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News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area



Daffodils are blooming (thanks to a reader for sharing the image)...



...crocuses are blooming, too...

...signs that spring is coming: bright yellow daffodils and crocuses are in bloom in Union County. The daffodils were seen south of Jonesboro. The crocuses were in Cobden.

Reminder: an American Red Cross blood drive is scheduled Friday, March 8, at Dongola School.

Dr. Peggy Bradford, the president of Shawnee Community College, attended a recent Community College National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C.

Shawnee Development Council's food pantry in Anna would welcome the donation of a freezer.

The Union County Board of Commissioners has reached a tentative agreement with the Laborers union on a contract for custodians at the courthouse.

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Union, Alexander counties involved

Consolidated 911 system receives approval

A key development in the future of the local 911 emergency communications system highlighted discussion at last week's regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners.

The meeting was Friday morning, Feb. 22, at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

During the meeting, the establishment of a new Union/Alexander County Joint Emergency Telephone System Board for 911 was announced.

911 system director Crystal Gurley announced that on Feb. 7, the new, two-county joint system board was approved by the Illinois

state 911 administrator.

The long-awaited announcement is welcome news for county officials, who have been working for some time on the establishment of a 911 system which involves Union and Alexander counties.

Gurley shared a news release with county of-

ficials about the approval of the new system. The release highlighted the details leading up to Friday's announcement.

A consolidation plan for the proposed Union/Alexander County Joint Emergency Telephone System Board, ETSB, was filed in 2018.

Over the last several months, hearings were conducted with the Illinois Commerce Commission, the Illinois State Police, the state administrative law judge, the state advisory board and the state 911 administrator.

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Rain in forecast

Flooding on Ohio, Mississippi rivers

Rain, including freezing precipitation, once again was in the forecast for the region at midweek.

The return of wet weather followed several days of sunny conditions in the region.

A forecast calling for more rain comes at a time when major flooding is occurring along the Ohio River in parts of Southern Illinois and Western Kentucky.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah also had issued another flood warning for parts of the Mississippi River in Southern Illinois and Southeast Missouri.

The weather service was calling for the possibility of light freezing rain on Wednesday night, Feb. 27.

The forecast posted Tuesday morning on the weather service office's website also was calling for freezing rain before noon on Thursday, today. The possibility of freezing rain will be followed by a chance of rain and a high temperature near 36 degrees.

The forecast for Friday was calling for a mostly cloudy sky, with a high near 45.

Saturday's forecast was calling for a slight chance of rain showers, snow showers and freezing rain before 1 p.m., a slight chance of rain showers between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., then a slight chance of rain and snow showers after 4 p.m. The high is forecast to be around 37.

Major Flooding

Major flooding was underway this week along the Ohio River at Cairo and Paducah.

The weather service reported that the Ohio River and some of its tributaries were being fed by a long-term surplus of rainfall over

the Tennessee and Ohio valleys that began last fall.

Rainfall during the month of February has been near or above record levels. Paducah was experiencing its second wettest February on record, dating back to 1937.

Ohio River

The Ohio River's stage at Cairo was reported to be at 55.6 feet at 7 p.m. Monday. Flood stage is 40.0 feet.

The river was forecast to continue rising to near 56.5 feet by this Saturday morning and then will begin to fall.

The Ohio River's stage at Paducah was reported to be at 53.0 feet at 7 p.m. Monday. Flood stage is 39.0 feet.

The river was forecast to continue rising to near 53.5 feet by this Saturday morning and then will begin to fall.

Flood warnings remain in effect until further notice for the Ohio River at Cairo and Paducah.

Gov. JB Pritzker was scheduled to visit Metropolis and Cairo on Tuesday to survey flooding in the region.

Mississippi River

The weather service reported that flood warnings were in effect for the Mississippi River at Cape Girardeau and Thebes.

Union County is bordered on the west by the Mississippi River.

The weather service reported that runoff from recent rains, combined with backwater from the Ohio River, would cause the Mississippi River at Cape Girardeau and Thebes to rise into minor flood stage during the mid to latter part of this week.

A flood warning was slated to go into effect Wednesday afternoon and continue until Sunday morning for the Mississippi River at Cape Girardeau.

At 7:30 p.m., the Mississippi River's stage at Cape Girardeau was reported to be at 29.7 feet. Flood stage is 32.0 feet.

The river was expected to rise above flood stage by Wednesday afternoon and will continue to rise to near 33.0 feet by Friday morning.

The forecast called for the river to fall below flood stage by Sunday morning. A flood warning was scheduled to go into effect late Wednesday night and continue until late Saturday night for the Mississippi River at Thebes.

At 7:30 p.m. Monday, the river's stage at Thebes was 31.1 feet. Flood stage is 33.0 feet.

The river is expected to rise above flood stage by early Thursday morning, today, and continue to rise to near 33.5 feet by Friday morning.

The forecast called for the river to fall below flood stage by Saturday evening.



Recent rainfall leads to closing of part of Route 127

The Illinois Department of Transportation, IDOT, on Friday, Feb. 22, announced that part of Illinois Route 127 in Union County had been closed. The road was closed at 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, at a location near Alto Pass, 7.5 miles north of Illinois Route 146. IDOT reported in a news release that the closure was necessary due to slope instability from recent rainfall which caused the pavement to settle. "This portion of the roadway is closed for the safety of the motoring public," IDOT stated. Motorists are being advised to use a marked detour or to seek an alternate route. Message boards and signs have been placed. The sign and road block markers in the picture are located along Illinois Route 127 in Alto Pass.

Arts center has busy calendar

Music, an art exhibit, a play, an outdoor painting event and several competitions are on the calendar from March through June at the Shawnee Hills Arts Councils' Anna Arts Center. The arts center is located at 125 W. Davie St. in Anna.

Celtic Music

Back Porch Company plans to present Celtic music at 7 p.m. on March 9. Members of Back Porch Company are Warren and Carla Anderson, Stuart Anderson and Richard Johnson. Admission is free; an offering is planned.

Heart of Art Exhibit

An opening reception is planned from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. March 10 for The Heart of Art Exhibit. The exhibit will feature the art of James Thomas

Gowin of Anna, who is legally blind.

"Tuesdays with Morrie"

Performances of the play "Tuesdays with Morrie" are set for 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on March 23 and for 2 p.m. on March 24.

Tickets are available at the Here and Now Shop in downtown Anna. Tickets also are available online at <https://tuesdayswithmorrie.brownpapertickets.com>.

Art Competition

A judged art competition/exhibition is planned April 2-28.

A reception for the exhibition is scheduled from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on April 28.

The competition welcomes entries in three categories: painting and drawing, photography and fine

crafts. The entry deadline is March 30.

Paint the Town

A Paint the Town event is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 27.

Participants of all ages are invited to paint a square on a parking lot along West Davie Street, across from the arts center.

Digital Photography

The Strictly Digital Photography Exhibit is scheduled May 6 through June 9. The theme for the exhibit is "Anything Found on a Farm." Entries will be accepted on April 25 and April 26.

For more information about upcoming events at the arts center, contact Lee Hackney by phone at 904-625-1109 or by email at vabchlee@gmail.com.



Sunshine on a Sunday afternoon

Sunshine has been a rather rare commodity in the Union County area in recent weeks. The sun was shining brightly in a clear blue sky over Union County last Sunday afternoon. The sunlight was a backdrop for American flags which were on display in the downtown Cobden area. A strong, chilly wind was blowing at the time.



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Consolidated 911 system

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Many smaller counties in Illinois already have been mandated to consolidate their 911 systems.

The Union County Board of Commissioners approved a joint ETSB resolution in an effort to reduce the risk of losing the local county 911 dispatch center through future mandated consolidations.

When the new Union County Courthouse was built, the dispatch center at the Union County Sheriff's Office was laid out, and plans were made, to provide room for future expansion. The sheriff's office and dispatch center are located at the courthouse.

The county commissioners say they are confident that the Union County dispatch center can provide the highest quality 911 service for residents of both counties.

The Union County Board of Commissioners and the

Alexander County Board of Commissioners have signed resolutions to appoint members to a newly formed joint ETSB. The makeup of the board was based on the population of the two counties.

Members of the new board include:

Bobby Toler Jr., Union County commissioner; he is the board's vice chairman.

Joe Griggs, chairman, Alexander County Board of Commissioners.

Scott Harvel, Union County sheriff.

Grant Capel, director of the Union County Ambulance Service.

Matthew Lambdin, Union County public safety representative.

Susan Bigham, Alexander County public safety representative.

Steve Hartline, Union County public member.

The consolidation of the two 911 systems is seen as a benefit for both counties.

The news release shared

at Friday's county board meeting explained that "with emerging technology and decreasing revenue it made sense to merge resources to ensure both counties can continue with necessary upgrades and provide the best possible service to the citizens of both Union and Alexander counties."

Union County citizens' 911 emergencies will continue to be answered by the dispatch center in Jonesboro.

The Union County dispatch center also is scheduled to begin taking calls for Alexander County in the fall.

Each county will continue to respond with their respective emergency response services.

The joint ETSB 911 administrative office will remain at the Union County Sheriff's Office.

Residents of both coun-

ties will be able to contact 911 director Crystal Gurley at 833-5442 for non-emergency calls.

The news release concluded by noting that "everyone involved in this process worked diligently over the last two and a half years to make this day happen and looks forward to what the future holds for the citizens of Union and Alexander counties."

Union County Board of Commissioners chairman Max Miller voiced appreciation to Gurley for all of the work she has done leading up to the establishment of the new system.

Gurley said that she was grateful for the way that all of those who have been involved in the establishment of the new system worked together.

Gurley also praised former Union County 911 director Jana Fear for laying the groundwork for the new system.

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The county also has reached a new, four-year agreement to continue with services provided by the Jackson County Jail in Murphysboro.

A 2017 payable in 2018 tax sale is slated for 10 a.m. on March 13 at the Union County Courthouse.

The Union County Courthouse was a busy place on Thursday, Feb. 21, with more than 480 people passing through the doors.

The Anna City Council had a very, very short regular meeting on Tuesday evening, Feb. 19.

A Union County Career Fair is scheduled March 7 at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

The Union County Soil and Water Conservation District is planning to administer an application process for cost share funding of approved conservation projects.

The soil and water conservation district also is accepting orders through April 8 for fish to be used to stock ponds.

Daylight Saving Time begins March 10.

The first day of spring is March 20.

Union County government is seeking sealed proposals from vendors who can provide copier and printing equipment, as well as support and maintenance.

In the "late news" category: the journey of a 115-foot-long semi tractor trailer rig through Union County on Friday morning, Feb. 15, created a lot of interest. Traffic was stopped briefly when the rig took a rather unusual route around the square in Jonesboro.

Lenten season fish fries are scheduled to begin March 8 at the parish hall at St. Mary Catholic Church in Anna.

Program helps with cost of winter utility bills

The Shawnee Development Council notes that federal and state funding is available through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, LIHEAP, to assist households with the cost of energy bills for heating their homes.

Walk-in assistance for the program is scheduled to be available from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 2 at Shawnee Development Council's Union County office, which is located at 1000 N. Main St. in Anna. Appointments are not needed.

Assistance is available through LIHEAP for those who are using natural gas, propane, electricity, wood or other heating fuels.

Grant funds still are available for residents of Union, Alexander, Hardin,

Johnson, Massac, Pope and Pulaski counties.

LIHEAP is an income-based program. Those who want to apply for the program will be asked to present the following items:

Proof of 30-day gross income for all members of the household. A copy of current gas and electric bills.

Photo identification. Social Security cards for all members of the household. Rent receipt, if applicable. Food stamp printout from DHS, if applicable.

Emergency applications require 90 days gross income.

Information about the program is available by contacting the Shawnee Development Council office in Anna, phone 833-7431.

State police release monthly activity report

Illinois State Police District 22 has released a review of activities for January.

The district includes Union, Johnson, Pope, Massac, Hardin, Pulaski and Alexander counties.

The following statistics were included in the report for the month of January.

District 22 officers responded to 100 calls for service.

Officers issued 545 citations and 1,167 written warnings.

Three motorists were arrested for driving under the influence, DUI.

Officers handled 34 crashes.

A total of 257 motor carrier safety inspections were conducted; 26 of the inspections led to either the driver or the vehicle being placed out of service for safety violations.

A total of 165 motorists were assisted on the side of the road.

Officers made 20 criminal arrests.

The following citations were issued for what are termed as "Fatal Four" violations:

DUI, three. Speeding, 236. Occupant restraint, 64.

Distracted driving, 25.

Scott's Law

District 22 continues to remind motorists who travel on area highways about Scott's Law, "The Move Over Law."

The law requires motor-

ists to reduce the speed of their vehicle, to yield the right of way by changing lanes away from an authorized emergency vehicle and to proceed with due regard to safety and traffic conditions.

Union County sheriff issues activity report for January

Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel has released his department's monthly activity report for January.

Highlights from the report follow:

Felony arrests, 12. Misdemeanor arrests, 26. Traf-

fic arrests, 41. Warrant arrests, seven. Total arrests, 86.

Cases opened, 22. Drug investigations, seven. Crash reports, 20. 911 calls received, 1,330. Miles patrolled, 13,031.



Police academy graduates

The Southwestern Illinois College, SWIC, Police Academy recently celebrated the graduation of Session 137. The SWIC Police Academy is an intensive academic and physical training program designed to prepare recruits to enter a career in law enforcement. It is one of only six police academies in Illinois. Among the graduates were Officer Jacob Sanders of the Cobden Police Department, Deputy Dylan T. Lyell (of Goreville) of the Johnson County Sheriff's Office and Officer Bruce K. Agbayani of the Mounds Police Department.

Graduates included, in the first row, from left, Officer Bruce K. Agbayani of the Mounds Police Department, Officer Alex G. Bowman of the Rock Island Police Department, Officer Taylor W. Brockman of the Alton Police Department, Officer Casey M. Brown of the Belleville Police Department, Officer Aric E. Cremer of the Macomb Police Department, Officer Eric W. Emmons of the Mount Carmel Police Department and Officer Geoffrey N. Fester of the East Alton Police Department.

In the second row are Officer Nathan T. Hawkins of the East Alton Police Department, Officer Rebecca S. Hudson of the Collinsville Police Department (winner academic honors award), Officer Steven R. Huffman of the Macomb Police Department (winner most improved overall in physical fitness award), Deputy James W. Iglehart (of Mount Carmel) of the Richland County Sheriff's Department (class president), Officer Cody M. Johnston of the O'Fallon Police Department and Officer Taylor S. Kleiboeker of the Mount Vernon Police Department.

In the third row are Officer Sarah E. Linder of the Havana Police Department, Officer Brandon M. Lloyd of the Roxana Police Department (winner Jeremy Chambers Top Gun Firearms Award), Officer Alexander A. Lorsbach of the Lexington Police Department, Deputy Dylan T. Lyell (of Goreville) of the Johnson County Sheriff's Office, Officer Shane R. Mason (of Fairview Heights) of the Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Police Department (winner defense tactics award), Officer Jordan L. McMillen of the Greenfield Police Department and Officer Chasity R. Moses of the Greenup Police Department.

In the fourth row are Officer Ian M. Parnell of the Roxana Police Department, Deputy Tyler D. Reagan (of Moline) of the Rock Island County Sheriff's Office, Officer Marcus D. Root of the Mount Carmel Police Department, Officer Jacob W. Sanders of the Cobden Police Department, Deputy Jason B. Sandidge (of Godfrey) of the Madison County Sheriff's Office, Officer Jeremiah L. Schultz of the Brooklyn Police Department and Officer David A. Sells of the Belleville Police Department.

In the fifth row are Officer Darius A. Smith of the Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Police Department (winner best overall in physical fitness award), Deputy James C. Stewart (of Godfrey) of the Madison County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Corey S. Thompson (of St. Joseph) of the Vermilion County Metropolitan Enforcement Group, Officer Ethan D. Wicke of the Greenup Police Department, Officer Brendan D. Wright (of St. Jacob) of the SWIC Public Safety Department. Officer Scott C. Votrain II of the Waterloo Police Department could not be present for the picture. SWIC photo by Dena Roland Woods.

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A-J student headed to Ivy League's Brown University



Bryce Massey

guage arts took place both in and out of the classroom as well.

"Our language department here is awesome, they've influenced me so much," said Massey.

"Señora Darmour-Paul met with me over summers to just practice and speak Spanish with me. And right now Señora Hutchings is teaching me Latin."

And if that wasn't enough independent foreign language study, for the past eight months, Massey has been taking lessons in Mandarin on Sundays with Jessica, the owner at Kings Wok in Anna.

Massey's career goals are no less ambitious than his academic pursuits.

"I'd like to go into intelligence, so that could be CIA, FBI, the UN or even private intelligence agencies," said Massey.

"I would really like to find this intersectional ground where I can utilize skills of logic an analysis and pretty mathematical things. And of course with a firm foundation in statistics, I could understand, perhaps, some trend that is occurring in a country."

With this career in mind, Massey envisions himself in foreign countries, working for the greater good on an international level.

"I'd love to do field work, I think it would be such a cool experience to be able to go to Spain and influence policy, to go to Shanghai and influence policy, or just to insure that our international relations are going smoothly."

His parents are Dr. Paige and John Maginel of Dongola and Ron Massey of Anna.

His grandparents are Jim and Christine Helm of Dongola, Carl Massey of Anna and Dr. Cal Maginel of Anna.

He has two siblings, Henry Maginel of Dongola and Morgan Massey of Raleigh, N.C.

to the history of Brown and the culture of the region.

"I like that it's been a progressive area that has encouraged asking difficult questions, and views academia as a conduit to liberation," said Massey.

Prior to his initial visit his freshman year, Massey looked toward a possible future in medical school.

But he now has interests in perusing a study regimen focusing on the intersection of language and mathematics.

"I wanted something dynamic," said Massey. "I wanted something that is always changing, and a little more intuitive in nature rather than technical, but still has a certain level of intellectual rigor to it."

As part of his own personal independent studies, Massey spent the summer between his sophomore and junior years studying pure mathematics with Sally Casey, a math teacher at Dongola School.

"It gave me a firm foundation in mathematics and it also reinforced a love for it," said Massey.

"In learning how to manipulate equations, it wasn't just memorization and doing, but rather it was more like art. I found it really inherent and intuitive, and I equate it to a language because I love studying languages."

Massey's study of lan-

By Benjamin Marxer
For the first time in over 20 years, an Anna-Jonesboro Community High School student will be headed to the Ivy League.

Senior Bryce Massey has officially been accepted into Brown University in Providence, R.I., as part of the university's Early Decision Program.

The program allows first-year applicants to apply for admission to Brown in the fall of their senior year and receive an admission decision in mid-December.

Massey had previously studied human anatomy and physiology at Brown during his freshman year though their "Summer@Brown" program.

A key feature that attracted Massey to Brown over other Ivy League schools is its open curriculum.

Where most universities require all students to take an array of general studies classes, Brown has no core curriculum requirements that students must complete in order to graduate.

This gives students greater freedom to shape the direction of their education.

"Brown sort of views any kind of requirement is almost an infringement on your academic liberty," said Massey. "It's entirely self-directed."

