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Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area



Daffodils were in bloom on a bright and sunny afternoon last weekend in Union County.

Be sure to vote (if you haven't already) on March 17.

Don't forget to wear your green to the polls: St. Patrick's Day is March 17.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School will be presenting the musical "Bye Bye Birdie" this weekend.

The ninth annual Union County Child Abuse Proclamation Day ceremony is set for April 1. The ceremony is set for 9 a.m. at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Just a week away...March 19 is the first day of spring.

New signs seen in the Union County area include Sinisi's On Main at the corner of South Main and Lafayette streets in Anna; and Patron Grill on West Vienna Street in Anna. Grassy Lake near Ware also has a new sign.

Major remodeling work is underway at Anna-Jonesboro National Bank's facility in Jonesboro.

Work continued during the past week on development of a new disc golf course at the Anna City Park.

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Coronavirus: State of emergency issued by governor

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SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker on Monday announced he has issued a state of emergency decree in response to the novel coronavirus threat.

That disaster proclamation is "an operational procedure" in part allowing the federal government to reimburse costs related to the state's response, and making State Disaster Relief

Fund dollars available, according to the governor's office.

Pritzker said 13 other states have enacted similar measures, including California, Washington, Oregon, Utah, Kentucky, New York, Florida and Maryland.

His action, he added, is the "next phase of our continued effort to stay ahead of these changing circumstances."

"I want to emphasize that this is a statewide response

with robust preparations and deployment of resources in Southern, Central and Northern Illinois," Pritzker said during a news event in Chicago.

As of Monday, there were 11 cases in Illinois of COVID-19, the illness caused by the coronavirus, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health. Director Ngozi Ezike said "it's possible we will get more."

Nationally, there had been 423 cases in 35 states,

including the District of Columbia, as of Monday evening. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 19 people had died.

Symptoms include fever, cough and shortness of breath and are spread through close personal contact: shaking hands, coughing and sneezing, for example.

"What we need now is to make sure that we have access to the resources be-

cause we can see from the other states, from the other countries, what's coming: there's going to be an increase in cases," Pritzker said.

"...It's my job to protect people – their health and their safety – and so I felt like...just the general trend of cases across the United States, it seemed incumbent upon me to step forward now and have Illinois do everything we can."

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Primary election set March 17 in county

Tuesday, March 17, is primary election day in Union County.

The primary will determine the candidates who face off in the upcoming November 2020 general election.

Here's a look at the candidates Union County voters will see on the ballot (some of the candidates have dropped out but their names still appear on the ballot):

Republican Party For President of the United States

Donald J. Trump
Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente

For United States Senator

Mark C. Curran Jr.
Tom Tarter
Casey Chlebek
Peggy Hubbard
Robert Marshall

For Representative in Congress, 12th Congressional District

Mike Bost
For Delegates/Alternate Delegates to National Nominating Convention

Candidates for delegates and alternate delegates to the national nominating convention.

For State Senator, 58th Legislative District

Terri Bryant
For Representative in the Illinois General Assembly, 115th District

Zachary A. Meyer
John R. Howard
Johnnie Ray Smith II
Clifford Lindemann
Paul Jacobs

For Representative in the Illinois General Assembly, 118th District

Patrick Windhorst

For Union County circuit clerk

Keri Clark

For Union County state's attorney

Tyler Tripp

For Union County commissioner, Seat E, six-year term

Darryl Harvell

For Judge of the Supreme Court, Fifth Judicial District (to fill the vacancy of the Hon. Lloyd A. Karmer)

David K. Overstreet
John B. Barberis Jr.

For Judge of the Appellate Court, Fifth Judicial District (to fill the vacancy of the Hon. Melissa Chapman)

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Democratic Party

For President of the United States

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Deval Patrick
Bernie Sanders
Joseph R. Biden
Michael R. Bloomberg
Elizabeth Warren
Pete Buttigieg
Tom Steyer
Andrew Yang
Michael Bennet
John K. Delaney
Tulsi Gabbard
Cory Booker

For United States Senator

Richard J. Durbin
For Representative in Congress, 12th Congressional District

Joel D. Funk
Raymond C. Lenzi

For Delegates/Alternate Delegates to National Nominating Convention

Candidates for delegates and alternate delegates to the national nominating convention.

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CEO class meets with local business woman

Kathy Bryan, left, the Union County CEO program's facilitator, and the CEO class of 2020 recently met with local business woman Heather Coffman, the owner of Coffman's Martial Arts Academy. Photo provided.

CEO seeking new facilitator

After three years of facilitating the Union County CEO program while running Kiki's Coffeehouse and being elected to the Anna City Council, Kathy Bryan has decided to pass on the student leadership torch to another facilitator.

Because she is so passionate about the program, she will serve on the CEO Advisory Board and as a student mentor.

Facilitator hiring chair Mindy Carter said, "Ms. Bryan has brought new connections to the CEO program by being a downtown Anna business owner and city councilwoman who also plays a leadership role in the Annabelle Festival and Christmas in Downtown Anna. We are appreciative of her dedication to the program and to Union County."

Former facilitator and current board secretary Evelyn Bailey said, "Kathy is a 'kid magnet'; students love her. We on the board are pleased that she will join us and add her areas of expertise."

Now in its fifth year, the

popular Union County CEO leadership/entrepreneurship program has continued to grow with the largest class starting in August and with increasing community and business support.

Union County CEO is one of 50-plus chapters nationwide of the Midland Institute of Entrepreneurship based in Effingham.

As a chapter, Union County CEO is a two-credit hour weighted high school class which meets every school day, and always in a business.

The class is "taught" by dozens of local business and community leaders and requires the students to dress and communicate professionally and to create and execute a micro business, a class business, and individual personal businesses to improve the skills of time management, research, customer service, communication and basic money management.

Alumni often cite UC-CEO as substantially contributing to their successes in receiving scholarships, internships, jobs and even

winning pageants (which earn scholarship money).

The facilitator post is a half-day position requiring a teacher certificate or TCE provisional certificate from the Illinois State Board of Education.

The class meets every school day from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., with the remaining hours used for scheduling speakers and visits, class and event preparation, student evaluation, social media posts and communication with students, business and community leaders, and the advisory board.

Some summer preparation is required, including the national CEO conference, which is scheduled July 10-11 in Champaign.

For information about the application process, contact facilitator hiring chair Mindy Carter at 618-713-7707 or larry.carter1@frontier.com.

Applicants are advised to review both unioncountyceo.org and midlandinstitute.com to become familiar with this unique opportunity. The application deadline is March 20.



Musical to be presented at A-JCHS

A dress rehearsal was held Monday night, March 9, for the upcoming production of the musical comedy "Bye Bye Birdie" at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. Performances are set for 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 13-14; and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15. The performances will be in the auditorium at the Union County school.



Not much snow in region this winter

Winter season weather in the region was warmer and wetter than normal.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah also reported that little, if any, was recorded in Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky during December, January and February.

The meteorological winter season began Dec. 1 and ended on Feb. 29.

Temperatures
Temperatures averaged around 4 to 5 degrees above normal, ranking as the fourth warmest winter on record in Cape Girardeau and the sixth warmest in Paducah.

Temperatures for every month of the winter finished above normal.

The warmest months compared to normal were December and January, both finishing 5 to 6 degrees above normal.

February brought some of the coldest temperatures of the winter, but the region still managed to finish around 1 to 2 degrees above normal.

Paducah observed 51 days with high temperatures at or above 50 degrees, which was the third

most for a winter season on record.

The record for 50-plus degree days in a winter was set back in 1949-1950 with 58 days.

Paducah also only observed three days when the high temperature remained below 32 degrees and 14 days with sub-40-degree high temperatures.

For comparison an average number for a winter season is 11 days with sub-freezing high temperatures and 29 days with sub-40-degree high temperatures.

Wetter Than Normal
The winter season finished wetter than normal.

The season started out drier than normal in many areas in December, but reverted back to the wetter pattern in January and February.

Both of those months finished in the top 10 wettest on record in Paducah.

Although, the region experienced a wet winter, nearly all of the precipitation that occurred was in the form of rain.

Paducah finished with no measurable snow for the entire winter season.

Paducah tied a record with a trace of snow, which

also was set back in the winters of 1991-1992, 1956-1957 and 1952-1953.

Union County's Winter
Snowfall in the Union County area totaled less than 1 inch for the winter.

Records kept by local weather observer Dana Cross showed the following highlights for winter in Union County:

December: High of 68, Dec. 25. Low of 18, Dec. 11. Three-quarters of an inch of snow for the month. 2.41 inches of precipitation.

January: High of 65, Jan. 11. Low of 16, Jan. 20. A trace of snow for the month. 7.25 inches of precipitation.

February: High 67, Feb. 3. Low of 9, Feb. 14. A trace of snow for the month. 4.66 inches of precipitation.

February Weather in Region

The weather service reported that temperatures for the month of February in the region averaged around 1 to 2 degrees above normal.

No prolonged cold or warm stretches were recorded during the month.

Instead, the region experienced several brief blasts of arctic air which spilled into the region before quickly warming up a couple of days later.

The warmest day of the month occurred Feb. 3, when highs soared to 70 degrees at several locations, including Paducah.

The coldest day of the month occurred on Valentine's Day with sub-freezing high temperatures and lows falling into the lower teens.

Precipitation averaged above normal across much of the region, with the greatest departure from normal occurring over Western Kentucky, far Southern Illinois and Southeast Missouri.

Much of the area received 2 to 4 inches above its normal February precipitation.

Paducah finished just shy of 7 inches for the month, which ranked as the eighth wettest February on record.

Cape Girardeau finished just shy of 5 inches, which ranked as the 10th wettest February on record.

Although it was a wet month, precipitation was mostly all in the liquid form.

Snowfall was well below normal for the month, with no measurable snow occurring in Paducah.

A few areas in Southern Illinois observed a dusting to several tenths of an inch of snow during the month.

February Records

The weather service reported the following records which were established during February in the region:

Paducah: Record high temperature of 71 degrees, set on Feb. 3. Record daily precipitation of 2.63 inches set on Feb. 4.

Cape Girardeau: Record daily precipitation of 1.43 inches set on Feb. 4. Record cold high temperature of 28 degrees tied on Feb. 14.

Weather

High temperatures climbed into the 60s during the period of March 3-9 in Union County.

Precipitation was light, with .01 of an inch of rain recorded on March 3 and .36 of an inch of rain measured on March 9.

Fog was recorded March 3. Damaging wind gusts of up to 39 miles per hour were recorded March 9.

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

	H	L
Tuesday, March 3	64	36
Wednesday, March 4	62	34
Thursday, March 5	66	32
Friday, March 6	52	29
Saturday, March 7	56	24
Sunday, March 8	66	31
Monday, March 9	64	54

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Primary election candidates

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For Delegates/Alternate Delegates to National Nominating Convention

Candidates for delegates and alternate delegates to the national nominating convention.

State Senate, State Representatives

No Democrats are on the ballot in the primary election for state senator from the 58th District or for state representative from the 115th District or the 118th District.

For Union County circuit clerk

Tiffany Busby

For Union County state's attorney

Daniel Klingemann

For Union County coroner

Phil Hileman

For Union County commissioner, Seat E, six-year term

Bobby Toler Jr.

