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News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

A Winter Wonder Glam hosted by Union County Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development is planned Saturday evening, Jan. 29, at Havisham House in Alto Pass. The evening will feature a meal, live music, live auctions, a 50/50 raffle and the presentation of annual awards.

Very light snow flurries were falling early Tuesday morning in Anna.

Southern Seven Health Department is working to promote awareness about cardiovascular disease (AKA heart disease) during the upcoming February observance of American Heart Month.

The Regional Office of Education is making a big push to find substitute teachers.

The U.S. Navy announced that Cmdr. Billie J. Farrell, a native of Paducah, took command of the USS Constitution on Friday, Jan. 21. Farrell is the first female commanding officer in the 224-year history of Old Ironsides.

Statistics compiled by Southern Seven Health Department and the Illinois Department of Public Health showed that Union County recorded 892 COVID-19 cases from Jan. 7 through Jan. 23.

Happy Groundhog Day. The big day is Feb. 2.

Union County COVID Cases Update

Jan. 23: 4,687 total cases. 59 deaths.

Jan. 20: 4,553 total cases. 58 deaths.

Jan. 17: 4,131 total cases. 57 deaths.

Jan. 13: 4,175 total cases. 57 deaths.

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

First confirmed case in Union County: April 14, 2020

Two years: IDPH marks COVID-19 milestone

SPRINGFIELD - The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, continues to urge people to get vaccinated and boosted as it marked the two-year anniversary of the first COVID-19 case reported in Illinois.

Two years later, IDPH is reporting more than 30,000 COVID-19 deaths in Illinois.

“On January 24, 2020, when we announced the first case of COVID-19 in Illinois, we were not imagining that two years later we would still be battling the virus with this ferocity,” IDPH director Dr.

Ngozi Ezike said in a news release.

“While we have seen the highest number of cases and hospitalizations throughout the entire pandemic this January, we are cautiously optimistic that those numbers will continue to decrease as quickly as they rose due to the omicron variant.”

“We have learned a great deal in the two years since the first case was reported in Illinois and we continue to learn as this virus and its variants are constantly changing.

“We now have safe and

effective vaccines; we have oral antiviral and monoclonal antibody treatments; and we know that proper masking, testing and isolation and quarantine can help slow the spread of the virus.

“As COVID-19 evolves, so too will our recommendations and guidance. Our goal remains the same: to protect the health and safety of all Illinois residents as we explore how we will coexist with COVID-19.”

Illinois Milestones

Jan. 24, 2020: First confirmed Illinois case of COVID-19 reported in a Chi-

cago resident, a woman in her 60s who returned from Wuhan, China, on Jan. 13, 2020.

Jan. 30, 2020: Second confirmed case of COVID-19 in Illinois reported in a man in his 60s and the spouse of the first confirmed case in Illinois. This was the first person-to-person spread of the virus in the United States.

Feb. 11, 2020: IDPH announces it is able to conduct testing for SARS-CoV-2 making Illinois the first state to be able to perform in-state testing.

March 17, 2020: IDPH announces the first COVID-19 death in Illinois.

Dec. 15, 2020: First COVID-19 vaccines administered in Illinois.

Union County Milestones

April 14, 2020: Southern Seven Health Department reported the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Union County. The case involved a man in his 20s.

May 4, 2020: Southern Seven Health Department announced the first death of a Union County resident, a man in his 80s.

Weather

Low of 7, wintry mix of precipitation, more cold

Very cold weather was expected at midweek in the Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky area.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported that arctic high pressure was going to bring “another shot of bitterly cold air” into the region on Wednesday, Jan. 26.

Temperatures Tuesday night and Wednesday morning were expected to bottom out from 5 to 15 degrees. North winds around 10 miles per hour were going to make it feel even colder.

High temperatures on Thursday, today, Friday and Saturday are forecast to be in the 30s.

Weather during the period of Jan. 18-24 in the Union County area was highlighted by wintry precipitation and very cold temperatures.

A wintry mix of snow, an ice glaze and ice pellets fell on the area on Jan. 19. Melted precipitation totaled .12 of an inch.

Temperatures during the period ranged from a high of 52 degrees to a low of 7, which, so far, has been the coldest reading of 2022 in Union County.

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

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Tuesday, Jan. 18	52	22
Wednesday, Jan. 19	48	20
Thursday, Jan. 20	23	11
Friday, Jan. 21	27	9
Saturday, Jan. 22	37	7
Sunday, Jan. 23	49	22
Monday, Jan. 24	49	22



Frozen precipitation
Rain was followed by falling temperatures, snow and sleet on Wednesday, Jan. 19, in the Union County area. Motorists who had vehicles parked in Anna took some precautions in the wintry weather.

Tax filing season begins

The Illinois Department of Revenue, IDOR, began accepting 2021 state individual income tax returns on Monday, Jan. 24.

Jan. 24 was the same date that the Internal Revenue Service, IRS, began accepting federal individual income tax returns.

“We encourage taxpayers to file their taxes electronically and choose direct deposit, as early as possible in the tax season, to ensure

the fastest processing and issuance of any refunds,” IDOR director David Harris said in a news release.

“Taxpayers may file their electronic returns for free with MyTax Illinois, our free online account management program. Electronic filing is also available through third party software or with most tax preparers.”

If a taxpayer electronically files an error-free (continued on page 2)

CEO program welcomes applications for 2022-2023

The Union County CEO Program is accepting applications from juniors and sophomores at Union County high schools who are interested in participating in the 2022-2023 CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) program.

The digital application process opened Jan. 24 and is scheduled to close Feb. 4. Student references will be due Feb. 11.

All personal and school information is redacted from each application so that the selection committee remains unbiased.

Last year, 20 students applied; 13 juniors and two sophomores were accepted from Cobden, Dongola and Anna-Jonesboro high schools.

The CEO program is

an accredited, year-long, 2 credit class designed to get students out into their community and equip them with business knowledge and leadership skills.

CEO is not held in the classroom. Instead, students meet each day at 7:30 a.m. at local businesses. They learn about the inner workings of companies and hear from business and community leaders.

They also gain information about local communities which gives them a greater appreciation for the area.

Those who participate in CEO learn professional business concepts, are paired with a mentor in the community, and, from start to finish, set up their own, functioning side hustle

business.

But it's not just about starting a business. Students learn about professionalism and essential life skills in communication and time management, for example. They explore career opportunities and are encouraged to develop relationships with community leaders.

Students of all skill sets and backgrounds have the opportunity to be successful in this class, provided they are hard-working, trustworthy and willing to take on an exciting challenge.

“I would recommend the CEO class to other students because it will put them ahead in so many aspects of life by exposing them to the world of business, helping them network and by giving them that out of

the classroom experience that will prepare them for the future more than any typical class could,” CEO alumna Julia Hall, now a freshman at Southeast Missouri State Missouri in Cape Girardeau, said.

“CEO is also a great tool to have when one is applying for colleges and taking on interviews because you will have already had so much experience with things of that nature.”

Students who are interested in participating in the CEO program are invited to visit Facebook for more information on the class activities and/or union-countyceo.org to apply. All school counselors have more information.

The Midland Institute for Entrepreneurship is a

501(C)(3) organization that worked to revolutionize the concept of entrepreneurship education through the CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) program.

Today, the Midland Institute provides tools, training, and technology to 62 CEO programs in seven different states and nearly 300 high schools.

Midland Institute staff members work closely with business, school and community leaders in the establishment and launch of CEO's proven model.

Staff members continue to work together with CEO boards and facilitators to support the ongoing work of the program in their communities. More information can be found online at midlandinstitute.com.



CEO students at Davis Pastry in Anna

Union County CEO students visited Davis Pastry in downtown Anna. The students are displaying some of Davis Pastry's famous pink cookies. In the first row are Kyle Hall, Luke Lasley, Hunter Boyd and Camden Hodges. In the second row are Madi Hawk, Peyton Lingle, Abigail Dahmer, Olivia Brumleve, Kirstin Guardian, co-owner Brooke Bigler O'Reilly, Abby Remsey and Natalee Brown.



Visit to Heartland Lumber

On a recent frosty morning, Noah and David Prater hosted the CEO team at Heartland Lumber in Anna. Examples of Heartland Lumber's products can be seen on the business's Facebook page. Photo provided.



Anna City Council has bond issue hearing

A public hearing addressing the issuing of bonds for infrastructure improvements was on the agenda at last week's regular meeting of the Anna City Council.

The meeting was Tuesday evening, Jan. 18, at Anna City Hall.

The public hearing was held prior to the regular meeting. The hearing opened at 5 p.m. and lasted for about 15 minutes. Nobody turned out for the public hearing.

The city council acted on the issuing of up to \$1.5 million in bonds. The city is working with Bernardi Securities in O'Fallon on the bond issue. A representative of the firm was in attendance.

Last week's public hearing was one more step which had to be completed as part of the process to issue the bonds.

The general obligation bonds would be part of a funding package for water, sewer and road improvements on the east side of Anna, mainly at the city's business park.

The city's growth to the east has been addressed a number of times at recent city council meetings.

The city is planning improvements which would cost in the range of \$5.8 million.

Funding for the improvements would include:

- Up to \$1.5 million in bond revenue.

183,722 new COVID cases in Illinois

The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, on Friday, Jan. 21, reported 183,722 new confirmed and probable cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Illinois, including 746 deaths since reporting on Jan. 14.

IDPH was reporting a total of 2,773,362 cases, including 29,845 deaths, in 102 counties in Illinois, since the start of the pandemic.

As of Thursday night, Jan. 20, 6,054 people in Illinois were reported to be in the hospital with COVID-19.

Of Illinois' total population, more than 74 percent had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, 65 percent of the state's total population was fully vaccinated and almost 49 percent had received a booster, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC.

All data are provisional and will change, IDPH reported.

- \$300,000 in motor fuel tax funds allocated to the city by the State of Illinois.

- \$4 million in anticipated grant funding acquired through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

The city is working with the Southern Five Regional Planning District and Development Commission on the grant application.

The improvements which are being planned include water main work, a new water tower at the business park, extension of a sewer main, construction of a lift station and road work.

City officials also are seeking state grant funds for over \$900,000 in proposed improvements in, and near, the downtown Anna area.

The proposed project includes parking lot improve-

ments and development of an outdoor pavilion, both along Davie streets.

Heated discussion between council members Bryan Miller and Michael Bigler also occurred at last week's meeting.

The discussion unfolded when it came time to approve payment of the city's bills. Payment of the bills is a routine matter on the agenda at city council meetings.

Miller said he had some questions about city attorney John Foley's bill.

Council member Bigler said that if Miller would come to meetings, he would have the information he was seeking.

"This is ridiculous," Bigler declared. "I'm sick of it."

The back-and-forth con-

tinued between Bigler and Miller.

Mayor Steve Hartline said that he has had meetings with Miller regarding attendance, attitude and behavior. Bigler said that he had not been updated about meetings between Miller and the mayor.

Bigler voiced frustration with what he said were Miller's "sideshow antics" and said that the mayor needed to act.

The mayor said he understood Bigler's concerns. The mayor offered to meet with Bigler, Foley and city administrator Dori Bigler to discuss the matter. Council member Martha Ann Webb also said she wanted to meet with the mayor about an update.

Illinois COVID-19 sick leave initiative announced for vaccinated school staff

After productive conversations, Gov. JB Pritzker, the Illinois Education Association, the Illinois Federation of Teachers and other stakeholders announced Monday, Jan. 24, that they had negotiated a compromise that is designed to keep students and teachers safely in the classroom without penalizing vaccinated employees for taking COVID-19-required sick time.

"Vaccines are a vital tool in preventing the deadly effects of COVID-19, and those who take the steps to be fully vaccinated against this virus are doing their part to keep everyone safe," Pritzker said in a news release.

"They deserve to be able to take the time they need to respond to the ongoing devastating impacts the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have on them and their families.

"This collaborative initiative will provide paid administrative leave for education employees who, despite doing all they can to keep themselves and their communities safe, continue to have their lives and livelihoods disrupted by COVID-19."

"Keeping schools open and those inside them, and their families, safe has been our number one priority from the start of the pandemic," said Kathi Griffin, president of the Illinois Education Association.

"We want people to stay home when they're sick, to be able to care for their children when their children need them the most, and to be paid when the circumstances that close their buildings are completely beyond their control.