In addition to its unique approach to curriculum, Massey was also attracted



A-JCHS hosts blood drive

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Student Council hosted an American Red Cross blood drive on Wednesday, Feb. 20. Student council members who worked as volunteers at the blood drive included, in the first row, from left, Ashley Detering and Olivia Wilkins. In the second row are Carson Reynolds, Kimberly Williams and Lexie Lingle. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.



Cobden High School Scholar Bowl team

The Cobden High School Scholar Bowl team placed second at the Masonic Academic Bowl sectional tournament on Saturday, Feb. 23. Cobden hosted the tournament. Team members are, from left, Gage Lingle, Alex Kinsey, Christian Goins, Jamison Cowart, Noah Franklin, Maddie Bundren, Kennedie Marks and Olivia Brumleve. Holly Hurt, who is the coach of the team, said in an email that she is "tremendously proud of the team's hard work." Hurt voiced appreciation to all of the teams which participated, to the Masons and especially all of the volunteers who came out to help make this event a success.

Cobden High School also is scheduled to host an Illinois High School Association regional Scholar Bowl tournament on Monday, March 4, starting at 3:30 p.m. An awards ceremony is scheduled to start at approximately 7 p.m. Teams which are scheduled to compete at the regional include Cobden, Belleville Althoff, Campbell Hill (Trico), Goreville, Marissa (co-op), Nashville, New Athens, Sparta and Shawnee (Wolf Lake). Photo provided.

Legislation addresses VA leadership concerns

Bipartisan legislation, the VA Health Center Management Stability and Improvement Act, was unveiled Feb. 26 in Washington, D.C.

U.S. Rep. Mike Bost, R-Ill., said the legislation aims to address the growing problem of VA medical centers operating without permanent directors.

Bost introduced the bill along with U.S. Rep. Jim Costa, D-Calif.

"No business or organization can successfully operate under a revolving

door of short-term leaders, especially not one tasked with caring for America's heroes," Bost said in a news release.

"Restoring accountability and leadership at the VA should be a primary focus in Congress. That's why we can't afford to continue operating in this haphazard way."

"As a veteran myself, it's my duty to do my part in providing the stability necessary to ensure our veterans receive the care they

deserve. Our bipartisan legislation is a strong step in that direction."

Almost 20 VA medical centers nationwide currently lack a permanent director, Bost said.

Some of these facilities have not been staffed by a permanent director in almost two years.

In lieu of a permanent director, these facilities have been managed by interim directors who may only serve in that capacity for an average tenure of 120 days.

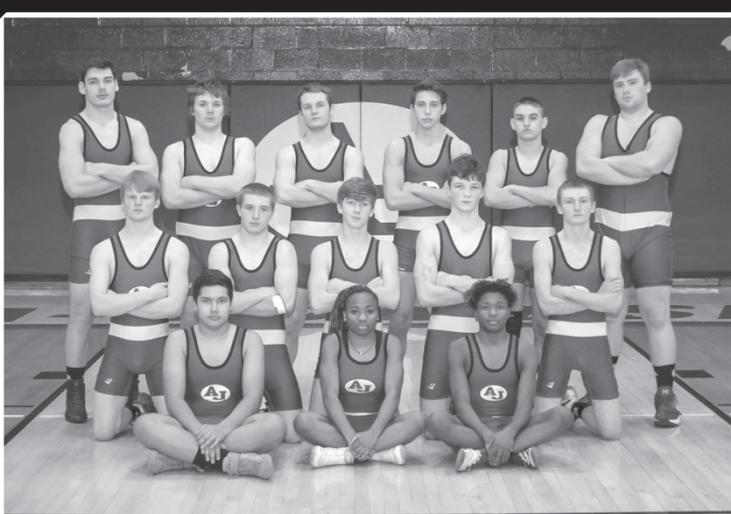
The proposed legislation would require the secretary of the VA to report to Congress with a plan for addressing the shortage of permanent directors, a shortage that could hinder the ability to engage in long-term planning and other functions necessary to improve service delivery to our veterans.

Bost explained that the VA Health Center Management Stability and Improvement Act:

- Requires the Secretary of the VA to develop and submit to Congress a plan to hire highly-qualified medical directors for each medical center that lacks a permanent director within 120 days of enactment.

- Identifies possible impediments to staffing facilities with permanent directors.

- Assesses the possibility of promoting and training qualified candidates from within the VA for promotion



Congratulations to the AJ Wildcat wrestling team on finishing the season 21-9, being named regional champs, Mississippi division conference champs and sweeping both sides of the River to River conference.

Special congrats to Arojae Hart and Nate Kisat on winning at sectionals!

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Sports

Pinckneyville outscores A-J in regional championship game

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' basketball team couldn't hold an early lead in a 55-39 loss to Pinckneyville in the championship game of the Illinois High School Association Class 2A regional hosted by the Wildcats Friday, Feb. 22.

Tyler Smith put A-J ahead early 2-0 on a bucket and scored the next two baskets for a 7-6 Wildcat lead.

Kelton Linze then countered with a 3-pointer with 3:52 left in the first quarter to give the Panthers the lead for good.

Pinckneyville led 15-9 after one quarter and 25-16 at the half. The Panthers led 41-29 going into the final quarter.

Smith led A-J with 16 points and 4 rebounds. Blake Pena added 14 points and 6 rebounds.

Noah McFarland had 4 points and 4 rebounds. Conner Jerolds had 3 points. Carson Reynolds had 2 points and a rebound. Nate Belcher had a rebound.

A-J was 13 of 28 in shot attempts from the field, 1 of 9 from 3-point range and 10 of 16 from the free throw line.

The Panthers were 16 of 21 in shot attempts from the floor, 6 of 16 from 3-point

range and 5 of 11 from the charity stripe.

The game had three ties and one lead change.

A-J 75, Du Quoin 72: Trailing by 14 points in the third quarter, the Wildcats came back for a 75-72 overtime win over Du Quoin in first round of the regional on Wednesday, Feb. 20.

The Wildcats trailed 48-40 headed into the final period.

Cameron Tweedy, who finished going 5 of 9 from 3-point range, got A-J rolling to open the final quarter with his fifth 3-pointer.

The Wildcats outscored the Indians 24-16 in the final period and took the lead, 63-62, with 31.5 seconds remaining on an offensive rebound by McFarland off a missed free throw.

After Kaden Mays missed the front end of a 1-and-1 for the Indians, McFarland got the rebound and was fouled. He missed the first free throw but made the second for a 64-62 A-J lead with 27.2 seconds remaining.

The Indians' Josh Heape scored on a short jump shot to tie the game and Tweedy missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer that rimmed out to send the game into overtime.

Pena hit a 3-pointer to begin the overtime period.

The Indians cut the lead to 2 with 14.7 seconds remaining on a lay up by Heape. Smith was fouled and missed both free throw attempts, but Du Quoin was called for traveling with 1.6 seconds remaining on the rebound to seal the A-J win.

The game had 5 ties and 7 lead changes.

"It was nice to win a close game," A-J head coach Mike Chamness said, who noted that the Wildcats had lost several close games during the regular season. "I thought it was a really good boost for us."

McFarland led A-J with 20 points and 7 rebounds. Smith had 17 points and 9 rebounds.

Tweedy had 17 points and a rebound. Pena had 10 points and 2 rebounds. Reynolds had 9 points and 2 rebounds. Belcher had 2 points and 2 rebounds.

A-J was 16 of 28 in shot attempts from the field, 9 of 10 from 3-point range and 16 of 30 from the free throw line.

The Indians were 26 of 41 in shot attempts from the field, 5 of 19 from 3-point range and 5 of 10 from the charity stripe.

A-J, which finished 9-21 overall, will lose Smith, Reynolds, Tweedy and Jerolds to graduation.

Shawnee, Dongola seasons end

The Shawnee and Dongola high school boys' basketball teams both lost in first-round action at the Illinois High School Association Class 1A regional at Goreville Tuesday, Feb. 19.

Cairo 100, Shawnee 62: The Pilots were ahead 28-7 after one quarter and 57-25 at the half.

Austin Warren had 29 points to lead the Redskins. Justin Kaufman added 25 points and Nick Rose and Holden Criddle had 4 apiece.

Egyptian 97, Dongola 69: The Pharaohs pulled ahead 23-14 after one quarter and 48-32 at the half.

Evan Treat had 25 points to lead the Demons. Joey Thomas had 10 points, Charlie Duty and Collin Hall scored 9 points apiece, Robbie Hammond 8, Cameron Hogue and Nathan Williams 3 each and Andrew Tarpley 2.

Cobden edged at regional

The Cobden High School boys' basketball team couldn't hold an early lead in a 50-49 loss in overtime to host Hardin County in the Class 1A regional Wednesday, Feb. 20.

The Appleknockers led 9-5 after one quarter and 24-15 at the half.

Cobden was ahead 36-28 after three quarters but was outscored 15-7 in the final quarter for a 43-43 tie at the end of regulation play.

Hardin County outscored Cobden 7-6 in the overtime period.

Noah Franklin scored 18 points to lead Cobden. Dylan Lewey added 13 points, Zane Nance 9, Joe Brumleve 5 and Landon Britt 4.

The Appleknockers closed out the season with a 21-10 record.

Commentary

Appleknockers lay foundation for success

By Mike Estel

The Cobden High School boys' basketball team lost a heart breaker 50-49 in the first round of the Class 1A regional to host Hardin County last week.

The Appleknockers might have been knocked out of regional play early, but the fans are already looking forward to next season for a team that finished 21-10 overall.

The lone starter that will be lost to graduation is senior Zane Nance. Seniors Chandler West and Cody Weiseman will also be lost to graduation.

But the nucleus of the team will return from a Cobden squad that crossed the 20-win season plateau for the first time in the school's history for a long while.

A lot of fans are looking forward to the return of the inside dual of a pair of 6-5 players in junior Joe Brumleve and sophomore Noah Franklin. Both players made a lot of noise this season under the boards rebounding and sharp shoot-

ing from the inside and outside as well for the Appleknockers.

Last year's standout point guard John Russell graduated and junior Dylan Lewey made a strong showing to step in and take his place this season.

The other junior returning starter is Landon Britt. Other juniors returning who could contribute next season are Alex Ramsey, Clayton Flamm, Jose Lopez, Alex Kinsey and Jesus Amezquita.

Sophomores off the junior varsity squad in the mix returning that could also add some more depth to the squad are Sipriano Zamora, Riley Gearhart and John Eck.

The coach is beaming with confidence in what happened to the team this season.

"I'm proud of them, they came a long way in a short time," first year Cobden coach Wendell Wheeler said. "We've got to get a lot better though."

The ground work has already been laid for that to happen.

Hunter safety education course scheduled in Anna

An Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, hunter safety education course is planned March 15-16 at the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna. The church is located at 315 South St.

Hours for the course are scheduled from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. March 15 and from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 16. Students must attend both classes.

A 1996 state law requires all hunters born on or after Jan. 1, 1980, to successfully complete a hunter education course before they can

receive their first hunting license.

Those who complete the course will receive a hunter education certification card. The card verifies that they have passed the course of instruction.

The course will include instruction in wildlife management, firearms safety, hunter ethics, game identification, first aid, survival techniques and regulations.

All students must preregister. For more information about the course, or to preregister, contact coordinating instructor LaRue Parr at 618-697-0286.

A-J faces Pinckneyville in regional championship game

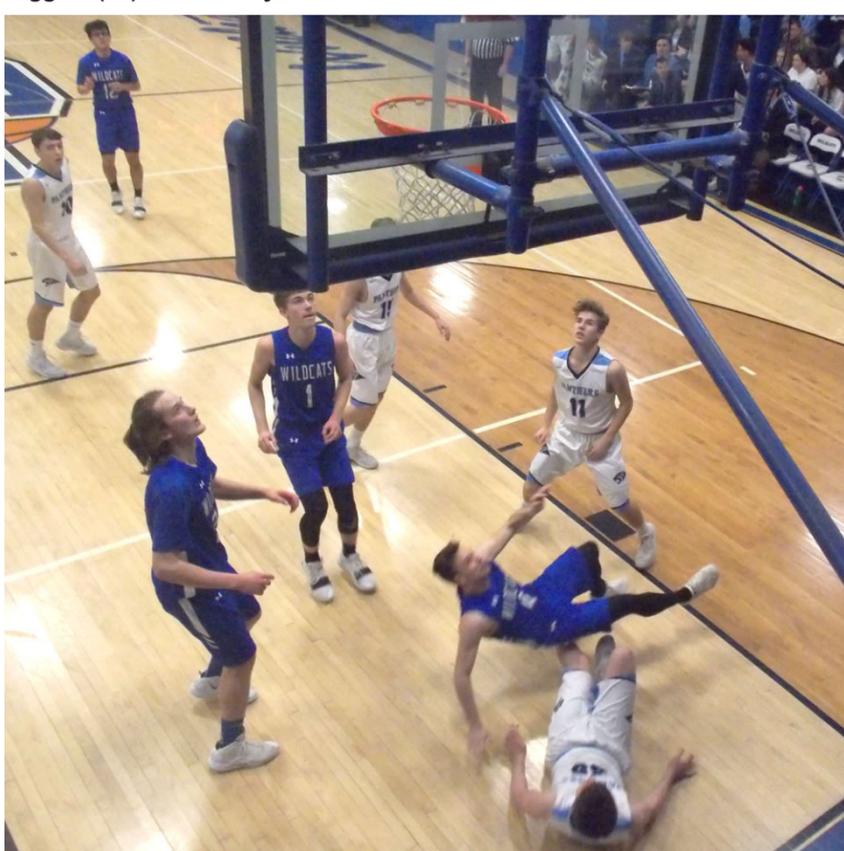
After a dramatic come-from-behind victory in overtime against Du Quoin on Wednesday, Feb. 20, the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' basketball team fell short in a Class 2A regional championship game. The host Wildcats lost to Pinckneyville 55-39 Friday night, Feb. 22. The game was played in a packed Union Hall gymnasium at A-JCHS. Photos by Benjamin Marxer.



Wildcats forward Noah McFarland lines up for a shot in the third quarter.



Tyler Smith (1) and Blake Peña (12) of A-J and Dre Scott (23) and Hunter Riggins (24) of Pinckneyville scramble for a loose ball.



A-J senior Conner Jerolds is tripped up by a fallen Pinckneyville player while chasing down a rebound.



The Wildcats cheerleaders rally the crowd after the first quarter.

Saluki Sports Update

By Fred Huff

Where did it go? The 2019 basketball season. Of course, the fireworks are still ahead of us for the next few weeks, but for nine of the 10 teams in the Missouri Valley Conference, there are only two remaining.

We say that with a great deal of confidence as other than the champion of the Valley's post-season tournament qualifying automatically for the NCAA, there's little likelihood that any other league team is going to attract the attention of the two or three other postseason meets.

With each team having played 16 of their 18 conference games, three teams are tied for the lead. Three teams all with somewhat unimpressive 10-6 league records. And, there's an excellent chance that all three will finish with 11-7 records.

Loyola, the defending champ and darling of last year's NCAA, has to face suddenly red-hot Northern Iowa and dangerous Bradley.

The Ramblers are tied with Drake, which has a soft touch in Indiana State, but runs into Missouri State in the league's finale.

Those Bears, who are also tied for first, have the toughest pair of opponents in Illinois State and Drake.

Imagine, Drake and Missouri State, two teams that were floundering just two seasons ago, meeting with a possible league championship on the line. We'd pay for a front-row seat at that one.

Another side bar is that both have first-year coaches. Really.

A-J wrestles at sectional

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School wrestling team lost 67-4 to host Vandalia at the Illinois High School Association Class 1A sectional Tuesday, Feb. 19.

A-J's Nate Kisat, wrestling in the 160-pound weight class, was the only winner for A-J with a major decision.

Vandalia, which advanced to state, is the No. 4 ranked team in Class 1A.

Program helps 4-H clubs to start pollinator gardens

Honey bees and other pollinators play an important role in the agricultural ecosystem.

These pollinators are under stress from a number of factors: pests, disease, lack of habitat and more.

The GROWMARK System is offering to help 4-H clubs do their part to help sustain and increase honey bee populations.

This is the fourth year of the program, open to 4-H clubs, Ag in the Classroom groups and FFA chapters in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin.

Groups which previously participated in the program have been automatically reenrolled.

Organizations are asked to locate a public place and secure permission to plant a pollinator garden prior to filling out an application.

This could be in a park, near a school, along a well-traveled road, at the county fairgrounds, or any visible location.

GROWMARK will provide enough seed to plant a 700 square foot area, as

well as educational signage to be placed around the garden.

Drake's last-year coach took another job and Missouri State fired our good friend and former Saluki Paul Lusk. Interesting happening.

Another we'd enjoy learning is what MVC Commissioner Doug Elgin was thinking on his return trip to St. Louis Sunday after watching the SIU-Loyola game. It was an entertaining game.

Neither team was at its best. The Salukis were definitely, at least in our prejudice mind, the better of the two teams.

The point being that the defending Valley title holder and favorite to repeat this season was not that impressive in losing to the hot-and-cold Salukis.

The unpredictable SIU club will have trouble in winning at St. Louis come tournament time, but the Valley is wild, wild, wild with strange happenings.

The Valley tournament is hardly anything like in former years when two, occasionally three or four teams, were capable of winning.

And, with the runner-up team expecting, and occasionally receiving, a spot in the NCAA tournament.

Wichita State, of course, was the recent perennial leader before leaving for the American Conference. Down through the years several other teams have enjoyed the role of favorite.

SIU is the only team to ever, ever, win three years in a row. Rich Herrin was the undisputed king of the Valley with his 1993, 1994 and 1995 championships.

We remember well several even suggesting that

Pender receives Redhawk Award

Jaycee Pender of Jonesboro has received the Redhawks Achievement Award to attend Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Pender is the daughter of Dale Pender of Jonesboro and Shanna Pender of Jonesboro.

She is a 2017 graduate of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School and will be a 2019 graduate of Shawnee Community College.

well as educational signage to be placed around the garden.

"More than 100 youth organizations have been part of the program since 2016," said Karen Jones, GROWMARK youth and young producer specialist, in a news release.

"Growing the number of pollinator gardens this year will help provide even more habitat for bees and other beneficial pollinator species."

Clubs wanting to participate are advised to fill out the online application by April 1. The application can be found online at www.bit.ly/2019GMKPollinator.

Questions can be directed to Karen Jones at kjones@growmark.com or 309-557-6184.

GROWMARK is a regional cooperative which provides agronomy, energy, facility planning, and logistics products and services, as well as grain marketing and risk management services, throughout North America. The cooperative has its headquarters in Bloomington.

Valley officials rename the tournament to "The Saluki Invitational."

We said somewhat jokingly that "Herrin was king." Not really, of course, but we do recall him brushing us aside when trying to lead him to the conventional TV interview immediately after the 1995 victory.

Rich said, "I'm going to our dressing room first. TV can wait."

Officials were helpless. They waited. I failed to deliver the man who was definitely in charge. Herrin and his Salukis had won three years in a row and no team had ever accomplished that prior to 1995...or since.

Another sidebar to the happening is that one player had played for the Salukis all three years. In all nine games. He had never played on a losing team in the Valley tournament. His record still stands although we've never heard it mentioned or written about.

He had transferred to SIU after playing one season at Iowa and following the tragic death of a close teammate there.

As a result he had only three years of eligibility at SIU...the three years it won the Valley tournament.

