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News

Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

A rescheduled American Red Cross blood drive was planned Wednesday, Feb. 24, at Shawnee Community College's main campus near Ullin. The blood drive was rescheduled due to recent wintry weather.

National FFA Week is being commemorated: the week started Feb. 20 and continues through Feb. 27.

Early voting is scheduled to start Thursday, today, for April elections in Union County.

An exhibit titled "The Illinois Freedom Project" was set to open Tuesday, Feb. 23, at the Anna Arts Center in Anna. The exhibit is scheduled to be on display through March 13.

The Union County Museum in downtown Cobden plans to open for the 2021 season on Saturday, March 6.

The Union County Board of Commissioners has approved an annual allocation of \$5,000 to the Union County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development.

The county board has approved a regular allocation of \$3,000 to the Union County Senior Citizen program.

The county also has approved a three-year pledge of \$1,000 per year to the Union County CEO program.

Commissioner David Gould has been appointed to represent the county board on the Shawnee Development Council Board and the Southern Illinois Development Authority.

The Union County animal control program is working on a fund-raising effort to replace its truck, which was totaled in a recent accident.

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February's arctic cold air eases grip on region

Arctic air descended into the region on Feb. 7 and didn't let up until the afternoon on Feb. 20.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported on its website that the "duration of this cold air outbreak was impressive for a large chunk of the country including our area."

The weather service reported that Paducah set an all-time record with nine consecutive days remaining below 30 degrees. The previous record was seven days in 1978.

Carbondale tied an all-time record with 13 consecutive days remaining below 32 degrees, which also was set in 1978.

Numerous record lows and cold highs were established at Paducah, Carbondale, Cape Girardeau and Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Two snowstorms and an ice storm impacted the region during this time.

First came the ice storm on Feb. 10-11, then snowstorm number one on Feb. 15, and then snowstorm number two on Feb. 17-18.

By the morning of Feb. 18, much of the region had picked up between 4 and 12 inches of snow between the two snowstorms.

Paducah observed five consecutive days with measurable snow, which tied the all-time record that was set back in March 1960.

This helped achieve the third snowiest February on record for the city, with 12.2 inches.

Union County had a total of 8 inches of snow last week: 7 inches on Feb. 15 and another 1 inch on Feb. 17.

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Union County Temperatures Feb. 7-20

| | H | L |
|-------------|----|----|
| February 7 | 26 | 11 |
| February 8 | 32 | 21 |
| February 9 | 29 | 20 |
| February 10 | 28 | 21 |
| February 11 | 27 | 20 |
| February 12 | 23 | 13 |
| February 13 | 14 | 9 |
| February 14 | 12 | 2 |
| February 15 | 8 | 2 |
| February 16 | 19 | 1 |
| February 17 | 21 | 3 |
| February 18 | 29 | 15 |
| February 19 | 31 | 2 |
| February 20 | 37 | 6 |

Source: Local weather observer Dana Cross

Weather

After snow, cold, warmer temperatures

High temperatures climbed into the 50s early this week in the Union County area.

The high reached 52 degrees on Monday, Feb. 22. A week earlier, the high was 8 degrees on Feb. 15.

Precipitation during the period of Feb. 16-22 included 1 inch of snow (.07 of an inch of melted precipitation) on Feb. 17 and a trace of snow on Feb. 18.

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

| | H | L |
|--------------------|----|----|
| Tuesday, Feb. 16 | 19 | 1 |
| Wednesday, Feb. 17 | 21 | 3 |
| Thursday, Feb. 18 | 29 | 15 |
| Friday, Feb. 19 | 31 | 2 |
| Saturday, Feb. 20 | 37 | 6 |
| Sunday, Feb. 21 | 50 | 18 |
| Monday, Feb. 22 | 52 | 36 |



Snow melts in bright sunshine

Snow was melting in the bright sunshine Friday, Feb. 19. The photograph of a large pile of snow was taken on the parking lot of the Shawnee Community College extension center in Anna. After bitterly cold temperatures and heavy snow last week, the weather has moderated in the Union County area.

Disaster proclamation issued in response to severe winter weather conditions in Illinois

A disaster proclamation was issued Tuesday, Feb. 16, for all 102 Illinois counties in response to the dangerous winter storm that blanketed the state with life-threatening wind chills, power outages and accumulating snow. The proclamation was issued by Gov. JB Pritzker.

Extreme arctic temperatures affected more than 10 states last week, which placed additional stress on utility providers across the nation.

As of late on the morning of Feb. 16, approximately 7,000 Illinois households were without power. That number was expected to fluctuate as the strain of arctic temperatures and extreme weather continued.

To alleviate stress on the nation's grid, all Illinois residents were encouraged to take appropriate measures to safely conserve energy last week.

"I have directed my administration to use all resources at our disposal to keep our communities

safe amid dangerous and ongoing winter weather," the governor said when he issued the proclamation.

"We are in communication with local governments to ensure they have the support they need in disaster response and recovery operations," he added.

"We are also working with our federal partners to pursue federal assistance to help communities recover

and to do what we can to protect ratepayers from soaring utility bills."

At the time, the governor urged all Illinois residents to take the "extreme weather seriously, avoid all unnecessary travel and check in on your neighbors."

Extreme winter weather resulted in frozen wells in key natural gas producing states, including Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas.

The sub-zero temperatures were resulting in increased demand and decreased supply, causing natural gas prices to spike.

Utility companies across the nation were reporting soaring wholesale costs, and without federal intervention, those increased prices could result in higher utility bills for Illinois residents in the coming weeks.

Southern Seven update, as of Feb. 22

2,134 COVID-19 cases in county

The number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Union County since the start of the pandemic totaled 2,134 as of Monday, Feb. 22, Southern Seven Health Department.

The health department reported on Friday, Feb. 19, that COVID-19 claimed the lives of two more Union County residents: one woman in her 60s and one woman in her 80s.

The health department reported seven newly con-

firmed cases of COVID-19 in Union County on Feb. 22.

The health department reported the following number of newly confirmed cases in the county, by age:

Two in their teens. One in the 20s. Two in their 50s. Two in their 70s.

Total COVID-19 statistics for Union County since the start of the pandemic, as of Feb. 22, follow:

2,134 cases. 2,074 recovered. 32 active cases. 28

deaths had been reported.

Southern Seven Health Department serves Union, Alexander, Hardin, Johnson, Massac, Pope and Pulaski counties.

As of Feb. 22, the health department reported the following statistics for the seven area counties it serves:

19 newly confirmed cases. 51 newly recovered cases. 124 total active cases. 87 total deaths. 6,451 cumulative total cases.



Another snowy day

Motorists found themselves driving through another round of snowy weather on Wednesday morning, Feb. 17. The photograph was taken along old U.S. Route 51 near Anna. Falling snow was blowing across the highway at the time.



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Denny appointed as Resident Circuit Judge

Justice David K. Overstreet and the Illinois Supreme Court recently announced the appointment of Timothy D. Denny as a Resident Circuit Judge for Union County in the First Judicial Circuit.

Denny is being appointed to fill the vacancy created by the election of Judge Mark M. Boie to the Fifth District Appellate Court in November 2020.

The appointment takes effect on March 1, 2021, and will conclude on December 5, 2022, when the vacancy will be filled by the winner of the November 2022 general election.

"I am pleased to find an experienced and well-respected attorney in Mr. Denny, who grew up in Union County and came back to the area after law school to live, work, and raise his family," Justice Overstreet said in a news release.

"He is a servant leader in his community and will make an outstanding Resident Circuit Judge in Union County and will be an asset to the judiciary throughout the First Judicial Circuit."

Justice Overstreet recommended the appointment to the full Court following a review of applicants by a five-person screening committee, which included the Hon. Stephen Spomer, retired Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court, Fifth District; attorney Mark Johnson of Johnson,

Schneider & Ferrell, LLC; Elvis Cameron of Cameron Law Firm, LLC; Southern Illinois School of Law professor Suzanne Schmitz, retired; and attorney Rebecca Whittington of Rebecca Whittington Attorney at Law.

"I want to thank Justice Overstreet and the judicial screening committee for the honor of this appointment. I also want to thank my wife Kendra for supporting me throughout my career," Mr. Denny said.

"I look forward to serving the citizens of Union County and the First Judicial Circuit as a resident circuit judge."

Mr. Denny has worked in private practice for over 15 years, most recently as the owner of the Law Office of Tim Denny, LLC.

He was previously a partner at the Law Offices of Foley and Denny from 2012 to 2019, and an associate and junior partner at Feirich/Mager/Green/Ryan from 2006 to 2012.

He has additionally worked for Rusin & Maciorowski, Ltd., and Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen, P.C. in civil litigation defense and workers compensation defense.

The new judge is scheduled to take his oath of office during a ceremony which is set for 3:30 p.m. on March 1. The ceremony will be at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

County board meets Friday

Winter weather's impact on local roads addressed

The work done on local roads during recent wintry weather was noted at last week's regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners.

The meeting was Friday morning, Feb. 19, at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Attendance at the meeting again was limited in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting was livestreamed on YouTube. The Gazette-Democrat viewed the meeting online.

Union County Board of Commissioners chairman Max Miller said at the meeting that he had received a lot of compliments on the work which was being done to clear local roads during the extreme wintry weather.

"There have been a lot of compliments," Miller said. "We appreciate everything the highway department has been doing through all of this."

County commissioner Darryl Harvell echoed Miller's thoughts. Harvell said the highway department had been doing an excellent job.

Union County Highway Department engineer Jeff Denny said Thursday, Feb. 18, that crews had been working very long days in response to February's multiple rounds of sleet, snow, ice and bitterly cold temperatures.

Denny said that highway department crews had worked "pretty much nonstop" during three rounds of wintry weather which impacted the area.

A combination of sleet, freezing rain, snow, ice and bitter cold were "about as bad as we typically see," Denny said.

Six to inches of snow fell on the Union County area last

week. The snowy conditions on local roads were made more challenging by drifting.

The highway department had 14 persons, nine snow plows, a grader and a tractor/blade working to clear roads. Crews were putting in days that stretched for 12, 14 and 16 hours. Work crews were split to tackle the job.

Sheriff issues monthly reports

Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel has released his department's monthly activity reports for the months of December and January. Highlights from the reports follow:

December

Felony arrests, eight. Misdemeanor arrests, 23. Traffic arrests, 24. Warrant arrests, two. Total arrests, 57.

Cases opened, 36. Drug investigations, nine. Crash reports, 18. 911 calls, 1,717. Miles patrolled, 11,211.

January

Felony arrests, seven. Misdemeanor arrests, 12. Traffic arrests, 23. Warrant arrests, two. Total arrests, 44.

Cases opened, 33. Drug investigations, six. Crash reports, 12. 911 calls, 1,484. Miles patrolled, 10,597.

The Illinois General Assembly passed the Internal Improvement Act on Feb. 27, 1837. The act called for a statewide program of public works. Roads and railroads were to be built, and rivers and streams made navigable, all at state expense. The scheme collapsed under its own weight by 1841, leaving in its wake a huge state debt.

Arctic cold

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Aided by a fresh deep snowpack, overnight lows plummeted below zero in many locations on the mornings of Feb. 16 and 19.

The weather reported that "another impressive feat" was the duration of dangerously cold wind chills observed Feb. 14-16.

Paducah went 54 straight hours with a wind chill at or below 5 degrees. Wind chills of this magnitude for that duration hadn't been observed since 1985 in Paducah.

It was close to breaking the record for longest duration with wind chills at or below 5 degrees, which was 58 hours set in 1962.

In Cape Girardeau, they observed 60 consecutive hours with wind chills below 0.

This shattered the all-time record, which was 46 straight hours set in 1985. Wind chill data goes back to 1972 in Cape Girardeau.

In Carbondale, they observed a record-shattering 86 consecutive hours with wind chills below 0. The previous record was 22 hours on New Year's Day 2018. Wind chill data goes back to 1973 in Carbondale.

The average temperature in Paducah between Feb. 13-17 was 12.2 degrees. This is the coldest five-day period since 1997 for the city.

Similar results were observed across other portions of the area.

Carbondale, Poplar Bluff, Mo., and Cape Girardeau observed average temperatures of 8.0, 10.9, and 9.2, respectively, over this five-day period. This was the coldest five-day period since 1996 or 1997 for these cities.

In Union County, the high temperature was a bitterly cold 8 degrees on Monday, Feb. 15. The low that day was 2.

The area has begun to experience a warm up, which has been accompanied by bright sunshine. The high temperature climbed to 52 degrees on Monday, Feb. 22, in Union County.

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Illinois State Police District 22 is planning to conduct roadside safety checks in Union County during March. Officers working the roadside safety checks detail will be watchful for drivers who are operating vehicles in an unsafe manner, driving with a suspended or revoked driver's license and transporting open alcoholic beverages. Officers especially will be watching for violations involving driving under the influence, safety belt and child restraint use, speeding, distracted driving and all Illinois Vehicle Code and criminal violations.

Trash pick up in area communities have been impacted by the recent wintry weather. Officials were hoping that service would return to "normal" with the arrival of warmer weather.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah was reporting that a long period of consecutive days with temperatures remaining below 60 degrees might have come to an end on Tuesday. As of early this week, such temperatures had not been seen for more than 60 days in Cape Girardeau and Carbondale.