"This bill protects school and university employees and all those they teach, drive to and from school, feed and care for in so many ways. Health care professionals and scientists have given us a path out of this pandemic and we should follow it."

"The pandemic has been physically, emotionally, and economically challenging for us all, and certainly no less so for educators, school staff, and their families," said Illinois Federation of Teachers president Dan Montgomery.

"This legislation provides important relief and ensures that education personnel can afford to take time off if they or their families become ill with COVID."

"We applaud Governor Pritzker for his steady support of science and good public health and thank him for working with us to provide teachers, school staff and higher education professionals with critical resources that will help them keep kids safe and schools open," added Montgomery.

The joint initiative provides the following protections for educators, school employees and their families:

- Paid administrative leave for every employee of a public school district established under Article 10 or Article 34 of the School Code, public university and public community college who is:

Fully vaccinated or has received the required doses to become fully vaccinated within five weeks of the effective date of the act.

Required, or whose child

is required, to be excluded from school because of a positive COVID-19 test result or close contact with a person who had a confirmed case of COVID-19.

Has been required by the school or school district policy to be excluded from school district property due to COVID-19 symptoms.

- Restoration of sick leave for every employee of a public school district, public university and public community college who is fully vaccinated or has received the required doses to become fully vaccinated within five weeks of the effective date of the act, and who has previously used their sick time because they or their child were required to be excluded from school because of a positive COVID-19 test result or close contact with a person who had a confirmed case of COVID-19

Has been required by the school or school district policy to be excluded from school district property due to COVID-19 symptoms.

- Maintains wage protections in HB 2778 for all hourly school employees, including but not limited to, custodial, transportation, food service providers, classroom assistants or administrative staff.

This protection applies for the entire 2021-2022 school year, including any days that a school has already closed or switched to e-learning which caused the paraprofessional to go without pay or take their own earned paid time off.

As a result of this collaboration, the governor is vetoing House Bill 2778.



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Tax filing

(continued from page 1) return, they should receive a direct deposit refund in approximately four weeks, if applicable.

Last year, IDOR received 5,609,000 electronically filed returns. A total of 88 percent of returns were filed electronically, while 12 percent were filed using paper returns.

The 2022 tax filing dead-

'Take Charge of Health' workshop set

Southern Seven Health Department plans to present a workshop titled "Take Charge of Your Health: Live Well, Be Well."

The focus of the workshop will be on self-management of chronic disease.

The seven-week workshop is scheduled to begin Feb. 3.

The evidence-based, self-management workshop is designed to help individuals take control of their diabetes or other chronic health conditions.

Enrollment is free for the workshop. Classes are scheduled to take place from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday mornings, from Feb. 3 to March 17.

For more information, or to register, contact Southern Seven Health Department health educator Brittany Matthews at 618-634-2297, extension 9149, or email at bmatthews@s7hr.org.

Information also is available online at www.hsind.org/livewellbewell.

The program was developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC, and is funded by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

line is Monday, April 18. Gov. JB Pritzker recently announced, however, that victims of severe storms, straight-line winds and tornadoes beginning Dec. 10, 2021, have until May 16, 2022, to file various individual and business tax returns and to make income tax payments.

IDOR works to safeguard and protect taxpayers from identity theft and will continue to coordinate with the IRS and other states to strengthen protections.

Taxpayers are encouraged to do their part by protecting their personal information and staying alert to phone scams or phishing emails.

"We remain highly committed to protecting taxpayers' information and by verifying information on tax returns before issuing refunds, IDOR prevented over \$56 million in fraudulent or erroneous refunds from being issued in the last year alone," Harris said.

In addition to free filing of Form IL-1040 through MyTax Illinois, individuals may also utilize the site to make payments, respond to department inquiries, and check the status of their refunds using the Where's My Refund? link.

Taxpayers can also look up IL-PINs, amounts of any estimated tax payments made, and (when necessary) amounts reported on Form 1099-G with MyTax Illinois.

The most up-to-date information, forms, schedules and instructions for the 2022 tax season can be found online by visiting IDOR's website at tax.ilinois.gov.

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Civil War Weekend planned

The 2022 Civil War Weekend is planned at the end of February.

Activities are scheduled Feb. 25-27 at the Shawnee Hills Arts Council's Anna Arts Center and at the PAST organization's Heritage House in Jonesboro.

Most of the weekend's activities are scheduled to take place at the arts center, which is located at 125 W. Davie St. in Anna.

All Civil War Weekend activities will be open to the public.

Why learn about the Civil War? Organizers of the Civil War Weekend say that "the past teaches us about the present. It gives us the tools to analyze and explain events in the past. It lets us see patterns that might otherwise be invisible in the present and it provides a way to understand and possibly solve current and future challenges. So come explore the events surrounding the Civil War."

Here's a look at the schedule of events which are being planned for the Civil War Weekend:

Friday Night: Blue and Gray Dinner

The first event is scheduled to be a Blue and Gray Dinner, which is planned Friday, Feb. 25, at 6 p.m.

The dinner will be catered by The Kitchen on Lafayette in Anna.

Tickets for the dinner are \$25 each. Those who would like to order a ticket are asked to RSVP by no later than Feb. 21. An RSVP can be sent to Lee Hackney, by email at vabchlee@gmail.com or by phone at 904-625-1109

The guest speaker at the dinner is scheduled to be Dr. Ed Finch.

Finch who plans to give a presentation titled "Killing Lincoln."

Finch holds a doctorate in history education. For six years, he was executive director of the Stephenson County Museum in Freeport.

Before that he taught English, speech, debate, U.S. history and American studies at Freeport High School for over 25 years.

In 2010, the Naval Institute Press published his first book, a biography titled "Beneath the Waves: The Life and Navy of Capt. Edward L. Beach, Jr."

Since 2015, he has published five novels, including four in his Gabby Gordon Mystery Series.

His latest novel is titled "Killing Lincolns: A Gabby Gordon Mystery." The story is about when a group of Lincoln presenters come to Freeport for their annual convention, someone begins killing them. Attorney Gabby Gordon ends up in the middle of the mystery when she begins representing one of the suspects, a man who portrays Stephen A. Douglas.

Saturday: Speakers, Exhibits, Anna Arts Center

Speakers and exhibits are planned from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 26. Events on Saturday are free. The schedule follows:

9 a.m. Dr. Edward F. Finch, "The United States Navy in the Civil War."

10:15 a.m.. Brian "Fox" Ellis, Illinois Road Scholar, "Walt Whitman's Lincoln."

Abraham Lincoln was a fan of Whitman's "Leaves of Grass," reading excerpts to clients in his Springfield law office; the one time he took the poetry home, Mary Todd threatened to burn it.

Whitman's most famous poems, "Oh Captain, My Captain" and "When Lilacs Last Bloomed," were written as eulogies for the martyred president.

After President Lincoln's assassination, Whitman gave regular lectures on Lincoln to rave reviews.

Fox recreates a program Whitman delivered on the Life of Lincoln woven with

his Civil War poems, commentary about the war from the hospital tents, and recollections of their misty morning encounter during the war.

11:30 a.m. Mike McNally, history instructor at Shawnee Community College, "Britain and the American Civil War."

McNally is originally from Liverpool, England, but has lived in Carbondale for almost three decades. He has taught at the college level for the past 20 years.

1 p.m. Dr. Nancy Kinsey Caldwell, musicologist, "A Soundtrack for Wartime: The Songs of the Civil War."

Whether celebrating a victory, commemorating a battle, commiserating with other members of the regiment or consoling the family of a soldier lost in battle, the songs of the Civil War offered something to every American.

Both performers and listeners experienced catharsis while singing and listening to these highly sentimental songs.

Caldwell shares recordings and live performance of a va-

'Polkadots: The Cool Kids Musical' set at Anna Arts Center

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council's Anna Arts Center is planning to host performances of "Polkadots: The Cool Kids Musical."

Performances of the "musical for all ages" are set for 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30.

The arts center is located at 125 W. Davie St. in Anna.

The director of the musical is Brad Stamp.

The musical's cast includes Eden Kaszubski as Lily Polkadot, Brooke Meyer as Sky Square, Lily Dallas as Penelope Square, Serena Hasty as Mrs. Square and Emilee Turner as Mama Square.

The ensemble includes Sophie Barnhart, Kaylie Adams and Finley Montfort.

The Anna Arts Center shares that "Polkadots" is a "fun musical reminding all of us that our individual differences make us awesome, not outcasts. The musical is for children and adults of all ages."

Walk, hike in winter woods set at Giant City State Park

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

riety of Civil War songs along with the stories behind their composition and reception by American listeners during and after the war.

2:15 p.m. Ed and Diane Annable, winners of the 2018 Delta Award for Southern Illinois Historians and Authors, will discuss a historical narrative of the soldiers from Johnson County, Illinois, including the battles they fought, the "March to the Sea" with Gen. Sherman, and the march in the Grand Review in Washington, D.C.

Their book, titled "Some Come Marching Home Again: Johnson County Illinois Went to War 1861-1865," tells the story of 1,600 men who went to war.

Sunday: Heritage House PAST of Union County plans to host an open house at its Heritage House in Jonesboro from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27. Heritage House is located at 102 S. Main St. Admission is free.

Local historian and author Darrel Dexter is scheduled to give a presentation at 2 p.m.

"According to the creators, Polkadots is the story about Lily Polkadot, the newest resident of the 'Square's Only' small town, and her challenges.

"As the first Polkadot in an all-Square school, Lily faces the almost impossible task of gaining acceptance from her peers.

"Lily's quest seems hopeless until she meets Sky, a shy Square whose curiosity for her unique polkadots blooms into an unexpected pal-ship and sparks a turn of events for the courageous Lily.

"The show's timely message of treating each other with dignity and compassion is brought to life with 'hip' costumes and 14 entertaining musical numbers."

Ticket prices are \$15 and, for children 12 and under, \$5. Tickets will be sold at the door.

More information and ticket reservations are available by calling Debra at 618-614-2551.



Cobden Branch Library

A sign in the window announces the reopening of the Cobden Branch Library.

Cobden Branch Library scheduled to reopen

Stinson Memorial Public Library District's branch facility in Cobden is scheduled to reopen on Monday, Feb. 7.

Stinson Memorial Public Library District director Sarah Watkins recently announced that the Cobden branch is set to reopen on Monday, Feb. 7.

The Cobden Branch Library has been closed for several years due to the

COVID-19 pandemic.

An open house is scheduled from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on that day to celebrate the branch's reopening.

The branch library is located in a building along Front Street in downtown Cobden.

Visitors from the Village and across Union County are encouraged to stop by and get reacquainted with the library, Watkins said.

Operating hours at the Cobden Branch Library are scheduled to be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The primary librarian at the Cobden location will be Katie Persinger, who has been with the Stinson staff for more than seven years.

The Cobden Branch Library is the secondary location in the Stinson Memorial Public Library District.

The main library is located along South Main Street in Anna.

Dongola School District announces honor roll students for second quarter

Dongola School District No. 66 announces students who were named to the honor roll and superintendent's honor roll for the second quarter.

Honor Roll

1st grade: Braxton Armstrong, Carson Chauvin, Chase Klein, Aubrie Swink.

2nd grade: Michaela Bracken, Emilio Gonzalez, Brayden Leek, Briley Macias, Carsen McClellan.

3rd grade: Ali Baker, Alexander Gilbert, Huntley Hilliard, Mariuana Mensch, Madelyn Wiley.

4th grade: Brooklyn Gaddis, Brantley Hoffman.

5th grade: Ashton Duke, Jesse Durham, Joseph Johns, Kensley Perry, Jayci Poe, Daylon Williamson.

6th grade: Benjamin

Flores, Kyle Holderfield, Carleigh Lewis.

7th grade: Jenna Casey, Shelbie Stanley.

Freshman: Logan Gore.

Sophomores: Donavan Higgins, Catherine Thomas.

Juniors: Peyton Lingle, Noah Wiseman.

Seniors: Connor Crider, Autumn Dixon, Dhani Miller, Tylor Turner.

Superintendent's Honor Roll

1st grade: Jonas Hoffner, Iva Lindsey, Mischka Mensch, Alessa Pfau, Kimberly Sizemore.

2nd grade: Kyson Baugher, Levi Eddleman, Adam Keeler, Joseph Knupp, Ellie Lewis, Aubree Miller, Emilia Rojas, Natilee Vanderpool.