For Judge of the Supreme Court, Fifth Judicial District (to fill the vacancy of the Hon. Lloyd A. Karmeier)

Judy Cates

For Judge of the Appellate Court, Fifth Judicial District (to fill the vacancy of the Hon. Melissa Chapman)

Sarah Smith

Precinct Committee Chairpersons

Precinct committee chairpersons also will be elected for both parties. There are no races in Union County.

Polling places set

Polling places are set for the Tuesday, March 17, primary election in Union County.

Polls are scheduled to be open from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Primary Election Day.

The polling places, by precinct, follow:

Anna 1 and 2: Main Street Center, 400 S. Main St., Anna.

Anna 3 and 4: Anna City Hall community room, 103 Market St., Anna.

Anna 5 and 6: Nazarene Church, 100 Kirk St., Anna.

Anna 7: Jo-Co Pools, 1009 Enterprise Dr., Anna.

Jonesboro 1 and 2: First Baptist Church, 201 W. Walnut St., Jonesboro.

Jonesboro 3: Jonesboro Fire Station, 102 W. Market St., Jonesboro.

Cobden 1 and 2: First Baptist Church, 200 S. Walker St., Cobden.

Dongola 1 and 2: Community center, 105 Oak St., Dongola.

Alto Pass: New Alto Pass civic center, 19 Elm St., Alto Pass.

Mill Creek: Mill Creek Baptist Church, 8525 State Route 127 South, Mill Creek.

Balcom: Big Creek Baptist Church, 485 Big Creek Church Rd., near Anna.

Lick Creek: Lick Creek School, 7355 Lick Creek Rd., between Anna and Lick Creek.

Stokes: Camp Ground Church, 50 Tunnel Ln., east of Anna.

Union: Wolf Lake Community Center, 4720 State Route 3N, Wolf Lake.

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Martin's Sharp-All has a huge expansion underway. ***

Ware Produce has increased its frozen food selections. ***

The Union County Museum had a busy weekend. The museum in downtown Cobden reopened Saturday after being closed for the winter.

Work by photographer Charles Swedlund of Cobden is featured in a new Midwestern landscapes exhibit which is on display through May 30 at the Stephen Daiter Gallery in Chicago. A reception for the exhibit, which includes the works of five photographers, is planned Friday evening, March 13. ***

A Village of Cobden Joint Review Board meeting is planned March 26. The meeting will be at 6 p.m. at Cobden Village Hall. The Cobden Tax Increment Financing District will be discussed. ***

The Illinois spring trout fishing season is scheduled to open April 4. ***

Appearances would suggest that railroad ties are being replaced on the track between Anna and Cobden...and in Cobden.

Coronavirus

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The governor's proclamation allows Illinois to station support teams of health officials and first responders as needed as well as receive additional support from the CDC and federal Emergency Management Agency.

"I know that this is a difficult time for people as we try to understand and respond to something this new. It is reasonable to feel apprehension. I want folks to understand - this is going to affect your daily life," Pritzker said.

"But know that your city, your county and your state officials are working hard to stay ahead of this and to give you all the facts as soon as we know them."

He advised Illinoisans not to take any "risks that could endanger others;" to get medical help and self-isolate if symptoms are present; to check on elderly people in their community; and resist the temptation to "horde supplies."

The state will begin distributing 600,095 face-masks, 1.2 million gloves and other personal protective equipment to health care facilities.

"Most of all, remember that we are one community here in Illinois, and community members take care of each other," the governor said.

"Don't let fear replace level-headedness. You have responsibilities during this crisis, too, and it's important to live up to them."

Fifteen hospitals across the state - seven in Cook County, three in other northern areas, three in Central Illinois and two in Southern Illinois - are monitoring the presence of coronavirus through voluntary surveillance testing. Those who were in contact with one of the confirmed COVID-19 cases are monitored for 14 days and are tested if symptoms appear.

"Testing asymptomatic people would not be helpful and could result in false negatives, as in someone could have low levels of the virus but they're not yet coughing, they're not yet spreading it," Chicago Public Health Department commissioner Allison Arwady added. "They could test negative and later get sick."

Pritzker said state of-

icials are exploring ways to expand unemployment insurance so those who become sick or are instructed to self-isolate by a physician for 14 days have financial security.

The state's Department of Public Health identified four new cases of coronavirus over the weekend: a woman in her 50s and another woman in her 70s are both family members of a female employee in her 50s of the Jacqueline B. Vaughn Occupational High School in Chicago; another woman in her 50s is a Californian who traveled to Illinois; and a woman in her 70s who returned from an Egyptian cruise. All were in good condition, officials said.

"Not everything is known yet, ...even the CDC is updating its own information, and so we're following very closely what the experts are telling us - not just at the CDC, but here in the state of Illinois," the governor said.

The Public Health Department updates its coronavirus website on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. It also maintains a hotline for citizens who have questions about the virus or want to report suspected cases: 1-800-889-3931.

Illinois additionally has an insurance hotline for those with questions or complaints about their health insurance coverage: 1-877-527-9431.

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Remodeling work underway

The Jonesboro branch of the Anna-Jonesboro National Bank will be featuring a new and updated look after a multi-week renovation project. Plans for the building include a more expanded lobby, with office space reclaimed to open up the area and larger windows for more natural light. There are plans for new floor tiles and light fixtures and furnishings for the lobby, as well as the restoration of the vintage tin ceiling. Also, the branch will be moving the ATM to the second lane of the drive thru. Renovations are scheduled to take three to four weeks. Throughout the project, the Jonesboro branch will remain open, both the lobby and the drive thru, for regular business hours. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

City of Anna receives grant for sidewalk work

Sidewalk improvement work is planned in the City of Anna.

The work was discussed at last week's regular meeting of the Anna City Council.

The meeting was Tuesday evening, March 3, at Anna City Hall.

The city has received a \$50,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for the sidewalk improvement work.

Work is planned on sidewalks in the High Street to Spring Street area, on the east side of South Main Street.

Existing sidewalks will be removed and replaced. Work is scheduled to begin after the school year ends.

In other business at last week's meeting:

The council agreed that the city would again be the sponsor for a National Day of Prayer service. The service is planned May 7 at the Anna City Park.

Talks continue regarding an agreement with Union County regarding dispatch services. Other municipalities also are involved in the talks.

Talks also are continuing regarding a Union County animal control shelter property purchase agreement.

Development of a new animal control shelter is planned. The county facility is located on property owned by the city.

A resolution was approved for city employee/retiree health insurance for 2020-2021.

The city will have a new insurance provider. The change is expected to save the city almost \$50,000 for a year. Forty-one employees and retirees, along with spouses and children, are covered.

Anna Arts Center planning penguin adoption event, judged art competition

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council is planning to have several special events at the Anna Arts Center.

March of the Penguins

It's time for march of the penguins. Prizes will be awarded for the best dressed, most original, and funniest penguins.

Adoption fee is \$5 for each penguin. To adopt, call Lee Hackney 904-625-1109 or visit the Here & Now Shop in downtown Anna at 319 S. Main St., open Tuesday through Friday.

Return well-dressed penguins to the Anna Arts Center on April 15 or 16 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

An exhibit opens on April 17, with hours scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

An awards reception and auction are planned April 26 at 2 p.m., with an auction for penguins to good homes starting at 3 p.m. Everyone

is invited and it is free to attend the reception.

Judged Art Competition

A judged art competition, exhibition and awards reception are planned April 2-26. The reception is planned April 26, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Everyone is invited to enter the competition and exhibit.

There are three categories: Painting and drawing, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, pen and ink, charcoal, mixed media, collage. Photography, photos and digitally altered artwork. Fine crafts, fibers, sculpture, pottery, furniture, stained glass, blown glass, jewelry, metal-smithing, wood carvings.

All work due at the arts center by March 30. Delivery of art works will be Thursday, March 26, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., or Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to noon. Call Lee at 904-625-1109 for more information.

Fish fries being served during Lent

Fish fries are being served during the season of Lent at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cobden.

Serving is scheduled from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Fridays in the church's parish hall.

The church is located at 101 Centennial St. in Cobden.

Fish fries are planned on March 13, March 20, March 27 and April 3.

Costs are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5 to 12. Children 4 and under eat free.

The menu features all-you-can eat fried fish, baked fish, baked beans, french fries, fried squash, squash casserole, gumbo, cucumber salad, cole slaw, dessert and a drink. Carryouts are available.

PAST to host annual supper, dessert auction

The PAST organization of Union County is planning to host its annual soup/chili supper and dessert auction on Friday evening, March 13, at historic St. Anne's Church, which is located at 507 S. Main St. in Anna.

The evening is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person. Walk-ins are welcome.

Donations for the dessert auction are welcome; however, it is asked that no cream desserts be donated. Parking will be available at nearby Stinson Memorial Library, which is about half a block from the church.

The supper and auction help to support the upkeep of the landmark St. Anne's Church.



Gynelle Baccus as Nora, the Pedestrian.



Trinity Sweet as Gail, the Mother.



Debby McKibben as Aphrodite, the Street Lady.



Sarah Gentry as Artie, the Single Girl.

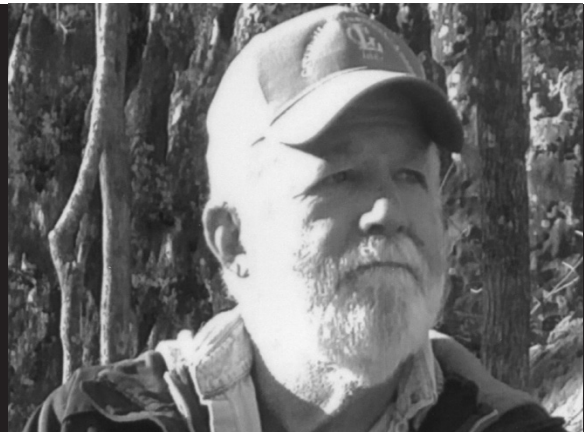
Year of the Woman

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council presented the second production in its "Year of the Woman" dramatic series with "Women of Choice," a series of monologues written by David Rush of Murphysboro and directed by Dr. Lynn Steveson.

The production featured the stories of 10 contemporary women from various backgrounds, providing snapshots into their lives and experiences.

The production took place at the Anna Arts Center Feb. 28 through March 1. Photos by Benjamin Marxer.

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If you are interested in applying for Pre-K and/or Southern Seven Head Start/Early Head Start for the 2020-2021 School Year, please bring the following: Child's certified birth certificate and proof of family income (2020 pay stubs or 2019 W2's or taxes).

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Sports

Woodlawn defeats Cobden at sectional

The Cobden High School boys' basketball team's season ended Tuesday night, March 3, in a 57-43 loss to Woodlawn in the first round of the Illinois High School Association Class 1A sectional at Norris City-Oma-ha-Enfield.

"They were ranked among the top five in the state," Cobden coach Wendell Wheeler said about Woodlawn. "They were pretty good. And, they shot the ball really, really well."

Blake McKay led the way for Woodlawn, with 31 points, including five 3-pointers.

McKay, who will be on a basketball scholarship at McKendree University next season, was 10 of 12 from the free throw line as well. The Cardinals made 10 3-pointers in the game.

After the Cardinals opened the game with a 3-pointer, Dylan Lewey countered with a basket to pull Cobden to 3-2, which was as close as it would get the rest of the game.

Noah Franklin made a basket to close out the quarter as the Appleknockers trailed 15-8 going into the second frame.