His name: Paul Lusk... the same guy who got relieved of his job at Missouri State last year.

His record at the MVC tournament was perfect as a player. Not quite so as a coach.

JFK photos featured in exhibition

An exhibition of photographs tracing John F. Kennedy's private life and public trajectory is on display at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield.

"American Visionary: John F. Kennedy's Life and Times" is the title of the exhibition, which is scheduled to run through May 19.

The exhibition brings together images from the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library, the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, Getty Images, private collections and the Kennedy family archives.

The exhibition is based on the book "JFK: A Vision for America" by Stephen Kennedy Smith and Douglas Brinkley, a presidential historian who contributes frequently to CNN and the New York Times.

Brinkley is scheduled to speak at the presidential library on April 12. The topic will be his latest book, "American Moonshot: John F. Kennedy and the Great Space Race."

Midwest Cover Crops Council field guide mobile app available

The Midwest Cover Crops Council's popular field guide is available as a mobile app for smartphones and tablets.

The Midwest Cover Crops Field Scout app lets farmers, crop advisers and conservation professionals access cover crop information on mobile devices, said Charles Ellis, a University of Missouri Extension agricultural engineering specialist and MCCC board member.

"The app improves upon the printed pocket guide by providing useful links to more in-depth articles on many topics covered in the printed guide," he said. The app also provides more photos than the printed guide.

Once the app is downloaded, an internet connection is not required to view

Cobden School readers achieve goals

Cobden Elementary School has recognized students who achieved their goals during January in the school's Accelerated Reading program. Students were required to read books and take comprehension tests on a computer to achieve their goals. Photos provided.



100 Point Club: Brisa Calderon, Thaniel Sheridan.



50 Point Club: Cooper Brinkerhoff, Jayden Graham, James Bergseth, Matthew Clover, Keaton Carmack, Alivia Kilpatrick, Maggie Clutts.



25 Point Club: Keylee Moore, Finn Kaszubski, Luke Staley, Gadiel Uribe, Gus Stevens, Jonathan Charicata, Aubrie Banker, Tyson Hernandez (who could not be present for the picture).

Grant pays for software utilized by Papers of Abraham Lincoln project

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — A ground-breaking project at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum to find and digitize documents from the 16th president's life has been awarded a grant by the Abraham Lincoln Association.

The \$6,000 grant will pay for the content-management software the Papers of Abraham Lincoln project uses to track hundreds of thousands of documents, images and notes, said Daniel Worthington, the project's new director.

"The Papers of Abraham Lincoln entered a new era last year when it launched a website giving the world unprecedented access to Lincoln documents. The Abraham Lincoln Association played a pivotal role in transforming our vision into

reality, and we're grateful their support will continue," Worthington said.

"The Abraham Lincoln Association has been a supporter of the Lincoln Legal Papers and the Papers of Abraham Lincoln for more than three decades," said ALA president Bob Willard.

"We see the Papers as the 21st century effort to make the wisdom of Abraham Lincoln available to the widest possible audience, just as ALA did with the publication of the 'Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln' in the 1950s."

The goal of the Papers of Abraham Lincoln is to track down all documents to or from Abraham Lincoln and make them available online, complete with detailed notes explaining their historical significance.

An earlier project, the Lincoln Legal Papers, proved this digital approach could create a valuable resource and advance our understanding of Lincoln.

But the successor project, the Papers of Abraham Lincoln, gathered documents for years without publishing.

After Alan Lowe became executive director of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in 2016, he overhauled the project in conjunction with State Historian Samuel Wheeler, a member of the ALPLM leadership team.

They gathered advice from the nation's top experts and established new policies and procedures that put the Papers on a productive path.

In April 2018, the Papers launched The Papers of Abraham Lincoln Digital Library with every known

Lincoln document from the first 33 years of his life, from birth to the end of his legislative career.

It provided instant access to 340 documents written by or to Lincoln and 4,839 others that provide context on issues he faced as a lawyer and legislator. New material has been added regularly since then.

Later in the year, Daniel Worthington was named the project's new director. He holds a Ph.D. in history from the University of Illinois and has 23 years of experience in digital humanities. That includes 13 years as managing editor of HarpWeek, which specialized in digitizing and publishing 19th-century Civil War newspapers, and 10 years with the Papers of Abraham Lincoln, where he has performed every stage of the project's editorial work.

"Under Daniel, the Papers of Abraham Lincoln is back on track to produce the most important new resource for Lincoln scholarship in decades," said Lowe, the library and museum's executive director.

"He is also building bridges to similar projects so we can find new and better ways to share historical information. We're excited to see where it leads."

The Papers is working with several partners, such as the Civil War Governors of Kentucky Project and the Frederick Douglass Papers, to create a website devoted to biographies of people from the Civil War era.

It is also working with the University of Virginia Center for Digital Editing on a grant to support development of new tools to encourage the public to engage with historical documents online.

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18-087109 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, JONESBORO, ILLINOIS

J.P. MORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION CORP. PLAINTIFF,

-vs- JERALD D. HOFFMAN; JONESBORO LIMITED SERVICE BRANCH F/K/A FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF JONESBORO; PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES LLC; DEFENDANTS NO. 18 CH 17

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on October 18, 2018; Scott Harvel, Sheriff, 307 W. Market, Jonesboro, IL 62952, will on March 13, 2019 at 9:00 AM, at Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market Street, Jonesboro, IL 62952, sell to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Union County, Illinois.

Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or

quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court.

Said property is legally described as follows:

Commonly known as 409 North Green Street, Anna, IL 62906
Permanent Index No.: 05-19-03-343

Improvements: Single Family Residential

The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property.

The judgment amount was \$22,118.44. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

One of Plaintiff's Attorneys
Shapiro Kreisman & Associates, LLC

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

THE BANK OF CARBONDALE, Plaintiff,

v. JASON SHORT a/k/a DEAN JASON SHORT a/k/a

JASON D. SHORT, DELANEY JADE SHORT, CITY OF ANNA, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. No. 18-CH-24

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered by the court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder at public venue.

The name, address and

telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is:

Mr. Kevin Klaine
Executive Vice President
The Bank of Carbondale
216 E. Main St.
Carbondale, IL 62901
618-549-2181

OR
Ms. Nancy Watkins
Re/Max Southern
301 S Main Street
Anna, IL 62906
(618) 697-1516
nancywatkins@remax.net

The common address and other common descriptions, if any, of the real estate is:
506 S Main Street,
Anna, IL 62906

A description of the improvements on the real estate is:

The parcel is improved with a residential home.

The real estate may be inspected prior to sale.

The time and place of the sale are:

Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., inside the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952

The amount due under the judgment is \$157,940.51.

The terms of the sale are: 25% down in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sale and the remaining balance due within 24 hours, also in certified funds. The property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff.

The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. Title will be conveyed subject to all unpaid general real estate taxes and special assessments, if any, and ordinances, easements, restrictions and covenants of record or apparent, and all encumbrances not foreclosed herein.

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

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association PLAINTIFF

vs. David Short a/k/a David E. Short; et. al. DEFENDANTS 2018CH6

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 7/18/2018, the Sheriff of Union County, Illinois will on April 3, 2019 at the hour of 9:00AM at Union County Courthouse 309 West Market Jonesboro, IL 62952, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Union and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

PIN 06-01-04-250-A
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COMMONLY KNOWN AS:
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Dongola, IL 62926

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If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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

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

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-18-03790. I3112790 10-12g

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

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; Plaintiff,

vs. FRANK W. SMODY AKA FRANK SMODY; MICHAEL S. SMODY AKA MICHAEL SMODY; Defendants, 16 CH 32

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, March 27, 2019, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., lobby of the Courthouse 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 780 Mount Glen Road, Cobden, IL 62920.
P.I.N. 04-30-02-718-A5.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection

(g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

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HELP WANTED:

Cobden Unit School #17 is seeking qualified applicants for the 2019-2020 school year for the following positions:
High School Cheerleading Sponsor. Mail letter of interest and resume by March 8, 2019.

Elementary Special Education Teacher. Mail letter of interest and copies of all credentials by March 15, 2019.

Mail to: Superintendent Edwin Shoemate, 413 Appleknocker Drive, Cobden, IL 62920.

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We will help guide you through the bus driver training and licensing process if needed. Interested applicants should pick up an application or print one from our website at www.aj81.net and return to Anna-Jonesboro CHSD #81, Attn: Rob Wright, Superintendent, 608 S. Main Street, Anna, IL 62906. Please contact the Superintendent's Office at (618)-833-8421 for more information.

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NOTICE

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PUBLIC NOTICE

18-087109
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, JONESBORO, ILLINOIS

J.P. MORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION CORP. PLAINTIFF,

-vs-

JERALD D. HOFFMAN; JONESBORO LIMITED SERVICE BRANCH F/K/A FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF JONESBORO; PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES LLC; DEFENDANTS NO. 18 CH 17

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on October 18, 2018; Scott Harvel, Sheriff, 307 W. Market, Jonesboro, IL 62952, will on March 13, 2019 at 9:00 AM, at Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market Street, Jonesboro, IL 62952, sell to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Union County, Illinois.

Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition.

Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court.

Said property is legally described as follows:

PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SAID QUARTER-QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 5 DEGREES EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE SAID QUARTER-QUARTER A DISTANCE OF 1098.21 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 85 DEGREES WEST A DISTANCE OF 34.10 FEET TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF GREEN STREET AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 85 DEGREES WEST A DISTANCE OF 155.98 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 4 DEGREES 59' EAST A DISTANCE OF 65.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 85 DEGREES 02' EAST A DISTANCE OF 156.00 FEET TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF GREEN STREET; THENCE NORTH 5 DEGREES 00' WEST ALONG THE SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 65.09 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

Commonly known as 409 North Green Street, Anna, IL 62906
Permanent Index No.: 05-19-03-343

Improvements: Single Family Residential

The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property.

The judgment amount was \$22,118.44. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE

THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

One of Plaintiff's Attorneys
Shapiro Kreisman & Associates, LLC
Attorneys for Plaintiff
2121 Waukegan Road,
Suite 301
Bannockburn, IL 60015
ILNOTICES@logs.com

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION.

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

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; Plaintiff,
vs.
FRANK W. SMODY AKA FRANK SMODY; MICHAEL S. SMODY AKA MICHAEL SMODY; Defendants,
16 CH 32

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, March 27, 2019, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., lobby of the Courthouse 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 11 South, Range 1 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Union County, Illinois, described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of the said Quarter-Quarter; thence North 0°-11'-20" West along the West line of the said Quarter-Quarter a distance of 775.36 feet; thence South 61°-49'-12" East a distance of 399.83 feet; thence South 21°-42'-50" East a distance of 621.80 feet to the South line of the said Quarter-Quarter; thence South 89°-07'-30" West along the said South line a distance of 580.00 feet to the point of beginning. Per "Tract II" on a plat of survey prepared by Charles L. Garner, Illinois Land Surveyor No. 2316, Recorded on May 16, 1991, in Record Book 79 at Page 373 in the Recorder's Office of Union County, Illinois. All situated in Union County, Illinois.

Commonly known as 780 Mount Glen Road, Cobden, IL 62920.
P.I.N. 04-30-02-718-A5.

The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.

The property will NOT be open for inspection.

For information call Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 16-

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

THE BANK OF CARBONDALE, Plaintiff,
vs.
JASON SHORT a/k/a DEAN JASON SHORT a/k/a JASON D. SHORT, DELANEY JADE SHORT, CITY OF ANNA, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants,
No. 18-CH-24

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered by the court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder at public venue.

(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is:

Mr. Kevin Klaine
Executive Vice President
The Bank of Carbondale
216 E. Main St.
Carbondale, IL 62901
618-549-2181

OR
Ms. Nancy Watkins
Re/Max Southern
301 S Main Street
Anna, IL 62906
(618) 697-1516
nancywatkins@remax.net

(B) The common address and other common descriptions, if any, of the real estate is:

506 S Main Street,
Anna, IL 62906

(C) The legal description of the real estate is:

Lots Numbered 6 and 7 in the Original Plat of the Town (now City) of Anna, situated in Union County, Illinois.

(D) A description of the improvements on the real estate is:

The parcel is improved with a residential home.

(E) The real estate may be inspected prior to sale.

(F) The time and place of the sale are:

Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., inside the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952

(G) The amount due under the judgment is \$157,940.51.

(H) The terms of the sale are: 25% down in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sale and the remaining balance due within 24 hours, also in certified funds. The property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

(I) Title will be conveyed subject to all unpaid general real estate taxes and special assessments, if any, and ordinances, easements, restrictions and covenants of record or apparent, and all encumbrances not foreclosed herein.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND THAT ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM YOU IN MY ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THIS DEBT WILL BE USED FOR PURPOSES OF COLLECTING THE DEBT.

Scott P. Hendricks
Cynthia A. Hagan
Hendricks & Hagan
206 W. College, Ste. 12
Carbondale, IL 62901
phone: (618) 529-2274

fax: (618) 529-1638
shendricks@globaleyes.net
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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 5th day of February, 2019, under the Assumed Name of Seals Auto Body with the place of business located at 118 S.E. Front Street, Dongola, Illinois 62926 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the Sole Owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Ronnie W. Seals
P.O. Box 412
Dongola, IL 62926

Lance Meisenheimer
Union County Clerk
9-11gc

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

IN RE THE ESTATE OF BOB M. MARKS, DECEASED,
No. 2019-P-1

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Bob M. Marks, of Union County, Illinois. Letters of Office - Letters Testamentary were issued on January 3, 2019 to Lisa Adams, 1895 Alto Waterworks Road, Cobden, IL 62920, whose attorney is Carl L. Favreau, 322 E. Walnut, Carbondale, Illinois, 62901.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952 or with the representative, or both, on or before August 30, 2019, which date is not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of any claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the representative's attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>, or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

Dated: February 21, 2019

Circuit Clerk of Union County, Illinois

Lisa Adams, Administrator of the Estate of Bob M. Marks, deceased

Carl L. Favreau, Attorney ARDC No. 06181777
322 E. Walnut
PO Box 3638
Carbondale, Illinois (618) 351-1468
clfavreau@hotmail.com
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

UNION COUNTY - JONESBORO, ILLINOIS

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association PLAINTIFF
Vs.
David Short a/k/a David E. Short; et. al. DEFENDANTS
2018CH6

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS

HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 7/18/2018, the Sheriff of Union County, Illinois will on April 3, 2019 at the hour of 9:00AM at Union County Courthouse 309 West Market Jonesboro, IL 62952, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Union and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

SITUATED IN AND A PART OF THE SOUTH-EAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN WITH THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF THE PUBLIC ROAD KNOWN AS CHICKEN ROAD; THENCE ALONG THE SAID PUBLIC ROAD ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT OF RADIUS 1859.86 FEET A DISTANCE ALONG THE ARC OF 21.48 FEET, THE LONG CHORD OF SAID CURVE BEARING NORTH 73 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST AND BEING 21.48 FEET LONG; THENCE NORTH 4 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 16 SECONDS WEST PARALLEL TO THE SAID EAST LINE OF SECTION 1 AND 20 FEET PERPENDICULAR DISTANCE FROM SAID LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 315.16 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 85 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 44 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 247.09 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 4 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 16 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 198.65 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF A FOREMENTIONED PUBLIC ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 67 DEGREES 47 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 112.45 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE ON A CURVE TO THE LEFT OF RADIUS 1859.86 FEET A DISTANCE ALONG THE ARC OF 160.85 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THE LONG CHORD OF SAID CURVE BEARING SOUTH 70 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST AND BEING 160.80 FEET LONG. PER PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY CHARLES L. GARNER, ILLINOIS REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2316, RECORDED ON APRIL 10, 1985, IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 63 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS FOR UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS. SITUATED IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS. EXCEPT ALL COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS.
PIN 06-01-04-250-A

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Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure

takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-18-03790. I3112790 10-12g

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-18-03790. I3112790 10-12g

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

ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK, an Illinois Banking corporation, Plaintiff,
vs
GREGGORY MOORE, MICHELLE MOORE F/K/A MICHELLE LYERLA, STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TAX LIEN UNIT A/K/A STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants,
Case No.: 2019CH4

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Gregory Moore, Michelle Moore f/k/a Michelle Lyerla, State of Illinois Department of Revenue Tax Lien Unit, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, by the said Plaintiff against you and other defendants to foreclose a certain Mortgage covering the following described premises, to-wit:

EXHIBIT A
Lots Number Seven (7) and Eight (8) in Block (11), Village of Alto Pass, Union County, Illinois.

and for other relief, that summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that said suit is still pending.

Now, therefore, unless you, the said Defendants, Gregory Moore, Michelle Moore f/k/a Michelle Lyerla, State of Illinois Department of Revenue Tax Lien Unit, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, file your answer to the Complaint in the suit, or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Circuit Court of Union

County, Illinois, you are deemed to have waived your right to be heard in said suit, and the Court shall proceed to enter judgment against you as provided by law.

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

ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK, an Illinois Banking corporation, Plaintiff,
vs
GREGGORY MOORE, MICHELLE MOORE F/K/A MICHELLE LYERLA, STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TAX LIEN UNIT A/K/A STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants,
Case No.: 2019CH4

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Gregory Moore, Michelle Moore f/k/a Michelle Lyerla, State of Illinois Department of Revenue Tax Lien Unit, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, by the said Plaintiff against you and other defendants to foreclose a certain Mortgage covering the following described premises, to-wit:

EXHIBIT A
Lots Number Seven (7) and Eight (8) in Block (11), Village of Alto Pass, Union County, Illinois.

and for other relief, that summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that said suit is still pending.

Now, therefore, unless you, the said Defendants, Gregory Moore, Michelle Moore f/k/a Michelle Lyerla, State of Illinois Department of Revenue Tax Lien Unit, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, file your answer to the Complaint in the suit, or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Circuit Court of Union

County, Illinois, you are deemed to have waived your right to be heard in said suit, and the Court shall proceed to enter judgment against you as provided by law.

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

ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK, an Illinois Banking corporation, Plaintiff,
vs
GREGGORY MOORE, MICHELLE MOORE F/K/A MICHELLE LYERLA, STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TAX LIEN UNIT A/K/A STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants,
Case No.: 2019CH4

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Gregory Moore, Michelle Moore f/k/a Michelle Lyerla, State of Illinois Department of Revenue Tax Lien Unit, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, by the said Plaintiff against you and other defendants to foreclose a certain Mortgage covering the following described premises, to-wit:

EXHIBIT A
Lots Number Seven (7) and Eight (8) in Block (11), Village of Alto Pass, Union County, Illinois.

and for other relief, that summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that said suit is still pending.

