-J is scheduled to competex at Paducah Tilghman High School in Kentucky on Saturday, Jan. 22.

County Line News

(Mill Creek and Upper Elco)

Tsunami's, blizzards and ice storms, oh my. The news sure surprises me at times.

While, there is little to no chance on us getting the tsunami, I've watched enough disaster movies not to discount the chance for just about anything.

As far as the snow goes, winter is just getting ramped up so I imagine I'll be shoveling snow at some point before Easter. I'll skip the ice, thank you very much, however.

My apologies to those of you that DID get some of the mess. The photos have been spectacular though.

The weather sure put a crimp in my nephew's long weekend. He lives in South Carolina and they had ice and a dusting of snow.

He works for the state highway department, so he was on call and had to take equipment to areas where it was expected to be the worse and wait for it to hit, and then deal with it.

He called to let me know he'd be out of town over the weekend, where he'd be, and why.

Since his mother, my sister Lisa, passed away, I am honor bound to harass him in her absence. I know my own children just love it and I'm sure he does too. Ha. Age has its privileges, and I enforce the one of them where you must check in when you travel.

Prayer warriors, keep praying. What seems like the entire Short family has been hit with Covid. Buck and Nina McDaniel, the Laminack family, Wanda Basler and Steve Skaggs, also. Paul McKee has been exposed, as well. Our prayers go out to all of them and to Samantha Ellis, as she is recovering from surgery; Butch Poole for his surgery; Kristy Horn's mother is ill, as are Tonya Marshall, and Liam Branscum.

Others in dire need of as many prayers as possible

are Elaine Helton, who is still in the hospital in Indiana; Debbie Watson and her family in Texas; Barb Layman who is in the Her-rin hospital; and her mother, Lula Belle Tripp, who took a nasty fall Saturday.

Continued prayers of strength and comfort for those who have lost loved ones: the Joe and Joyce Sullivan family; the Derek Harvell family; Pastor Jimmy Wilson's family; Jim Fuller's family; John Berry Jr.'s family; LaRae McCom-mons Parker's family; and the Carla Ballenger family.

A special shout out to my sister-in-law Vickie Jacobs. She is recovering from her surgery, as well, but is doing great.

She was treated to a drive around birthday party at the wheel of her daughter, Tami's car, on Sunday. She needs to keep isolated still, but her girls wanted to recognize her birthday.

So, Tami drove her around to see the grandkids at each house. They came out and she passed out cupcakes to each grandchild. A unique but awesome way to do it. Happy birthday, Vickie. We enjoyed

By Suzan Harvel

the photos on social media too, thanks for sharing, Tami.

Our service Sunday was started with the song, "Do Others See Jesus in You?"

Just like the song says we need to keep telling the story and be faithful and true. The sermon came from the Book of Daniel. He was faithful and was not only saved from a fiery furnace, but a lion's den because of his faith.

Is your faith that strong? Or are you like King Nebuchadnezzar and have other gods like money, power or pride?

There is but one God and He should reign in our lives. Whatever we place ahead of God will fall. We need to be better examples for our children and their children. We need to teach them the stories and let them and all others see Jesus in us.

Brother Bob referenced another set of scripture and reminds us we need choose to be like Joshua who said in Joshua 24:15: "as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." When we are fully trusting and following God, when we are leading our family in His ways, we are forever blessed.

VFW plans to have fish fry

A fish fry is planned at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455. The post is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna.

The fish fry will be served from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21. The menu will include two pieces of fish, potato salad and baked beans for a donation of \$12.

The public is welcome. Carry outs will be available. Drive-thru will not be available for this meal.

Hospital board meeting slated

The Union County Hospital District Board of Directors plans to meet Thursday, Jan. 27.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:45 p.m. at the Brick House Grill in Anna.

The meeting's agenda is scheduled to include the Union County Hospital District Board financial reports, business updates and the auxiliary's bylaws.



Historical society luncheon

Darryl Parks hosted a luncheon at his home on Thursday, Dec. 20, for volunteers and board members of the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society. From left are Mike Estel, Judy Travelstead, Darryl Parks, Will Travelstead, Fran Swedlund, Alma Gomez and Patty Flamm. Also in attendance was Patrick Brumleve. Photo provided.

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'On the Fence' campaign encourages vaccinations

With the current surge of COVID-19 cases due to the highly contagious Omicron variant, the State of Illinois has announced the launch of a new vaccine awareness campaign to explain the power of the life-saving vaccine.

The "On the Fence" campaign features 18 stories from Illinois residents who were initially hesitant but are now fully vaccinated.

As health experts continue to advise unvaccinated individuals to get their life-saving shot, the campaign is directed to residents who are reluctant to get vaccinated.

The campaign will roll out over the coming months, and will include stories from people who reflect the racial and socioeconomic diversity of the state.

"We are on the eve of the

third year of this pandemic, but we have the tools to get through this, and I encourage everyone on the fence to get vaccinated," Gov. JB Pritzker said in a news release.

"Reaching out to a relative, a coworker or a neighbor who is hesitant about getting the vaccine with kindness and compassion will help keep us all safe. Where we go next as a state is a matter of all of us pitching in. I urge everyone to get vaccinated, get boosted, and do their part."

The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, recognizes that a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine strategy is a critical component to reduce COVID-19-related illnesses, hospitalizations and deaths.

According to the Cen-

ters for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC, the unvaccinated are 17 times more likely to be hospitalized than those who have been vaccinated and boosted.

"We understand there are still people who have concerns about the COVID-19 vaccines, and I urge them to talk with a health care provider as well as others who have been vaccinated," said IDPH director Dr. Ngozi Ezike.

"Safe and effective vaccines have been used for more than a year now, longer if you include the clinical trials, and they have good safety and effectiveness records.

"People receiving the COVID-19 vaccines are experiencing significantly reduced rates of hospitalization and death. They are recommended for everyone 5 years and older."

The initial rollout of the campaign will feature four videos.

The campaign will reach Illinoisans in every corner of the state in both English and Spanish through a variety of traditional and online media channels, including cable, broadcast and connected TV; streaming audio and radio; billboards and bus shelters; digital display and video; print and social media.

Similar to other coronavirus-related expenses, costs are reimbursable by the federal government.

The "On the Fence" campaign is part of the state's larger "All in Illinois" effort, backed by doctors and public health experts, encouraging Illinoisans to protect themselves and their communities from COVID-19 by getting vaccinated and boosted.

To find a COVID-19 vaccine location, visit vaccines.gov or call 1-800-232-0233.

SIU to host internship, job fair in February

Southern Illinois University Carbondale is planning to host a job and internship fair on Feb. 15.

The fair is designed to connect SIU students with career and internship opportunities. Businesses can sign up now to participate.

Sponsored by SIU's Career Development Center, the event is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the SIU Student Center Ballrooms.

SIU is committed to protecting the community, so all of those who attend the event must follow current campus and state pandemic safety protocols and wear masks.

Prospective employers who would like to participate in the event are encouraged by organizers to register by Feb. 1.

Additional information, including pricing, is on the recruiting fair at careerdevelopment.siu.edu. More than 60 employers have signed up.

All SIU students can participate in the fair. Students can preregister and view a list of participating employers by visiting siu.joinhandshake.com/login.

More information about the event is available by emailing careerdevelopment@siu.edu, calling 618-453-2391 or visit careerdevelopment.siu.edu.

A-JCHS art students honored

Two Anna-Jonesboro Community High School students received honors in the Little Egypt Art Association's, LEAA, annual high school art competition.

Jordyn North won first place with her charcoal drawing of Edward Scissorhands.

Sydney Waun received best of show honors using white chalk on black paper for her drawing.

High school art works which were entered in the competition are on display at LEAA's building on the square in Marion.

The display is scheduled to continue through the first week of February.

Public Record

from the files at the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro

Realty Transactions

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

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Johni Hogue. Grantee: Derek Hogue. Tract Section 24 Township 11S Range 2W. Subdivision Name: Skyview Estates. Lot 1.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Johni Hogue. Grantee: Derek Hogue. Tract Section 24 Township 11S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Dodd Properties LLC. Grantee: Girardi Farm Property LLC. Tract Section 31 Township 11S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: HB2 Alternative Holdings LLC. Grantee: Cascade Funding Mortgage Trust. Tract Section 25 Township 13S Range 1W. Subdivision Name: Leavenworth Add. of Dongola. Lot 71.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Debra Sue Knight. Derek Bryan Knight. Grantee: Charles M. Woodard, Crystal L. Woodard. Tract Section 27 Township 12 Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: The First State Bank of Dongola. Grantee: Joshua Hogue. Tract Section 25 Township 13S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: A Traveler. Grantee: Sue Ann Call, A Traveler. Tract Section 19 Township 12S Range 1W. Tract Section 20 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Jaymes David Manus. Grantee: Jo Beth Harvel. Tract Section 19 Township 12S Range 1W. Subdivision Name: Orchard Drive Sub. Lot 27.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Gregory M. Bryant, Lee Anne Bryant. Grantee: Kim Brimm. Tract Section 21 Township 12S Range 1W. Subdivision Name: Anna Heights Subdivision. Lot 54.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Teena S. Mathis. Grantee: Gregory Browning. Subdivision Name: City of Anna. Lot 2.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jason E. Menees, Kristie K. Menees. Grantee: Bradley Sheridan Dodd, Danielle Nichole Dodd. Tract Section 19 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Diana Schaefer, Randy Schaefer. Grantee: Robbie Valesquez. Subdivision Name: Grammers Add. of Jonesboro. Lot 97.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Trevor Kell. Grantee: Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Subdivision Name: Winstead Davies 3rd Add. of Anna. Lot 31.

