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Notes

Items of interest
from throughout
the Union County area



Daffodils were seen in bloom last Friday along Aldridge Road near Cobden.

It's almost time to spring forward...Daylight Saving Time begins early Sunday morning, March 14. Remember to set your clocks ahead by one hour.

After lots of sunshine and high temperatures near 70 degrees, rain might be returning by Thursday, today, and Friday. Forecasts early this week were calling for the possibility of heavy rain and even some thunderstorms.

Union County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development plans to have its annual gala Friday evening, April 2, at Havisham House in Alto Pass. The evening will feature a dinner, presentation of awards and entertainment.

The City of Anna has had its Tree City USA application approved.

Anna city officials are closely monitoring the price of natural gas. There's potential for "outrageous" price increases due to the bitter cold weather which was experienced in February.

The first day of spring is March 20.

St. Patrick's Day is Wednesday, March 17.
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Winter warmer than normal...until February

The National Weather Service office in Paducah has released a look back at the winter season and the month of February in the region.

Winter 2020-2021 Climate Summary

Temperatures averaged near to slightly below normal for the season in the Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky areas.

The region experienced temperatures 2 to 4 degrees warmer than normal in December and January.

"However, we quickly flipped the switch to significantly colder conditions for February, finishing with temperatures 6 to 10 degrees below normal for the month," the weather service reported on its website.

So, while much of the winter was warmer than normal, the period from Feb. 7-20 brought down the region's average temperature for the season drastically.

The winter season finished near to slightly drier than normal across a decent portion of the region.

Many areas finished with between 8 and 12 inches of precipitation, which generally ranged from right around normal to around 2 inches drier than normal.

The exception was across the southern sections of Western Kentucky, thanks to a heavy rain event on Feb. 28.

Weather

Mild, no precipitation

Mild temperatures and no rainfall highlighted weather in the Union County area during the period of March 2-8.

Temperatures during the period ranged from a high of 67 to a low of 25.

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

	H	L
Tuesday, March 2	53	25
Wednesday, March 3	66	29
Thursday, March 4	67	33
Friday, March 5	47	32
Saturday, March 6	57	26
Sunday, March 7	63	27
Monday, March 8	66	31

Areas from Hickman to Murray and Hopkinsville observed seasonal totals of 12 to 16 inches, which was 1 to 3 inches wetter than normal.

The driest month compared to normal was December.

For much of the region, the wettest month of the winter was February.

However, January was the wettest month for southern portions of Southeast Missouri and far West Kentucky. Snowfall was above average thanks to February.

Most areas received very little if any measurable snow until February. Back to back snowstorms Feb. 15-18 produced amounts of 4 to 12 inches, with some locally higher amounts.

Paducah ended up observing 13.4 inches of snow, which was the 10th snowiest winter on record.

February 2021 Climate Review

Temperatures finished well below normal by around 6 to 10 degrees.

"We had a remarkably long period of frigid temperatures February 7th through 20th," the weather service reported.

Numerous record lows and record cold highs were broken during this period.

Some of the records were broken by 10-plus degrees, including on Valentine's Day.

"The period from February 13-17 was our coldest 5 day period since 1997 or 1996 in many locations including Paducah, Cape Girardeau, Poplar Bluff, and Carbondale," the weather service said.

"We warmed up during the final week of the month, but we still finished tied for the 6th coldest February on record in Paducah and the 4th coldest in Cape Girardeau."

Paducah observed 10 days with highs remaining below freezing. This was the most in February since 1978, when Paducah experienced 10 days with highs remaining below freezing (the record is 13 days set in 1958).

Cape Girardeau set a



Snowy street in Anna

East Vienna Street in Anna was covered with snow in mid-February. The Union County area received 7 inches of snow on Feb. 15.

February record with 13 days of highs below freezing, which broke the record of 12 days set in February 1978.

The month ended with a taste of spring, as temperatures reached the upper 60s to lower 70s on Feb. 28, along with higher humidity levels as dewpoints soared through the 60s.

The majority of the region was on pace to be drier than normal until the final two days of the month.

Widespread rain of 1.5 to 4 inches occurred, with a swath of 4 to 7 inches across the southern counties in Western Kentucky Feb. 27-28.

With that rain, some areas of western Kentucky, along with a portion of Southern Illinois, ended up finishing the month wetter than normal.

Much of Southeast Missouri and northern portions of Southern Illinois closer to I-64 still finished drier than normal, since they didn't receive as much rain during the final couple of days.

Snowfall was above normal for the month. Paducah picked up 12.2 inches for the month, which ranked as the third snowiest February on record.

Paducah also recorded five consecutive days with

measurable snow, which tied the record set back on March 7-11, 1960.

Most of the region picked up anywhere from 5 inches to 12 inches of snow for the month, with some localized areas receiving more than a foot for the month.

Most of the snow occurred during two events, one on Feb. 15 and the other Feb. 17-18.

The Union County area received 7 inches of snow on Feb. 15.

Local weather observer Dana Cross reported that for the month of February, snow in the Union County area totalled 11.5 inches.

Southern Seven: total of 2,155 COVID-19 cases in county since start of pandemic

Union County had no new confirmed cases of COVID-19 on Monday, March 8.

The number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Union County since the start of the pandemic totalled 2,155 as of March 8, Southern Seven Health Department reported.

Total COVID-19 statistics for Union County since the start of the pandemic

nearly a year ago, as of March 8, follow:

2,155 cases. 2,111 recovered. 13 active cases. 31 deaths had been reported.

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

As of March 8, the health department reported the following statistics for the

seven counties it serves:

15 newly confirmed cases. 25 newly recovered cases. 65 total active cases. 94 total deaths. 6,552 cumulative total cases.

The health department reported that as of March 8, 12,088 doses of COVID-19 vaccine had been administered in the seven counties since the vaccine arrived on Dec. 16, 2020.



Practice underway for spring football season

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team started practice last week for the spring 2021 season. High school football was put on hold during the fall of 2020 due to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. A-J is scheduled to open a six-game spring season on March 20 at Carterville. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

Snake Road again closed

Twice each year, Forest Service Road No. 345 near Wolf Lake in Union County is closed.

The Shawnee National Forest Road, also known as Snake Road, is closed to help ensure safe crossing for several species of snakes and amphibians during a critical time of migration.

The U.S. Forest Service had announced on March 5 that the 2.5-mile-long road was scheduled to be closed March 15 through May 15 to allow snakes and amphibians to migrate from their winter habitat in the limestone bluffs across the road to their summer habitat in LaRue Swamp.

The Forest Service then announced on social media early this week that Snake Road had closed early due to recent warm temperatures in the region. The closing still continues through May 15.



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News Notes

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Southern Seven Health Department has announced plans for a free community electronics recycling event, which is scheduled from 8 a.m. to noon on April 10 at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

Tara Davis of Cobden and John Wingate of Anna are among those honored as “twenty under 40,” the “next generation of leaders” in the spring issue of Life & Style in Southern Illinois, which is published by The Southern Illinoisan. Davis is owner of The Iron Whisk Bistro and Bar in Cobden. Wingate is a USDA soil conservation technician and has been instrumental in the development of disc golf courses in Cobden and Anna.

Union County Hospital in Anna is joining in promoting awareness about screenings during March’s observance of National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

The Union County Sheriff’s Office is accepting applications for patrol deputy and telecommunicator/corrections officer positions. Applications will be accepted by no later than April 4.

County issued tentative tax multiplier of 1.0000

Union County has been issued a tentative property assessment equalization factor of 1.0000, the Illinois Department of Revenue, IDOR, reports.

The property assessment equalization factor, often called the “multiplier,” is the method used to achieve uniform property assessments among counties, as required by law.

IDOR noted that the equalization is particularly important because some of the state’s 6,600 local taxing districts (such as school districts and junior college districts) overlap into two or more counties.

If there were no equalization among counties, substantial inequities among taxpayers with comparable properties would result, the department noted.

State law requires property in Illinois to be assessed at one-third of its market value.

Farm property is assessed differently, with farm home sites and dwellings subject to regular assessing and equalization procedures, but with farmland and farm buildings assessed according to standards based on productivity.

Clean-up work at the Jonesboro Cemetery is scheduled to begin March 29. City officials note that all grave blankets and flowers on the ground should be removed by March 29.

State Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Ill., is teaming up with local organizations to facilitate a program to give away more than 600 youth-sized girls’ dresses for families in need throughout Southern Illinois. The dresses will be available at several locations in the region.

The scholarship committee of the Cobden Village Board of Trustees plans to meet Monday, April 19. The meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. at Cobden Village Hall.

Illinois Master Gardeners (Buster George, Georgia George, Patricia Powell, and Beckie Wisdom) and Friends of the Shawnee Board Member (Tom Sadowski) worked with their local Extension Program Coordinator (Kimberly Rohling) to collect trash at Dutchman Lake in the Shawnee National Forest on March 5. Together they collected seven bags of trash, two tires and two spring mattress frames. They removed 240 pounds of trash.

Long-time sheriff’s office detective honored during reception at courthouse

Plaque presented
Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel, left, presented a plaque to Asa Busby during last Friday’s ceremony.

Nearly 30 years of dedicated service to the community were saluted last Friday at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Asa Busby was honored for his service with the Union County Sheriff’s Office. He retired at the end of last year.

Busby’s official last day with the sheriff’s office was Dec. 31, 2020.

Busby began work at the sheriff’s office in May of 1994 as a jailer/dispatcher.

In 2007, he began work as a detective with the Union County Sheriff’s Office’s Drug Task Force, a post he would hold until his retirement. In that assignment, Busby played a critical role in combatting drug trafficking.

He worked with five sheriffs during his time with the sheriff’s office, including Scott Harvel, David Livesay, Jim Nash, Harlan Coffman and Robin Dillon.

Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel was among those who paid tribute to Busby during a reception

which last held early last Friday afternoon at the county courthouse.

Harvel was among the many people who gathered in the community room at the courthouse to honor the retired sheriff’s office employee.

A former sheriff, other law enforcement and emergency services personnel, family members and county officials were among those who attended the reception.

Harvel praised Busby for the very good job he had done. The sheriff presented Busby with a plaque and with a retired detective’s badge.

Former Union County Sheriff David Livesay joined in honoring Busby.

“He’s a good man,” Livesay said. “He did a good job.”

Busby’s pastor, Lonnie Lewis, also was among those who were on hand to honor the retired detective.

Lewis shared that Busby is a man “who has a huge heart.”

“I’ll miss helping peo-

Retired detective’s badge
Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel also presented a retired detective’s badge to Asa Busby during Friday’s ceremony.

ple,” Busby said prior to being honored at the reception.

He now looks forward to being a full-time grandpa. Grandson Parker, who is 19 months old, was among those in attendance at Friday’s special event.

Busby thanked all of those who came to the reception. “I do appreciate everybody that I’m looking at right now,” he said.

Sheriff issues monthly report

Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel has released his department’s monthly activity report for February.

Highlights from the reports follow:

Felony arrests, six. Misdemeanor arrests, seven. Traffic arrests, eight. Warrant arrests, one. Total arrests, 22.

Cases opened, 29. Drug investigations, two. Crash reports, 16.911 calls, 1,834. Miles patrolled, 9,039.

“Be safe out there,” he added.

With Busby’s retirement, Sgt. Jeff Stroehlein of the Union County Sheriff’s Office has been assigned as a detective with the drug task force.

A specially decorated cake and refreshments were served to those who attended the reception. The event also was a time for the sharing of lots of laughter and special memories.

Safety checks being conducted

Illinois State Police District 22 is conducting roadside safety checks in Union County during March.

Plans for the detail were announced by Capt. Michael Alvey, who is the commander of District 22.

Officers working the roadside safety checks detail will be watchful for drivers who are operating vehicles in an unsafe manner, driving with a suspended or revoked driver’s license and transporting open alcoholic beverages.

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Sports

Appleknockers win five straight games, improve to 14-0 record

The Cobden High School boys' basketball team improved to 14-0 with five straight wins during a very busy week for the squad.

Cobden 54, Patoka 46: The Appleknockers closed out the week with a road win at Patoka on Saturday evening March 6.

"It was our third game within 24 hours," Cobden coach Wendell Wheeler said. "The kids were dead tired."

Patoka was up 18-13 after one quarter. Cobden fought back to go ahead 31-25 at the half. The Appleknockers trailed 41-39 going into the final quarter.