Shawnee Community College is planning to host a virtual job fair from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on March 17.

A few of the new businesses which are publishing assumed name notices in this newspaper include Hair Heaven, Kelsey McMahan. The Cobden Cottage, Shane Bruce. The Best of Shawnee Hills Wine Country, Mitchell M. Miller; and, in Alexander County, as seen in Monday's Pub., Mr A's, Tammese Arnold. Spirit of the Creek Fine Art Jewelry, Cynthia Caldwell-Hefner.

The Ebenezer Hall Cemetery Board planned to have its annual meeting on Monday night, Feb. 22. If the weather was bad, the meeting was going to be rescheduled for March 1.

Matthew Heisserer is on the President's List at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau. He is the grandson of publisher Jerry L. Reppert.

The Illinois Department of Agriculture and the Illinois State Fire Marshal are promoting Grain Bin Safety Week Feb. 21-27.

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Madigan resigns from Illinois House effective immediately

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SPRINGFIELD — Former House Speaker Michael J. Madigan, 78, announced Thursday, Feb. 18, he will step down from the state House of Representatives after 50 years in office.

"I leave office at peace with my decision and proud of the many contributions I've made to the state of Illinois, and I do so knowing I've made a difference," Madigan wrote in a lengthy emailed statement.

His initial statement said he planned to retire by the end of the month, but by the end of Thursday, Feb. 18, the letter he submitted to the clerk of the Illinois House said his resignation was effective immediately, a spokesperson confirmed. His current term, which he won in November, would have ended in January 2023.

Madigan, who was the longest serving state House speaker in the country, failed to earn enough support to win another term as speaker, resulting in the election in January of Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch.

Madigan's support within the Democratic caucus began to fracture after federal prosecutors revealed last July that utility giant Commonwealth Edison



Former Illinois House Speaker
Former House Speaker Michael Madigan speaks at an Illinois Democratic County Chairs Association brunch in 2019. He announced Thursday, Feb. 18, that he will step down as a member of the House of Representatives. Capitol News Illinois file photo by Jerry Nowicki.

admitted its executives were bribing associates of Madigan in a yearslong scheme in order to ensure legislation favorable to the company.

Although he has not been charged and he denies wrongdoing, Madigan was forced on the defensive after Republican lawmakers launched a special committee to investigate his involvement in the scheme. That committee ended with a partisan finding that Madigan did not commit conduct unbecoming of a lawmaker. "It's no secret that I

have been the target of vicious attacks by people who sought to diminish my many achievements lifting up the working people of Illinois. The fact is, my motivation for holding elected office has never wavered. I have been resolute in my dedication to public service and integrity, always acting in the interest of the people of Illinois," Madigan said in the statement.

Madigan, who was raised in the Clearing neighborhood on Chicago's southwest side, is a graduate of Notre Dame University and Loyola University Chicago School of Law.

In 1969, just two years after graduating law school, Madigan was elected the Democratic committeeman for the city's 13th ward, and slated as a delegate to the 1970 constitutional convention. In 1970, he was first elected to represent the 22nd District, which covers a portion of the southwest side of Chicago.

Madigan has served as a partner in his Chicago tax appeal law firm, Madigan & Getzendanner, since he co-founded the firm in 1972.

He was first elected Speaker of the House in 1983 and served, for all but two years, until January 2021. In 1998, he was elected to serve as state Demo-

cratic Party chair, a position he also has resigned from.

His term as party chair ends in March 2022. A spokesperson for Madigan did not comment on his plans for that role.

As party chairman, Madigan was in control of the Democratic Party of Illinois' committee fund, which has nearly \$2 million on hand.

Even after he leaves the House, Madigan will also still control two other massive political committee funds: the Friends of Michael J. Madigan, which stands at more than \$13.5 million and the 13th Ward Democratic Organization, which has more than \$2.6 million.

Kent Redfield, an emeritus professor of political science at the University of Illinois at Springfield, said Madigan can continue to accept contributions to the Friends of Michael J. Madigan and the 13th Ward group and distribute money from those committees to other candidates' committees.

Redfield said Madigan's sources of power came from controlling the legislative process in the House, and "being able to aggregate and distribute money, which gave him huge control over who ran for office, as well as his having an impact on those campaigns."

"That was the key to the power that he had," Redfield said. "Losing the speakership and resigning from the legislature — he's in a significantly weakened position, and it's not clear how much influence he's going to exercise over the (Democratic Party of Illinois)."

Madigan's oversight of an enormous campaign war chest as the Illinois Democratic Party's chair, as well as his unilateral power over the House chamber, led some, especially Republicans, to demonize him as a corrupt machine boss who, with the support of organized labor and trial lawyers, controlled Illinois' state government.

Former Gov. Bruce Rauner, who campaigned on busting unions in Illinois, regularly ran ads during his single term, which was plagued by a two-year budget impasse, that characterized Madigan as a power-hungry puppet master.

Republican House Minority Leader Jim Durkin, of Western Springs, who initiated the special committee

investigation into Madigan, echoed this characterization of Madigan, describing the former Speaker's tenure as an "autocratic rule" that "has not made Illinois a more prosperous nor competitive state."

Durkin said in his written statement that Madigan's resignation represents a "new day" in Illinois that he has been looking forward to for many years.

"I urge the Democrats in both Chambers and the Governor to reflect on how we can use this opportunity to improve Illinois," Durkin said. "Our state is in shambles: financially, structurally and ethically. New ideas and sincere collaboration between the parties is the only pathway forward."

During his five decades in the General Assembly, Madigan has overseen significant legislative achievements that include the passage of a same-sex marriage law and raising the minimum wage to \$15 by 2025.

Welch, D-Hillside, said in a written statement that he appreciates Madigan's contributions and wishes him well.

"Under him, we've had strong, sustained Democratic leadership in Springfield. We legalized same-sex marriage, abolished the death penalty and solidified abortion rights. Illinois also became the first state in the Midwest to increase the minimum wage to \$15 an hour. These laws gave

underserved populations a new sense of hope," Welch said.

"Now we must build on that with a new generation of leadership focused on racial and gender equity in all dimensions, improving government transparency, and leading with the kind of conviction, compassion and cooperation expected by our constituents."

Gov. JB Pritzker also expressed his gratitude for Madigan's service, and thanked his family too.

"One thing I will say is that when you serve as long, and in as dedicated a fashion in terms of just the sheer number of hours that the man put into the job, his family can really suffer," Pritzker said in an unrelated public appearance in Belleville Thursday.

"It's a challenge for the spouses and children and grandchildren of somebody who's put that much into public service and I really just want to call them out today and say, they really deserve kudos for the public service that former Speaker Madigan did because it's the family that often suffers, the fact that he's not home when they would like him to be."

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Extension welcomes new family life team member who is serving Southern Illinois area

Robin Ridgley is the newest member of the University of Illinois Extension family life team.

She is serving Franklin, Jackson, Perry, Randolph, and Williamson counties in Southern Illinois.

"We're excited to welcome Robin to the Illinois Extension team. As a family life educator, her work will address important issues that many families face, especially during a global pandemic," Extension county director Lynn Heins said in a news release.

"Her program priorities relate to social-emotional wellness, brain health, and family relationships. Much of Robin's work aligns with community partners and results in larger impact for our communities."

A native of Benton, and

a two-time Southern Illinois University alumna, Ridgley received her bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's degree in education administration.

She has many years of experience teaching in the public school system.

Most recently, she served as a family services school-based counselor and a prevention specialist at Centerstone, a not-for-profit mental health care provider.

Ridgley has also served youth in foster care as a child welfare specialist at Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, a not-for-profit social services agency.

She lives in Creal Springs with her husband, Rick Ridgley. Together, they lead a local support group for those who have experienced, or are experiencing, divorce.

She has three grown children and two grandchildren with whom she enjoys sharing her love of birding and collecting driftwood.

Ridgley said she is excited to connect with local partners and community members as she provides educational programming and resources on healthy living throughout the lifespan.

She is based in the Williamson County office and can be reached at rridgley@illinois.edu or 618-993-3304.



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Dick's retirement allows us the opportunity to welcome Mark Chamness as our newest board member.

Mark, who is an Anna native, graduated from SIU-Carbondale in December of 2008, obtained his CPA license in 2011, and now owns and operates Whitney Accounting in Anna.



Picture from left: Bank president/CEO Scott Wilson, Mark Chamness and chairman of the board Phil Hileman.



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Early & Grace Period Voting Schedule

2021 Consolidated Election April 6, 2021

Early Voting Schedule

Starting Thursday, February 25, 2021, through Monday, April 5, 2021, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Excluding weekends except dates listed below:

Saturday, March 27, 2021 - 8 a.m. to Noon
Sunday, March 28, 2021 - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Grace Period Voting Schedule

Starting Wednesday, March 10, 2021, through Monday, April 5, 2021, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Excluding weekends except dates listed below and Tuesday, April 6, 2021, Consolidated Election Day.

Saturday, March 27, 2021 - 8 a.m. to Noon
Sunday, March 28, 2021 - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Consolidated Election Day is Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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Sports

Cobden improves to 4-0 with wins on Saturday

The Cobden High School boys' basketball team hadn't played in the last two weeks because of bad weather, but made up for it with a pair of wins at home Saturday, Feb. 20.

"We had to cancel six games," Cobden coach Wendell Wheeler said. "It was good to get to play again."

The Appleknockers defeated Elverado and Egyptian.

Cobden 70, Elverado 19: The Appleknockers pulled ahead early on the way to the win in their final game Saturday.

Cobden led 23-4 after one quarter and 47-10 at the half.

Noah Franklin had 22 points and 10 rebounds to lead Cobden.

Elliott Loundes had 15 points, 9 rebounds, 4 assists and 3 blocked shots.

Tyler Franklin had 13

points and 6 rebounds. John Eck had 8 points and 5 rebounds. Sippy Zamora had 5 points. Edwin Funes had 4 points and 5 rebounds. Nolan Hand had 2 points.

Cobden 80, Egyptian 32: The Appleknockers were ahead 27-4 after one quarter and 44-13 at the half in the opening game win Saturday.

Noah Franklin had 25 points, 18 rebounds and 8 assists to lead Cobden.

Tyler Franklin had 21 points and 13 rebounds. Loundes had 18 points and 7 rebounds.

Drake Campbell had 8 points and 4 rebounds. Eck had 4 points and 3 rebounds. Brock Reynolds had 2 points and a rebound.

John Fuhrhop had 2 points. Zamora had 4 rebounds.

Cobden, 4-0, is scheduled to play Friday at Elverado and Saturday at home against Meridian.

Lady Wildcats score win over visiting Du Quoin



A-J girls in action

Anna-Jonesboro, in dark uniforms, faced host Pinckneyville in girls' high school basketball action Saturday, Feb. 20. Photo courtesy of the Pinckneyville Press.

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' basketball team posted a win over Du Quoin and fell to Pinckneyville in action last weekend.

Pinckneyville 27, A-J 16: The visiting Lady Wildcats couldn't hold a halftime lead in the loss Saturday, Feb. 20.

"We were so tired from the Du Quoin win on Friday," A-J coach Matt Denny said. "We just took too many shots early that we didn't make."

A-J held an 11-9 lead at the end of the first half. The Lady Panthers led 17-15 after three periods and outscored A-J 10-1 in the final quarter.

Jaley Watkins had 7 points, 3 rebounds and steals, a blocked shot and an assist to lead the Lady Wildcats.

Addison Denny had 6 points, 12 rebounds, 2 steals and an assist. Anna Hess had 3 points, 4 rebounds and 2 steals. Brodie Denny had 5 rebounds. Olivia Capel had 2 assists, a steal

and a rebound.

A-J 39, Du Quoin 36: Watkins closed out the scoring with a basket and a pair of free throw to lift the host Lady Wildcats to the win Friday, Feb. 19.

Watkins had 13 points, 2 rebounds and steals and an assist to lead the Lady Wildcats.

Hess had 11 points and 4 rebounds and steals. Addison Denny had 5 points, 13 rebounds, 4 steals, 2 assists and a blocked shot. Jenna Sadler had 2 points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals and an assist. Capel had 5 points, 2 assists and a rebound. Brodie Denny had a rebound.

A-J was 11 of 29 in shot attempts from the floor, 3 of 18 from 3-point range and 8 of 20 from the free throw line.

The Lady Indians were 9 of 36 in shot attempts from the floor, 3 of 7 from 3-point range and 11 of 17 from the charity stripe.

A-J, 3-2, plays again Thursday, today, at home against Nashville and Saturday at home against Vienna.

Cobden players scoring in double figures

Three players on the Cobden High School boys' basketball team are scoring in double figures this season.

Noah Franklin leads the way, averaging 23 points, 13 rebounds and 7 assists a game. He is also shooting 60 percent from the floor.

Elliott Loundes is averaging 21 points and 9 rebounds, and is shooting 63 percent from the floor.

Tyler Franklin is averaging 12.5 points and 8 rebounds, and shooting 67 percent from the floor.

Cobden scores win over Dongola

Cobden rolled to a 74-6 win over host Dongola in South Egyptian Conference high school boys' basketball Monday, Feb. 22.

Elliott Loundes had 16 points to lead the Appleknockers.