3rd grade: Izabella Bracken, Lynleigh Wright.

5th grade: Nathan Aden, Kaden Ames, Whitney Conkle, Aden Lingle, Rilee Lytle, Samuel Sevenski, Skyli Zinn.

7th grade: Philip Bracken, Caleb Gaddis, Henry Maginel, Michael Rossi.

8th grade: Korina Mize, Aaron Wiseman.

Freshmen: Kiara Aden, Natalie Aldrich, Mia Deharpert, Kinley Lingle, Anthony Wiseman.

Sophomores: Blake Heren, Terry Hodges.

Juniors: Presley Hoffman, Madyson Mead, Thomas Meadows, Katlyn Smith, Elisea Turner, Julian Westbrook, Angelina Wiseman, Hailey Wright.

Seniors: Madison Delgadillo, Kristen Duckworth, Brookyn Hogue, Charles Sevenski.

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Sports

Appleknockers defeat Egyptian to win title at Mid-Winter Classic

Cobden High School boys' basketball team won the Mid-Winter Classic at Egyptian with a 74-44 victory over the host Pharaohs Saturday, Jan. 22.

Three Appleknockers made the all-tournament team: Brock Reynolds, Elliott Lowndes and Tyler Franklin. Lowndes was named as the tournament's most valuable player.

The Appleknockers led 28-6 after one quarter and 43-23 at the half.

Lowndes had 36 points to lead Cobden. Franklin added 26 points, Reynolds 3, Cooper Flamm, Kevin Webb and Edwin Funes had 2 each and Kohen Moore had 1.

Cobden 74, Zeigler-Royalton 32: The

Appleknockers were ahead 21-12 after one quarter on the way to the win earlier Saturday. The Appleknockers led 43-22 at the half.

Lowndes led Cobden with 37 points. Franklin had 20 points, Reynolds 10, Funes 4 and Moore 3.

Cobden 62, Elverado 37: Cobden led early in the tourney win Tuesday, Jan. 18.

The Appleknockers led 11-6 after one quarter and 30-12 at the half.

Lowndes led with 25 points. Franklin added 13 points, Flamm 7, Reynolds 5 and Funes 2.

Cobden improved to 15-5 overall. Cobden is scheduled to play Friday at Joppa and Saturday at Webber Township.

Wildcats defeat host Johnston City in tournament action

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' basketball team topped host Johnston City 49-40 in action Thursday, Jan. 20, at the Indians' tournament.

"We needed that really bad," said A-J coach Mike Chamness. "It was a good win."

The Wildcats had been on a lengthy losing streak and lost in double overtime to Johnston City 58-55 earlier in the season.

The Indians led 10-7 after one quarter before the Wildcats pulled ahead 17-16 at the half. A-J was ahead 30-25 going into the final period.

Dylan Harvel had 21 points and 6 rebounds to lead the Wildcats.

Landon Trammel had 21 points and 3 rebounds. Dawson Trammel had 3 points and 2 rebounds. Bryce Henry had 2 points and 3 rebounds. Ethan Carver had 2 points and 2 rebounds. Lighton Mixen had a rebound.

A-J was 13 of 26 in shot attempts from the floor, 7 of 18 from 3-point range and 2 of 7 from the free throw line.

The Indians were 18 of 31 in shot attempts from the floor, 1 of 11 from 3-point range and 1 of 4 from the charity stripe.

"I was proud of our attitude," Chamness said. "We've been playing better. Hopefully, we can put some good wins together."

Du Quoin 77, A-J 68: Du Quoin pulled ahead early in the tourney win Saturday, Jan. 22.

Harvel led A-J with 16 points and 4 rebounds.

Landon Trammel and Dawson Trammel had 14 points and 3 rebounds each. Henry had 8 points and 3 rebounds. Carver had 7 points and 3 rebounds. Payton Denny had 6 points and 4 rebounds. Drew Page had 3 points. Mixen had 3 rebounds.

A-J was 16 of 39 in shot attempts from the floor, 10 of 24 from 3-point range and 9 of 13 from the free throw line.

Du Quoin was 22 of 37 in shot attempts from the floor, 8 of 27 from 3-point range and 9 of 13 from the charity stripe.

Christopher 50, A-J 39: The Wildcats let a first half lead slip away in the tourney loss Friday, Jan. 21.

Dylan Harvel led A-J with 12 points and 4 re-

bounds. Henry had 11 points and a rebound. Dawson Trammel had 8 points and 5 rebounds. Denny had 4 points and 2 rebounds. Carver had 3 rebounds and Mixen and Joey Sullivan 2 rebounds apiece.

A-J was 18 of 31 in shot attempts from the floor, 0 of 12 from 3-point range and 3 of 4 from the charity stripe.

The Bearcats were 12 of 23 in shot attempt from the floor, 4 of 8 from 3-point range and 14 of 22 from the free throw line.

Eldorado 55, A-J 35: The Eagles pulled ahead early in the tourney win Tuesday, Jan. 18.

Dylan Harvel led the Wildcats with 19 points and 2 rebounds.

Dawson Trammel had 7 points and 3 rebounds. Denny had 4 points and 4 rebounds. Henry had 3 points and 5 rebounds. Carver had 2 points and 2 rebounds. Landon Trammel and Mixen each had 2 rebounds apiece. Joey Sullivan had a rebound.

A-J was 13 of 25 in shot attempts from the floor, 2 of 14 from 3-point range and 3 of 6 from the free throw line.

The Eagles were 18 of 29 in shot attempts from the floor, 3 of 10 from 3-point range and 10 of 14 from the charity stripe.

A-J finished 1-3 at the tournament. The Wildcats are scheduled to play Friday at Carterville and Saturday at home against West Frankfort.

Dongola in action at tournament

The Dongola High School boys' basketball team lost twice at the Egyptian Mid-Winter Classic last week.

Joppa 56, Dongola 25: The Rangers were ahead 16-12 after one quarter on their way to the win Thursday, Jan. 20.

Blake Herren led the Demons with 16 points. James Shipley added 5 points and Avery Kinslow and B.J. Higgins added 2 each.

Egyptian 59, Dongola 36: The Pharaohs led 16-2 after one quarter on the way to the win Tuesday, Jan. 18.

Herren led the Demons with 25 points. Kinslow added 6 points, Higgins 3 and Shipley 2.



Anna wins regional championship

The Anna Junior High School girls' basketball team won a Region 1 Class M regional championship by defeating Goreville 35-17 on Monday, Jan. 17. With the victory, Anna advanced to the Southern Illinois Junior High School Athletic Association, SIJHSAA, state tournament at Rend Lake College in Ina. After winning the regional title, the team received an escort through Anna by the city's police and fire departments, which was followed by pizza.

Members of the team include Raelynn Sadler, Kansas Craig, Jayda Shepard, Presley Bierstedt, Alexis Houseman, Zoe Chen, Addison Bonner, Ava Frazier, Olivia Heinrichs, Rease Shepard and coaches Pat Pitts and Sam Taylor.

Results posted on the SIJHSAA website showed that Anna defeated Christopher 29-19 in first-round action at state. In the second round, Anna fell to St. Clare of O'Fallon 41-24. Anna is set to play for third place at state on Friday evening, Jan. 28. Photos provided.

A-J girls' basketball team posts win over Carbondale

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' basketball team went 1-1 in action last week.

Benton 27, A-J 25: The visiting Lady Wildcats let a first quarter lead slip away in the loss to the Lady Rangers Thursday, Jan. 20.

A-J led 4-3 after one quarter and fell behind 14-9 at the half and 23-15 after three quarters.

Marlee Smith led A-J with 7 points and 4 rebounds. Brodie Denny had 7 points and 2 assists. Addison Denny had 6 points, 11 rebounds, 2 steals and an assist. Jenna Sadler had 4 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, a steal and a blocked shot. Macie George had a point, 2 rebounds and a blocked shot. Gakhara Harris had 3 rebounds.

A-J 48, Carbondale 44: Visiting A-J built a first

quarter lead and held on for the win Tuesday, Jan. 18.

The Lady Wildcats led 6-2 after one quarter, 19-16 at the half and 37-24 after three periods.

Addison Denny led with 18 points, 11 rebounds and 2 assists.

Brodie Denny added 11 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists and 2 steals. Smith had 8 points, 3 rebounds, 5 assists, 3 steals and a blocked shot. Sadler had 7 points, 8 rebounds, an assist, a steal and a blocked shot. Gamioka Harris had 2 points, 2 rebounds and an assist. Gakhara Harris had 2 points and a rebound. George had 3 blocked shots and 2 rebounds.

The Lady Wildcats, 10-12 overall, is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at home against Pinckneyville.

A-J wrestlers take third place at 12-team match in Paducah

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School wrestling team competed at a 12-team match in Paducah Saturday, Jan. 22.

The Wildcats finished in 3rd place at the event.

Drew Sadler, 106 pounds, led A-J with a 1st place finish.

Caleb Mays, 145 pounds, finished in 2nd place. Zoey Sadler, 113 pounds, T.J. Macy, 132 pounds, Blake Mays, 138 pounds, and Liam Schroeder, 220

pounds, all finished in 3rd place.

Caleb Mays, a junior, won his 100th career match and is 12 wins away from a school record for match wins.

On Tuesday, Jan. 18, the Wildcats were at Benton and topped the host Rangers 60-18 and Carterville, 58-24.

Anna-Jonesboro is scheduled to compete Thursday, today, at Paducah Tilghman.

Shawnee outscored in tourney action

The Shawnee High School boys' basketball team fell behind early and couldn't catch up in a 70-39 loss to Agape Christian of Herrin in play at the Egyptian Mid-Winter Classic Tuesday, Jan. 18.

Dryden Wills led Shawnee with 12 points. Ryan Libbert added 11 points, Kayman Ford 6, Koda Abraham and Ethan Smith had 3 apiece and Brody Wills and Allie Myers 2 each.

Agape 69, Shawnee 34: Visiting Shawnee fell behind early on the way to a regular season loss Saturday, Jan. 15.

Xander Wigley led Shawnee with 6 points. Brody Wills and Smith added 5 points apiece, Abraham, Dryden Wills, Ford and Libbert 4 each and Noah Mayberry 2.

Shawnee is scheduled to play Friday, Jan. 28. at Agape.

SIU announces new director of communications

Jim Potter, a marketing and communications executive with more than 30 years in the field, will become Southern Illinois University Carbondale's new executive director of university communications and marketing on Jan. 31.

Chancellor Austin A. Lane said Potter brings to his new role as chief marketing officer extensive experience in integrated marketing, branding and communications for world-class brands such as Nestle-Purina, SBC, Proctor & Gamble and Delta Airlines.

Potter comes to SIU Carbondale from Nestle-Purina in St. Louis, where he has served as managing director since 2008.

He has also worked at DDB-Rodgers Townsend, Saatchi & Saatchi, Pacific Telesis and AT&T.

He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Check out the Gazette-Democrat online at annanews.com



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Church council

Pastor Mark Hasty installed the 2022 Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church council members on Sunday, Jan. 23. From left are Pastor Mark Hasty, Joyce Mowery Crews, Sarah Hensch, Mike Stegle, James Neisz, Liz Kelley and Kay Johnson. Other 2022 members are Todd Vincent, Marcy Malnar and Tim Simpson. Photo provided.

News from

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

Members of Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna met following their worship service Sunday, Jan. 23, for the annual meeting of the congregation.

Devotional inspiration was offered by Pastor Mark Hasty who noted that even though the pandemic effected and limited much of life during the past year, there have been so many new and improved ways of doing things as a result of those challenges.

He said, "God speaks to us in many ways." And he asked "Are we listening?"

Business was conducted by church council president Sarah Hensch.

In addition to regular business, numerous highlights of the year were noted and vari-

ous people were recognized for faithful devotion and service to the church family and community.

Future goals and projects were discussed in order to focus on the Mt. Moriah mission to share the love of Jesus Christ with everyone everywhere.

Mt. Moriah Church council members for 2022 were installed by Pastor Mark Hasty. He also charged the congregation membership to faithful service in the coming year.

Council members who will continue on the council from the past year include Joyce Crews, who has served as secretary, president Sarah Hensch, properties Mike Stegle, treasurer James Neisz, outreach and fellowship Liz

Kelley, worship and music Kay Johnson, youth director Paula Hasty and finance secretary Todd Vincent.