Warranty Deed. Grantor:

Geraldine E. Pender. Grantee: Anna Lynn Geske. Subdivision Name: Village of Cobden. Block C.

Traffic Citations

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

Charles T. Green Jr., Anna, driving 11-14 mph above limit, \$257. Earl T. Colboth, Marion, disregard traffic device, \$164.

Macey Jo Hahs, Jackson, Mo., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257. Christopher F. Whitmore, Chicago, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$257.

Katie E. Worsham, St. Charles, Mo., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257. Reed M. Absher, Carbondale, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Alice M. Combs, Grand Tower, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257. Heidi R. Freeman, Grand Tower, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Jason S. Henry, Murphysboro, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Robert C. Garrett, Murphysboro, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257.

Jonathan J. Munoz, Cobden, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Jackson T. Connelley, Carbondale, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164.

Jace L. Huckstep, Jonesboro, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Janet K. Crunk, Walnut Hill, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Angela S. Eftink, Scott City, Mo., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Steve Camper, Jackson, Miss., driving 11-14 mph above limit, \$164.

David Tran, Lake in the Hills, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164. Dangelo M. Bradford, Memphis, Tenn., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Joy L. Walker, Chicago, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Juan Carlos Barajas-Hernandez, Elkhart, Ind., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Billy W. Garner, Cape Girardeau, driving 11-14 mph above limit, \$164. Michael L. Clevenger, Alto Pass, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Jeremy C. Clark, Carbondale, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164. Kenesha Ciara Hunt, Sikeston, Mo., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Patricia L. Fiegel, West Frankfort, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Russell Shelby Edwards, Memphis, Tenn., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

John A. Varkey, Peoria, Ariz., driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164. Kisha N. Richardson, Mount Vernon, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257.

Toheeb A. Ogunseye, Chicago, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257. Robert A. Ruble, Ullin, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$731.

Ashlynn Cox, St. Louis, Mo., operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$731. Howard L. Davis, Chicago, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$257.

Jarvis E. Stacy, Carbondale, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Nicholas J. Grimm, Carbondale, transport/carry alcoholic liquor/passenger, \$257; seat belt required/passenger, \$25.

Tyler M. Townley, Anna, seat belt required/driver, \$164. Carjuana D. Roland, Memphis, Tenn., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Seth W. Ward, Demorest, Ga., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Paul C. Wyant, Goreville, electronic communication device, \$164.

Christin E. Harris, Tupelo, Miss., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Jacob C. Clevenger, Alto Pass, seat belt required/passenger, \$164.

Edythe A. Hager, Homewood, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164. Marco Antonio Gaona Garcia, Murphysboro, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164.

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CLARIFICATION/CORRECTION

A Legal Notice Publication which appeared in the Thursday, January 13, 2022, issue of The Gazette-Democrat should have been identified as the

NOTICE OF 2021

QUADRENNIAL REASSESSMENT

Instead, the headline which accompanied the Legal Notice Publication read "Notice of 2020 Quadrennial Reassessment." The newspaper erred and we apologize for the error.

All of the information in the information in the publication, which included listings of Owner's/Owners' Names, Property Numbers and Total Assessment was correct. Following is how the headline and opening information should have appeared:

NOTICE OF 2021

QUADRENNIAL REASSESSMENT

The following is a list of all Real Estate assessments for Townships 12S-1W located in Union County as of January 1, 2021. All assessed values are subject to revision by the Board of Review and State Equalization. All properties are subject to equalization in accordance with Section 9-210 of the Property Tax Code other than those assessed as farm and coal under Sections 10-110 through 10-140 and 10-170 through 10-200 of the Property Tax Code.

This publication, which is made in accordance with section 12-20 of the Property Tax Code, serves as public notice to property owners that the median level of assessment in Union County for the 2021 payable 2022 assessment year is 32.95% based on three years of sales transactions from 2018-2020. The statutory median level of assessment is 33.1/3% of fair market value for all property other than farmland and coal.

You may check the accuracy of your assessment by dividing your assessment by the median level of assessment. The resulting value should equal the estimated fair market value of the property. If the resulting value is greater than the estimated fair cash value of your property, you may be over-assessed. If the resulting value is less than the fair cash value of your property, you may be under-assessed. The equalized assessed value is used in the calculation of all Real Estate tax bills.

Property owners who consider their property incorrectly assessed may file a complaint in writing with the Union County Board of Review in accordance with Section 16-55 of the Property Tax Code. All Complaints must be filed with the Supervisor of Assessments Office within 30 days following the date of this publication at 309 W. Market St., Rm. 128, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952. All publications may be viewed at unioncountyil.gov. Please call our office if you have any questions. You may reach us at 618-833-8051 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Notice is hereby given that an Election will be held on the 8th day of February, 2022 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the USDA Service Center, 201 Springfield Avenue, Anna, Illinois 62906. Three Directors will be elected to serve the Union County Soil and Water Conservation District of the State of Illinois.

All persons, firms or corporations who hold legal title or are in legal possession of any land lying within the boundaries of the said district are eligible to vote at said election, whether as lessee, renter, tenant or otherwise. Only such persons, firms or corporations are eligible to vote.

Carlyn Light, Chairman
Union County Soil and Water Conservation District

Dated: 17th day of January, 2022.

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There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you."

Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from - although the servers who had drawn the water knew -, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. From the Gospel of John

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Daily Bible Reading

2 Cor. 3:1-18	2 Cor. 4:1-15	2 Cor. 4:16-5:10	2 Cor. 5:11-21	2 Cor. 6:1-13	2 Cor. 6:14-7:1	2 Cor. 7:2-16
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candidates at Anna City Hall or online at cityofanna.org. Please return resume and employment application to the Human Resources Department at Anna City Hall, 103 Market Street Anna, IL 62906 or by email to aguined@cityofanna.org. Position will remain open until filled. EOE. 5-6g

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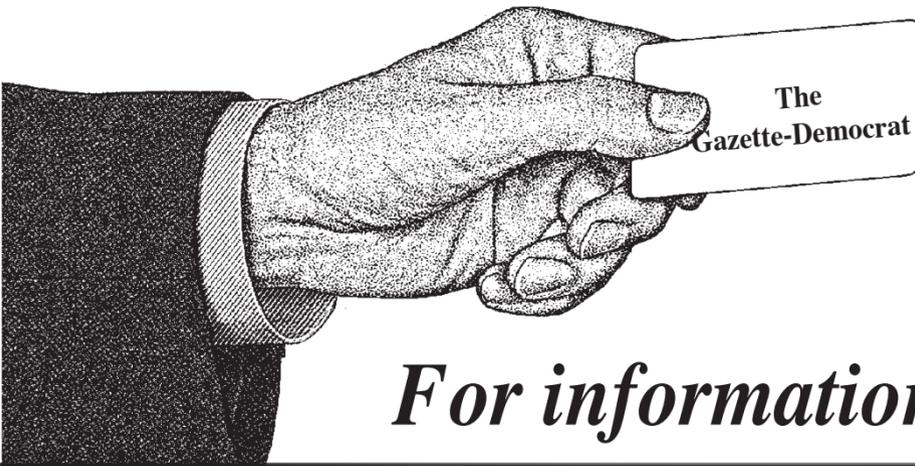
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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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

Special Thanks

To Carol Frick, Glenda McDowell, Aaron Hart in Florida for himself and for a gift subscription for The Gazette-Democrat for his cousin Stephen Burns in St. Louis and Mary Sue Treece for asking The Gazette-Democrat to give me credit when they renewed their subscriptions to the paper.

Please if you want to give me credit write it on the bottom left of your check and make sure they write it on your receipt or I will not get it. Thanks again so much.

Thanks

A special thanks to Jean Few for her donation of an Honor Wreath for Veteran for a veteran that has no one to buy for them at Anna Cemetery in memory of her husband Howard Few. Jean was a nurse and served in the Army, worked in the operating room, and her husband Howard was in the Army.

A special thanks to Darlene Lingle for her donation for a veteran that has no one to buy for them in memory of Bill Jones.

Linda and Duane Hileman for Duane's uncle R. Herman French who was

killed in action in Guam 1945 buried in Anna Cemetery.