Noah Franklin scored 15 points for Cobden. Drake Campbell had 12, Nolan Hand 8, Tyler Franklin 6, John Eck 4, Cooper Flamm 3, and Brady Bundren, Brock Reynolds, Sippy Zamora, John Fuhrhop and Edwin Funes 2 apiece.

Hunter McCommons had 3 points to lead the Demons. Noah Wiseman had 2 points and Matthew Prout 1.

Cobden, 5-0, is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at Egyptian.

IDNR systems go offline for updating

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, announced that point-of-sale license and permit systems and on-line license, permit, campground reservation and registration services would be offline starting Feb. 23 and continuing through Feb. 28.

The action was necessary as part of the transition to a new system that is scheduled to begin operation in March, IDNR said in a news release.

The shutdown is necessary for data and operating systems to be updated for implementation of new enhanced IDNR online and point-of-sale services which are set to begin March 1.

IDNR plans to begin the sale of 2021 Illinois hunting, fishing and sportsman combination licenses on March 1.

All 2020 hunting, fishing and combination licenses are valid through March 31, 2021.

Updated information is available by checking the IDNR website at <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/Pages/default.aspx>.

Wildcats face Du Quoin, Pinckneyville



Talking strategy

Visiting Anna-Jonesboro discusses strategy during a boys' high school basketball game at Du Quoin Saturday, Feb. 20. Photo courtesy of Du Quoin Weekly.

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' basketball team lost twice in last weekend's action.

Du Quoin 57, A-J 39: The visiting Wildcats failed to score in the first quarter in the loss Saturday, Feb. 20.

The Indians led 15-0 after the opening quarter.

Maddox Thorpe led A-J with 15 points and 2 rebounds.

Bryce Henry added 6 points, 5 rebounds. Dylan Harvel had 6 points and 4 rebounds.

Landon Trammel had 5 points and 2 rebounds. Juan

Valencia had 4 points and 3 rebounds. Ethan Carver had 3 points and 3 rebounds.

The Wildcats were 13 of 28 in shot attempts from the floor, 3 of 12 from 3-point range and 4 of 8 from the free throw line.

The Indians were 18 of 37 in shot attempts from the floor, 4 of 12 from 3-point range and 7 of 11 from the charity stripe.

Pinckneyville 63, A-J 33: The host Wildcats couldn't recover from the first period in the loss Friday, Feb. 19.

The Panthers were ahead 15-8 after one quarter. Thorpe made a 3-pointer

at the end of the quarter to pull A-J to 25-15 at the half.

Thorpe had 19 points to lead the Wildcats.

Henry added 7 points and 2 rebounds. Harvel had 5 points and 4 rebounds. Valencia had 2 points and 2 rebounds.

A-J was 8 of 23 in shot attempts from the floor, 3 of 9 from 3-point range and 8 of 12 from the free throw line.

The Panthers were 25 of 40 in shot attempts from the field, 2 of 9 from 3-point range and 7 of 10 from the charity stripe.

A-J, 1-6, is scheduled to play Friday at Nashville and Saturday at Harrisburg.

River to River Relay again postponed due to pandemic

The 34th running of the River to River Relay has been postponed for the second year in row due to the ongoing coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

An announcement about the popular event was made recently on social media by the relay's race director.

The River to River Relay traditionally is run during April. The relay route begins in the LaRue-Pine Hills area near Wolf Lake and ends in Golconda.

The 2020 running of the River to River Relay was postponed due to the pandemic.

Race director Brad Dillard announced the postponement of the event for 2021 in a message which was posted Jan. 24 on social media.

"After much discussion and thought, The River to River Relay Organizing Committee and the River to River Runners' Club have come to the unfortunate conclusion that the only responsible course of action is to postpone the 34th running of the River to River Relay again until April 23, 2022," the message shared.

"Trying to bring 2,000

runners from all 50 states and some international destinations into Southern Illinois literally by planes, trains, and automobiles during a still raging pandemic does not seem to be the appropriate course of action.

"Additionally, many runners and volunteers alike have unofficially indicated they would not feel comfortable participating in the Relay in April dramatically effecting the quality of an event we could conduct."

The race director's message voiced appreciation for "everybody's patience as we intentionally waited until what we felt was the very last minute to make a decision. Back in December we had some hope that with the announcement of new vaccines we would be in a much improved position by the end of January but, overall, that is not the case."

Organizers "also carefully studied other options like having the Relay in September. However, Septem-

ber has hurdles like there being substantially less daylight compared to April, and if large scale running events are able to proceed (a big IF), there would be many conflicts for runners and volunteers alike."

"While we are extremely disappointed at having to take this path, the safety of runners and volunteers will always be our first priority and we are confident this is the only responsible option with the current status of the pandemic and vaccination program.

"All team registrations and start times will continue to push forward exactly where they are at now so team managers do not need to take any action to participate in the 2022 Relay. Just keep training.

"We thank all runners and volunteers for their interest and dedication to the River to River Relay and we will begin immediately working on the 2022 race and what we expect to be the the best one yet!"

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A-J football to open practice for spring season



Frozen field
Anna-Jonesboro Community High School's football field was under a layer of sleet, snow and ice when the photograph was taken on Saturday, Feb. 13.

High school football, traditionally a fall sport, will be played this spring in Illinois. The fall 2020 season was postponed due to the ongoing coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. Practice for the spring season is scheduled to begin Wednesday, March 3. Anna-Jonesboro Community High School head football coach Brett De-

tering said it will be "good to finally get a chance to play." A six-game abbreviated football season is scheduled begin March 19 and run through April 24. The fall season normally features a 9-game schedule. Practice for the 2021 team will begin for the Wildcats on March 3 and will only have one-a-day

sessions beginning at 3 p.m. and running though 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Wildcats are scheduled to open their season March 20 at Carterville. A-J's season is scheduled to end April 23 at home against Nashville. A-J's March games are scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. on Saturdays. During April, games are

scheduled to be played at 7 p.m. on Fridays. There will be no state playoffs. The Wildcats will play for the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division championship only. The season will feature a five-game conference schedule, along with one non-conference game against Murphysboro.

Summer 4-H conference will let teens virtually explore potential careers

For many teens, deciding where they want to attend college and what they may want to study is challenging. Some may even be the first in their family to attend college.

Illinois 4-H works to make college and career exploration easier for teens in the state by hosting a five-day conference with University of Illinois faculty where youth can explore fields of study before committing to one path.

The long-standing conference will be virtual for 2021.

After a 2020 cancellation due to COVID-19, Illini Summer Academies is getting a redesign to provide a virtual program that will provide teens the opportunity to explore future careers while working with Illinois professors.

University of Illinois Extension, the parent organization of 4-H, typically brings more than 300 teens to campus to work in different academic fields of study with elite university professors and graduate students.

This year, teens will get a lot of the same experiences with hands-on training in a virtual format.

"This is such a powerful experience for teens that we knew we had to deliver on an updated format this year," Extension 4-H youth development specialist Cindy Ogwal said in a news release.

"I was so excited by the response and innovation we received from the campus departments. We have some

exciting new additions to the academies, and I think teens will be excited by the hands-on experience the conference can still provide even in a virtual format."

This year, participants may choose one from the following academies of study: electrical and computer engineering, veterinary medicine, honeybees and beekeeping, media and communications, animal sciences, food production, future teacher academy, save the world with agricultural, consumer and environmental sciences, business academy, environmental sciences and family and relationship studies.

"We're so excited by the challenge reimagine what Illini Summer Academies can be and provide a positive youth development experience for teens," Ogwal said.

Illinois 4-H has offered a summer teen leadership program for more than 50 years, although this will be the first time the conference will be held virtually. Cost varies, depending on the academy selected.

The conference to run from June 27 to July 1. Information and registration are available online at go.illinois.edu/illini4H.

Registration closes March 24, though some academies may fill prior to the close of registration.

The conference is supported financially by the Illinois 4-H Foundation, which provided scholarships to delegates.

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A-J girls top Sparta

Addison Denny scored 21 points and pulled down 14 rebounds to lead the host Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' basketball team to a 51-21 win over Sparta in Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division play Monday, Feb. 22.

Anna Hess scored 8 points and 3 rebounds for the Lady Wildcats.

Olivia Capel scored 8 points, including a pair of 3-pointers. Anna Hess had 8 points and 3 rebounds. Brodie Denny had 4 points and 7 rebounds.

Jenna Sadler had 4 points and 3 rebounds. Jaley Watkins and Marlee Smith had 2 points and 4 rebounds apiece. Campbell Belcher added 2 points.

A-J, 4-2, plays Thursday, today, at home against Nashville.

Weather impacts schedule

The high school basketball season had already been impacted by the ongoing coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

Now, during the winter, snow and ice are adding additional challenges for local teams.

Recent snow and ice led to the cancellation of games for every area high school basketball team.

Now, athletic directors at the schools are trying to reschedule games that were cancelled due to the bad weather.

One other challenge also has surfaced: trying to find officials for games that are rescheduled.

The high school basketball season is scheduled to end March 13.

With the end of season drawing close, teams more than likely won't be able to reschedule some of their games.

Motorists implored to follow Illinois Move Over Law

With multiple recent crashes involving Illinois State Police, ISP, troopers, state officials are imploring that motorists respect the Move Over Law and use caution when approaching emergency vehicles on interstates and roads.

State officials reported on Tuesday, Feb. 16, that in previous three days, six ISP squad cars had been struck due to motorists disobeying the Move Over Law (also known as Scott's Law), bringing the year-to-date total to 10 in 2021.

Three of the recent incidents resulted in injuries, including one serious injury. The incidents occurred across the state in ISP Districts 2, 5, 13, 16 and Chicago. Union County is in ISP District 22.

"Scott's Law is critical to keeping our first responders safe as they heroically serve us on our roadways," Gov. JB Pritzker said in a news release.

The governor said that especially in the midst of extreme winter weather which occurred in mid-February, it was "imperative that drivers slow down and move over as they approach a vehicle with their hazard lights on. I'm praying for our Illinois State Police troopers who

have been injured in the line of duty in recent days and imploring all Illinoisans to drive safely and follow the law."

"We are only six weeks into the new year and we've already had ten squad cars struck because people do not obey the law," ISP director Brendan Kelly said.

"But this is about more than just obeying the law... it's about basic decency and respect for the very lives of the brave souls on our streets simply trying to help the public."

The governor has been heavily involved in the effort to bring awareness to the Move Over (Scott's) Law and signed two pieces of legislation in 2019 as a part of his ongoing effort.

Public Act 101-173 increased the fines for those violating this law. A person who violates Scott's Law, commits a business offense and faces a fine of no less than \$250 or more than \$10,000 for a first offense.

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

Additionally, a Move Over Task Force, implemented through Public Act

101-174, was created to study the issues of violations of the Move Over (Scott's) Law and how to protect emergency responders. Both Senate bills were effective Jan. 1, 2020.

As chair of the Move Over Task Force, Kelly continues to make the Move Over Law a top priority.

"As an agency, we have responded to the preventable loss of four ISP troopers in 2019 with resiliency and a focused mission to protect those who are trying to protect all of us. As long as the danger to our first responders exists, and the danger is obviously apparent, we will continue to raise awareness and aggressively enforce the Move Over (Scott's) Law."

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

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

Paducah Long Range Outlook

Temperature Outlook for the end of February and early March

Normal Temperatures for this Period

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• Lows: Lower 50s

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Long range forecast

The National Weather Service office in Paducah says: "If you've had enough of the cold, the long range forecast looks promising as we end February and begin March. Above normal temperatures are favored during this period" in Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky. (Posted Thursday, Feb. 18, on the website for the National Weather Service office in Paducah.)

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth."

God added: "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings." From the Book of Genesis

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him. From the First Letter of Peter

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." From the Gospel of Mark

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News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

Due to the parking lot still being covered in ice, Camp Ground Church held worship via Zoom last Sunday.

Rev. Thompson's sermon Sunday, the first Sunday of Lent, was titled "The Temptations of Christ," with scripture from Mark and Matthew.

The message recalled that "immediately after Christ's baptism, He was led to a wilderness for 40 days of fasting. At the end of that fast, Satan tempted Christ three times, but He did not give in.

"In the first temptation, Satan tried to get Jesus to use supernatural ability to benefit Himself rather than others: to turn the stones into bread. Christ set the example that our spiritual needs should take priority over our physical wants.

"After the 'fall' of Adam and Eve, Satan and sin had ruled the world. In the second temptation, Satan offered authority over the world back to Jesus if He would worship him. God had created the world; Christ did not compromise his authority.

"Finally, Satan took Jesus to the top of the temple, and urged Him to jump and let the angels catch Him. Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, resisted temptation and responded 'do not put the Lord your God to the test.'

"Even if we resist temptation/sin, Satan never gives up; he always returns/is waiting to tempt us.

"The Holy Spirit wants to fill us and make us strong so that we can withstand any temptation Satan offers us during our earthly life."

At the beginning of the

service, concerns and praises were shared, followed by the intercessory prayer and the children's sermon.

Those who feel comfortable with in-person study and worship are invited to come to Camp Ground Church for Bible study at 9:30 a.m., followed by worship at 10:30 a.m.

Services are also available via Zoom. Any member of the congregation can be contacted to be connected to the link.

Happy birthday wishes go to Dwight Boaz, whose birthday was Feb. 24.