Education chair Kristen Stegle is retiring. New members elected to the council are Marcy Malnar and Timothy Simpson.

Pastor Mark reminded the congregation that on Fifth Sunday, Jan. 30, there will be one joint Mt. Moriah-Salem Lutheran Churches service at 10 a.m. at Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro.

Sunday Sermon

During the sermon this Sunday, Pastor Mark preached about Jesus' fulfillment of all of the prophecies of the messiah.

Jesus is the only messiah we are going to get. There is no need to look for another messiah because Jesus will always be the only one.

(Mt. Moriah journalist Alyson Hasty.)

Classes will meet in PULLIAM HALL, Industrial Wing, Room 109, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

SIU is committed to protecting the community, so all participants must follow current campus and state pandemic safety protocols and wear masks.

In addition, class sizes are limited so organizers recommend early registration.

Additional details and sign up are available online at conferenceservices.siu.edu. Registration by credit card is also available by calling 618-536-7751.

March 22 through April 14.

Participants in the four-week class will use traditional glassblowing techniques and develop their skills under the tutelage of Jackson Hawkins, an assistant professor of practice in glass in the SIU School of Art and Design.

Registration is underway for the two class sessions. Each of the sessions consists of eight class meetings.

Session 1 is Feb. 1-24, while the second session is

Dixon Springs Ag Center to host backyard maple syrup production workshop

University of Illinois Extension has announced that the sixth annual backyard maple syrup production workshop is planned Saturday, Feb. 19.

The workshop is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Dixon Springs Agricultural Center, which is located at 354 State Highway 145 N, Simpson. The program is free and open to the public.

Registration for the workshop is available by calling the ag center at 618-695-3383 or emailing cwevans@illinois.edu by Feb. 18.

University of Illinois Extension says that maple sap collection and syrup production is easy, relatively inexpensive to start, and is a great late winter project that can be fun for the entire family.

Sugar maples, the species typically thought of for sap collection, are abundant in Southern Illinois, but other species of maple can also be tapped to make the syrup.

The workshop, which will be held outdoors, will cover tree identification, equipment needs, tree tapping, sap collection, boiling and finishing maple syrup.

Participants will see firsthand the processes involved in making maple syrup.

A demonstration of a syrup evaporator and an optional tour of a sugarbush forest, managed for maple syrup production and utilizing a pipeline system of sap collection, are planned.

Jessi Riley honor student



Jessi Riley

Jessi Riley of Anna has been named to the fall semester President's List at McKendree University in Lebanon.

Riley earned the recognition by maintaining a 4.0 grade point average during the semester.

She is the daughter of Terry and Tina Riley of Anna. Riley is a 2021 graduate of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

Anna Madura of Anna has been named to the fall semester dean's list at Missouri State University in Springfield, Mo.

For undergraduate students, dean's list criteria included enrollment in at least 12 credit hours during the semester and having at least a 3.50 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Wendling, Bundren of Jonesboro were named to the dean's list.

To qualify for the dean's list, a student must have successfully completed a minimum of 12 hours for the semester.

Sophomores, juniors and seniors must have had a grade point average of 3.7 or above for the semester.

Another bit of trivia for you: the first demonstration of a television system was given in Jan. 27, 1926, in London, England, and started broadcasts in 1936. The USA didn't get around to regular broadcasts until 1939.

Lillian Milam and Lula Belle Tripp both called this week to let me know that the Fifth Sunday Sings were coming around again this month. They will be held this time on Jan. 30 at Grand Tower Baptist Church at 6 p.m. If you never attended one, you are certainly missing a blessing.

Speaking of blessings, our church services were blessed yesterday with the attendance of some faces we've not seen in a while. Good to see you all.

Our numbers are still a bit down, with a lot of our regulars out with various illnesses. It's that time of year and the pandemic isn't helping. However, it was good to see folks that have been out for several months, back in the pews.

Brother Bobby Richardson's message was once again from the book of John. His question was: What do you hunger after? Vindication, praise, anger, hatred, jealousy, possessions, riches, unforgiveness?

John 4: 1-38 is the story of the woman at the well. Jesus' message was more than just thirsting after a drink of water, it was about our thirst or hunger for the things of the world that separate us from God's will.

God knows what we do, we cannot hide anything... not a thought or deed. Satan has our world divided like never before.

When we thirst after those worldly things, and thoughts, we are left still wanting more, because it's an empty ladle.

Only God can give us that living water that will take away the hunger for those things that aren't good for us.

"Turn your eyes upon Jesus," as the song says, "and the things of Earth will grow strangely dim."

It won't be easy, but as Jesus didn't judge the woman at the well, we too must leave the judgment of people lifestyles to God.

We are not to impute our morals on others, that's between them and God. We can only spread the news of God's love and hope that they listen.

Our prayer list has added James Sullivan, who is stationed in Italy and has Covid; Claude Sadler added his grandsons Logan and Parker Branscum and Skyler

Yellow jackets in January. Who would have thought that was possible, especially given the bone chilling temperatures recently?

But, sure enough, I had to remove one last night as it hovered over my roasted potatoes at the dinner table.

My husband is highly allergic to bees and such, so I don't let them hang around. Yesterday was warmer, though, so I guess this guy (or gal) decided to venture out.

I guess the doomed insect was lured by the brief warm up on Sunday. It was nice to have that bit of warmth. It allowed me to finish putting away the outside Christmas decorations I hadn't gotten to yet.

I actually cleaned up the front porch, refilled bird feeders and managed it all without a coat. That's not going to last long.

The Winter Olympics are being advertised as coming up. A bit of trivia for you, in 1924 the first winter Olympics were held in France.

I find the winter sports more entertaining to watch on television than the summer ones.

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County Line News

(Mill Creek and Upper Elco)

By Suzan Harvel

Sadler who also have Covid; Bo Utley needs our prayers for health, as do John Snell, Doug Cerny, the Rob Petzoldt family; and Margaret Mathis is having more surgery. Please keep these folks in your prayers.

We are glad to hear that Barb Layman is back home and that her mother, Lula Belle Tripp, is recovering from her fall.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

where they can be viewed. The church's Facebook page, Jonesboro FBC, has videos and the latest information about possible closings.

Men's Bible study was planned Monday night.

A business meeting was planned Wednesday night, immediately following Bible study.

Birthdays: Jerri Tehandon, Jan. 24; Jerri Miller, Jan. 25; Shirley Kohler, Jan. 27.

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.

Wolf Lake church to host open mic gospel singing

An open mic gospel singing is planned Sunday, Jan. 30, at Faith Assembly Church in Wolf Lake.

Singing will begin at 6 p.m. Local talent will be featured. The number of songs per person will be according to the number of singers.

Snacks will be served after the singing.

Hess News

By Glenn Heisner

A birthday meal was held Sunday for Holly Barringer at the home of her father, Bruce Williams. She was 50 years young. Three sisters and other family members made it a good day.

The Baptist men's wild game supper Friday night had about 60 men there.

Union County Saddle Club met Saturday evening at a local restaurant. A few were unable to attend due to health concerns.

The Associated Saddle Clubs of Southern Illinois will have annual meeting Feb. 5 at the Harrisburg American Legion post. The meeting will start the planning for the 9 Day Trail Ride in July.

January birthdays: Josh Schlenker, Jan. 10; Delores Pribble, Jan. 19.

Harley and Patsy Rhodes will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Jan. 27.

His morning message addressed anxieties in today's world. The message was based on scripture from Matthew.

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

Marlee Smith sang a special, "God is Good (Joy Comes, Tears Fall)."

The messages were live streamed on Facebook,

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Brothers and sisters: As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Now the body is not a single part, but many. If a foot should say, "Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. Or if an ear should say, "Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended. If they were all one part, where would the body be? But as it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I do not need you," nor again the head to the feet, "I do not need you."

Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary, and those parts of the body that we consider less honorable we surround with greater honor, and our less presentable parts are treated with greater propriety, whereas our more presentable parts do not need this. But God has so constructed the body as to give greater honor to a part that is without it, so that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.

Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it. Some people God has designated in the church to be, first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers; then, mighty deeds; then gifts of healing, assistance, administration, and varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work mighty deeds? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? From 1 Corinthians

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day.

He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." From the Gospel of Luke

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2 Cor. 8:1-15	2 Cor. 8:16-24	2 Cor. 9:1-15	2 Cor. 10:1-18	2 Cor. 11:1-15	2 Cor. 11:16-33	2 Cor. 12:1-10
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS AND RIGHT TO FILE PETITION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a resolution adopted on the 13th day of December, 2021 (the "Resolution"), School District Number 17, Union and Jackson Counties, Illinois (the "District"), intends to issue general obligation school bonds (alternate revenue source) (the "Bonds") in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,900,000 for the purpose of improving school sites and altering, repairing and equipping school buildings and facilities. The Bonds will be payable from (i) collections distributed to the District from those taxes imposed in The Counties of Union and Jackson, Illinois, pursuant to the County School Facility Occupation Tax Law of the State of Illinois (the "State"), as amended, and (ii) State aid received by the District and available to be expended for the improvement, maintenance, repair and benefit of school buildings and property. If such revenue sources are insufficient to pay the Bonds, ad valorem property taxes upon all taxable property in the District without limitation as to rate or amount are authorized to be extended to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds. A complete copy of the Resolution follows this notice.

Notice is hereby further given that a petition signed by 200 or more electors of the District, said number of electors being equal to the greater of (i) 7.5% of the number of registered voters in the District or (ii) 200 of those registered voters or 15% of those registered voters, whichever is less, may be submitted to the Secretary of the Board of Education of the District (the "Secretary") within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice and the Resolution asking that the question of the issuance of the Bonds be submitted to referendum. If such petition is filed with the Secretary within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice, an election on the proposition to issue said bonds shall be held on the 28th day of June, 2022.

The Circuit Court may declare that an emergency referendum should be held prior to said election date pursuant to the provisions of Section 2A1.4 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended. If no such petition is filed within said thirty (30) day period, then the District shall thereafter be authorized to issue the Bonds for the purpose hereinabove provided.

By order of the Board of Education of the District.

DATED this 13th day of December, 2021.

Jeanne Brumleve
Secretary,
Board of Education,
School District Number
17, Union and
Jackson Counties,
Illinois

RESOLUTION authorizing the issuance of General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) of School District Number 17, Union and Jackson Counties, Illinois, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,900,000 pursuant to the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, for the purpose of paying the costs of improving school sites and altering, repairing and equipping school buildings and facilities of said District.

* * *

WHEREAS, School District Number 17, Union and Jackson Counties, Illinois (the "District"), is a duly organized and existing school district created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois, and is now operating under the provisions of the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the District (the "Board"), has considered the existing school facilities and the improvements and extensions necessary to be made thereto in order that the same will adequately serve the educational needs of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the best interests of the District to pay the costs of improving school sites and altering, repairing and equipping school buildings and facilities (the "Project"), all in accordance with the preliminary estimate of cost heretofore approved by the Board and now on file in the office of the Secretary of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board has further determined the estimated cost of the Project, including legal, financial, bond discount, capitalized interest, printing and publication costs and other expenses, to be not less than \$3,900,000, and there are insufficient funds on hand and lawfully available to pay such costs; and

WHEREAS, the Board has further determined that it is advisable and necessary that the Project be undertaken and, in order to raise the funds required to pay such costs, that the District borrow the sum of \$3,900,000 and, in evidence thereof, issue General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) in an aggregate principal amount of \$3,900,000 (the "Bonds"), in accordance with the provisions of Section 15 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable from (i) collections distributed to the District from those taxes imposed by The Counties of Union and Jackson, Illinois, pursuant to the County School Facility Occupation Tax Law of the State of Illinois (the "State"), as amended, and (ii) State aid received by the District and available to be expended for the improvement, maintenance, repair and benefit of school buildings and property (together, the "Pledged Revenues"); and

WHEREAS, if the Pledged Revenues are insufficient to pay the Bonds, ad valorem property taxes upon all taxable property in the District without limitation as to rate or amount are authorized to be extended to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds: NOW, THEREFORE, Be It and It Is Hereby Resolved by the Board of Education of School District Number 17, Union and Jackson Counties, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles. The Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Resolution are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Determination to Issue Bonds. It is necessary and in the best interests of the District to undertake the Project and the Bonds are hereby authorized to be issued and sold for that purpose.