Joe Brumleve opened

the second quarter with a basket and closed out the period with a pair of free throws with Cobden trailing 29-22 at the half.

After Lewey made a 3-pointer to open the second half, the Cardinals went on an 11-point unanswered run to build a 39-25 lead headed into the final period.

McKay made back-to-back 3-pointers early in the final quarter to hold off any of the Appleknockers' late come-from-behind bids.

Noah Franklin pulled down a rebound and had a follow-up basket to close out the game.

Brumleve led Cobden by finishing his high school career with 17 points and 7 rebounds.

Lewey finished with 12 points and a rebound. Noah Franklin had 10 points and 4 rebounds. Jose Lopez had 4 points and a rebound. Alex Ramsey had 4 rebounds and Tyler Franklin 3 rebounds.

"Our boys did a good job," Wheeler said. "They played hard."

Cobden finished its season at 24-9 overall. Woodlawn advanced to the sectional championship game with a 31-3 record.

Cobden baseball counts on six returning players

The Cobden High School baseball team will be counting on six returning players for continued success in 2020.

"We think we've got a chance to be very competitive," Cobden coach Dana Pearson said. "We could make a run in the conference and in postseason play."

Pearson is counting on the return of five seniors and a junior from last year's 20-9 team to build a winning team around.

The Appleknockers have had back-to-back 20-win seasons. Two years ago, Cobden was 21-10.

"We've got a good nucleus back from last year," Pearson said.

Returning seniors from last season are pitcher/outfielder Landon Britt; pitcher/infielder Josh Burgess; pitcher/outfielder Alex Ramsey; pitcher/infielder/catcher Ryan Barr and outfielder Dylan Lewey. The lone junior is pitcher/first baseman Noah Franklin.

Other seniors in the mix are infielder Christian Goins and outfielders Jesus Amezcua and Clayton Flamm.

Sophomores on the roster are outfielders John Fuhrhop and Amon Ingold and catcher/infielder Brock Reynolds.

There are six freshmen vying for the team and one of them, Nolan Hand, could

step in and contribute as a pitcher.

"We've got a good group of young kids," Pearson said.

Pitching should be the key.

"We've got six kids who can throw on the mound," Pearson said. "We've got pitching experience."

Pearson looks for a competitive South Egyptian Conference race.

"Egyptian is probably the number one team in the conference," Pearson said. "It should be the top three: us, Century and Egyptian vying for the conference title."

The Appleknockers open their season at Anna-Jonesboro on Tuesday, March 17.

Cobden players honored

The Cobden High School boys' and girls' basketball teams had five players selected to the South Egyptian Conference all-conference team.

On the Appleknockers' boys' team, senior Joe Brumleve and junior Noah Franklin were named to the first team. Senior Dylan Lewey was selected to the second team.

On the girls' team, Jenna Hartline was named to the first team. Abby Ramsey was selected to the second team.



A-J baseball team practices at park

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School baseball team was practicing outdoors on Kiwanis Field at the Anna City Park on Thursday afternoon, March 5. A-J is scheduled to open its 2020 season on March 16 at home against Egyptian. The game will be played on Kiwanis Field.

Three seniors return for A-J baseball team

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School baseball team is looking for experience from last season to carry over for success this spring.

"Last year, we were very young and had a little experience returning," A-J coach Aaron Roberts said. "I think we'll be better, we learned a lot from last year."

The Wildcats finished 8-20 overall last season and return three seniors: second baseman/pitcher Avery Goines and catcher Jacob Schaefer and sophomore pitcher/catcher/infielder Mason Watkins from that team.

All three were selected to the second team on the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division all-conference team.

Other starters returning are seniors: infielder/outfielder J.D. Mains and outfielder/pitcher Blake Pena and juniors; third baseman/outfielder Nick McGrath and infielder/outfielder/pitcher Trent Mason.

Junior prospects are first baseman/pitcher Colby Bowman and utility player Dylan Smith.

Sophomores who could

see varsity action are pitcher/first baseman Ethan Ames; infielder/outfielder Luke Lasley; catcher/infielder Gavin Osman; pitcher/infielder Kyle Jerrell; outfielder Matthew Wright and first baseman/outfielder Josh Davis.

"We're going to start several underclassmen," Roberts said.

Pitching should be the key to winning games.

"We've got strength in our pitching," Robert said. "I think we've got some good young pitchers."

Roberts is looking at Carterville, Nashville and Du Quoin to be the top teams in the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division race this spring.

"You can't take a day off in this conference," Roberts said. "Hopefully, we can play with those people."

The Wildcats open their season at home against Egyptian on Monday, March 16.

"I'll put the best nine we have on the field and give it the best we've got," Roberts said. "I'm looking forward to the season. I just hope the injury bug doesn't hit us."

Pitching seen as key to Shawnee's success

Pitching is expected to be the key to success this spring for the Shawnee High School baseball team.

"If our pitching holds up, we should be competitive," Shawnee coach T.C. Schaefer said. "That is, if no injury bug hits us."

Two of the senior pitchers returning are Ryan Schaefer and Koby McLane. Schaefer will be catching when not on the mound and McLane will be at third base.

Other pitchers for Shawnee are juniors Justin Kaufman, Devin Clendenin, Braden Freeman and Caleb Nicholson.

Kaufman will be at shortstop when not pitching. Clendenin will be in left field, Freeman at second base and Nicholson at first base.

Juniors on the roster are outfielders Josh Hammonds and Marshall McLane.

Sophomores who could see action are catcher/in-

fielder Dustin Sutliff and outfielder Xander Wigley.

"I'll put the best nine guys I got on the field and give it the best we got," Schaefer said. "I'm looking forward to the season."

Schaefer sees Egyptian, Cobden and Century to be the top teams in the South Egyptian Conference race this season.

The Redskins open their season at home against Elverado on Monday, March 23.

Baseball, softball play slated

Union County high school spring baseball and softball seasons are set to open.

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School baseball team opens at home against Egyptian on Monday, March 16.

The A-J softball team opens its season at home against Egyptian on Monday, March 16.

Cobden High School's softball team opens its season at home against Eldorado on Monday, March 16.

The Cobden baseball team opens its season at A-J on Tuesday, March 17.

The Shawnee High School baseball team opens its season at home against Elverado on Monday, March 23.

The Shawnee softball team opens its season at Dongola on Monday, March 23.

Two seniors return for A-J softball team

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' softball team is gearing up for its 2020 season opener.

"I think we'll be pretty good, we have a lot of talent returning," A-J softball coach Rodney Seip said. "The bunch coming back had to step up and play last season. I'm expecting to be quite a bit better than last year."

The two seniors who are returning are third baseman/catcher Tobie Treece and pitcher/utility Cori Turner.

The lone junior is second base Petey Foster.

Sophomores with varsity playing time returning are shortstop/outfielder Payton Seip; pitcher/outfielder

Abigail Dahmer; outfielder/utility Natalee Brown and third base/outfielder Mayci Penrod.

Other juniors in the line up are first baseman/outfielder Avery Page; pitcher/utility Libby Smith and third base/outfielder Keri Rendleman.

Freshmen hopefuls are pitcher/outfielder Jenna Sadler; outfielder Avery Osman; catcher/utility Shealyn Thorn and catcher/utility Megan Wright.

"All four freshmen can play," Seip said. "All could contribute on the varsity."

The Lady Wildcats are scheduled to open their season at home against Egyptian on Monday, March 16.

Eight starters return for Cobden softball

Cobden High School softball coach Anthony Howell has eight starters from last year's squad to build around for the 2020 season.

"I think we'll be pretty competitive," Howell said.

Seniors who are returning are third baseman Lauren Sweitzer and center fielder Jenna Hartline.

Juniors who are returning include pitcher/outfielder Aubrey Fisher and first baseman Emily White.

Sophomores who are returning are shortstop Makenzie Howell, catcher Lilly Britt and outfielders Abby Clover and Katelyn Shadows.

"We have a lot returning," Howell said. "We stay healthy, with our experience we'll be improved."

Three new seniors coming out for the first time are outfielder/first baseman Amy Pender, second baseman Taylor Harvel and outfielder Katie Eck.

Freshmen who could see varsity action are second baseman/outfielder Leah Goins; catcher Miranda Eads; outfielder Gracelynn Fisher; infielder/outfielder Bianca Phillippe and pitcher/outfielder Karleigh Ellis.

"A couple of freshmen could see playing time," Howell said.

Aubrey Fisher will be

the top pitcher, with freshman Ellis as the backup hurler.

"Our pitching and defense is a lot stronger this season," Howell said.

Cobden has a lot of Class 2A and 3A teams on its schedule.

"We play a lot of bigger schools," Howell said. "We play a pretty stout schedule."

Howell sees Elverado and the Appleknockers as the top two teams in the South Egyptian Conference race this spring.

Cobden opens its season at home against Eldorado on Monday, March 16.

Dongola's Treat nets 1,004 points

Dongola High School's Evan Treat wrapped up his basketball playing career with 1,004 points.

He averaged 13.7 points, 4.2 rebounds and 1.8 assists per game for the Demons. He shot 45.5 percent from the field.

Treat was named to the South Egyptian Conference's second team all-conference squad.

This past season, he was named to both the Crab Orchard Thanksgiving Tournament and the Dongola Christmas Tournament all-tournament teams.



Anna takes second at tournament

The Anna Junior High School 6th grade Lady Indians basketball team took second place at the recent Lick Creek tournament. Team members are, from left, Adalyn Suggs, Addison Bonner, Alexis Houseman, Zoe Chen, Kansas Craig, Presley Bierstedt, Raelynn Sadler, Madilyn Perez and Kiera Hartline. Photo provided.

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Commentary

A successful season

By Mike Estel

It's hard to realize that 56 years have gone by since the Cobden High School boys' basketball team won a regional championship.

The year was 1964 and the Appleknockers made it all the way to the title game in the Illinois High School Association state playoffs before finishing in second place to Pekin.

It was quite a feat in itself because Illinois had only one class then and was not divided up like it is now into school sizes. But, still winning a regional title is quite an accomplishment in this day and age.

The season ended abruptly last week with a 57-43 loss to Woodlawn in the Class 1A sectional.

But the regional title is quite a mile stone after all these years of observing from the sidelines.

The regional title went along with two outstanding 20-game winning seasons, with this one finishing at 24-9 and last year's at 21-10. That's not to mention the Appleknockers also won the first South Egyptian Conference title outright this season.

The team will lose a lot of solid players to graduation.

Senior Joe Brumleve impressed the fans with his slam dunking and rebound-

ing and shooting abilities.

Seniors Alex Remsey, and Dylan Lewey kept the action going from their guard positions shooting and passing the ball.

Senior Jose Lopez contributed from the forward slot as well.

Two solid players returning to build around for next season are 6-6 junior Noah Franklin and his younger brother, 6-4 freshman Tyler.

Other underclassmen who could step up next season are juniors: 5-6 Sipriano Zamora and 6-2 John Eck. Sophomores in the wings include 5-10 John Fuhrhop, 6-2 Cooper Flamm and 6-1 Edwin Funes.

This is not to even mention the freshmen and Cobden junior high players that could possibly contribute as well to the varsity next season.

Cobden will lose a lot to graduation this season, but the cupboard is not bare for head coach Wendell Wheeler to go for a third 20-game winning season next year and possibly another regional title.