Ernest and Marilyn Russell for their donation of 10 wreaths 1 for Anna Cemetery Kenneth Smoot, Dorris Barnhart, St. John's Cemetery Clinton Hileman, Ralph Goodman, Hazel Cline, Floyd Cline, Clifton Moreland.

Barbara Throgmorton for five Honor Wreaths for Veterans for Anna Cemetery Capt. David E. Diefenbach USAF, Vietnam, Winstead W. Tucker Sgt. Army, Air Force, India-Burma WWII, Forrest Benner Marine Corps, Pacific WWII, Rev. Clair Albright, Army Air Force, Europe WWII, Carterville City Cemetery Dwight Throgmorton, U.S. Army, WWII.

Susan and Brad Rendleman for Anna Cemetery for Myron Schuster and a veteran that has no one to buy for them.

Peggy Bittle for Anna Cemetery for her brother-in-law Jerry R. Mertes and a veteran that has no one to buy for them.

Cobden Lions Club for two Honor Wreaths for veterans that has no one to buy for them.

Barbara and Norm Bauer for two wreaths. Lisa Lowe Enchanted Garden for two

veterans that have no one to buy for them.

Sandy Boaz for Tillman Manus Trinity Cemetery, Mark and Lori Bowyer for Dorris Barnhart Army, Stephen Burns for Civil War veterans Aaron Hart in American Legion Cemetery and one other veteran in Anna Cemetery.

Sandy and Jim Carter for Jim's dad in Anna Cemetery and Sandy's dad in Grand Tower Cemetery.

Thanks also to all that ordered on line but be sure when you do if you want your wreath to go to local cemetery you have to put that is where you want it to go.

These all will be matched by Wreaths Across America with a wreath. Deadline for the matched wreaths was Friday, Jan. 14.

If you made your check out to Wreaths Across America president Jim Koonce said we may not get the matched wreaths for them because those checks will have to be forwarded to Wreaths Across America and then come back to him and they may not reach them in time. Please make checks for our local cemeteries to Honor Wreaths for Veterans.

Honor Wreaths for Veterans was started by president Jim Koonce and that is how we are able to lay wreaths in our local cemeteries.

Wreaths Across America wreaths are placed in our National Cemeteries. Honor Wreaths for Veterans is a branch off Wreaths Across America.

If you pay online and do not put the local cemetery you want your wreath will go to one of our national cemeteries.

Thanks for everyone who bought their Honor Wreath for Veterans at this time.

We will be selling Honor Wreaths for Veterans all year but will not get a matched wreath again until 2023.

You may buy an Honor Wreath for Veteran all year from any of our local coordinators.

Martha Ann Webb coordinator for Anna, 118 W. Monroe St., Anna, Ill. 62952, or drop your check at Anna City Hall.

Lisa Lowe at Enchanted Garden Florist, 114 E. Davie St., Anna; Liz Wilkins, coordinator for Jonesboro, Country Roads Florist, 204 W. Broad St., Jonesboro.

Monica Williams, coordinator for Alto Pass; Karen Winzenburger, coordinator at Cobden City Hall; Angie Alsip, Casper Church Cemetery.

Alyssa Penrod, coordinator for St. John's Cemetery and American Legion Cemetery in Dongola, owner at Schaefer Excavating LLC, 613 E. Broad St., Jonesboro, Ill. 62952. Beverly Bolanowski, McGinnis Cemetery.

We have many small cemeteries and a lot of work ahead of us selling Honor Wreaths for Veterans if we are to meet our goal of placing a wreath on every veteran's grave in Union County. If you would like to help us do this we would



Nancy Kucera, Tom and Nancy Caldwell, Macky Cohen, Darci Cather vice president of academic affairs at Shawnee Community College, Debrah Davis: 14 attended the first night of Short Story Pizza Night led by Tom Caldwell at the Anna Arts Center to discuss a short story that you read in advance. The first short story was "Domestic Dilemma" by Carson McCullers.



The Anna Moose Lodge hosted the Union County Pool League singles, doubles and team tournament the week of Jan. 3. Pictured are second place team Grassy and first place team Off A Lot. Second place, Grassy team: Gary Pind, Dale Boatright, Matt Laster, Collin Crane (Junior), Bryan Holshouser, Trevor Tripp, Ray Crane (pictured), and David Wright and Collin Cain (not pictured).



Thanks to everyone who helped with the free food give away from a grant the City of Anna got from Tri-State Food Bank from Evansville, Ind., and to the United Methodist Church Anna for hosting the free giveaway. It was a nice sunny day with no wind.



Paige Lacy and Jon Plott are the proud parents of new baby boy, Charley Gilbert Plott, born Sunday, Jan. 16, at 12:41 a.m. He weighed in at 7 pounds and 14 ounces and was 20 inches long. His big sister Lacy is very excited to welcome him to the family. Charley was named after his paternal grandfather, the late Gilbert Nimmo.



Jim and Cindy Walker celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary Jan. 5. They enjoyed eating out with their daughter Maelin and Luke Sadler at Texas Roadhouse in Marion. They also were celebrating Cindy's birthday that was Jan. 8.



Wanda Dillow is with her aunt Lucille Busenhart, who celebrated her 100th birthday Dec. 31, 2021. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren helped her celebrate.



Hope Holderfield representing Women In Business presented Martha Ann Webb a \$50 gift card to one of her favorite local businesses Hebrewz Coffee House for posting pictures of local businesses for Shop Local.



Anna-Jo Garden Club members of the Blue Star Marker Committee met at El Jalapeño to discuss possible Blue Star & Gold Star projects for 2022. Left to right: Glenda McDowell, Peggy Ferguson, Jean Few, Martha Ann Webb.

really appreciate it.

Also many volunteers are going to be needed to place the wreaths on the graves. We are off to a great start this year.

Always remember Honor, Respect and Teach. We live in the land of the free because of the brave. This is a wonderful way to honor their memory. Also placing wreaths in our national cemeteries.

A special thanks to all the veterans and our service people for serving and protecting our country.

Shawnee Hills Literary Club

A new group led by Tom Caldwell will be meeting the third Monday night of each month at the Anna Arts Center. The next meeting will be Feb. 21 at 6 p.m.

Before that evening they will read Ernest Hemingway's "Hills Like White Elephants" and discuss that evening. They will also enjoy pizza for \$3 each and are asked to bring your own favorite drink.

May 21 there will be a visiting artist David Fielding, who will be discussing the book "A River Runs Through It" by Norman Maclean.

Their first meeting was



Happy 1st birthday to Kyson Webb Jan. 12. He was honored on his birthday with a party with his sisters Kimber and Kaylor and other family. Anna Baking Company made his birthday cake.



Jim Koonce celebrated his birthday Saturday at his daughter's home. Jim is president of Honor Wreaths for Veterans. Friday ended the matched wreaths by Wreaths Across America. He said we have already sold more wreaths than last year. A special thanks to everyone who bought a Honor Wreath for Veterans for 2022 and all the new coordinators for Union County. If you haven't bought a wreath for your loved one you can buy them all year. Jim is pictured with Martha Ann Webb at our Anna Cemetery.

Jan. 10 with 14 present. The book they discussed was a short story "Domestic Dilemma" by Carson McCullers. If you would like to join this group please contact Tom Caldwell or attend the next meeting.

Gala

Union County Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development is looking for auction items and sponsorships for the dinner gala. Contact Tracey Smith if you would like to be a sponsor or donate an item for the auction.

The gala starts at 5 p.m. Jan. 29 at the beautiful Havisham House in Alto Pass.

Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club

GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club will meet Feb. 7 at 11:30 a.m. at El Jalapeño Mexican restaurant in Anna.

Dan Whiteside will be guest and will be singing and playing his guitar. New members and visitors are always welcome.

Anna-Jo Garden Club

The first meeting of the new year will be Tuesday, Feb. 8, 1 p.m., at the United Methodist Church Anna Fellowship Hall.

Different committees have been meeting with

their members in person, on the phone or in emails and report their plans for the new year at the meeting. New members and visitors are always welcome.

Strange Weather

Seems we never know what to expect when we open our doors anymore. I am just thankful we didn't get the snow storm they said we might have last weekend.

I got a message from my cousin Dr. John Nathan Corbitt that they had gone to visit friends in Florida. They have a beautiful cabin Nathan remodeled in the mountains of North Carolina. He said they were having an ice storm there so decided to travel south. They sold their home in Mount Pleasant in 24 hours after advertising it and moving closer to their family but will go back to their cabin after their visits in Florida. They also plan to visit his sister Rebekah in Florida.

Christmas Guests

Christmas guests of Muriel and Tyler Zachary were Zachary's parents, sister and brother from Selina, Kan. They enjoyed Winnefred and Calvin's first Christmas.

Springfield Trip

Carla, Warren and Jessi-

ca Anderson spent Christmas in Springfield with Warren's sister Brownie Anderson.