Section 3. Publication. This Resolution, together with a notice in the statutory form, shall be published in Gazette Democrat, the same being a newspaper of general circulation in the District, and if no petition, signed by

200 electors, the same being equal to the greater of (i) 7.5% of the number of registered voters in the District or (ii) 200 of those registered voters or 15% of those registered voters, whichever is less, asking that the issuance of the Bonds be submitted to referendum, is filed with the Secretary of the Board within thirty (30) days after the date of the publication of this Resolution and said notice, then the Bonds shall be authorized to be issued.

Section 4. Additional Resolutions. If no petition meeting the requirements of applicable law is filed during the petition period hereinabove referred to, then the Board may adopt additional resolutions or proceedings supplementing or amending this Resolution providing for the issuance and sale of the Bonds and prescribing all the details of the Bonds, so long as the maximum amount of the Bonds as set forth in this Resolution is not exceeded and there is no material change in the Project or the purposes described herein. Such additional resolutions or proceedings shall in all instances become effective immediately without publication or posting or any further act or requirement. This Resolution, together with such additional resolutions or proceedings, shall constitute complete authority for the issuance of the Bonds under applicable law.

Section 5. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Resolution.

Section 6. Repealer. All resolutions or orders, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, and that this Resolution be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption.

Adopted December 13, 2021.

Lisa Tomazzoli
President,
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Jeanne Brumleve
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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.

Gardening Committee

Anna-Jo Garden Park gardening committee met at Hebrewz in Jonesboro for a planning meeting.

Those present were president Nancy Kucera, Peggy Ferguson, Martha Ann Webb, Tom Caldwell, Betty Sirles, Marge Selinger, Glenda Jones and Darlene Lingle.

This committee oversees the planting and maintenance of the park. The purpose is to provide a spot of beauty in a highly visible location in our community.

Located at the intersection of State Route 146 and Highway 51 in Anna next to McDonald's, it is a haven of year round beauty enjoyed by thousands.

If you would like to join the garden club the next

meeting will be at 1 p.m. Feb. 8 at United Methodist Church in Anna Fellowship Hall at 111 W. Monroe St. The club always welcomes new members.

Group Exhibit

Marie Samuel has an entry for the SIU University Museum Feb.1-May 7 group exhibit "Women's Voices."

Marie's "More Water Under Monet's Garden Bridge" is a mixed fiber fabric collage from a series of tributes to famous artists. It is part of a traveling exhibit first shown at the Giant City State Park visitors center.

The exhibit of 24 female artists chosen by guest curator Teresa Fix is in the West Gallery of the museum.



Saturday night the VFW Auxiliary served supper to the ritual team and their spouses. Team members attending left to right were Jerry Forcht, Weldon Davis, Bob Mathias, Ernest Newton, Mark Haddick. Sherry Haddick, Leonard Sadler, Christine Walker and Gary Jackson.

Hours are Tuesday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission is free. Masks are required in the University Museum.

Anna United Methodist Church

Sunday morning Rev. Tim Gossett told the children baking ingredients alone were not good but mixing them all together you could bake cupcakes and cookies using this as an example of how our body parts are all different but together our body works.

Our church needs all its members to work together to be the Body of Christ. Scripture was from 1st Corinthians chapter 12.

Marcy Morris played a flute solo "The Water is Wide."

Accompanied by Carla Anderson on piano. Praise were given and prayers for those sick and who have lost loved ones.

Nancy Hooks said they gave out 93 adult bags and 30 children bags at Loaves and Fishes. She thanked the City Of Anna for providing the food last week.

The children took up their special mission offering.

Little Egypt Barber-shop Chorus

The Little Egypt Barber-shop Chorus met Saturday, Jan. 22, for its annual holiday gathering.

The event was dinner out at a Carbondale restaurant with wives and families invited.

It is tradition for the chorus members to sing some of their favorite music for the delight of the guests.

Chorus director Jim Alvey had a special activity planned for the evening.

He had written and shared music for a special melody to include the women guests in the chorus. The song was fun for everyone.

Like most public groups, the LEC chorus has not recovered from the effects of the pandemic and participation is about half of



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Nine Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies who met at El Jalapeño included Shirley Page, Martha Ann Webb, Lillian Milam, Connie Harvell, Lila Williams, Cathy Ziegler, Brenda Lovelace, Linda Comte and Martha Schwegman.



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Debbie Ayers is with her nephews Dennis and Jason Martin Oglesby in Las Vegas celebrating her retirement trip.



Anna-Jo Garden Club conservation committee met Tuesday, Jan. 18, at the Anna Art Center. Nancy Kucera, Martha Ann Webb, Tom Caldwell, Bonnie Housman and Pete Housman who took the picture. Lots of great ideas for our city and community were discussed.



Shown here with her entry for the SIU University Museum group exhibit "Women's Voices" is Marie Samuel.



Miles Yates played Upward Ball at Anna Heights Baptist Church Saturday.



Miles Yates was honored on his 7th birthday Jan. 22 with a party at El Jalepeno by his family.



David and Karen Stanley celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary Jan. 17. David Stanley celebrated his 65th birthday Jan. 21.



Upward Basketball and Cheer is in full swing on Friday evenings and Saturdays all day at the Anna Heights Baptist Church Family Life Center gym. Several children and many volunteers are involved in these games.

the former numbers.

One solution was for the women to assist on some of the parts so a good time was had by all.

The Little Egypt Barber-shop chorus is made up of men of all ages from all over Southern Illinois.

Members come to Carbondale weekly to practice, from Metropolis and Anna, to Sparta, Ava, Harrisburg and all points in between.

Another effect of the pandemic and related causes is that there are no organized quartets performing at present, therefore there will be no "Singing Valentines" in 2022.

The LEC is always looking for new members who love to get together and sing harmony. For more information call Norm Bauer at 618-697-1046.

Retirement Trip

After waiting a year from being retired from Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center

Debbie Ayers was treated to a belated retirement trip to Las Vegas from her mother, Dorothy Mitchell and her nephews Dennis and Jason Martin Oglesby of Warrenton, Mo.

The first day of the trip the three went to Hoover Dam, and of course while there they had to check out the dam bathrooms, lol.

It was a work week for Dennis so Debbie and Ja-

son did a lot of shopping and sightseeing by day and the three of them went to shows in the evening.

They saw the Beatles Love Tour at the Mirage and the Tournament of King's at Excalibur.

An enjoyable trip was had by all and they brought Grandma Dot, and the rest of the family some awesome souvenirs plus lots of stories and laughter. Happy belated retirement Debbie Ayers.

Celebrating Christmas

Dorothy Mitchell enjoyed the Christmas celebrations at her home with her family. The last being Sunday, Jan. 23, and some were still exchanging gifts.

At the different days she enjoyed visits from her son Wayne Brown, Ivesdale; grandson Sam Brown, Carbondale; great-granddaughter Abbie Brown and friends from Carbondale; Meisha Hogue Morton, husband and three children from Boonville, Ind.; Dennis and Jason Martin Oglesby of Warrenton, Mo.; Mackenzie Sturgeon and her fiancé Tyler Hileman from Villa Ridge; Sharon Gibson and grandson Dalton Gibson, Debbie and Mike Ayers, Brandy Shelton, Dongola, and Dustin Ayers, Jonesboro.

A special thanks to Dorothy for always giving me credit when she renews her subscription to The Gazette-Democrat. In December she renewed her's, her son's Wayne Brown, and grandsons Dennis and Jason Martin Oglesby.

Sympathy

Willie and Terrie Rhym-er attended on Thursday the funeral of Willie's un- cle CC Foster at the Gore- ville Methodist Church in

7th Birthday

Willie and Terrie Rhym-er celebrated the birthday of Miles Yates who turned 7 on Jan. 22. Miles had a birthday party at his school.

On Saturday he played Upward Ball at the Anna Heights Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, and then his family along with the Rhymers, went to El Ja- lepeno to eat.

Sunday Miles had a swim party with his friends and family at the former Super 8 motel.

Anna First Baptist Church

The pastor search com- mittee is in the interview process of retaining a per- manent pastor.

Pete Vinson is acting as interim pastor. His sermons are thought-provoking and he explains how scripture can relate to any issue in our lives.

He reminded everyone that God is, of course, everywhere, but that we can and should expect Him to manifest his presence sometimes at a deeper, more intimate level, which then produces joy in our hearts.

Maybe it's a praise song, or a scripture reading you seem to have heard for the first time, or a sermon you felt was preached just for you. God is everywhere and desires an intimate connection through our faith in Him.

Thank you Cissi Cuth- bertson for the church news.

Anna Heights Baptist Church

Pastor Darryl Williams was back in the pulpit Sunday after being ill. He continued his sermon se- ries on Genesis the Begin- ning. This week Salvation and Worship taken from Genesis 8.

Attendance for Jan. 16: 8 a.m. worship 52, 10:30 a.m. worship 84, small groups Bible study 154.

Birthdays: Jan. 28th Ri- ley Stockton, 29th Jordan Rhym-er, 30th Williams Blevins.

Upward Basketball and Cheer is in full swing on Friday evenings and Satur- days all day at the Family Life Center gym. Several children and many volun- teers are involved in these games.

Super Bowl chili and dessert cook off fellowship Sunday, Feb. 13, after the second worship service. Bring your favorite chili, soup and dessert and enjoy the fellowship.

Momma Lou's crafters will meet Thursday, Jan. 27, in the church basement at 6:30 p.m. They will be making salt and shaker snowmen.

Ministry meeting sched- uled for Sunday, Feb. 20, at 6 p.m.

Visitors

It was good to see Wan- da and Beth Perry visiting Anna and Jonesboro after their move to Texas.

Women's Club

GFWC Illinois An- na-Jonesboro Women's Club will meet Monday, Feb. 7, at 11:30 a.m. at El

Jalapeño Mexican restau- rant in Anna. Dan Whi- tesimal will entertain the ladies with a few songs. Everyone is welcome to come join us.

62nd Wedding Anni- versary

Gaylon and Clary Cates celebrated their 62nd wed- ding anniversary Jan. 15.

Honor Wreaths For Veterans

From Barbara and Norm Bauer. A special thanks for the memories of their donated Honor Wreaths For Veterans.

One Veteran Honor wreath is in honor and in memory of Union County native, 1st Lt. Carl Nathan Garrott (1918-1942) who died when his plane went down over France in World War II. His remains were buried with that of his crew in the Fort McPherson National Cemetery in North Platte, Nebraska. His parents, Lester and Maude Ury Garrott placed a memorial monument in his honor in the Anna Cemetery.

The other Veteran Hon- or wreath is in honor and memory of his older brother, Lt. Col. Oard Orrin Garrott (1916-1978) who served in Europe in World War II, where he spent many months in a prison camp.

After serving a second tour of duty, he returned to Union County. He was an ag teacher in Cobden and an industrial arts teacher at Anna Junior High. He rests in the Anna Cemetery near the memorial monu- ment of his brother.

To them, and so many other veterans like them, we owe our freedom.

Thank you Martha, and all the other folks who support with tireless effort, this program to show hon- or to veterans of all times, From Stephen Burns Vet- eran Andrew Dobbins. Mr. Dobbins is a great-grand- father of Stephen's cousin Aaron (Butch) Hart and is buried in the Anna City Cemetery. The grave is marked, but difficult to read.

One for American Le- gion Cemetery in Don- gola. Sgt. William J. Ste- phens, 9th Illinois Civil War. Ross S. Stephens, Army WW I. One for St. John's Cemetery.

Red Hat Ladies Meet Nine Little Egypt Red Hat ladies met at El Jala- peño Mexican Restaurant in Anna Wednesday, Jan. 19.

They were saddened to hear their friend Alice Cox's husband had died. Prayers for her and her family.

The blessing was said by Martha Ann Webb before they enjoyed their meal.

Three ladies celebrated their birthdays: Shirley Page, Lila Williams and Martha Schwegman. The staff at El Jalapeño brought the birthday ladies an ice cream treat and sang "Hap- py Birthday" to them.

There was a gift ex- change. Lila Williams made keychain necklaces for the ladies in December and brought the ones that missed that meeting one. A big thanks to her.

Everyone stood and sang God Bless America before they left.

Blue Star Memorial Program serves as tribute to nation's armed forces

By Martha Ann Webb

The Blue Star Memorial Program was adopted as a National Council project at the annual meeting in New Orleans in 1946.

