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Items of interest from throughout the Union County area



Sign of the times...this sign was seen last Friday at a business in Union County. Snow, sleet, ice and bitter cold temperatures slowed things down a lot last week in the Union County area.

Happy Valentine's Day to everybody on Feb. 14.

An American Red Cross blood drive is scheduled from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, today, at the First Baptist Church in Anna.

A succinct description of last week's weather from a local observer: "two and half inches of slick."

The Stinson Memorial Public Library District Board of Trustees is seeking to fill a vacancy.

Planning is underway for the 2022 Pumpkin Town event at the Anna City Park. Pumpkin Town is scheduled to be on display Oct. 20-31. More than 2,000 people visited Pumpkin Town in 2021.

A grand opening celebration is being planned in early April by Dale and Monica Russell with Just Chill, the new concession stand business at the Anna City Park.

A community member voiced appreciation at last week's Anna City Council meeting for all of the events which the city has been doing.

The Cobden Village Board of Trustees approved a contribution of \$100 to Hospice of Southern Illinois as a memorial in honor of Jim Fuller. Mr. Fuller served as fire chief in Cobden.

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Major winter storm brings sleet, snow, ice

A major winter storm last week dumped significant amounts of snow, sleet and freezing rain on the Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky region.

The storm began Wednesday, Feb. 2, and continued on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 3-4.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported that an ice storm was experienced across most of Western Kentucky.

A zone of heavy sleet was observed along the Ohio River and in parts of Southeast Missouri.

Farther northwest, several inches of snow fell from Mount Vernon across the Carbondale area into the Ozark foothills of Southeast Missouri.

The winter storm was accompanied by bitter cold temperatures.

Conditions began to moderate early this week. The high temperature on Tuesday in Union County was expected to be around 49 degrees. The forecast was calling for a high of around 51 on Wednesday. Sunshine was expected on both days.

Wintry precipitation recorded by local weather observer Dana Cross in Jonesboro included:

.20 of an inch of ice pellets (sleet) on Feb. 2.

1.5 inches of ice pellets and 1 inch of snow on Feb. 3.

A high temperature of 25 degrees was recorded on Feb. 3. The low was 20.

Temperatures recorded late last week included:

Feb. 4: High of 30, low of 15. Feb. 5: High of 31, low of 13. Feb. 6: High of 42, low of 15.

The snow, sleet, ice and cold were part of what the National Weather Service described as a "large-scale and massive winter storm" which impacted the central, eastern and southern United States late last week. The impact of the storm was seen from New Mexico to Maine.

By late afternoon on Wednesday, Feb. 2, the weather service office in Paducah was alerting the region's residents that a major winter storm was underway.

"A prolonged winter storm will bring significant accumulations of sleet, ice and snow to some of the area," the weather service office advised on its website.

"Major travel disruptions are expected across the entire region and some power outages are possible.

"After a brief lull tonight, another wave of heavy mixed wintry precipitation will move into the region early Thursday morning, continuing through the day."

By Thursday afternoon, Feb. 3, the weather service office was reporting that roadways in the region had "become treacherous in many areas." In some areas, downed trees and power lines had caused power outages.

The weather service office in Paducah issued a winter storm warning for parts of Southern Illinois and Southeast Missouri which was in effect for all of Thursday, Feb. 3.

The weather service office warned that heavy precipitation was possible, with total snow and sleet accumulations of 2 to 7

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New U.S. Route 51 covered with snow, sleet, ice

New U.S. Route 51 in Union County was covered with a layer of snow, sleet and ice early Thursday morning, Feb. 3. At the time the photograph was taken, the Union County area was under a winter storm warning which had been issued by the National Weather Service office in Paducah.



Anna street Friday morning

A car was making its way along West Davie Street in Anna early Friday morning, Feb. 4. The street was covered with snow, sleet and ice following last week's winter storm.

Another successful year for WIBH coat campaign

When it comes to helping Southern Illinois kids to stay warm this winter, one local radio station has it all wrapped up.

On Dec. 10, WIBH Radio in Anna concluded its annual coat campaign to give new coats to kids in need.

Through monetary donations, the 2021 WIBH New Coats, New Hope Campaign raised over \$8,600 to purchase over 430 new, winter coats for kids in need in Southern Illinois.

Postal Pal in Anna covered the cost of shipping

which allowed 100 percent of the donations to be used only for coats.

T&I Office Equipment in Anna donated the printing of flyers used in community outreach.

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

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

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

This year, Arrowleaf, the Children's Medical and Mental Health Resource Network and Southern Seven Health Department and Head Start were involved.

Over the years, more than \$56,350 has been raised

and 3,043 coats have been purchased.

Each year, the coats are ordered through the non-profit organization Operation Warm.

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

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

The coats arrived in early January. Duckworks Lawn Care and Shawnee Mass Transit District helped deliver the coats to their destinations.

Coats will be distributed through the partnering agencies to kids ages 3 to 16 living in the lower 45 counties in Illinois affected by abuse, neglect, disaster and family need. No paperwork or proof of income is

required to receive a coat.

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

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

In addition to coats, this April WIBH and its partners will hold its first shoe drive to purchase new shoes for kids as part of April Child Abuse Prevention Month. More details about this effort will be released in coming weeks.

For more information, or to request a coat for a child in need, contact Moury Bass at WIBH at 833-9424, Shawanna Rhine at Southern Seven at 618-634-2297, extension 9161, or visit the WIBH New Coats, New Hope Campaign on Facebook.



The Children's Medical & Mental Health Resource Network, CMMHRN, was one of several partnering agencies that received coats from this year's WIBH New Coats, New Hope Campaign. From left are Abigail Cower-Barnett, Tiffany Vincent and Elaina Spalt. Photo provided.



Shawnee Mass Transit District, SMTD, was one of several partnering agencies in this year's WIBH New Coats, New Hope Campaign. Each year, the transit district, along with Duckworks Lawn Care, help to deliver coats to their distribution sites. From left are Tom Jackson and Ron Gorst of SMTD, Shawanna Rhine of Southern Seven Health Department and Head Start, and Nancy and Moury Bass of WIBH Radio. Photo provided.



Southern Seven Health Department and Head Start, S7HD/HS, was one of several partnering agencies to receive coats from this year's WIBH New Coats, New Hope Campaign. From left are Shawanna Rhine of S7HD/HS, Ron Gorst of Shawnee Mass Transit District, Moury and Nancy Bass of WIBH Radio, Sarah Raganyi, Maria Lara and Rachael Ferrel, all from Head Start. Photo provided.



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City of Anna truck at work
A City of Anna truck was working on East Vienna Street to clear snow, sleet and ice early Thursday morning, Feb. 3.



Clearing snow off sidewalk
Snow, sleet and ice were being cleared off a sidewalk Friday morning, Feb. 4, in front of Anna Junior High School/Davie School.

Winter storm

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inches and ice accumulations of one tenth of an inch, with locally high amounts possible. Wind gusts of 25 to 35 miles per hour were likely.

“Travel due to the snow, sleet and freezing rain will be extremely difficult and should be avoided unless absolutely necessary,” the weather service office cautioned.

Not much traffic was to be seen early Thursday morning, Feb. 3, in the Union County area.

Highways, roads and streets in the county were covered with a mix of ice, sleet and snow

At about 8:30 a.m. last Thursday, electronic signs

at several places in Anna showed a temperature of 19 degrees.

The Illinois Department of Transportation posted information online which showed that state highways in the area were covered with ice or snow last Thursday.

Union County Highway Department engineer Jeff Denny said that 2 to 3 inches of sleet fell during the winter storm. Nearly all of the county was covered with a layer of sleet. Denny noted that sleet is harder to remove than snow.

The highway department had two crews, totaling 13 people, who worked 16-hour shifts to clear county highways and roads. “They

did an excellent job,” Denny said.

The Union County Sheriff’s Office and the Anna Police Department both reported that there had not been any major traffic accidents related to the winter storm.

Last Thursday afternoon, with sleet still falling, the sheriff’s office advised that conditions were “pretty rough” and urged everyone to stay home.

The winter storm led to numerous closings and cancellations.

The Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro closed at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, due to the weather. The courthouse remained closed on Thursday and

Friday, Feb. 3-4.

Union County schools ended their day early on Feb. 2 and remained closed on Thursday and Friday. Bad road conditions were still having an impact on school schedules on Monday, Feb. 7.

Municipal offices in Union County communities closed due to last week’s winter storm. Some businesses also closed due to the weather.

The winter storm impacted schedules at Shawnee Community College, Southern Illinois University Carbondale and Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau.

Trash and recycling pick up were affected in local communities.

January colder, wetter than normal

January was colder and wetter than normal in the Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky area.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported that during January, monthly average temperatures ranged from 2 to 4 degrees below normal.

Temperatures Fluctuated Constantly

Temperatures fluctuated constantly throughout the

month, which is common during the winter season.

The warmest stretch was Jan. 12-19, when highs were routinely in the 40s or 50s.

The month began with temperatures in the 60s in the early morning hours of New Years Day, before temperatures dropped throughout the day.

The two most notable colder periods were Jan. 6-7 and 20-22. Many locations observed highs in the 20s and lows in the single digits or teens during those times.

Jan. 26 and 29 also had lows in the single digits at a number of locations.

The weather service reported that last month was the coldest January since 2018 at all five of its official climate stations.

Wetter Than Normal

A large portion of the region finished the month wetter than normal.

This was the case across all of Western Kentucky, much of Southeast Missouri along and south of a Poplar

Bluff to Cape Girardeau line and far Southern Illinois.

The greatest departures, on the order of 2 to 4 inches, were primarily located along the Kentucky/Tennessee and Missouri/Kentucky borders.

The highest observed amount was 9.23 inches at a CoCoRaHS station 1.9 miles WSW of Murray, Ky.

Meanwhile, much lower precipitation totals were observed from the Missouri Ozark Foothills (Carter and Wayne counties) northeastward into areas of Southern Illinois along and north of Route 13. Much of this area finished the month drier than normal.

The main snow event in January occurred on the 6th, with most of Western Kentucky seeing 3 to 6 inches of snow, while locations further north/west had lower amounts.

January snowfall at Paducah was an inch above normal.

Weather

Snow, sleet, ice and bitter cold temperatures highlighted the Union County area’s weather during the period of Feb. 1-7.

Temperatures ranged from a high of 66 degrees to a low of 13.

Precipitation during the period included:

.05 of an inch of rain on Feb. 1.

.20 of an inch of ice pellets (sleet) and a total of 1.11 inches of melted sleet and rain on Feb. 2.

1.5 inches of ice pellets, 1 inch of snow and .68 of an inch of melted precipitation on Feb. 3.

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

	H	L
Tuesday, Feb. 1	66	28
Wednesday, Feb. 2	51	23
Thursday, Feb. 3	25	20
Friday, Feb. 4	30	15
Saturday, Feb. 5	31	13
Sunday, Feb. 6	42	15
Monday, Feb. 7	42	24

Anna police chief urges everyone to lock vehicles

The Anna Police Department reports that five vehicles have been stolen since the first of the year.

Anna Police Chief Bryan Watkins said that four of the five have been recovered, with minor damages reported to some of the vehicles.

“Each of the stolen vehicles were unlocked,” Watkins stated.

There have been multiple unlocked vehicles broken into, with personal property stolen from inside the vehicles.

“Three handguns have been reported stolen from inside unlocked vehicles. None have been recovered,” Watkins said.

Anna Police Department officers have increased patrols, stopped numerous traffic violators and have increased pedestrian stops since the thefts increased.