Cobden rallied to outscore Patoka 18-6 in the final quarter to pull out the win.

Noah Franklin led the way for Cobden with 25 points and 15 rebounds.

Elliott Lowndes had 15 points and 9 rebounds. Tyler Franklin had 10 points and 4 rebounds. Sippy Zamora had 5 points.

Cobden 61, Herrin Agape Christian 36: The Appleknockers pulled ahead early in the win ear-

lier at home on Saturday morning March 6.

Cobden led 17-13 after one quarter and was ahead 32-31 at the half. Agape made 10 3-pointers in the first half.

After making some adjustments at halftime, the Appleknockers came on to outscore Agape 20-4 to lead 52-35 going into the final quarter.

Noah Franklin had 40 points and 14 rebounds for Cobden. Tyler Franklin had 9 points and 9 rebounds. Lowndes had 6 points and 7 rebounds. John Eck and Zamora had 3 points apiece.

Cobden 62, Joppa 23: The visiting Appleknockers pulled ahead early in the win on Friday, March 5.

Cobden led 18-6 after one quarter and 40-20 at the half.

Lowndes had 28 points and 8 rebounds. Noah Franklin had 12 points and 13 rebounds. Tyler Franklin had 7 points, followed by Brock Reynolds 6, Drake Campbell 4, Nolan Hand 3 and Eck 2.

Cobden 74, Shawnee 7:

The visiting Appleknockers were ahead 24-0 after one quarter on their way to the win Thursday, March 4.

Noah Franklin had 42 points, 9 rebounds and 4 assists to lead Cobden. He only played in three quarters.

Lowndes had 12 points and 5 rebounds. Tyler Franklin had 5 points, 6 rebounds and 5 assists. Eck had 4 points. Brady Bundren added 3 points. Hand had 3 points and 4 rebounds. Reynolds had 2 points, 4 rebounds and 4 assists. Zamora had 2 points and Campbell 1.

Cobden 79, Dongola 11: The host Appleknockers were ahead 23-2 on their way to the win Tuesday, March 2.

Lowndes scored 22 points and had 6 rebounds to lead Cobden. Noah Franklin added 20 points, 5 rebounds and 6 assists. Campbell added 12 points, Tyler Franklin 9, Eck 4 and Hand and Cooper Flamm 3 apiece. Reynolds added 4 assists.

Cobden, 14-0, is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at home against Century and Saturday at Trico to close out the regular season.

Du Quoin outscores Lady 'Cats

Addison Denny scored a basket to open the game but the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' basketball team never regained the lead in a 45-28 loss to host Du Quoin in Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division play Monday, March 8.

Brodie Denny led A-J with 8 points and 4 rebounds. Addison Denny had 7 points and 9 rebounds. Jaylee Watkins had 7 points and a rebound. Anna Hess had 6 points and 9 rebounds.

The Lady Wildcats were 7 of 10 in shot attempts from the floor, 3 of 15 from 3-point range and 3 of 12 from the free throw line.

The Lady Indians were 11 of 21 in shot attempts from the floor, 4 of 5 from 3-point range and 10 of 19 from the charity stripe.

A-J, which fell to 6-5 overall and 5-4 in the conference, closes out its season Thursday, today, at home against conference leader Carterville.

A-J begins practice for spring football opener at Carterville



A-J football practice
The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team started practice last week for its spring 2021 season. A-J is scheduled to open the season March 20 at Carterville. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School's spring 2021 football season is scheduled to begin Saturday, March 20.

A-J will have a six-game season this spring, instead of the usual nine games which are played in the fall.

The 2020 fall football season was postponed because of the ongoing coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

Even though the Wildcats haven't played since the fall of 2019, veteran head coach Brett Detering is optimistic about the season.

Off of that team in the fall of 2019, seven seniors graduated and a lot of younger players got playing time.

"Our kids got some valuable experience," Detering said. "We've got a lot of guys back with a lot of playing time. It should pay off."

However, with some sports being crammed together this year, some players have decided not to participate in football.

"With the others sports some of our kids decided not to play," Detering said. "We're a little bit down in numbers."

The roster for the A-J program this spring includes 10 seniors, 15 juniors, eight sophomores and 14 freshmen.

Quarterbacking the Wildcats will be senior Carson Pengress, 5-8, 175 pounds, and junior Gavin Osman, 6-3, 180 pounds.

"We have two quarterbacks coming back," Detering said. "Both are experienced and both can step up."

Running back candidates are juniors Barry Johnson, 5-10, 160 pounds; Josh Davis, 5-11, 190 pounds; and Nate Baggott, 6-0, 140 pounds.

They will be backed up by senior Nathan Plott, 5-10, 160 pounds, and sophomore Caleb Mays, 5-7, 160 pounds.

One of the top receivers the quarterbacks will be looking for downfield will be senior tight end Nate Belcher, 6-2, 220 pounds.

The line will be built around senior Bryce Bowers, 6-4, 315 pounds; and juniors Keegan Keller, 5-8, 265 pounds, Brad Glasco, 5-11, 210 pounds and Andrew Detering, 6-0, 260 pounds.

Other linemen candidates are senior Parker Turner, 5-9, 265 pounds, junior Jude Smith, 5-11, 260 pounds and sophomore Liam Schroeder, 6-3, 285 pounds.

The defensive line will feature a lot of the offensive lineman, with Bowers returning with experience, as well as junors Eli Pecord, 6-3, 330 pounds, and Landon Gleghorn, 5-9, 230 pounds and Keller and Detering.

Defensive end duties will be handled by Belcher, Glasco and senior Jacob Doss, 6-0, 210 pounds.

Linebacker hopefuls are Johnson, Wright and Davis and outside linebacker prospects are Pengress, Mays and junior Bryan Lang, 6-1, 180 pounds.

Defensive backs include Osman, Plott, Baggott and senior David Kestner, 5-9, 145 pounds.

The kicker will be senior Nick McGrath, 5-9, 160 pounds.

The team began practice on March 3. The Wildcats are scheduled to open their season March 20 at Carterville. A-J's season is scheduled to end April 23 at home against Nashville.

A-J's March games will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

During April, games are scheduled to be played at 7 p.m. on Fridays.



Cobden scoring record set
Cobden High School's Noah Franklin scored 28 points to set a school record with 1,897 career points in the Appleknockers' 68-23 win over Joppa Friday, March 5.

Harold Blunt had held Cobden's career scoring record, with 1,825 points. Blunt, right, is a Cobden assistant coach.

In Cobden's 54-46 win over Patoka Saturday, March 6, Franklin had 15 rebounds, which gave him 1,000 career rebounds. Photo provided.

Wildcats defeated twice

The Anna-Jonesboro High School boys' basketball team lost twice in recent action.

Pinckneyville 59, A-J 27: The visiting Wildcats were shut out in the second quarter and couldn't recover in the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division loss Saturday, March 6.

Ethan Carver had 8 points and 4 rebounds to lead A-J.

Maddox Thorpe had 8 points and a rebound. Bryce Henry had 7 points and 7 rebounds. Dylan Harvel had 4 points.

A-J was 5 of 25 in shot attempts from the floor, 4 of 11 from 3-point range and 5 of 9 from the free throw line.

The Panthers were 19 of 31 in shot attempts from the floor, 4 of 15 from 3-point range and 8 of 10 from the charity stripe.

Carterville 48, A-J 29: The visiting Lions built an early lead on their way to the conference win Tuesday, March 2.

Thorpe had 16 points and 2 rebounds to lead the Wildcats.

Mason Watkins added 8 points and 4 rebounds. Landon Trammel had 3 points and a rebound. Carver had 2 points and 2 rebounds. Henry had 5 rebounds and Payton Denny 2.

A-J was 3 of 17 from the field, 8 of 17 from 3-point range and 5 of 7 from the free throw line.

The Hornets were 11 of 20 in shot attempts from the floor, 7 of 17 from 3-point range and 5 of 5 from the charity stripe.

A-J, 2-10, closed out its season Tuesday against Du Quoin.

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Call 904-625-1109 for reservations at \$25 each no later than Tues., Mar 9, 2020.

Saturday, March 13th
10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Events FREE. History Exhibits, Presentations, Guns, Quilts, Lunch, and Re-enactors.

Sunday, March 14th
1:30 - 3:00 P.M.
P.A.S.T. of Union County's Open House at the Heritage House, 102 S. Main Street in Jonesboro. 2:30 P.M. Underground Railroad and Sanitation Commission.

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Notice

The Saint John's Cemetery Board would like to inform everyone that cemetery cleanup and mowing will begin March 27th. Please remove any flowers or other items from the ground to allow for mowing and weed eating. We greatly appreciate your help with this in order that the cemetery can be maintained properly.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
The Housing Authority of the County of Union requests sealed bids for lawn Maintenance for Projects 67-1/67-5 (Cobden), 67-2/67-7 (Jonesboro), 67-3 (Dongola), 67-4/67-6/67-8 (Anna), 84-1 (Cobden), 84-2 (Dongola), 84-3 (Wolf Lake) & 84-4 (Jonesboro).
Sealed bids will be accepted until 3 p.m. March 26, 2021, at the Housing Authority office, 131 Hillside Terrace, Anna, IL. Plans and specifications may be obtained at the Housing Office. A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on March 19, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. The Pre-Bid Meeting will include a walk-through of the developments. Bidders are advised that this will be the ONLY time a walk-through will be conducted. Bid opening meeting will be March 29, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. If you have any questions contact Mr. Kelly Carter, Executive Director, at (618) 833-5129. The Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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A-J boys’, girls’ bowling teams take first at Southern Shootout



First place teams

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys’ and girls’ bowling teams both took home first place honors at the Southern Shootout tournament in Carterville. Members of the A-J teams include Addi Hadley, Madi Hawk, Whitley Quick, Avery Page, Olivia Myers, Aden Hopkins, Jaden Ebberts, Darrian Quick, Dylan Holderfield, Brandon Miller, Gabe Williams, Harrison Ford, Zach Miller and Andrew Odum. Photo provided.

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys’ and girls’ bowling teams both scored big victories with first-place finishes at the 2021 Southern Shootout tournament. The competition was Monday, March 1, at SI Bowl in Carterville. Teams from Anna-Jonesboro, Centralia, Herrin, Mt.

Vernon, Salem, Carterville, Mater Dei, Carbondale, Johnston City and Waterloo high schools participated in the event. The Lady Wildcat bowling team posted a score of 3819 to land the top spot in the girls’ tournament. A-J’s Avery Page’s score of 945 and Madi Hawk’s score of 900 placed them

first and second, respectively, in the tournament’s individual scores. The A-J boys’ team had a score of 4235 points first-place victory. The Wildcats Dylan Holderfield finished in second overall with a score of 929 and Aden Hopkins came in third for the day with 921.

IHSA shares spring sports update

Updates on spring sports guidelines were shared following a regularly scheduled meeting of the Illinois High School Association, IHSA, Board of Directors on Monday, March 8.

The updates came as the state continues to deal with the ongoing coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. Conditions have been improving in Illinois. IHSA shared information about the updates on its website. Highlights include: The board approved a recommendation to approve guidance for IHSA sports that include baseball, football, boys’ and girls’ soccer, softball, boys’ and girls’ track and field, girls’ volleyball and others.

The sport-by-sport mitigation guidelines follow all Illinois Department of Public Health All-Sports Policy Guidelines and will be posted online and shared with coaches and school personnel later this week. IHSA executive director Craig Anderson stated: “We are eager to inform our coaches of the mitigation guidance so they can better prepare for their upcoming seasons and we plan to get detailed information out to them soon. “However, this decision came with some trepidation from the IHSA Board of

Directors. There are several instances where the current IDPH mitigations give us pause. “The Board wants to move forward for the overall good of IHSA student-athletes; however, they ask that we remain diligent in our staff efforts to have IDPH reconsider certain mitigation guidelines. “The IHSA has been a national leader in risk mitigation throughout our 100-plus year history and have adapted our scope to include safety against COVID-19. “It is imperative that the expertise from our Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and staff must be heeded.” The board approved a recommendation to approve dates and parameters for an IHSA state series in traditional spring sports, including baseball, softball, bass fishing, girls’ soccer, boys’ and girls’ track and field and other sports. All tournaments are currently expected to conduct all rounds of competition, including a state final. State final qualifiers in some individual sports may be modified to better meet gathering mitigations. The state series guidelines will be posted online and shared with coaches and school personnel later this week.