The fans got into it as well and filled the stands for the regional and sectional games.

"It was good for the whole community," Wheeler said. "The community support was awesome."



Blood drive volunteers

The Anna Junior High School Student Council hosted its annual spring American Red Cross blood drive on Tuesday, March 3. Student workers who volunteered at the event are, in the first row, from left, Foster Needling and Asaiah Smith. In the second row, are Daylon Butler, Noah Chotner and Hunter Craft. In the third row are Sophia Lin, Camiah Lowe, Kayla Matuszewich, Beckett Thorpe and Adam Clark. Grayson Garner, Luke Menees and Tyler Cunningham could not be present for the picture. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.



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Trail society plans hike

The River-to-River Trail Society plans to have a hike on Saturday, March 14. The hike is free and open to the public.

The hike will be from Williams Hill to Rudement, by way of Sally Hollow and Beech Hollow.

The trail society said the hike will be of moderate difficulty, and is intended for people in good physical condition who are capable of hiking off-trail over broken ground. There will be a creek crossing in Sally Hollow.

Boots or sturdy shoes, as well as hiking sticks, are strongly recommended. Hikers are asked to bring their own water and a snack.

Hikers also are requested to not bring dogs.

Hikers will meet at 10 a.m. at Rudement Church on Route 34 at Rudement. For more information or directions, call 618-499-2055.

IDNR reports 306 bobcats harvested during season

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, reported that the state's bobcat season ended on Feb. 15. IDNR reported that 335 bobcat permits were filled.

The bobcat harvest was 306, which was the same as the 2018-2019 season.

An additional 29 roadkill bobcats were salvaged by permit holders.

IDNR reported there were 1,000 permits issued for the season.

The percentage of bobcats taken by hunting was 45 percent. Trapping accounted for 46 percent. The remainder were salvaged by permit holders.

Pike County led the harvest with 22 bobcats.

Six bobcats were harvested in Union County.

Harvest totals for other area counties included one in Alexander County, seven in Jackson County, one in Johnson County, two

Hunter safety course planned

An Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, hunter safety education course is planned March 20-21 at the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna. The church is located at 315 South St.

Hours for the course are scheduled from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. March 20 and from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 21. Students must attend both classes.

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

Those who complete the course will receive a hunter education certification card. All students must preregister.

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

in Massac County, one in Pulaski County and five in Williamson County.

IDNR voiced appreciation for the support shown by its staff, hunters and trappers who collected jaws for bobcat research at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

IDNR also voiced its appreciation to cooperating landowners and trappers in central Illinois who have helped with bobcat research at Western Illinois University.

IDNR and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service fund research to continue learning about Illinois' only feline fur-bearer.

IDNR noted that the recovery of this species, as well as many others, and continued research are possible because of the support of the sportsmen and sports-women of Illinois.

A table with bobcat harvest totals by county can be found online at <https://bit.ly/2T7cbhj>.

Rose Hotel to be topic of program

The Johnson County Genealogical and Historical Society plans to meet Sunday afternoon, March 15, in Vienna.

The meeting is set for 2:30 p.m. at the Vienna Public Library. The library is located on the square in Vienna.

Anyone who is interested in history or genealogy is invited to attend. The meeting is free and open to the public.

A presentation about the history and renovations of the historic Rose Hotel in Elizabethtown is planned.

The program will be given by Southern Illinois historian Todd Carr.

Carr has done considerable research about the history along the eastern part of Southern Illinois.

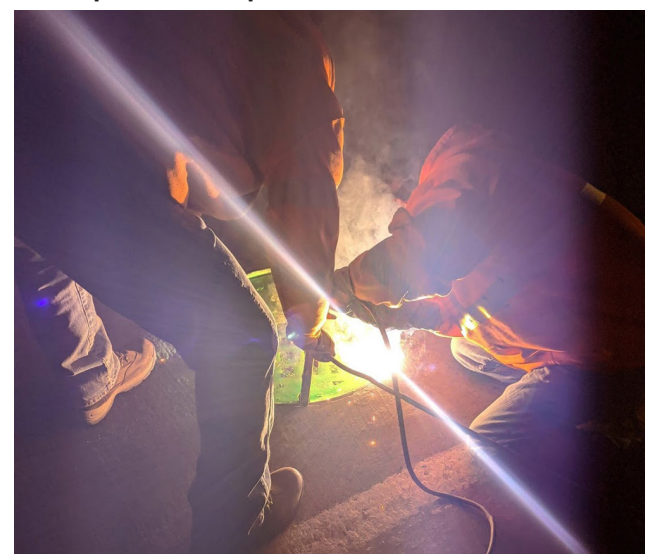
For more information about the program, about the activities of the society or about membership in the Johnson County Genealogical and Historical Society call 618-771-6877.

Work around City of Anna

Anna city public works personnel have been busy recently working on several projects.



Trimming trees at the park: Tree trimming work was being done recently at the Anna City Park. Trees were being trimmed to allow for better receptions for security cameras which are in use at the park. Photo provided.



Repairing manhole cover: Welding work was being done to provide a temporary fix for a metal manhole cover on old U.S. Route 51. Photo provided.



Hydro vac at work: The city recently acquired a hydro vac which was utilized for a water line repair project. The equipment uses high-pressure water for removal of dirt.



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By CHARLES G. HEWITT, Administrator of ESTATE OF KATHRYN LOUISE FOX, HEATH R. HEWITT, a Minor, UNKNOWN HEIRS and LEGATEES of KATHRYN LOUISE FOX, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
No. 20-CH-6

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the Court in the above entitled cause, the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

1. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Tom Jones, c/o Farmers State Bank, P. O. Box 70, 55 N. Elm Street, Alto Pass, IL 62905, (618) 893-2464.
2. The common addresses and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: house at 1055 Toledo Cemetery Road, Cobden, Illinois and acreage on Toledo Cemetery Road, Cobden, Illinois.
3. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: house at 1055 Toledo Cemetery Road, Cobden, Illinois and acreage on Toledo Cemetery Road, Cobden, Illinois.
4. The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times: Contact the above named individual and arrangements will be made to accommodate you.
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8. The case title, case number, and the Court in which the foreclosure was filed are as follows: Farmers State Bank v. John Michael Trexler and Mary Jane Trexler, 2019-CH-24 in Union County Circuit Court, Jonesboro, IL.

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following facts:

- (i) The names of all plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.
- (ii) The court in which said action was brought is identified above.
- (iii) The names of the title holders of record are:
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Surveyor No. 3536 in the Union County Recorder's Office, situated in Union County Illinois.

Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas, and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas, and other minerals, if any.

PIN: 04-13-02-216-A
(v) A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows:
Water Valley Road,
Cobden, IL 62920

(vi) An identification of the Mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:
Name of mortgagor:
Kathryn Louise Fox, deceased

Name of mortgagee:
Peoples National Bank
Date of Mortgage:
September 28, 2018
Date of recording:
October 10, 2018
County where recorded:
Union County

Recording document identification:
Document No. 13735

You are further notified that unless on or before March 23, 2020, you shall appear and defend in said suit, default judgment may be entered against you on the day following or thereafter.

Circuit Clerk of Union County, Illinois

DOUGLAS R. HOFFMAN
ARDC #6289754
BLACK, BALLARD, McDONALD, P.C.
108 South Ninth Street
P. O. Box 4007
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864
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BID NOTICE

Clear Creek Levee & Drainage District will be accepting bids for mowing. The successful candidate must have their own Worker's Comp Insurance and MUST attend the bid meeting for details on Wednesday, March 18, at 12:30 p.m. in the Wolf Lake Community Center.

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

FARMERS STATE BANK, Plaintiff,
vs.
JOHN MICHAEL TREXLER, MARY JANE TREXLER, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
No. 2019-CH-24

NOTICE OF COURT SALE OF REAL ESTATE (735 ILCS 5/15 1507(c)(1))

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the Court in the above entitled cause, the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

1. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Tom Jones, c/o Farmers State Bank, P.O. Box 70, 55 N. Elm Street, Alto Pass, IL 62905, (618) 893-2464.
2. The common addresses and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: house at 1055 Toledo Cemetery Road, Cobden, Illinois and acreage on Toledo Cemetery Road, Cobden, Illinois.
3. The legal description of the real estate are:

THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW1/4) OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW1/4) OF SECTION SEVENTEEN (17), TOWNSHIP ELEVEN (11) SOUTH, RANGE ONE (1) WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF

ILLINOIS; ALSO INCLUDING AND BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID QUARTER QUARTER ON AN AZIMUTH OF 0°56'30" FOR A DISTANCE OF 1337.14 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID QUARTER QUARTER ON AN AZIMUTH OF 90°30'05" FOR A DISTANCE OF 40.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH ON AN AZIMUTH OF 180°56'30" FOR A DISTANCE OF 1337.22 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE ON AN AZIMUTH OF 270°37'41" FOR A DISTANCE OF 40.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED CONTAINING 1.23 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT:

A PARCEL OF LAND BEING PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SAID PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT A ROOF BOLT AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 17; THENCE N.00°53'14"E., A DISTANCE OF 620.97 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S.89°06'46"E., A DISTANCE OF 65.87 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N.63°18'35"E., A DISTANCE OF 355.59 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD; THENCE S.60°59'58"E., A DISTANCE OF 139.87 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD; THENCE S.08°52'29"E., A DISTANCE OF 170.37 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD; THENCE S.70°07'05"W., A DISTANCE OF 532.51 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD; THENCE N.07°37'15"E., A DISTANCE OF 259.81 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 2.758 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS. AS PER SURVEY BY SCOTT A. RICHARDS, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR #2996, DATED SEPTEMBER OF 2014. SUBJECT TO EXISTING EASEMENTS OF RECORD IF ANY.

ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PLAT OF SURVEY DATED MARCH 20, 2015 AND RECORDED APRIL 10, 2015 AS DOC. NO. 2015R0655, AND FURTHER INDEXED AT PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE 971, MADE BY SCOTT A. RICHARDS, ILLINOIS LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2996, IN THE UNION COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION AND STATE OF ILLINOIS. FORMERLY DESCRIBED AS:

THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION EIGHTEEN (18); THE SOUTH ONE-HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION SEVEN (7); ALL IN TOWNSHIP ELEVEN (11) SOUTH, RANGE ONE (1) WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Permanent Index Numbers: 04-17-02-281-A, 04-07-02-127 and 04-18-02-298

4. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: house at 1055 Toledo Cemetery Road, Cobden, Illinois and acreage on Toledo Cemetery Road, Cobden, Illinois.

5. The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times: Contact the above named individual and arrangements will be made to accommodate you.

6. The time and place of the sale are: April 1, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois.

7. The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) down on the date of sale and the balance upon closing.

8. Title will be conveyed subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, but have not yet become due and payable, and special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record.