“Several interviews have been conducted and we are making progress on these cases,” the Anna police chief said.

The Anna Police Department urges everyone to lock their vehicle and house doors and to do “what you can to make your personal property less attractive to these criminals.”

“Also, please be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the police at 833-5500,” Watkins said.

News Notes

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The Cobden Village Board of Trustees has approved the purchase of one acre of real estate at a purchase price of \$7,500 for the location of an additional water well.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School is joining in the commemoration of National School Counseling Week, which is Feb. 7-11.

Cobden High School homecoming activities were rescheduled from last week to this Friday and Saturday nights.

Shawnee School District No. 84 was planning to recognize its seniors on Tuesday, Feb. 8.

The Shawnee School District pre-kindergarten program recently celebrated being in school for 100 days.

Stinson Memorial Public Library District’s Cobden Branch Library “officially” reopened Monday. An open house was held Monday. Katie Persinger is the primary librarian at the Cobden location.

A dodgeball tournament was being planned for Saturday, Feb. 11, at Cobden School.

A Winter Wizards disc golf tournament is planned March 26 in Cobden.

Anna police chief issues monthly report

The Anna Police Department has issued an activity report for the month of January.

The report was issued by Anna Police Chief Bryan Watkins.

Highlights from the report follow:

435 calls to service. 21 criminal misdemeanor/felony arrests. Seven warrant arrests.

117 officer initiated calls. 86 warning tickets. 27 traffic citations. Five ordinance citations.

Union County COVID Cases Update

Feb. 6: 5,178 total cases. 61 total deaths.

Feb. 3: 5,149 total cases. 61 total deaths.

Feb. 1: 5,112 total cases. 61 total deaths.

Jan. 30: 5,041 total cases. 60 total deaths.

Jan. 27: 4,955 total cases. 59 total deaths.

Jan. 26: 4,897 total cases. 59 total deaths.

Jan. 25: 4,819 total cases. 59 total deaths.

Jan. 24: 4,759 total cases. 59 deaths.

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.

Weekly new COVID-19 cases reported in Illinois

Feb. 4: 60,389
Jan. 28: 123,812
Jan. 21: 183,722
Jan. 14: 207,203
Jan. 7: 201,428
Dec. 30: 128,246
Dec. 23: 77,246
Dec. 17: 59,312
Dec. 10: 49,668
Dec. 3: 42,559
Nov. 24: 21,034
Nov. 19: 28,280
Nov. 12: 22,600
Nov. 5: 17,462
Oct. 29: 14,616
Oct. 22: 15,131
Oct. 15: 15,669
Oct. 8: 19,244
Oct. 1: 18,735
Sept. 24: 21,787
Sept. 17: 25,956
Sept. 10: 26,062
Sept. 3: 30,319
Aug. 27: 25,636
Aug. 20: 24,682
Aug. 13: 21,334
Aug. 6: 16,742
July 30: 11,682
July 23: 7,983
July 16: 4,449
July 9: 2,945
July 2: 2,120
June 25: 1,744
June 18: 928

Source: Illinois Department of Public Health

60,389 new COVID cases in Illinois

The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, on Friday, Feb. 4, reported 60,389 new confirmed and probable cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Illinois, including an increase of 608 deaths since reporting on Jan. 28.

The number of cases reported for the week prior to Feb. 4 was less than half as many which had been reported on Jan. 28, a total of 123,812.

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Sports

A-J girls rally to score victory over host Vienna

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

A-J 43, Vienna 41: The visiting Lady Wildcats came on in the final quarter in the win Saturday, Feb. 5.

“It was a battle,” A-J head coach Matt Denny said. “We shot well late.”

The Lady Eagles led 8-5 after one quarter and 22-19 at the half. A-J trailed 29-26 going into the final quarter.

Addison Denny led A-J with 19 points, 14 rebounds and 3 assists and steals.

Brodie Denny added 11 points, 2 rebounds and 2 steals. Marlee Smith had 10 points, a rebound, an assist and 2 steals.

Riley Cruse had 3 points and rebounds and a steal. Jenna Sadler had 5 rebounds, 2 blocked shots, an assist and a steal. Macie George had 4 rebounds and 2 blocked shots.

Du Quoin 30, A-J 26: The visiting Lady Wildcats were held scoreless in the second quarter in the loss

Tuesday, Feb. 1.

A-J led 9-4 after the first quarter, but was outscored 16-0 in the second quarter to trail 20-9 at the half. The Lady Wildcats trailed 24-21 after three periods.

Addison Denny had 10 points, 6 rebounds, 2 blocked shots, an assist and a steal to lead A-J.

Smith had 6 points, 4 rebounds, 2 blocked shots and an assist. Cruse had 4 points and 3 rebounds. Sadler had 3 points, 5 rebounds and steals and 3 assists. Brodie Denny had 3 points, an assist and a steal.

A-J, 12-16 overall plays host Vienna again at the Class 2A regional on Saturday, Feb. 12. The Lady Wildcats were scheduled to play Goreville earlier this week to end regular season play.

Agape defeats Shawnee

Agape Christian of Her-rin defeated visiting Shaw-nee 60-34 in high school boys’ basketball Saturday, Jan. 29.

Xander Wigley led Shaw-nee with 9 points. Brody Wills scored 7 points, Kay-man Ford 6, Dryden Wills and Ethan Smith 3 each and Koda Abraham, Dustin Smith and Ryan Libbert 2 apiece.

The Shawnee varsity is scheduled to play at Centu-ry on Friday, Feb. 11.

The Shawnee junior var-sity topped Agape Christian 37-29 to improve to 7-1 overall.

Brody Wills led Shaw-nee with 16 points. Ford added 11 points, Dryden Wills 6, Libbert 3 and Allie Myers 2.

Cobden games cancelled due to weather

The Cobden High School boys’ basketball games with Dongola and Shawnee were cancelled last week because of the inclement weather.

Make up games could be announced later this week.

Cobden is scheduled to play at Unity Point against Egyptian Friday, Feb. 11. The Appleknockers were scheduled to play Shawnee earlier this week.



A-J girls win regional bowling championship

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls’ bowling team won a regional championship Saturday, Feb. 5. SI Bowl in Carterville hosted the regional. A-J had a team score of 5,343 to earn the title. Twelve teams and 94 bowlers competed at the regional. A-J’s Madi Hawk was individual championship winner with a score of 1192. A-J’s Olivia Myers was third with a score of 1155. A-J team members are, from left, Ruby Lawrence, Madi Hawk, Sara Sinisi, Olivia Myers, Jaden Ebberts, Whitley Quick, Ruby Duskey. The team’s coaches are Cary Quick and Micah Cross. A-J advances to sectional competition, which is scheduled Feb. 12 in Mt. Vernon. Photo provided.

Wildcat wrestlers win regional title



Celebrating regional championship

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School wrestling team won a Class 1A regional championship Saturday, Feb. 5, in Harrisburg. Nine A-J wrestlers placed at the regional and advance to section competition. The A-J wrestling squad also won regional titles in 2019 and 2017. Photo provided.

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School wrestling team won the Class 1A regional at Harris-burg Saturday, Feb. 5.

The Wildcats scored 199.5 points to top 10 oth-er teams.

This was the third time in six years A-J has won the regional crown, win-

ning also in 2019 and 2017 seasons.

Leading the way for the Wildcats with 1st place finishes were Drew Sadler, 106 pounds, and Caleb Mays, 145 pounds.

The 2nd place finishers were Daniel Dover, 120 pounds; T.J. Macy, 132 pounds; Blake Mays, 138

pounds; and Matteo Vaca Diez, 170 pounds.

Finishing in 3rd place were Zoe Sadler, 113 pounds; Brett Smith, 126 pounds; and Drew Hols-houser, 152 pounds.

Top three finishers at the regional will advance to the Class 1A Vandalia sectional, which is scheduled

Saturday, Feb. 12.

“We’ve got a shot to get three to five kids to state from the sectional,” A-J wrestling head coach Chase Hargrave said.

The top four finishers in each weight class ad-vance to the Class 1A state wrestling tournament the following week.

Youth wingshooting clinic, pheasant hunt scheduled

Young hunters between the ages of 10 and 17 can apply for the youth wing-shooting clinic and Illinois youth pheasant hunt sched-uled for Saturday, March 19, at the World Shooting and Recreational Com-plex, WSRC, in Randolph County.

Young hunters will partic-ipate in a wingshooting clinic during the morning with instruction from the Illinois Department of Nat-ural Resources, IDNR, and National Sporting Clays Association certified wing-shooting instructors.

Young hunters will prac-tice safe shotgun handling

and operation while ad-vancing their wingshooting skills during the clinic.

Following the morning clinic and lunch, a pheasant hunt will take place during the afternoon.

Young hunters must have successfully completed an approved hunter safety course and have a valid hunting license to partic-ipate.

Cosponsors assist the IDNR and the World Shoot-ing and Recreational Com-plex with the clinic and hunt by providing funding for the clay targets, target and field shot shells, and lunch for participants.

Cosponsor organization members also provide bird dogs, bird dog handlers and hunting guides.

The WSRC event co-sponsors are Friends of the World Shooting and Recreational Complex, the National Wild Turkey Fed-eration-Randolph County Cutters and Strutters Chap-ter and the Okaw Valley Beagle Club.

Permits for the wing-shooting clinic and youth pheasant hunt are available through the IDNR Con-trolled Pheasant Hunting online reservation system at <https://dnr2.illinois.gov/controlledhunt/>.

Select “CLICK HERE FOR APPLICATIONS” and then select “Illinois Youth Pheasant Hunts” to apply.

IDNR noted that hunters need to review “Illinois Youth Pheasant Hunt In-formation” and “Illinois Youth Pheasant Hunt Reg-ulations” on the Controlled Pheasant Hunting website prior to applying.

Participants in the clinic and hunt will be required to observe all guidance from the CDC and Illinois De-partment of Public Health at the time of the event regarding face coverings and social distancing.



Anna Junior High School girls take fourth at state

After winning a Region 1 Class M regional championship, the Anna Junior High School girls’ basketball team advanced to the Southern Illinois Junior High School Athletic Association, SIJHSAA, state tournament at Rend Lake College in Ina. The Anna squad went on to take fourth place at state. 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. Photos provided



DEA reports record seizure of fentanyl

ST. LOUIS – The federal Drug Enforcement Administration, DEA, St. Louis Division broke a fentanyl seizure record for 2021 with nearly 188 kilograms seized through Missouri, Kansas and Southern Illinois.

In addition, agents and task force officers seized 1,848 kilograms of methamphetamine and 73 kilograms of heroin, the division reported in a news release.

The meth seizure amount was also the most in the division’s history. Investigators also seized 347 weapons.

Topping off the St. Louis Division’s statistics for 2021 were its efforts to curtail money laundering by drug trafficking organizations, seizing and stopping \$15.8 million from reaching its organization leaders.

“With overdose deaths soaring nationwide, the

DEA’s efforts to seize illegal drugs, the illegal proceeds, and the guns associated with these violent enterprises is more important than ever,” said special agent in charge Todd Zimmerman.

“The credit goes to our agents, task force officers, and the staff who support them. We’ll continue to do our part to prevent drug trafficking organizations from profiting from their criminal activities and causing harm in our communities.”

Fentanyl, a synthetic opioid, is used for pain in a pharmaceutical setting and is 50 times more potent than heroin.

However, drug cartels have been attempting to distribute fentanyl in record amounts, leading to an alarming increase in overdose deaths.