Congratulations go to Phillip and Linda Brown, whose wedding anniversary was Monday, Feb. 22.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

Due to the icy condition of the church parking lot on Sunday, Feb. 14, Pastor Perry Williams brought the message from his home via Facebook. The message was based on scripture from Luke and discussed "the examples Jesus left for us regarding giving to the church and our mission as Christians."

On Sunday, Feb. 21, Pastor Perry Williams spoke at both morning and evening services.

The morning message, "Lions, Giants and Bears," was based on scripture from 1st Samuel.

The sermons on Feb. 21 were sent via transmitter for worshippers who stayed in their cars on the church's lower parking lot while tuned in to their radios on station 87.9 FM.

The messages also were live streamed on Facebook, where they can be viewed.

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

During the morning service, music director Dee Rose led worship. Debbie York was pianist. Megan Tehandon sang a special, "Lead to the Cross."

Birthdays: Cindy Pender, Liz Wilkins, Feb. 15; Betty Tutt, Feb. 18; Jackie Dillow, Feb. 19; Kenmore Rowe, Feb. 20; James Dillow, Feb. 22; Edna Dallas, Jean Eudy, Feb. 23; Alma Osterholm, Feb. 24.

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

Prayer and Bible study, as well as youth group meetings, are scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

A morning worship service was held Sunday, Feb. 21, at 10:35 a.m. on Zoom. Pastor Randy Wright and Jack and Nina Shepard opened the service with song.

The pastor's message on Sunday was titled "Peace of Mind." Scripture was from Galatians.

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

Birthdays: Bryce Wright, Feb. 21.

Anniversary: Richard and Brenda Keeley, Feb. 23.

Friday night Bible study is planned at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, on Zoom. Pastor Wright can be texted for the password prior to the meeting.

Illinois District Virtual Team Days are planned through March 31. Those who want to participate can choose to view sessions on their schedule.

The courses will be available in an easy format with simple links to each presentation through March 31 on the district website at <https://illinoisnaz.org/event/team-day-south-2021/>.

A free grocery giveaway is planned from 10 a.m. to noon on Feb. 27. Those who would like to receive groceries are asked to enter the church parking lot by way of Kirk Street and proceed to the fellowship hall.

Feb. 28 is Alabaster Offering Sunday

Adult Sunday School is planned at 9:30 a.m. on Feb. 28.

Sunday School for children is planned from 9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. on Feb. 28.

A morning worship service is planned at 10:35 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, in the sanctuary and on Zoom. The service will be available in the parking lot on the radio for those who do not feel comfortable coming inside the sanctuary. CDC guidelines will be followed by wearing masks, social distancing and families sitting together.

Evangelism multiplication training is planned at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 28, March 7 and March 14, at the church or virtually. Those who want to participate are asked to contact the pastor or respond to the event on the church's Facebook page.

A Wednesday night service is planned at 6:30 p.m. on March 3, with praise and worship in the sanctuary and on Zoom and Children's Bible quizzing in the fellowship hall, with CDC guidelines being followed by wearing masks and social distancing. The pastor can be texted prior to the meeting for the password.

During this time, 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.

Cobden church planning to serve fish dinners during Lent

Lenten Friday night fish dinners are planned at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cobden.

Dates for the dinners are Feb. 26, March 5, 12, 19 and 26.

Serving of the dinners will be different this year. A select menu will be available, by pick up only, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

For a \$10 donation, you will be served your choice of fried fish, baked fish, or a combo of both, along with baked beans, cole slaw, cucumber salad and a cookie.

Dinners will be by reservation only. Contact Sherry at 618-559-4347 before 8

p.m. on Thursday to place an order and to select your pick up time of 4:30 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 5 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 6 p.m. or 6:15 p.m.

For your safety, workers will all be masked and gloved. Workers ask everyone to please wear a mask when you pick up your order.

Drive up to the front doors of the parish hall on the church grounds and someone will bring your order to you. The church is located at 101 N. Centennial in Cobden.

Make checks out to St. Ann's Sodality or have correct change.

60 Degree Warmth Missing Since December 27!

Here are the top 10 longest stretches without reaching 60 degrees in Paducah, KY (1937-2021):

| Rank | # of Days | Ending Date |
|---------|-----------|-------------|
| 1 | 70 | 1978-03-18 |
| 2 | 62 | 1958-02-23 |
| 3 | 60 | 1940-03-01 |
| 4 (tie) | 56 | 2001-02-05 |
| 4 (tie) | 56 | 1979-02-14 |
| 6 | 53 | 2021-02-18 |
| 7 | 51 | 2010-01-18 |
| 8 (tie) | 50 | 1985-02-20 |
| 8 (tie) | 50 | 1983-02-15 |
| 10 | 47 | 1994-01-26 |

Background image of the Lloyd Expressway in Evansville on Feb 18 - courtesy of Griffin Glasscock

National Weather Service Paducah, KY Graphic created 2/18/2021 3:54PM CT Building a Weather-Ready Nation weather.gov/pah Published on: 02/18/2021 at 3:55PM

60 degree temperatures missing

60 degree temperatures have been missing in action for an extended period of time in the region. The National Weather Service office in Paducah posted this information on its website on Thursday, Feb. 18. As of Feb. 18, Paducah was ranked in the top six for most consecutive days without reaching 60 degrees. The weather service asked: "Anyone hoping this streak ends soon?"

Heart health awareness promoted

As the nation recognizes February as National American Heart Month, Southern Seven Health Department encourages area residents to adopt healthier habits and to watch for signs of a heart attack in an effort to reduce heart disease death rates.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death, disability and health care costs in the United States, Southern Seven Health Department noted.

More than 600,000 Americans die of heart disease each year. That's one in every four deaths.

In response, this year the U.S. Surgeon General has issued a call to action to control high blood pressure, also known as hypertension, in an effort to reduce the risk of heart disease.

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, between 2016 and 2018, the southern seven region reported a combined 2,904 deaths due to heart disease among persons age 35 and older. Illinois reported 25,393 deaths for the same age group.

By comparison, Illinois reported 319 deaths per 100,000, while the southern seven region reported 415 deaths per 100,000, the health department reported. The national death rate is 320 per 100,000.

The reasons for the higher incidence of heart disease deaths in the region are the same as those attributed to increased rates of cancer, diabetes, high cholesterol and obesity.

The lower seven counties in Illinois show higher rates of smoking, unhealthy diet and not getting enough exercise, as well as disproportionate access to medical care when compared with the rest of the state.

The symptoms of heart disease vary from person to person. Anyone, including children, can develop heart disease.

For many people, chest discomfort or a heart attack is the first sign.

Signs of a heart attack may include chest, arm, shoulder, jaw, neck or back pain or discomfort that doesn't go away after a few minutes, weakness, light-headedness, nausea or a cold sweat and shortness of breath.

If you have been diagnosed with heart disease, Southern Seven Health Department encourages you to take your medications exactly as prescribed and follow your healthcare provider's recommendations for diet and exercise while maintaining COVID-19 so-

cial distancing precautions. Call your doctor if you have any concerns.

Introduction of healthy habits at any age can significantly improve one's quality of life and lower his or her healthcare costs, reduce death rates of all diseases and decrease the burden on an overwhelmed healthcare system.

For educational resources about heart disease and other health issues, contact Southern Seven Health Department at 618-634-2297 or visit www.southern7.org.

Anna VFW planning to have drive-thru, dine in fish dinner

A drive-thru or dine in fish dinner is planned at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455. The post is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna.

The VFW plans to serve the fish dinner on Friday, Feb. 26. Serving is scheduled from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The menu will include fish, potato salad, baked beans, a pickle and hush puppies for a donation of \$10. Fish only will be available for a donation of \$2 per piece.

Those who would like to order a meal are asked to call 833-7737 before noon on Feb. 26 to make

reservations for pick up or dining in so the VFW can make sure there are not too many people in the back hall and social distancing can be set up.

Star Karaoke will be at the post starting at 6 p.m. with a delayed Mardi Gras party.

Bingo
Xtreme Bar Bingo is scheduled to return to the Anna VFW post on Monday, March 1.

The kitchen is scheduled to open at 6 p.m. Bingo will start at 7 p.m.

A maximum of 50 people will be allowed at this time. There is no charge to play bingo.

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Pastor's Corner

by Pastor Don Cox

When the Truth prevails . . . Evil does NOT . . . Standfast in the Truth! James 4:7

Congregational Church of Alto Pass
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.
Worship-Message at 10:30 a.m.

Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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

Anna Arts Center

In the wake of Valentine's Day, we share a card from PAST friend Stephen Burns.

The vintage card is a replica of a St. Louis find in his historical collection.

The promotional card was published by The Talk (Anna, Illinois) in 1887.

The front of the card has a picture of a lovely young lady, perhaps dressed for a party.

The printed line says, "Compliments of The Talk, Anna, Ill" "Over for program".

The reverse side of the card is topped by "USSERY'S OPERA HOUSE, Monday Evening, July 4th, 1887." The title of the production is "ABOVE THE CLOUDS," by the "Amateur Dramatic Talent of Anna."

"Dramatis Personae: Phil Ringold, a mountain hermit...Mr. Dan W. Perrine; Alfred Thorpe, a city

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Pat said they also owned the Iron Kettle in Grand Rivers, Ky., just down the street from Patti's for several years.

Stephen had seen a postcard on eBay of the Iron Kettle and he remembered eating there one time when they were visiting Anna. He bought the postcard and I thought it was interesting to see it was one of Mike Coles postcards. Mike and I were classmates.

Ullin
Paula and Rick Wright enjoyed the snow.

Getting Ready for Spring
Darryl Harvell says it's time to plant early potatoes. Dennis Winter says sow clover, Weldon Brown says lettuce.

Kentucky Trip
Curt and Bessie Ellis went to Mayfield, Ky., and Grand Rivers, Ky., and ate at Patti's.

Birthday Celebration
Andrea Dahmer was honored on her birthday Feb. 12 by her family Gary, Abigail and Edward at Texas Roadhouse in Cape Girardeau and a little shopping at Academy Sports. They followed that up with Quatro's pizza for Valentine's Day.

Then Gary was up before 4 a.m. on what was supposed to be a holiday for him last Monday but he was up before 4 a.m. driving the streets of Anna shoveling snow and making a video to show people how bad it was and asking everyone to stay inside if they didn't have to get out so they would be safe in the freezing temperatures.

A special thanks to Gary and all our city workers for taking care of our city.

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Daffodils
Last Monday when the snow was coming down so beautiful I got a phone call from Judy Travelstead who was asking me if it was OK to use the information I had given them last year about the daffodils for the Cobden Museum.

It was so good to hear her sweet voice and hearing about the daffodils really cheered me up just thinking about spring.

I was sure glad she kept the information because right now I have no clue where I put it. Funny how just a phone call from someone can cheer a person up. Most of the time

Noted also is the music. "PROGRAM OF MUSIC by Prof. Terpinitz's Orchestra...Overture, "Chevalier



Bill McClure celebrated his 77th birthday with his wife Judy at their daughter Melissa's and family a week early. His birthday was Feb. 19. They were thankful they had celebrated early with all the ice and snow last week.



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Kathy Jackson Milam was enjoying the sunshine while building her Red Hat snow lady last week. She said she missed seeing all her friends at the Red Hat meeting. They were always a lot of fun with food, games, family stories and good music.



A grandson of Jay and Debbie Rossberg was born Feb. 17. Nolan Carter weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 21 inches long. His parents are Peter and Samantha from Northern Illinois. Parents and baby are doing fine.



My cousin Gretchen and David Robinson enjoyed the Asian Markets Chinese New Year in Australia.

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Picture from the past from Gayle Davis: Her brother Wes is in the back row. This is Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. She believes it was in 1978.



Tim Townsend, from the Lincoln Home in Springfield, delivered and set up "The Illinois Freedom Project" exhibit that will be displayed in the Anna Arts Center's middle building at 127 W. Davie St. in Anna through March 13. The Illinois Freedom Project traveling exhibit was scheduled to be open for visitors on Feb. 23. The exhibit highlights inspiring stories from the past to inform and empower people to create a better future. The exhibit features 12 panels that tell the story of the struggle for freedom. The exhibit is sponsored by the National Park Service, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and Looking for Lincoln. Hours at the Anna Arts Center are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.



Postcard of picture of Iron Kettle in Anna bought by Stephen Burns of St. Louis. The photo was taken by Mike Coles. Owners of the Iron Kettle from 1964-1971-plus were Pat and Phil Bridwell.

when my land line rings it's a telemarketer.

Bald Knob Cross of Peace

The 85th annual Easter sunrise service will be on Sunday, April 4. The service will begin at 6:30 a.m.

Everyone must wear a mask and there will be COVID precautions.

Anniversary

Marsha and Jackie Burns celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary Feb. 20.

Birthdays

Feb. 16 Julie Ames, Jackson Laster, 17 Stuart Busby, Laney Dillow, Steve Norton, Ethan Laster, Ethan Williams 11 years old. 18 Josh Kelley, Carrie Alsip, 19 Tina Russell, Don Dusty, Ellie Shane Lewis, Penny Wilson. 20 Melissa McCord.

Sympathy

Sympathy to Christine Miller and family on the loss of her mother Mildred Halterman of Norris City, formerly of Anna. Her sister is Wilma Thomas. Mildred was a big supporter of our Honor Wreaths for Veterans and always bought wreaths for several of her family members and asked her grandchildren to lay them for her.