County, Illinois, in the County Courthouse in the City of Jonesboro, Illinois, on or before the **21st Day of March, 2019**, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

Tiffany Busby
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Prepared by:
JOHN R. SCHNEIDER
JOHNSON, SCHNEIDER
& FERRELL, L.L.C.
212 North Main Street
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
Tel: (573)-335-3300
Fax: (573)-335-1978
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK f/k/a ANNA NATIONAL BANK,
an Illinois Banking Corporation,
Plaintiff,
v.
CHARLES F. MORGAN, JR and ELLEN MORGAN, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
Case No.: 2017-CH-38

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above captioned matter on November 26, 2018, the Sheriff in Union County, will by public sale on the **20th day of March, 2019, at 9 a.m.** in the Union County Courthouse, in Jonesboro, Illinois, sell at public venue to the highest and best bidder,

for cash, or cashier's check drawn on a federally or state chartered bank or savings and loan, the following described real estate:

EXHIBIT A

LOT NUMBERED 6 IN GATTINGER'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ANNA, SITUATED IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Potential buyers may contact John R. Schneider of the law firm of Johnson, Schneider & Ferrell, L.L.C., 212 North Main Street, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701, Phone Number (573)-335-3300 for information regarding this real estate.

At said sale, the Court will give the purchaser a certificate showing the amount of the bid, a particular description of the property sold, and the time when the purchaser will be entitled to a deed for such property unless same shall have been redeemed according to law.

Tiffany Busby
Circuit Clerk

Document prepared by:
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK,
an Illinois Banking corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs
RICHARD A. ISAACS, DONALD W. DAILEY, JR, MELISSA L. MURPHY,

UNKNOWN OWNERS And NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
Case No.: 2019CH3

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Richard A. Isaacs, Donald W. Dailey, Jr, Melissa L. Murphy, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, by the said Plaintiff against you and other defendants to foreclose a certain Mortgage covering the following described premises, to-wit:

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: SITUATED IN AND A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 13, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

DETAIL DESCRIPTION: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; THENCE SOUTH 86° 41' 30" WEST ALONG THE SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 1 A DISTANCE OF 1211.09 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG THE SAID NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 1 A DISTANCE OF 955.11 FEET TO A SURVEY MONUMENT; THENCE SOUTH 0° 00' 00" EAST A DISTANCE OF 407.17 FEET TO AN IRON

ROD IN THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF THE PUBLIC ROAD; THENCE ALONG THE SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT OF RADIUS 439.25 FEET ADISTANCE ALONG THE ARC OF 48.59 FEET TO A CONCRETE RIGHT OF WAY MARKER, THE LONG CHORD OF SAID CURVE BEING 48.56 FEET LONG AND BEARING SOUTH 52° 02' 32" EAST; THENCE SOUTH 48° 52' 36" EAST A DISTANCE OF 60.24 FEET TO A CONCRETE RIGHT OF WAY MARKER: THENCE ON A CURVE TO THE LEFT OF RADIUS 788.51 FEET A DISTANCE ALONG THE ARC OF 405.29 FEET TO A CONCRETE RIGHT OF WAY MARKER, THE LONG CHORD OF SAID CURVE BEING 400.84 FEET LONG AND BEARING SOUTH 63° 35' 53" EAST; THENCE SOUTH 78° 19' 25" EAST A DISTANCE OF 316.33 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE NORTH 14° 33' 35" EAST A DISTANCE OF 799.72 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THE TRACT CONTAINING 12.689 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

and for other relief, that summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that said suit is still pending.

Now, therefore, unless you, the said Defendants, Richard A. Isaacs, Donald W. Dailey, Jr, Melissa L. Murphy, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, file your answer to the Complaint in the suit, or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, in the County Courthouse in the City of Jonesboro, Illinois, on or before the **21st Day of March, 2019**, default may be

entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

Tiffany Busby
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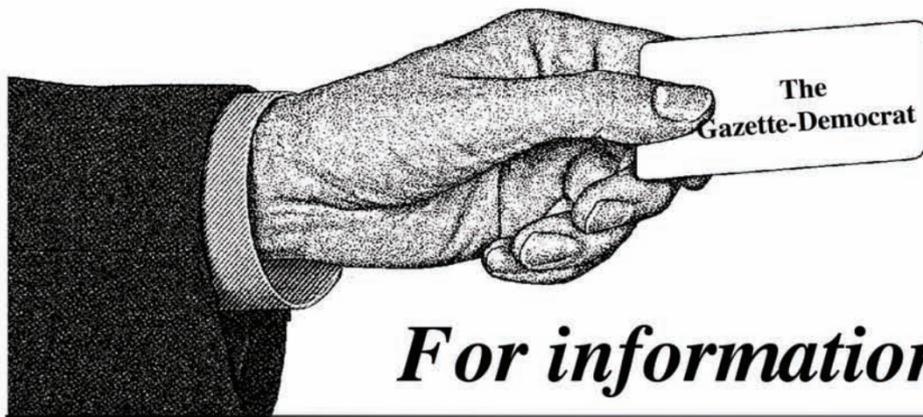
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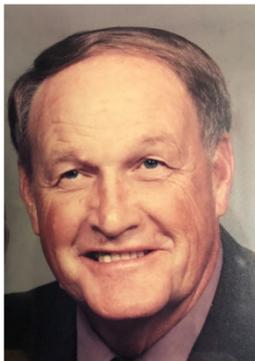
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Obituaries

Roy 'Sonny' Basler Jr.



Roy "Sonny" Basler Jr., 82, of Cobden, died Monday, Feb. 18, 2019, at his home.

He was born on Jan. 9, 1937, in Cobden, the son of Roy Sr. and Frieda Lindsey Basler.

He married the love of his life, Shirley Ruth Campbell in December of 1962 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cobden. She preceded him in death on Nov. 14, 2018. Together they shared almost 56 years of marriage.

Sonny is survived by his daughter, Pam (Jim) Barr of Cobden; a son, Todd (Susan) Basler of Anna; four grandchildren, Adam and Ryan Barr, Clayton and Kaylee Basler; a sister, Anita (Cliff) Howell of Sparta; nieces and nephews; many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Shirley Basler; and a brother, Donnie Basler.

Sonny was a devoted member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cobden. He was a graduate of Cobden High School class of 1955 and later graduated from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

In 1959, he went to honorably serve his country in the U.S. Army for two years during the Korean War.

He worked his career as an investigator for the Illinois Department of Agriculture until his retirement.

Sonny was a member of the Knights of Columbus and a life member of Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna. He was an avid gardener and St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan.

Mass of Christian Burial was at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 22, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cobden, with Father Uriel Salamanca officiating.

Interment was in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Cobden. Graveside military rites were conducted by Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna and the Illinois National Guard military honor team of Marion.

A prayer service was said at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden.

Memorials can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or to Hospice of Southern Illinois.

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

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

Marjorie M. Hinkle



Marjorie M. Hinkle, 96, of Anna, died Thursday, Feb. 21, 2019, at her home.

She was born on Sept. 10, 1922, in Carbondale, the daughter of Louie and Linnie Nance Brewer.

She married the love of her life, Floyd M. Hinkle, on Oct. 26, 1940, in Cape Girardeau. He preceded her in death on June 17, 1998.

She is survived by her three sons, Carl D. Hinkle of Anna, Floyd R. Hinkle of Harvel and Jerry (Deanie) Hinkle of Jonesboro; one daughter, Shirley (Elbert) Clardy of Anna; 17 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Ethel Barnett of Elkhart and Lois Goodnight of De Soto; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Floyd M. Hinkle; a daughter, Sharon S. Gibson; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and two brothers, Richard and Jim Brewer.

She was a homemaker and she was of the Pentecostal faith.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with the Rev. Danny Jones officiating. Interment was in the Anna Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Refuge Worship Center in Ware or to Carl Hinkle to help with funeral expenses.

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

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

Joseph A. Rushing



Joseph A. Rushing, 55, of Jonesboro, died Monday, Feb. 18, 2019, at Mercy Hospital in St. Louis.

He was born on July 31, 1963, in Union County, the son of Russell and Juanita Fisher Rushing.

Mr. Rushing is survived by his aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial celebration of life dinner will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 2, at the Housing Authority banquet hall located at 131 Hillside Terrace in Anna. Anyone who would like to attend is asked to bring a covered dish. For more information, please call Larry Weiss at 618-713-2863.

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

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

Mary Edna Butler



Mary Edna Butler, 75, of Dongola, and formerly of Spring Hill, Ark., died on Feb. 20, 2019, at her home in Dongola.

She was born on June 10, 1943, in Bokchito, Okla., the daughter of Clarence and Bessie Evans Knighton.

She was a very loving person with a feisty character. She enjoyed reading and doing word searches. She was of the Assembly of God following.

She is survived by her daughters Rebecca (Allen) Stewart of Dongola and Debra (Mike) Balch of Fayetteville, Ark.; sons Billy Hamm and Jeff (Janet) Hamm, both of Hope, Ark.; 10 grandchildren, Sarah Maska, Timothy Balch, Codi Hamm, Conner Hamm, Damion Hamm, Vassili Hamm, Brandon Stewart, Ty Stewart, Matthew Stewart and Angela Hicks; 12 great-grandchildren; sisters Barbara Terry of Hope, Ark., and Priscilla (Richard) Pipkens of Delight, Ark.; and her significant other, David Etheridge of Spring Hill, Ark.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Marion Ray Knighton; a grandson, Matthew Stewart; a daughter-in-law, Erie Hamm; and a brother-in-law, Travis Terry.

Cremation was accorded. Inurnment will take place at a later date at Water Creek Cemetery in Guernsey, Ark.

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

Crain Funeral Home Crain Funeral Home in Dongola is in charge of arrangements.

Kathryn L. Fox



Kathryn L. Fox, 49, of Cobden, died Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019, at her home.

She was born on Feb. 17, 1970, in Carbondale, the daughter of James Rollin and Mary Louise Musgrave Fox.

She is survived by her father, James Rollin Fox of Cobden; a son, Heath Hewitt of Cobden; life partner Tony Skaja of Cobden; stepson Jacob Skaja of Cobden; two sisters, Karen Fox of Anna and Karla Fox of Cobden; brother-in-law, Jay Randolph; two cousins she considered her brother and sister, Bill Musgrave of Jonesboro and Christina Musgrave of Tennessee; nieces and nephews Adria (Joseph) Ford, Alyssa Randolph, Christian Randolph, Forrest Harvel, Elvis Muniz, Daniel Muniz, Raleigh Ford, Rider Ford, Noah Fox and Aurora Randolph; best friends Janet Dale, and Dorothy Dangbar; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother; and by one brother, Daniel Fox.

She was a dedicated mother, daughter and sister. She loved her son more than anything, and she was very active in his school activities in Cobden.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden, with Pastor Darryl Williams officiating. Interment was in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Cobden.

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

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

Lincoln Library, Museum top small-market venue

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield was voted in 2018 as the nation's best small-market venue for special events in the 2018 Unique Venues magazine "Best Of" awards.

The magazine said "opportunities are exponential" for meetings, receptions and other events at the ALPLM. It praised the ALPLM's amenities and its convenient location between Chicago and St. Louis.

"We're excited to get this recognition. People know the Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum is a special place to visit, but they may not realize it's also a special place for a wedding reception, awards banquet or board meeting," said Alan Lowe, the library and museum's executive director.

The ALPLM was also a runner-up in the category

"Best Venue for Small Gatherings."

Unique Venues is dedicated to highlighting event venues beyond the usual suspects like hotels and conference centers. It features universities, museums, historic sites, stadiums and more.

Award winners, which the magazine calls "the shining stars of our industry," are chosen by readers and industry professionals.

"This is a terrific honor for our staff and volunteers," said Britta Brackney, manager of facility rentals at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.

"We're always trying to improve our services and offer the best possible experience for guests. It's great to see our efforts recognized. We work each day to offer the best event and meeting experience to our clients and their guests."

Ruthe M. Clayton



Ruthe M. Clayton, 82, of Anna, died at 3:26 a.m. Friday, Feb. 22, 2019, at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna.

She was born on Dec. 10, 1936, in Joliet, the daughter of Donald Alfred and Lucille A. Risk Blood.

She married Beryl Clayton on Feb. 22, 1958.

She enjoyed life and was always willing to volunteer her services to anyone who needed her. She especially liked volunteering at the schools and her church.

She retired from the Social Security Administration after 25 years of service. She was a member of the Anna Church of the Nazarene.

She is survived by her husband, Beryl Clayton of Anna; a daughter, Melanie (Tim) McReynolds of Anna; a son, Willy (Diane) Clayton of Anna; grandchildren Brandi (Brian) Hoehner of Anna, TC McReynolds of Dongola, Hunter McReynolds of Anna and Fallon (RJ) Millis of Anna; great-grandchildren Blakeley and Bryson Hoehner, and Clayton Millis; a sister, Phyllis Butler of Clearwater, Fla.; nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Candi Sue Clayton; and a sister, Donna Byron.

Funeral services were at noon Tuesday, Feb. 26, at the Anna Church of the Nazarene. Pastor Randy Wright officiated. Interment was in the Anna City Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Anna Church of the Nazarene, to the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna or to Mid-America Transplant Services.

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

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

Pat Jones

Patsy Sue Jones, 84, of Dongola, died Monday, Feb. 25, at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

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

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

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

Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Sue and Steve Eudy of Anna visited Saturday, Feb. 16, with Stan Eudy at Life Care Center in Cape Girardeau.

Kevin and Jennifer Eudy were supper guests of Sue and Steve Eudy on Friday, Feb. 15.

Happy birthday to Stan Eudy on Thursday, Feb. 21. Also, happy birthday to Penny Hill of McClure on Thursday, Feb. 21.

Shirley Miller of McClure visited Thursday, Feb. 14, with Deanie and Jerry Hinkle of Jonesboro.

Penny and Kerry Hill of McClure visited Sunday, Feb. 17, with Shirley Miller.

Our sympathy to the fam-

ily of Joe Cunningham of McClure, who died Tuesday, Feb. 19. His funeral was held at Ford & Sons Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau. He is survived by his wife Nancy and two daughters.

Visiting with Fred and Maxine Pender of Fair City were Brad and Lori Pender and Gary Gibbs of Jonesboro.

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

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"The Preaching Pen" Stewardship

It seems like we can't even turn on our TV's or radios anymore without hearing something about living a "greener" lifestyle. Environmental alarmists would have us believe that our lifestyle is destroying the planet. Environmental groups and their friends in government have begun regulating the kind of light bulbs we use! We can now no longer buy 75 & 100 watt incandescent light bulbs like Edison invented. We'll soon have no choice but to buy the compact fluorescent bulbs or LED bulbs whether we want to or not.

Now, I'm not against saving energy and cutting waste. Anyone who really knows me knows how I hate to waste anything. I get aggravated when I come in the house and find every light in the kitchen and laundry room on while nobody is in either room. We eat leftovers at our house and try to plan our driving responsibly so that we're not making a lot of unnecessary trips.

I'm very much in favor of using our resources responsibly and wish everyone else would do the same. Everything we have - from the corn that grows in the field to the houses we live in and the cars we drive - we have because of God's goodness and providential care. Therefore, the matter of "stewardship" is a vital Biblical concept.

The term "steward" comes from a compound Greek term, oikonomos, meaning, "house arranger." Used ten times in the New Testament, it basically has to do with one who has been entrusted with the responsibility of managing a household or property belonging to someone else.

It's used regarding church leaders, "elders" (Titus 1:7), of teachers of the word, e.g., Paul and Apollos (I Corinthians 4:1-2; & 3:5), and of Christians generally (I Peter 4:10).

The ideal of Christianity is that of stewardship, i.e., God possesses the entire world and everything within it, and men are responsible to Him for how they use it.

"For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the mountains; and the wild beasts of the field are mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell you; for the world is mine, and the fullness thereof" (Psalm 50:10-12).

We must acknowledge this truth and happily serve as overseers who will someday give account to God for the stewardship over our souls, bodies, and all earthly possessions (Luke 16:2; I Corinthians 4:2).

R.W. McAlister, Minister
Anna church of Christ

Obituaries Online at
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A-JCHS to present musical

Members of the cast and crew are working to present "Disney's The Little Mermaid" at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. Performances are scheduled for March 29-31 at the Union County school. Photo provided.

Agency leaders

announced

By Capitol News Staff
 SPRINGFIELD – Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced a handful of appointments to leadership positions at state departments Tuesday, Feb. 19, including the Illinois Departments of Human Services, Natural Resources and Financial and Professional regulation. All of the appointments are pending confirmation from the Illinois Senate.

Department of Human Services: Grace Hou, who served as assistant secretary at IDHS from 2003 to 2012, was named secretary of IDHS.

In her previous stint with the agency, Hou was responsible for the oversight of the agency's six program areas.

Department of Natural Resources: Pritzker named Colleen Callahan as director of the IDNR.

Callahan spent seven years as state director for USDA Rural Development in Illinois and currently manages her own communications consulting firm.

Department of Financial and Professional Regulation: Deborah Hagan will serve as secretary of IDFP after spending more than 30 years as a consumer protection advocate in the Illinois attorney general's office.

Legislator sees proposed budget as starting point

Lawmakers returned to Springfield last week, gathering on Feb. 20 for a joint session of the General Assembly to listen as Illinois' new governor outlined his spending plan for the coming year.

In a review of activities for the week of Feb. 18-22, State Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg, said that Gov. JB Pritzker's proposed budget "represents a starting point for further negotiations; however, there are concerns about references to more spending, more tax increases and budgeting gimmicks that tried and failed in the past."

"Although lawmakers will have time to analyze the fiscal details, many have already expressed their concerns about proposals to address the pension system, the governor's calls for a graduated income tax and

other revenues from such actions as legalizing medical marijuana and extending Illinois' pension payments.

"While I can recognize the efforts of the new administration to hit the ground running, I have serious concerns about how the governor's proposed budget will impact Southern Illinois.

"Broad and unrealistic proposals, such as a short-sighted minimum wage increase, a costly progressive income tax system or Band-Aid fixes for Illinois' ballooning pension crisis, will have lasting detrimental consequences on the region.

"In his inaugural address earlier this year, Governor Pritzker vowed to do more for Southern Illinois, and I was encouraged to hear him reiterate that commitment in his address.

"Hopefully he will put action behind his words and from here we can move forward in a bipartisan manner that will help Southern Illinois and tackle the very real issues facing our state."

"As the legislative budget process gets under way, lawmakers should instead work together in a bipartisan way to make the tough decisions necessary to pass a balanced budget with structural reforms that will boost the economy and create jobs."

Fiscal Year 2020 runs from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020.

Minimum Wage Hike
 In other news, Fowler said that less than a week after Democrat legislative leaders "forced through a minimum wage hike, Gov. Pritzker signed Senate Bill 1 into law on Feb. 19. The controversial legislation was advanced by the Senate and House on party-line votes, despite economic concerns from employers and public groups."

The plan would raise the minimum wage to \$15 per hour over six years, and to \$13 per hour during the same period for those employees younger than 18.

Fowler said that "opponents of the plan noted the vast differences in the cost of living across Illinois.

"They also raised concerns that the incremental increase could have far-reaching implications for employers across the board, including an increase in annual costs for state agen-

cies, local school districts, human service providers and hospitals.

Visitors to Springfield
 During the hustle-and-bustle of budget address week, members of the Graduate and Professional Student Council from Southern Illinois University

Art in Bloom event planned at art museum

Art in Bloom, the annual festival of fine art and fresh flowers, is scheduled to return to the Saint Louis Art Museum on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 1-3. Tickets for the festival's special programs, including a lecture and demonstration by master florist Remco van Vliet, are available.

Floral designers and garden club members will create displays celebrating works of art in the galleries during one of the museum's most popular programs.