Guests

Lovella Graig enjoyed all her family being home for Christmas.

California Trip

Lou Curdie enjoyed a trip to California to visit her brother and help him.

Anna Heights Baptist Church

Birthdays for January: 18th Brandon Kane and Rowan Wright, 19th Charlotte Echols, Lola Edmonds, 22nd Audrey Greer, Dennis Thornburg, Miles Yates, 23rd Holly Barringer, 25th Jason Leek, 28th Riley Stockton, 30th Williard Blevins.

Anniversary: 27th Harley and Pat Rhodes.

Attendance for Jan. 9: 8 a.m. worship 79, 10:30 a.m. worship 102, small group Bible study 192, 6 p.m. worship 25.

CCBA men's wild game supper Friday, Jan. 21, at 6 p.m. at Harvest Church

Souper Bowl Fellowship Sunday, Feb. 13, following morning worship service with a men's chili cook off and women's dessert bakeoff.

Momma Lou's Crafters will meet Thursday, Jan.

27 at 6:30 p.m. in the FLC chapel. This month's project is a snow man salt and pepper shaker.

Pastor Danny McFarland gave the message Sunday due to Pastor Darryl Williams being out with sickness. He preached on Matthew 28 and on the church mission statement: Reaching, Teaching and Sending.

There was no Sunday evening service and the Young at Heart fellowship for Tuesday the 18th was also canceled due to illnesses.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Sunday morning Rev. Tim Gossett's sermon was Jesus First Sign with scripture from John.

Praises were given for the beautiful sunshine and that we didn't get the snow.

Carla Anderson played a beautiful piano solo "God is So Good."

Prayers were said for all those sick and who have lost loved ones.

Nancy Hooks reported there were 122 boxes of food given out Jan. 10.

Tuesday was Loaves and Fishes.

Wednesday men's Bible study at 7 a.m. Women's Bible study at 1 p.m.

2 p.m. tai chi. Thursday 4 p.m. prayer group.

A special thanks to Dean Corbit for bringing eggs for everyone each Sunday morning.

Methodist Church in Olive Branch

Elaine Crain told me she was going to Rev. Brent's church. He has been pastor there for 13 years.

The church has a beautiful ceiling that is original to the church in the early 1900s. It has beautiful stained glass windows with the families that donated each window's name on the bottom.

Elaine said she remembered the church was a viable part of the community when she was growing up.

Guessing the Ceiling

If you guessed the mystery ceiling that I put the picture of in my Anna News a couple weeks ago that Pete Housman sent was the new bathrooms at the Anna Arts Center you are right.

They are leaving one of the ceilings so people can see how beautiful it was back then. It was discovered in the remodeling.

The ceilings were lowered a few years back and that beautiful ceiling covered up. They are lowering

the ceilings so most will be covered back up again. This one part of it can still be seen when you go to the Anna Arts Center.

The bathrooms are still being worked on and donations are appreciated if you would like to donate to the beautiful new ones. I love to see the old buildings restored.

I am thankful that Lee Hackney and Susan White-mountain picked Anna to retire in.

A special thanks to everyone who is on the board at the Anna Arts Center for all you do to make our city and community a better place to live.

Don't forget to check out everything that is happening there.

A special thanks to Tom Caldwell who has also been volunteering his time helping out at the Anna Arts Center. Glad Tom and Nancy picked here to retire out of all the places they could have gone.

Anna VFW

Peggy Jerrell will have her Star Karaoke Friday night from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. following the fish dinner from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

AFSCME

Retirees will not be meeting in January.

Television Listings

THURSDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	Sports	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Hobbie	★★★ "Real Steel" (11)	"This Is 40" (12) (HD)	"The Last Black Man in San" (R)
7 PM	Women of the Movement Verdict is reached. (HD)	Young The United	Joe (HD)	The Blacklist (HD)	Wom. College Basketball "We Back Pat" (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	Euphoria (HD)	★★½ "Identity Thief" (13) Stolen identity. (HD)	"Django Unchained" (12) A slave sets out to rescue his wife. (HD)
8 PM		Ghosts	Call Me	Law & Order: SVU	NHL Hockey Colorado vs Los Angeles (Live)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	(05) Euphoria (HD)	"How to Be Single" City guide.	
9 PM	World See	Bull "Family Matters"	Pivoting	Organized Crime (HD)	Frontal	Go-Big Show	"Movie"	Big City	"Hitman's Wife's Bodyguard"	★★½ "Don't Tell Mom Babysitter"	The Best (HD)
10 PM	Local	Local		Local	Frontal	Go-Big Show		Miraculous	Somebody		
11 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Young	"Movie"	Miraculous	Chillin		Yellowjack

JANUARY 20, 2022

THURSDAY

7:00pm	ABC Women of the Movement "Mothers and Sons; The Last Word" Carolyn Bryant and Mamie Till-Mobley testify in front of a packed courtroom; Mamie Till-Mobley fights to defend Emmett's legacy after a verdict is reached.
8:00pm	FOX Call Me Kat "Call Me a Sporty Giant" Randi gets overwhelmed by Kat's various quirks while staying at her apartment; Max and Carter work together to teach Phil how to ride a bike. (HD)

FRIDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA Countdown (HD)	Dad (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie	Somebody	"Gangster Squad"	"Patriot Games" (92)
7 PM	Shark Tank (HD)	Undercover Boss	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live) (HD)	Home Sweet Home	(15) NBA Basketball Toronto vs Washington (Live) (HD)	Dad (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Secrets	(42) "The Suicide Squad" (21, Action) Secret task force.	"The 40-Year-Old Virgin" Virgin & celibate.	★★½ "Monday" (21) Two Americans. (R) (HD)
8 PM	(01) 20/20 Investigative news. (HD)	Magnum P.I. (HD)	Blue Bloods (HD)	Dateline NBC Investigative news.	(35) X Games	"Creed II" (18) Past demons. (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Hobbie	Real Time Maher (HD)	"Employee of the Month" (06)	"Zack & Miri Make Porno" (08)
9 PM	Local	Local		Local	Frontal (HD)	Wipeout	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie	To Be Announced	★★★ "Bill & Ted's Excellent" (89)	(45) "Pulp Fiction" (94, Crime)
10 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	Sports	Wipeout	Law & Order: SVU	Secrets	Miraculous	TBA (HD)	
11 PM	Nightline	Corden	Local	Late Night			Miraculous	Miraculous	Real Time		

JANUARY 21, 2022

FRIDAY

7:00pm	TBS Creed ★★★ (2015, Drama) Michael B. Jordan, Sylvester Stallone. The son of Apollo Creed travels to Philadelphia, hoping to convince his late father's friend and former rival Rocky Balboa to train him to become a boxer. PG-13 TV14 (HD)
8:00pm	SHOW Monday ★★½ (2021, Drama) Sebastian Stan, Denise Gough. Two Americans in their mid-30s spend a weekend together, but as their time comes to an end, one of them decides to give up their high-flying job back home. R (HD)

SATURDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball	Dad (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Amphibia	"The Wolverine" (13)	"Rocky Balboa" (06)	Yellowjack
7 PM	Local	NFL Today	I Can See Your Voice	La Brea	UFC Prelims "UFC 270" (Live)	Dad (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Big City	"Nobody" (21) Home break-in. (R)	"Reasonable Doubt" (14, Crime)	"Holler" (21) A scrap metal crew.
8 PM	Shark Tank (HD)	9-1-1: Lone Star (HD)	Dateline NBC	X Games	Burgers	Burgers	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Big City	(35) Righteous (HD)	"Gangs of New York" (02) Leonardo DiCaprio. Street gang revenge.	Showtime Championship Boxing "Russell vs. Magsayo" (Live) (HD)
9 PM	The Rookie "Red Hot"	Sat. Night Live (HD)	Sat. Night Live (HD)	Local Programs	Wipeout	Wipeout	Chicago P.D. (HD)	The Ghost	Righteous	(05) Euphoria (HD)	
10 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	PBC Countdown	Local	Wipeout	Wipeout	Chicago P.D. (HD)	The Ghost	(05) Euphoria (HD)	"The 15:17 to Paris"	
11 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	NFL Rewind	Wipeout	Wipeout	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Miraculous	Miraculous	"Purge"	Yellowjack

JANUARY 22, 2022

SATURDAY

7:00pm	HBO Nobody ★★½ (2021, Action) Bob Odenkirk, Connie Nielsen. A father and husband is in his home one evening with his family when two thieves decide to break in, but he chooses not to defend himself or his family. R
8:00pm	TBS Bob's Burgers "Haunting" When Louise admits that she has never felt scared before, the family goes to a haunted house in an effort to change that, but mayhem ensues after their visit. TVPG (HD)

SUNDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Videos Best videos.	60 Minutes (HD)	Simpsons	★★★ "The Secret Life of Pets" (16) Pet gang.	X Games Aspen 2022 (Live)	"50 First Dates" (04)	Law & Order: SVU	"Frozen" (13) Breaking icy spell.	"Nobody" (21) Bob Odenkirk. Home break-in.	"Body Brokers" (21)	Yellowjackets (HD)
7 PM	Celebrity Wheel of Fortune	NCIS: L. A. (HD)	Simpsons	Dateline NBC Investigative news.	Sports	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Secrets	Euphoria (HD)	★★★ "Beverly Hills Cop" (84) (HD)	Your Honor Blackmail.
8 PM	Supermarket Sweep	NCIS: L. A. (HD)	Burgers	Dateline NBC Investigative news.	NFL Rewind	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Secrets	Righteous	(45) "Robin Hood" (18, Action) Rebellion.	Billions "Cannonade"
9 PM	The Rookie (HD)	S.W.A.T. (HD)	Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter with Scott (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie	Somebody	(43) "Rocky" (76) A boxer trains.	Billions "Cannonade"
10 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	PBC Countdown	Local	SC (HD)	Wipeout	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	Righteous	(76) A boxer trains.	"Get Rich or Die Tryin'" (04) Drug-dealer's rap.
11 PM	(35) Local	Local	Local					Big City	Somebody		

JANUARY 23, 2022

SUNDAY

7:00pm	SHOW Your Honor "Part Five" Michael attempts to return to business as usual until he discovers that someone is blackmailing him; Jimmy Baxter and Gina Baxter remain committed. TVMA (HD)
7:30pm	FOX The Great North "Beef's Craig Beef Adventure" Wolf learns about Beef's secret desire for a jet ski, so he starts working a plan to get one for him; Ham develops a connect with a novelty singing fish toy. (HD)

MONDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	College Basketball Louisville vs Virginia (Live)	Bang (HD)	Chicago Fire (HD)	Big City	(5:20) "The Last Duel" (21) Duel to the death.	"Swingers" (96) (21)	Billions "Cannonade"
7 PM	The Bachelor (HD)	Neighbor. Bob Hearts	9-1-1: Lone Star (HD)	Kenan	College Basketball Texas Tech vs Kansas	Bang (HD)	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	Big City	Jessie	"Domino" (05, Drama) Bounty hunter. (HD)	"The Dry" (21, Crime) A federal agent. (HD)
8 PM		NCIS: "Fight or Flight"	The Cleaning Lady	Kenan	Sports	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Secrets	Righteous	(45) "Robin Hood" (18, Action) Rebellion.	Billions "Cannonade"
9 PM	(01) Promised Land	NCIS: Hawai'i (HD)	Local Programs	Ordinary Joe (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Dad (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie	Somebody	(10) Euphoria (HD)	"Pulp Fiction" (94) Crime conversations. (R)
10 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Dad (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Miraculous	(50) Euphoria (HD)	"The Personal" (20)	
11 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SC (HD)	Dad (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Miraculous	Miraculous		

JANUARY 24, 2022

MONDAY

8:00pm	DISN Jessie "Toy Con" Jessie passes on an old toy to Zuri, which she ends up trading with a toy collector; Bertram makes a mistake when he takes Zuri to Comic Con. TV G (HD)
9:01pm	ABC Promised Land "A Place Called Heritage" Joe Sandoval assesses the future of his family-run Sonoma Valley wine business; tensions arise as two Latinx families fight among each other. (HD)

TUESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball TBA" (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	(4:05) "Movie"	Big City	Gilded Age	(4:12) "Gangs" (02)	"Mr. Ripley" (99) (HD)
7 PM	Judge Steve Harvey	FBI "Trauma"	9-1-1: Lone Star (HD)	American Grand Crew	College Basketball Memphis vs San Antonio (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	WWE NXT (HD)	Big City	(45) "The Suicide Squad" (21, Action) Secret task force.	"The World's End" (13) (R) (HD)	"Django Unchained" (12) Jamie Foxx. Rescuing wife. (R)
8 PM	Elementary black-ish	FBI: International	Our Kind of People	This Is Us (HD)	Sports	Bang (HD)	Wipeout	Secrets		(50) "Man Up" (15) Blind date. (R)	Billions "Cannonade"
9 PM	Judge Steve Harvey	FBI: Most Wanted	Local Programs	(01) New Amsterdam	SportsCenter (HD)	Wipeout	(08) "Movie"	Jessie	Real Sports (HD)	"The 40-Year-Old Virgin" Virgin & celibate.	"Zack & Miri Make Porno" (08)
10 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Wipeout		Miraculous	Euphoria (HD)		
11 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Wipeout		Miraculous	Somebody	TBA (HD)	

JANUARY 25, 2022

TUESDAY

7:00pm	CBS FBI "Trauma" Isobel wants OA to ask an old Army friend for information regarding a private veteran's club in New York City that is connected to government agency bombings. TV14
8:00pm	MAX The World's End ★★½ (2013, Comedy) Simon Pegg, Nick Frost. Five childhood friends reunite for an epic pub crawl that includes reaching a fabled pub, but their struggle turns into a fight to save the future of mankind. R (HD)

WEDNESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA (Live)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	"The Queen" (06)	(4:58) "Rocky" (76)	"Last Holiday" (08)
7 PM	Goldbergs	Let's Make a Deal	I Can See Your Voice	Chicago Med (HD)	College Basketball Memphis vs San Antonio (Live) (HD)	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (Live)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	The Gilded Age	"The Faculty" "The School's secret."	★★★ "The Butler" (13) Presidential butler. (HD)
8 PM	Comers	Amazing Race (HD)	Next Level Chef (HD)	Chicago Fire (HD)	Sports	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Secrets		(50) "Man Up" (15) Blind date. (R)	Billions "Cannonade"
9 PM	The Chase (HD)	Good Sam (HD)	Local Programs	Chicago P.D. (HD)	NBA Basketball Phoenix Suns at Utah Jazz (Live)	Go-Big Show	The Sinner (HD)	BUNK'D	Big City	"Nobody" (21) Home break-in. (R)	★★ "The Quiet Ones" (1

Obituaries

Jimmy F. Wilson



Jimmy F. Wilson, 82, of Mt. Pleasant, died Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022, at his daughter's home.

He was born on Sept. 17, 1939, in Spartanburg, S.C., the son of Duncan Malloy and Nina Brannan Wilson.

He married Penny Fleming on June 6, 1963, in Anderson, S.C. Together they shared 58 years of marriage and loved one another very much.

Mr. Wilson is survived by his wife, Penny Wilson of Anna; four children, Pelesia (Steve) Karsen of Anna, Jerry Flagg (Gwen) Wilson of New Athens, Lisa (Tom) Jones of Cobden and Idegail (Wade) Dover of Anna; 16 grandchildren; two great-grandsons; a sister, Sandra Owens of Sumter, S.C.; a daughter-in-law, Melissa Wilson of Venedy; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two grandsons, Corey Alan Wilson and Bradley Truman Jones; and three brothers, Bobby Wilson, Danny Wilson and Gerald "Jerry" Flagg Wilson.

Jim loved his family dearly. For years, the family came to their home every Friday for a meal. Words of wisdom were always given out from God's word, through talking and praying at the dinner table.

Jim was a pastor and served several churches in Illinois. When he became a pastor he stated, "I will be able to preach for at least 40 years" — and he did! He was still preaching to every family member and everyone who visited. He was always encouraging and trying to help Christians become totally committed to the Lord Jesus Christ. In most recent years Jim pastored at Oak Grove Baptist Church for 10 years until his death.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at the First Baptist Church in Cobden, with Matthew Hartline officiating. Interment was in the Alto Pass Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to SIDS, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy or to the Wilson family.

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

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

David Bruce Watson

David Bruce Watson, 61, of Cobden, died Friday, Jan. 14, at SSM Health Good Samaritan Hospital in Mt. Vernon.

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

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

RENDELMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden is in charge of arrangements.

David Wayne Charles

David Wayne Charles, 65, of Jonesboro, died Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022, at Southeast Health in Cape Girardeau. He was born on Jan. 18, 1956, in Anna, the son of James Emaneul and Bonnie Marie Goleaner Charles.

Mr. Charles is survived by his two sons, Will Charles and David Charles Jr., both of Jonesboro; four grandchildren, Taylor, Justin, Michael and Rikki Rentfro Charles; a great-grandchild, Lily Shields; siblings James (Nancy) Charles of Reynoldsville, Jerry (Kathryn) Charles of Beaver Dam, Ky., Sharon Phillips of Ohio, Donald (Barbara) Charles of Dongola and Deborah (Rick) Morgan of Missouri; nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and by a brother, Ronald Charles.

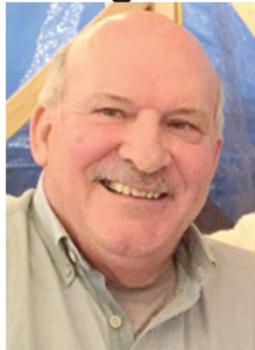
Mr. Charles worked as a brick layer for many years and in 1995 he worked as an over the road truck driver until his retirement.