FARMERS STATE BANK BY: Patrick Hunn Hunn Law Group, P.C. Attorney for Plaintiff Hunn Law Group, P.C. Patrick Hunn ARDC #6320820 Attorney for Plaintiff 317 East Poplar Street, Suite C

CORNER OF THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 18; THENCE S.00°18'13"E., ALONG THE SECTION LINE, A DISTANCE OF 1,337.30 FEET TO A ROOF BOLT AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER; THENCE S.88°33'57"W., ALONG THE SOUTH LINE THEREOF, A DISTANCE OF 1,385.42 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER; THENCE N.00°15'01"W., ALONG THE WEST LINE THEREOF, A DISTANCE OF 1,355.07 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 7; THENCE N.00°00'22"W., ALONG THE WEST LINE THEREOF, A DISTANCE OF 695.48 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SOUTH HALF; THENCE N.89°33'42"E., ALONG THE NORTH LINE THEREOF, A DISTANCE OF 1,379.34 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SOUTH HALF; THENCE S.00°22'53"E., ALONG THE SECTION LINE, A DISTANCE OF 689.16 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 64.745 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS. AS PER SURVEY BY SCOTT A. RICHARDS, PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR #2996, DATED MARCH OF 2015. SUBJECT TO EXISTING EASEMENTS OF RECORD IF ANY.

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FARMERS STATE BANK BY: Patrick Hunn Hunn Law Group, P.C. Attorney for Plaintiff Hunn Law Group, P.C. Patrick Hunn ARDC #6320820 Attorney for Plaintiff 317 East Poplar Street, Suite C

Harrisburg, IL 62946 Telephone: (618) 252-0875 Email: patrick@hklawoffice.com

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. THE LAW OFFICE OF HUNN LAW GROUP, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL for LEVEE MOWING

The N. Alexander Co. Levee District, ("NACL D") is seeking proposals for Levee Mowing within the district's boundaries.

Scope of Work: This Request for Proposal will cover the 2020 Season. The work involves mowing approximately 5 miles of levees twice a year. Once in June and once in September. Both sides and the berm.

Proposals: Proposals for the Scope of Work must be submitted based on a total season rate. The NACL D will evaluate the proposals and make a decision in a manner which ensures (i) compliance with all applicable provisions of law governing procurements by the NACL D, (ii) the acquisition of quality goods and services which meet the NACL D's needs, (iii) fairness and open competition, (iv) the wise and prudent use of the NACL D's resources and (v) the avoidance of favoritism, extravagance, fraud and corruption.

The successful bidder will be required to provide proof of General Liability Insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 with the N. Alexander County Levee District listed as additional insured.

Proposals will be received until 1:00 PM Friday, March 27, 2020. Proposals may be submitted via fax to (618) 661-1066 or submitted via mail or courier to: N. Alexander Co. Levee District, P.O. Box 277, McClure, IL 62957. The NACL D reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, and waive informalities, if in its opinion such action would be in its best interest.

All proposals must include the following: Proposer Name, Address, Contact Name, Address, Contact Title, Office Phone, Mobile Phone, Email Address.

All bids must include the following: Provide the total seasonal bid in both written and numerical terms. Signature and printed name, title and date.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL for LEVEE MOWING

The East Cape / Clear Creek Levee District, ("ECCCL D") is seeking proposals for Levee Mowing within the district's boundaries.

Scope of Work: This Request for Proposal will cover the 2020 Season. The work involves mowing approximately 10 miles of levees twice a year. Once in June and once in September. Both sides and the berm.

Proposals: Proposals for the Scope of Work must be submitted based on a total season rate. The ECCCL D will evaluate the proposals and make a decision in a manner which ensures (i) compliance with all applicable provisions of law governing procurements by the ECCCL D, (ii) the acquisition of quality goods and services which meet the ECCCL D's needs, (iii) fairness and open competition, (iv) the wise and prudent use of the ECCCL D's resources and (v) the avoidance of favoritism, extravagance, fraud and corruption.

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NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois SS County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 26th day of February, 2020, under the Assumed Name of White Cotton Cleaning Company with the place of business located at 555 Green Acres Lane, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952, and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Rachel Sullivan 555 Green Acres Lane Jonesboro, IL 62952

Lance Meisenheimer Union County Clerk 12-14gc

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 28th day of February, 2020, under the Assumed Name of Eddleman Farms with the place of business located at 1110 Sweet Potato Road, Dongola, Illinois 62926 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Mark D. Eddleman 2695 Mt. Olive Road Dongola, IL 62926

Dana W. Eddleman 3225 Mt. Olive Road Dongola, IL 62926

Mark Tyler Eddleman 1110 Sweet Potato Road Dongola, IL 62926

Lance Meisenheimer Union County Clerk 12-14gc

STATE OF ILLINOIS, CIRCUIT COURT UNION COUNTY

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (MINOR CHILD)

REQUEST OF: KRISTIE MARIE DEROE-JONES 2020-MR-17 TO CHANGE NAMES OF MINOR CHILD

There will be a court date on Request for Name Change (Minor Child) for Paula Ann Deroe-Jones to the new name of: Paula Ann McHughes. The court date will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. at 309 W. Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois, Union County, In courtroom A.

Kristie Deroe-Jones 12-14gc

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

ESTATE OF HAROLD EDWARD GEE, IN PROBATE DECEASED. NO. 2020-P-9

NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Harold Edward Gee of 1385 Hummingbird Road, Buncome, IL 62912. Letters of Office were issued on February 26, 2020, to Leanne C. Thompson, 1250 Hummingbird Road, Buncome, IL 62912 and Jeffrey E. Gee, 1004 S. Pinetree Drive, Carterville, IL 62918, as Independent Co-Executors, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

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

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

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

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market, Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or

before September 12, 2020, 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: March 5, 2020.

LEANNE C. THOMPSON JEFFREY E. GEE

CAMERON LAW FIRM, LLC

ELVIS C. CAMERON ATTORNEY NO. 6244394 ATTORNEY FOR CO-PETITIONERS 205B N. MAIN ST. ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906 PHONE: 618-833-2220 13-15g

BID NOTICE:

St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Cobden, IL is accepting bids for mowing of their cemetery located on E. Ash Street. Anyone interested should contact Gary Wiggs at (618)-967-7116.

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Pastor's Corner by Pastor Don Cox

You may think the Lord isn't there because you can see Evil gaining power . . . just think what the Jews thought when Hitler had risen to power, yet God did rescue them! TRUE!

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

"The Preaching Pen"
The Love of God

Do you love God? Loving God is a way of life; it's a devoted commitment that consumes a person's very existence.

Genuine love will be reflected in careful obedience (Jn. 14:15; Gal. 5:6; Luke 6:46). Love for God is not a superficial emotion; it's an active life of doing - of serious dedication. "My little children, let us not love in word, neither with the tongue; but in deed and truth" (I Jn. 3:18).

But how do we learn to love God? We've never seen Him face-to-face; we haven't heard His voice (Jn. 1:18), so how can we love Him?

The answer is simple. We learn to love Him when we learn the dimensions of His love for us (Eph. 3:18-19), and how that love has been expressed. "We love, because he first loved us" (I Jn. 4:19). We find the motivation in the Scriptures.

For example, God's love has been universally demonstrated to humanity (Jn. 3:16). Who else would give such a sacrifice, especially for people who would ignore the gift? Moreover, His love is not abstract, but is shown clearly in the gift of His Son. "... God commendeth his own love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8).

The love of God is evident (Gal. 1:4), selfless (Phil. 2:5ff), inexpressible (II Cor. 9:15), and unquenchable (Rom. 8:35ff). Can we really understand the love of God? I pray we do our best.

Learn more of God's Word with us this Sunday at the Anna church of Christ at 104 Nile St. We meet at 9:30 a.m. for Bible Study and 10:30 a.m. & 5 p.m. for worship. We hope to see you soon!

Note: in the article that ran 2/27/20 (Putting Away Lying), I accidentally reversed the names, "Cain" and "Abel." It was Cain who slew Abel, not Abel who slew Cain. My apologies for the error, and my thanks to the reader who pointed it out.

R.W. McAlister, Minister
Anna church of Christ

Obituaries

Peggy Nimmo Walter

Peggy Nimmo Walter was born on Aug. 19, 1924, in Union County, the daughter of Muriel and Ray Nimmo, and died on Sunday, March 1, 2020, at her home.

Her husband, Adolph W. Walter III; a sister, Betty Jo Wilkins; a brother, Howard Nimmo; and her parents, preceded her in death.

She attended Sunday School at Big Creek Baptist Church. She attended elementary school at Friendship, a one-room country school.

She graduated from Anna-Jonesboro Community High School in 1941, and was employed that summer by the Anna State Bank.

In the fall, she entered MacMurray College for women at Jacksonville, which she attended for one year.

In August 1942, she was admitted to the Kings County School of Nursing in Brooklyn, N.Y. During her affiliation at that institution, she served as a part-time cadet nurse recruiter, and spent six months at the Halloran General Army Hospital on Staten Island as a member of the Cadet Nurse Corps. Graduation from nursing school was in June of 1945, when she received an RN.

She was baptized in the chapel at Halloran General Hospital by an Army chaplain in August 1945.

In August 1945, she married Adolph W. Walter III at the Little Church Around the Corner (Church of the Transfiguration) in New York City.

The atomic bomb ended the war, and after living a few months at Lompoc, Calif., life began in Anna, Illinois.

She and her husband had three children, Barbara, Marsha and Patrick. She served the community for 10 years as education chairman for the American Cancer Society, earned the Red Cross nurses pin by teaching home nursing classes, did private duty nursing, served as president of the Davie School PTA, was an active member of the Band Parents Association, served as president of Delta Theta Tau sorority, was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, and after joining the Anna Methodist Church in 1946, taught a high school Sunday School class and assisted many years in Bible School.

In 1965, she helped her husband establish the Carbondale KFC, which later became Walter's Foods Inc. She managed the store for eight years.

During that period, she was named Business Person of the Year by the SIU Business Fraternity and was elected to the Board of Directors of the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce.

She served as secretary-treasurer for the corporation for the next 12 years and was also secretary-treasurer for Adwalt Inc., a private holding company, for five years.

Walter's Foods Incorporated operated KFC franchises with retail stores in Anna, Carbondale and Murphysboro.

She was a co-founder of the Tri State Advertising Co-op for Illinois, Kentucky and Missouri franchisees and held the office of secretary-treasurer of that group for 10 years.

In 1975, Gov. Carroll of Kentucky named her a Kentucky Colonel. She was awarded a life membership in the Kings County Hospital Alumni Society and the Missouri Military Academy named her to the President's Society.

After retiring in 1985, she served three years as financial secretary for the Anna United Methodist Church, was an active member of the Beta Alumni chapter of Delta Theta Tau, and the Thursday and Monday Social Clubs.

She and Adolph traveled extensively, visiting all of the continents except Antarctica. The onset of multiple myeloma (cancer of the bone marrow) in 1993 caused a major change in lifestyle.

In March 2012, she was recognized by the Union County Historical and Genealogical Society, along with two other honorees, as a Union County Woman of Achievement.

In her time at home, she cooked, quilted and kept a flower garden, did the family bookkeeping, managed investments and played bridge with friends.

She leaves three children, Barbara Jahn, of Medellin, of Colombia, South America, Marsha Walter of Anna, and Patrick Walter and wife Lisa of Lexington, Ky.; three grandchildren, Jeremiah Jahn, Kaitlin Walter and Andrew Walter; two great-grandchildren, Phoenix Evan and Magdalene Jahn; and two stepgrandchildren, Kathryn and Emily Schart.

Visitation will be Monday, April 6, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Family Life Center at the Anna United Methodist Church.

Memorial services follow at 1 p.m. in the church sanctuary; the Rev. Richard Sullins will officiate. Private interment will follow at the Anna Cemetery in Anna.