Art in Bloom is scheduled to open to the public every day of the festival at 10 a.m. Museum members can come early at 8 a.m. on Friday, March 1, and Saturday, March 2.

It is free to tour the galleries and see floral installations, but tickets are required for some programs.

Tickets for Art in Bloom programs can be purchased at the museum or through MetroTix, which charges a service fee.

A complete list of programs and ticket prices can be found at slam.org/bloom.

Carbondale made the trip up to Springfield.

Fowler welcomed them on the Senate floor for a visit on Feb. 20.

Office Hours
 Fowler plans to host another mobile office event for area constituents, this time in Vienna.

From noon to 2 p.m. on March 4, Fowler said that residents are encouraged to come to the Vienna City Hall and speak with him and district staff members.

Questions about the event can be directed to Fowler's district office at 618-294-8951.

Governor appointed to 10-member bipartisan panel

Gov. JB Pritzker has been appointed to the Council of Governors.

His appointment was announced Monday, Feb. 25, by the governor's office.

The Council of Governors is a 10-member bipartisan panel that advises the federal government on matters of national security, homeland security, disaster response and the National Guard.

"As the largest state in the Midwest, and as a state with a strong National Guard, Illinois plays a critical role in keeping our country safe, and we will be an important voice on the Council of Governors," Pritzker said in a news release.

The governor said that he looks forward "to working with governors across the country to prepare for and respond to the threats and challenges we face."

Established in 2008, the Council of Governors fosters state and federal coordination and advises on the benefits and compensation for National Guard members.

The council works closely with the secretaries of defense and homeland security, presidential homeland security and counterterrorism advisors, the commander of U.S. Northern Command, the commandant of the Coast Guard and the chief of the National Guard Bureau.

Pritzker attended his first meeting last weekend in Washington, D.C., with director of homeland security and IEMA Gen. Alica Tate-Nadeau and Adjutant Gen. Richard Neely.

Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson and Hawaii Gov. David Ige serve as the council's co-chairs.

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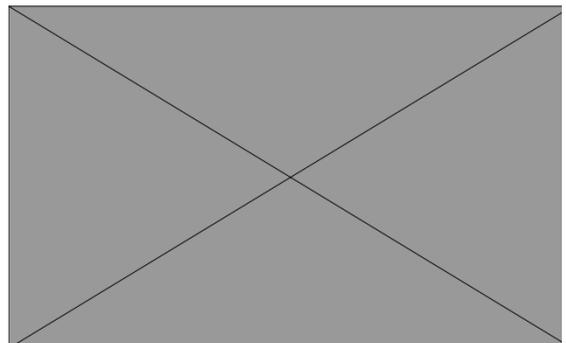
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Section B

The Gathering Place, Anna, hosts Daughters of American Revolution

By Dixie Terry

The Daniel Chapman Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution met during the noon hour on Monday, Feb. 11, at The Gathering Place in Anna.

Chapter regent Doda Starkey called the meeting to order.

Susan Whitemountain, who is a DAR member, gave an introduction about The Gathering Place, which is a resource center for Union County genealogy and family research, filled with Whitemountain's collection of family histories, photos and Southern Illinois history.

Starkey thanked her for the DAR's use of the facility.

The president general's Message was read by Julia Mowery. The national defense report was given by Carol Racey.

The Wreaths Across America were placed on the graves of Daniel Chapman and his wife in the Vienna Fraternal Cemetery by Starkey and her husband earlier in the year.

Starkey and Virginia Street had attended the Mound City National Cemetery wreath laying ceremony.

Starkey attended the visitation for Dewey Easter, the husband of District VII director Barb Easter.

DAR members, Juanita Broyles, Dixie Terry and Starkey attended the funeral of DAR member Joyce Stryker.

Virginia Street and Regent Starkey attended a naturalization ceremony in Centralia.

Lee Hackney and the Shawnee Hills Arts Council/Anna Art Center were congratulated on the success of their recent Civil War Weekend.

Chapter chaplain Bonnie Hogue reported about sending cards to John Stryker, RoseMary Orr, Dixie Terry, Dwight Boaz and Juanita Broyles.

Reports were heard from secretary Cara Webb and treasurer Juanita Broyles.

Chapter registrar Marilyn Meisenheimer reported about one current application now in Washington, one re-submitted, four applications ready for sending and possibly seven applications for prospective members.

Committee reports were given by Sandra Boaz, American heritage; Juanita Broyles, conservation and DAR Magazine; Virginia Street, the Backyard Bird Count, Feb. 15-18; Doda Starkey, DAR schools, for Linda Minnis.

The chapter recorded 9,107 volunteer hours during 2018.

The nominating committee of Bonnie Hogue, Julie Mowery and Loudene Lemme provided a list of officers, with an election scheduled at the chapter's March meeting.

Virginia Street and Doda Starkey plan to attend the state conference, where they will serve as voting delegates.

Six of the chapter's members will be honored for their years of service: Sandra Boaz, Loudene Lemme, 40 years; Judith Rippelmeyer, Velda Deal, 20 years; Clea Russell, Jani Jones, 10 years.

The chapter plans to meet at 1 p.m. March 11 at the German Methodist Church in Golconda. Members have been asked to bring items for the Guardian House women's shelter.

National Genealogical Day will be celebrated Saturday, March 9, from 11

a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Benton Library. Chapter members were urged to attend.

Hostesses for the meeting were Lee Hackney and Susan Whitemountain. The members had sack lunches prior to going to the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna for an annual Valentine/bingo party. Punch and cookies were provided by members and cash prizes were donated by the chapter. Sandra Boaz and Martha Schwegman served as hostesses.

Chapter members who attended included Sandra Boaz, Lee Hackney, Susan Harvel, Carolyn Tripp, Susan Whitemountain, all of Anna.

Jeanne Boglino, Golconda. Emily Boyd-Meyer, Cobden. Juanita Broyles, Goreville. Bonnie Hogue, Loudene Lemme, Carol Racey, Doda Starkey, all of Vienna. Virginia Street, Simpson.

Martha Schwegman, Metropolis. Cara Webb, Tunnel Hill. Julia Mowery, Buncombe. Marilyn Meisenheimer, Jonesboro. Margie Rogers of Galatia was a guest.

Fish fry set at Anna VFW

Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna plans to serve a fish fry on Friday, March 1.

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

Fish, potato salad and slaw will be served for a donation of \$10. The event is open to the public. Carry outs will be available.

Star Karaoke is scheduled to be at the post from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. to celebrate Mardi Gras.

Anna-Jo Garden Club has first meeting of 2019

The Anna-Jo Garden Club had its first meeting of 2019 on Feb. 12 at the First United Methodist Church in Anna.

The club has changed the starting time for its meeting. Meetings now start at noon.

Club president Shari Sweeney called the meeting to order and pledges to

the flag were led by the vice president, Nancy Kucera.

The roll call was answered with responses to what is used to fertilize plants. Twenty-six members were present.

The treasurer's report was given by Debby McKibben.

Hostesses for the Feb-

ruary meeting were Lois Clutts, Peggy Ferguson, Linda Clutts, Sandra Boaz and Charlotte Clover.

Refreshments were served. Valentine's Day was the theme for the meeting. Decorations reflected the Valentine's Day theme. The door prize was potted red tulips.

Local artist Jesse Wright displayed several of his dried wreaths as he presented a program about dried flowers and their uses. The entire process of growing, drying, and arranging into wreaths takes about a complete year, he said.

The club's garden therapy committee reported a visit to the Union County rehabilitation facility which was scheduled on Thursday, Feb. 14.

The committee also reported about programs which are being scheduled for each month during the coming year at nursing facilities in the community.

The club received grants of two \$50 checks from the state garden club as a result of their work in 2017 and 2018.

The sunshine committee reported about members who have been ill. A thank you card was read, and get-well cards were sent to two other members.

District VII plans to sponsor a flower show on July 13. The theme will be "Kaleidoscope."

Workshops are planned on the last Wednesday of each month at 303 Poplar St. in Carbondale to help members prepare for the show.

Information and details about the state garden club \$1,000 scholarship were shared.

The American Legion is working with the Anna-Jo Garden Club, as well as other local organizations, on completing and maintaining the veterans memorial located along the railroad track near the four-way stop in downtown Anna.

Members received the new 2019 program yearbooks. Appreciation was voiced to the officers who work to put the yearbooks together.

District VII director Linda Clutts presented a horticulture tip.

She also conducted a program to install the club's officers for the next term, including Shari Sweeney, president; Nancy Kucera, vice president; Debby McKibben, treasurer; and Darlene Lingle, secretary.

Anyone who may be interested in gardening and garden related topics is welcome and invited to attend any of the club's regular meetings.

Meetings typically are held at noon on the second Tuesday of each month at the First United Methodist Church in Anna. The church is located at 111 W. Monroe St. The club's next meeting is set for noon on March 12.

More information can be found on the club's Facebook page: Anna-Jo Garden Club of Anna, Illinois, or by contacting the Anna-Jo Garden Club at P.O. Box 519, Anna, Ill. 62906.

Special exhibits planned

Union County Museum in Cobden set to reopen

The Union County Museum in Cobden is scheduled to reopen on Saturday, March 2. The museum has been closed for the winter months.

The museum is scheduled to be open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on March 2. The museum is located at 117 S. Appleknocker in downtown Cobden.

A special exhibit featuring recent acquisitions that were donated to the historical society is planned when the museum reopens.

A variety of items with a local theme are scheduled to be on display. Among the items which will be featured are the following:

A group of postcards depicting a train wreck in Mill Creek in 1913.

A shaving mug owned by Oliver Alden.

A ledger from the 1890s which was used by Dr. Jesse Glasco of Alto Pass.

A hoof gauge tool and a blacksmith certificate that

belonged to H.E. Douglas. Douglas was a blacksmith from Anna.

A ledger, dated 1865, from the store of David Green of Cobden.

A photo of a Balcom school class.

An advertising needle book, "Oldest Box Factory in the State of Illinois," from W.P. Mesler of Cobden.

The exhibit is scheduled to be on display during March and April.

The Bargain Shop, located next to the museum, also is scheduled to be open. The shop has been restocked and will feature spring-related items.

Proceeds from the shop support the operation of the museum, as well as historical society projects.

Regular hours for the museum and shop are scheduled from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, and Friday afternoons by chance. The museum's phone number is 893-2865.

Illinois Army National Guard unit will deploy to Afghanistan in 2020

The Illinois Army National Guard has received notification that approximately 400 soldiers with the 2nd Battalion, 130th Infantry Regiment headquartered in Marion, will deploy to Afghanistan in the spring of 2020.

The soldiers are being mobilized in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel.

The 130th last mobilized in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2008-2009 as part of the historic mobilization of the Illinois National Guard's 33rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, the largest single mobilization of Illinois troops since World War II.

"The soldiers of the 2-130 have demonstrated their professionalism and skill during several major training exercises over the past few years including at the Joint Readiness Training Center last summer," said Brig. Gen. Richard Neely, the adjutant general of the Illinois National Guard, in a news release.

"Their commitment to duty, along with the unwavering support of the entire organization and their families and civilian employers, will ensure their success."

The 2-130th's military history dates back to the early 1700s, with the formation of militia companies at the villages of Kaskaskia and Cahokia.

The unit has served in the Black Hawk War, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, the Mexican Border War, World War I, World War II, Afghanistan and Iraq.

Soldiers with the 130th Infantry Regiment served in Kuwait in support of Operation Desert Spring in 2000-2001.

In 2002, following the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States, the unit was deployed to Europe as part of Task Force Santa Fe, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Soldiers with the 130th made history in the summer of 2004, when they became the first United States troops to train in Bulgaria after the previous Soviet Bloc nation was accepted into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

In January 2005, the 2-130th deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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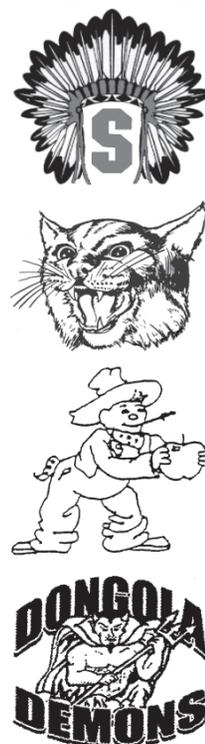
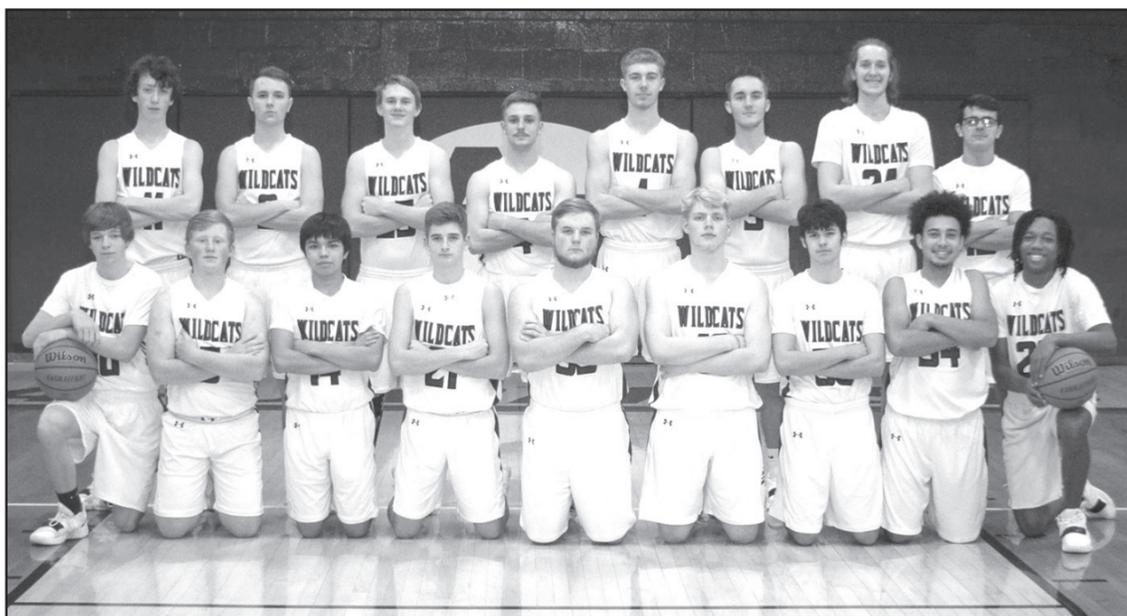
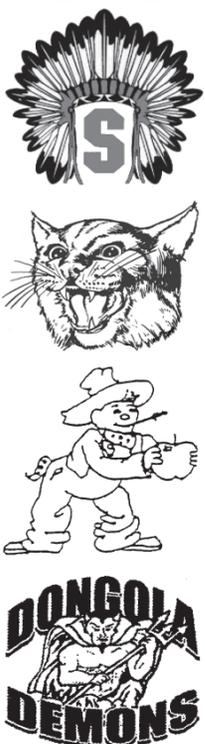
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Anna-Jonesboro High School Cheerleaders

First row, from left, Hallee Menees, Jenna Clark, Kelsie Cole, Natalee Brown, Addison Osman. Second row, Lexie Lingle, Hannah Lincoln, Cheyenne Roach, Hayley Davis. Third row, Lily Yana, Gracie Barlow, Ashley Detering, Luca Mays, Alyvia Lawrence.



Anna-Jonesboro High School Wrestling

First row, from left, Jace Huckstep, Amiyah Hart, Arojae Hart. Second row, Barry Johnson, Justice Kostal, Blake Mays, Bryce Lingle, David Kester. Third row, Reid Morrison, Nick Sanders, Chris Johnson, Nate Kisat, Clayton Ramage, Garett Fabec.



Anna-Jonesboro Girls High School Bowling

First row, from left, Olivia Myers, Kiersten Wright, Jaselynn Shipley, Breana Stone-Hale, Avery Page, Madi Hawk. Second row, Sara Sinisi, Logan Brown, Emma Ray, Maggie Cripps, Teejay Hileman, Nicole Nance-Hagler, Kamryn Glasco.



Anna-Jonesboro High School Boys Bowling

First row, from left, Gabriel Williams, Harrison Ford, Ethan Minckler, Dylan Holderfield, Zach Miller. Second row, Andrew Odum, Aden Hopkins, Jacob Cross. Third row, Seth Busby, Tyler Sutton, Brandon Miller, Darian Quick, Wyatt Jones.



Anna-Jonesboro High School Girls Basketball

First row, from left, Kaya Coleman, Kristin Edmonds, Addison Denny, Marlee Smith. Second row, Anna Hess, Jaley Watkins, Olivia Capel, Mikayla Bundren. Third row, Jacee Woodward, Julia Ellis, Morgan Wendling, Sydney Heath, Angel Helm.

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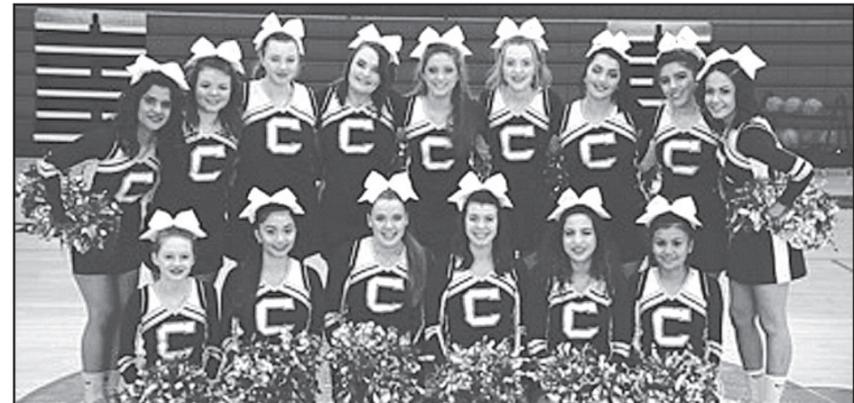
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Cobden High School Girls Basketball
First row, from left, Anayeli Munoz, Sabrina Garcia, Katelyn Shadowens, Abby Ramsey, Elsie Robles, Abby Clover. Second row, Olivia Brumleve, Emily White, Jenna Hartline, Ana Nance, Aubrey Fisher.



Cobden Boys High School Basketball
First row, from left, Cody Wieseman, Dylan Lewey, Sipriano Zamaro, Alex Ramsey. Second Row, Zane Nance, Chandler West, Noah Franklin, Joe Brumleve, Jose Lopez, Clayton Flamm.



Cobden High School Cheerleaders
First row, from left, Candace Ellis, Carla Guerrero-Rivera, Amanda Smith, Maddie Bundren, Morgan Bass, Nayeli Amesquita. Second row, Lilia Carmona, Halle Short, Carlie Clausen, Jessilyn Estel, Hannah Stillman, Molly Smith, Lily Britt, Lilli Mason, Makenzie Howell.