A Blue Star Memorial Highway System was out- lined.

The east west route was U.S. Route 40 and runs through Illinois.

The first two markers were A Tribute to the Na- tion's Armed Forces who served in World War II. In 1951 the program was changed to include all men and women who had served, were serving or would serve in the armed forces of our nation.

Anna-Jo Garden Club/ Hindman Park next to Mc- Donald's in Anna has a Blue Star Marker.

Hoping everyone will visit it if you didn't know it was there. 2023 will be the 75th anniversary of Blue Star Memorials in Illinois.

Plans to refurbish it are underway and also plans for a Gold Star marker and ceremony in the Anna-Jo Park hopefully will be on Sept. 25, 2022.

The Gold Star is a tribute to Gold Star families and relatives who sacrificed a Loved One for our Free- dom.

If you would like to do- nate to this project please send to Anna-Jo Garden Club and put what your



Blue Star Monument

This Blue Star Monument picture was sent to me by a distant family member Carol Kinsley of Seaford, Delaware.

donation is for.

There is also a Blue Star Marker close to the Anna and Lick Creek turn off at the rest area going toward Marion. Plans there are also being made for changes. Many of the An- na-Jonesboro Garden Club and officials attended the dedication of the marker when it was placed at this location.

If you visit any of our Blue Star Markers in Illi- nois or in the USA take a picture by it and send me. I will put it in my Anna News.

The picture of the Blue Star Monument was sent to me by a distant family member Carol Kinsley of Seaford, Delaware.

The Spade & Trowel Garden Club of Seaford,

Delaware, held a re-dedi- cation ceremony Oct. 18, 2018, as its Blue Star Me- morial Highway Marker was returned to its place of honor on Route 13. The marker, originally erected by the club in 1981, serves as a tribute to the Armed Forces who have defend- ed the United States of America.

The Blue Star became an icon in World War II and was seen on flags and banners in homes for sons and daughters away at war.

The Blue Star Memorial Highway Program was adopted by the National Council of State Garden Clubs in 1946 to create a ribbon of living memorial plantings across the nation.

The marker in Seaford, just north of the Route 20

West intersection was the first in Delaware and was one of the only eight in the state three years ago.

The planting around the marker had long since lan- guished and is no longer permitted in the highway median. The marker itself had rusted badly.

Spade & Trowel Garden Club member Jim Ziegler took on the task of getting the marker refurbished.

Ziegler said he has many relatives who were veterans and he lost friends in the Vietnam war.

"I enjoy our freedoms. I love our country, I have always flown a flag at every home where I have lived," he said. Those are some of the reasons restoration of the marker was important to Jim.

Working through the Na- tional Garden Club, which began working on the Blue Star Highway project in 1945, funding for the res- toration was made possible through the DelDOT Com- munity Transportation Fund acquired through the State of Delaware and could not have been accomplished without help from the City of Seaford.

A color guard from the Seaford High School Na- val Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps joined club representatives, State Rep. Danny Short, and city officials as a wreath was laid at the foot of the marker. Some 60 guests later cel- ebrated at a ceremony and luncheon at VFW Virgil Wilson Post in Seaford.

Television Listings

THURSDAY JANUARY 27, 2022

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and channels (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW). Lists various programs like 'Local Programs', 'The Blacklist', 'USA Soccer', 'The Bachelor', etc.

FRIDAY JANUARY 28, 2022

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and channels (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW). Lists various programs like 'PGA Tour Golf', 'WWE Friday Night SmackDown', 'Boston Celtics', etc.

SATURDAY JANUARY 29, 2022

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and channels (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW). Lists various programs like 'PGA Tour Golf', 'College Basketball', 'Chicago P.D.', etc.

SUNDAY JANUARY 30, 2022

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and channels (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW). Lists various programs like 'Home Videos', '60 Minutes', 'The Wall', etc.

MONDAY JANUARY 31, 2022

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and channels (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW). Lists various programs like 'The Bachelor', 'Neighbor', '9-1-1: Lone Star', etc.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2022

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and channels (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW). Lists various programs like 'Judge Steve Harvey', 'FBI: Under Pres- sure', 'The Resident', etc.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2022

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and channels (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW). Lists various programs like 'Goldbergs', 'Big Brother: Ce- lebrity', 'I Can See Your Voice', etc.

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Obituaries

Roger Alvin Wiseman Sr.

Roger Alvin Wiseman Sr., 74, of Cobden, died Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022, at the Marion VA Hospital.

He was born on March 10, 1947, in Raleigh, the son of Ira and Opal Vinson Wiseman.

He married Carol Jean Porter on May 8, 1972, in Murphysboro. She preceded him in death on Dec. 10, 2013.

Mr. Wiseman is survived by his children, Steven (Sarah) Wilkins, David Wilkins, Sheri (Bob) McCann, Rebecca (Steve) Mitchell and Jeanne (Dan) Brumleve; grandchildren Amanda Wilkins, Kody Travelstead, Lucas McCann, Adam McCann, Miranda Mitchell, Cyrus Mitchell, Samantha Miller, Forrest Harvel, Joseph Brumleve, Olivia Brumleve and Nathan Brumleve; several great-grandchildren; a brother, Terry (Emily) Wiseman; nephews; a cousin, Athel (Charlene) Wiseman; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded by his parents; his spouse, Carol Wiseman; a son, Roger Wiseman; and a granddaughter, Ashley Wilkins.

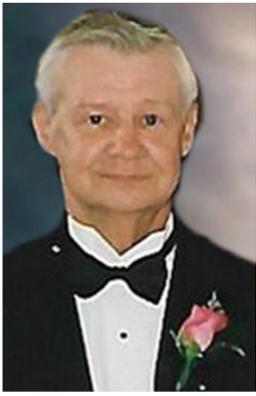
He served in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1968. He was an avid fisherman and loved being outdoors and spending time with his family. He loved people and enjoyed his time in Alto Pass at Pop's Market.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 24, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden.

Interment was in the Alto Pass Cemetery. Graveside military rites were conducted by Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna and the Illinois Army National Guard funeral honor team of Marion.

Memorials can be made to the Marion VA Hospital. To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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



Yvonne Annette Graham

Yvonne Annette Graham, 85, of Anna, died Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022, at her residence.

She was born on Sept. 24, 1936, in Anna, the daughter of Lowell E. and Wanda J. Watkins Calvert.

She married Richard Otis Graham on Oct. 16, 1960, at Saratoga United Methodist Church and they were able to celebrate 60 years together.

Mrs. Graham worked at the Florsheim Shoe Factory for 13 years before deciding to stay home to be a full-time mother and wife.

She was a 4-H leader of the Lick Creek 4-H Club for over 45 years. She had served on the 4-H Extension Council and was a member of the Union County Cattleman Association.

She was the local Bible Quiz director at the Anna First Church of the Nazarene for 18 years, and the Illinois District director for 20 years. She taught hundreds of children the word of God.

She and her husband entertained many 4-H, Bible Quizzing and church activities over the years at their residence. She also served on the Ebenezer Hall Cemetery Board for 38 years.

She was saved at the age of 13. She became a member of the Saratoga United Methodist Church and was later baptized in the Bradshaw Creek.

She taught Sunday School since she was 15 and had always been an avid supporter of Sunday School.

In 1972, Mrs. Graham joined the Anna First Church of the Nazarene, where she served on the Sunday School board for many years and started the children's church program.

She loved working on the family farm along with her husband. Together they chopped wood, raised Black Angus cattle and grew beautiful vegetable and flower gardens. She loved cooking meals for her family and many friends.

She is survived by her daughter, Vonda (Brian) Hill of Anna; grandsons Christopher Hill and Michael Hill (fiancé Hailey Whitis), all of Anna; sisters Elaine (Robert) Edwards of Wellsville, Mo., Donna (Larry) Dyer of Foristell, Mo., and Diana (Fletcher) Johnson of Harrisburg; a brother, Dean Corbit of Buncombe; a sister-in-law, Sandy Graham of Anna; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard; her parents; a sister, Carlita Pitts of Jonesboro; brothers-in-law William T. Graham of Dongola, Thomas Graham of High Ridge, Mo., Walter Graham of Jonesboro, Curtis Graham of Alvord, Texas, and John Pitts of Cobden; sisters-in-law Clara Graham of Dongola, Beverly Graham of High Ridge, Mo., Karen Graham of Alvord, Texas, and Elizabeth Corbit of Buncombe; her stepmother, Lois Corbit of Buncombe; her mother-in-law, Verda (McCombs) Graham and her father-in-law, William F. Graham.

Visitation for Yvonne Annette Graham will be Friday, Jan. 28, from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m., at the Anna First Church of the Nazarene.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Jan. 29, at 1 p.m. in the church sanctuary, with the Rev. Trenton Ice officiating. Friends can call Saturday at the church after 11 a.m. and until the time of service.

Interment will follow in Ebenezer Hall Cemetery. In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be made to the Anna Nazarene Church children's Bible Quizzing program or to the Ebenezer Hall Cemetery.

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

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

Donald Dillow

Donald Dillow, 81, of Cobden, died Saturday, Jan. 22, at his home.

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.

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

David M. Parks

David M. Parks, 63, of Cairo, died at 7:39 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022, at home.

He was born on Feb. 28, 1958, in Petersburg, Va., the son of Guy and Lola McCoy Parks Jr.

Mr. Parks worked for Lowe's in Cape Girardeau, where he made many friends. He previously worked at Med Care as a delivery driver and Bass Sales for many years as a machine worker. His family meant the world to him.

He is survived by his daughter, Ashley (Wesley) Hillebrand; two grandchildren, Landon and Isabell; his mother, Lola Parks; a brother, Darryl (Angie) Parks; two nieces, Jessica Parks and Nichole (Eric) Bernard; three great-nieces, Jamie, Ava and Sophie; and several other relatives and friends.

Mr. Parks was preceded in death by his father, Guy Parks Jr.

Visitation was Monday evening, Jan. 24, at Crain Funeral Home in Cairo. Cremation rites were accorded following the visitation. Inurnment will be at a later date at Olive Branch Cemetery.

To view the obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family, visit www.crainsonline.com. Crain Funeral Home in Cairo was in charge of arrangements.



Bill J. Dailey

Bill J. Dailey, 86, of Jonesboro, died Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022, at his home.

He was born on April 12, 1935, in Elco, the son of Floyd and Mildred Seals Dailey.

He married the love of his life and soul mate, Cathy Hancock, in Mississippi on Sept. 21, 1957. She preceded him in death on Aug. 24, 2018.

Mr. Dailey is survived by his son, Don Dailey; a daughter, Tammy McKinney; grandchildren Miranda (Matthew) Morgan, Jennifer (Madi) Land, Mandy (Maycee) Dailey, Natalie (Mike) Brown, Bub (Kellie) Dailey, Zeke Baggott and Kiel McKinney; great-grandchildren Abbi, Xailex, Keivin, Kiley, Kaitlyn, Daultan, Michaela, Arika, Brayden, Colton, Landon, Ella, Greyson and Dixie Mae; a sister, Rosemary Miller of Springfield; brothers Jerry E. Hunter of Jonesboro, Jack Stokes of Anna and Rodney Stokes of Cape Girardeau; many other family members and many friends.

He was preceded in death by parents; his wife, Cathy Dailey; sons Curt and Rick Dailey; son-in-law Carlos McKinney; stepsister Floy Stokes Sullivan; stepbrother Gaylon Stokes; and many friends.

Mr. Dailey retired from the Anna-Jonesboro Water Commission after 35 years. He served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1953 to 1956.

He was the kindest man, always smiling and generous to anyone he met. He loved to joke and laugh. He loved his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren more than life.

He left behind a letter for them in his words as follows:

When I come to the end of my road
I want no rites in a gloom filled room
Why cry for a soul set free.
Miss me a little, but not too long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember the love that we shared
Miss me, but let me go
For this journey that we all must take
and each must go it alone,
it's all part of the master's plan
A step on the road to home.
When we are lonely and sick at heart,
go to the friends we know,
and bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,
"Hey you all"
Miss me, but let me go!

Funeral services were Tuesday, Jan. 25, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with Pastor Randy Wright officiating.

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

Memorials can be made to Disabled American Veterans. To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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

David Bruce Watson

David Bruce Watson, 61, of Cobden, died Friday, Jan. 14, 2022, at SSM Health Good Samaritan Hospital in Mt. Vernon.