Memorials can be made to Anna United Methodist Church or to Hospice of Southern Illinois. Envelopes will be available at the church or at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro.

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

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

Marion L. Rafferty

Marion L. Rafferty, 102, of Jonesboro, died Sunday, March 1, 2020, at the Jonesboro Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center.

She was born on April 15, 1917, in Cook County, the daughter of Thomas and Eva Vess Rafferty.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Graveside services were at noon Thursday, March 5, at the Anna Cemetery. Interment was in the Anna Cemetery.

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

Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro was in charge of arrangements.

Martha Joan Tweedy Rider

Martha Joan Tweedy Rider, 79, of Dongola, died Friday, March 6, 2020, at her home.

She was born on March 25, 1940, in Anna, the daughter of Beulah Harrell Tweedy and Victor Tweedy.

She married Melvin Rider on March 14, 1959, in Cobden. He preceded her in death on Nov. 26, 2006.

She was a member of the Dongola First Baptist Church. She was a homemaker and a 4-H leader for 13 years.

Survivors include her four daughters, Martha (Greg) Samples, Jennifer Rider, Cynthia (Raymond) Massey and Regina (Harold) Birch; one son, Matthew (Melissa) Rider; eight grandchildren, Richard Birch, Hope (Eric) Huels, Jonathan (Jaime), Justin, and Julie Samples, Janelle and Kimberlyn Massey, and Bethany Rider; one great-granddaughter, Kaydence Huels; one sister, Frances (Wayne) Calhoun; two nephews, Darrell and Randy Calhoun; and one niece, Kathy Carr.

Mrs. Rider was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Melvin; a son, Jonathan; and twin granddaughters Charlotte and Noelle Rider.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Monday, March 9, at the First Baptist Church in Dongola, with the Rev. Perry Williams and the Rev. Guy Inman officiating. Interment followed in the American Legion Cemetery.

Crain Funeral Home in Dongola was in charge of arrangements.

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

John Everett Manninger

John Everett Manninger, 82, of Crockett, Texas, died on Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020, at his residence.

He was born on Jan. 2, 1938, in Anna, to parents Fern Manninger and Mary Williams Manninger.

Mr. Manninger had a long career as a Texas State Trooper serving in Wichita Falls, Decatur and in 1973 moved to Crockett, where he retired as sergeant after 35 years of service.

He was a faithful member and trustee of the Shady Grove Baptist Church, as well as a devoted husband, grandfather and servant of the State of Texas.

Mr. Manninger is survived by his son, Robert Manninger and wife, Carolyn of Olney; a daughter, Pam Ferguson of Bluff Dale; grandchildren Chance Jordan and wife Callie of Grapeland, Nathan Manninger and wife Jaime of Olney, Joshua Manninger and wife Sara of Roanoke, and Ginger Nunn and husband Brent of Moore, Okla.; great-grandchildren Ashlie and Conner Jordan of Crockett, Bryce Nunn of Moore, Okla., Hayden and Skylar Manninger of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Grace Jordan of Grapeland; and a sister, Patricia Williams of Anna.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mariam Hope Manninger; and his parents, Fern and Mary Manninger.

A celebration of life service for John Everett Manninger was held at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 23, at Shady Grove Baptist Church, with the Rev. Terry Gibson and Dr. Paul Carlin officiating.

Memorials can be made to Shady Grove Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1154, Crockett, Texas 75835.

Online condolences can be shared at www.callaway-allee.com.

Patricia Ann Parks Sitter

Patricia Ann Parks Sitter of Clarksville, Tenn., and formerly of Cobden, died Sunday, March 8, 2020, at Fieldstone Place in Clarksville, Tenn.

She was born on Sunday, Jan. 30, 1927, the daughter of Meneva and Randall Parks.

She married Leon Sitter on July 7, 1946. They were happily married for 73 years until his death on July 5, 2019.

Mrs. Sitter is survived by her children, Steven Scott (Betina) Sitter of Clarksville, Tenn., and Melissa Ann (Mike) Mathews of Decatur; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be Saturday, March 14, from noon until the service time at the First Presbyterian Church of Cobden. Services will be at 1 p.m., with Dan Whitfield officiating. Interment will follow in the Cobden Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to First Presbyterian Church in Cobden.

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

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

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Sibyl Geraldine 'Jerry' Elkins

Sibyl Geraldine "Jerry" Elkins, 88, of Cobden, died Friday, March 6, 2020, at The Anchor of The Voyage Senior Living in Marion.

She was born on Nov. 21, 1931, in Paragould, Ark., the daughter of William Everett and Pearl Christina Smith Clayton.

She is survived by her children, Stanley (Marilyn) Elkins and Pamela Jean Graham, all of Anna; grandchildren Justin (Nicki) Graham of Tennessee, Shannon Graham of North Carolina, Sarah Elkins of Anna, and Jason (Jessica) Elkins of Dongola; great-grandchildren Jacob Graham, Logan Graham and Royce Thompson; siblings Jerrie Clayton, Vurtis (James) Duckworth, Louise (Art) Pender and Carolyn (William) Bird; a brother-in-law, Joseph Hankla; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; siblings Viola Hankla, Loretta (Dennis) Harris and Dennis Clayton; and a sister-in-law, Marie Clayton.

She was a kind and compassionate servant of the Lord. She had a love for people that was undeniable. If you were blessed enough to call Geraldine a friend or family, then you knew what unconditional love felt like. Her home never saw a stranger and you never left hungry.

She was a single mom who worked at the Cobden Basket Mill. She ran Jerry's Beauty Salon for decades, attained her food service license and worked at Union County Hospital.

Later she worked at Cobden School cafeteria and became a second mom to many generations of Appleknockers until retirement.

She had a reputation for cooking and her pies, cookies and Christmas candies were family favorites. Anyone who knew Geraldine will miss her signature phone greeting "Howdy-do how are you?" She was a true gift from God and we were all better for knowing her.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden, with the Rev. Randy Wright officiating. Interment was in Kelly Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Nazarene Missions International or to Hospice of Southern Illinois.

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

Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden was in charge of arrangements.

Jerry D. Powles Sr.

Jerry D. Powles Sr., 74, of Dongola, died Saturday, March 7, 2020, at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

He was born on July 27, 1945, in Waukegan, the son of Joseph Eli and Reba Jordan Powles.

He married Mary Kennedy on Aug. 23, 1985.

Mr. Powles worked for BFI (Browning-Ferris Industries) in the Chicago and Waukegan areas and retired from the Teamsters Union after 30 years of service. Later he worked part-time for ROE for 14 years.

He loved fishing and camping. He was a member of the Mill Creek Baptist Church.

Mr. Powles is survived by his wife, Mary Powles of Dongola; sons Jerry (Keli) Powles Jr. of Antioch, Tommy (Leticia) Powles of Columbia, S.C.; grandchildren Scotty Powles, Kyle Powles, Allyssa (Shane) Clapsaddle, Ashlen Powles and Addison Powles; a brother, Marvin (Sandra) Powles, and a sister, Joyce (Michael) Lynch, both of Dongola. He had a furry friend, Shay Shay.

Mr. Powles was preceded in death by his parents and by a sister, Jodean Johns.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, March 13, at Crain Funeral Home in Dongola.

Funeral services for Jerry Powles will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 14, at the funeral home, with Bob Richardson officiating. Interment will follow in St. John's Cemetery near Dongola.

Memorials can be made to the family and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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

Crain Funeral Home in Dongola is in charge of arrangements.

Obituaries Online at annanews.com

Card of Thanks

The family of Larry J. Webb Jr. would like to thank everyone for all your prayers, love and support during this difficult time for our family. Thank you to all of you that attended his service, sent flowers, memory stones, monetary gifts, and prepared the meal for after the service.

Lora, Adam, Jeannette, Tyler, Jenna, Kimber & Kaylor Webb

Larry Joe Webb Jr.



Larry Joe Webb Jr., 51, of Jonesboro, died Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at his home. He was born on June 1, 1968, in Chester, the son of Larry Webb Sr. and Kathy Smith.

He married Lora Mayberry on Oct. 11, 1986, in Anna.

Mr. Webb is survived by his wife, Lora; two sons, Adam (Jeannette) Webb and Tyler (Jenna) Webb; two granddaughters, Kimber and Kaylor Webb, all of Jonesboro; his mother, Kathy Smith of Cutler; his stepmother, Rhomane Webb of Ullin; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, David and Shelby Mayberry of Jonesboro; three brothers, Bobby Webb, Chris Webb and Clifford Melvin of Du Quoin; one sister, Betty Webb of Ponca City, Okla.; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his father and grandparents.

Mr. Webb worked at Dyno Nobel in Wolf Lake for the past 28 years. He enjoyed spending time with his granddaughters, hunting and playing music with his sons.

Funeral services for Larry Joe Webb Jr. were at noon Saturday, March 7, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with the Rev. Stephen Clardy and the Rev. Paul Mayberry officiating. Interment was in Valley Mission Cemetery.

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

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

Kenneth Leonard Dixon Sr.



Kenneth Leonard Dixon Sr., 61, of Dongola, died on Thursday, March 5, 2020.

He was born on Aug. 8, 1958, in Marion, the son of Sydney and Mary Lang Dixon.

He married Carrie Dublin on Aug. 8, 2008, in Jonesboro.

Mr. Dixon is survived by his wife, Carrie Dixon; children Kenneth L. Dixon Jr., Autumn Dixon, Brayden Coleman, he raised, Deliah Thompson, and was a father figure to many; grandchildren Kensey Dixon and Kenneth Dixon; siblings Floyd (Rebecca) Dixon, Carol (Tommy) Pierce and Jerry, Darrel and Elaine Bracken; his church family; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter and several siblings.

Mr. Dixon enjoyed fishing and hunting. He was very strong in his faith and loved going to church. He attended the Alto Pass Full Gospel Pentecostal Church and he was a witness of God to anyone and everyone he met. He was a welder fabricator, and worked for Unimin for 15 years. He also worked for the Anna Quarry.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at the Alto Pass Full Gospel Pentecostal Church, with the Rev. Billy Carter officiating. Friends can call from 1 p.m. until the service hour at 2 p.m.

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

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

Martin Hall



Martin Hall, 53, of Hammond, La., and formerly of Olmsted, died at home on Sunday, March 8, 2020.

Marty was born on June 23, 1966, in Taipei, Taiwan.

He was a generous person who never met a stranger. He worked as a tug boat pilot for many years prior to him becoming disabled due to diabetes. He overcame many health challenges in the last six years while maintaining a wonderful outlook and his dry wit.

He was a dedicated husband, father and pap-paw. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Kim Eddleman Hall; their two sons, Levi K. Hall and wife Brandy of Olmsted and Dylan S. Hall and his wife Megan of Anna; two granddaughters, Kellee Laminack (Sky Allen) of Dongola and Mallory Hall of Anna; two great-grandsons, Waylon Edwards and Caison Allen; a great-granddaughter, Felicity Allen of Dongola; a brother, Rommie L. Hall and his wife Tammy of Anna; nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jackie L. and Sara J. Hall of Olmsted; and his grandparents, Alma and Raymond Hall and Clarence and Ruby Bridges.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 14, at Crain Funeral Home in Ullin. Memorial services will follow at noon at the funeral home, with Larry Jordan officiating.