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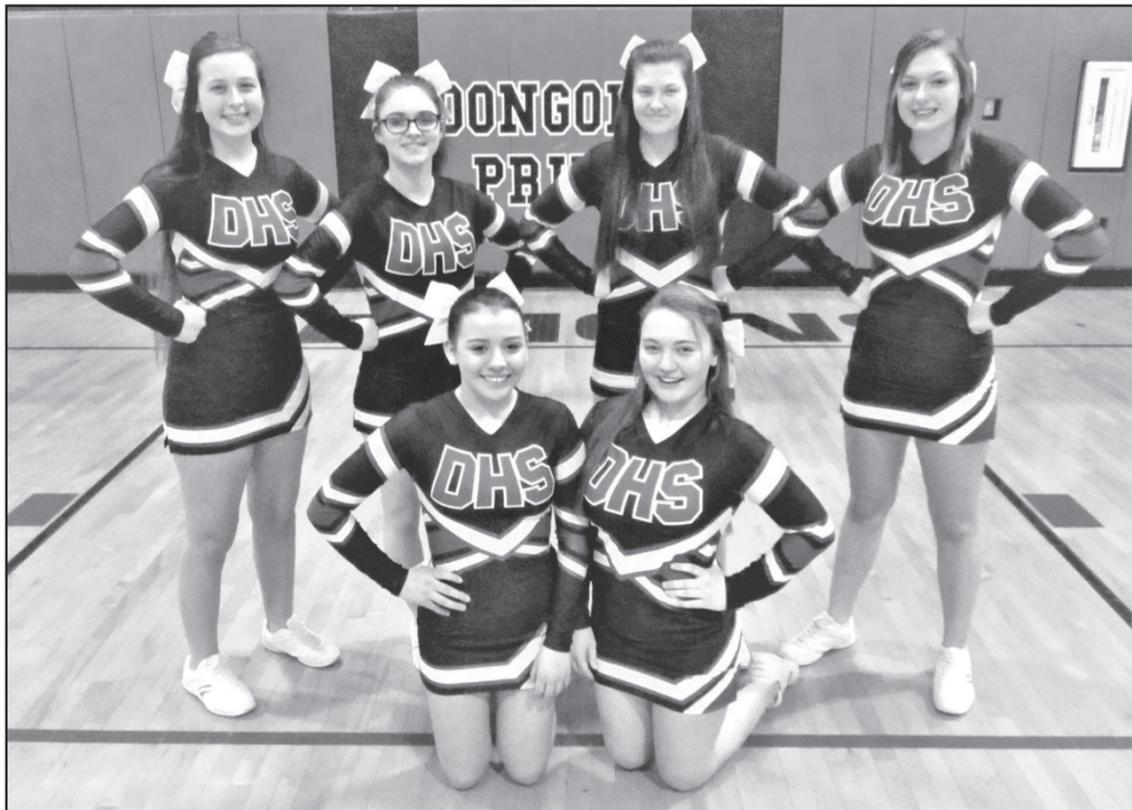


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Dongola High School Cheerleaders
First row, from left, Magali Zavala, Megan Theis. Second row, Autumn Dixon, Natasha Cosenza, Jamie Anderson, Ashley Sullens. Not pictured, Hailey Peppers.



Dongola High School Boys Basketball
First row, from left, Cameron Hogue, Hunter McCommons, Hunter Freeman, Matt Aden, Joseph Thomas. Second row, Evan Treat, Colin Hall, Charles Duty, Robert Hammond, Jr., Alex Ames, Andrew Tarpley. Not pictured, Cameron Halphen, Nathan Williams, Matthew Camargo, Ben Smith.



Dongola High School Girls Basketball
First row, from left, Shaylee Lingle, Dailee Cummins, Alyssa Flores, Michelle Wolford, Anabelle Durham, Hailey Ames.

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Shawnee High School Girls Basketball

First row, from left, Laycee Presutti, Autumn McMahan, Katie Charles, Kylie Holloway, Autumn Derossett. Second row, Alexis Miller, Gabby Smith, Kirsten Pitts, Mariah Faire, Kyliegh Harris.



Shawnee High School Cheerleaders

First row, from left, Morgan Patterson, Chali Phelps. Second row, Courtney Smith. Third Row, Cyleigh Pearl, coach Lena Houston, Kayla Gore.

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News from

Anna Nazarene Church

The church welcomes Scott and Marlena Wright and their children, Brandon, Meranda, Christopher and Alex, into Anna First Church of the Nazarene membership.

Congregational songs on Sunday morning, Feb. 24, were led by Pastor Wright, Abby Barlow, Harley and Madison Schnaare, who were accompanied by Jack and Nina Shepard.

Ushers for the morning worship service were Matt Macy, Clayton Ramage, Mark Smith and Noah Wiseman.

The offertory and special music were provided by Betty Odum.

Pastor Randy Wright's message was titled "Are We True Disciples?" The message was from Matthew.

The service was closed with an altar service and prayer by Pastor Wright.

The Sunday evening worship service was a quiz off between the children's Bible quizzers and some adult Bible quizzers.

Winners were Leonard Sadler in the adult quizzing group, with 31 correct answers out of 35 questions.

Jaida Smith and Sophie Wells tied in the children's quizzing group, with 21 correct answers out of 35 questions.

The Children's quizzers plan to participate in the Illinois district children's Bible quiz April 27 at Shelbyville.

Local quiz director is Vonda Hill. Carolyn Murray is the assistant.

The church extends sympathy to the Clayton family

in the loss of their loved one, Ruthe Clayton, who was a wonderful, sweet lady who loved this church.

She had the heart of a servant and was always willing to help whether it was a small or large task that needed to be done until her health no longer allowed her to do so.

Funeral services were at noon Tuesday, Feb. 26, at the church. Pastor Randy Wright officiated.

Bible study is planned in the fellowship hall every Friday at 6:30 p.m. Those who plan to attend are asked to bring finger foods and snacks to share.

A missionary service, which will be a chili cook-off, is planned March 17.

A Men of Purpose conference is planned March 30 in Shelbyville.

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

Youth services are at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. Children's Bible quizzing is planned at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday and 5 p.m. on Sunday.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

Pastor Perry Williams brought the messages on Sunday, Feb. 24.

Dee Rose led the worship. Special music was presented by Nick Williams.

After morning worship, a special business meeting was held to approve the calling of Pastor Perry Williams and his wife, Denna, as the church's full-time senior pastor.

Pastor Williams has been the church's bivocational pastor for the past year. Pastor Williams and Denna, along with their daughter, Molly, have ministered at several area churches for a number of years.

Pastor Williams was unanimously elected as the church's senior pastor and family.

Birthdays: Alma Osterholm, Feb. 24; Joan Mowery, Marc Sheffer, Feb. 28; Margaret McCain, Donald Schlenker, March 2.

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

Youth meet at 5 p.m. on Sunday. Dig-In Children's

Ministry is planned from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday and is for children from 3 years of age through 6th grade.

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

News from

First Baptist Church, Anna

In the morning service on Sunday, Feb. 24, Associate Pastor David Howard's sermon was titled "Running with the Giant Part 3: Abraham."

Don Kelley was the guest music leader.

The next free Soup and Service meal is planned from 4:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. on Monday, March 11, in the fellowship hall.

Gospel singing set in Villa Ridge

A gospel singing is planned Saturday, March 2, at Shiloh Baptist Church in Villa Ridge.

Singing begins at 7 p.m. The Moreheads from Kentucky and the Gloryroad Travelers from Mounds will be featured.



Shawnee students of the quarter

Shawnee School District No. 84 has honored second quarter students of the month. The students were honored during the Feb. 19 meeting of the Shawnee School District No. 84 Board of Education. The students were selected for the honor in recognition of academic excellence, citizenship and attendance. Each student received a certificate and \$25 from First Southern Bank in Grand Tower. In the first row are, from left, Ashlynn Presutti, 3rd grade, and Kashton Mikel, 1st grade. In the second row are board of education president Tim Qualls and Holden Criddle, Shawnee High School senior. Students of the quarter Kelci Baber, 6th grade, Colton Harris, 7th grade, and Cyleigh Pearl, high school freshman, could not be present for the picture. Photo provided.

Anna church welcomes pastor

The First Baptist Church in Anna is welcoming a new pastor.

The Rev. Nick DiMauro is scheduled to preach his first sermon at the Anna church on Sunday, March 3.

Sunday School is at 9 a.m. Services begin at 10:15 a.m. The church is located at 409 Morgan St. Child care is provided. The community is invited to join the church in welcoming its new pastor.

News from

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

In Miss Paula's children's sermon on Sunday, Feb. 24, at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna, she talked about how the Bible is used to learn about God.

The main sermon was taken from Genesis, 1st Corinthians and Luke.

Pastor Mark's sermon was about God's law: "what God wants us to do; how He wants us to treat each other and how He wants us to act."

Prayers for healing were offered for Bob Kohler, Sarah Sims, Ann West, Charlotte Fear, Tasha Faire, Pat Jones, Bill Heisner, Craig Bass, David Wright, Lisa Gammons and Clark Newton.

Bible study for Mt. Moriah and Salem members was planned Tuesday, Feb. 26. They continue to study the book titled "A Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren.

Hands of Faith plan to meet at 9 a.m. March 12. Besides making quilts for Lutheran World Relief, they have new projects they have discussed.

Lenten services are scheduled to begin on Ash Wednesday, March 6, at Mt. Moriah, with a meal at 6 p.m. and worship at 7 p.m.

Each Wednesday during Lent, services are scheduled to alternate between Salem and Mt. Moriah, with a meal planned before each service.

A Maundy Thursday service is planned April 18 at Mt. Moriah.

A Good Friday service is scheduled April 19 at Salem.

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Shawnee Community College announces fall semester honor students

Shawnee Community College has announced fall semester President's List and Vice President's List students.

Full-time students whose grade point average was 3.5 or better and who are enrolled in an associate degree or certificate program are considered to be honor students.

Students named to the President's List had a grade point average of 4.0 for the semester.

Students named to the Vice President's List had a grade point average of between 3.5 and 3.9.

Honor students from the Union County area are named below, by their hometowns:

President's List

Alto Pass: Elizabeth Hindman.

Anna: Karen Duncan, Johnathan Dew, Emily Hubbs, Penny Karsen, Austin Mixen, John Robinson.

Beta Sigma Phi Sorority Zeta Psi Chapter meets

Zeta Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority met Thursday evening, Feb. 14, at the home of Shirley West for the chapter's monthly meeting.

West served refreshments. A business meeting followed.

The group decided they needed a winter break and Elaine Crain suggested going to Marion Civic Center to see a play.

The group agreed and decided to go to the Marion Cultural and Civic Center on Sunday, Feb. 24, to see "Avenue Q."

The service committee asked for the group's ideas about what they might like to do.

Several suggestions were shared, including visiting a nursing home or the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna.

The topic was tabled until the chapter's next meeting.

Sue Abernathy was in charge of the program. She gave a talk about her

Buncombe: Faith Baringer.

Cobden: Melissa Juarez. Jonesboro: Sarah Blankenship, Caleb Cerney, Zachary Clardy, Steven Etter, Anna Mattheis, Melanie Mattheis, Jaycee Pender, Victoria Stoffel, Hannah Stark.

Vice President's List

Anna: Makaenne Fox, Jacqueline Etherton, Sophia Wingate, Austin Klasner, Kirsten Flick, Kyle Clover, Amanda Plott, Jakob Smith.

Buncombe: Kayla Moore, Beatryss Miller, Morgan Wright, Weslee Choate.

Cobden: Stephanie Murrillo, Sydney Windings.

Dongola: Jennifer Shelton, Callie Mowery.

Grand Tower: Madilyn Ellet.

Jonesboro: Charlie Campbell, Tasha Linder, Tony Lamantia, Sharon Brashear.

McClure: Joseph Mason.

Wolf Lake: Molly Lewis, Emily Prather.

granddaughter Anna, who is a student at Montana State University.

Anna plays oboe in the orchestra there and was invited to go to Chile in the spring to perform at different locations.

The door prize was won by Nancy Gunn.

Symphony concert set

The Southeast Missouri Symphony is scheduled to perform Dmitri Shostakovich's "Fifth Symphony" on Tuesday, March 5.

The concert is set for 7:30 p.m. in the Donald C. Bedell Performance Hall on the River Campus of Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau.

Ticket information is available by contacting the River Campus box office weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., by calling 573-651-2265 or going online at RiverCampus.org.



Dongola School students of the month for February

Dongola School District No. 66 has announced students of the month for February. Students were honored for displaying the character trait of honesty. In the first row are Korina Mize, 5th grade; Shelby Stanley, 4th grade; Benjamin Flores, 3rd grade; Joey Johns, 2nd grade; Brantley Hoffman, 1st grade; Jack Gaddis, kindergarten; Levi Eddleman, pre-kindergarten; and Michaela Bracken, pre-kindergarten. In the second row are Journee Rushing, high school senior; Jayden Westbrooks, high school junior; Ashlyn Wright, high school sophomore; Hailey Ames, high school freshman; Mady Mead, 8th grade; Catherine Thomas, 7th grade; and Mason Wren, 6th grade. Dixie Basler, kindergarten, could not be present for the picture. Photo provided.

Great American Eclipse documentary honored

"In the Shadow," a one-hour documentary that looked at the run-up to the 2017 Great American Eclipse, has earned top honors from the Broadcast Education Association, BEA.

Produced by faculty, staff and students in Southern Illinois University Carbondale's College of Mass Communication and Media Arts, the film earned the Best of Competition award in the BEA Festival of Media Arts' faculty documentary competition long form video or film category.

A central theme in the film was what happened during the 13 hours and 23 minutes between sunrise and sunset on Aug. 21, 2017.

The eclipse duration was 2 hours and 55 minutes, with eclipse totality at 2 minutes and 24 seconds.

The event marked the first total solar eclipse visible from the contiguous United States since 1918.

H.D. Motyl, chair of the SIU Department of Cinema and Photography and the Department of Radio, Television and Digital Media, said one of the greatest aspects of the BEA Festival of Media Arts is the judges are peers from sister institutions around the country.

"The judges are creative professors who are making work, too, so to be awarded by them for our work is much more meaningful," Motyl said.

"Any award in which the institution is mentioned, especially at something as prestigious as BEA, underscores the quality and relevance of the program."

The documentary was executive produced by Deborah Tudor, dean of the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts, and produced by Motyl and Mark Stoffel, a digital media specialist and instructor within the college.

The idea for a documen-

tary was first discussed by Tudor and Scott Ishman, dean of the College of Science and eclipse committee co-chair.

About 10 student-involved camera crews helped chronicle activity leading up to an event that filled Saluki Stadium on the SIU campus and served as a focal point for national and international media.

Filming started in late spring 2017 and included interviews with Mat Kaplan of Planetary Radio and David Baron, historian, author and self-professed umbraphile, or eclipse chaser.

Topics ranged from a discussion on how ancient cultures viewed eclipses to eclipse-related merchandise, from soda cans and bakery goods to cookies and postal stamps.

Stoffel, who poured through hundreds of hours of video while working to piece together the film, said he's thrilled with the response.

"Looking back about two years ago, when this whole effort started, I had not the faintest idea where this production would be taking us," he said.

The film premiered in March 2018 at Shryock Auditorium on campus. Since then, the documentary has entered several festivals, including the River Town Film Festival in Clinton, N.J., in September and the River's Edge International Film Festival in Paducah in November.

The film has been entered for consideration in upcoming documentary film festivals in Moscow and Atlanta, Ga., as well as a history film festival in Croatia, Motyl said.

The university and region will once again serve as an eclipse crossroads with a total solar eclipse with more than 4 minutes of totality on April 8, 2024.

Farm Bureau offers new county plat book

Who owns Union County? Thousands of people have a piece of it, and they are listed in the new plat book published by the Union County Farm Bureau with Mapping Solutions.

The 2019 book is available for purchase for \$35 at the Farm Bureau office at 104 W. Broad Street in Jonesboro.

Union County Farm Bureau members who are in good standing will receive a discounted rate for the new plat book.

Associate members can purchase the book for \$25 and MM/PM/MS members can purchase the book for \$20.

Premium wall maps also will be available for purchase.

The Union County Farm Bureau also plans to conduct a drawing to give away both a premium wall map and a SmartMap of Union County.

People can register for a chance to win one of the products at the Farm Bureau office.

The Union County plat book is a 60-page spiral-bound book which features standard landownership map pages showing townships and ranges of Union County.

The maps include property boundaries for all rural parcels, owner names and the number of acres owned.

Opposite the land ownership maps are new, enhanced LiDAR aerial view maps which have a 3D effect showing the actual topography of the land.

There also is a landowner index which is designed for easy cross referencing.

In the new edition, there is a current county government directory, a soils map, a watersheds map and a county road map with a road index.

The book also has municipality maps for Alto Pass,

Anna, Cobden, Dongola, Jonesboro and Mill Creek.

Another new feature in the 2019 publication is an index of the initialed parcels for easy reference. Additionally, there is an explanation of the public land survey system. Mapping Solutions is the publisher.

The Union County Farm Bureau noted that the information in the book is valuable to anyone with a need to know who owns land in Union County.

Prospective or adjoining property owners, hunters, foresters, timber and petroleum industry personnel, emergency services and many others would be interested in having a copy, the Farm Bureau added.

Two digital versions of the Union County landowner maps also are available:

- SmartMap for a smart phone or tablet. A SmartMap allows you to view your location on the map and track real-time movement with the device GPS, you can measure distances and areas as well as add points of interest, photos, position and label names to the map and much more.
- eBook for a tablet, laptop or PC. This is a digital version of the plat book.

More about the digital maps can be found online by visiting mappingsolutionsGIS.com.

More information about the Union County plat book is available by contacting the Farm Bureau office by phone at 833-2125.

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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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Anna VFW

A fish fry will be served Friday, March 1, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Star Karaoke Mardi Gras party is from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Sunday morning Rev. Richard Sullins' sermon was Reconciliation and Blessing.

Special music was by the ladies choir "I'm Goin' Up a Yonder."

March is Women's History Month. Each Sunday in March Rev. Millie Sloan will present a short biography recognizing a woman of faith.

Wednesday, March 6, there will be an Ash Wednesday service at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 5, the United Methodist Women will meet. Rev. Millie Sloan will lead the program, "Happy Birthday UMW." Hostess will be Jane Bauer.

Friday, March 8, at 6 p.m. will be game night. The food theme will be Italian.

The youth enjoyed a trip to Hidden Valley Ski resort in Eureka, Mo., at the Polar Plunge snow tubing park.

The Loaves and Fishes Ministry meal for Tuesday,

March 19, will be meat loaf, mashed potatoes, green beans and dessert. Everyone is invited. It is in the fellowship hall from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. A special thanks to everyone who prepares the meal, sets up the tables, works, donates, prays for the ministry and attends.

Anniversary: March 1 Marcy and Gary Morris.

Birthdays: March 7 Steve Smith, 10 Kami LaFoon, 14 Linda LaFoon, 17 Lolene Reichert, 20 Rev. Richard Sullins, 22 Thomas Corbit, 29 Sarah foster, 31 Shirley West.

Red Hat Ladies

The Little Egypt Red Hat ladies met last Wednesday at Anna Pizza Hut.

The tables were decorated with the Valentine theme. Hostesses were Queen Joan Graves Edwards who was not able to attend, Martha Schwegman and Marie Samuels.

Rev. Millie Sloan said the blessing. Birthday girls were honored for their birthdays: Mary Light, Janice Lewellyn, Brenda Lovelace and Judy Smith.

The ladies always enjoy a gift exchange. Linda Compte won the door prize. Everyone stood and sang

"God Bless America" led by Linda Clutts before they left.