Sympathy also to the family of Bernice Dempsey, who went to be with our Lord at the age of 101. She was a long time member of Anna First Baptist Church. Bernice always had a smile



A vintage Valentine's Day card replica was shared by PAST friend Stephen Burns.

on her face and a kind word to say about everyone. Her husband Glen passed several years ago. I used to play the piano for him to sing sometimes. He had a beautiful voice.

Anna Arts Center

Civil War Weekend postponed to March 12 through 14 due to the weather.

Due to COVID, temperatures will be taken at the door, everyone is asked to wear a mask, and social distancing will be practiced

Special Thanks

To Chris Clark for emailing pictures for me that for some reason will not email from my phone to my computer. I start panicking when it's the deadline for my Anna news and I can't get things. I think I have way too many pictures on

my cell phone.

Honor Wreaths For Veterans

We still need several wreaths to be able to cover all our graves at our ceremony Dec. 18 at our Anna Cemetery.

If you have not bought your wreath for your loved one please send your check made out to Honor Wreaths for Veterans to Martha Ann Webb, 118 W. Monroe St., Anna, Ill. 62906 or you can bring it by Anna City Hall and ask them to put in my mailbox there.

If you want to pay on line for Honor Wreaths for Veterans it is best to pay at one of these websites then scroll down to Anna Cemetery www.wreathscrossamerica.org/IL0061P or WWW.HONORWREATHSFOR-VETERANS.ORG. These are going to Jim Koonce, president of Honor Wreaths for Veterans. He will then send me your name so we can get you listed for our Anna Cemetery.

If you pay at Wreaths Across America and do

not put that you want your wreath to be put at our Anna Cemetery it will go to a national cemetery. Please email me and let me know or give me a call and leave a message on my answering machine if I am not home if you pay there so we can get a wreath on your loved one's grave.

Honor Wreaths for Veterans is a branch of Wreaths Across America. A special thanks to all who have donated to this wonderful cause to honor the memory of our veterans who have served our county.

Enchanted Garden

Lisa is giving a flower away on the fourth Friday of each month to everyone who comes in her florist shop. Next time will be Feb. 26.

Anna Heights Baptist Church

Last week Anna Heights did not have in person worship, it was live streamed due to the weather.

Birthdays: Feb. 22 Alyssa Houseman, Bruce Williams, Feb. 24 Sherri

Hileman, Feb. 25 James Houseman, Harold Hubbs, Myah Neal.

Momma Lou's Crafters plans to meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, today, at the church.

Anna Heights church family is grieving with Pastor Darryl Williams and his family due to the death of his brother David Williams due to a work accident. Our prayers go out to this family

Pastor Darryl Williams continued his series: Ruth the Road to Redemption. This week Trust and Obey. Be sure to look on Anna Heights social platform on Facebook or YouTube for up to date Bible studies and Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. for worship and Bible study and at annaheights.com.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Congratulations to Muriel and Tyler Zachary on the birth of their new son, Calvin Rhys Zachary. He was born on Feb. 19, 2021. He weighed 8 pounds, 9

ounces.

Calvin has a big sister at home, Winnefred. Grandparents are Warren and Carla Anderson and great-grandmother is Lovella Graig.

Sunday morning, Rev. Tim Gossett's sermon was Live in the Light of Christ, with scripture from John.

Janet Boyd read scripture from John and also had a reading about the meaning of Lenten candles.

Carla Anderson played the organ and Marcy Morris played the piano.

Rev. Tim prayed for Marchetta Dewitt and all those who are sick, and for the family of Annabelle Claussen, a long time member of the church who went to be with our Lord last week.

Myra Gossett prayed for Rev. Tim before his sermon. Rev. Tim said when we think about giving our offerings think about calling someone and asking them if they need anything in this bad weather and if there is anything we can do for them. This is all part of

giving. Just getting a phone call from someone means so much sometimes.

A special thanks to Dean Corbit for bringing everyone eggs.

Church is at 10:45 a.m. Sunday mornings for anyone that doesn't have a church to worship at you are welcome to come worship.

United Missionary Women will meet Tuesday, March 2, at 1 p.m.

Wednesday, the men meet at 7 a.m. for Bible study. The women have Bible study at 1 p.m. at the church.

February mission emphasis is the Bethany Village food pantry.

I was asked to give the address of the church for anyone wanting to send money for Loaves and Fishes. If you are wanting to do this, please make your checks to the church, but on the left of your check in the memo put Loaves and Fishes. The address is 111 W. Monroe St., Anna, Ill. 62906,

Loaves and Fishes food

giveaway is scheduled on the third Tuesday of the month. Times may change, but it usually starts at 4:30 p.m.

Guest

Earl Miller's son Brian visited with him from Texas.

Military Prayer List

Trace Faire, John Michael Brimm, Kaleb Meier, Nathaniel Moss, Derek Nelson, Nick Pearson, Nate Frankell, Alex Gratz, Reagan Morrison, Garrett Goins, James McWhorter, Jennifer Ann Bishop, Arin Whitemountain, Katelynn Williams, Lindsey Keene, Jerod Schaefer, Creighton Laster, Josh Steveson, Josh Williams, Jim Bonner, Nick Harvel, Nona Elizabeth Luke, Lucas J. Strickland, William Nathaniel Frankell, Ethan Maze, Tanner Anderson, Hayden Young, Kiefer Stull, Davis Jordan Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, C.J. Youngerman, Freddy Morse and wife Megan in Alaska.

Television Listings

THURSDAY

| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|
| 6 PM :30 | Local Programs | Local Programs | Local Local | Local Programs | W. Series Peyton's | Bang (HD) Bang (HD) | Law & Order: SVU | Raven Raven | "S. Holmes" (05) | (5:05) "Hostage" (05) | "The Rental" (4:5) Shameless (HD) |
| 7 PM :30 | Celebrity Wheel of | Young B Positive | Hell's Kitchen (HD) | Mr. Mayor Superstore | Monday Night Football (HD) | Bang (HD) Bang (HD) | Chrisley Chrisley | Jessie Jessie | "Snow White and the Hunts- man" (12) (HD) | ★★★½ "Crash" (05) Societal preju- dices. (HD) | "The Original Kings of Com- edy" (00) (HD) |
| 8 PM :30 | The Chase (HD) | (01) Mom Unicorn | Call Me Man (HD) | Law & Order: SVU | | Go-Big Show | Chrisley Chrisley | BUNK'D BUNK'D | | | |
| 9 PM :30 | The Hustler | Clarice (HD) | Local Programs Local info. | Dateline NBC (HD) | | Wipeout Family fun. | Chrisley She's Boss | Big City BUNK'D | (10) Allen v. Farrow | "Ad Astra" (19) Brad Pitt. Astro- naut mission. | DESUM & "Richard Pryor Live-Sunset" (R) |
| 10 PM :30 | Local | Local | | Local | SportsCenter (HD) | Conan | The Rev | BUNK'D | (10) "Argo" (12) Iranian rev- olution rescue. (R) | | |
| 11 PM :30 | Nightline | Corden | Local Programs | Late Night | SportsCenter (HD) | Conan | Chrisley | Jessie | | | |

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FRIDAY

| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW |
|---------------------|---|------------------------|---|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| 6 PM :30 | Local Programs | Local Programs | (5:00) Local Pro- grams | Local Programs | NBA Basketball (HD) | Seinfeld Seinfeld | Chicago P.D. (HD) | BUNK'D BUNK'D | (20) The Invest- igation | (5:02) "John Q" (02) | ★★★ "Crooklyn" (94) Poverty in the '70s. (HD) |
| 7 PM :30 | Shark Tank (HD) | MacGyver (HD) | WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live) (HD) | The Blacklist (HD) | | "Fast & Furious 6" (13, Action) Vin Diesel. Clear records. | ★★ "Trans- formers: The Last Knight" (17) Transform- ers & humans at war. (HD) | Secrets Unsitatable Unsitatable | (10) "Dunkirk" (17, Action) His- toric rescue. | ★★★ "The Transporter" (02) (HD) | "Do the Right Thing" Racism spurs a riot. |
| 8 PM :30 | (01) 20/20 In- vestigative news. (HD) | Magnum P.I. (HD) | Local Programs Local info. | Dateline NBC (HD) | (15) NBA Bas- ketball (HD) | | | Big City | | ★★★ "Bloodsport" Man competes. | |
| 9 PM :30 | Local | Local | | Local | SC (HD) | "Fast & Furious 6" (13, Action) Vin Diesel. Clear records. | | BUNK'D BUNK'D | Real Time Maher (HD) | "Surrogates" Agent seeks killer. | "Mo' Better Blues" (90) Jazz man's life. (HD) |
| 10 PM :30 | Jimmy Kimmel Live | (35) Late Show (HD) | Local Programs | (35) Tonight (HD) | SportsCenter (HD) | | She's Boss | Unsitatable | (25) Real Time Maher | | |
| 11 PM :30 | Nightline | Corden | Local Programs | Late Night | SportsCenter (HD) | | The Rev | Jessie | Painting | | "Black Rain" |

FEBRUARY 26, 2021

SATURDAY

| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW |
|---------------------|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---|--|---|--|---|
| 6 PM :30 | (5:00) Local Pro- grams | Local Programs | Local | Local Programs | College Football (HD) | "Jurassic Park III" | "Transformers" (17) | "Night at Mu- seum: Secret" Magic is in peril. | "Independence Day" | "Planet of the Apes" | The Chi (HD) |
| 7 PM :30 | NBA (Live) | FBI "Salvation" (HD) | PBC Fight Night (Live) | Young Rock TBA (HD) | | "Jurassic Park" (93) Sam Neill. Living di- nosaurs escape captivity. | "Avengers: Age of Ultron" (15) Power- ful robotic villain's evil plans. | Big City Big City Big City | ★★★ "Bill & Ted's Excel- lent" (89) | "Hitman" (07) Genetic assas- sin. | The Chi (HD) |
| 8 PM :30 | Dallas Maver- icks at Brooklyn Nets (Live) | FBI: Most Wanted | | Weakest Link (HD) | (15) NBA Bas- ketball (HD) | | | Big City | ★★½ "Bogus Journey" (91) (HD) | ★★½ "Show- down in Little Tokyo" | "21 Bridges" A citywide hunt. (R) |
| 9 PM :30 | Local | Local | Local Programs | Sat. Night Live (HD) | | | | Big City | | | (45) "Waves" (19) The jour- ney of a subur- ban family. (HD) |
| 10 PM :30 | Local Programs Local info. | Local Programs Local info. | I Can See Your Voice | Local | SC (HD) | Frontal | (01) "Twister" (96, Drama) Storm chasers. | BUNK'D BUNK'D | (05) Allen v. Farrow | "Alita: Battle Angel" (19) Amnesia cyborg. | |
| 11 PM :30 | Local Programs | Local Programs | Local Programs | Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy. | SportsCenter (HD) | Wipeout (HD) | | Jessie | "Blade Runner" (17) | | |

FEBRUARY 27, 2021

SUNDAY

| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW |
|---------------------|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|---------------------|------------------|--|--|------------------------------------|
| 6 PM :30 | Home Videos (HD) | 60 Minutes (HD) | Cherries The Harts | Golden Globes (HD) | NBA Countdown (HD) | "Joyful Noise" (12) | Law & Order: SVU | BUNK'D BUNK'D | "Safe House" (12) CIA in South Africa. (HD) | (4:55) "Ad Astra" (19) | Shameless (HD) |
| 7 PM :30 | American Idol "403 (Auditions)" (HD) | The Equalizer (HD) | Simpsons North (HD) | 78th Annual Golden Globe Awards | NBA Basketball Golden State vs Los Angeles (Live) (HD) | Bang (HD) Bang (HD) | Law & Order: SVU | BUNK'D BUNK'D | ½ "Epic Movie" Orphans fight evil. | ½ "Epic Movie" Orphans fight evil. | The Circus The Circus |
| 8 PM :30 | | NCIS: L. A. (HD) | Burgers Farm Guy | | | Bang (HD) | Law & Order: SVU | Jessie Jessie | Allen v. Farrow (HD) | "Good Boys" (19) Kissing party. | Shameless (HD) |
| 9 PM :30 | The Rookie (HD) | NCIS: New Or- leans | Local Programs Local info. | | (35) SportsCenter (HD) | ★★★½ "Beauty and the Beast" (17) Belle realizes. (HD) | Law & Order: SVU | Jessie Jessie | (03) Allen v. Farrow | | Supervillain "Power" |
| 10 PM :30 | Local Programs Local info. | Local Programs Local info. | | Local Programs Local info. | SportsCenter with Scott Van Pelt (HD) | Dad (HD) Dad (HD) | Law & Order: SVU | BUNK'D BUNK'D | Oliver | (5:5) "New Year's Eve" (11) Love is sought. | DESUM & Supervillain "Power" |
| 11 PM :30 | (35) Local | Local | Local | | SportsCenter (HD) | "Joyful" | Law & Order: SVU | Jessie | (40) Axios | | Shameless |