Discussion Items: Spectator Attendance Information posted online noted that at each meeting of the board of directors, there are certain items the board discusses, but upon which no action is taken. The board heard a report from the executive director on a March 8 update from the Illinois Department of Public Health to its All-Sports Policy. IHSA schools located in regions that are in Phase 4 can increase spectators from 50 persons to 20 percent venue capacity in outdoor sports. This increase in spectator attendance is applicable for outdoor sports only. (All regions of the state are now in Phase 4.) IHSA executive director Anderson stated: “We have been adamant in our discussions with IDPH that we believe we can safely and responsibly expand spectator guidelines without risking the general public to greater exposure to COVID-19. “This felt like a common-sense change, especially as we evaluated collegiate and pro sport spectator guidelines in the state, and are happy for the student-athletes who will be participating in IHSA outdoor sports this spring and summer, as well as for their families and friends.”

Lady Wildcats score win over Pinckneyville

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls’ basketball team split in action last week. **Benton 36, A-J 24:** The host Lady Rangers were ahead after three quarters and held on for the win.

The Lady Wildcats were in trouble in the first quarter when the team’s leading rebounder, Addison Denny, picked up her third foul and didn’t return until the second half. A-J was also without starter Jaylee Watkins, who was injured in the team’s previous game.

Anna Hess led the way with 10 points and 5 rebounds for A-J. Brodie Denny scored 7 points and had 3 rebounds. Addison Denny finished with 3 points and had 8 rebounds. Jenna Sadler had 2 points and 5 rebounds. Olivia Capel had 2 points and a rebound.

A-J was 10 of 29 in shot attempts from the floor, 1 of 12 from 3-point range and 1 of 6 from the free throw line.

Benton was 10 of 27 in shot attempts from the floor, 1 of 5 from 3-point range and 13 of 17 from the charity stripe.

A-J 35, Pinckneyville 25: The host Lady Wildcats went ahead early and held on for the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division win Tuesday, March 2.

Watkins led the way early **Legislator encourages vaccinations**

A Southern Illinois state legislator is encouraging constituents of Union County and the surrounding area who are eligible for the coronavirus vaccine to contact Anna’s Walmart to set an appointment to get the shot. “Anna’s Walmart pharmacy has informed me that they have an abundance of COVID-19 vaccine and they are concerned the doses will spoil because of lack of demand,” State Rep. Paul Jacobs, R-Pomona, said in a news release. “I’m encouraging my Union County constituents and those in the surrounding areas to make the call, set their appointments up, and get the shot. I have received both doses of the vaccine and recommend that all eligible people do the same.” For more information, contact Jacobs’ office in Carbondale at 618-534-9880. The Anna Walmart pharmacy can be reached at 833-8580.

Sweitzer completes basic training



U.S. Air Force Airman Lauren Sweitzer U.S. Air Force Airman Lauren Sweitzer graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas, in November of 2020.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airman Sweitzer has also graduated from Technical School at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas. Sweitzer is the daughter of Gary and Lauren Sweitzer of Cobden. She is a 2020 graduate of Cobden High School.

County Line News

(Mill Creek and Upper Elco) **By Suzan Harvel** We need to be brave like Esther and seek to fulfill that purpose. We were happy to see Riley Petzoldt in church today. Granted, he was in a cast and wheelchair, but seemed happy to be out and about. Riley is recovering from a broken leg he acquired while sledding in our recent bout of bad weather. We hope his recovery is swift and our continued prayers go out to all those that are ill and those who are in mourning. Each breath is a gift not to be taken for granted. Can you believe it? Daylight Savings Time is this weekend. Don’t forget to set those clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed Saturday night. Personally, I am enjoying waking up to daylight. It seems to further herald the approach of spring, kind of like the arrival of all the seed catalogs in the mail. The Mill Creek Baptist Women’s Missionary Union, WMU, ladies will be meeting on Monday, March 15, at 7 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. In addition to the Bible study, they will be discussing the coming mission activities for the next few months. Social distancing will be followed.



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In those days, God delivered all these commandments: “I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me. You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them. For I, the LORD, your God, am a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their fathers’ wickedness on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation; but bestowing mercy down to the thousandth generation on the children of those who love me and keep my commandments.

“You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished the one who takes his name in vain. “Remember to keep holy the sabbath day. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD, your God. No work may be done then either by you, or your son or daughter, or your male or female slave, or your beast, or by the alien who lives with you. In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.

“Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him.” From Exodus

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said,

“Take these out of here, and stop making my Father’s house a marketplace.” His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me. At this the Jews answered and said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered and said to them, “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking about the temple of his body.

Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well. From the Gospel of John

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News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

Rev. Thompson’s sermon for the third Sunday of Lent was titled “Spring Clean- ing.” Scripture was John’s account of Jesus cleaning the temple.

The sermon shared that “the temple was a place for the people to gather, give thanksgiving and praise, and offer sacrifices for their sins.

“Since many were no longer ‘farmers,’ merchants had set up shop at the temple to provide animals and a convenient place to change Roman money to temple coins.

“As time passed, they infringed upon the interior of the temple, and charged exorbitant fees for these services.

“When Jesus arrived at

the temple, He was out- raged at the fraud and greed, and that it was inside the temple.

“Scripture teaches that our body is a temple for God to dwell in. He wants us to cleanse our body and mind of anything infringing on our worship of and ser- vice to Him.

“Often we focus on phys- ical comforts rather than spiritual cleanliness. What does God see when He looks at our temple/body.

“If we refuse to deal with the uncleanness in our life, His patience will run out eventually.”

Rev. Thompson closed with a question: “Is your temple a place where God can reside?

Before the sermon, the

intercessory prayer and children’s time were shared.

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

Services are also avail- able via Zoom. Any mem- ber of the congregation can be contacted to be connect- ed to the link.

Happy birthday wishes go to Kayton Crane, who turned 4 on March 7, and to Zoe Kaylor, whose birthday is Thursday, today (March 11).

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, March 7, Pastor Perry Williams spoke at both the morning and evening worship ser- vices.

The morning message was titled “Taking Out the Trash,” and was based on scripture from Acts.

The sermons were sent via transmitter for worship- pers who stayed in their cars on the church’s lower parking lot while tuned in to their radios on station 87.9 FM.

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

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

During the morning ser- vice, music director Dee Rose led worship. Debbie York was pianist. Marlee Smith sang a special, “Into the Sea (It’s Gonna Be OK).”

Birthdays: Jim Ralls, Doris Rhodes, March 7; Debbie York, March 13.

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

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

Notice

Due to the continued situation with Co- vid-19 and social distancing, the St. John’s Cemetery Board has decided not to collect upkeep/donations on Memorial Day weekend again this year but we will provide a donation box located near the maintenance building. You can also send donations to 880 Sweet Potato Rd., Dongola, IL 62926. We apologize for any inconvenience and want to thank you for all your support for maintenance of the cemetery.

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A-JCHS graduate’s research featured on Chicago Public Radio

WBEZ Chicago Public Radio has published an Anna-Jonesboro Commu- nity High School alumna and former Anna resident’s research on local environ- mental racism

Amelia Blakely, a jour- nalist and former Anna res- ident, published her photog- raphy and reporting on local land remediation efforts led by the federal government on Feb. 11 online on WBEZ Chicago Public Radio.

The project, “A Tale of Two Brownfields in the Midwest,” was supported by the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting, a nonprof- it journalism organization based in Washington, D.C.

Her research reports about two towns, Carbon- dale, Illinois, and Hercula- neum, Missouri, which have “brownfield” properties.

Brownfields are proper- ties that are contaminated and being redeveloped for other purposes.

There are over 450,000 brownfield properties in the United States, which are unevenly located near Black, Brown and poor communities.

Herculaneum and Car- bondale have properties with extensive land con- tamination from former industry.

In Herculaneum, the pol- lution is from the Doe Run lead smelting plant that operated for over 100 years and closed in 2013.

Carbondale’s contamina- tion is from the former Kop- pers Railroad tie plant that treated wood with creosote, a toxic chemical cocktail known to cause cancer.

In both communities, the air and land pollution from the former industries were believed to be widespread enough to affect neighbor- ing residential areas.

However, only in Her- culaneum were residents in affected communities able to receive reparations for having their homes and properties contaminated.

This project gives an in-depth account on why the northeast community in Carbondale is still fighting century-old environmental racism to know the extent of the creosote contamination in their soil.

Blakely is a 2020-2021 Campus Consortium Pulit- zer Center Fellow.



Charles Morris, 73, stands for a portrait in front of the former Koppers wood treatment facility gate on Sept., 3, 2020, in Carbondale, Illinois. He worked at the plant from 1989 to 1991. He transported the railroad ties to and from the treatment vacuum cylinder that covered the wood planks with creosote. “That creosote would get on you and eat you up. Your face, your arms. You’d even wear long sleeves and it would still get to your skin through our clothes. We’d put vaseline on our arms before putting on long sleeve shirts.” Image by Amelia Blakely. United States, 2020.

She graduated from Southern Illinois Universi- ty Carbondale in May 2020 with bachelors degrees in journalism and philosophy.

She reported for The Dai- ly Egyptian, WSIU Public Radio and the Gateway Journalism Review while

living in Southern Illinois. She lives in Nashville, Tenn.

Blakely, who is also a Shawnee Community Col- lege alumna, graduated from Anna-Jonesboro Com- munity High School in 2016 and is the daughter of Greg and Dee Blakely.

Shawnee Community College, National Guard partnering to offer COVID-19 vaccines

Shawnee Community College has partnered with the Illinois National Guard and the Illinois Department of Public Health to provide a hosting site for continued COVID-19 vaccinations in the region.

The college is provid- ing space for the National Guard, which has been de- ployed by Gov. JB Pritzker.

The weekly vaccinations, which began Wednesday, March 3, on the college’s main campus near Ullin, are scheduled to continue weekly on Wednesdays during an increased push to see more Illinois residents receive vaccinations.

As of last week, there were 18 mass vaccination sites across the State of Illinois, in addition to the state’s mobile vaccination

teams which are deployed statewide to reach rural and underserved communities, including the team serving at Shawnee Community College.

“We are honored to host the National Guard on our campus and to assist with the vaccination efforts in our region,” Shawnee Commu- nity College president Dr. Tim Taylor said.

“Shawnee College values our partnership with the lo- cal community and wants to ensure we take every oppor- tunity available to provide for the needs of our district residents.”

To learn how to regis- ter to receive vaccination during these events, visit Southern Seven Health De- partment online at [https:// www.southern7.org/corona- virus-covid-19.html](https://www.southern7.org/corona-virus-covid-19.html).

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Anna VFW plans to serve chicken, dumplings dinner

A drive-thru or dine in chicken and dumplings dinner is planned at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No.

Soil, water district fish sale underway

The Union County Soil and Water Conservation District is conducting a spring season fish sale.

Fish orders are to be placed by Friday, April 2. The soil and water con- servation district says that prepayments are preferred.

The sale offers channel catfish, albino catfish, hy- brid bluegill, bluegill, red- ear, large mouth bass, black crappie, fathead minnows and triploid grass carp.

A permit is required for the purchase of triploid grass carp. Details are avail- able by contacting the soil and water conservation dis- trict office.

Pick up of fish is planned at 2 p.m. on April 17 at the USDA Service Center at 201 Springfield Ave. in Anna.

For more information, or to place an order, contact Amanda Lilly at 618-202- 3028 (direct line) or aman- da.lilly@il.nacdnet.net.

3455. The post is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna.

The VFW plans to serve the dinner on Friday, March 12. Serving is scheduled from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The menu will include chicken and dumplings, mashed potatoes, green beans and dessert for a dona- tion of \$10.

Those who would like to order a meal are asked to call 833-5182 any day after 1 p.m., but no later than 9 p.m. on Thursday, today to make reservations for pick up or dining in so the VFW can make sure there are not too many people in the back hall and social distancing can be set up.

Those who order dinners are asked to have correct change; no credit or debit cards can be accepted.