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

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

Cannabis health, safety information featured on website launched by state

The Illinois Department of Human Services, IDHS, has launched a statewide public awareness campaign and website that provide resources for health and safety information about legal cannabis use in Illinois.

The website, LetsTalkCannabisIL.com, includes key information about legal cannabis use, along with resources regarding use.

The website provides health information for specific audiences, including pregnant and breast-feeding women, adults, parents and teenagers.

A statewide social, digital and radio advertisement campaign will accompany

the website.

Downloadable fact sheets can be found on the site and can be shared by community partners or anyone interested in learning about safe and legal use.

The news of the website launch comes in conjunction with the recent legalization of non-medical cannabis for residents of Illinois who are 21 years and older.

Illinois is the first state to pass legislation around non-medical use of cannabis and has joined 10 other states in legalization.

The new law outlines specific guidelines regarding the possession and consumption of non-medical cannabis use.

“It is extremely important that everyone knows the health implications of using cannabis,” IDHS Secretary Grace B. Hou said in a news release.

“Our goal with the campaign is to provide clear and objective information to as many Illinois residents as we can. Because the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act built in funding for prevention and recovery services, IDHS will be able to expand awareness about safer use of cannabis and expand services for those with substance use disorders.”

IDHS Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery partnered with Prevention First, an Illinois based non-profit that provides substance use prevention services, and Rescue, an award-winning agency that has developed similar campaigns for California and Vermont and is well known for developing public awareness campaigns, to launch LetsTalkCannabisIL.com.

More than 75 students from six area high schools who have an interest in architecture were scheduled to be at Southern Illinois University Carbondale on Friday, March 6, for an Illinois Design Educators Association, IDEA, regional competition.

Students from Benton, Carbondale, Herrin, Marion, Vienna and Zeigler-Royalton were planning to compete.

This was the third year the SIU School of Architecture hosted the regional.

In addition to having a chance to compete locally, the event was an opportunity for students to see what the university’s architectural studies program has to offer.

SIU Carbondale was one of 15 regional IDEA sites in the state. The event included computer-based and drafting designs in various locations in the building, along with a team competition.

The top three finishers in each of the 10 events earned awards, with the top two finishers qualifying for state competition April 18 at Illinois State University.

Students also received tours of the SIU School of Architecture’s programs and facility.

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Vote Paul Jacobs

Republican Paul Jacobs is well known from his Optometry practice and his successful winery, Von Jakob in Alto Pass. He served in the Navy from 1965 to 1971. For the last 39 years, he has practiced Optometry in Carbondale. He and his wife Rhoda opened Von Jakob Vineyard in Alto Pass 22 years ago. They have four grown children and nine grandchildren.

Paul Jacobs is pro-life, pro-2nd Amendment and he will stand up for taxpayers by opposing jobs killing tax increases.

Paul is running to reform Illinois.



Paul Jacobs is committed to:

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- Draining the Springfield swamp by enacting meaningful ethics reforms
- Fixing Illinois’ pension crisis
- Opposing tax increases to protect working families
- Protecting our 2nd Amendment rights (Paul has an "A" rating from the NRA)
- Standing up for the rights of unborn children
- Supporting a Bill of Rights for taxpayers

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Standing up for Southern Illinois

Union County schools among those to be awarded Illinois Biodiversity Field Trip grants

More than 7,000 students will have opportunities to visit Illinois state parks, natural areas, museums and other natural resources sites this year to learn about nature and conservation thanks to grant funding through the Illinois Biodiversity Field Trip Grant Program.

Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, director Colleen Callahan announced more than \$96,000 in donated funds had been awarded for 120 field trip grants. Winners represented 31 counties in the state, including Union County.

The entire \$96,605.88 being awarded for 2020 was made possible by private donations from the Independence Tube Corporation of Bedford Park, the Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Foundation of Skokie and the D.F. and M.T. Grohne Family Foundation of Wilmington.

The donations and funding for the grants are coordinated by the Illinois Conservation Foundation, ICF.

The Illinois Biodiversity Field Trip Grant Program has now distributed more than \$1,287,000 and more than 117,000 students have been provided with the opportunity to take part in a field trip since the program's inception in 2001.

Grant recipients are located throughout Illinois

and represent students from pre-kindergarten through high school.

IDNR reported that the following grants were awarded to Union County schools:

Jonesboro Elementary School District No. 43, Jonesboro. Grade: 8. Destination: Illinois State Museum and Adams Wildlife Sanctuary, Springfield. Grant award: \$1,340.

Jonesboro Grade School, Jonesboro. Grade: kindergarten. Destination: Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge, Marion. Grant award: \$387.76.

Shawnee High School, Wolf Lake. Grades: 9-10. Destination: Henry Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands visitors center, Cypress. Grant award: \$398.68.

The competitive grant program allows Illinois teachers to apply for funds to take students on a field trip to study Illinois' natural resources.

Learning activities must directly relate to the school's curriculum.

The annual application deadline is Jan. 31. Funding administered by the ICF covers expenses such as the costs of transportation and substitute teachers.

For more information about the Illinois Biodiversity Field Trip Grant Program, contact the IDNR Division of Education at dnr.teachkids@illinois.gov or 217-524-4126.

Balanced Diet, Better Life

In a society obsessed with fad diets and Instagram "miracle" detox products, it can be difficult to identify foods that offer true nutritional value.

Approximately three-fourths of the population fails to eat the recommended amount of vegetables, fruits, dairy and oils, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

A balanced diet can help increase your energy levels, improve your mood and ward off chronic diseases, including obesity, heart disease and type 2 diabetes.

National Nutrition Month in March is a great reminder to concentrate on eating balanced meals that nourish your body and promote long-term health.

When it comes to weight loss, there is no lack of trendy diets promoting fast results. But many of these diets can be unhealthy and unsustainable. Studies show intermittent fasting, an eating plan that cycles between periods of fasting and eating, can give rise to orthorexia, an unhealthy obsession with clean eating.

The wildly popular keto diet, which involves drastically reducing carbohydrate intake and replacing it with fat to induce a metabolic, fat-burning state, can also have negative long-term effects.

Achieving and maintaining a healthy weight isn't about short-term dietary changes – it's about following an eating pattern that incorporates a variety of nutritious food and drinks, along with regular physical activity.

A balanced diet includes a combination of vegetables, fruits, grains, protein and dairy. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, half a person's plate should contain fruits and vegetables and the other half should be made up of grains and proteins. They recommend accompanying each meal with a serving of low-fat dairy, such as milk or yogurt.

To maintain good health and reduce your risk of disease, stock up on these nutrient-rich food and drinks: Almonds, Brazil nuts, lentils, oatmeal, wheat germ, broccoli, apples, kale, blueberries, avocados, sweet potatoes, salmon, chicken, eggs, milk and green tea.

While eating a clean diet is important, so, too, is moderation. It's important to remember following a healthy diet doesn't mean you have to set strict limitations or deprive yourself of your favorite foods. Having an occasional treat will not be harmful to your health if you're ensuring a regular and varied take of nutrients.

If you want to ensure you're getting proper nutrition from your diet, talk to your doctor about developing a healthy, well-balanced eating plan. For more information about scheduling an appointment, call 855-930-1365 or visit UnionCountyAnytime.com.

Editor's note: this article was shared by Courtney Ledbetter, who is a family practice provider at Union County Hospital's Convenient Care Clinic in Anna.

Dongola Unit School District #66 is advertising to fill the following position:

Jr. High/High School Social Studies Teacher

The successful candidate will teach Social Studies in the junior high and high school setting. Please send letter of interest, resume and three references to:

Dr. Paige Helm Maginel, Superintendent
Dongola Unit School #66
P.O. Box 190
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Deadline for application submission is April 15, 2020.

Dongola Unit School District #66 is an equal opportunity employer.



Mallards on a sunny afternoon

A pair of mallard ducks were making their way across a pond in Union County on a recent sunny March afternoon.

DAR chapter meeting held at Anna library

By Dixie Terry

The Daniel Chapman Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution met Monday, Feb. 10, at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna.

Greeters were Lee Hackney and Susan Whitemountain.

The meeting was called to order by regent Doda Starkey.

A welcome service was held for new member Dr. Wanda Honey.

The president general's message was given by Julia Mowery.

The national defense report was given by Lee Hackney for Bonnie Hogue.

Officers' reports were presented. Regent Starkey reported on the events she

had participated in since the chapter's December meeting.

The chapter accumulated 7,555 volunteer hours for 2019.

Linda Hileman gave a chaplain's report for Carol Palmer. The report included an update about thinking of you, sympathy, birthday and congratulatory cards which had been sent.

The December minutes were read by regent Starkey for Cara Webb. The treasurer's report was given by Susan Whitemountain.

Registrar Loudene Lemme reported there are 13 active cases and three supplements being reviewed.

Committee Reports

Sandy Boaz provided an

American Indian Minute about the Trail of Tears.

Martha Schwegman talked about the decline of the great horned owl in the conservation report.

Julia Mowery reported about Project Patriot. Packages were shipped overseas to military personnel. The plan is for this to be an ongoing project.

Loudene Lemme, Virginia Street and Doda Starkey will be voting delegates for the Illinois State DAR conference.

A presentation about changes in the chapter by-laws were presented, discussed, and a motion was made and passed to make the changes.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, members

and guests went to the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna for an annual bingo/Valentine party. The veterans won cash prizes donated by Lee Hackney. Refreshments were served during bingo. Hostesses were Julia Mowery and Sandy Boaz.

Members present were Sandy Boaz, Linda Hileman, Lee Hackney, Susan Whitemountain, Carolyn Tripp, Anna. Jeanne Boglino, Alice Thodoropoulos, Golconda. Loudene Lemme, Virginia Street, Doda Starkey, Vienna. Martha Schwegman, Metropolis. Marilyn Meisenheimer, Lillian Milam, Jonesboro. Julia Mowery, Buncombe. Susan Harvel, Tamms. Emily Boyd-Meyer, Cobden. Guests were Heather Carey and Janet Hunter.



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Section B

WIBH Radio New Coats, New Hope Campaign has another successful year



Coats purchased through the 2019 WIBH New Coats, New Hope Campaign arrived at Postal Pal in Anna in December. Since the campaign began in 2011, the local business has covered the cost of shipping, which allows for 100 percent of the donations raised to be used only for the purchase of coats. This year, over 300 coats were purchased. The coats have been delivered to agencies throughout the area and are ready for distribution. In the picture is Allison Hammer of Postal Pal. Postal Pal owners Wade and Idegal Dover could not be present for the picture. Coats are available while supplies last by calling WIBH at 833-9424.

Each year, more and more families are turning to local agencies for warm coats for their kids. In its continued response to this need, WIBH Radio in Anna held its ninth annual New Coats, New Hope Campaign this winter.

Since 2011, WIBH Radio in Anna has partnered with local agencies and businesses to hold its campaign. The campaign is a fund-raising effort presented by WIBH and Operation Warm, a 501c3 charitable organization that provides new, winter coats to children in need throughout the United States.

New Coats, New Hope's purpose is to provide new coats to children ages 3 to 16 living in the lower 45 counties of Illinois.

Over \$5,900 was raised in 2019, and with additional monies from the shipping donation by Postal Pal, the campaign purchased 306 coats. Over the past nine years, more than \$37,000 was raised and 2,100 coats were purchased.