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

MONDAY

| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW |
|---------------------|--|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|--|--|--|
| 6 PM :30 | Local Programs | Local Programs | Local | Local Programs | College Basket- ball (Live) (HD) | Fam Guy Fam Guy | Chicago P.D. (HD) | Raven Raven | "Blade Runner 2049" Blade runner search. | ★★½ "Lucy in the Sky" | "1917" The Circus |
| 7 PM :30 | The Bachelor "Women Tell All" (HD) | Neighbor. Bob Hearts | 9-1-1 (HD) | The Voice Hopeluis coached. (HD) | | Fam Guy Fam Guy | WWE Monday Night Raw (HD) | Unsitatable Secrets | | ★★½ "This Means War" (12) (HD) | Shameless (HD) |
| 8 PM :30 | | All Rise Legal system. | (01) 9-1-1: Lone Star | | College Basket- ball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD) | Fam Guy Fam Guy | | Raven | Beartown (HD) | | Supervillain "Power" |
| 9 PM :30 | The Good Doc- tor | Bull "Prison Break" | Local Programs Local info. | (01) Debris (HD) | | Dad (HD) Dad (HD) | | Raven | | "Stuber" A mild-mannered man. | ★★★ "Hus- tlers" (19) A stripper's scheme. (HD) |
| 10 PM :30 | Local | Local | | Local | SportsCenter with Scott Van Pelt (HD) | Conan | Resident Alien (HD) | BUNK'D BUNK'D | Investigat "The Invisible Man" (20) A vi- olent and con- trolling man. | "Curious Case of Benjamin Button" (08) | Supervillain "Power" |
| 11 PM :30 | Jimmy Kimmel Live | (35) Late Show (HD) | Local Programs | (35) Tonight (HD) | | Seinfeld Seinfeld | Family Family | Jessie Jessie | | | Supervillain "Power" |

MARCH 1, 2021

TUESDAY

| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW |
|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--|---|--|
| 6 PM :30 | Local Programs | Local Programs | (5:00) Local Pro- grams | Local Programs | College Basket- ball (HD) | Bang (HD) Bang (HD) | Law & Order: SVU | Raven Raven | Real Time Axios (HD) | (4:58) "Idlewild" (06) | ★★★ "Satur- day Night" |
| 7 PM :30 | To Tell the Truth (HD) | NCIS: "True Be- liever" | The Resident (HD) | Zoe's Extraor- dinary | | Bang (HD) Bang (HD) | Law & Order: SVU | Sydney Sydney | "Don't Let Go" Detective's fam- ily. | ★★★ "Mother- less Brooklyn" (19) Private de- tective. (HD) | (05) ★★★ "Mamma Mia!" (08) Bride seeks dad. |
| 8 PM :30 | black-ish mixed-ish | FBI "Discord" (HD) | (01) Prodigal Son | This Is Us (HD) | ESPN Original | Bang (HD) Bang (HD) | Law & Order: SVU | BUNK'D BUNK'D | (4:5) Beartown (HD) | | Shameless (HD) |
| 9 PM :30 | Soul of a Nation (HD) | FBI: Most Wanted | Local Programs Local info. | Nurses (HD) | College Basket- ball (HD) | Bang (HD) | Law & Order: SVU | Big City BUNK'D | "The Brothers Grimm" (05) Magical curse. | (2:25) "The Transporter" (02) (HD) | Supervillain "Power" |
| 10 PM :30 | Local | Local | | Local | | Conan | The Rev | BUNK'D | | | |
| 11 PM :30 | Jimmy Kimmel Live | (35) Late Show (HD) | Local Programs | (35) Tonight (HD) | SportsCenter (HD) | Seinfeld Conan | Family Family | Jessie Jessie | Allen v. | (59) "Hackers" (95) | "Sniper" (93, Ac- tion) |

MARCH 2, 2021

WEDNESDAY

| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW |
|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|
| 6 PM :30 | Local Programs | Local Programs | (5:00) Local Pro- grams | Local Programs | College Basket- ball (HD) | Bang (HD) Bang (HD) | Law & Order: SVU | Raven Raven | "Dunkirk" (13) | "Side Effects" (13) | "Air Force One" (97) |
| 7 PM :30 | Goldbergs Housewife | Tough as Nails (HD) | Name That Tune "Episode 9; Episode 10" | Chicago Med (HD) | | Bang (HD) Bang (HD) | WWE NXT (HD) | Liv Maddie Liv Maddie | "Argo" (12) Ira- nian revolution rescue. (R) (HD) | ★★★ "Equilib- rium" (02) (R) | (05) "Kiss the Girls" (97) Killer stalked. (HD) |
| 8 PM :30 | Conners Call Your | SEAL Team (HD) | | Chicago Fire (HD) | College Basket- ball (HD) | Bang (HD) Bang (HD) | | Raven | | | |
| 9 PM :30 | The Con (HD) | S.W.A.T. "Buried" (HD) | Local Programs Local info. | Chicago P.D. (HD) | | Bang (HD) | Resident Alien (HD) | Big City BUNK'D | (49) "John Wick: Chapter 3 - Parabellum" (19, Action) | (49) "John Wick: Chapter 3 - Parabellum" (19, Action) | ★★½ "Along Came a Spider" (01) |
| 10 PM :30 | Local | Local | | Local | | Conan | Family | BUNK'D | (10) "Pitch Per- fect" (12) A cappella group. | | ★★ "Alex Cross" Tracking a killer. |
| 11 PM :30 | Jimmy Kimmel Live | (35) Late Show (HD) | Local Programs | (35) Tonight (HD) | SportsCenter (HD) | Seinfeld Conan | Family Family | Jessie Jessie | | "The Invisible" (07) | |

MARCH 3, 2021

THURSDAY

| | 7:00pm |
|---|--------|
| NBC Mr. Mayor #4PalmTreeForm Neil encounters resistance with his plan to save the city money on palm tree maintenance; Jayden reveals that he's going to be a father. TVPG (HD) | |
| HBO Snow White and the Huntsman ★★★½ (2012, Fantasy) Kristen Stewart, Charlize Theron. When her ruthless queen of a step-mother hires a hunter to kill her, Snow White joins forces with her hired killer in a campaign to kill the evil ruler. PG-13 (HD) | |

FRIDAY

| | 8:00pm | 8:34pm |
|---|--------|--------|
| CBS Magnum P.I. Private investigator Thomas Magnum is there to help any who may need it on the Hawaiian island of Oahu alongside his two best friends and majordomo. TV14 (HD) | | |
| MAX Bloodsport ★★★ (1988, Action) Jean-Claude Van Damme, Donald Gibb. An American soldier gives his all to honor his master and become the first Westerner to win a huge underground martial arts competition. R | | |

SATURDAY

| | 7:15pm | 8:00pm |
|---|--------|--------|
| TBS Jurassic Park ★★★½ (1993, Science Fiction) Sam Neill, Laura Dern. A billionaire invites scientists to inspect his island park filled with living dinosaurs, but the trip turns deadly when the dinosaurs escape captivity. PG-13 TVPG (HD) | | |
| SHOW 21 Bridges ★★★½ (2019, Drama) Chadwick Boseman, Sienna Miller. A New York Police Department detective ends up getting involved with a citywide hunt for a pair of cop killers after he uncovers a conspiracy. R (HD) | | |

SUNDAY

Bat boxes installed at Trail of Tears State Forest



The Trail of Tears State Forest in Union County is now host to bat habitat boxes – thanks to local Boy Scout Tori Brummer.

With the help of family, friends, sponsors and Troop 7044, Tori was able to build and install four new bat boxes at the Trail of Tears State Forest. With the completion of the project, Tori not only achieved his Eagle Scout status, but was able to promote native bats in Southern Illinois and provide a safe environment for female bats to raise their young.

“The project provided me an excellent opportunity to prove and further my leadership skills in a way that also benefited my community,” Tori said.

Tori completed most of the project prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and recently followed up to make certain the bat house conditions remain viable.

The Trail of Tears State Forest is administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Photos provided.

Poshard Foundation distributes \$100,000 to food pantries

The Poshard Foundation has continued its philanthropic efforts to help the children of Southern Illinois with the awarding of more than \$100,000 in grants to 42 food pantries across the region.

The awarding of the grants comes in response to increased hardships and growing levels of food insecurity for children and families during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

“If the coronavirus has taught us anything over the past year, it’s this certainty: it’s difficult to heal a broken spirit if the family and the children are hungry,” said Glenn Poshard. “We have never before witnessed food insecurity at this level.

The founders of the Poshard Foundation for Abused Children, Jo and

Glenn Poshard, joined with representatives from food pantries in the region for a virtual press conference held Friday, Feb. 19, on Zoom.

“Our mission as a foundation is to help abused, abandoned and neglected children in the southern counties in Illinois,” said Jo Poshard. “We try to fill the gaps for these children when traditional funding doesn’t allow.”

“We know so many families are at great risk right now. Many of them are hanging on by a thread. That’s due in part to the isolation we are all experiencing,” Jo Poshard continued.

“Unemployment, food insecurity and lack of support – all can create great mental health issues in children and families.”

“We are so thankful to have the dedicated workers in our food banks and our social service agencies who combine their efforts in bringing healing to the whole child,” said Glenn Poshard.

“To the extent that our foundation can be a part of that healing process for both the body and the spirit, we are grateful.”

Since 1999, the Poshard Foundation for Abused Children has funded projects and given resources to organizations throughout 23 counties in Southern Illinois.

With the most recent awarding of grant funds, the Poshard Foundation will have distributed near-

ly \$175,000 to area food banks since the start of the pandemic.

Included in the 42 food pantries receiving funds from this most recent distribution of funds are Bethel Temple Evangelistic Ministries food pantry in Mounds, the Daystar Community Program in Cairo, God’s Pantry in Olmsted, Jesus es el Señor United Methodist Church food pantry in Cobden, the Loaves and Fishes program at the United Methodist Church in Anna, the Salem Lutheran Church food pantry in Jonesboro and Shawnee Development Council Inc. in Karnak (the agency operates a food pantry in Union County).

No injuries reported following two-vehicle accident on interstate

No injuries were reported following a two-vehicle traffic accident which occurred Monday afternoon, Feb. 22, on Interstate 57 in Union County.

Illinois State Police District 22 at Ullin reported that the accident occurred at 3:04 p.m. Monday at milepost 36 in the north bound lane of the interstate.

State police reported the accident involved a 2017 Chevrolet Impala and a Mack truck and trailer.

State police said the car was being driven by Herbert L. Schauer, 87, of Anna.

The Mack truck and trailer unit was being driven by William B. McLaren, 65, of

West Frankfort.

State police reported the car was traveling southbound on Interstate 57. The Mack truck/trailer was traveling northbound at the same location.

The driver of the car stated an unknown truck tractor semi-trailer cut him off, causing him to enter the median and cross into the northbound lanes of Interstate 57.

The Mack truck/trailer swerved to miss the vehicle but was unable to avoid the car, striking the vehicle on the front passenger side.

One lane remained open following the accident. All lanes were reopened at approximately 4:15 p.m.

Shawnee College accepting nursing program applications

Shawnee Community College is still accepting applications for its LPN program until March 1.

The college also is accepting applications for its ADN program until April.

As of Feb. 19, the college still had a few spots available for its PN and ADN nursing programs.

The college notes that its nursing program offers students excellent training from qualified instructors with many years of direct patient care experience.

“The training our students receive ensures that our students leave our program prepared with the necessary skills needed to succeed in this rewarding career,” Shawnee Community College director of nursing Connie Drury said in a news release.

“We truly allow our students to make a significant

impact on our community.”

The college’s associate degree in nursing program is designed to provide career mobility for persons who have successfully completed a practical nursing program.

The practical nursing program is designed to prepare students for entry into the vocation of practical nursing.

Prospective students can find applications for each program by visiting the college’s website at <https://shawneec.edu/academics/allied-health-programs>.

Interested students also may pick up program applications at any of the SCC campuses.

For additional information, contact Michelle Williams at 618-634-3282 or email michellew@shawneec.edu.

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NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

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County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 9th day of February, 2021, under the Assumed Name of Mosley Country Rentals with the place of business located at 8145 State Route 127 N., Alto Pass, Illinois 62905, and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Erich W. Mosley
Dana Mosley
8155 State Route 127 N.
Alto Pass, IL 62905

Lance Meisenheimer
Union County Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT JONESBORO, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CVI LCF MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST I, Plaintiff,
vs.
THOMAS E. BAUMAN and LESLIE M. BAUMAN, Defendants.