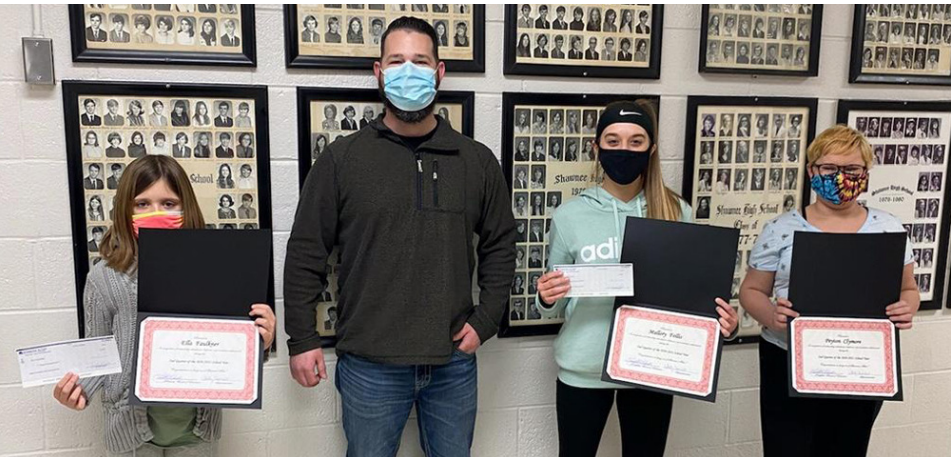
Star Karaoke will be at the post starting at 6 p.m.

Bingo

Xtreme Bar Bingo is scheduled to return to the Anna VFW post on Mon- day, March 15.


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

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



Shawnee students of the quarter
Shawnee School District No. 84 has honored second quarter students of the quarter. Students were honored at a Feb. 23 meeting of the Shawnee School District No. 84 Board of Education. Students were selected for the honor based on academic excellence, citizenship and attendance. They received a certificate and \$25 from First Southern Bank of Grand Tower. From left are Ella Faulkner, 3rd grade; board of education president Tim Qualls; Mallory Follis, 8th grade; and Peyton Clymore, 6th grade. Students who could not be present for the picture included Easton Bigham, 2nd grade; Jace Williams, high school freshman; and Connor Benbrook, high school junior. Photo provided.


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Shawnee College names fall semester honor students

Shawnee Community College has announced fall semester honor students.

Full-time students whose grade point average is 3.5 or better and who are enrolled in an associate degree or certificate program earn recognition. Students who have a grade point average of 4.0 are named to the President's List.

Students who have a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.9 are named to the Vice President's List.

The students who received recognition are named below, as provided by the college.

President's List

Patrick Rendleman, Rachel A. Stewart, Lisa M. Hartline, Barron A. Archey, Tammy L. Price, Kassie L. Gentry.

Jessica A. Cates, Jarrett T. Steinsultz, Kelly R. Grass, Courtney D. Root, Devin J. Salyers, Maya E. Dye, David W. Helton.

Emma Andrae, Steven H. Etter, Aaron C. Melcher, Ethan L. Rottmann, Kasey J. Ellis, Josie R. Merriman.

Jessica E. Kokoska, Shaian James, Glorianna R. Hatt, Tyrese L. Tucker, Seth J. Jones, Jason B. Cochran.

Andrew Kaufman, Jamel Jackson, Lucas S. Raye, Brandy D. Holbrook, Colton Shires.

Vice President's List

Drew A. Walsh, Carley G. Childress, Alexis J. Norship, Heather L. Robertson, Fleming A. Dover, Moneque T. Hite.

Calah M. Green, Kacie J. Voigt, Abigail M. Deitz, Aubrey N. Biggers, Allison Morris, Julian R. Russell.


Joseph C. Thomas, Christopher M. Plummer, Seth M. Turner, Erik H. Goines, Jack A. Weir, Allisanne M. Hummert.

Anessa D. Green, Sierra N. Toman, Tommie L. Cassel, Kylee M. Ashby, Jenny L. Bartolomucci, Alexander E. Neihoff, Gianna M. Pavone.

Faith M. Sullivan, Kassie R. Jeralds, Kaylee Scherer, Ta'kia S. Jackson, William B. Morris, Jaquan D. Tyus.

Caleb Kaufman, Destini Turner, Janiece S. Ellerbee, Patricia M. Struempfh, Akyrahn D. Hazley, Christine Rufus.


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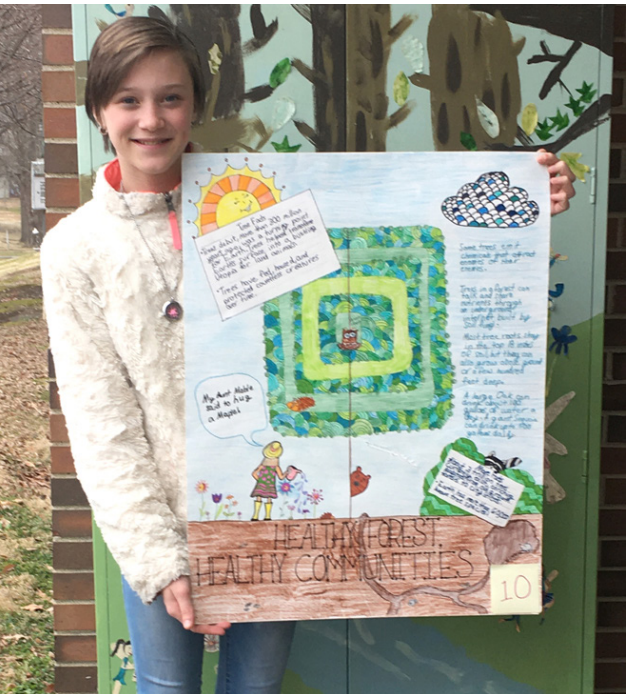
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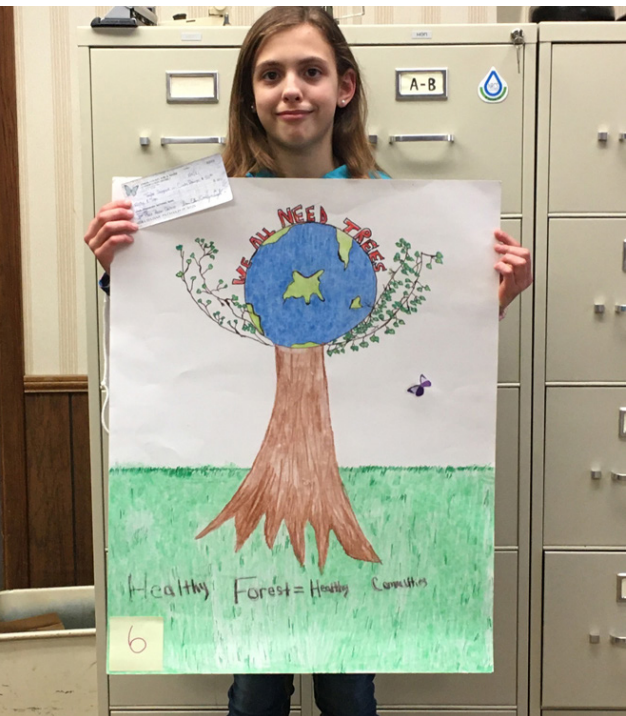
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Keela Kaszubski, Cobden Elementary School, first place, poster contest. Photo provided.



Mya Clutts, from Lick Creek Elementary School, second place, poster contest. Photo provided.



Taylor Sargent, Shawnee Elementary School at Wolf Lake, third place, poster contest. Photo provided.

Soil, water conservation district names election, poster contest winners

The Union County Soil and Water Conservation District hosted its 2021 annual election during a day-long event on Feb. 9.

The district reported that even with poor weather conditions, the largest election ever was recorded.

A total of 139 dedicated county residents came out to vote for two board director positions and for winners in a 5th grade poster contest.

The board election winners were Dana Eddleman and Drew McLane.

Eddleman was re-elected to his position as secretary/treasurer. McLane is a newly elected board director.

Union County Soil and Water Conservation District also hosts a 5th grade poster contest for all the Union County schools.

The theme for this year’s contest was “Healthy Trees Equal Healthy Communities.”

The 5th grade classes are required to follow certain

guidelines to qualify for the contest.

The district had four schools which participated this year: Cobden Elementary, Dongola Elementary, Lick Creek Elementary and Shawnee Elementary in Wolf Lake.

Keela Kaszubski, from Cobden Elementary, was the first place winner.

Mya Clutts, from Lick Creek Elementary, was the second place winner.

Taylor Sargent, from Shawnee Elementary, was the third place winner.

Each winner receives a monetary award. The first-place winner has the opportunity to enter into the AISWCD auxiliary poster contest.

Union County Soil and Water Conservation District congratulated its election winners and the 5th grade poster contest winners. The district also thanked the winners for their hard work and dedication.

State partners with Rural Health Inc. to offer vaccines

State officials on Wednesday, March 3, announced a new partnership with Rural Health Inc. in Union County and SSM Health St. Mary’s Hospital in Marion County to administer vaccines to residents throughout Southern Illinois.

The partnership is part of a broader pilot program the state launched in coordination with five federally qualified health centers. FQHC, and five safety net hospitals across the state.

In the coming weeks, the pilot program is scheduled to expand to include additional critical access hospitals across the state. Vaccines are available to residents by appointment only.

“Ensuring the most vulnerable Illinois residents have a trusted, reliable health care provider to administer the COVID-19 vaccine is critical to combating this deadly virus,” Gov. JB Pritzker said in a news release.

“This new pilot program builds on robust efforts by the administration to ensure equity is at the center of the state’s Vaccine Administration Plan. By partnering with providers in underserved communities we can reduce vaccine hesitancy and ensure we are reaching Illinoisans in the communities they call home.”

The state will provide each of the sites with ap-

proximately 300 to 500 vaccine doses per week, in addition to the allocated doses the state distributes to existing health care partners like local health departments and pharmacies.

The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, used the COVID-19 Community Vulnerability Index, CCVI, as well as local vaccination rates to select sites for the first round of the pilot program.

The new partnership between the state and Rural Health and St. Mary’s, as well as other similar providers, is designed to help ensure that communities hardest hit by COVID-19 have access to the vaccine.

The program also aims to reduce vaccine hesitancy in underserved areas by providing residents the ability to receive vaccines more quickly from trusted providers.

The new pilot program builds on the federal FQHC vaccination program.

Through the program, five FQHCs across the state receive vaccine doses directly from the federal government.

Illinois has an expanding network of state-supported vaccination sites operating across Southern, Central and Northern Illinois.

To find additional information about vaccine availability, including locations and eligibility, visit www.coronavirus.Illinois.gov.



Special project

The Cobden School District’s Cobden Youth & Community Advocates club, CYCA, is planning a district-wide “blue-out for Child Abuse Awareness Month” on April 16. Club members are selling navy blue shirts for \$12 throughout the community. The plan is for students and staff to wear their blue-out shirts to help raise awareness about the cause on April 16. Proceeds will go toward the Children’s Medical and Mental Health Resource Network of Southern Illinois. The shirt design is a combination of insight from art student Jon Amon Ingold, CYCA members and Tony Phillippe with Silkworm. CYCA members are also making informational posters to hang around the school about the cause. To learn how to purchase a shirt, see a CYCA member for a form, or order online at this store link: <https://shopsilkworm.com/cobdenhscyca>. All orders and money are due March 19.

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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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

Daylight Savings Time
Spring ahead next Sunday, set your clocks ahead one hour March 14.

Special Thanks
For giving me credit when they renewed their subscription to The Gazette-Democrat, Clara and Gaylon Cates and Brenda Allen.

Guests
Charisse and Cal Street-er from Topeka, Ind., were guests of Jane Bauer.

Florida Trip
Ruth Carrington enjoyed a trip to Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Trip
Christine Miller enjoyed the weekend with her daughter Amanda Dunbar



Dallases announce the birth of a daughter: Bryan and Tiffany Dallas announce the birth of third child, who was born on March 4, 2021, in DeKalb. Savannah Joann Dallas weighed 9 pounds, 5 ounces, at birth. She was greeted at home by her older sister Brooklyne, 7 years old, and brother Colton, 5 years old. Maternal grandparents are Tom and Annette Heil. Paternal grandparents are JoAn Dallas and the late Ron Dallas.

and husband Jason and her grandchildren Breana, Kayla and Marcus Dunbar of Brookport. They enjoyed shopping in Paducah and going to Atomic City.

United Methodist Women, Anna

Met March 2. Barbara House gave the program on women of the Bible. She gave a devotion and led the group with prayer. Each member had a part in the program of reading about the lives of women in the Bible and had discussion. The group had a short business meeting and sent cards to shut-ins.