Memorial services were at noon Monday, Jan. 17, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro.

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

RENDELMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro was in charge of arrangements.

John Calvin Lingle



John Calvin Lingle was born on Nov. 7, 1940, in Union County, the son of Melvin and Hazel Sitter Lingle.

Mr. Lingle died on Jan. 11, 2022, in Bradenton, Fla., after a sudden illness.

He served in the U. S. Army from 1960 to 1966 (including Germany during the Berlin Crisis) and then graduated from Southern Illinois University Carbondale in 1970.

His service with the U.S. Postal Service began when he served as the U. S. Postmaster in Alto Pass before joining the U. S. Postal Inspection Service in 1971, where he served as a Postal Inspector until his retirement in 1993.

His postings led him and his family to move away from Southern Illinois, first to Huntsville, Ala., then to Nashville, Tenn., and Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. Lingle retired out of the Memphis office.

Despite living a lifetime outside of Southern Illinois, he always considered it home.

He is survived by his best friend and the love of his life, Carolyn Vogt Lingle; their children, Carla (Chris) Lovell, John (Kim) Lingle and Dana (Ron) Grover; grandchildren Caitlyn and Carson Lovell, Johnny and Jennie Lingle, and Madelyn Grover; brothers James and Richard Lingle; and a sister, Sarah Barnhart. His parents and a brother, Earl, preceded him in death.

The family will hold a memorial service in the spring and Mr. Lingle's remains will be buried at Alto Pass Cemetery.



Floyd 'Ratt' Crisman

Floyd "Ratt" Crisman, 48, of Mounds, died Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022, at his home.

He was born on May 8, 1973, in Cape Girardeau, the son of William L. and Wilma P. Denton Crisman.

He married Stephanie McBride on Nov. 25, 2015, in Jonesboro.

Mr. Crisman is survived by his wife, Stephanie Crisman of Mounds; children Nathan "Tator" (Nikki) Perkins of Salem, Austin Perkins of Vandalia, Kent Crisman of Farina, Katie Crisman and Kara Crisman, both of Shobonier, and Summer (Terry) Woods of Clinton, Ky.; six grandchildren; siblings Stewart Crisman Sr. of Grand Chain, Edward (Frances) Crisman of Karnak, Billy Crisman of Clinton, Ky., Gerald (Mary Ann) Crisman of Mounds, Christopher (Tricia) Crisman, Curtis Frazier Jr. of Anna, honorary brother Cody "Cduh" (Alicia) Webb of Jonesboro; honorary mother Shirley Beasley; in-laws Johnny (Reba) Cook of Cayce, Ky.; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and by a sister, Alicia Smelner.

Mr. Crisman worked as an over the road truck driver for 30 years. He was an avid outdoorsman and loved hunting, fishing and being on his farm with family and friends. Floyd enjoyed rebuilding old trucks, mud racing, raising cattle and Bud Light. He also enjoyed truck trips to Texas and loved shooting Tannerite.

Memorial services will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with the Rev. Clint Nale officiating. Memorials can be made to Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home.

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

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



Patricia 'Pat' A. Lewis



Patricia "Pat" A. Lewis, 80, of Kissimmee, Fla., and formerly of Anna, died Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022, at Advent East Hospital in Orlando, Fla.

She was born on March 2, 1941, the daughter of John Bruce "JB" and Vivian Marlow Presley.

She married William "Bill" A. Lewis on Aug. 24, 1963, in Murphysboro.

She graduated from Murphysboro High School in 1959. She and her twin sister loved to sing, dance and perform.

She then graduated from DePaul Hospital School of Nursing in St. Louis in 1962. She worked as an RN for three years at DePaul Hospital and became a supervisor over the orthopedic ward.

She married her husband, Bill, while he was attending the St. Louis University School of Law in 1963. They moved to Anna in 1965.

She worked briefly at Union County Hospital in Anna and then devoted her full time to raising her daughter.

In 1986 she developed an interest in assisting the developmentally disabled, so she became a licensed nursing home administrator, opened New Way, a facility for the developmentally disabled, and pursued her dedication to the mentally disadvantaged until retiring in 2004.

Pat's other major interests were golf, racquetball, reading and spending time with her family. She was a member of the Union County Country Club for 46 years and Kokopelli Country Club in Marion for several years. She played in numerous racquetball and golf tournaments over the years.

Pat had enjoyed wintering and playing golf in Reunion, Fla., with Bill and friends since 2009. She will be remembered as kind, compassionate, comforting, giving, funny, competitive and feisty.

Pat is survived by her husband, William A. Lewis; a daughter, Mary Margaret Lewis (Rick) Hardesty of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; grandchildren Nicholas and Alexandra Hardesty; twin sister Kay Presley DuHasek; a brother-in-law, Jack (Mary Della) Lewis Jr.; many nieces, nephews and cousins whom she adored.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her in-laws, Jack and Josephine Lewis; a stepsister, Mary Beth Wilton; and her granddog, Skittles.

Funeral services are pending at this time.

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

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

Michael Guerra

Michael Guerra, 60, of Dongola, died Monday, Jan. 17, at his 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.

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

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Charles McCoy

Charles McCoy, 84, of Shalimar, Fla., died Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022, at Fort Walton Beach Medical Center.

He was born in Cache on Nov. 10, 1937, the son of General Lee and Lena Crider McCoy. He graduated from Thebes High School.

He and Minnie Foster were married on May 28, 1955.

He joined the U.S. Air Force at the age of 17 and retired as a master sergeant, with 20 years of service to the country. His military career took him to Alaska, Argentina, Mississippi, Florida, Germany and Virginia.

After retiring from the Air Force, he was a self-employed satellite installer and appliance repairman. He had the ability to fix anything and everything, and he did that for anyone who asked.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Minnie McCoy of Olive Branch; two sons, Lionel McCoy of Biloxi, Miss., and Philip McCoy of Juneau, Alaska; two daughters, Patty (John) Monroe of Shalimar, Fla., and Lori McCoy of Marathon, Fla.; 11 grandchildren, Jason (Karen) Monroe, Christopher (April) McCoy, Ryan Monroe, Brent Monroe, Tiffany McCoy, Maxwell McCoy, Star McCoy, Austin McCoy, Teresa McCoy, Isabel (Caleb) McCoy-Black and Quintin McCoy; eight great-grandchildren, Christopher McCoy, Cheyenne McCoy, Tyler Monroe, Ethan Monroe, Jacob Monroe, Kasen Arguelles, Reon McCoy and Emry Monroe; two sisters, Emma (Ken) Stovall of Mesa, Ariz., and Sandra (Bob) Lindsey of Eldorado; nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

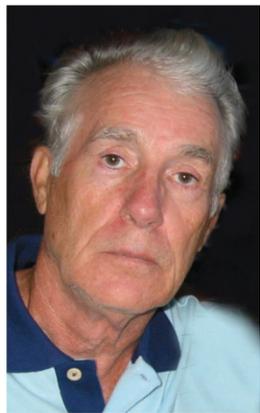
He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and five brothers.

A celebration of his life will be held at the Shalimar, Fla., Town Hall on Wednesday, Feb. 2, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

A graveside memorial service with military honors will take place in the Olive Branch Cemetery at noon on April 9. A reception will follow at the Olive Branch Community Center.

Crain Funeral Home in Tamms is in charge of arrangements.

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



Union County Hospital offering treatment option for those with lymphedema

Union County Hospital in Anna now is offering a treatment option for patients who suffer from lymphedema.

Lymphedema is a condition in which edema fluid accumulates in the lymphatic system.

Staff members from Union County Hospital's therapy services department recently completed a nine-day lymphedema certification training at Saint Louis Norton School of Lymphatics.

The training consisted of 135 hours of instruction focused on lymphedema therapy.

When the lymphatic system is damaged or not functioning properly, lymphatic fluid can build up, causing

painful swelling in the affected area.

This may lead to loss of mobility, skin discoloration, open wounds and infection.

Those who suffer from lymphedema know how difficult activities of daily living can be with this painful condition.

"Lymphedema is a service UCH has been offering in our therapy department since 2005. With the addition of two therapists who have gained certification in the evaluation and treatment of lymphedema we can better meet our community's needs," Union County Hospital therapy services director Cody Hubble said in a news release.

The lymphedema therapy

program at Union County Hospital is offered five days per week initially and then transitions to three days per week. Sessions run from 60 to 90 minutes in length.

After a full course of treatment, patients will be able to perform manual techniques at home and have the option to return

weekly for lymph drainage.

Those who may be struggling with residual swelling following cancer treatment, surgery, cellulitis or for any other reason can contact Union County Hospital at 833-9694 for a consultation and help in regaining control and improving quality of life.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Jan. 16, the church went fully remote and there were no in-person services.

Pastor Williams posted a devotional which was live streamed on Facebook, where it can be viewed.

The devotional was about the Christian home, "the first and most important unit ordained by God." Scripture was from Ephesians.