DEA put out a safety alert in September about fentanyl in counterfeit pills, which is responsible for 75 percent of opioid overdose deaths.

DEA’s St. Louis Division seized 82 kilograms of fentanyl in fiscal year 2020 and 104 kilograms in fiscal year 2019.

Children’s orthopedic clinic slated

South District Elks Lodges, in cooperation with the Illinois Elks Children’s Care Corporation, are planning to sponsor a free children’s orthopedic assessment clinic.

The clinic is scheduled by appointment only from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at Marshall Browning Hospital in Du Quoin. The hospital is located at 900 N. Washington St.

Appointments can be made by calling the Illinois Elks Children’s Care office at 1-800-272-0074 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. There are no charges for any services at the clinic.

Dr. Alan Froehling from Mount Vernon is scheduled to be the clinician.

No medical referral is necessary for the clinic. Physicians are welcome to refer patients to the clinic for a specific reason or second opinion.

School nurses are welcome to refer children and families to the clinic.



Look...
...up in the sky...it’s...a plane...a jetliner which was leaving contrails under a crescent moon in a clear blue sky over Union County last Sunday afternoon.



Friday morning commute
A car makes it way through the intersection of Jefferson and Main Streets early Friday morning, Feb. 4. The streets were covered with sleet, snow and ice.

Illinois State Police recruiter to speak at Shawnee College

The criminal justice department at Shawnee Community College near Ullin plans to kick off its spring semester speaker series by welcoming a recruiter from the Illinois State Police.

A state police spokesperson is scheduled to give a presentation in the education center on the college’s main campus at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 18.

The recruiter plans to share information and stories about policing, along with discussing law enforcement opportunities available with the Illinois State Police.

The event is open to students in the college’s criminal justice program, as well as the general public.

Officer Eric Howard is the criminal justice program instructor at the college.

Howard said in a news release that the college’s criminal justice law enforcement speaker series

“has been a great opportunity for our students and community to gain a better understanding of policing in today’s society.”

Howard said the Feb. 18 event “will be one of several that we host this semester, and we expect it to draw even more visitors to campus who wish to learn more about modern policing.”

Darci Cather, vice president of academic affairs at the college, echoed Howard’s comments.

Cather said the college is pleased that the criminal justice program “is continuing to offer these valuable community education opportunities.”

“The program offers our students additional opportunities to understand what today’s modern police force looks like and how community policing is changing the way our laws are enforced.

Cobden Women’s Club to meet

The Cobden Women’s Club plans to meet Thursday, Feb. 17.

The meeting will be held, weather permitting, at 1 p.m. in the Family Life Center at the First Baptist Church in Cobden.

The club welcomes new members. For more information, contact Lou Ann Hartline at 618-697-4848.

Measure expands training opportunities for those impacted by energy transition

Seeking to ensure that Illinoisans affected by the Energy Transition Act can access sufficient assistance, State Sen. Terri Bryant, R-Murphysboro, has filed legislation that would expand training opportunities and broaden the demographics of trainees who can take part in the Clean Jobs Workforce Network Program.

“For generations, the coal industry has provided countless hard-working families in Southern Illinois with good-paying jobs and financial security,” Bryant said in a news release.

“It is the duty of our state to ensure that we provide adequate assistance for the Illinoisans impacted by our transition away from coal.”

The newly filed Senate Bill 3759 would expand training programs, eligible trainees and improve demographic reporting of the Clean Jobs Workforce Network Program by:

Defining “spouse” to include possible dislocated homemakers and significant others of coal miners who may have to enter the workforce for either income or relocation reasons.

Adding Program Delivery Hub Sites to service Franklin and Washington Counties as they have the most employees impacted by the Energy Transition Act who don’t have a site.

Adding broadband and fiber optic infrastructure to the outline of trainable sectors to build upon the state’s efforts to increase statewide broadband access

through the Connect Illinois initiative.

Requiring the reporting of demographic data on potential trainees applying to the program delivery hub sites.

“These common-sense expansions to the Energy Transition Act will help ensure that Illinoisans aren’t left behind during our statewide transition,” Bryant said.

“By creating additional training hubs, expanding eligibility for participants, and broadening the curriculum within these facilities we create more opportunities for the people of our state who currently face an uncertain future.”

The Energy Transition Act of 2021 created the Clean Jobs Workforce Network Program, which was tasked with establishing 13 program delivery hub sites throughout the state to provide reeducation and training for Black, Indigenous, People of Color, BIPOC, disadvantaged workers and displaced workers impacted by the state’s transition away from a carbon-based energy industry.

The act established the Clean Jobs Curriculum to be utilized at the hub sites.

The curriculum consists of training and education related to solar, wind, energy efficiency, energy storage, solar thermal, green hydrogen, geothermal, electric vehicles, renewable energy industries, emission reduction and other related sectors.

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Pizza, discussion about short story set at arts center

Pizza and discussion about a short story are planned at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21, at the Anna Arts Center. The arts center is located at 125 W. Davie St. in Anna.

The short story which is scheduled to be discussed

Illinois Sheriffs’ Association

to award college scholarships

The Illinois Sheriffs’ Association plans to award more than \$58,000 in college scholarships throughout the State of Illinois to students who are wanting to pursue higher education during the 2022-2023 academic year.

The scholarships are to be applied to tuition, books and fees only.

Students must be enrolled full-time at a certified institution of higher learning in the State of Illinois.

Union County Sheriff Dale Foster will be awarding one scholarship in the amount of \$500.

There will be no restriction on any applicant by reason of race, age, creed, color, sex or national origin.

The only limitations are as follows:

Applicants must be per-

son Feb. 21 is “Hills Like White Elephants” by Ernest Hemingway.

The story can be retrieved online at <https://www.gvsd.org/cms/lib/PA01001045/Centricity/Domain/765/Hill-sPDFText.pdf>.

manent Illinois residents.

Scholarships must be utilized at institutions of higher learning within the State of Illinois.

Students must be enrolled full-time during the 2022-2023 school year, excluding the summer session.

Applications are available at the local sheriff’s office and online at www.ilsheriff.org/youth-2/.

Students must complete the application, answer an essay question and return all documentation to the sheriff’s office in their permanent county of residence by March 15, 2022 (applications must be postmarked by this date).

More information is available by contacting the Union County Sheriff’s Office at 833-5500.

Those who want to attend the event are asked to read the story in advance and be ready to share their thoughts...or to just listen.

Tom Caldwell will lead the discussion. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite drink and \$3 for pizza.

Those with questions can text Caldwell at 1-217-994-3449.

Those who want to attend also are asked to RSVP

Friends of Stinson planning book sale at Anna library

A book sale is planned Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 11-13, at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna.

The sale is being sponsored by the Friends of Stinson Library. Proceeds help to support the library, which is located at 409 S. Main St. A Friends Appreciation Sale is scheduled from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11. Those who are not members of the Friends of Stinson Library can join for \$5 at the sale.

The sale is scheduled to be open to the public from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12.

A bag sale is scheduled

to Caldwell by Feb. 20 so there is plenty of pizza to go around.

Caldwell is a retired college instructor who taught philosophy, literature and composition. He attended Eastern Illinois and Illinois State universities.

He is now a part-time arborist who is operating a small orchard and tree nursery in rural Union County with his wife, Nancy.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

A Sunday morning worship service was held Feb. 6 in the church and on Zoom.

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

The message given by Pastor Wright was titled “A Challenge to the Church.” Scripture was from Matthew, 2 Peter, Romans, John, Luke and Colossians.

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

Birthday: Alex Wright, Feb. 12.

A combined Sunday School and church board meeting is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, today.

Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 13.

Adult and children’s Sunday School is planned at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 13.

A morning worship service is planned at 10:35 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 13.

Quizzing is planned at 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13.

A Wednesday night ser-

vice is planned at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 16 in the sanctuary and on Zoom, with the youth group meeting and children’s Bible quizzing in the fellowship hall. The pastor can be texted prior to the meeting for the Zoom password.

A Prime Time Valentine luncheon is planned Feb. 17 in the fellowship hall; meet at 11:30 a.m. and the meal at noon.

A grocery giveaway is planned from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Feb. 26.

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.

Clothing giveaway planned at church

The First Baptist Church in Anna is planning to have a free clothing giveaway on Saturday, Feb. 12.

The giveaway is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon. The church is located at 409 Morgan St.

Television Listings

THURSDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	Wom. College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	(3:45) Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games (Live) (HD)	Big City	“Reminiscence” (‘21)	“Just Married” (‘03)	“Queenpins” Counterfeit scam.
7 PM :30	Jeopardy! (HD)	Young	For Richer or Poorer	Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games (Live) (HD)		Bang (HD)		Big City	Euphoria (HD)	★★★ “Hangman” (‘17) Serial killer.	“Werewolves Within” (‘21) Mysterious beast.
8 PM :30	NFL Honors	Ghosts	Call Me		College Basketball “Teams TBA” (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)		Big City	(:05) Euphoria (HD)	“Man Down” Marine searches.	Billions “STD” (HD)
9 PM :30		B Positive	Pivoting			Go-Big Show		Jessie	(:05) “Judas and the Black Messiah” (‘21)	(:12) ★★ “Fatale” (‘20) Manipulative woman. (R)	The Best (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Frontal		Unsittable			We Need to
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live (HD)	(:35) Late Show (HD)		Beijing 2022 Olympic	SportsCenter (HD)	Frontal		Sydney	Somebody		
	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Beijing 22		Young		Raven			

FEBRUARY 10, 2022

FRIDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Cornhole (Live)	Burgers	(5:00) Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games (Live) (HD)	(5:20) “Movie”	Making of “Nightmare Alley” (‘21) A man cons a dangerous tycoon.	★★★ “Raw Deal” (‘86)	“Shutter Island” (‘10)
7 PM :30	Jeopardy! (HD)	Big Brother: Celebrity Edition (HD)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live) (HD)	Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games (Live) (HD)	ESPN Original	Burgers		BUNKD		“Riddick” (‘13) Vin Diesel. Battling predators.	everything
8 PM :30	(:01) 20/20 Investigative news. (HD)				Madden NFL 22 Ultimate Bowl Finale (T)	★★★ “Just Mercy” (‘20) Drama) A young lawyer goes to Alabama. (HD)		Owl House			“Old Henry” A wounded stranger.
9 PM :30		Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs Local info.					(:40) Descendant (HD)	Real Time Maher (HD)	★★½ “Assassins” (‘95) Hit man’s rival. (R) (HD)	(:35) “The Dry” (‘21. Crime) A federal agent.
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	★★★ “Just Mercy” (‘20) A young lawyer. (HD)		BUNKD	The Gilded Age		
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		Beijing 2022 Olympic	SportsCenter (HD)			Sydney		(:15) “Haywire” (‘12)	Billions
	Nightline	Corden	Local	Beijing 22				Unsittable	Real Time Maher (HD)		