Anniversaries
March 7 Nathan and Ashley Guined celebrated their 12th wedding anniversary. Rep. Mike and Tracy Bost celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary.

Birthdays
March 1 JoAnn Keller, Janette Murray-Goff, Amy Dillow, 4 Connor and Colbey Hartline, 5 Marjorie Brymer, 6 Lydia Williams,



JoAnn Keller was honored with a party March 1 for her 89th birthday where she enjoyed lots of dancing and fun.



The A-J wrestling team is partnering with the Anna Kiwanis Club for a fish fry on Saturday, April 17, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. You can purchase your \$10 tickets from any A-J wrestler and coach Eric Massey or purchase at the door the day of the event. Come by the Kiwanis building to dine-in or carry out your meal. The meal includes fish, fries, slaw, beans and a drink. All for \$10. The A-J wrestlers are raising money to purchase a much-needed new mat. Please support our great team of competitors. Pictured is Eric Massey.

Cortnie Stewart, Thomas Broomfield, 7 Ryan Neal.

Birthday Celebration
Ron Alstat was honored on his birthday at his home at Lake of Egypt, attended by his wife and children, Sharon, John, Tracee and Kent. They enjoyed Jordo's cheeseburger pizza and a German chocolate cake from Davis Pastry. They watched old reel to reel movies from Tracee's childhood that she had made into a DVD as his birthday gift. He loved it. Most of all he loved having his family together for the first time since Christmas.

Honor Wreaths For Veterans

A special thanks to Karen and Tom Betts for their donation for two Honor Wreaths for Veterans for their loved ones Stanley Boswell Jr. Army and Edward E (Gene) Taylor Army. These will be laid out our ceremony Dec. 18.

Congratulations
Lick Creek Lady Eagles regional champs.

Did You Know?
When the new Lincoln School was built back in around 1952 it was built in the L shape because it was built around the old two story Lincoln School? When the new school was finished the old two story school was torn down. Also the school colors back then were green and gold.

Anna Heights Baptist Church

Pastor Darryl Williams finished his series on Ruth: the Road to Redemption. This week: The cross at the End of the Road.

Look on Anna Heights social platform on Facebook or YouTube for up to date Bible studies and Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. for worship and Bible study and at annaheights.com.

An intercessory prayer groups meet Monday though Friday in the church foyer at 8 a.m.

Feb. 28 attendance: Sunday 8 a.m. service 64, 10:30 a.m. service 118, small groups study 166.

Birthdays: March 9 Averie Dickinson, Madison Dickinson and Jason Prater, March 10 Ben McFarland, March 11 Joshua Oliver, Nichole Tygett, March 12 Eric Chen, Sharon Laster and ID Tripp, March 13 Michael Neal.

Anniversary: March 15 David and Lisa Houseman.

Anna Heights will have a ministry meeting Sunday, March 14, at 6 p.m. The WMU tea party is March 14 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the church basement.

Momma Lous's craft class will meet Thursday, March 25, at 6:30 in the FLC chapel. This month's project is a burlap cross. Sign up and pay \$5 by Sunday, March 21.

Operation Christmas Child collection for March is girls' underwear.

Anna Heights Baptist is looking forward to summer and backyard Bible clubs for children. If you are interested in hosting a Bible club or working on a



Several years ago PAST sponsored events that marked anniversaries of President Abraham Lincoln and the Jonesboro debate of Lincoln and Stephen Douglas. At the time PAST member Judy Smith encouraged area artists to take small white squares of fabric she provided. She suggested they make a quilt block depicting something to do with President Lincoln or his visit to Jonesboro. The maker chose the method of decoration. It could be stitchery or any paint medium of the artist's choice. The result was two quilted wall hangings created by 20 or more women and students to tell the story of the great humanitarian and emancipator and his visit to Southern Illinois. Those quilted wall hangings are exhibited at Heritage House Museum and can be seen there at an open house which is planned Sunday, March 14.



A-JCHS Class of 1963: we lost another classmate Kenny Lacy. We are pictured here decorating his 1963 Chevy truck he drove in the homecoming parade at our 50th class reunion. We are still looking for the name of the man on the left, Charlotte Frick, Sharon Brown, Kenny Lacy, Shirley Wiggs, Martha Ann Davis. The class members who came for the parade rode in the back of Kenny's truck.



In memory of Kenny Lacy A-JCHS class of 1963, his 1963 Chevy he drove his class mates in the A-JCHS homecoming parade at our 50th year reunion.



My friend Marie Samuel sent me this picture of the ferry at Cave-In-Rock. She said the ferry may close due to high water on the Kentucky side. If water gets over the road they must close. This is the Illinois side shown here.



Girl Scout Troop 8487 worked hard Saturday and Sunday in front of Walmart in Anna selling their Girl Scout cookies. Pictured are leader Celeste, Ricky, Callysta, Katrina and Sabrina Borders.



Rage and Titan Henderson celebrated their 10th and 11th birthdays by hosting a skeet shoot for their friends on Sunday afternoon. Their guests included Raegan Cook, Eli Laminack, Drake Johnson, Drake Bullard, Wade Reis, Maddox Reis, Xavier Richardson, Hunter Craft, Shooter Belcher, Liam Brown, Conner Stanley, Tanner Roach and Hayden Lewis.

team sign up at the missions corner.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Sunday morning was the third week of Lent. Lenten candle litany was by Chris Foster, Satan tries to keep us from doing God's will, with scripture from Mark. Pastoral prayer. The Lord's Prayer.

Carla Anderson's prelude was In the Light of Jesus Love. Carla sang Nothing But the Blood and Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross.

Rev. Millie Sloan said a prayer for Rev. Tim before his sermon.

Rev. Tim Gossett's sermon was Making Jesus Angry, Jesus in the Temple telling the people his house shall be called the temple of God but they had turned it into a den of robbers, with scripture from Mark and John.

In Rev. Tim's children's moment he asked them if they knew God was with them all the time.

Holy Communion was taken. Carla Anderson played the organ and Marcy Morris played the piano.

Shirley West's son Brian and granddaughter from Indiana were visiting with her. Jane Bauer's niece

Charisse and her husband Cal were visiting with her.

Sympathy to Barbara House and her family on the loss of her cousin. Prayers were said for Myra Gossett's cousin who was having surgery.

A special thanks to Dean Corbit for bringing everyone eggs.

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

Loaves and Fishes food giveaway is on the third Tuesday of the month, March 16; times may change but usually starting at 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Passover Seder Meal: Darryl Parks and his team will be hosting a Passover seder meal on Palm Sunday, March 28, at 5 p.m. Please let Darryl know you are planning to attend no later than March 21.

Mission emphasis for March will be collecting for the youth of the church to attend summer camp at Little Grass. The registration deadline for camp is in April.

Birthdays: March 10 Kami LaFoon, 14 Linda LaFoon, 20 Lindsey Pippins, 22 Thomas Corbit,

29 Sarah Foster, 31 Shirley West, Jackson Boyd.

Anniversaries: March 1 Marcy and Gary Morris, 25 Kristen and Speedy Nance. Loaves and Fishes: March 16 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. February ministry distributed 90 adult grocery bags, 44 kids treat bags and 50 half gallons of milk to those who came to the church parking lot.

Military Prayer List

Trace Faire, John Michael Brimm, Kaleb Meier, Nathaniel Moss, Derek Nelson, Nick Pearson, Nate Frankell, Alex Gratz, Reagan Morrison, Garrett Goins, James McWhorter, Jennifer Ann Bishop, Arin Whitemountain, Katelynn Williams, Lindsey Keene, Jerod Schaefer, Creighton Laster, Josh Steveson, Josh Williams, Jim Bonner. Nick Harvel, Nona Elizabeth Luke, Lucas J. Strickland,

William Nathaniel Frankell, Ethan Maze, Tanner Anderson, Hayden Young, Kiefer Stull, Davis Jorden Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, C.J. Youngerman, Freddy Morse and wife Megan in Alaska.

Trip

Mike and Ivy Yana traveled to Iowa for a surprise visit with Mike’s dad Bob and Chris Yana.

Sympathy

To the families of two very sweet ladies who were neighbors of mine for years and have gone to heaven. Mildred McDonald and Jody Stoner.

Family Get-Together

Cathy Ziegler met her sister, Corinne Steveson, and her brother, Daryl McCoy, on Saturday for lunch at Wok n Roll in Marion. They enjoyed visiting with each other.

Area residents can have colon cancer screening test sent to them for no charge

As cases of colorectal cancer continue to rise in Southern Illinois, Southern Seven Health Department reminds everyone that early detection is key to survival, and can be done easily with a FIT kit.

A FIT (Fecal Immunochemical Test) kit is available at no charge from S7HD to those 45 and older who haven’t had a colonoscopy in the last 10 years.

This at-home test requires no prescription or prep, and is 97 percent accurate in detecting blood in the stool. Blood could be an indicator of colorectal cancer.

The health department said that residents now can easily have a FIT kit sent to them at no charge simply by registering online at www.southern7.org.

Once registration is complete, a health department representative will contact the patient to answer any questions they may have prior to shipping.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommends adults ages 50 to 75 be screened for colorectal cancer, but there is evidence that CRC has been presenting in adults at a younger age.

According to the CDC, an estimated 18,800 missed

or delayed diagnoses of CRC occurred from early March to early June 2020 in the United States.

An estimated 4,500 excess deaths from CRC are expected in the next decade due to missed or delayed colorectal cancer diagnosis.

The health department said the good news, however, is that data shows that the recent trend indicates that death rates from CRC are falling in the southern seven region.

This can be attributed, in part, to education and patient participation in early detection of colorectal cancer.

When found early, CRC can be prevented and cured. Annual screenings with a FIT kit, followed by regular tests as prescribed by your doctor, can detect early cancerous polyps to be removed.

To request a free FIT kit from Southern Seven Health Department, visit www.southern7.org and scroll to the bottom of the website homepage, or call 618-634-2297, extension 9161.

A video on how to use the kit can be found online at YouTube.com; search for Fecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) kit demonstration with S7HD.

Television Listings

THURSDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	NFL Live	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	“Pitch Perfect” (‘12)	“Last Christmas”	“xXx” (‘02) Vin Diesel. <i>Outlaw secret agent.</i>
7 PM :30	Station 19 (HD)	Young B Positive	Hell’s Kitchen (HD)	Superstore	2001 World Series	Bang (HD)	Chrisley	Jessie	“Downton Abbey” (‘19) <i>Royal family.</i> (HD)	“Victoria and Abdul” <i>Unexpected friends.</i>	
8 PM :30	Grey’s Anatomy (HD)	(‘01) Mom Unicorn	Call Me Man (HD)	Law & Order: SVU		Go-Big Show	Chrisley	BUNK’D	Chrisley	BUNK’D	“Gridiron Gang” (‘06) <i>Youth football team.</i>
9 PM :30	A Million Little Things	Clarice (HD)	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Dateline NBC (HD)		Wipeout <i>New couples.</i>	Chrisley	Big City	(‘05) Allen v. Farrow	(‘53) ★★½ “The Curious Case of Benjamin Button” (‘08)	
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan	The Rev	BUNK’D	“Our Brand Is Crisis” <i>Strategist competes.</i>		DESUM & Supervillain “Truth”
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(‘35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(‘35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Go-Big Show	She’s Boss	Sydney			
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Conan	Chrisley	Jessie		“Papi Chulo”	DESUM &

MARCH 11, 2021

THURSDAY
7:00pm
ABC Station 19 “Train in Vain” Carina and DeLuca attempt to track down a woman suspected of being involved in sex trafficking; Andy takes over responsibility for the yearly inspection. TV14 (HD)
7:28pm
USA Chrisley Knows Best “Beanbags & Bullies” Chloe has a frightening experience while at school; Nanny decides to enter a corn hole competition for senior citizens. TV14 (HD)

FRIDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	2015 NBA Finals (HD)	Seinfeld	Chicago P.D. <i>“Reform”</i>	“Movie” BUNK’D	(‘15) Beartown (HD)	“Stand and Deliver”	“Hustlers”
7 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	MacGyver (HD)		The Blacklist (HD)	2001 World Series	★★½ “Ride Along” (‘14) <i>Abсурd ride along.</i>	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Secrets Unsittable	(‘15) “Going in Style” (‘17) <i>Bank heist.</i> (HD)	“Doctor Sleep” (‘19) <i>A young girl with psychic powers.</i> (R)	“The Rental” (‘20) <i>Two couples.</i>
8 PM :30	(‘01) 20/20 <i>Investigative news.</i> (HD)	Magnum P.I. (HD)		Dateline NBC (HD)	2017 NBA Finals (HD)		Chicago P.D. (HD)	Unsittable			★★½ “Becky” (‘20) <i>Convicts invade.</i>
9 PM :30		Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>			★★★ “Set It Off” (‘96, Action) <i>Four women turn to crime.</i> (R)	Chicago P.D. <i>“Snitch”</i>	BUNK’D	Real Time Maher (HD)	“John Wick: Chapter 3 - Parabellum” (‘19)	(‘35) ★★ “The Last House on the Left” (‘09)
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)		Chicago P.D. <i>“Home”</i>	Secrets Unsittable	Real Time Maher (HD)		
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(‘35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(‘35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)		Chicago P.D. (HD)	Jessie	Covid Diar		
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		“Central”		Jessie	“Dunkirk”	“Event”	Shameless

MARCH 12, 2021

FRIDAY
7:00pm
TBS Ride Along ★★½ (2014, Comedy) Ice Cube, Kevin Hart. A fast-talker has to survive a 24-hour ride along with his girlfriend’s hot-tempered cop brother in order to prove to him he deserves to marry his sister. PG-13 TV14 (HD)
7:50pm
DISN Gabby Duran & The Unsittables A girl who feels like she’s always living in the shadow of her mother and sister lands a job babysitting an unruly group of important extra-terrestrial children. TV G (HD)

SATURDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	College Basketball	College Basketball <i>“Teams TBA”</i>	Local Programs	College Football (HD)	“Infinity War” (‘18)	(4:06) ★★ “Friday After Next” (‘02) <i>Moving out.</i>	Raven	“Point Break” (‘91)	★★★ “Human Capital”	(5:55) “True History of the Kelly Gang” (‘20)
7 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	NCIS: New Orleans		Dateline NBC <i>Investigative news.</i> (HD)		Bang (HD)		Jessie	★★★ “Speed” (‘94) <i>Bomber rigs bus.</i> (R) (HD)	“The Gallows” (‘15) <i>Tragic play.</i>	
8 PM :30	American Idol <i>“404 (Auditions)”</i> (HD)	48 Hours (HD)	Game of Talents (HD)		2017 NBA Finals (HD)	Bang (HD)	(‘05) “Next Friday” (‘00) <i>Trouble finds a man.</i>	Big City		★½ “Devil Inside” (‘12)	Showtime Championship Boxing “Benavidez vs. Ellis” (Live) (HD)
9 PM :30		48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live (HD)		Bang (HD)		Big City	“Fast & Furious Presents” (‘19, Action) (HD)	“Within” (‘16) <i>Deadly new home.</i>	
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	I Can See Your Voice	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Frontal	(‘06) ★★ “Friday After Next” (‘02) <i>Moving out.</i>	Secrets			
11 PM :30	Local Programs		Local Programs	Sat. Night Live <i>Sketch comedy.</i>	SportsCenter (HD)	Wipeout <i>“Couples”</i>		Secrets	Jessie	(‘20) Allen v. Farrow	“Love and .45” (‘94)
						“Train”		Jessie			Shameless

MARCH 13, 2021

SATURDAY
7:00pm
HBO Speed ★★ (1994, Action) Keanu Reeves, Dennis Hopper. A police officer on SWAT detail must board a Los Angeles city bus that a bomber has rigged to explode if it starts travelling below 50 mph. R (HD)
8:00pm
FOX Game of Talents “Episode 1: Floating on Air, Fire and Broken Bones” Two teams of contestants are shown a group of seemingly ordinary people and attempt to figure out what their hidden, peculiar or mesmerizing talents are. (HD)

SUNDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Videos <i>Magic tricks.</i>	60 Minutes (HD)	Cherries The Harts	The Voice <i>“The Blind Auditions, Part 3”</i> (HD)	Bracketology (Live) (HD)	“Avengers:”	Law & Order: SVU	“Chipmunks”	★★★ “Speed” (‘94) <i>Bomber rigs bus.</i> (R) (HD)	“Horrible Bosses 2”	Shameless (HD)
7 PM :30	American Idol <i>“405 (Auditions)”</i> (HD)	The 63rd Annual Grammy Awards <i>Music awards.</i> (HD)	Simpsons North (HD)			★★★ “Avengers: Endgame” (‘19, Action) <i>The Avengers team up to defeat Thanos.</i> (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	“Alvin & Chipmunks: Squeak”		“Stubber” <i>A mild-mannered man.</i>	VICE (HD)
8 PM :30			Burgers Fam Guy	Games <i>“Make it Rain.”</i>	NBA Basketball <i>Los Angeles vs Los Angeles</i> (Live) (HD)		Law & Order: SVU	Big City	Allen v. Farrow (HD)	(‘35) “Last Christmas” (‘19) (HD)	VICE (HD)
9 PM :30	Who Wants to Be a		Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Good Girls (HD)			Law & Order: SVU	Big City	(‘15) Allen v. Farrow (HD)		DESUM & VICE (HD)
10 PM :30	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>			Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>			Law & Order: SVU	BUNK’D		(‘20) “Yesterday” (‘19) <i>The Beatles band.</i> (HD)	DESUM &
11 PM :30	(‘35) Local	Local Programs	Local		SportsCenter with Scott (HD)	“Avengers: Endgame” (‘19) (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK’D	Oliver		Shameless (HD)
								Jessie	Allen v. Farrow (HD)		DESUM &

MARCH 14, 2021

SUNDAY
7:00pm
CBS The 63rd Annual Grammy Awards Host Trevor Noah recognizes the accomplishments of the biggest names in the music industry as they receive awards for their work during 2020. (HD)
8:00pm
NBC Ellen’s Game of Games “Fake It ‘Til You Make It Rain” Participants partake in games that includes “See Ya Later Alligator,” “Blindfolded Musical Chairs,” “Buckin Blasters” and the new “Make it Rain.” TVPG (HD)

MONDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	Wmn Select (Live)	(4:30) “Movie”	Chicago P.D. (HD)	BUNK’D	(5:40) “The King of Staten Island” (‘20) (HD)	“The Transporter”	“Build Girl”
7 PM :30	The Bachelor (HD)	Neighbor.	9-1-1 <i>“Hen Begins”</i>	The Voice <i>“The Blind Auditions, Part 5”</i> (HD)	NBA Basketball <i>New York Knicks at Brooklyn Nets</i> (Live)	“Movie”		BUNK’D		“The Others” <i>Haunted house.</i>	Shameless (HD)
8 PM :30		Bob Hearts All Rise <i>“Georgia”</i>	Simpsons North (HD)				WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (HD)	Raven	Beartown (HD)		
9 PM :30	The Bachelor (HD)	Bull <i>Izzy’s best friend.</i>	Burgers Fam Guy	Games <i>“Make it Rain.”</i>	NBA Basketball <i>Los Angeles vs Golden State</i> (Live) (HD)			Raven		(‘45) “Ready or Not” (‘19) <i>A young bride.</i> (HD)	“Southside with You” (‘16) (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Good Girls (HD)				Big City	“Battleship” (‘12) <i>Taylor Kitsch. Alien battle.</i>		“On the Basis of Sex” (‘19) <i>Discrimination case.</i>
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(‘35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Local		Conan	Queen of the South	BUNK’D	Allen v. Farrow (HD)	“Godsend” <i>Dead son is cloned.</i>	
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Seinfeld	Queen of the South	Raven			Shameless

MARCH 15, 2021

MONDAY
8:01pm
FOX America’s Most Wanted “Glen Godwin, James Benson, and Jennifer Settle” Journalist Elizabeth Vargas consults with law enforcement experts to discuss crimes that have been committed by individuals who remain at large. (HD)
8:55pm
HBO Battleship ★★½ (2012, Science Fiction) Taylor Kitsch, Alexander Skarsgård. During a Naval war games exercise, an international fleet of ships comes in contact with an alien armada, and an intense battle erupts between them. PG-13 (HD)

TUESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	To Be Announced <i>Info unavailable.</i> (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	(‘15) “Irresistible” (‘20) <i>A retired veteran.</i> (HD)	“Won’t Back Down”	“Hoosiers” (‘86) (HD)
7 PM :30	To Tell the Truth (HD)	NCIS <i>“Watchdog”</i>	Holmes Family Effect	Young Rock		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Sydney		★★★ “The Good Liar” (‘19) (R) (HD)	“Gridiron Gang” (‘06) <i>Youth football team.</i>
8 PM :30	black-ish mixed-ish	FBI <i>“Leverage”</i> (HD)	Holmes Family Effect	Kenan		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Sydney	“Pitch Perfect” (‘12) <i>A cappella group.</i> (HD)		
9 PM :30	Soul of a Nation (HD)	FBI: Most Wanted	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	This Is Us (HD)	To Be Announced <i>Info unavailable.</i> (HD)	Bang (HD)	Special Victims Unit <i>“Exile”</i> (HD)	BUNK’D		“Gangs of New York” (‘02) <i>Leonardo DiCaprio. Street gang revenge.</i>	(‘05) Shameless (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local		Bang (HD)		Big City	Beartown		★★½ “Becky” (‘20) <i>Convicts invade.</i>
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(‘35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(‘35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK’D	“Argo” (‘12) <i>Rescue from Iran.</i> (R)	“Idlewild”	“Carrie”
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie			

MARCH 16, 2021

TUESDAY
7:00pm
SHOW Gridiron Gang ★★ (2006, Drama) Dwayne Johnson, Xzibit. Wanting to end the cycle of violence and death for the youths in the inner-city, a detention camp probation officer decides to start a football program. PG-13 (HD)
8:00pm
ABC black-ish The head of a family realizes that they may have lost touch with their roots and asks his father to help in giving the family a sense of cultural identity. TVPG (HD)

WEDNESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA Basketball <i>Milwaukee vs Philadelphia</i> (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	NCIS <i>“Thirst”</i> (HD)	Raven	“Godzilla: King” (‘19)	★★★ “Much Ado” (‘13)	“Urban Cowboy” (‘80) <i>Honky-tonk man.</i> (HD)
7 PM :30	Goldbergs Housewife	Tough as Nails	The Masked Singer	Chicago Med (HD)		Bang (HD)	WWE NXT (Live) (HD)	Liv Maddie	“Replicas” (‘19) <i>Family back.</i> (HD)	★★★ “Horrible Bosses” (‘11) (HD)	
8 PM :30	Conners Call Your	A Grammy Salute to the (HD)	(‘01) Game of Talents	Chicago Fire (HD)	(‘35) NBA Basketball <i>Los Angeles vs Dallas</i> (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)		Raven	(‘50) Allen v. Farrow (HD)	“Wanderlust” <i>Alternative living.</i>	“Saturday Night Fever” <i>Freed by the dance.</i>
9 PM :30	The Con (HD)		Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Chicago P.D. (HD)		Bang (HD)	(‘08) “Olympus Has Fallen” (‘13) <i>Missing president.</i> (HD)	Big City		(‘19) “Last Christmas” (‘19) <i>A woman’s luck.</i>	
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local		Frontal		BUNK’D	(‘05) “Kill Bill: Vol. 1” (‘03) <i>Revenge spree.</i> (R)		“Hot Summer Nights” (‘18) <i>Teen’s summer.</i>
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(‘35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(‘35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Frontal		Sydney			
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Seinfeld	“Olympus”	Jessie			

MARCH 17, 2021

WEDNESDAY
7:00pm
CBS Tough as Nails Real people in physically demanding professions compete in a series of challenges that test their strength, endurance, agility and mental fortitude. TVPG (HD)
7:30pm
DISN Liv and Maddie A teenage basketball player experiences a surge of popularity at her Wisconsin high school, however her status is soon jeopardized by her identical twin. TV G (HD)

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HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED: Part-time. Disabled woman is looking for a female personal assistant to provide direct care in my home. Background check will be performed. Will fill in full-time when needed. Must have own transportation. 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call (618)-845-3858.