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

Men's Bible study was planned Monday night. Bible study was planned Wednesday night.

A business meeting was planned Wednesday night

after Bible study.

Birthdays: John Cripps, Marcita Martin, Jan. 18.

Anniversaries: Leon and Sue Rendleman, Jan. 18, 59 years; Marion and Joyce Hill, Jan. 22, 50 years.

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

The Dig-In Children's program and a youth group meeting are scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Prayer and Bible study are scheduled at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Giant City State Park programs to highlight winter landscape

Two upcoming events are scheduled at Giant City State Park near Makanda that organizers hope will encourage people to get outdoors and enjoy the natural beauty of the winter landscape.

On Saturday, Jan. 29, local artist Anne Krippenstapel plans to lead a leisurely afternoon of walking in the winter woods at the park and learning how to sketch their nature observations.

The program is scheduled to run from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

On Saturday, Feb. 5, the Giant City State Park naturalist plans to lead a one-

mile nature hike.

The hike is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. and should finish by noon.

Both programs are free and open to the public. Registration is required. Sign up and more information are available by calling the visitors center at Giant City State Park at 618-457-4836. More details will be provided upon registration.

Organizers noted that visitors are required to observe current guidance from the CDC and Illinois Department of Public Health regarding face coverings and social distancing.

Library offers virtual program with author

Stinson Memorial Public Library District is planning to offer a program titled "An Evening with Silvia Moreno-Garcia."

The best-selling and award-winning author of "Mexican Gothic" plans to discuss her new book, titled "Velvet was the Night."

The program is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26. Registration is available

online at <https://bit.ly/eveningwithsilvia>.

For those who may not be familiar with the author, Stinson Memorial Public Library District has electronic and hard copies of her works available now.

The program is being made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration between public libraries to offer high-quality events.

Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Not much news this week as people are afraid to get out with Covid and colds and flu going around.

Shirley Miller of McClure visited Tuesday with Ermadell Elkins at Union County Nursing Home and Deanie Hinkle in Jonesboro.

Rodney Reynolds of Wolf Lake visited with his mother, Dolores Reynolds to check on her.

Sue and Steve Eudy visited Friday with Kevin, Jennifer and Emma Eudy and Jonathan Bohnert of Cape Girardeau.

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.

News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

There is still a lot of sickness in our community, but most of our congregation were back with us Sunday. It was good to see everyone again.

Kayton Crane assisted by her grandfather, Rodney Miller, rang the bell signaling time for worship.

Prior to the call to worship, a brief congregation meeting was held for the purpose of electing up to three elders for a three-year term, 2022-2024. Tony Gerard was unanimously elected. He will be reinstated this Sunday.

Rev. Thompson's message was titled "Spiritual Gifts," with scripture from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

The message shared that "spiritual gifts are not something we achieve; they are 'divine abilities distributed by the Holy Spirit to every Christian to accomplish His will.'

"Spiritual gifts are for the common good - to make a difference in our community and world - and for His glory.

"God gives many gifts;

no one has all gifts, and everybody has some gifts. We all matter.

"A team has many players, each doing a job according to his abilities/gifts, each person is necessary to carry on His work according to our abilities/gifts. One person can't do everything; everyone can do something."

Addi and Raelynn Bonner took up the offering.

Karen Vaughn is Camp Ground Church's head elder for January.

Those having birthdays this week are Deloris Pribble yesterday, the 19th, and Jennifer Herren today, the 20th.

All are welcome at Camp Ground Church. Bible study begins at 9:30 a.m. Worship is at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday.

Worship also is available on Zoom. Those who would like to join in worship via Zoom can leave a message on the church phone (833-9000) with their email address or cell phone number and the link will be sent Sunday morning.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

A Sunday morning worship service was held Jan. 16 in the church and on Zoom.

Singing was led by Pas-

tor Randy Wright and the worship team.

The morning message by Pastor Wright was titled "Do Everything Without Grumbling." Scripture was from Philippians, Proverbs, Galatians and Matthew.

The message can be found on the church's website at annanaz.com and on the church's Facebook page.

Team Day South is planned Jan. 22 at Salem Church of the Nazarene.

Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 23.

Adult and children's Sunday School is planned at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 23.

A morning worship service is planned at 10:35 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 23.

Quizzing is planned at 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23.

A grocery giveaway is planned from 10 a.m. to noon on Jan. 29.

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

News from

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

During this Sunday's sermon, Pastor Mark talked about the common belief of irrelevant prayers.

He compared this to the miracle story of Jesus turning water into wine (John 2).

The wedding reception was almost over and guests were getting ready to leave, and, they just ran out of wine.

Mary asked Jesus to fix the problem, and he did, even though there wasn't a need for more wine.

Just like Jesus answered Mary's seemingly unnecessary request, he can also answer your small prayers.

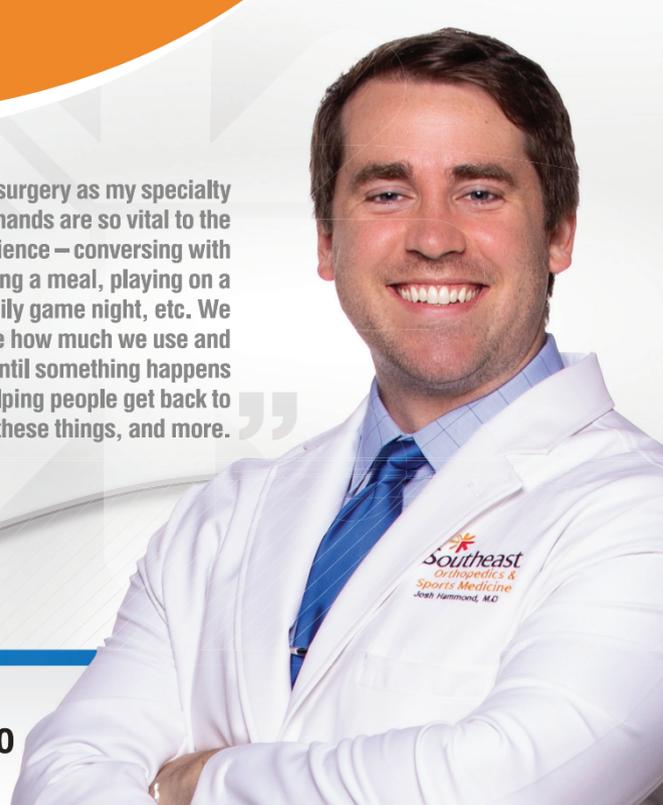
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Opinion and Commentary



Making roads safe

An Illinois Department of Transportation truck was working in Union County while snow was falling on Thursday morning, Jan. 6.

What does it take

to keep our roads clear?

Editor's note: the following article was shared by Susan Odum, a University of Illinois Extension specialist in community economic development.

What does it take to keep our roads clear...and how do we pay for it?

In Illinois, we're familiar with the phrase "A winter weather advisory is in effect for your region." Winter storms can bring bitter cold temperatures, heavy snow and icy roads. We rely on the Illinois Department of Transportation, IDOT, and our local highway departments to send out trucks, equipment and crews to treat surfaces, plow the roads and respond to weather emergencies. In return, they ask that we slow down, increase our driving distance and remain patient.

All Illinoisans owe a huge "Thank You" to the road crews for braving the winter weather to ensure that roads are safe for travel.

In the spirit of recognizing a job well done, there is no better time to remind Illinois residents that **Spending Locally First ensures the roads are safe for travel this winter.**

If we spend in local businesses, we support community services. Those tax dollars work for us locally.

In the simplest of terms, the more money we spend in our local communities and within the state, the more tax dollars we generate to support state, county and municipal budgets, resulting in more resources to fund IDOT and the local highway departments that keep our roads safe for travel.

Many regions of our state have stagnant or declining revenue streams because people are not supporting local businesses.

Those businesses pay taxes and provide local jobs. Without tax revenue, local governments and other taxing districts are finding it more difficult to provide essential services, such as road maintenance.

The resulting dilemma for local governments is to identify new ways to balance the budget. This can mean increasing revenues (such as, raising taxes), cutting expenses or a combination of the two. Either way, residents lose, as they either pay higher taxes and/or have fewer services available.

For those of us making purchases, we may look for lower costs online or in a neighboring state, but when you purchase items and pay sales or motor fuel taxes out of state, you are supporting their state, county and municipal budgets, not those of your state, county or local community.

If essential public services, such as snow removal, are important to you, then shopping local SHOULD be important to you. Making purchases and paying taxes locally supports our own public services. Shop local.

State senator sponsors annual Valentines for Seniors Card Drive

To help uplift the spirits of seniors throughout the community, State Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg, is collecting Valentine's Day cards. The cards are being collected through early February for Fowler's annual Valentines for Seniors Card Drive.

"We saw great success in this program last year and I want to continue to honor our seniors again this year," Fowler said in a news release.