FEBRUARY 11, 2022

SATURDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball	“Captain Marvel”	(5:00) Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games (Live) (HD)	(5:20) “Movie”	(5:00) “Red 2” (‘13)	★★★ “The Order” (‘03)	(5:50) ★★★ “Hereditary” (‘18) Sinister ancestry.
7 PM :30	Local	Magnum P.I. (HD)	9-1-1 Prison riot. (HD)	Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games (Live) (HD)	UFC Prelims “UFC 271” (Live)	“Avengers: Infinity War” (‘18) Robert Downey Jr. Heroes join battle.		Big City	★★½ “Cry Macho” (‘21, Western)	“The Prince” Retired crime boss.	★★★½ “Midsommar” (‘19) A young American couple. (HD)
8 PM :30	NBA Basketball Los Angeles vs Golden State (Live) (HD)	Blue Bloods (HD)	The Cleaning Lady		College Basketball “Teams TBA” (Live) (HD)			Big City	(:45) Euphoria (HD)	(:32) “Blue Ruin” (‘14) Vengeance.	
9 PM :30		48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs			Go-Big Show		Big City	Righteous	(:05) “Master and Commander” (‘03, Drama)	★★★ “What Breaks the Ice” (‘21)
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	I Can See Your Voice	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Go-Big Show		Owl House	(:20) “Kick-Ass 2” (‘13) Red Mist’s revenge.		
11 PM :30	Local Programs		Local Programs	Beijing 2022 Olympic (Live) (HD)				Owl House			
								Jessie			

FEBRUARY 12, 2022

SUNDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	Simpsons	Super Bowl LVI Los Angeles Rams vs Cincinnati Bengals (Live) (HD)	(5:00) American Track	(5:00) ★★★ “Lucy” (‘14)	Beijing 2022 Olympic	“Up” (‘09) A flying house. (HD)	(:06) “Cry Macho” (‘21) One-time rodeo star.	“Robin Hood” (‘18)	Billions “STD” (HD)
7 PM :30	Videos (HD)	Big Brother: Celebrity	Simpsons	Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games (Live) (HD)	AKC National	“She’s the Man” (‘06) Girl in disguise. (HD)	Beijing 2022 Olympic “Figure Skating - Free Dance” (Live)	Secrets	★★½ “Cry Macho” (‘21, Western)	“Man Down” Marine searches.	Your Honor (HD)
8 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	The Equalizer (HD)	Burgers		AKC K9 Detect. (T)			Secrets	Euphoria (HD)	★★ “Fatale” Manipulative woman.	Billions “Burn Rate”
9 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	S.W.A.T. “Sentinel”	Family Guy	Super Bowl	Sports	“Crazy Rich Asians” (‘18) Gemma Chan. Wealthy family.		Hobbie	Righteous	“The Prince” Retired crime boss.	We Need to “Part 3”
10 PM :30	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs	Local Programs	Beijing 2022 Olympic (Live) (HD)	NFL PrimeTime		Beijing 22	Big City	(:10) Euphoria (HD)	★★½ “The Amityville Horror” (‘05)	Billions “Burn Rate”
11 PM :30	(:35) Local	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)		Beijing 2022 Olympic (Live) (HD)	Big City	Righteous	“Jason Hell”	We Need to “Part 3”

FEBRUARY 13, 2022

MONDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	College Basketball Virginia vs Virginia Tech	Bang (HD)	(9:30) Beijing 2022 Olympic	(5:15) “Zombies” (‘18)	(5:49) ★★★ “The Eyes of Tammy Faye” (‘21)	(5:12) “Ted” (‘12) (HD)	Billions “Burn Rate”
7 PM :30	The Bachelor (HD)	Neighbor.	9-1-1: Lone Star (HD)	Beijing 2022 Olympic (Live) (HD)	AKC National	“Lucy” (‘14)	Beijing 2022 Olympic	“Zombies 2” (‘20) Attend prom.		★★½ “Anger Management” (‘03)	We Need to “Part 3”
8 PM :30		Big Brother: Celebrity	The Cleaning Lady		College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Beijing 2022 Olympic (Live) (HD)	Secrets	The Gilded Age		Twenties
9 PM :30	(:01) Promised Land	NCIS: Hawai’i “Lost”	Local Programs Local info.			Bang (HD)		Hobbie	Euphoria (HD)	★★ “Fatale” Manipulative woman.	We Need to “Part 3”
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Dad (HD)	Beijing 2022 Olympic (Live) (HD)	Big City	Somebody	“The 40-Year-Old Virgin” Virgin & celibate.	Twenties
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Beijing 2022 Olympic	SportsCenter (HD)	Dad (HD)		Miraculous	The Gilded Age	(:43) “My Bloody Valentine” (‘09)	Billions “Burn Rate”
	Nightline	Corden				B/R Gaming (HD)		Miraculous	“Wifes Body-guard”		“Old Henry” (‘21)

FEBRUARY 14, 2022

TUESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball Virginia vs Virginia Tech	Bang (HD)	(4:00) Beijing 2022 Olympic	Big City	★★★ “Red 2” (‘13) Bruce Willis. Nuclear device.	(5:17) “Bug” (‘07) (HD)	“Gladiator” (‘00) (HD)
7 PM :30	Jeopardy! (HD)	Neighbor.	9-1-1: Lone Star (HD)	Beijing 2022 Olympic (Live) (HD)	AKC National	“Lucy” (‘14)	Beijing 2022 Olympic	Big City		★★½ “Anger Management” (‘03)	We Need to “Part 3”
8 PM :30	Elementary black-ish	FBI: International	The Cleaning Lady		College Basketball “Teams TBA” (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Beijing 2022 Olympic (Live) (HD)	Big City	To Be Announced (HD)	“Basic Instinct” (‘92) Ice pick murderer. (HD)	“Bitchin’: The Sound and” Gifted funk artist.
9 PM :30	Queens “2022” (HD)	FBI: Most Wanted	Local Programs Local info.			Bang (HD)		Big City	(:45) The Gilded Age	½ “Basic Instinct 2” Woman seduces man.	“Hillsville: The Making of Mowtown” (‘19)
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Wipeout	Beijing 2022 Olympic (Live) (HD)	Big City	The Gilded Age	“The Untouchables” Fed battles the mob.	Billions “Burn Rate”
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Beijing 2022 Olympic	SportsCenter (HD)	Wipeout		Miraculous	“Malignant” Gruesome murders.	(:05) “Riddick” (‘13)	“Old Henry” (‘21)
	Nightline	Corden				Young		Miraculous			

FEBRUARY 15, 2022

WEDNESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA (Live)	Bang (HD)	Beijing 22	Big City	“Internship”	“Amityville” (‘05) (HD)	“Werewolves” (‘21)
7 PM :30	Jeopardy! (HD)	Big Brother: Celebrity	I Can See Your Voice	Beijing 2022 Olympic (Live) (HD)	NBA Basketball Brooklyn Nets at New York Knicks (Live)	Bang (HD)	Beijing 2022 Olympic (Live) (HD)	Big City	Somebody	★★★ “Raw Deal” An undercover job.	“Shutter Island” (‘10) Leonardo DiCaprio. Asylum secrets.
8 PM :30	The Chase (HD)	Amazing Race (HD)	Next Level Chef (HD)			Bang (HD)		Big City	Raven	“The Untouchables” Fed battles the mob.	★★★½ “Midsommar” (‘19) A young American couple. (HD)
9 PM :30	The Chase (HD)	NCIS: Military crimes.	Local Programs Local info.		NBA Basketball Utah Jazz at Los Angeles Lakers (Live)	Go-Big Show	Beijing 2022 Olympic (Live) (HD)	Big City	(:45) The Gilded Age	“The Birdcage” False sexuality.	
10 PM :30	Local	Local		(:05) Beijing 2022 Olympic (Live) (HD)		Young		Miraculous	(:45) Righteous (HD)		
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Beijing 2022 Olympic	SportsCenter (HD)	Young		Miraculous	(:25) Bradshaw		
	Nightline	Corden			SC (HD)	Young		Miraculous	“Nightmare”		

FEBRUARY 16, 2022

THURSDAY

7:00pm	FOX Joe Millionaire: For Richer or Poorer “Ready, Set, JOE!” Kurt and Steven compete in a million-dollar relay race, before going on a series of romantic dates to sort the queens from the rest. (HD)
7:45pm	SHOW Werewolves Within ★★★½ (2021) A new forest ranger arrives in a small town as a mysterious beast terrorizes a small community and he joins forces with a postal worker to uncover the truth. NR (HD)

FRIDAY

8:40pm	DISN Descendants: Wicked World The story is told of the children of several villains, who have been given the chance to attend a preparatory school in a kingdom by the king and queen’s son. TV G (HD)
9:00pm	CBS Blue Bloods “Times Like These” Attention quickly grows around a public arrest that Frank made; Danny and Baez face an unexpected development as they investigate a gang attack. TV14 (HD)

SATURDAY

9:00pm	CBS 48 Hours Investigators take an in-depth look at a single story of real-life crime, considering the case from multiple angles in their pursuit of the truth. TV14 (HD)
10:00pm	FOX I Can See Your Voice “Episode 3: Kelly Rowland, Kelly Osbourne, Brian Austin Green, Cheryl Hines.” Contestants try to sort out the good “Secret Voice” from the bad, with their pick performing a hilarious or moving duet with Kelly Rowland. TVPG (HD)

SUNDAY

7:00pm	SHOW Your Honor “Part Eight” Jimmy puts pressure on Michael over Carlo’s trial; Adam announces his plans at a family dinner; Nancy and Lee discover some cops aren’t being genuine. TVMA (HD)
7:45pm	DISN Secrets of Sulphur Springs “It’s About Time” Griffin needs Daisy’s help to find out Topher’s secrets; Harper has an incident with a judge that creates a web of lies that permanently changes The Tremont. TVPG

MONDAY

7:30pm	CBS Bob Hearts Abishola “Dud” During a housewarming party, friends and family share their thoughts on Abishola’s taste in décor after she redecorates Bob’s house to make it her own as well. TVPG (HD)
8:00pm	SHOW Twenties “Killing Me Softly with His Song” Hattie starts a new job just as Nia finds herself going viral on the Internet; Chuck reconnects with someone from his past at his and Marie’s engagement party. TV14 (HD)

TUESDAY

8:00pm	FOX The Real Dirty Dancing “How do you call your Loverboy?” The remaining couples dance to “Do You Love Me” to see which two pairs will progress to the finale. (HD)
9:00pm	CBS FBI: Most Wanted “Unhinged” The team learns of an elaborate revenge plot that starts with a deadly arcade fire; Hana comes back and tries to adjust to the new aspects of her life. TV14 (HD)

WEDNESDAY

7:00pm	HBO Cry Macho ★★★½ (2021, Western) Clint Eastwood, Eduardo Minetti. A one-time rodeo star and washed-up horse breeder goes on a journey after agreeing to take a man’s son away from his alcoholic mom and bring him home. PG-13
8:00pm	FOX Next Level Chef “Fusion Confusion” The mentor chefs task their teams with creating a fusion dish in a randomly assigned kitchen, in order to prove their cooking ability. (HD)

I am reminding you, brothers and sisters, of the gospel I preached to you, which you indeed received and in which you also stand. Through it you are also being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. After that, Christ appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

Last of all, as to one born abnormally, he appeared to me. For I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective. Indeed, I have toiled harder than all of them; not I, however, but the grace of God that is with me. Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed. From 1 Corinthians

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets.

Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.” Simon said in reply, “Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets.”

When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.” For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon.

Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. From the Gospel of Luke

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Poets have long compared love to flowers blooming. In a garden, a seed is planted... perhaps the first date. If the relationship is well matched... the seed grows in fertile soil. As a new couple discovers each other's interests... the "garden" is tended and watered. Weeds may try to push through, but they are uprooted and discarded... the couple learns to negotiate their differences. The relationship flowers... delicate buds give way to fragrant petals and mature love is born. Around Valentine's Day, know that true love is strong and enduring. When weeds try to encroach keep in mind that God is the Master Gardener. With Him, love will blossom and flourish. Hold up that love in worship this week.