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HELP WANTED:

Anna CCSD #37 has the following position openings for the 2021-2022 school year:

- Elementary Teacher (3 positions)

Successful candidates should: (1)have a strong knowledge of curriculum and state standards (2)demonstrate communication and leadership skills (3)be an enthusiastic team player. Must have a valid Illinois PEL. The appropriate application packet, which can be picked up at the Davie/Jr. High building or found online at www.anna37.com, should be completed and returned to: Julie Bullard at 301 South Green Street, Anna, IL 62906 no later than March 22, 2021. Phone: (618)-833-6812.

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Union County Patrol Deputy

The Union County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for Patrol Deputy. Experience is preferred but not required. Duties include but are not limited to the following: respond to calls requiring a deputy, investigate all complaints assigned and take police action as required, complete all reports prior to end of work shift. Respond to in progress, recent or prior criminal activity; restore/maintain order, gather information and evidence. Patrol assigned areas, pursuit, apprehension and arrest according to state and local applicable statutes, policies, regulations and procedures.

Interested applicants must be a minimum of 21 years of age, possess a valid driver's license, possess a high school diploma or equivalent GED, and pass a background check. Must have the ability to handle emergency situations in a calm and professional manner while multi-tasking. Microsoft Office (Word, Excel & Outlook) knowledge preferred. Interested candidates must be willing to work holidays and rotating shifts;

application to the Human Resources Department at Anna City Hall, 103 Market Street, Anna, IL 62906 or by email to aguined@cityofanna.org. Application deadline is April 2, 2021. EOE.

13gp-14g

HELPWANTED: JR's Centre is hiring for the position of full-time LPN. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. No evening, weekend, or holiday shifts required. Call (618)-833-4956, speak to Debbie for further information.

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City of Anna, Part-Time General Laborer

The City of Anna, IL is accepting applications for the position of a Temporary Part-Time General Laborer for summer help. Candidates must be at least 18 years of age, position pays \$11.75 per hour. Applications will be available for interested candidates at Anna City Hall or online at cityofanna.org. Please return employment application to the Human Resources Department at Anna City Hall, 103 Market Street, Anna, IL 62906 or by email to aguined@cityofanna.org. Position will remain open until filled. EOE.

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WANTED

WANTED TO RENT: 1, 2 or 3 bedroom house or apartment that is pet friendly, with washer & dryer hook-up, in Union County. Call (618)-697-6617.

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YARD SALE

***CLEARANCE SALE:** *REPPERT'S OFFICE SUPPLY, 112 LAFAYETTE STREET, ANNA. MONDAY-FRIDAY, 8 A.M. TO 5 P.M. File Folders, Cards, Stamps, Lots of Misc. Supplies. All Sales Final.

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Assorted military surplus. Miles Flea Market, Rt. 146 & Rt. 3 Intersection, East Cape Girardeau, IL. Saturday, & Sunday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois SS County of Union

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

Devyn Guthrie
337 Mt. Glen Road
Cobden, IL 62920

Lance Meisenheimer
Union County Clerk
11-13gc

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

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

CLAIM NOTICE

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

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

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

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

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

NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

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

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

of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21.)

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

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

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

Dated: February 23, 2021.

LINDA I. SADLER

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City of Anna Request for Proposal

Notice is hereby given that the City of Anna is accepting proposals for the OPERATION OF THE ANNA PARK AND POOL CONCESSIONS for the 2021 Season. Sealed proposals from qualified vendors will be received by Anna City Hall at 103 Market St., Anna, Illinois, 62906 until 12:00 p.m. on April 6, 2021. Proposals will be opened at the April 6, 2021 Council meeting held at 5 p.m. at Anna City Hall.

Qualified vendors must be in compliance with all City of Anna insurance requirements and in compliance with all Illinois Department of Public Health requirements. For more information contact Anna City Hall at (618)-833-8528.

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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 24th day of February, 2021, under the Assumed Name of J.O. Power Wash with the place of business located at 405 Duty Lane, Cobden, Illinois 62920, and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

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Lance Meisenheimer
Union County Clerk
12-14gc

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Public Hearing

In accordance with Section 17-20 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/17-20), notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday, March 30, 2021, in the Offices of the Department of Revenue, 101 West Jefferson Street, Springfield, Illinois, for the purpose of taking evidence which may be pertinent to

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the Department's estimate of the percent to be added to or deducted from the aggregate assessment of locally assessed property in Union County for the assessment year 2020. This hearing is required by the Property Tax Code.

Based on the comparison of assessed valuations, the analysis of property transfers, and other available information, the estimated percentage to be applied to the aggregate assessment of locally assessed property other than property assessed under Sections 10-110 through 10-140 and 10-170 through 10-200 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/10-110 through 10-140 and 10-170 through 10-200) is 0.00%. Accordingly, the tentative equalization factor is 1.0000.

This meeting will be accessible to handicapped individuals in compliance with Executive Order #5 and pertinent state and federal laws upon notification of anticipated attendance. Handicapped persons planning to attend and needing special accommodations should contact Charles Hulett, either by telephone (217/785-6619), email at charles.a.hulett@illinois.gov or letter (Department of Revenue, Property Tax Division MC- 3-450, 101 West Jefferson Street, P. O. Box 19033, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9033), by Tuesday, March 23, 2021, to inform of their anticipated attendance.

David Harris
Director of Revenue
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Request for Mowing Bids

Proposals are requested for the mowing and trimming of Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative's (SIEC) twelve (12) substation properties, Massac County facilities and Massac Office property for eight (8) months March 2021 – October 31, 2021. Work includes mowing and trimming outside of fenced areas at substation properties, mowing and trimming at our two (2) Massac County facilities. Descriptions and addresses can be found in the bid packet.

Bid packages can be picked up at SIEC, 7420 U.S. Highway 51 South, Dongola, IL, Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Cooperative requires the successful bidder to provide and maintain public liability insurance, including but not limited to insurance on vehicles utilized in this job and property damage coverage. The Cooperative also requires the successful bidder to provide and maintain workmen's compensation insurance coverage on any individual who performs the mowing and trimming---including an individual who may be the sole owner/operator of the business.

Bids must be received by noon on Friday, March 19, 2021.

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

IN THE INTEREST OF: KYLEE F. SMITH, A Minor. NO. 2020-JA-26

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

Michael Maze:

TAKE NOTICE that on 1/11/2021 a first amended

petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by PATRICK D. DALY, as Special Prosecutor, in and for Union County, Illinois, in the Circuit Court of Union County entitled "In the interest of KYLEEF.SMITH,a minor", and that in Judge Amanda Byassee Gott courtroom at Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois on Tuesday, the 31st day of August, 2021, at the hour of 2:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as this

cause may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL

PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing

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Keri Clark
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Dated: March 11, 2021

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Southern Seven: National Guard assisting at mass vaccination centers

Southern Seven Health Department on Wednesday, March 3, announced that the Illinois National Guard had arrived in the region to assist with mass COVID-19 vaccination centers beginning.

National Guard teams planned to start last week in assisting Southern Seven Health Department by providing support personnel and additional vaccine administrators at each location.

"This infusion of extra personnel from the Illinois National Guard will allow our Southern Seven staff to move through our COVID-19 vaccine registry at a quicker pace," said Nathan Ryder, who is the outreach coordinator for Southern Seven's contact tracing team.

"We will be hosting National Guard members who are trained in the different roles of patient registration, vaccination and post-vaccine observation."

COVID-19 vaccines will

continue to be administered by appointment only at one of the seven different mass vaccination locations spread throughout the region.

Beginning this week, two mass vaccination locations are scheduled to operate each day, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

One central mass vaccination site is scheduled to serve both Pope and Hardin counties once per week.

Alexander County is scheduled to have two separate locations operating on different days of the week.

Mass vaccination locations in Johnson, Massac and Union counties are scheduled to operate twice per week due to the larger populations in those counties.

Pulaski County's vaccination site is scheduled to operate once per week.

Ryder said that as of last week, Southern Seven was still working in Phase 1B of the COVID-19 vaccination

schedule.

Phase 1 is characterized by having access to a limited amount of COVID-19 vaccine.

"It is anticipated we will be in Phase 1 until the end of spring. Phase 1B of the COVID-19 vaccination program includes people 65-years of age and older along with essential workers," Ryder explained.

Examples of essential workers include the following:

First responders (firefighters, police, EMS, etc.). Teachers (including support staff and daycare).

Food and agriculture. Public transit workers. Grocery store employees. Transportation and logistics. Utilities (energy, IT and communication, water, wastewater, etc.)

Appointments will be scheduled utilizing the information submitted to the health department's vaccine registry.

Southern Seven Health Department invites anyone

in the seven area counties which it serves who is interested in getting a COVID-19 vaccine to add their name to the health department's COVID-19 vaccine registry.

A link to the online contact list has been posted on Southern Seven's Facebook page and on its website at www.southern7.org.

There is no charge for receiving a COVID-19 vaccine from Southern Seven.

However, some other providers may charge an administrative fee for the injection.

For those who have health insurance, the vaccine provider will bill the insurance company for the administrative fee. Those who are uninsured will not be charged for the administrative fee.

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

For questions regarding COVID-19, contact Southern Seven Health Department at 618-634-2297 or visit the department on Facebook and online at www.southern7.org.

Notice for Bid

The Dongola Unit School District #66 is accepting bids for lawn services (mowing) for the remainder of the 2021 school year and the 2021-2022 school year. For more information or bid specifications, please contact Dr. Paige Helm Maginel at (618)-827-3841. Bids need to be submitted to Dr. Paige Helm Maginel, Dongola Unit #66, 1000 High Street, Dongola, IL 62926. Sealed bids will be accepted until March 23, 2021.

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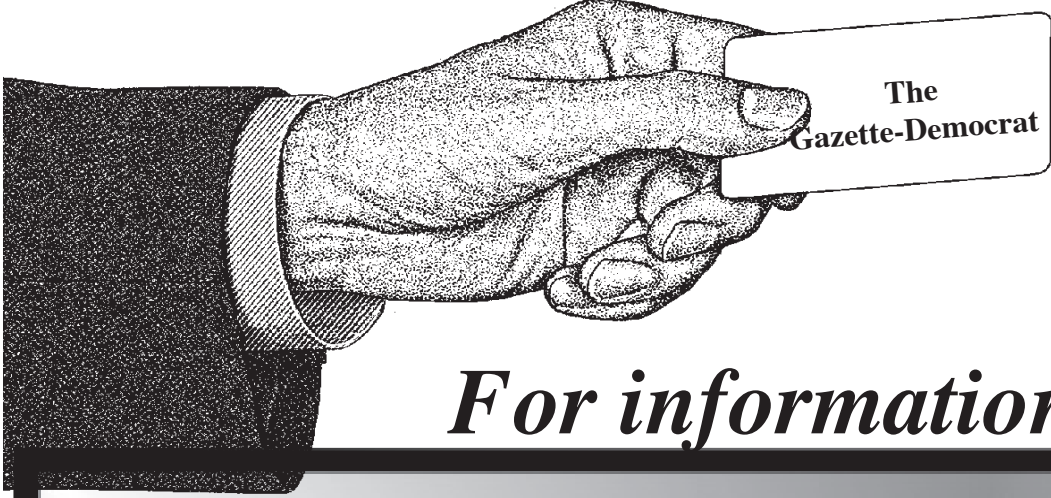


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Perched in a pine tree
A hawk was seen perched in a pine tree along the State Forest Road in Union County on a recent afternoon.

Governor’s eviction moratorium extension expands tenant protections

By Sarah Mansur
Capitol News Illinois
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SPRINGFIELD—Gov. JB Pritzker’s latest executive order extending the eviction moratorium for residential tenants adds a new legal protection for tenants who are unable to pay rent due to the pandemic.

Executive order 2021-05, issued on Friday, prevents landlords from pursuing legal action in court against a tenant as long as the tenant gives notice of their inability to pay, and the tenant is not “a direct threat to the health and safety of other tenants or an immediate and severe risk to property.”

Pritzker’s moratorium on residential evictions, first issued in late March 2020, applies to renters who submit a declaration saying they are unable to pay rent as a result of the pandemic and would be rendered homeless if they were evicted.

Eligible renters must earn less than \$99,000 annually if filing taxes as a single person, or \$198,000 if filing tax returns jointly.

SIU recognized as Tree Campus

Southern Illinois University Carbondale has earned national recognition as a 2020 Tree Campus Higher Education program, the sixth consecutive year the Arbor Day Foundation has honored the university for its commitment to effective forest management.