Wooden Models

Gerald Myers has been busy this winter. He built his daughter Kate and Tim Smillie from Whitewater F. A., Wis., a doll house when she brought him the pieces in a box she had bought at a sale.

Gerald also built a model of the Potato Barn for Jim and Edna Goddard.

Gerald has built many memories of structures from our area. He built the Anna Depot, which is at the Jonesboro Library.

He made several items that were auctioned off for fund-raisers for Stinson Memorial Library, the Jonesboro Library, the Anna Arts Center, Bald Knob Cross and other places.

Gerald was at my yard sale once and bought a doll house from me, fixed it all up one winter then called me and ask me if I wanted to buy it back for what he paid for it. Oh course I said yes. He had built stairs inside it. Put a new roof on it and it was beautiful.

Watercolor Classes

Artist Marie Samuel will teach a free beginner watercolor painting class using landscape, nature themes, spring wildflowers etc. at Giant City State Park Center.

You need to register by calling 618-457 4836 if you would like to take the class and for more information. It will be Saturday, March 16, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Women's Club

The GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club will meet at Sunshine Inn March 4 at 11 a.m.

Birthdays

Roy Younger celebrated his 49th birthday with Keith Parkhill.

Jeremy Wheaton celebrated his 40th birthday Feb. 26.

Kye Wheaton celebrated his 7th birthday Feb. 27.

Guests

Guests of Judy and Kevin Newman were their daughter Dallas Newman from St. Louis and son C.J. Moelering and his family from Columbia.

Get well wishes to Judy, who was in Union County Hospital for a couple days last week.

Friends of the Theater

The A-JCHS Musical "Disney's The Little Mermaid" will be March 29-31.

Donations are needed for the musical. If anyone would like to make a donation they can contact Brad Stamp at school.

The fund raisers will be at Jus 10's March 8, McDonald's pancake supper, TBA, Cardinals game tickets raffle.

Tickets for the musical: Adult tickets \$10. Children's tickets \$7. Tickets will be available in the superintendent's office March 18 until the show. You may also purchase tickets the day of the show.

Please put on your calendar and attend the performance. The students work very hard to make each year the best. A special thanks to all the sponsors.

If you would like to be a sponsor and have your name and business listed in the playbill here are the prices \$25 Sebastian's Orchestra, \$50 Prince Eric's Shipmates, \$100 King Triton's Court. Please make checks payable to Friends of the Theater. Please mail checks to Anna-Jonesboro National Bank attention: Sarah Clinton, 201 S. Main St., Anna, Ill. 62906.

Friends of the Theatre board members are Kathy Capel, Brad Stamp, Steven and Jackie Beatty, Jennifer Cleghorn, Amy Casper, Sarah Clinton, Bessie Mae Ellis, John and Stacy Earn-



Another fun season of Upward Basketball and Cheer has started at Anna Heights Baptist Church in Anna. The gym at AHBC is full every Saturday with boys, and girls playing basketball and cheerleaders too, along with many parents, grandparents, family and friends.

hardt.

The students and staff practice many long hours for the musical. It is open to the public so please put it on your calendars and attend to help support them.

World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 1, the Union County Alliance of Churches plans to host a World Day of Prayer/Women of Faith luncheon at the EPC Main Street Center from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Military Prayer List

Tanner Anderson, Hayden Young, Garrett Goines, Nick Harvel, Nona Elizabeth Luke, Lucas J. Strickland, William Nathaniel Frankell, Ethan Maze, Lukas W. Davis, Kiefer Stull, David Jorden Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, CJ Youngerman, Freddy Morse, Reagan Morri-



Sandra Nimmo's companion dog Luna Belle dressed up on Dog Dress Up Day Feb. 20. Sandra says Luna has made her smile every day. Sandy chose Luna Belle at PAWS, Pets Are Worth Saving. Sandra is happy PAWS will have a new facility soon. Sandra said all the dogs there are well, have their shots and are groomed.

Williams, Faith Odom, Tommy Goff and family Janette, Jamison and Kaylynn, Creighton Laster, Jim Bonner, Jacob Schaefer, Jerod Schaefer, Jennifer Ann Bishop, James McWhorter, Arin Whitemountain.

Governor signs legislation to boost state's minimum wage

By Jerry Nowicki
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SPRINGFIELD – Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Tuesday, Feb. 19, signed a bill to raise Illinois' minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2025 in the Governor's Mansion, declaring his first major legislative victory "a time to celebrate."

"For nine years there were many forces that were arrayed against giving a raise to the people who work so hard to provide home care for seniors, child care for toddlers, who wash dishes at the diner, and who farm our fields," Pritzker said. "Today is a victory for the cause of economic justice."

The signing represents a delivery on one of Pritzker's major campaign promises a little more than one month into his tenure as governor – albeit without any support from Republican lawmakers.

Illinois Senate Majority Leader Kimberly Lightford, a Maywood Democrat who ushered Senate Bill 1's passage through the Senate, said Pritzker "got done in 30 days" what she has been trying to accomplish for 10 years.

"I'm so grateful that I've been able to just stay the course," she said.

Lightford has sponsored several minimum wage increases since 2010, when Illinois' minimum wage last saw an increase of 25 cents to the current rate of \$8.25. If any of those bills had passed, the current minimum wage would be more than \$10 hourly today.

A bill she sent to former Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner in 2017 would have made the minimum wage \$15 by 2022, but he vetoed the proposal.

Pritzker, Lightford and Illinois Restaurant Association president Sam Toia called the bill a compromise between business and labor interests, but Republicans blasted the effort in a news release shortly after the signing.

"This is only the beginning of J.B. Pritzker's war on taxpayers and small business," Illinois Republican Party chairman Tim Schneider said in a statement.

"Nearly doubling the minimum wage will destroy entry-level jobs, raise prices for consumers, and bust budgets at every level of

government."

The Illinois Retail Merchants Association and the Illinois Manufacturers' Association have openly criticized the fast-tracked passage of the bill as well.

But Toia, whose restaurant association members employ more than 577,000 people in the state, said he was thankful for being at the table for negotiations.

"The legislation signed by the governor today is a reasonable, balanced approach that takes into account many of the concerns of the restaurant industry," he said. "This was a compromise. I rebut anyone that says this wasn't a compromise."

The rollout of the increase will begin in January 2020, when the wage goes from \$8.25 to \$9.25 before hitting \$10 on July 1.

From 2021 to 2025, the wage will see a \$1 bump every January until it levels off at \$15.

Toia praised the bill for maintaining a tip credit which allows employers to pay tipped workers 60 percent of the minimum wage if tips make up the other 40 percent.

A training wage for teen workers is also included in the bill, allowing employers to pay 50 cents to \$2 less than the regular minimum wage over the six-year rollout to workers under 18 years of age who work fewer than 650 hours for an employer in a calendar year.

Small businesses with less than 50 full-time equivalent employees will also be able to take advantage of an income tax credit which allows employers to keep 25 percent of the increased money paid to minimum-wage workers from the previous year.

The 25 percent credit will decrease by 4 percent each year, leveling off at 5 percent for two years and extending an extra year for businesses with five or fewer full-time equivalent employees.

Lightford said an added benefit for business is the infusion of more money into the economy for those most likely to spend it.

"I want to put a little shout out to all the little boys and girls whose parents get up when they're still sleeping...so they can have a roof over their head and make them happy," she said.

"I'm just hoping that they're able to take their

little children to catch a movie or do something fun, because now the economic engine will be turning."

Iesha Townsend, a minimum-wage worker at a Chicago McDonald's location, gifted a "Fight for \$15" T-shirt to Pritzker after the signing and said the organization will continue to fight for worker rights, including unionization efforts. She said her \$12 minimum earned is not enough to provide for her two sons.

"With the hours I work, I should be able to stand on my two feet and provide for my children without food stamps or Medicaid," she said.

But Republicans and business owners said Democrats are overlooking possible repercussions of the bill, including a potential loss of 93,000 to 96,000 jobs in the state, according to the conservative Employment Policies Institute and the National Federation of Independent Business, a small business advocacy group.

Democrats have rebutted the job loss numbers, and Pritzker touted his own business background and pointed to his Wednesday, Feb. 20, budget address as containing business-growing measures, although he did not offer specifics.

"There are so many other things we need to do, like create jobs in the state, like allow small businesses the opportunity to access capital so they can grow those businesses, like helping us innovate and create new businesses in the state," Pritzker said. "I understand very acutely the importance of growing the economy."

"That's why the proposals that I've made and the budget that I will present tomorrow is as it is now."

He also said he "continues to work with" Republicans about issues facing the state, although the Illinois GOP chairman remained critical Tuesday, Feb. 19.

"Pritzker pledged to govern differently and listen to all parties and stakeholders, but those turned out to be meaningless words," Schneider said.

With Democratic supermajorities in the House and Senate, Pritzker might not need Republican support for his progressive agenda, which he rededicated himself to implementing Feb. 19.

"We make no little plans, so stay tuned," he said.



A dedication service will be held at Kornthal Historical Church 7 p.m. March 21. Everyone is welcome to come. Gerald Myers built pews, the floor, altar and finished the upstairs inside the church model found in the church closet built by Chris Bavender, a student from Energy Grade School back in the 1940s. Chris had put the bible for the altar on the inside. Chris plans to be at the dedication service. The model has been in the church since 1940.



Everyone is invited to attend a dedication service at Historic Kornthal Church March 21 at 7 p.m. Chris Bavender, a student from Energy Grade School, built the model of the church back in the 1940s. It has been in the church ever since but was discovered in a closet recently. Chris Bavender will be a guest at the dedication. Chris had started the inside of the church with a Bible in the upstairs but never got to finish the model of the church. Gerald Myers finished the inside. He built pews, the floor, altar and finished the upstairs.



Gerald Myers with the doll house he built for his daughter Kate and Tim Smillie who live in Whitewater F.A., Wis. Kate brought the doll house in a box she had bought at a sale and asked her dad to build it for her.

Specialty crop growers invited to participate in pest degree day survey

Researchers at the University of Illinois' Prairie Research Institute in Urbana-Champaign are developing new pest degree day tools for the state's specialty crop growers.

A short online survey offers growers an opportunity to contribute their opinions on how this information is delivered.

Growers across Illinois use pest degree day accumulations to track insect development throughout the growing season and to aid in pest management

decisions. Since 2004, the Illinois Climate Network has hosted an online pest degree day calculator that allows users to calculate degree days for 30 agricultural and invasive insects.

The calculator uses weather data from 19 network stations to provide current degree days and forecasts based on historical long-term averages.

"The pest degree day calculator has been a great resource for 15 years," said Jennie Atkins, man-

ager of the Illinois Climate Network.

"However, a lot has changed since 2004. Is the calculator still the best method for users, especially Illinois' specialty crop growers, to obtain the information they need?"

Researchers hope to answer that question with help from growers.

During February and March, growers are being asked to complete a short survey at <https://go.illinois.edu/PDDSurvey> to tell researchers

how they use pest degree days, how they want to receive this information, and which pests are a current concern.

"The information we collect will be used to design new tools to better

communicate with growers," adds Kelly Estes, entomologist with the Illinois Natural History Survey.

The pest degree day calculator is available at the WARM website (<https://www.isws.illinois.edu/warm/>).

Researchers plan to have the new tools available by the end of 2020.

The work is supported by the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

Day of Giving kicks off SIU 150th anniversary celebration

Southern Illinois University Carbondale is planning to launch a year-long celebration of its 150th anniversary.

The celebration is scheduled to begin March 6 with the 2019 Day of Giving, an event rallying the university's supporters.

The theme for this year's Day of Giving is "Celebrate."

The third annual Day of Giving is a 24-hour event held on the first Wednesday

of March to commemorate the university's Founder's Day.

Throughout the day, friends of SIU are invited to make online donations to the areas of SIU that they hold most dear.

The Day of Giving online ticker tape is scheduled to begin rolling at 6 a.m. on March 6 and will run through 5:59 a.m. on March 7, tracking gifts to SIU.

And while the focus is online giving, donations,

which are tax deductible as allowed by law, can also be made by calling 618-453-4900 or by sending checks payable to the SIU Foundation to Mail Code 6805, Carbondale, Ill. 62901.

The Day of Giving is the first of many special birthday events and plans at SIU.

The 150.siu.edu website can be visited throughout the year to find out more about the 150th anniversary celebration.

Gateway Green Industry Conference set in Collinsville

University of Illinois Extension reports that registrations are being accepted for the 2019 Gateway Green Industry Conference.

The conference is scheduled Wednesday, March 13, at the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville.

Those who work in lawn care, landscaping, nursery, or at a garden center, golf course or any other grounds-related industry will be able to get new ideas and research-based information at the conference.

Registration is \$80. There is a discounted rate for full-time students and active Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists.

Sessions which are scheduled at the conference include:

Perennial Garden Maintenance and The Midas Touch, Martha Smith, University of Illinois Extension Horticulture Educator.

Using Prescribed Fire as a Management Tool, Jeff Harris, urban resource management, Pop Up Prairie.

Identification and Management of Woody Invasive Plants and Ecology and Identification of Illinois Native Oaks and Hickories, Chris Evans, forestry Extension and research specialist, University of Illinois Extension.

Tips for Identifying Trees in Winter and Illinois Native Wildflowers for Gardens, Chris Benda, Illinois botanist.

Maintaining a Successful Native Garden, Scott

Woodbury, Shaw Nature Reserve.

Pollinators in the Landscape and Preventing Tick and Mosquito Bites, Ken Johnson, University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator.

Other sessions are planned which will focus on such topics as chainsaw safety and the open face boring back cut, extreme weather and trees' natural defense mechanisms.

To obtain a copy of the Gateway Green Industry Conference brochure and registration form, contact U of I Extension at 618-344-4230 or visit <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/mms>. Online registration is available at the website.

Television Listings

| THURSDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2019 | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW |
| 6 PM :30 | Local Programs | Local Programs | (5:00) Local Programs | Local Programs | College Basketball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD) | Seinfeld Seinfeld | NCIS "Canary" (HD) | Raven Raven | "Hide Seek" (95) Tonight | "Kiss of Death" (95) | Shameless "Black-out" |
| 7 PM :30 | Grey's Anatomy (HD) | Bang (HD) Young | Gotham (HD) | The Titan Games | | Seinfeld Seinfeld | NCIS "Hereafter" (HD) | Sydney Coop & Cam | "There's Something About Mary" (98) (HD) | "Natural Born Killers" (94) A killing spree. | (:15) "Pulp Fiction" (94, Crime) A day in the crimes of Los Angeles. |
| 8 PM :30 | A Million Little Things | (:01) Mom Fam (HD) | The Orville (HD) | Brooklyn Will (HD) | College Basketball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD) | Bang (HD) Bang (HD) | NCIS "Detour" (HD) | Raven Raven | | | |
| 9 PM :30 | How to Get (HD) | S.W.A.T. "S.O.S." | Local Programs Local info. | Local Law & Order: SVU | | Bang (HD) Bang (HD) | NCIS "Prime Suspect" | Sydney Coop & Cam | Crashing True Detective "Now Am Found" | "Kingsman: The Golden Circle" World taken hostage. | Desus & Black Mon. |
| 10 PM :30 | Local Jimmy Kimmel Live | Local (:35) Late Show (HD) | Local Programs | Local (:35) Tonight (HD) | SportsCenter (HD) | Conan Seinfeld | NCIS "Seek" (HD) | Andi Mack Raven | | | Desus & America |
| 11 PM :30 | Nightline | Corden | Local Programs | Late Night | SportsCenter (HD) | Seinfeld Conan | NCIS: L. A. (HD) | Raven Sydney | (:55) Real Sports (HD) | Strike | |

| FRIDAY MARCH 1, 2019 | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW |
| 6 PM :30 | Local Programs | Local Programs | (5:00) Local Programs | Local Programs | NBA Basketball Portland vs Toronto (Live) (HD) | Burgers Burgers | Family Family | Raven | (5:00) "Movie" | (5:00) "Movie" | "Jackie Brown" (97) |
| 7 PM :30 | Boat (HD) Speechless | MacGyver (HD) | Man (HD) Cool Kids | The Voice John Legend. (HD) | | ★★★ "Transformers" (07) Robots bring ancient battle to Earth. (HD) | Family Family | ★★★½ "Cinderella" (15) Abused lady aided. | "Movie" | "Movie" | "Furlough" (18) Prison road trip. |
| 8 PM :30 | 20/20 Investigative news. (HD) | Hawaii Five-0 (HD) | Hell's Kitchen (HD) | | NBA Basketball Milwaukee vs Los Angeles (Live) (HD) | | Family Family | Coop & Cam Raven | "Movie" | "Movie" | "Molly's Game" (17) Idris Elba. High-stakes poker. (HD) |
| 9 PM :30 | Local | Local | Local Programs Local info. | Dateline NBC (HD) | | (:15) "Transformers" (07) Alien robots battle. | Family Family | Andi Mack Raven | | | |
| 10 PM :30 | Local Jimmy Kimmel Live | Local (:35) Late Show (HD) | Local Programs | Local (:35) Tonight (HD) | SportsCenter (HD) | | Family Family | Stuck Mid. Stuck Mid. | "Movie" | "Movie" | Desus & Black Mon. |
| 11 PM :30 | Nightline | Corden | Local Programs | Late Night | | | | | | | |

| SATURDAY MARCH 2, 2019 | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW |
| 6 PM :30 | Local Programs | Local Programs | Local Programs | Local Programs | College Basketball | (4:30) "Blended" (14) | ★★★ "Thor: The Dark World" (13) | BUNKD BUNKD | (5:00) "Movie" | (5:00) "Movie" | Black Mon. Black Mon. |
| 7 PM :30 | NBA (Live) | Flansom "Indecent" (HD) | To Be Announced | Dateline NBC (HD) | College Basketball (HD) | Bang (HD) Bang (HD) | "Marvel's The Avengers" (12, Action) Marked at risk. | Andi Mack Raven | "Movie" | "Movie" | Black Mon. Black Mon. |
| 8 PM :30 | NBA Basketball Golden State vs Philadelphia (Live) (HD) | To Be Announced | To Be Announced | Dateline NBC (HD) | | Drop Mic Joker Wild | | Coop & Cam Raven | | | Showtime Championship Boxing from Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York |
| 9 PM :30 | Local | Local | Local Programs Local info. | Hell's Kitchen (HD) | Local Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy. | Frontal Miracle | Temptation Island | Coop & Cam Andi Mack | "Movie" | "Movie" | |
| 10 PM :30 | Local Programs | Local Programs Local info. | Local Programs | Local Programs | SportsCenter (HD) | "The Pacifier" (05) | (:14) Suits (HD) | Stuck Mid. Stuck Mid. | "Movie" | "Movie" | Desus & |
| 11 PM :30 | Local Programs | Local Programs | Local Programs | Local Programs | | | | | | | |