Daily Bible Reading

John	John	John	John	John	John	John
3:1-21	3:22-36	13:1-20	13:21-35	14:1-14	14:15-31	15:1-17

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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.

Valentine’s Day

Wishing everyone a very Happy Valentine’s Day Monday, Feb. 14. Shop local and buy your sweetheart flowers and candy.

Georgia Trip

Dennis and Kathy Thornburg visited with their son Kevin, daughter-in-law Silvia, and their two granddaughters Lydia and Dalma in Warner Robins, Ga.

Birthday

Gage Lee Musgrave celebrated his birthday Feb. 1.

It’s a Small World

Norm and Barb Bauer had a recent call from sons David and Tim Bauer. The brothers live in rural Richland County, Wisconsin, near the villages of Cazenovia and La Valle.

Cazenovia is actually named for a native of Holland and La Valle is French, but the population of the area is mostly German.

No surprise that the Bauers have met many unrelated Bauers there even one friend Dave Bauer. (Bauer means farmer in German.)

The reason for the call was to tell about another surprise connection in Wisconsin.

When David Bauer attended Anna’s Davie Elementary School, he became friends with Jimmy McEnelly.

Jimmy and his neighbor Paul Leske lived in the county not far from the Bauers. David told how they use to play together in the trees, the woods and the creeks.

As an adult living in Brookfield, Wis., David Bauer crossed paths again with Paul Leske, who told David that when he lived in Anna he had bought a Studebaker car from Norm Bauer. He said that he had sold it and actually liked it so well that he bought it back again. He said that he now (2010) lives in southwestern Wisconsin, up close to the Dells.

Several years passed and David moved to Cazenovia. In 2022, David and Paul crossed paths again to discover they just live a few miles apart in Wisconsin.

Paul loves La Valle, where the Bauer family reunion group went last July 4 for fireworks display.

David further remembered that Paul’s father Dan Leske was a barber on Main Street near Walter Hardware in the 1970s. He said that Mr. Leske may still live in the area.

So, recently David and his wife Ursula, and Paul and his wife Gloria got together for dinner. They further discovered that Ursula’s Sawakitis family and Paul’s family had made summer visits to a common location and they knew some of the same people. It is a small world, indeed.

Meetings Postponed

Due to the weather forecast a lot of things were canceled for last week. The chamber dinner was moved to this Thursday, Feb. 10, at noon at The Kitchen on Lafayette. Lance Meisenheimer will be the guest speaker.

The ribbon cutting inside the Annabelle Market Lundy Girl was canceled last Saturday until a later warmer date.

Honor Wreaths For Veterans

A special thanks to Golda Kesler for her donation of 3 Honor Wreaths for Veterans for Donald Kesler, Jack Bennett and Bernoid Freeze. I didn’t get her letter

until Saturday and it was postmarked Jan. 6, 2022. I just don’t know what happens to our mail.

Meetings

Monday, Feb. 7, the GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women’s Club was scheduled to meet at 11:30 a.m. at El Jalepeno in Anna. Dan Whiteside was scheduled to be the guest speaker, to tell about his work for the City Of Anna and to play his guitar and sing.

Tuesday, Feb. 8, the Anna-Jo Garden Club was scheduled to meet at 1 p.m. at the fellowship hall at the United Methodist Church in Anna.

Tuesday evening at 6 p.m., the American Legion was scheduled to meet in the back room of the VFW.

Wednesday, Feb. 16, the Little Egypt Red Hat ladies will meet at El Jalapeno at 11 a.m.

All of these meetings love to have guests and new members if you would like to attend any of them.

News from Manhattan, Ill.

Loretta Davis Sartore is formerly from our area. Loretta grew up in Dongola and Mill Creek, and said she is looking for a better 2022. 2021 had not been good for them.

Their youngest daughter Tammi lost her husband May 2021 from COPD and heart problems. They lived in Manhattan also.

Their older daughter Patti’s husband can no longer walk and she does home dialysis on him three times a week. They live in Creal Springs.

Their son Rick Yates lives in Paducah and worked at Lowe’s in Mayfield, Ky., until he got sick with leukemia five years ago.

Loretta had to put her husband Steve in the veterans home in Manteno last year.

Soon after in May he stopped eating and went into hospice care in September and passed away Oct. 29, 2021. They had been married 50 years in July.

Loretta said she loves reading my Anna News, the “roots” articles and keeping up with Union County.

She enjoyed hearing about GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women’s Club and is in a women’s club where she lives.

She loves reading County Line news by Suzan Harvel.

The Will County Farm Bureau paper where she lives is putting pictures in the paper of farm days gone by. Loretta sent me a couple of pictures to share with my news she sent to the paper there.

She found a picture with herself when she was small and her mother and dad, Daniel and Opal Davis, on their farm in Union County just out of Dongola where she lived until they moved to Mill Creek and she started high school.

She took those pictures to share with the women in her club there and they all enjoyed reading about the Union County history.

Loretta has younger sisters Viola McKiness, Serena Peroas and Ladonna Spurlock but never had any brothers.

She said everyone was OK so far. Loretta said Southern Illinois will always be home to her.

Loretta said she lived in the small town of Mill Creek until she was married to her first husband Donald

Yates. They met in high school and was married just after she graduated. He was from Anna and still has lots of family in Cobden area.

After 13 years and moving from Anna to Manhattan the marriage didn’t work out, but they were all still family since her children were his children also.

Donald passed away several years ago and her husband Steve was a pallbearer at his funeral.

The tornado that went through the small Kentucky town of Dawson Springs is where her mother Opal Emerson Davis was born. Her parents were Ethel and Ira Emerson. Loretta’s grandparents are buried there as well as other relatives. The same tornado did damage in the town of Mayfield.

Loretta told me to keep up the good work on the Anna News it is her connection to home and she always looks foreword to reading the Anna News.

I appreciated that and hearing from Loretta. I met her when she was here for one of their class reunions. She was in the class with my cousin Jane Lee Bauer Rayburn who passed away a couple years ago.

Anna Heights Baptist Church News

February birthdays: 12 Ramona Clark. 14 Drue Teske. 15 Bill Young. 16 Judy Halter and Joy Poole. 17 Isabella Grey. 18 Dustin Knop.

Attendance, Jan. 30: 8 a.m. worship 68. 10:30 a.m. worship 125. Small group Bible study 174. 6 p.m. worship 12.

Sunday, Feb 13: Sunday school high attendance day and Souper Bowl Chili and Desserts Cookoff and fellowship. After the second worship service their goal is to have 240 in Sunday school.

Ministry meeting, Sunday, Feb. 20, at 6 p.m.

Grief Share prayer and Bible study, Tuesday, Feb. 15, at 1 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Momma Lou’s Crafters, Thursday, Feb. 24, at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. This month’s project is carrots.

Pastor Darryl Williams continued his sermon series, Genesis the Beginning. This week The Sign of the Covenant.

County Line News

(Mill Creek and Upper Elco)

I certainly hope that all of you are recovered from the latest weather event. The lingering piles and drifts should be gone before long with the temperatures headed back up into the 50s. The precipitation led to many a bent fender, I’m sure.

My daughter and her family had an incident that came from a clear highway.

Someone failed to clear the snow off their vehicle, and as they passed my daughter and her family on Highway 146, the stacked ice and snow broke loose and slammed into the windshield of my daughter’s minivan.

The windshield, with the added snow and ice hurled at 55 miles per hour, collapsed on her and the force blew more of it and the windshield wiper back on my grandson in the middle section of the van.

Thankfully, my son-in-law was able to get the vehicle safely pulled off the road and called 911, then me.

Let me commend the good Samaritan nurse who stopped and helped until the Union County EMT’s and sheriff’s department arrived.

The van took the worst of it and my daughter, who



Anna-Jonesboro Garden Club Annabelle propagation committee met at Hebrewz Coffee House. This committee experiments and determines the best way to propagate Annabelle hydrangeas for resale and planting in the community. Committee members meeting were left to right Tom Caldwell, Pete Housman, Marge Selinger, Susan Sherwin, Martha Ann Webb, Betty Sirles and Elaine Dunn (not pictured). The club always welcomes new members.

Anna-Jonesboro Garden Club

The Anna-Jo Garden Club propagation committee met Wednesday, Feb. 2, at Hebrewz Coffeehouse to plan for increasing and growing our heritage Annabelle hydrangeas.

This is the club’s primary fundraiser, which generates funds for scholarships, garden park maintenance, Blue Star Memorial maintenance and a number of other programs and projects.

Those who attended included Tom Caldwell, Pete Housman, Marge Selinger, Susan Sherwin, Martha Ann Webb, Betty Sirles and Elaine Dunn.

Also on the committee are Pam Barker, Charlotte Echols, Sharon Dillow, Peggy Ferguson, Linda Karraker, Nancy Kucera and Julie Murphy.

Kansas Trip

Willie and Terrie Rhymer have been visiting this past weekend in Junction City, Kan., with their son Andy and family.

Was a messy drive on the way out and saw several semi trucks in ditches along the way but weather cooperated once they arrived and was a nice weekend.

Class Reunion

Judy Shoemaker attended her monthly class reunion at Fat Ed’s restaurant in Metropolis.

Anna First Baptist Church

Anna First Baptist Church is already in the process of gathering items for Samaritan’s Purse’s Operation Christmas Box, which distributes donated gift-filled shoeboxes for children around the globe



Former Anna buddies David Bauer, Tim Bauer and Paul Leske met in La Valle, Wis.



Loretta Davis Sartore sent me this picture of her sitting on top of her dad's crank-start car, waiting for a ride in Union County in the early 1940s. If you have a family picture you would like to share for my Anna news please send to me at marthaannwebb@gmail.com.



Farm days gone by: Loretta Davis Sartore when she was a little girl with her parents Daniel and Opal Emerson Davis on their family farm outside Dongola.

at Christmas time.

Several ladies at the church recently attended a meeting in Marion with representatives for the event and received information and many hints for gathering and packing items into the boxes.

Members receive a list of gifts needed each month; they can donate those gifts or donate cash for gifts and shipping expenses.

They will gather in late November/early December to fill and pack up the boxes.

By Suzan Harvel

also passed away. Ricky Penrod and Michaela Sizemore also lost their mother and grandmother, Barbara Jean Penrod. Our prayers go out to the families.

Kenzie Miller was in an ATV accident this past weekend and we are hopeful she’ll make a full recovery.

Also, in need of prayers for recovery are Elaine Helton, who had a setback this past week; Vickie Harvel Jacobs, who developed an infection after her surgery, is recovering; and Katie Goss is on the mend after surgery; and Ginger Bowman added her son, Mike for prayer, as well.

Valentine’s Day is nearly here and I hope you folks remember your sweet-

hearts, or just someone who is special to you.

The Daniel Chapman Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution sent out cards to veterans at several VA homes and to seniors at several assisted living facilities.

They will also be having their regular meeting on Feb. 14 at the PAST House in Jonesboro. Afterwards, they will host bingo and bring snacks to the veterans at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna.

I had the honor of helping my grandson create his Valentine’s Day mailbox for his class party this Friday. That took me back to many years ago when I created my own in school. It’s nice to see that some traditions still remain.