CASE NO. 20-CH-16 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 300 CAIN ROAD DONGOLA, IL 62926

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Thomas E. Bauman and Leslie M. Bauman, Defendants, this case has been commenced in this Court against you and others, asking for foreclosure of the Mortgage held by the Plaintiff on the property located at 300 Cain Road, Dongola, IL 62926, more particularly described as:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE, TO-WIT:
TRACT I :

THAT PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS AS FOLLOWS : COMMENCE AT A 1/2 INCH IRON ROD AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 27, THENCE S 00 DEGREES-21 MINUTES-14 SECONDS E. ALONG THE SECTION LINE, A DISTANCE OF 146.45 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE DEPARTING FROM SAID SECTION LINE, S 89 DEGREES -46 MINUTES -45 SECONDS W, A DISTANCE OF 1080.97 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTERLINE OF CAIN ROAD: THENCE ALONG SAID CENTERLINE N 00 DEGREES -13 MINUTES -15 SECONDS W. A DISTANCE OF 299.49 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID CENTERLINE N 00 DEGREES-13 MINUTES-15 SECONDS W. A DISTANCE OF 32.84 FEET TO A P.K.NAIL; THENCE N 09 DEGREES-42 MINUTES-19 SECONDS W. A DISTANCE OF 189.67 FEET TO A P.K. NAIL AT THE CENTERLINE INTERSECTION OF SAID CAIN ROAD WITH TIMBER ROAD; THENCE ALONG LAST SAID CENTERLINE; N 67 DEGREES-16 MINUTES-21 SECONDS E. A DISTANCE OF 205.18 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH IRON ROD; THENCE DEPARTING FROM SAID CENTERLINE, S 01 DEGREES-49 MINUTES-16 SECONDS E. A DISTANCE OF 298.57 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH IRON ROD, THENCE S 89 DEGREES-46 MINUTES -45 SECONDS W, A DISTANCE OF 166.63 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1.066 ACRES, MORE OR LESS IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS. SUBJECT TO EXISTING EASEMENTS OF RECORD AND THOSE PORTIONS FALLING IN CAIN AND TIMBER ROADS, PER TRACT # 2 ON A PLAT OR SURVEY PREPARED BY SCOTT A. RICHARDS ILLINOIS LAND SURVEY NO. 2996. RECORDED ON MAY 23, 2005 IN RECORD BOOK 262 AT PAGE 753 IN THE RECORDS OFFICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

TRACT II:
A PERPETUAL, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND UTILITY PURPOSES LOCATED UPON, ALONG, OVER AND ACROSS A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, BEING 15 FEET ON EITHER SIDE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED CENTERLINE: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 27; THENCE N 00°-21'-14" W, 782.26 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF TIMBER ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, S 78°-16'-37" W, 135.60 FEET; THENCE S 75°-41'-59" W, 227.60 FEET; THENCE S 67°-32'-27" W, 389.96 FEET; THENCE S 63°-42'-07" W, 229.25 FEET; THENCE S 67°-16'-21" W, 205.18 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF SAID 30 FOOT EASEMENT AND THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE DEPARTING TIMBER ROAD, ALONG SAID EASEMENT CENTERLINE, WITH THE FOLLOWING COURSES: S 09-42'-19" E, 189.67 FEET; S 00°-13'-15" E, 422.08 FEET; THENCE S 00°-41'-54" E, 1020.31 FEET TO THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF ILLINOIS STATE ROUTE #146 AND THE TERMINUS OF SAID EASEMENT. PER REVISED PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY SCOTT

A. RICHARDS, ILLINOIS LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2996, RECORDED ON OCTOBER 8, 1998, IN RECORD BOOK 161 AT PAGE 982 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the Office of the Clerk of this Court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market, Jonesboro, IL 62952 on or before March 22, 2021, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE.

Keri Clark
CLERK OF THE COURT

THIS COMMUNICATION IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS - IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID HENRY, deceased No. 2021-P-2

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of David Henry of Dongola, Illinois. letter of office were issued on January 29, 2021, to Terrance Walsh, 305 VFW Lane, Anna, Illinois, whose attorney is Howerton, Dorris, Stone & Lambert, 300 West Main Street, Marion, IL 62959.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market, Jonesboro, IL 62952, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 26, 2021, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Keri E. Clark
(Clerk of the Circuit Court)
11-13g

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

IN THE INTEREST OF: EMMITT HILEMAN, ADALEI HILEMAN, Minors. NO. 2019-JA-4 2019-JA-5

AMENDED NOTICE BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO 705 ILCS 405/2-16

Brittany D. Hileman, and to ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

TAKE NOTICE that on January 22, 2019 a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by the Union County State's Attorney, in the Circuit Court of Union County entitled "In the interest of EMMITT HILEMAN, a minor" and "In the interest of ADALEI HILEMAN, a minor", and that in Judge Amanda Byassee Gott courtroom at Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois on Tuesday, the 23rd day of

March, 2021, at the hour of 2:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a Termination of Parental Rights hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Keri Clerk
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Dated of Publication:
February 25, 2021
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NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois
SS
County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 21st day of February, 2021, under the Assumed Name of The Fade Away Barber Shop with the place of business located at 8145 State Route 147B E. Vienna Street, Anna, IL 62906, and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Devyn Guthrie
337 Mt. Glen Road
Cobden, IL 62920

Lance Meisenheimer
Union County Clerk
11-13gpc

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

IN THE INTEREST OF: THORNE WRIGHT, A Minor. NO. 2021-JA-8

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO 705 ILCS 405/2-16

James Albert Wright, and to ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

TAKE NOTICE that on 1/20/2021 a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by TYLER E. TRIPP, Union County State's Attorney, by his Assistant State's Attorney, J. Jeremy Lloyd, in the Circuit Court of Union County entitled "In the interest of THORNE WRIGHT, a minor", and that in Judge Amanda Byassee Gott courtroom at Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois on Tuesday, the 30th day of March, 2021, at the hour of 1:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE

CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Keri Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF TONI LEIGH STEWART, DECEASED. IN PROBATE NO. 2021-P-4

NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Toni Leigh Stewart, of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 22, 2021, to Linda I. Sadler, 502 Morgan St., Anna, Illinois 62906, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of admission, you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses in open Court or other evidence, as provided by Section 5/6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21.)

You also have the right, under Section 5/8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1), to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within six (6) months after admission of the Will to probate.

The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless, under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755, Par. 5/28-4), any interested person terminates Independent Administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk of this Court.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before August 25, 2021, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.
Dated: February 23, 2021.

LINDA I. SADLER

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ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906
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Obituaries

Timothy Kevin Casey

Timothy Kevin Casey, 61, of Anna, died Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2021, at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

He was born on May 9, 1959, in Anna, the son of Curtis Griffin and Barbara Geraldine Toler Casey.

He married Sally Whitehead on May 18, 2004.

Mr. Casey is survived by his wife, Sally Casey of Anna; children James (Katie) Casey of Anna, Tiffany Winn of Jonesboro and Charles Whitney of Anna; seven grandchildren, Zachary Casey, Shane Casey, Blaze Smalley, McKenna Casey, Easton Casey, Avery Casey and Adrian Koerflein; siblings Bradley (Karen) Toler of Jonesboro, Susan McRaven of Anna, Sandra (Brian) Meadows of Mounds, Pat (Jennifer) Casey of Dongola, John Casey of Dongola and Nancy Williams of Oklahoma; two sisters-in-law, Shirley Loutzenhiser of Ohio and Cheryl Rion of Anna; a brother-in-law, Bradley Corzine of Dongola; numerous nieces and nephews; extended family and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four siblings, Jerry Casey, Carol Corzine, Brian Thompson and Jeff Casey; and grandparents Dock and Ethel Toler.

He was a graduate of the Dongola High School class of 1977. He worked for Ensign Bickford and later worked many years as a DSP for various cila homes in the area.

His most loved pastime was spending time with all of his grandchildren. He coached different sports for the Dongola School. He was an avid genealogist. He enjoyed learning about his family lineage and helping others learn about theirs. He was a great story teller and everyone will miss his Facebook posts.

Funeral services were held privately for the family. Friends were invited to a come and go visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna. Interment was in McGinnis Cemetery.

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

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



Bernice Aline Dempsey

Bernice Aline Dempsey, 101, of Festus, Mo., and formerly of Anna, died Friday, Feb. 19, 2021, at the Crystal Oaks in Festus, Mo.

She was born on Oct. 1, 1919, in Eldorado, the daughter of John Melvin and Orpha Karns Overton.

She married Glen Dempsey on Dec. 21, 1939, in Eldorado. He preceded her in death on Oct. 16, 1984.

She is survived by her sons, Gary (Jean) Dempsey of Belleville and Gail (Leslie) Dempsey of Crystal City, Mo.; three grandchildren, Sean (Amy) Dempsey, Bradley (Holly) Dempsey and Krystal (Dennis) Gross; five great-grandchildren, Kayla Dempsey, Riley, Jackson and Trenton Gross, and Vanessa Dempsey; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Glen Dempsey; a twin sister, Agnes Brockett, as well as three other sisters.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Anna for many years. She loved to play golf and to attend many church activities.

Funeral services will be at noon Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with the Rev. Nick DiMauro officiating. Interment will be in the Anna Cemetery.

Friends can call after 11 a.m. and until the service hour at noon Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna.

Everyone attending will be required to wear face coverings and to observe social distancing requirements. Maximum occupancy of the building will be limited to 50 people at one time.

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

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



Virgil Schnaare

Virgil Schnaare, 86, of Forrest, Ill., and formerly of Olmsted, died at 1:33 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, 2021, at the Piper City Rehabilitation Center in Piper City.

He was a graduate of Grand Chain Community High School. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in the Korean Conflict.

Mr. Schnaare had retired from the United Airlines in Chicago. He enjoyed mowing lawns and watching church every Sunday on TV. He loved his family.

He is survived by two daughters, Cassandra (Jody) Willer of Forrest, Ill., and Denise (Ronald) Semmerling of Chatsworth, Ill.; grandchildren Vincent (Abigail) Willer, Ashley Barton, Ronald (Crystal) Semmerling, Brittany (Timothy Vaclavik) Semmerling, Heather (Chris) Perryman, Keith (Kristan) Semmerling, Wesley Semmerling and Nicholette Semmerling; 15 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Schnaare was preceded in death by his wife, Carmella Loden Schnaare; his parents, Edward and Anna Schwieger Schnaare; a brother, Everett Schnaare; and two sisters, Lena Price and Freda Molter.

Funeral services honoring the life of Mr. Virgil Schnaare will be at noon Friday, Feb. 26, at Wilson Funeral Home in Karnak. The Rev. Gerell Cain officiate.

The family will receive friends Friday, from 10 a.m. until the service hour at the funeral home.

Interment will follow in the Masonic Cemetery in Grand Chain.

Those attending the service are reminded to observe social distancing. The wearing of a face mask or covering is encouraged.

To leave an online message for the family or to share a memory, visit website at www.wilsonfuneralhome1928.com.

Wilson Funeral Home in Karnak is in charge of arrangements.



Sheri L. Page

Sheri L. Page, 65, of Anna, died Monday, Feb. 15, 2021, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

She was born on Nov. 30, 1955, in Bakersfield, Calif., the daughter of Glenn and Ora Josephine Neal Gifford.

She married James Harold Page on Sept. 1, 1973, in Anna. He preceded her in death on April 20, 2009.

She is survived by her son, James H. Page II of Anna; her mother, Ora Josephine Neal Gifford of Herrin; three brothers, Terry Gifford of Bakersfield, Calif., Tom (Gayla) Stoner of Flagstaff, Ariz., and Doug Stoner of Anna; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father; and by her husband, James Harold Page.

Mrs. Page was a member of Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna for many years.

Graveside funeral services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, at the Anna Cemetery, with Pastor Mark Hasty officiating. Interment immediately followed.

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

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



Mack Irvian Hale

Mack Irvian Hale, 71, of Anna, died Sunday, Feb. 14, 2021 at his home.

He was born on Nov. 9, 1949, the son of Lester Wayne and Lorriane Webb Hale.

He married Marilyn Sronce on Sept. 17, 1971, in Slaughtersville, Ky.

Mr. Hale is survived by his wife, Marilyn Hale of Anna; daughter Angela Gayle Hale of Carbondale; grandchildren Danyell, Destiney and Maranda Hale; a sister, Vera Belcher of Anna; brothers David and Travis Hale, both of Anna; several nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Richard "Richie" Wayne Hale; and by three brothers, Jeff, Wayne and Eddie Hale.

Mr. Hale served his country during Vietnam. He worked for the Department of Corrections and later was a truck driver.

He loved to go fishing, watching sports, watching rodeos on television and especially loved his family.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with Bill Littrell officiating.

Interment followed in the Anna Cemetery. Military rites were accorded by Carroll P. Foster VFW Post No. 3455 of Anna and the Illinois Army National Guard funeral honor team.

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

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



Mildred Faye Thomas Halterman

Mildred Faye Thomas Halterman, 87, of Norris City, and formerly of Anna, died Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2021, at Wabash Christian Village.

She was born on Nov. 29, 1933, in Charlotte, Ark., the daughter of M. Denis Thomas and Ophia Della Lemmon Thomas.

She married Jean C. Halterman on Dec. 25, 1951. He preceded her in death on Oct. 2, 1982.

She worked for many years as a bookkeeper for Bunny Bread and later for Pepsi MidAmerica.

Survivors include her daughters, Christine Miller of Anna and Candy (Mike) Huckleberry of Alhambra; her sister, Wilma Thomas of Norris City; her sister-in-law, Linda Thomas of Wichita, Kan.; 11 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family members.

She will be dearly missed by her special friends in White County, Marlene Harrington and Elizabeth Cox.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Wayne Thomas; and her daughter, Penny Feickert.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro, with John Maszaros officiating and Kellie Dillon Treece delivering the eulogy. Private interment was in the Anna City Cemetery.

To leave online condolences, visit www.crainsonline.com.

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



Deon Dwayne Williams Gonzalez

Deon Dwayne Williams Gonzalez was born into the arms of the angels on Feb. 3, 2021, at Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau. He was the son of David Dwayne Williams and Dora Gonzalez.