SIU is one of 403 campuses across the country chosen for the Tree Campus Higher Education program, an honor previously called Tree Campus USA.

In order to earn the designation, SIU had to meet five campus sustainability standards including:

Establishing a tree advisory committee. Creating a campus tree care plan. Sustaining a campus tree program.

Having some type of Arbor Day observance annually (although in 2020 lenience was given due to the pandemic.)

The most recent order clarifies that renters can be protected from eviction as long as they submit their declaration form, even if they submit the form after their landlord began legal action to evict them.

Previous executive orders on the eviction moratorium established that law enforcement could not enforce a court order to evict tenants if brought by a landlord, said Michael Steadman, a Chicago attorney who represents landlords.

Steadman, a sole practitioner, said the new executive order effectively extends the period of time in which renters can make the written declaration, which is a form provided by the Illinois Housing Development Authority.

“Whereas before, if (renters) didn’t make the written declaration before a landlord filed their eviction case, the case could move forward, although the eviction couldn’t. Now, they can freeze the eviction case, even after the case is filed,” Steadman said in a phone interview Monday.

“It’s a small change. But it is an additional impediment, as far as landlords moving eviction cases through the system and dealing with non-paying tenants.”

Pritzker has renewed his eviction moratorium through several executive orders since March order expired.

His executive order in November, which created the declaration form, established that renters could be evicted if they were a threat to the safety of other tenants or a risk to property.

Steadman, who works on Chicago’s southwest side, said some of his clients who only own one or two buildings are struggling.

“I can assure you that there are tenants out there, and it’s a small minority of them and I don’t know how small, who are taking advantage of the situation, and are very much aware of my clients’ limited ability to remedy the situation and get their property back,” he said.

Phil Vacco, a sole practitioner and chairman of the Illinois State Bar Association’s real estate law section, said the eviction moratorium is a regular topic of discussion during the organization’s meetings.

“An argument can be made that when it comes to protecting the rights of tenants during the COVID crisis that the pendulum has swung too far to one side, without providing any real assistance for the property owner,” Vacco said in an interview.

“While the governor has stressed that the moratorium is not intended to act as rent forgiveness... Even when the eviction moratorium is lifted it may be difficult, if not impossible, for landlords to collect what is due.”

In the meantime, Vacco said landlords are still obligated to pay real estate taxes, insurance, maintenance fees and mortgages on their property.

“Mom-and-pop landlords, who don’t have the financial ability to weather this storm, may find themselves forced out of business, leaving more and more rental properties in the hands of larger corporations. In the long run this can make it more difficult for tenants to negotiate lease terms.”

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Local birds to be featured

The Shawnee Group of the Sierra Club plans to present a virtual program titled “A New Lease on Birding” at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 18.

The presentation is scheduled to be given by Jacob Cooper, who is an evolutionary biology Ph.D. candidate and research affiliate for the Field Museum in Chicago.

Cooper plans to speak

about his new appreciation for local birds in Carbondale since his extended quarantine in Southern Illinois.

Information about the Zoom link is available on the Shawnee Group’s website at <https://www.sierra-club.org/illinois/shawnee> and also on the group’s Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SierraClubShawnee>.

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Opinion and Commentary

March Severe Weather Preparedness Month

In Illinois, during any given week, we could see blue skies, thunderstorms and torrential rainfall. The changing weather is second nature to many of us, but as the calendar flips from winter to spring, it is important to not become complacent about severe weather threats that exist in our state.

As part of Severe Weather Preparedness Month, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, IEMA, and the National Weather Service have teamed up to publish a Severe Weather Preparedness Guide to help Illinoisans be better prepared when severe weather strikes.

“Making people aware of weather hazards and how to prepare for them, is just step one. Using the information and applying protective measures in an emergency takes practice. This month, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency is encouraging families, businesses, schools and communities to build a kit, practice your plan and be better prepared,” said IEMA director Alicia Tate-Nadeau.

The National Weather Service recognized Severe Weather Preparedness Week March 1-5. Officials urge Illinois residents to take the following steps:

Make a severe weather preparedness plan. Build an emergency preparedness kit. Identify your safe place to go during a storm. Familiarize yourself with the various weather watches/warnings/advisories.

The National Weather Service is responsible for issuing severe weather watches, warnings and advisories to alert the public when dangerous weather conditions are expected.

Educating yourself and your family about these various terms, and the associated protective measures, can help keep you and your family safe.

This year, the NWS added two new terms to this Severe Weather Preparedness Guide: Tornado Emergency and Flash Flood Emergency.

“It is so important to know the difference between a watch and warning when it comes to tornadoes, severe thunderstorms and floods,” said Chris Miller with the National Weather Service in Lincoln.

“In rare situations, an emergency can be issued for tornadoes and flash floods. This is when a confirmed, violent tornado or significant flood creates an imminent danger to life and property. Act immediately to save your life.”

Thunderstorms can produce damaging winds, deadly lightning, large hail, flash flooding and tornadoes. On average, Illinois will see 53 tornadoes each year, with nearly 20 percent occurring at night. For a number of reasons, tornadoes that occur at night are twice as likely to result in fatalities.

The National Weather Service and state and local emergency management officials strongly encourage people to have a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. NOAA, All Hazards Weather Radio with battery backup.

These radios can be programmed to receive alerts for specified counties to keep you and your family apprised of impending weather and post-event information for all types of hazards, including natural (earthquakes), environmental (chemical spills) and public safety hazards (AMBER alerts). When an alert is issued for the programmed area, the device will sound a warning alarm tone followed by the essential information.

“The information provided in these alerts will guide you through the appropriate protective measures. Watches mean that severe weather or flooding might develop near your area over the next several hours. Be ready to act if storms approach. When a warning is issued, a storm has a history of producing damage or flooding, or is expected to develop in your area shortly. We are warning you to take action immediately,” Miller said.

In this day and age of families constantly on the go, it is also critical for people to have multiple ways to receive notifications and updated information about severe weather warnings.

FEMA offers a free mobile app that provides fast and reliable weather alerts from the National Weather Service (NWS). The app can be tailored to offer alerts for up to five different locations nationwide. The mobile app can also help you locate open shelters and disaster resource centers near you in the event of an emergency.

In addition to NOAA weather radios, Wireless Emergency Alerts can provide lifesaving information about impending storms and emergencies. These alerts can be sent to your mobile device without the need to download an app or subscribe to a service. Not only are these tools critical to surviving overnight storms, but they can be extremely beneficial for those who travel.

For more information about what to do before, during and after a storm, visit www.Ready.Illinois.gov.

Healthcare workers honored for service during pandemic

Local McDonald’s restaurants plan to celebrate area healthcare workers by offering them a free beverage of choice from March 15-19 in the drive-thru.

McDonald’s said in a news release that the offer celebrates the extraordinary efforts of local healthcare workers and recognizes the one-year mark of battling COVID-19 from the front lines.

McDonald’s restaurants in Anna, Vienna, Carbondale and Murphysboro will be among those honoring healthcare workers.

“We know that during the toughest of times, we can count on our healthcare heroes to be there for us,” said Brad Short, a local McDonald’s owner/operator.

“We hope through this gesture, they know we’re here for them, too, and appreciate the sacrifices they make for us every day, especially over this last year.”

McDonald’s is extending the offer of thanks to local healthcare employees in the drive thru only.

To redeem the offer, healthcare workers must show a valid healthcare ID badge when ordering. No purchase is necessary. Hours may vary by location.

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

A big adventure on a Sunday afternoon...

Wow. Seemed like we hadn’t seen this place in about a year.

And that would be absolutely true. We had not seen this place in a year. We’re talking about Carbondale. The home of the university where the two of us met. The home of the hospital where both of our kids were born. The home of many special memories for our family...seeing a president of the United States...a geology program for young people...a children’s choir...

We hadn’t been to Carbondale since sometime early in 2020. Seems there’s been a bit of a pandemic going on. And we’ve been trying to be cautious. Some say over cautious. Oh, well.

Anyway, the two of us decided to motor to Carbondale last Sunday afternoon. Our latest Pandemic Date, I suppose. Yes, we were still cautious. Over cautious? Guess somebody else will have to decide such things.

We took care of an errand that involved a bit of shopping, where we were reminded about the reality of the pandemic...face coverings were required...and there was a limit on the number of people who could be in the place of business.

After finishing up our shopping, we decided to just do some looking around. To me, it didn’t seem like there was a lot of traffic in Carbondale. Then again, it was Sunday afternoon. During a pandemic.

We headed to the Southern Illinois University campus, driving slowly past Thompson Point...the Agriculture Building...the SIU baseball stadium (where it looked like a game was being played)...and the Banterra Center.

The Banterra Center, you may recall, formerly was known as the SIU Arena. That’s what the venue was called when The Other Half and yours truly went to school at SIU all those years ago.

The SIU Arena has a special place in my memories. As



Signs of the time...information about COVID-19 vaccines could be seen last Sunday afternoon in front of the Banterra Center on the campus of Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

a student, I worked at the Arena...with a lot of fine folks.

Those memories involved concerts, basketball games and a multitude of other special events, some which happened before I worked at the Arena, and some which happened while I worked in the building.

Those memories, of course, did not involve a global pandemic...or signs about COVID vaccines. Thanks to our new “normal,” signs about such vaccines could be seen outside the Banterra Center. The former Arena is one of the places in Southern Illinois where COVID-19 vaccines are being administered. Never would have dreamed of such a thing when I worked at the Arena.

Yours truly had actually scheduled an appointment online to obtain a vaccine at the Banterra Center. Thought it would an opportunity to create another rather unique memory in the building where I spent so much time as a student. However, another opportunity arose which allowed me to obtain a vaccine closer to home. Different memory.

Our next stop was on the shores of Cedar Lake, south of Carbondale. Well, not really the shores. More like a parking lot next to the lake. Judging by the number of pickup trucks with boat trailers, a lot of folks were out enjoying the lake on a warm and sunny early March afternoon. We only saw one boat, with one person in it, during our stop.

We did find a couple of shells on the bank next to the lake. I put one of the shells up to my ear and told The Other Half I could hear the sound of water lapping on the shoreline. Just like you can hear the sound of the ocean when you put a sea shell up to your ear. She just shook her head and suggested that what I was hearing really was the water lapping on the shoreline.

All in all, it was an enjoyable way to spend some time on a nice, warm and sunny afternoon...during a pandemic.

A Page from the Past from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, March 11, 1971

The Primary election will be held Tuesday, March 16, when voters will be asked to nominate a candidate on the Democratic and Republican tickets for a County Commissioner.

They will also nominate a candidate for the office of State’s Attorney on the Democratic ticket. No one is seeking the position on the Republican ticket.

From the Sitter’s Sales advertisement...on Friday, March 19: “By authority of the Union County Board of School Trustees, the former Alto Pass Community High School building site, and personal property located in the village of Alto Pass, Ill. will be sold on the site. Consisting of a 2 story brick building having gym, classrooms, locker rooms, etc. No bid of less than \$6,000.00 will be accepted.”

Chairman of the Union County Board of Commissioners, Johnny W. Wilson, presented a proposal to the board at their meeting Monday, March 8, concerning the proposed remodeling of the Union County court room.

Many area churches are holding special services during the Lenten Season.

John C. Draper, a lifelong resident of Cobden and Union County, celebrated his 96th birthday with a surprise dinner February 28 at his home in Cobden.

Spring seems (at times) to be on its way to the area, with grass beginning to turn a little greener and some buds appearing on trees. Narcissus and tulips are also beginning to appear.

A total of 3,174 pins won the team event for Dallas Coin-op Laundries at the 11th annual handicap bowling tournament held recently at the Anna-Jo Bowl. J.D. Livesay was the all-events winner with a total of 1,923 pins.

In response to the KFVS-TV Celebrity Telethon, students and teachers of the Wolf Lake Grade School held a “march-on” Friday in the gymnasium.

From the Ware news: Ware Community had one inch of snow Wednesday

morning, March 3.

From the Trinity news: Everyone will be glad to see Spring come.

From the Pleasant Ridge news: It happened here last week. There were three buffaloes roaming around on Buffalo Gap. After seven generations of folklore, the animals appeared grazing and exploring the area named after them.



Stretching in the sunshine A turtle was stretching in the warmth of early March sunshine when it was seen at a pond in Union County.

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