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Lance Meisenheimer
Union County Clerk
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COURT OF THE FIRST
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UNION COUNTY,
ILLINOIS

ANNA-JONESBORO
NATIONAL BANK,
a National Chartered
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Plaintiff,
v.
JERRY LOVELL JR.,
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OWNERS AND
NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS,
Case No.: 2021-CH-8
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COMMENCING AT AN
IRON ROD SET AT THE
SOUTHWEST CORNER OF
SAID SOUTHEAST QUAR-
TER; THENCE S 88°51'52"
E, 2032.86 FEET ALONG
THE SOUTHLINE OF SAID
SOUTHEAST QUARTER
TO AN IRON ROD SET;
THENCE N 04°29'33" W,
308.54 FEET TO AN IRON
ROD SET; THENCE N
04°29'33" W, 389.05 FEET
TO AN IRON ROD SET,
THENCE N 17°11'20" W,
264.99 FEET TO AN IRON
ROD SET; THENCE N
06°49'06" W, 461.41 FEET
TO AN IRON ROD SET;
THENCE N 74°05'34" E,
381.41 FEET TO AN IRON
ROD SET, THIS BEING THE
SOUTHWEST CORNER OF
SAID PARCEL AND THE
POINT OF BEGINNING;
THENCE ALONG NEW
LINES THE FOLLOWING
TWO (2) CALLS. THENCE
N 23°32'42" W, 293.83
FEET TO AN IRON ROD
SET, THENCE N 66°27'18"
E, 143.68 FEET, PASS-
ING AN IRON ROD SET
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IRON ROD SET IN THE
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WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY
LINE TO AN IRON ROD
SET, THENCE S 74°05'34"
W, 144.97 FEET ALONG A
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ANNA-JONESBORO
NATIONAL BANK,
a National Chartered
Bank,
Plaintiff,
vs
MICHAEL J. SMITH,
ANGELA C. SMITH,
STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF
REVENUE TAX LIEN
UNIT,
UNKNOWN OWNERS
and NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
Case No.: 2022FC3

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C. Smith, State of Illinois
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the Circuit Court of Union
County, Illinois, by the said
Plaintiff against you and
other defendants to foreclose
a certain Mortgage covering
the following described
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EXHIBIT A

A Two (2) Acre tract of
land located in the South
part of the Southeast Quar-
ter (SE1/4) of the Northeast
Quarter (NE1/4) of Section
Thirty-five (35) and the South
west Quarter (SW1/4) of the
Northwest Quarter (NW1/4)
of Section Thirty-six (36),
all in Township Eleven (11)
South, Range One (1) East
of the Third (3rd) Principal
Meridian, described as fol-
lows, to-wit: Beginning at a
point on the North line of the
Northwest Quarter (NW1/4)
of the Southwest Quarter
(SW1/4) of Section Thirty-six
(36) which is 14 rods East of
the Northwest Corner thereof,
thence West on said line 14
rods to the Northwest Cor-
ner thereof and continuing
West on the North line of the
Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of
the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4)
of Section Thirty-five (35) a
distance of 4 rods to a point;
thence North parallel with
the West line of the South-
east Quarter (SE1/4) of the
Northeast Quarter (NE1/4)
of Section Thirty-five (35) a
distance of 19 rods to a point,
thence Easterly 4 rods to the
West right-of-way line of
the County Road, thence fol-
lowing the South line of said
road in an Easterly direction
14 rods to a point, thence
South parallel with the East
line of the Southwest Quarter
(SW1/4) of the Northwest
Quarter (NW1/4) of Section
Thirty-six (36) to the North
line of the Northwest Quarter
(NW1/4) of the Southwest
Quarter (SW1/4) of Section
Thirty-six (36) which is the
point of beginning, situated in
Union County, Illinois.

Keri E. Clark
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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

**In the Matter of the
Estate of
MARY DARLENE
LIGHT, Deceased
No. 2022-PR-2**

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the
death of Mary Darlene Light
of Dongola, Illinois. Letters
of Office were issued on
January 28, 2022, to Robert
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Obituaries

Carolyn ‘Dude’ Green

Carolyn “Dude” Green, 85, of Jonesboro, died Monday, Jan. 31, 2022, at Hill-view Healthcare in Vienna.

She was born on Sept. 6, 1936, in Oklahoma City, Okla., the daughter of Homer and Nancy Jane Ingram Stewart.

She married Billy Joe Mays in 1954. He preceded her in death in 1977. She later married Rev. Gerald Green on Aug. 6, 1981. He preceded her in death on March 19, 2000.



She is survived by her two sons, Steve (Michelle) Mayes of Jonesboro and Billy (Kristie) Mayes of Oklahoma City, Okla.; grandchildren Sarah Bennett, Taylor Mayes, Kylie Everhart, JoLeesa Mayberry, Jason Ozwalt, Alisha Mayes, Chad Mayes and Tommy Jennings; 20 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, Billy Joe Mayes and Rev. Gerald Green; siblings Leamon Stewart, twin brother Carroll Stewart, Douglas Stewart and Mary Belle Heck.

Mrs. Green received her LPN license and later her RN and worked as a consultant for various nursing homes.

She loved the Lord and his people and was a devoted Christian woman. She attended Southside Church for many years.

After she and Gerald married they traveled the world preaching, teaching and building several churches in foreign countries. She and Gerald held many revivals across the country.

She taught children’s church and enjoyed doing the puppets ministry with the children. After moving to Southern Illinois, she joined the Trinity Pentecostal Tabernacle in Jonesboro.

Mrs. Green was very proud of her Choctaw heritage. She loved spending time with her family, watching her grandchildren’s sporting events, going fishing and playing card games.

Funeral services were at 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, at Trinity Pentecostal Tabernacle in Jonesboro, with the Rev. Geoff Bond officiating.

Interment was in Thayer Cemetery in Thayer, Mo., on Tuesday, Feb. 8, at 1 p.m.

Memorials can be made to the children’s church at the Trinity Pentecostal Tabernacle.

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.

Harry Frey

Harry Frey, 78, of Cairo, died Friday, Feb. 4, at Integrity Healthcare in Anna.

He was born on Feb. 19, 1943, in Cairo, the son of John Dennis and Nellie Lee Hodges Frey Sr.

Funeral arrangements were pending at Crain Funeral Home in Cairo.

Crain Funeral Home in Cairo is in charge of arrangements.

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

Crain Funeral home

Stella Mae Cottone

Stella Mae Cottone, 92, of Anna, died Monday, Jan. 24, 2022, at 12:55 a.m. at Liberty Village Manor Court in Carbondale.

She was born on Feb. 23, 1929, the daughter of Blaine and Mabel Killman Foster.

She married Eddie Cottone on Oct. 10, 1948, enjoying almost 66 years of marriage, prior to Eddie’s passing in 2014.

She worked hard outside the home at the shoe factory, Union County Hospital in Anna and home health, but her favorite career by far, was serving her family.

All family and friends who visited the home of Eddie and Stella never left with an empty stomach or empty heart. Everyone was welcome, but above all, the children.

She was a homemaker, wife, sister and mother to Eddie, David and Dixie.

Survivors include her son, Eddie Cottone (Beverly) of Mena, Ark.; daughter Dixie Travis Georgantas (Chris) of Carbondale; daughter-in-law Judy Cottone of Centralia; seven grandchildren, Chance Cottone (Angela McGee-Cottone), Jeremy Travis (Shannon), Wendy Laws (Josh), Stephanie Girard-Cartier, Michael Cottone (Holly), Scott Cottone (Aina) and Lauren Niermann (Tim); 11 great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren; her sister, Lucy Sprague; and nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Eddie Cottone Sr.; a son, David Cottone; a great-granddaughter, Gracie Niermann; and a brother-in-law, Tom Sprague.

A graveside funeral service was held at the Anna Cemetery on Thursday, Jan. 27, at 1 p.m. A celebration of her life is being planned for a later date.

Memorials can be made to the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna or to the Alzheimer’s Association.

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



Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: “Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.” Proverbs 31:28-29

Crain Funeral home

Robert J. ‘Bob’ Kohler

Robert J. “Bob” Kohler, 95, of Anna, died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022.

He was born on Oct. 10, 1926, in Anna, the son of Sam H. and Almeda (Allie) Flannigan Kohler.

After graduating from high school he served in the U.S. Army in Germany during World War II, and on returning, married the love of his life, Mildred Davis, on Nov. 13, 1948, in Jonesboro.

Mr. Kohler is survived by three daughters, Gail SanJuan of Connecticut, Beverly Hill of Florida and Judy Miller of Anna; five grandchildren, Jeremiah (Jodi) Womick , Jessie (Herman) Wells, Jim (Jessi) Hill, Alex (Jennifer) SanJuan and Jonathan Costa-St.John; seven great-grandchildren, Sophia, Blake and Jacob Wells, Kyle and Maggie SanJuan, Kambryn Mira and Kalista Hill; and two nephews, Scott and Mike Kohler.

He was preceded in death by parents; his wife, Mildred, of 68 years; a grandson, Steven Kohler Hill; two brothers Sam Kohler and K.K. Kohler; and a son-in-law Dr. Geoffrey Hill.

Mr. Kohler was an avid gardener, fisherman and harness horseman.

He was a member of Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna and Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna. He was retired from the Local Operating Engineers, where he worked in construction.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials can be made to Kornthal Church, P.O. Box 342, Jonesboro, Ill. 62952 or to the charity of the donor’s choice. Envelopes will be available at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna.

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

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



Jean Cunningham

Jean Cunningham, age 95, of Jonesboro, Illinois, passed away on February 7, 2022.

He leaves his wife, Mildred Casper Cunningham, after 73 years, 10 months of marriage.

Survivors include three children, Carla Serantoni of Evanston, Illinois, Richard Cunningham of Jonesboro and Donald Gene Cunningham of Anna; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and Shirley Casper, sister-in-law, of Carbondale.

Jean was a member of the Anna First Baptist Church. He was an avid sportsman and loved watching his grandchildren and great-grandchildren participate in sports.

Jean’s parents, Carl and Mildred Cunningham, and his sister, Jeanetta Bauer, preceded him in death.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Casper Cemetery.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, February 12, 2022, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna.

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES Visitation will be held prior to the funeral services from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Thelma L. Vick

Thelma L. Vick, 98, of Tamms, died on Feb. 2, 2022, at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

She was born on March 3, 1923, in Delta, Ill., the daughter of Samuel Harrison and Pearl Melissa Allen Phillips.

She married Wayne Vick on Aug. 18, 1944. He preceded her in death on Oct. 27, 1991.

Mrs. Vick was a lifetime member of the First Baptist Church of Tamms, which she loved.

She worked for Case in Rockford during World War II as a riveter, welding wings on airplanes. She also worked as a bus driver for 22 years at Egyptian School.

She is survived by her two children, Brenda Vick and Michael (Dianna) Vick, both of Tamms; one grandson, Christopher (Amelia) Vick of Tamms; two great-granddaughters whom she loved dearly and cherished, Lucinda and Madelyn Vick; three step-grandchildren; 11 step-great-grandchildren; 11 step-great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Pauline Vick of Anna; two nieces, Kay Mowery of Anna and Debbie (Eddie) Atherton of Mayfield, Ky.; one nephew, Gary Honey of Tamms; her church family; and other family and friends.

Besides her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Jewel Honey; and by five nephews, Doug, Glenn, Darrell, Delmar and Terry Honey.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at Crain Funeral Home in Tamms, with the Rev. Bob Kirby officiating.

Visitation will be at the funeral home on Friday, Feb. 11, from 9 a.m. until the time of funeral services.

Interment will take place following the service at McCrite Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital or to McCrite Cemetery.

Crain Funeral Home in Tamms is in charge of arrangements.