Deon is survived by his parents, David Dwayne Williams and Dora Gonzalez; siblings Weston Grote and Carter Williams; grandparents Dora and Ismael Gonzalez of Jonesboro; aunt Nora (Tyrone) Smith of Hurst, Texas; uncle Alex (Tracy) Gonzalez of Sacramento, Calif.; and many other relatives.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

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

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Courthouse grounds covered with snow

The grounds around the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro were covered with snow on Thursday morning, Feb. 18. Seven inches of snow fell in Jonesboro during a winter storm which swept through the region last week.

State to expand Phase 1B eligibility this week

Vaccine eligibility to extend to individuals with underlying conditions

By **Tim Kirsininkas**
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 SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker said Monday that the state will move ahead with plans to expand vaccine eligibility under Phase 1B of its vaccination plan later this week.

A total of 73,181 COVID-19 vaccinations were administered statewide combined Saturday and Sunday.

As of early this week, the state had administered over 2.2 million doses to date, with 4.4 percent of the state's population being fully vaccinated.

In an unrelated Monday news conference, Pritzker said the Thursday eligibility expansion will include individuals aged 16 and older who have comorbidities, disabilities and underlying conditions.

Residents will not be required to provide proof of an underlying condition in order to receive a vaccine, he said.

"We're not making people walk in with papers from their doctor to prove

that they have diabetes or to prove that they have cancer," Pritzker said. "We are relying on the honor system."

Residents currently eligible for a vaccine under Phase 1B include people aged 65 and older and front-line essential workers.

The state's seven-day rolling average for administered vaccinations stood at 55,499 Monday. The average vaccination rate dropped over the past week, as the state experienced inclement weather and shifted focus to administering second doses to those who have already received their first.

"We saw a small delay last week because of weather nationally in the delivery of vaccines," Pritzker said Monday. "But now (health departments) are seeing many more second doses being delivered to them than they've seen before."

As of Monday, Illinois ranked 19th in per capita vaccine distribution, with 14 percent of the state's population having received at least one dose, according to data from The New York

Times. The state had previously ranked as low as 47th nationally in late January, according to that database. Roughly 4.5 percent of the population had received two doses.

Pritzker said the initial lag in vaccinations was due to a decision to stay in Phase 1A longer than other states.

"We wanted to make sure in Phase 1A that health care workers were covered completely," he said.

Pritzker said he expects the state will receive up to 500,000 vaccine doses from the federal government this week, an increase from the nearly 300,000 per week the state has received in weeks past.

Additionally, a new single-dose vaccine from Johnson & Johnson could

be granted authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in a Friday hearing. If approved, the new vaccine could make millions more doses available to states in the coming weeks.

More than 850 vaccination sites are currently open across the state, with more expected to come online in the coming weeks as the state builds vaccination capacity and the federal government works to increase production to meet national demand.

The state announced Monday that two new mass vaccination sites in Rockford and Collinsville were scheduled to open on Tuesday. The two new sites bring the number of mass vaccination sites to 14 statewide.

Each site will be managed through a partnership with Illinois Department of Public Health and the Emergency Management Agency and will be supported by members of the Illinois National Guard.

"These new mass vaccination sites and mobile teams will build on our partnership with local health departments and help ensure we administer doses as quickly as we receive them," Pritzker said in a Monday statement.

The statewide seven-day rolling positivity rate stood at 2.8 percent Monday as public health officials reported 1,246 new confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 out of 37,361 test results.

The state's positivity rate had not moved more than a tenth of a percentage point over the previous 11 days.

As of Sunday night, 1,504 individuals were reported hospitalized around the state due to COVID-19. Of those, 377 were in the ICU and 169 were on ventilators.

Public health officials announced 34 deaths due to COVID-19 Monday, bringing the state's death toll to 20,303 since the pandemic began. Illinois has recorded a total of 1.1 million cases to date.

Vaccination site location and appointment information is available at coronavirus.illinois.gov.

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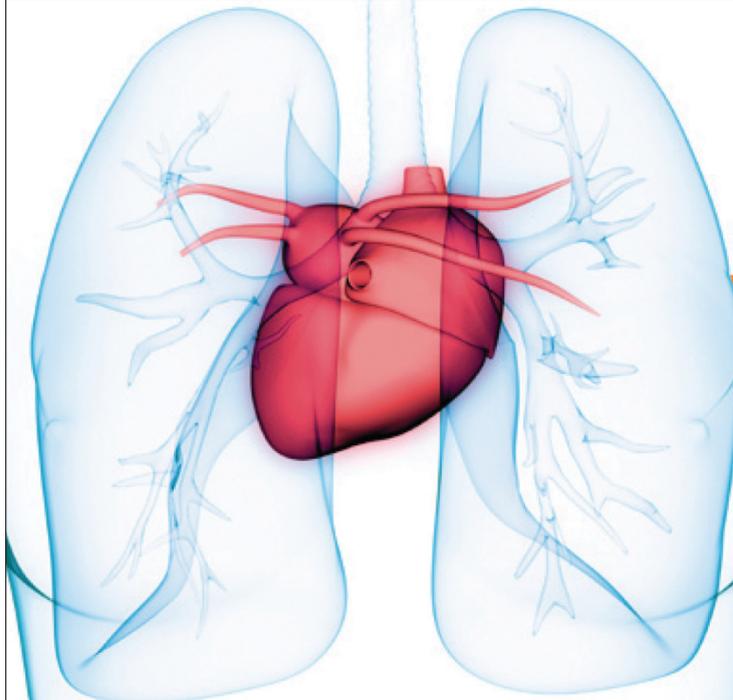
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Opinion and Commentary

Editorial

Public notices serve, inform communities

Every year, an Illinois legislator proposes a bill to remove public notices from being published in newspapers and allow units of government to post them to their websites. They must think they are saving taxpayers money, and that newspapers no longer are relevant.

This year is no different. House Bill 811 has been filed but not yet been assigned to a committee. As other bills that have come and gone before it, HB 811 is a bad idea. Lawmakers should reject it, as they have in the past.

Newspapers have played a vital role in providing transparency about government through the publication of public notices. It's worked for more than 150 years.

Now, with the digital reach of newspapers through their websites and the statewide public notice site run by Illinois newspapers, notifying the public has never been more efficient, effective and impactful.

Posting notices to newspaper websites and the statewide site are at no additional cost to government and is intended to provide even greater public access to these notices.

Conversely, there are nearly 7,000 units of government in Illinois. Only about half have a website. How efficient and effective would that be?

Units of government are required by statute to post meeting dates, agendas and minutes. Yet, many don't. There are more than 1,400 townships in Illinois, and the vast majority don't have a website, but for the ones that do only 53 percent comply with the required posting of meeting dates, agendas and minutes. Why would different results be expected from the same government units if they control the posting of public notices?

We all know there is money to be saved by being more efficient. How about taking a realistic look at eliminating the seemingly redundant units of government?

Illinois has far more units of government than any other state. Florida has more than 7 million more residents than Illinois but fewer than a quarter the number of government units.

Drainage districts, road districts and mosquito abatement districts could and should become part of the function of county governments.

The largest mosquito abatement district in Illinois is the South Cook County Mosquito Abatement District and it spent less than \$100 in 2020 on public notices, which is far less than the \$25,000 it spent on memberships and conferences. The cost of public notices is one of the smallest expenses of government entities.

So, it's not surprising that eliminating public notices from newspapers won't reduce taxes. Realistically no unit of government is going to lower its tax levy. So, if the Legislature really wants to lower public notice expense and ultimately property taxes it should address the number of governmental entities in the state.

Newspapers across Illinois provide access to public notices and verify compliance by government units. They also serve as a permanent record of public notices.

The majority of the more than 400 newspapers in Illinois are small businesses. Like every other small business, newspapers have been hit hard by the pandemic. Removing public notices will make it even harder for newspapers to do what they do best: serve and inform their communities.

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4-H evaluating options

In 2020, more than 400 Illinois 4-H competitive events, exhibitions and shows went virtual. Organizers said the virtual events provided a positive youth development experience while protecting 4-H members, volunteers and staff.

While the 2021 4-H exhibition season will be shaped by the ongoing impact of the coronavirus pandemic, efforts are underway to find solutions that balance the safety of communities with the benefits young people gain from participating in face-to-face judging experiences.

For summer 2021, strategies are being explored which support a safe return to in-person 4-H exhibitions. Young people in the Union County area are among those who participate in 4-H events, exhibitions and shows.

As the youth development program of University of Illinois Extension, events must abide by the guidelines of both the campus and the Illinois Department of Public Health. As options are evaluated, Illinois 4-H will continue to follow all relevant public health guidelines. An update on plans for 2021 was shared on the University of Illinois Extension website.

Illinois 4-H staff members said they have learned a great deal since the summer of 2020 and they believe there is a path forward that will allow the resuming in-person exhibitions.

Illinois 4-H staff members are diligently researching and designing a variety of program formats and structures. The goal is to provide options so that those involved with programs in each county can make their own program decisions based on current local conditions.

New safety protocols will play a significant role in a return to in-person programming, so Extension is asking for assistance in preparing families and communities for what future programs may look like.

Specific details are scheduled to be announced later this spring that will reflect the best practices in place for managing COVID-19.

By working in partnership with the local public health department and other organizations in the communities, Extension is voicing hope that young people may once again be able to participate in one of the hallmark experiences of being a 4-H member: 4-H exhibitions and shows.

The Illinois 4-H program remains committed to pacing its decision-making process in coordination with available data and safety protocols. Ultimately, they are hoping to be able to make plans that could allow for a return of in-person judging for 4-H exhibitions in the summer of 2021.

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

Time to start think about mowing the lawn...



Russian steppes? Nyet. Church steps. As in steps in front of the Jonesboro United Methodist Church. Took the photograph last Thursday morning, in the midst of our most recent Ice Age.

One day last week, I looked out the window and thought about heading out to the shed in our backyard and getting out the lawn mower. Just because.

Of course, there were more than a few challenges to that silly notion. For one thing, I'm not sure I could even get to the shed safely. And, if I could, would it be possible to open the shed door?

Besides, a lawn mower probably would not have done much good, since 7 or 8 inches of sleet, ice, and snow were in the process of forming the North American continent's newest glacier right in our yard.

I am going to make a rash assumption, based on weather forecasts for the week: By the time you read this gem, the temperature will have warmed into the 50s (yes, the 50s!!!) and much of the snow will be melting away...becoming a memory better left forgotten.

A number of years ago, a fellow toiler at The Paragraph Factory would give me a hard time after we had a big snowfall in our little corner of the world. He always figured I would probably go out and shoot about a thousand photographs of snow, and then run all of the pics in the paper. As in ALL of them.

I figure that we just don't get a lot of big snows here in the Land Between the Rivers. Besides, everybody always tells me how beautiful the snow is. And, truth be told, they are right. The snow is beautiful. As long as you can admire it from someplace where it's warm and cozy.

Well, as I tend to do, I went ahead and went for walks in the cold. Had to do some driving in the cold...and the snow...and the sleet...and the ice, too. Would have been nice to stay home. Maybe next time.

And, to answer a question you may have: Yes, I was out in the cold way too long during the past week. Froze my brain waves. Right along with the cold water pipe in the sink in the back room of our humble, and cold, abode. But the view out our back window was, indeed, beautiful.



These icicles were seen curving off the roof of a pavilion in downtown Cobden one afternoon last weekend.



Happened to see this little fellow frolicking in deep snow along a street in Anna one day last week. At one point, he leaped onto a nearby utility pole...and then jumped back into the snow.



Saw this pileated woodpecker while out wandering around in the cold last Saturday afternoon. At the time, smart people probably were staying indoors, under their favorite warm quilt, with a nice hot drink in hand.



Saw this combination of icicles and what I'm guessing were holiday/winter season decorations hanging from a gutter.

A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, February 25, 1971

Mrs. William Whiting, Anna, received the Francis G. Blair award for distinguished service to public education by a lay person at the annual meeting of the Illinois Education Association at the Sheraton Hotel, Chicago, held February 25-27.

The first day to file nominating petitions for a position on one of the seven man Boards of Education in the various unit school districts in Union County was Wednesday, Feb. 24. The last day to file petitions is March 19.

During a day-long session, doctors from St. Louis, Chicago and surrounding communities examined more than 80 young people at the Children's Clinic at the Union County Hospital, Thursday, Feb. 18.

The Union County experienced a wide range of "weather" this past week. There were thunderstorms, rain in the amount of 2.23 inches Sunday, Feb. 21, snow flurries, winds gusting to 30 miles per hour and an extremely low barometer reading of 29.20 throughout most of the day Monday, Feb. 22.

Rivers rose rapidly toward flood stage Monday in Southern Illinois, including a six-foot overnight jump at

Cape Girardeau, Mo., following a 24 hour rainfall ranging up to two inches.

The Union County Grand Jury is presently in session at the County Courthouse.

A Spring Opening has been planned for Thursday, March 4, by many Anna Merchants.

Hundreds of persons attended the Open House at Capel's Pharmacy Friday and Saturday, Feb. 19 and 20, to view the newly remodeled and very attractive drug store.

Several Union County Boy Scouts attended the Winter Polar Bear (Klondike) Camporee at Giant City State Park this week end.

From the Ware news: The Ware community got four inches of rainfall Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday night.

From the Casper Church news: Thought we would let people know who are not living around here any longer that old man winter did not forget to visit us again. First such snow since about 1918.

From the Trinity news: We are having plenty of snow. News is scarce due to the bad weather.