He was born on Feb. 16, 1960, in Kankakee, the son of Melvin Francis and Luella Dorothy Foltz Watson.

Mr. Watson is survived by five sisters, Melba Morgan of Arizona, Charlene Day of Kankakee, Loretta (Bob) Mason of Arizona, Linda Estes of Kankakee and Carol (Grant) See of Michigan City, Ind.; many beloved nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by three brothers, Melvin "Sonny," Richard and Robert Watson.

There will no services held at this time. To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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

Mary Ellen Conroy

Mary Ellen Conroy, 80, formerly of Mokena, died Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022, at Village of Sugar Land in Sugar Land, Texas.

She was born on May 25, 1941, in Illinois, the daughter of Frank and Marion Gura Black.

She married Richard L. Conroy. He preceded her in death on June 5, 2003.

She loved spending time with her family, especially her loving grandchildren.

Survivors include her children, Jenny (Michael) Conroy-Adams, Rick (Nicole) Conroy and Joanna Conroy-Marsh; grandchildren Parker Adams, Griffin Conroy, Addi Conroy, Lauren Marsh, Taylor Marsh and Sydney Marsh; a brother-in-law, Bob Conroy; several nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and a brother, Thomas Black.

A graveside service will be held at Green Lawn Memorial Gardens in Villa Ridge on Saturday, Jan. 29, at 11 a.m., with Father Chris Mujule officiating.

Crain Funeral Home in Cairo is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial can be made to the Cairo Historical Library, P.O. Box 151, Cairo, Ill. 62914, in recognition of her 32 years of service at the Mokena elementary school.

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



We lost an incomparable, extraordinary, one-of-a-kind person Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022.

Harold "Kenny" Perry was born on Dec. 2, 1951, to parents who also had disabilities.

To say Kenny's upbringing was difficult would be an understatement. He was raised in a shack by the railroad tracks back in the '50's.

Many years Kenny was thought of by many people as a drifter or vagabond, but when he came to Chamness Care, that was not the Kenny we knew.

For 19 years, Kenny lived at Ash House in Cobden. He had the funniest quirks and most witty personality. If you knew Kenny, you will chuckle with some great story or remark he made when he comes to mind.

Since Kenny had no known kin, we send love and support to his house mates Mark, Rickey, Jimmy, Cliff and Bryan, who are considered his family. Special staff Jeremiah and Don have overseen Kenny's care for years and were loved by Kenny. Also, Kenny's longtime girlfriend, Nancy J, is so upset at his passing. We are so sorry for her loss. We appreciate the life the staff at Ash House helped build for Kenny and the special TLC that ICARE provided in Kenny's last days.

Memorial services for Kenny Perry will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro.

To visit Kenny's memorial page and leave online condolences, visit the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home website rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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

Michael Anthony Guerra

Michael Anthony Guerra, 60, of Dongola, died Monday, Jan. 17, 2022, at his home.

He was born on Aug. 18, 1961, in Chicago, the son of Pasquale and Cindy Guerra.

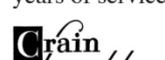
He married Lou Ann Damon on June 14, 1996, in Bridgeport.

Mr. Guerra is survived by his mother, Cindy Guerra of Arizona; his wife, Lou Ann Guerra of Dongola; children Michael Teske of Oak Forest, Susan (Brad) Caldana of California, Maxwell (Brianna) Guerra of Pennsylvania, George (Kathy) Sievers of Oak Lawn, Kelly (Donny) Jett of Chicago and Timothy (Maria) Sievers of Oak Lawn; 16 grandchildren and one on the way; siblings Deneice (Anthony) Scapetto of Glendale, Ariz., Jacqueline (Kai) Guerra of Chicago, Andrea (Vee) Luz of San Diego, Calif., and Marcus Guerra of Chicago; other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his father.

Mr. Guerra worked many years as a carpenter and was a member of the Carpenter Local 270 in Springfield. He was a loving father and grandfather and loved his five fur babies. In his free time he enjoyed riding motorcycles.

There will be no services at this time. To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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



Robert L. Waller

Robert L. Waller of Plainfield, 76, joined his wife and son in Heaven, on Jan. 16, 2022.

He was born to Budd and Ann Waller in Anna, and was a lifelong resident of Plainfield.

In Robert's true fashion, "Did I ever tell you about the time?" (his stories always started this way), "it was August 12th, the window was open, and I caught a chill." He told this story to whoever would listen and always acted surprised when no one else remembered the day they were born.

He had a great memory, and if you were lucky enough and had a couple of hours to spare, you would hear many more of his adventures.

One of his greatest qualities was to tell a story you would never hear the same way twice. No doubt this is what his family and friends will remember and miss the most about him.

To say Robert had a huge heart was an understatement. His family was everything to him, and if you weren't worried about something, he would worry about it for you.

Over the years, he enjoyed attending many races, from Talladega to Michigan, and attending any of his grandchildren's games and accomplishments.

He is survived by his daughter, Debbie (Chris) Stimac; his grandchildren, who were his pride and joy, Ashley (Mario) Waller, Kaylee, Taylor and CJ Stimac; his brother, Richard (Mary Jane) Waller; and his sister, Cheryl (John) Ligon; as well as his sister-in-law, Tina (late Roger) Waller.

He was also survived by his nieces, nephews, and cousins, all of whom he thought about and would check in on constantly.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce Waller; and his son, John Waller, his parents, Budd and Ann Waller; and his brother, Roger Waller; as well as many friends and relatives, all of whom are missed dearly.

Visitation will be Friday, Jan. 28, from 10 a.m. until noon, at the Overman-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, which is located at the corner of Routes 30 and 59, in Plainfield.

Funeral services will be at noon at the funeral home, with the Rev. Dick Wisdom officiating. Interment will follow in Woodlawn Memorial Park in Joliet.

A celebration of life will also be planned in August in Anna.

As an expression of sympathy, memorials can be made to Robert's family.

For information, call 815-436-9221 or visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

Barbara Jean Penrod

Barbara Jean Penrod, 87, of Anna, died Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022, at her home.

She was born on May 25, 1934, in Anna, the daughter of Harry and Millie Bartsch Cruse.

She married Joe Penrod on Oct. 25, 1959.

Mrs. Penrod is survived by her husband, Joe Penrod of Anna; a son, Ricky Joe (Leslie) Penrod of Dongo-la; grandchildren Michaela Sizemore, Colton Penrod and Mia DeHarpert; great-grandchildren Ella Helton, Drake Penrod, Kimber and Piper Sizemore; a brother, Carl Cruse of Elgin; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Allen Lee Penrod; siblings Grace Clark, Mary Moreland, Charles Cruse and Hellen Reish.

She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She always enjoyed playing Uno and checkers any time she had them over.

Graveside funeral services were at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, at the Anna Cemetery. Interment immediately followed.

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

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



Michael Tygett

Michael Tygett, 68, of Marion, and formerly of Anna, died at 8:58 a.m. Friday, Dec. 24, 2021, at Heartland Regional Medical Center.

He was born on Nov. 14, 1953, in Anna, the son of Myron Gene and Lillie Jane Graves Tygett in Anna.

He graduated from Anna-Jonesboro Community High School in 1971. He held several different jobs during his life, including painting, maintenance and carpentry, when he lived in Texas. When he was in painting, he was a union painter. He attended church in Marion.

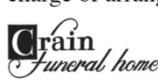
Mr. Tygett is survived by his son, Donald Gene Tygett of Mississippi; a brother, Richard Wayne Tygett of Herrin; and many cousins, other relatives and friends.

Mr. Tygett was preceded in death by his parents; maternal grandparents Nora and Ray Graves; and paternal grandparents John Edward and Ina Louise Cozby Tygett.

Cremation rites will be accorded. No services are scheduled at this time.

Memorials can be made to the American Stroke Association.

Crain Funeral Home-Egyptian Chapel in Energy is in charge of arrangements.



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



Carolene Bridgeman Olsen

Carolene Bridgeman Olsen died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022, at home.

She was born on Nov. 6, 1943, in Union County, the daughter of Dennie and Nadine Forby Bridgeman.

She is survived by her grandson, Jacob Webster; a great-granddaughter, Makenzie; a brother, Douglas Bridgeman; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Lori Webster; brothers Rex and Dennis Lee Bridgeman; and an infant sister, Janice Kay Bridgeman.

She loved nature and being outdoors. She enjoyed camping and traveling. She went on many trips to different parts of the world.

There will be no services held for her at this time.

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

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

News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

More members of the Camp Ground Church congregation were out with various illnesses Sunday. Prayers are for healing for all.

Vodra Gerard rang the bell signaling time for worship to begin.

Prior to the sermon on Sunday, Tony Gerard was reinstated as an active elder for three years on the church session.

Rev. Thompson's message was titled "The Body of Christ," with scripture from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

In the scripture selection, Paul used the metaphor of the parts of the human body to explain to the church at Corinth that there was no place in the church for in-fighting nor hierarchy of persons.

The sermon shared that "hardly any two parts of the human body have the same function, and most cannot function without the other. Each organ, tissue or part of the body is necessary for the body to function properly.

"So it is with the church; in all our diversity, we help make up the body of Christ on Earth, the church. No one person is more important than another; it takes all Christians, working together to minister in His name."

ant than another; it takes all Christians, working together to minister in His name."

Addi and Raelynn Bonner took up the offering.

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

Camp Ground Church extends sympathy to the family of Yvonne Graham, as well as to all of those grieving the loss of loved ones.

Congratulations to the Anna Junior High School girls' basketball team, which won in regional and sectional tournaments last week and are playing Monday and Friday this week in the state finals. Addi Bonner of the Camp Ground Church congregation is one of the team members.

All are welcome to services 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. 23 in the church and on Zoom.

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

The message, titled "A Purpose and A Plan," was given by Pastor Wright. Scripture was from 1 Thesalonians, John and the Psalms.

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

Birthdays: Jan. 24, Joyce Johnson, Trevor Treece; Jan. 25, Larry Fuller.

Anniversary: Dorris and Joyce Johnson, Jan. 27.

The church's prayers and sympathy are extended to several families of the congregation this week:

Terry Wiseman, in the loss of his brother, Roger Wiseman, whose funeral was held on Monday, Jan. 24, at 11 a.m. at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden, with Pastor Randy Wright officiating.

Tammy McKinney, in the loss of her dad, Bill Dailey. Funeral services for him were at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with Pastor Randy Wright officiating.

Vonda Hill, in the loss of mom, Yvonne Graham, who has been a faithful member at Anna First Church of the Nazarene since April 1972; serving many positions at the church throughout the years, influencing many children's lives when she led the children's Bible

quizzing program, serving on church and Sunday School boards, sharing the gospel with all ages down through the years by teaching Sunday School and if you ever drove by our church and saw the beautiful flowers in the flower bed by the entrance, that was also a project that she and her husband, Richard had taken on for the past several years.

She will be missed by everyone at the Anna First Church of the Nazarene. Funeral services will be held at the Anna First Church of the Nazarene on Saturday, Jan. 29, at 1 p.m. Visitation will be at the church on Friday, Jan. 28, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., and before the funeral on Saturday, from 11 a.m. until the funeral at 1 p.m.

A grocery giveaway which had been planned on Jan. 29 has been canceled due to a funeral being held at the church.

Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 30.

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

A morning worship service is planned at 10:35 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 30.

Quizzing is planned at 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30.

A baby shower for Brooke Benefield is planned from 10 a.m. to noon on Feb. 5. She is registered on Amazon.

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.

Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Happy belated anniversary wishes to Sue and Leon Rendleman of Anna who celebrated 59 years on Jan. 18.

Penny Hill of McClure visited with Shirley Miller of McClure.

Jonathan and Betsy Oxford of Anna visited Saturday evening with Dolores Reynolds of Reynoldsville.

Kevin and Emma Eudy of Cape Girardeau visited Saturday with Sue and Steve Eudy and had lunch with them.

Brian Eudy of Jackson, Mo., visited Sunday with his parents, Sue and Steve Eudy of Anna.

Our sympathy to the family of Yvonne Graham of Anna who died Thursday, Jan. 20.

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.