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

Crain Funeral home



Mary Sue Harvey

Mary Sue Harvey, 58, left this earthly life on Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022, at her home in Brandon, Miss., surrounded by her loving family and friends.

She was born on Sept. 12, 1963, in Cairo, the daughter of Robert Ryan McAdoo and Marla Lingle McAdoo.

She graduated with honors from the Shawnee Community College with an associate of science in nursing and was a registered nurse.

Sue was a true public servant devoting her life and career to selflessly helping others.

Sue had worked in many capacities, from emergency care to long term care, where she held the title of director of nursing for many years, and most recently had worked at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson.

She was of the Baptist faith and loved the Lord and served him faithfully. She was a true and proper lady in all aspects of her life, a Godly woman, incredibly strong and beautiful. She cherished and loved her family and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Although a humble lady, she was a prayer warrior always asking GOD to guide and lead her on the path he wanted her to be on.

She shared her faith to anyone she met and has left a legacy to her family of God’s amazing love and grace setting an example for her children, grandchildren and friends, that will lead them all their lives.

On Dec. 29, 2003, she married Lonnie J. Harvey, who survives at home in Brandon, Miss.

In addition to her husband and mother, she is survived by two sons, Derek (Derrick) Blume of Germantown, Tenn., and Thomas (Heather) Bridges of Gordonville, Mo.; one daughter Ashley Bridges of Anna; one step-daughter, Amber (Stephen) Massey of Jackson, Miss.; two brothers, Jay (Tamarah) Jordan of Burlington, Ky., and Jimmy (Janey) McAdoo of Ullin; one sister Cathy (Ron) Spurlock of Lick Creek; five grandchildren, Brianna Brunner, Dawson Brunner, Isabelle Giron, Addilyn Stovall and Annistyn Bridges; and many nieces and nephews, all whom she loved deeply.

She was preceded in death by her father and by one son, Dustin McAdoo.

Visitation was from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, at Natchez Trace Funeral Home in Madison, Miss.

A second visitation was held from noon until the time of the funeral service at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at United Missionary Baptist Church in Lick Creek, under the direction of Ponder Funeral Home of Sikeston, Mo. Pastor Ken Wilson officiated.

Interment followed immediately in the American Legion Cemetery in Dongola.



Michael E. ‘Fatboy’ Campbell

Michael E. “Fatboy” Campbell, 56, of rural Cairo (Frog City), died Sunday, Jan. 30, 2022, at Southeast Hospital.

He was born on Oct. 9, 1965, the son of Eugene and Mozelle Wallace Campbell in Cairo.

After graduating from Cairo High School, he joined the United States Marines, and served his country for four years. Throughout his tours of duty, he visited the countries of Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong, Philippines and Australia.

He worked as a riverboat captain for ACBL and Hines Furlong Line out of the Operator’s Union IUOE Local 318.

He was an avid motorcycle rider and loved hunting and fishing. He never met a stranger and everyone who ever met him could tell a story about him.

He served as the president of the Alexander-Pulaski Sportsman Club and was a member of the Cairo Masonic Lodge. He loved his grandbabies and his many friends at the local watering holes.

Survivors include his son, Michael (Amanda) Campbell II and Nicholas Campbell; grandchildren Kacie and Michael III; significant other Belinda Sullivan; sisters Linda (Bob “Mack) Gibson, Connie (Terry) Greer and Debbie Thomas; and several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Sue (Darrell) Shemwell; and a brother-in-law, Brad Thomas.

The family held a celebration of life on Saturday, Feb. 5, at 6 p.m. at the Alexander-Pulaski County Sportsman’s Club with Masonic rites.

A graveside service took place Monday, Feb. 7, at 11 a.m. at Mound City National Cemetery with military honors.

The family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be made to the Alexander-Pulaski County Sportsman’s Club.

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.



Emma Reynolds

Emma Reynolds, 74, of Anna, died Monday, Jan. 31, 2022, at her home.

She was born Feb. 27, 1947, in Union County, the daughter of Dexter Leon and Verneal Barker Cobb.

She married the love of her life, Richard Reynolds, on Nov. 5, 1971, in Jonesboro.

Mrs. Reynolds was a wonderful cook and enjoyed going out to eat from time to time. She enjoyed playing bingo and board games with her grandchildren and spending time with her sister Cheryl. She was a member of the Faith Community Church for many years.

Mrs. Reynolds is survived by her husband of 50 years, Richard Reynolds of Anna; children Mary Beth (Jimmy) Kerber of Morley, Mo., Rodney (Lisa) Cobb of Ledbetter, Ky., Greg Reinier of Jonesboro and John R. (Rene) Robinson of Rosiclair and Dexter (Heather) Reynolds of Jonesboro; grandchildren Jordan and Jeremy Cobb, John Kenneth and Lily Robinson, Carson and Reese Reynolds and Michael Wheeler; siblings Cheryl Davis of Jonesboro, Larry Cobb of Anna, Jerry (Debbie) Cobb of Lick Creek and Ty (Deanna) Cobb of Lick Creek; many nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents.

A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held at noon Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Faith Community Church, with Pastor Ron White and the Rev. Bon Reynolds officiating.

Friends can call from 10 a.m. until the service hour of noon at the church.

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

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



Jeff Powles

Jeff Powles, 59, of Tamms, died Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022, at 9:35 p.m. at Mulberry Manor in Anna.

Jeff was born on May 6, 1962, in Effingham, the son of Howard Ray Powles and Mary Albright Powles, who both preceded him in death.

In his younger years, he enjoyed fishing, camping and playing basketball.

Jeff is remembered as having a kind soul and being loved by all. He attended the Tamms Methodist Church.

Survivors include his brother, Stan (Alison) Powles; a sister, Betty Jane Powles; as well as nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Jeff was preceded in death by two sisters, Sandra and Treva.

A funeral service honoring Jeff's life was held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, at Crain Funeral Home in Tamms. Rev. Brent Gordon officiated.

Burial followed in Beechwood Cemetery in Mounds.

Crain Funeral Home in Tamms was in charge of arrangements.

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



Vineyard celebrating cultural diversity

Alto Vineyards in Alto Pass is planning to host a celebration of love, family and friends, called “Dia del Amor y la Amistad” on Saturday, Feb. 12.

The event will celebrate cultural diversity with Mexican music, food, specialty drinks and local chocolates.

The festivities will take place in the expansive tasting room at Alto Vineyards, which is located at 8515

Route 127 in Alto Pass.

Regular Saturday hours at Alto Vineyards are from noon to 7 p.m., as posted on the Alto Vineyards website.

Alto Vineyards is a third-generation family owned and operated business.

The community is invited to attend the Valentine's Day weekend event.

More information is available by visiting Alto Vineyards' Facebook page.

Public Record

from the files at the
Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro

Realty Transactions

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

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Salvador M. Alonso. Grantee: George A. Stearns. Tract Section 8 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Cunningham Electronics Corporation. Grantee: Missouri Trust and Investment Company. Subdivision Name: Winstead Davies 1st Add. of Anna. Lot 17.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: First Mid Illinois Bank, First Mid Wealth Management Company. Grantee: Meghan O'Daniel. Subdivision Name: City of Anna. Lots 23, 22.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Bobby Haddock. Grantee: James V. Masuca. Subdivision Name: Lewis 1st Add. of Anna. Lot 32.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Linda Hallstrom. Grantee: Shannon L. Harnish. Tract Section 23 Township 13S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Conita Drew-Jones, Conita Drew-Katz, Conita G. Drew-Katz. Grantee: Gary Katz. Tract Section 24 Township 13S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Wunderbar Woods LLC. Grantee: Brandon Shields. Tract Section 12 Township 12S Range 3W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Michael D. Wilson. Grantee: Randy Buelna. Subdivision Name: Grammers Add. of Jonesboro. Lot 57.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Julie A. Ames, Amanda M. Pender. Grantee: Amanda M. Pender. Subdivision Name: A.D. Finchs 2nd Add. of Anna. Lot 6.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Iva Lorene Osman, Robert L. Osman. Grantee: General Hardware & Supplies LLC. Tract Section 25 Township 13S Range 1W. Subdivision Name: E. Leavenworth's 1st Add. of Dongola. Lot 98.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Brandon Allen Griffin. Grantee: Brooke Hubble, Cody Hubble. Tract Section 19 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Julie A. Harms, Patrick J. Harms. Grantee: Cache Farms LLC. Tract Section 1 Township 13S Range 1E. Tract Section 12 Township

13S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Mark A. Willmann. Grantee: Julie Alberto Olandes. Tract Section 28 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Alex Belcher. Grantee: Christopher W. Jones, Paula Y. Jones. Tract Section 25 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Jessie Lee Aldridge, Shirley A. Aldridge. Grantee: J&S Family Irrevocable Trust. Tract Section 14 Township 11S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Tri State Motors Inc. Grantee: HW Anna Properties LLC. Tract Section 21 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: James T. Casey, Lindsey K. Casey. Grantee: James T. Casey, Lindsey K. Casey. Tract Section 7 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Darrell E. Fisher, Sharon L. Fisher. Grantee: Stephen W. Odle. Tract Section 4 Township 13S Range 1E. Tract Section 34 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Stephen W. Odle. Grantee: Westley Moll. Tract Section 3 Township 13S Range 1E.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Donald Wayne McRaven. Grantee: Oma Diane Hudgins, Daphene Raye Huffman, Darryl Leon McRaven, Donna Bernice McRaven. Tract Section 20 Township 13S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Michael Jordan, Michael Dean Jordan. Grantee: Michael Jordan, Sandra Jordan. Tract Section 30 Township 12S Range 1W.

Traffic Citations

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

Christopher R. Defassiaux, Hot Springs Village, Ark., driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164. Tyler D. Zonneville, Anna, fail to reduce speed, \$164.

Lexi R. Stallings, Cape Girardeau, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Ronnie W. Seals, Dongola, squealing/screeching tires, \$164.

Frajesca J. Parnell, West Memphis, Ark., driving 21-

25 mph above limit, \$164. Katherine A. Sindall, Dongola, transport/carry alcoholic liquor/passenger, \$164.

Kayla R. Grey, Carbon-dale, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Victor G. Lane, Herrin, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Ashley N. Lascelles, Vienna, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164. Justin Kent Hastie, Indianapolis, Ind., seat belt required/driver, \$164.

Robert I. Smith, Dongola, transport/carry alcoholic liquor/passenger, \$164. Michelle S. Rosekrans, Dongola, transport/carry alcoholic liquor/passenger, \$164.

Amber N. Sterling, Jonesboro, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Jazmine E. Bugarin, Lafayette, Ind., driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164.

Anderson Marble Wright Hartmann, Crystal Springs, Miss., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Cheri R. Smith, Dongola, transport/carry/alcoholic liquor/

passenger, \$164.

Haley A. Brockett, Anna, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Daniel T. McCann, Munford, Tenn., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Nathaniel S. Olson, Champaign, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Dixiana C. Stephens, Cordova, Tenn., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Aleksander Zemtsov, Hattiesburg, Miss., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Marriage Licenses

The county clerk's office issued a marriage license to: Samantha Jo Higgerson of Buncombe and Richard Paul Benefield of Buncombe.

Jacob Robert Myers of Paducah and Janna Joann Harner of Paducah.

Randall J. Miller of Anna and Avisi Tshiseeba Tshimalenge of Anna.

Allen-Michael Johnston of Anna and Eyrika Lynn Brandenburg of Cartersville.