"For the last two years, those staying in assisted living and long-term care facilities have been through so much and it is important we recognize them and let them know they are not forgotten as COVID-19 restrictions continue on."

Fowler encourages churches, schools and community members in the 59th Senate District in Southern Illinois to write Valentine's Day cards that can be dropped off or mailed to his district office.

Once all of the cards have been collected, they will be delivered to the various assisted living and long-term care facilities that make up the district.

There is no particular format to follow with the cards, and Fowler encourages participants to be creative. The cards can include hand-made creations, along with encouraging and uplifting notes and drawings.

Valentine's Day cards will be collected through Feb. 11. Those who want to participate can either mail their card or drop it off at Fowler's district office in Harrisburg.

The mail-in or drop-off location address is Sen. Dale Fowler's District Office, 2 North Vine, 6th Floor, Harrisburg, Ill. 62946.

More information about the program is available by calling 618-294-8951.

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

Fake gnus spotted Sunday afternoon...and other stuff...

Oh, dear, no deer...

We'll get back to that in just a little bit...

Last Thursday afternoon, yours truly stayed in what has pretty much become a weekly routine. I paid a regular visit to the seat of county government in Jonesboro, and then headed over to the nearby Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds for a bit of a walkabout.

A couple of other fellow travelers on The Journey Through Life were at the park on a sunny and not-too-cold winter afternoon.

At one point, I heard the call of a pileated woodpecker. I looked in the direction of the call...and caught a glimpse, and no more than a glimpse, of the bird. No chance for a photograph.

At about the same time, I also heard a hawk calling. The hawk was much easier spot, high in a tree near the pond at the picnic grounds, and stayed put long enough for a photograph or two before moving on...but not far...

Another one of the folks at the picnic grounds, also out for a walk, saw the hawk, too. We shared a few words...he continued his walk...I continued mine...

A moment or two later, he pointed out that the hawk had found a new landing spot in a tree closer to the pond. He paused his walk and let me go on ahead to try to get another photograph of the hawk.

Turned out the hawk was very obliging...it moved out of the tree and landed on a post that was sticking out of the water in the pond. Made for a nice photograph. I thanked the fellow who was kind enough to pause on his walk.

We talked a little bit more and agreed that it was just nice to be able to get outside...to hear the sounds around us...and experience what the world had to share. Listen. Watch. Seemingly so simple, but not skills that seem to be practiced a lot these days.

Bird-watching figured into the weekend, too. The Other Half and yours truly made time for another pandemic date last Sunday afternoon. We hadn't gone on a pandemic date in a while, but the sun was shining...so we got in the car and headed west...to the Mississippi River bottomlands out near metropolitan Ware.

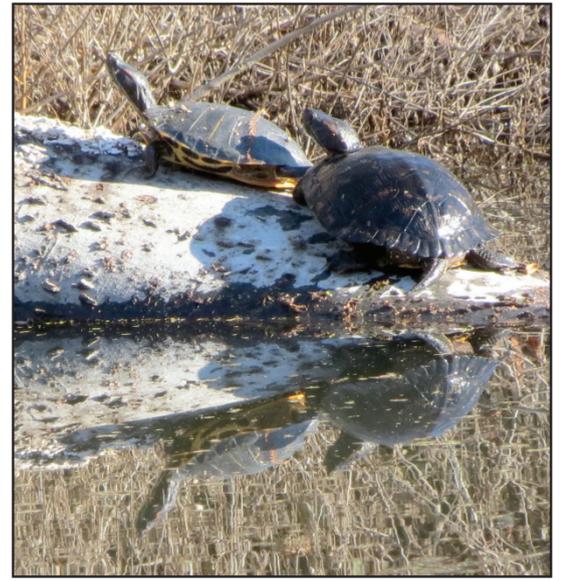
Without going into specifics, I will say that we were fortunate enough to spot a bald eagle, watching the world from a perch high in a tree. The eagle was pretty far away, but I was able to get a halfway decent photograph of the majestic bird.

We continued our journey to the Union County State Fish and Wildlife Area, where we hoped to see at least one Canada goose. No such luck. Bad timing on our part, I guess. We did see a heron in a field, which, truth be told, seemed like kind of an odd place to see a heron. We thought we had spotted a few snow geese off in the distance...turned out they were probably decoys. Fooled us.

We headed back home by way of the Trail of Tears



We were fortunate to see a bald eagle last Sunday afternoon in the Mississippi River bottomlands in western Union County.



Yup...another photograph of turtles...but to be honest, I really, really was not expecting to see turtles on the 13th day of January. And yet, there they were, basking in the winter sunshine. I am guessing there might not be any turtles to be seen in Union County in the bitter cold which is forecast for today.

State Forest. We made a brief stop. The Other Half got in a quick walk. I did my usual State Forest Thing involving a creek bed. We did not stay long. It was cold outside...and even colder in the shade. (Turned out the wind chill was somewhere in the mid-20s at the time. No wonder it felt cold.)

While motoring along Mountain Glen Road along the final leg of our journey, I happened to catch a glimpse of some sort of critter up ahead. The critter was crossing the road. I really could not tell what it was. Kind of big. And it had a long tail. I think. It moved across the road rather quickly.

I stopped the car to see if we could spot the critter. Nope. Whatever it was, it had wandered off into the woods. I'm guessing it might have been a panther. Or a grizzly bear. Possibly a buffalo. Maybe it was a gnu...then again, all we have around here anymore would be fake gnus...

Anyway, we had a very nice date. When we got back, The Other Half decided that Sunday afternoon would be a good time to plant some tomato seeds. I asked her if we would have tomatoes in a few weeks. She shook her head.

And, oh dear, while we on our date, we did not see a single white-tailed deer. Not a one. Maybe on our next date...



This hawk seemed quite happy to pose for a photograph...at least for a moment.

A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, January 20, 1972

The 62nd annual meeting of the Illinois Association of Agriculture Fairs was held in Springfield January 15-17. Union County was represented by Fair President Henry Don Dillow, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rich, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bauer, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Treece and Miss Union County Fair, Marilyn Treece.

Robert Dickson, administrator of Union County Hospital, is asking that persons having colds or influenza symptoms, to please refrain from visiting at the hospital or the nursing home at the present time.

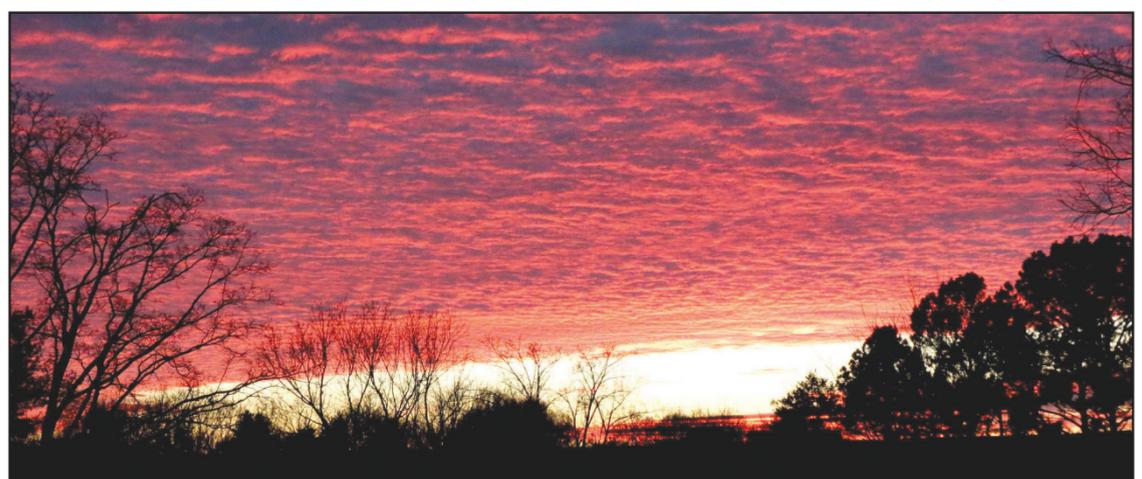
The icy fingers of Old Man Winter gripped the Union

County area on many days during the past week, with the thermometer falling to a low of six below Sunday, Jan. 16.

Wednesday, Jan. 12, the Anna-Jonesboro Junior Woman's Club, as one of their community projects for 1971-72, assisted school nurses in giving rubella inoculations to Anna and Jonesboro pre-school and grade school children.

From the Alto Pass Happenings: Old Man Winter has finally arrived in Southern Illinois. Our temperature has been below zero to two degrees above since last Thursday. We hope the temperature rises this week.

From the Shiloh news: Well the sunshine looks beautiful this morning and 20 degrees above now feels much more comfortable than 10 degrees below. Hope some of the germs have frozen. Water lines were frozen in so many homes. At least there were some who enjoyed ice skating.



Sunset on a Sunday evening

A colorful sunset on a winter evening could be seen in the sky over Union County last Sunday. A few hours later, a band of snow moved quickly through the area.