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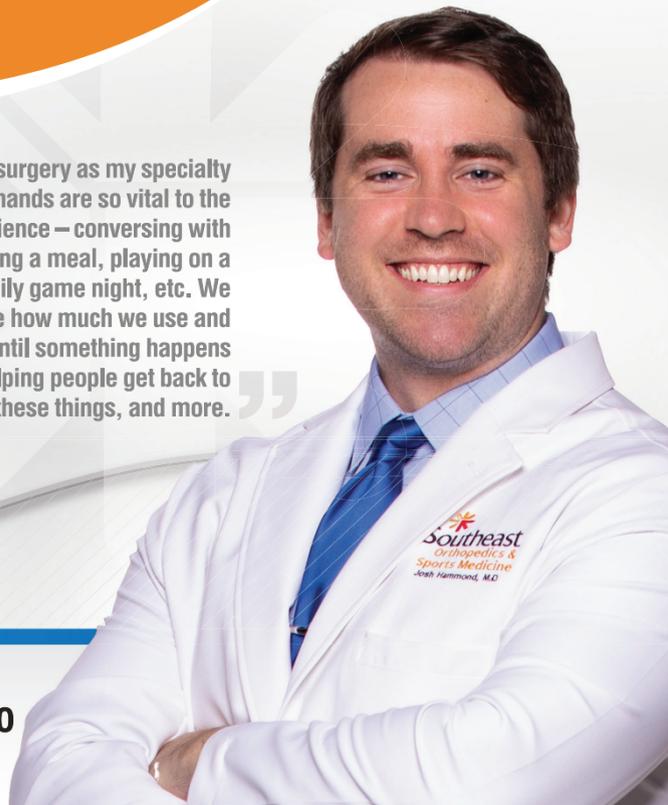
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Opinion and Commentary

Better politics, smarter government

Illuminating story of Illinois through literature

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By John T. Shaw

Several years ago, the staff of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute was preparing for our Renewing Illinois Summit for university and college students, and we wanted to provide them with suggested reading about Illinois.

I checked my shelves at the institute and jotted down the titles of various books on state history and politics. I then called several colleagues and asked them if they had any recommendations, phrasing my request this way:

"If you were teaching an Illinois 101 course to highly motivated undergraduates, what five books would you assign them to read? They can be histories, biographies, novels or essays. In sum, they would provide a wide-ranging and nuanced understanding of Illinois."

I decided to extend this question to some respected leaders and analysts in Illinois, including U.S. Sen. Richard Durbin, former Gov. Jim Edgar, Illinois House Speaker Chris Welch, former U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood and former Lt. Gov. Sheila Simon.

They submitted recommendations that are both inspiring and humbling – inspiring in the sense that the many compelling books underscore the richness and diversity of our state and humbling in that they remind me about how many important books I still should read.

The recommendations included biographies of Illinois political leaders such as Paul Douglas, Everett Dirksen, Richard Ogilvie, Carol Moseley Braun, Robert Michel and Adlai Stevenson. They also revealed a deep fascination with Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley and one of his successors, Harold Washington.

Respondents touted two general state histories: "Illinois: A History of the Land and Its People" by Roger Biles and "Illinois: A History of the Prairie State" by Robert Howard.

Two chronicles of Chicago were frequently recommended: "Nature's Metropolis: Chicago and the Great West" by William Cronon and "City of the Century: The Epic of Chicago and the Making of America" by Donald Miller.

There was also clear interest in regional histories about Central and Southern Illinois and about two fabled communities, Cahokia and Kaskaskia.

Respondents lauded works by revered Illinois literary luminaries Carl Sandburg, Gwendolyn Brooks and Theodore Dreiser, as well as Illinois' celebrated writer-presidents, Abraham Lincoln and Barack Obama.

As the director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, I was gratified to see several of Paul Simon's books recommended: "Lincoln's Preparation for Greatness," "Our Culture of Pandering" and "Freedom's Champion: Elijah Lovejoy."

The institute assembled the recommendations into a booklet called "Illinois 101," which we sent to libraries, civic groups and public officials across the state. If you would like a copy, email us at paulsimoninstitute@siu.edu and we'll be glad to mail you one.

Inspired by this interest in Illinois literature, the institute launched an Illinois Authors program in which we host conversations with writers about the state.

So far, we have had conversations with Robert Hartley, a journalist and historian, about his biographies of Paul Simon and Paul Powell; Kristin Hoganson, a history professor at the University of Illinois, about her book "The Heartland: An American History;" and Margo Jefferson, a Pulitzer Prize-winning arts critic, about her book "Negroland: A Memoir."

Our conversations with these impressive authors have been wide-ranging and stimulating. They have been on Zoom, but after COVID-19 eases we are eager to host Illinois Author discussions in person throughout the state.

We invite everyone to send us the titles of their favorite books about Illinois and recommend authors that we should consider inviting for future discussions. Email your suggestions to paulsimoninstitute@siu.edu.

I hope you will join me this year in reading fascinating and valuable books about our state. You might even consider creating an Illinois book club or focusing your current book club's reading on Illinois-related titles.

Such reading adds nuance, color and perspective to our vision of Illinois and fosters a greater appreciation for the legacy of those who came before us. I hope this reading and the discussion it inspires will guide all of us to do more to renew and revitalize the Prairie State.

John T. Shaw is the director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University. Shaw's monthly column explores how Illinois can work toward better politics and smarter government.

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The deadline to submit a paid election letter, and payment for the letter, is noon on the Thursday prior to publication of the letter. The newspaper reserves the right to edit a letter for clarity, brevity and legal purposes.

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner



Fox on the run... Saw this critter scampering through a field along Kaolin Road near Anna last Friday evening. The fox ran to a nearby tree line and then headed across the road.

Saving up \$35,000...one penny at a time...

Hope springs eternal...

We'll get back to that in a few paragraphs...in the meantime, read on...

Hope you've finished your shopping for all of those Groundhog Day gifts... The big day is February 2.

Did you happen to watch those NFL playoff games on television last weekend. Pretty... good... stuff... Gotta feel bad for Buffalo...

Moving right along...

I heard something on the radio last Saturday morning about a way to keep your favorite furry friend around... perhaps forever...

(By the way...does anybody else out there actually listen to the radio anymore?)

I don't remember all of the details, but apparently there's somebody who will clone your dog, or your cat... for a fee... Of course, you knew there would be a fee.

The cost to clone a dog: a mere \$50,000. You can have your favorite feline around forever for much cheaper... just \$35,000.

Thirty Five Thousand Dollars...

I'm guessing that felines everywhere are probably highly offended that a dog would cost more to clone than a cat.

I haven't talked to him about such a thing yet, so I don't know if Bob our cat would think that he's worth a \$35,000 copy. Bob has been kind of an costly cat, but not that expensive.

Just for the sake of considering the possibility, I got to thinking about cloning Bob...

Fairly often, while I'm on a walkabout, I'll come across a penny, or maybe even a nickle or a dime, which somehow has ended up dropped on the street or sidewalk. Usually, the treasure I find is a copper-colored bit coin with an image of Mr. Lincoln on it.

So...let's say I find a penny a week. Based on my calculations (and remember, my math skills are shaky at best), over the course of a full year, I would accumulate approximately \$3.65.

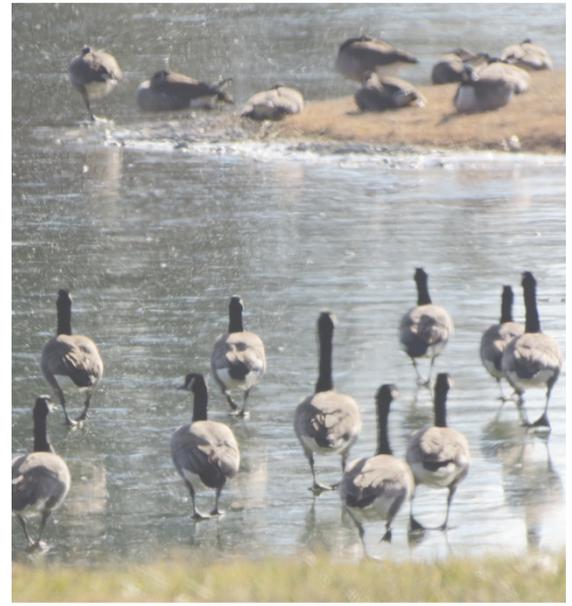
Given that number, I figured out that it would only take me approximately 9,589 years, four months and one day to find and save up enough pennies to pay \$35,000 to have Bob cloned...

Of course, by then, Bob will have used up all of his nine lives, and then some, and I'm pretty sure that my fate wouldn't be much different.

So, I guess for now, we'll put any plans to clone Bob on hold... But, if I happen to stumble across \$35,000...

Speaking of growing things...

"The tomato seeds germinated," The Other Half declared last Saturday morning. Hope does, indeed, spring eternal. Tomato plants are starting to grow...pretty soon, the warm breezes of spring will be blowing...and then, the heat and humidity of summer will be here...



March of the Canada geese? Saw a gaggle of geese crossing an ice-covered pond last Friday afternoon. Didn't see any penguins...

The Other Half has already started her 2022 garden. We have greens growing under light upstairs...and a few lettuce plants out in the greenhouse in the backyard which are struggling to hold on in the dark and cold of winter. And, as noted, some tomato seeds germinated over the weekend. I guess "we" would not be right word. "She" has greens and lettuce and tomatoes growing.

She's trying to convince me that this might be a good year for yours truly to start sharpening his gardening skills, which are pretty much nonexistent. (I do like to eat what comes out of the garden. After her announcement about tomato seeds, the Other Half, however, did dash my hopes when she suggested that there might not be any garden-fresh tomatoes in a few weeks.)

Her nudge about gardening received a little bit of unanticipated support when yours truly actually received his very own 2022 garden seed catalog. I'm not quite sure how that happened.

The folks who sent me the catalog even tried to entice me with "FREE TRIAL SEEDS!" Complete with an exclamation mark. Simply by placing my order for \$20 or more (excluding taxes and shipping charges) by March 15, I will receive one packet each of Crayon Colors Mix Radish and Rainbow Fiesta Okra.

Hmmmm... Twenty bucks. That's a whole lot cheaper than cloning Bob. Let's see...at a penny a week...how long will it take me to come up with twenty bucks?



Happy Lunar New Year... Captured this image of the full moon rising over a nearby ridge line while on a walkabout one evening last week. By the way... Lunar New Year begins February 1... Just in case you want to make plans...

Commentary

Times have really changed

By Mike Estel

Times have really changed.

It was reported recently on the national news that Captain Amy Bauernschmidt just made history by becoming the first woman captain of a U.S. Navy air craft carrier, the U.S.S. Abraham Lincoln.

I had found out previously that Lee Hackney, director of the Anna Arts Center in Anna, was also a naval captain of a ship when she served.

This was surprising to me because I do remember when I was in the Navy that my captain said no women were allowed on any naval vessel. He said it would be a bad luck omen and the ship would possibly sink.

This same captain, when we were over seas, refused to grant me leave home for my father's funeral when he passed away. He said he didn't go home for his father's funeral when he was in the service in World War II either. I have always been ticked off about that because I told the captain we were not in a declared war like that was, but a police action. He immediately emphasized to me he was the captain and gave the orders.

To me, both of these women would have seen things a little differently and granted me a week's leave.

Women have come a long way since I served in the military in the 1960s. I just wish one of those women would have been my captain when this tragedy occurred in my life. I am convinced I would have been sent home on leave then instead of when our ship finally returned to the states.

A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, January 27, 1972

A very interesting and informative meeting of the Union County Civil Defense organization was held in the Emergency Operating Center in Jonesboro Thursday, Jan. 20, with the Director, Owen Craig, presiding. The first order of business was a discussion of the two recent storms which struck in the area, causing some injuries and major property damage.

Work is progressing on the Youth Building at the Union County fairgrounds. Poles are set and trusses have been constructed on the building.

A high of 69 degrees was recorded Monday of this week with the low being 14 degrees Tuesday.

Illinois will broaden its turkey hunting season this year with two three-day seasons instead of one, according to Henry N. Barkhausen, director of the Illinois Department of Conservation. Four counties will be opened to hunters this year, and each will allow 200 hunters for each of the seasons. The counties opened are Alexander, Jackson, Pope and Union.

From the Alto Pass Happenings: Many of our folks are suffering with the flu here. This foggy weather doesn't make the flu any better.

From the Camp Ground news: It seems the flu bug is making himself known in Union County as well as other places.

From the Big Creek news: Several in this community are sick with the flu at this time.