David Ray Williams of Anna and Sonya M. Fabec of Anna.

General, portrait photo workshops set at Anna Arts Center

Shawnee Hills Arts Council/Anna Arts Center is planning to offer upcoming photography workshops.

The workshops will be taught by Caleb Claxton Hale, a photographer, writer and former journalist.

Each workshop at the arts center, which is located at 125 W. Davie St. in Anna, will last for approximately 2 1/2 hours.

Each workshop will cost \$20, which will go straight to the arts center for its programs and building renovations.

The workshops are open to all interested persons. No early registration is required. More information is available by contacting Hale at 618-697-0859.

Workshops which are planned follow:

General Photo Workshop

The workshop dates and times include Saturday, Feb. 12, at 10 a.m.; Thursday, March 10, at 7 p.m.; and Saturday, April 2, at 10 a.m.

The workshop will teach the basics of creating stronger, more impactful photographs with any camera.

The goal of the one-day workshop is to teach participants to think like a photographer and help them translate the images they see in their mind's eye into photographs for everyone to see.

Making the Portrait Workshop

Workshop dates and times include Saturday, Feb. 19, at 10 a.m.; Thursday, March 24, at 7 p.m.; and Saturday, April 16, at 10 a.m.

The workshop will teach participants how to create their own striking portraits of people.

Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Visiting last Sunday with Sue and Steve Eudy were Brian Eudy of Jackson, Mo., and Ryan Wachter and Rocky Smith of Jonesboro.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Emma Reynolds of Anna who died Monday, Jan. 31.

Penny Hill of McClure visited with Shirley Miller of McClure.

Visiting with Maxine and Fred Pender of Fair City last Friday were Brad and Lori Pender of Jonesboro and Austin and Allison of Tamms. They were celebrating Lori's birthday.

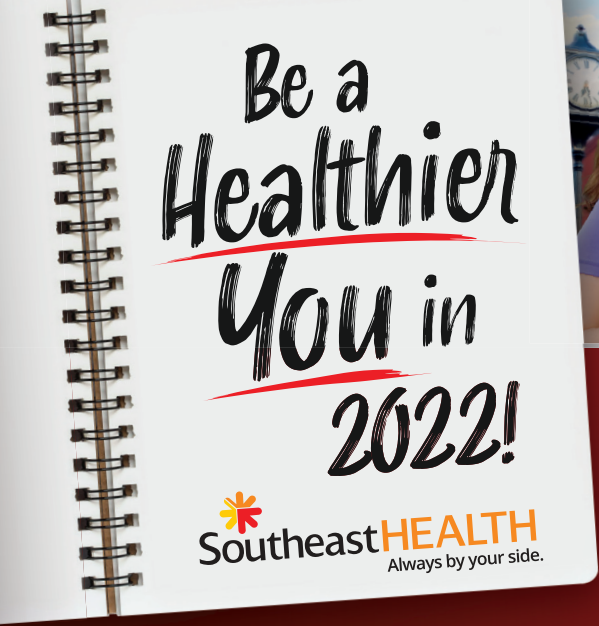
Gary Gibbs of Jonesboro

visited with Fred and Maxine Pender.

Rodney and Vicki Reynolds of Wolf Lake visited Sunday with Dolores Reynolds of Reynoldsville.

There were no services held at Reynoldsville Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday, Feb. 6, because of the ice and snow.

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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Opinion and Commentary

Southern Seven urges everyone to be aware of their heart health

Cardiovascular disease, also known as heart disease, is the leading cause of death for men, women and people of most racial and ethnic groups in the United States.

Southern Seven Health Department says that according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC, one person dies every 36 seconds in the United States from heart disease.

And every year, about 805,000 people in the United States have a heart attack, with most experiencing it for the first time.

February is American Heart Month. Southern Seven Health Department reminds everyone to take note of their heart health.

Steps which can be taken include having blood pressure checked regularly, knowing the signs of a heart attack and talking with a doctor about steps which can be taken to prevent heart disease – how best to treat a diagnosis of heart disease.

According to the CDC, roughly 659,000 people in the United States die from heart disease each year; that’s one in every four deaths.

Coronary artery disease, also known as coronary heart disease, is the most common type of heart disease, resulting in more than 360,000 deaths in 2019.

Coronary artery disease affects about 18.2 million adults age 20 and older. About two in 10 deaths from coronary artery disease happen in adults less than 65 years old.

Southern Seven Health Department advises that high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol and smoking are key risk factors for heart disease.

Several other medical conditions and lifestyle choices can also put a person at a higher risk for heart disease, including diabetes, being overweight or obese, having an unhealthy diet, lack of exercise and excessive alcohol use.

Most people don’t know they have heart disease until they have a heart attack. It is estimated that one in five heart attacks is silent. And although the person is not aware of it, the damage has been done.

The signs of a heart attack can be different for everyone, but the most common warning signs are pain or discomfort in the chest, lightheadedness, nausea or vomiting, jaw, neck or back pain, discomfort or pain in left arm or shoulder, and shortness of breath.

More information about managing heart health can be found online by visiting cdc.gov/heartdisease.

Information about programs designed to help those living with or caring for someone with a chronic illness, including heart disease, is available by contacting Southern Seven Health Department at 618-634-2297.

A Page from the Past from the files of The Gazette-Democrat Thursday, February 10, 1972

A 100 unit high-rise apartment building for elderly persons in Union County is in the planning stage, with construction to commence in early spring. Completion of the building is expected sometime in September.

The high-rise is part of the State of Illinois’ pilot program for new public housing to provide better housing for low income families in Illinois.

The site of the building has not been selected; however, it is believed it will be located somewhere in downtown Anna.

The Union County area experienced winter weather this past week when the mercury dropped to a low of nine above Friday, Feb. 4, never rising above 41 degrees throughout the week.

Twenty years of useful service were celebrated Thursday evening by the Union County Hospital Auxiliary at their annual meeting which convened in the Nursing Home dining room.

From the Shiloh news: We were happy to see the ice leave. We still have enough ice in our back yard that one has to be very careful not to fall.

The IHSA Regional Basketball Tournament will be held at A-J again this year. The tourney begins Wednesday, February 23, when Shawnee meets Meridian. Immediately following at 8:30 p.m., A-J goes against Cobden.

Political letters to the editor

All letters to the editor endorsing, opposing or pertaining to political candidates must be published as paid election letters. They will be subject to a publication fee of \$50.

A paid election letter must be paid for by the writer. If the letter is paid for by another individual or organization, that information must be stated, according to election laws.

A letter must be signed and must contain the name of the person who wrote the letter, the writer’s address and the writer’s telephone number. The telephone number will not be published, but must be included for verification purposes.

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...

Last week's winter storm...deja vu all over again...



Shot this photo while motoring along new U.S. Route 51 on the way to metropolitan Anna early on Thursday morning, February 3. Didn’t see much traffic along the highway until I got closer to the big city.

Union County’s weather during the last week has been deja vu all over again...

Around the middle of the month during February way back in 2021, Mother Nature sent us a bit of an icy Valentine’s Day greeting.

On Valentine’s Day last year, the high temperature in Union County was T-W-E-L-V-E degrees. 12. Didn’t have to worry about the M&Ms you got for Valentine’s Day melting in your hand. The low that day was 2.

Things got even better the next day, when 7 inches of snow fell on our corner of the world. The low temperature on February 15 was 2 degrees again, followed by a balmy high of 8. Yup. 8.

By February 22, the high temperature was all the way up to 52...then it was 67 on February 24...and by March 9, the thermometer climbed all the way to 70.

At the time this little gem was being crafted, I did not know what the temperatures were in Union County last Thursday and Friday, other than it was very, very cold.

Since duty called in the midst of yet another winter storm, yours truly managed to make it safely to The Paragraph Factory...and back home again...on both Thursday and Friday. Other folks I saw on the road seemed to be taking it slow, especially early on Thursday morning. That was a good thing.

After I got home safely last Thursday, decided to toss common sense into the cold north wind and went for a walk in the midst of a winter storm warning. Probably not the smartest thing to do. Didn’t stay out very long. When I got back home, I stayed in... at least until Friday morning...

With all that being said, at least we didn’t hear the words “polar vortex” again...

(By the way, The Other Half continues to work on setting up her 2022 garden. She was working on setting up a cold frame on the front porch last Sunday afternoon. And we are still eating goodies out of the 2021 edition of her gardening adventure. As mentioned last week...fresh garden tomatoes can’t get here soon enough...)

PAST Heritage House Museum exhibit features quilt that tells story of George Washington's life

To commemorate President’s Month 2022, PAST’s Heritage House Museum in Jonesboro is featuring a unique piece of textile art made in 1932.

The hand crafted and stitched vintage bedspread tells some of the best known stories in the life of America’s first president, George Washington.

George Washington was born in 1732. A nationwide celebration was held during the 200th anniversary of the birth of the first president of the United States of America.

University of Illinois graduate and Peoria teacher Vivian Whiting Abbott chose to celebrate the occasion by creating a unique piece of textile art to exhibit at the 1932 Illinois State Fair.

When Vivian Abbott couldn’t find available im-

ages to represent key events in the life of the famous patriot, the creative artist designed and drew the silhouettes herself.

She carved her own designs into linoleum blocks and used printer’s ink to stamp the designs onto yellow satin quilt blocks.

She sewed the blocks together with blue satin sashing and finished the piece with lightweight batting and satin lining.

Her mother hand-quilted 48 stars (representing the 48 United States) into the “storybook” quilt.

The exceptional artistic bedspread won two first-place blue ribbon awards at the 1932 Illinois State Fair for the best art exhibit and the best textile fabric exhibit.

Union County’s Betty Bland inherited the heirloom spread from her fam-

ily. She and her children gifted the quilt to PAST so that its beauty and patriotic story may be shared with others.

The Washington commemorative spread is on display in the Heritage House Quilt Room during the month of February.

Open House Planned

PAST is planning to host an open house Sunday,

Feb. 27, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Heritage House Museum, which is located at 102 S Main St. Jonesboro.

Local historian and author Darrel Dexter is scheduled to make a presentation at 2 p.m., as a part of Civil War Weekend events. Admission is free. For more information, call 618-697-1870.

Anna VFW post planning to serve meals during February

Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna is planning to serve dinners during February.

Dinners will be served at the post, which is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna.

Taco Tuesday

Taco Tuesday is planned from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15. Tacos will be served for a donation of \$2 each. The public is welcome and carry outs will be available.

Chili Dogs

Chili dogs, chili or hot dogs will be served on Thursday Feb. 10, Feb. 17 and Feb. 24. Serving is planned from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. each Thursday. The public is welcome and carry outs will be available.

Fish Fry

A fish fry is planned Friday, Feb. 18. Serving will be from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The menu will include two pieces of fish, potato

salad and baked beans for a \$12 donation.

The public is welcome. Carry outs will be available.

Drive thru will be available for this meal. Drive thru orders must be placed by no later than noon on Feb. 18 by calling 833-7737 to make a reservation for a pick up time.

Chicken and Dumplings

A chicken and dumplings dinner is planned Monday, Feb. 21. Serving will be from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The menu will include chicken and dumplings, mashed potatoes, green beans, a roll and dessert for a \$12 donation.

The public is welcome. Dine in, carry outs and drive thru will be available. Drive thru orders must be placed by no later than 8 p.m. on Feb. 20 by calling 833-7737 to make a reservation for a pick up time.



Telling a special story A quilt telling the story of George Washington is featured at PAST’s Heritage House Museum in Jonesboro. Photo provided.

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