| SUNDAY MARCH 3, 2019 | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW |
| 6 PM :30 | Home Videos (HD) | 60 Minutes (HD) | Simpsons Burgers | World of Dance (HD) | MLS Soccer (Live) | (3:45) "Dawn of" (16) | Law & Order: SVU | Stuck Mid. Stuck Mid. | "Skyscraper" (18) | (5:00) "Victory" (81) | Shameless Black Mon. |
| 7 PM :30 | American Idol "201 Auditions" (HD) | God Friended Me | Simpsons Burgers | World of Dance "The Qualifiers 2" (HD) | MLS Soccer Sporting Kansas City vs Los Angeles FC | ★★★ "Suicide Squad" Supervillains team up on a mission. | Law & Order: SVU | "Cinderella Story: Shoe" (16) | Leaving Neverland "Part 1" Michael Jackson. | "Kingsman: The Golden Circle" World taken hostage. | The Circus SMILF |
| 8 PM :30 | | NCIS: L. A. (HD) | Fam Guy Fam Guy | | | | Law & Order: SVU | Coop & Cam | | | Shameless "Lost" (HD) |
| 9 PM :30 | (:01) Shark Tank (HD) | Madam Secretary | Local Programs Local info. | Good Girls (HD) | | | Law & Order: SVU | Coop & Cam | Crashing | | Black Mon. |
| 10 PM :30 | Local Programs Local info. | Local Programs | Local Programs | Local Programs Local info. | SportsCenter (HD) | ★★★ "Suicide Squad" Supervillains team up on a mission. | Family Family | BUNKD Raven | High Maint Oliver | "Elektra" (05) Assassin aids girl. | SMILF Shameless "Lost" (HD) |
| 11 PM :30 | (:35) Local | Local Programs | Local Programs | Local Programs | SportsCenter (HD) | | Family Family | Stuck Mid. Stuck Mid. | Crashing Oliver | ★★½ "Galveston" (18) | Desus & Black Mon. |

| MONDAY MARCH 4, 2019 | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW |
| 6 PM :30 | Local Programs | Local Programs | (5:00) Local Programs | Local Programs | College Basketball Virginia vs Syracuse (Live) | Fam Guy Fam Guy | NCIS Tracking Ziva. | BUNKD Coop & Cam | "Supremacy" (04) | "It" "Demonic clown" | "Up in Air" |
| 7 PM :30 | The Bachelor (HD) | Neighbor. Plan (HD) | The Resident (HD) | The Voice "The Blind Auditions, Part 3" (HD) | | Fam Guy Fam Guy | WWE Monday Night Raw (HD) | Andi Mack Raven | Leaving Neverland "Part 2" Michael Jackson. | Strike | Shameless "Lost" (HD) |
| 8 PM :30 | | Magnum P.I. (HD) | The Passage (HD) | | College Basketball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD) | Fam Guy Fam Guy | | Coop & Cam Bizaard | | "RoboCop" (87) Cops create cyborg. (R) | SMILF Black Mon. |
| 9 PM :30 | The Good Doctor | Bull Return to work. | Local Programs Local info. | The Enemy Within | | Dad (HD) Dad (HD) | | BUNKD BUNKD | "Pacific Rim: Uprising" A new Kaiju threat | ★★ "Resident Evil: Apocalypse" (17) | Shameless "Lost" (HD) |
| 10 PM :30 | Local Jimmy Kimmel Live | Local (:35) Late Show (HD) | Local Programs | Local (:35) Tonight (HD) | SportsCenter (HD) | Conan Seinfeld | Family Family | Raven Raven | | | Black Mon. SMILF |
| 11 PM :30 | Nightline | Corden | Local Programs | Late Night | SportsCenter (HD) | Seinfeld Conan | Family Family | Stuck Mid. Stuck Mid. | High Maint "GoodFellas" | (:10) "True Lies" (94) | The Circus "American" |

| TUESDAY MARCH 5, 2019 | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW |
| 6 PM :30 | Local Programs | Local Programs | (5:00) Local Programs | Local Programs | College Basketball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD) | Bang (HD) Bang (HD) | Law & Order: SVU | BUNKD Coop & Cam | "50 First" (99) Tonight | "October Sky" (99) | (5:45) ★½ "A Dog's Purpose" (17) |
| 7 PM :30 | The Bachelor "Women Tell All" (HD) | NCIS (HD) | Masterchef Celebrity cooks. | The Voice (HD) | | Bang (HD) Bang (HD) | WWE SmackDown (HD) | Raven BUNKD | (:15) ★★½ "Skyscraper" (18) Burning building. | ★★★ "Big" (88) Boy's wish granted. | Shameless "Lost" (HD) |
| 8 PM :30 | | FBI "Invisible" (HD) | This Is Us (HD) | | College Basketball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD) | Bang (HD) Bang (HD) | | BUNKD BUNKD | | | SMILF Black Mon. |
| 9 PM :30 | The Rookie "Manhunt" | NCIS: New Orleans | Local Programs Local info. | (:01) New Amsterdam | | Bang (HD) Miracle | Temptation Island | BUNKD BUNKD | Crashing 2 Dope Queens (HD) | (:45) ★★ "Volunteers" (85) Playboy volunteers. | Black Mon. SMILF |
| 10 PM :30 | Local Jimmy Kimmel Live | Local (:35) Late Show (HD) | Local Programs | Local (:35) Tonight (HD) | SportsCenter (HD) | Conan Miracle | Law & Order: SVU | Raven Raven | | | Black Mon. SMILF |
| 11 PM :30 | Nightline | Corden | Local Programs | Late Night | SportsCenter (HD) | Seinfeld Conan | Law & Order: SVU | Stuck Mid. Stuck Mid. | High Maint "Ex-con adjusts." (HD) | (:35) Strike Back (HD) | The Circus "American" |

| WEDNESDAY MARCH 6, 2019 | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 6 PM :30 | Local Programs | Local Programs | (5:00) Local Programs | Local Programs | NBA Countdown (HD) | Burgers Burgers | Law & Order: SVU | BUNKD Coop & Cam | "Date" (99) Tonight | "In Land of Women" | "Bull Durham" (88) |
| 7 PM :30 | American Idol "202 Auditions" (HD) | Survivor (HD) | Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours Two restaurants. | Chicago Med (HD) | NBA Basketball Philadelphia at Chicago Bulls (Live) | Bang (HD) Bang (HD) | Law & Order: SVU | Raven Raven | Real Sports (HD) | "Battle of the Sexes" (17) Legendary rivalry. | "The Mexican" (01) Brad Pitt. Clumsy crook. |
| 8 PM :30 | | The World's Best | | Chicago Fire (HD) | | Bang (HD) Bang (HD) | Law & Order: SVU | BUNKD BUNKD | The Shop | | |
| 9 PM :30 | Whiskey Cavalier | Criminal Minds (HD) | Local Programs Local info. | Chicago P.D. (HD) | NBA Basketball Denver vs Los Angeles (Live) (HD) | Bang (HD) Frontal | Law & Order: SVU | BUNKD BUNKD | "Geostorm" Climate disasters. | (:05) "Girls Trip" (17) Raunchy weekend. (HD) | SMILF "Inglorious Basterds" (09) Brad Pitt. Soldiers kill Nazis. |
| 10 PM :30 | Local Jimmy Kimmel Live | Local (:35) Late Show (HD) | Local Programs | Local (:35) Tonight (HD) | SportsCenter (HD) | Conan Seinfeld | Family Family | Raven Stuck Mid. | High Maint Crashing | | |
| 11 PM :30 | Nightline | Corden | Local Programs | Late Night | SportsCenter (HD) | Seinfeld Conan | Family Family | Stuck Mid. Stuck Mid. | Ex-con adjusts. (HD) | (:10) "Bad Girls" (94) | |

| THURSDAY | |
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| 7:00pm | FOX Gotham A new police detective stumbles into his city's biggest murder case vowing to solve the mystery and uncover the corruption of the city along the way. TV14 (HD) |
| 7:30pm | TBS Seinfeld "The Old Man" Jerry, Elaine and George volunteer to help the elderly; Kramer and Newman attempt to make money by selling old records to a used record store. TVPG (HD) |

| FRIDAY | |
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| 7:00pm | DISN Cinderella ★★★½ (2015, Fantasy) Lily James, Cate Blanchett. Forced into servitude by her wicked step-family after her father's death, a humble woman meets a stranger and her godmother, possibly changing her destiny. PG |
| 8:00pm | USA Modern Family "iSpy" Claire and Phil decide to keep an eye on Luke and Manny when they hang with a questionable friend; Gloria and Jay are having a fight over two different things. TVPG (HD) |

| SATURDAY | |
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| 7:30pm | USA Marvel's The Avengers ★★★½ (2012, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Mark Ruffalo. When a villainous and powerful god threatens global security, an international peace-keeping agency commissions elite superheroes to unite to prevent disaster. PG-13 TVPG |
| 8:00pm | SHOW Showtime Championship Boxing "Erislandy Lara vs. Brian Castano" Erislandy Lara (25-3-2, 14 KO) lost a split decision to Jarrett Hurd in April; Brian Castano (15-0-0, 11 KO) defeated Cedric Vitu via TKO in 12th round. TV14 (HD) |

| SUNDAY | |
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| 7:00pm | HBO Leaving Neverland "Part 1" Two men, James "Jimmy" Safechuck and Wade Robson, recall their experiences spending time with the late musician Michael Jackson at his famous Neverland Ranch. (HD) |
| 8:30pm | FOX Family Guy "Regarding Carter" Carter Pewterschmidt becomes the victim of an unfortunate accident that forces him to be left completely dependent on the Griffins for care and rehabilitation. TV14 (HD) |

| MONDAY | |
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| 7:00pm | FOX The Resident "Adverse Events" The surgeons come together in defiance of Quovadis; AJ and Conrad attempt to save the hospital's favorite custodian; Alec doubts making the right choice. TV14 (HD) |
| 8:00pm | FOX The Passage "You Are Not That Girl Anymore" Amy demonstrates symptoms that suggest she is close to turning; Richards attempts to contain Project NOAH after Guilder releases most of the staff. TV14 (HD) |

| TUESDAY | |
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| 7:15pm | HBO Skyscraper ★★½ (2018, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Neve Campbell. When a former hostage rescuer is assessing the security of the tallest building in the world, he finds himself accused of setting the skyscraper on fire. PG-13 |
| 9:00pm | TBS The Big Bang Theory "The Comic-Con Conundrum" Now that he is completely cut off from the support of his father's wealth, Raj convinces Sheldon into making sure he is able to climb out from under his debt. TV14 (HD) |

| WEDNESDAY | |
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| 8:00pm | CBS The World's Best Host James Corden is joined by three judges and a panel of 50 global entertainment experts before a group of competitors who show off their particular acts. TVPG |
| 9:05pm | MAX Girls Trip ★★★ (2017, Comedy) Regina Hall, Jada Pinkett Smith. A trip to New Orleans by four lifelong friends to attend the annual Essence Festival leads to an eruption of raunchy partying, romance and renewed sisterhood. R (HD) |

Opinion and Commentary

American Heart Month

Great time to visit doctor, start making some manageable lifestyle changes

Nearly one in every four American deaths are caused by heart disease, according to the National Vital Statistics Report. Dubbed the "silent killer," heart disease may be prevented by listening to your doctor and making lifestyle changes.

"Often, there are no symptoms before heart attacks or stroke strike," University of Illinois Extension nutrition and wellness educator Laura Barr said.

"But, there are risk factors to know and address, and American Heart Month is the perfect time to review your likelihood for heart disease and stroke." American Heart Month is observed during February.

Lifestyle choices such as smoking, overeating and inactivity contribute to the risk of heart disease. Physical risks include having high blood pressure or high cholesterol, being overweight or obese and having pre-diabetes or diabetes.

"It is important to know where you stand. Work with a health care team to determine personal risks and to prevent chronic disease," Barr said. "The medical team can determine if you are at a healthy weight, and if your physical activity is sufficient. They also can determine your risk with biometric data and blood draws."

Learn Your Numbers

The indicators of heart disease include blood pressure and biomarkers, such as total cholesterol, LDL (low density lipoprotein) cholesterol, HDL (high density lipoprotein) cholesterol, triglycerides and fasting glucose.

To learn more about each and the healthy range, visit the American Heart Association at www.heart.org/en/health-topics and discuss this with your medical professional.

Barr provided some quick reference points for adults:

Blood pressure: keep it under 120/80 mmHG.

Total cholesterol: less than 200 mg/dL.

LDL cholesterol: less than 100 mg/dL.

HDL cholesterol: ideal is 60 mg/dL or higher, and acceptable readings are 40 mg/dl for men and 50 mg/dl for women.

Triglycerides: less than 150 mg/dL.

Fasting glucose: approximately 70 to 100 mg/dL.

"In addition to being aware of these indicators, lifestyle changes are a critical part of treatment or prevention," Barr said. "The first step is seeking proper medical care, and from there, three things you can do at home are eat healthy, exercise and not smoke."

Learn Lifestyle Changes

Lifestyle changes often can be easier said than done, but there are some clear steps you can take:

Eat a healthy diet: Follow the MyPlate model and make half your plate fruits and vegetables, choose whole grains, low-fat dairy and lean proteins. Also avoid high sodium, high fat foods.

Get adequate exercise: Adults should have 150 minutes per week.

No smoking: Learn your options for quitting with help from the AHA at <https://www.heart.org/en/healthy-living/healthy-lifestyle/quit-smoking-tobacco>

"February is a great time to visit your doctor and start making manageable changes for a healthier you," said Barr, "and for a healthier year, and life, ahead."

For more information on American Heart Month, risk factor, indicators and lifestyle changes, visit <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/dkk/nw/>.

A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, February 27, 1969

The Annual Meeting of the Little Creek Watershed Sub-District this Friday night is important to all the residents of the watershed. The meeting will be held in the Dongola Community Room at 8:00 p.m.

The first annual Southern Illinois Ducks Unlimited Benefit Dinner was termed a huge success when 220 Ducks Unlimited members, wives and guests attended the meeting held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Home north of Anna Saturday night.

The Anna-Jonesboro Water Commission held its monthly meeting in their new office in the old Anna City Hall. Monthly bills were paid and plans were made for the opening of the new plant which will go into operation sometime in July or August.

The annual meeting of the Union County Locker Service will be held Friday, March 8, at 8:00 p.m. in the basement of the Farm Bureau building in Jonesboro.

The first quarterly meeting of 1969 of the Chamber of Commerce will be held Monday, March 3, at 6:30 p.m. at the Whitehouse Coffee Shop.

Cloudy and foggy weather has predominated in the area the past two weeks.

The P.T.A. Founders' Day Tea was held at the Lincoln School, Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Lincoln was host to the Davie and Jonesboro schools.

The World War I Barracks and Auxiliary met at the Legion Hall, Sunday, Feb. 23, with eleven barracks and twenty-two auxiliary members present.

From the Shiloh news: We dismissed our services February 16 because of the slick hills and roads. Several are sick again in our community. We wonder how much the pretty snow helped this along. We don't blame children for liking to play in the snow. We remember how much fun it was when we were kids.

From the Casper Church news: There is a lot of flu cases in this vicinity.

From the Camp Ground news: We're very thankful for the few days of sunshine last week.

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

February mercifully comes to an end...

Thank goodness. Today is the last day of February. And, since 2019 is not a leap year, we don't have to deal with an extra day in February. We're guessing that not very many folks will be sad to say to goodbye to the second month of 2019.

Over the years, I've mentioned a number of times that February is not exactly my favorite month of the year. February seems to be pretty much a filler when it comes to the months in the year.

The way I figure it, which really doesn't matter, is that some folks were sitting around in a room back in the day, with their candles about to run out of wax. They'd come up with 11 months to make a year.

At that point, they still had 28 or 29 days left over, and no place to put them. And they also wanted a year to have an even number of months. So, we ended up with February, 'cause there wasn't any place else to put what was left over. This is true. Look it up online...

...which is just what your intrepid purveyor of fake news did...

...and, after approximately 2.7 seconds of research, I found something about some guy named Numa Pompilius, supposedly was the second king of Rome. Two things

here: 1) I thought that Numa Pompilius was a starting shortstop for the Cubs. 2) Could a guy with a name like Numa Pompilius actually have been real? Well, I found it online, so, it must be true.

Anyway, good ol' Numa wanted to make the calendar more accurate, so he pretty much just added two months: January and, yup, you guessed it, February.

January at least has New Year's Day. Time for a fresh start. And a National Hockey League game played outdoors. When March shows up, we hopefully can count on the warm breezes of spring making an appearance.

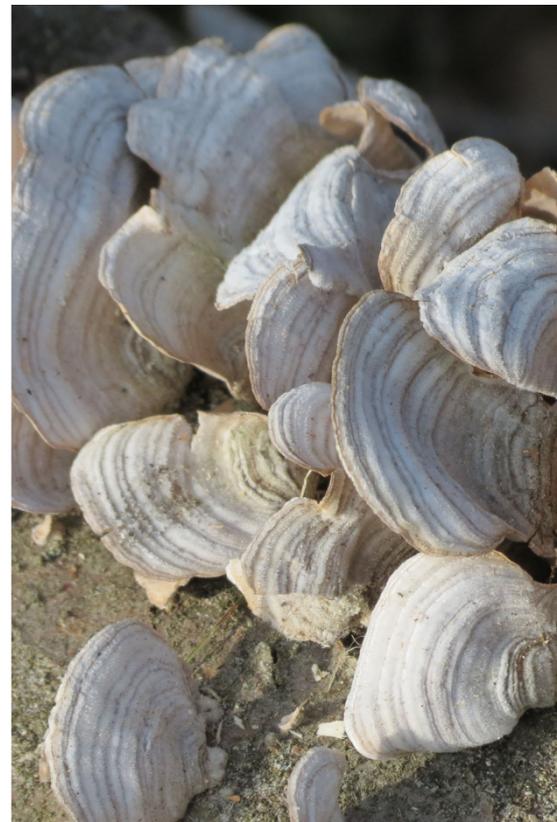
February is pretty much cold and dreary and gray. And it seems like February 2019 has been colder and drearier and grayer than usual. Maybe it's just me. Or maybe it's what seems to have been a perpetual shortage of bright sunshine. At least spring training has started.

This week, we're pretty much about photographs: some of the things that yours truly has seen while wandering around in the cold and the snow and the ice and rain. Enjoy.

Just one more thing before we get to the pictures...thank you to the folks who shared some kind words during the past week, both by email and by "snail" mail. The messages mean a lot.



Several sheets of ice/sleet/snow had slid off a car. Somehow, one of the sheets was standing up straight.



Interesting patterns were seen on fungi which were growing on a tree which had just been cut down. Well, the photographer thought the patterns were interesting.



A male bluebird really did stand out amid leafless gray and brown branches.



A Canada goose was surrounded by rippling waters on the surface of a pond on a windy afternoon in February.

Bluebird workshop planned at War Bluff Valley Wildlife Sanctuary

The Shawnee Chapter of the Illinois Audubon Society plans to host a bluebird workshop from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 2, at the War Bluff Valley Wildlife Sanctuary near Golconda.

The workshop will include an opportunity to make a bluebird house.

All supplies, instructions, handouts and nails will be provided. Those who plan to attend are asked to bring a hammer.

The workshop is open to the first 16 people who register. A \$10 donation is requested.

Registration, and more information, are available by calling or texting 618-534-7870 or emailing featherfoil1@yahoo.com.

War Bluff Valley Wildlife Sanctuary is located north of Golconda at 228 Bushwack Rd.

The Shawnee Chapter of the Illinois Audubon Society serves as the steward of War Bluff Valley Wildlife Sanctuary and is the local chapter of the Illinois Audubon Society.

John M. Palmer was inaugurated as the governor of Illinois on Jan. 11, 1869.