Donations came from all over the country, with the majority received from Southern Illinois. Donors could sponsor a coat for \$20, or give any monetary amount they wished. The shipping of the coats was provided by Postal Pal in Anna. As a result, 100 percent of all donations were used to buy the coats and also allowed for more coats to be ordered.

The coats purchased through this year's campaign will be distributed to kids affected by abuse, neglect, disaster and family need through the Children's Medical & Mental Health Resource Network, CMMHRN, in Anna, Southern Seven Head Start and the Family Counseling Center in Vienna. There is no paperwork to fill out or proof of income required to receive a coat.

"We want to thank Postal Pal for donating the shipping costs which allowed us to purchase 18 additional coats this year," said Moury Bass, co-owner of WIBH Radio.



With the help of Shawnee Mass Transit District, SMTD, in Vienna, WIBH Radio in Anna recently delivered over 300 coats to agencies throughout Southern Illinois. From left are Mike Pietrowski and Ron Gorst of SMTD, Moury Bass and Nancy Bass of WIBH. Money raised through the ninth annual WIBH New Coats, New Hope Campaign purchased the coats. Photos provided.



Shawnee Mass Transit District, SMTD, in Vienna recently helped WIBH Radio in Anna deliver coats purchased through the WIBH New Coats, New Hope Campaign to agencies throughout Southern Illinois, including Family Counseling Center, FCC, in Vienna. From left are Mike Pietrowski and Ron Gorst of SMTD; Nicole Colvin, Kerie Moore, Stephanie Harner and Sherrie Crabb of FCC; and Nancy Bass of WIBH. Coats are available at Family Counseling Center while supplies last.

"We also want to thank Shawnee Mass Transit for their assistance in delivering the coats and Children's Medical and Mental Health Resource Network, Southern Seven Head Start, and Family Counseling Center in Vienna for partnering with us in the distribution of the coats. We want to thank Shawna Rhine for her continued support with this campaign. Finally, our thanks go out to all of our listeners for their very generous support of the New Coats, New Hope Campaign."


To request a coat for a child in need, contact Moury Bass at WIBH at 833-9424 or Shawna Rhine at Southern Seven Health Department and Head Start at 618-634-2297, extension 9161. To learn more about Operation Warm, visit operationwarm.org.



The 2019 WIBH New Coats, New Hope Campaign donated over 300 coats to children living in Southern Illinois, including those served by the Children's Medical and Mental Health Resource Network, CMMHRN. Moury Bass, WIBH co-owner, presented Elaina Spalt with the CMMHRN with several boxes full of coats in various sizes. Coats are available at the CMMHRN while supplies last.



With the help of Shawnee Mass Transit District in Vienna, WIBH recently delivered several boxes of coats in various sizes to Southern Seven Head Start. From left are Ron Gorst, SMTD; Dona Middleton and Karen Moss of Head Start; Nancy Bass of WIBH; Sharity Gaddis and Julia Veach of Head Start; and Mike Pietrowski of SMTD. Coats are available at Head Start while supplies last.



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News from

Anna Nazarene Church

For the Sunday morning worship service, Pastor Randy Wright and the worship team led the congregation in worship.

Ushers for the morning worship service were Matt Macy, T.J. Macy, Jason Elkins and Terry Wiseman Sr.

Special music was brought by Harley and Madison Schnaare.

The morning message, "Being Confident," was brought by Pastor Wright.

For the Sunday evening worship service, Pastor Wright and the worship team led the congregation in worship.

Ushers for the evening worship service were Terry Wiseman Sr., Noah Wiseman, Dorris Johnson and Jason Elkins.

Special music was brought by Curt Lyerla.

The evening message, "Dedicate Yourself to Prayer," was brought by Pastor Wright.

The church's prayers and sympathy are extended to the Elkins family in the loss of their loved one, Geraldine

Elkins. Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden, with Pastor Randy Wright officiating.

Birthdays: Jason Cook, March 13; Beryl Clayton, Herman Wells, March 14.

Anniversary: Terry and Wendy Wiseman, March 14. A Memorial Roll certificate presentation for the family of Judy Theis is planned during the morning worship service on Sunday, March 15.

A missionary service with guest speaker Joanne Blakley is planned at 6 p.m. on March 15.

A missionary zone rally is planned March 24 at 7 p.m. at the Du Quoin Church of the Nazarene.

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

Quizzing is at 5 p.m. on Sunday for children in grades 1 through 6. Youth services and quizzing are at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, March 8, Pastor Perry Williams brought the message in both services. Dee Rose led worship.

Kacey Shipley and Molly Williams provided special music at the morning service.

Women on Mission plan to meet at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, today.

Birthdays: Debbie York, March 13; Richard Tucker, Donald Schlenker Sr., March 15.

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

Dig-In Children's Ministry for children from 3 years of age through 6th grade is planned from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday.

Youth meet from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday.

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

Hess News

Justin McClellan, our grandson, and wife Loni live in Nashville, Tenn. They live west of the damaged area. Her chiropractic office was closer and was without electricity until Friday night.

They have been helping with the cleanup in their old neighborhood, which had damage.

Her parents, grandparents, aunt and uncle stopped for a meal on the way home from Florida going to Wis-

By Glenn Heisner
consin.

Upward basketball at Anna Heights ended Saturday. I believe that to be a great program for the kids and community.

Young at Heart is planned March 17 at Anna Heights.

Carol Duke will have a birthday March 27.

Glenna and Allen Harris had a wedding anniversary March 9. Gary and Sue Hoskins' anniversary is March 14.

Fort Massac State Park plans to have 'Artifact Day'

An "Artifact Day" is planned Saturday, March 14, at Fort Massac State Park in Metropolis.

The event is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. "Artifact Day" is sponsored by the Kincaid Mounds Support Organization, KMSO.

The day will offer an opportunity to view and discuss relics from the past.

Collections which are scheduled to be on display include Archaic, Woodland and Mississippian artifacts from KMSO members and other area collectors.

For those who have found artifacts and want to learn more about them, archaeologists and collectors are scheduled to be available to identify pieces.

Guest speaker Dr. Brian M. Butler is scheduled to

present a program at 1:30 p.m.

Butler's presentation is titled "Citadels of Ritual and Power in Prehistoric Southern Illinois."

The talk will compare the principal settlements and their social and ritual importance of the Late Woodland and Mississippian periods.

His talk will include Cypress Citadel and Kincaid Mounds.

Butler is from the Center for Archaeological Investigations at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, emeritus.

No registration is required to attend the program. For more information, contact the visitors center at Fort Massac State Park, phone 618-524-4712.

Cobden Elementary School recognizes readers

Cobden Elementary School has recognized students who reached their goals during February in the schoolwide Accelerated Reading program. Students read books and then took comprehension tests on a computer to achieve their points. Photos provided.



50 Point Club: In the first row are Maddex Raganyi, Kate Mason, Parker Fisher, Nathan Brumleve and Cooper Duckworth. In the second row are Luke Staley, Henry Pearson, Naomi Stone, Annabelle Kruse, Natalia Godinez, Annaleigh Kaszubski, Scarlett Bergseth and Thaniel Sheridan.



250 Point Club: Asher Miller, Tyler Shoemate and Madge Stevens.



100 Point Club: Jesse Miller.



25 Point Club: In the first row are Odin Potts, Jose Carmona, Willow Potts, Noah Deschamps, Reid Rumpfelt, Parker McCann, Chasidy Richardson and Lillian Scott. In the second row are Mason Oliphant, Daniel Amezcuita, Matthew Clover, Kennedy Laminack, Leo Guijon, Logan Reiman and Jacey Marks-Silliman. Ethan Marks could not be present for the picture.

Preliminary total: more than \$1.6 million in gifts for SIUC Day of Giving

The preliminary total raised through Southern Illinois University Carbondale's fourth Day of Giving on March 4 reached more than \$1.6 million.

The total reflects more than 2,441 individual gifts from 43 states and 10 countries.

SIUC chancellor John M. Dunn thanked donors for continued growth in support through the annual Day of Giving, from \$340,000 in 2017 to more than \$1 million in 2020. Last year, donors contributed \$910,000 through the Day of Giving.

"The annual growth in contributions is another signal of confidence in the university's momentum," he said. "As we near the

end of our 150th year, donors are positioning SIUC for the next 150."

Dunn added that ultimately, the Day of Giving is not about the number.

"It's about impact," he said. "Every gift made will help a student, support a program or contribute to the greater community through the arts, athletics and service. We are deeply grateful to everyone who gave."

The theme of this year's Day of Giving was "1 Vision. 24 Hours." Between 6 a.m. March 4 and 5:59 a.m. March 5, donors visited siuday.siu.edu to support more than 150 programs, initiatives and scholarships.

The numbers were not final as of Thursday,

March 5, said Rae Goldsmith, chief executive officer of the SIUC Foundation.

"The immediate totals include gifts made online," she said. "The numbers will grow as we count gifts made in person, by phone and by mail in the days ahead."

The Day of Giving includes a friendly competition for traveling trophies recognizing academic and non-academic units raising the most funds or attracting the most individual gifts.

The College of Liberal Arts received more than \$197,960, making it the academic unit that raised the most funds.

The School of Medicine had the highest number of individual gifts for an

academic unit at 285.

Among non-academic programs, Saluki Athletics received the most in total donations at \$139,301.

The Balancing Education, Experience and Reality Scholarship supported by the Carbondale '80s & '90s Facebook group received 815 individual gifts, earned the trophy for the most gifts raised by a non-academic unit.

"Every gift of any size makes a difference," Goldsmith said. "The Day of Giving demonstrates the power of community and philanthropy."

She added that all gifts to the Day of Giving also support the foundation's current \$200 million Forever SIUC campaign for the university.

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When Abram prostrated himself, God spoke to him: "My covenant with you is this: you are to become the father of a host of nations. No longer shall you be called Abram; your name shall be Abraham, for I am making you the father of a host of nations. I will render you exceedingly fertile; I will make nations of you; kings shall stem from you. I will maintain my covenant with you and your descendants after you throughout the ages as an everlasting pact, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. I will give to you and to your descendants after you the land in which you are now staying, the whole land of Canaan, as a permanent possession; and I will be their God." God also said to Abraham: "On your part, you and your descendants after you must keep my covenant throughout the ages." From the Book of Genesis

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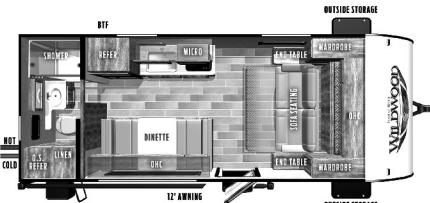
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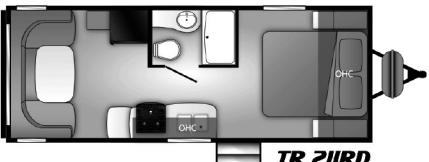
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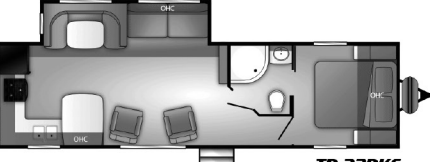


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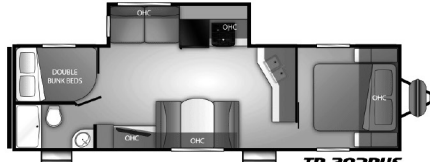
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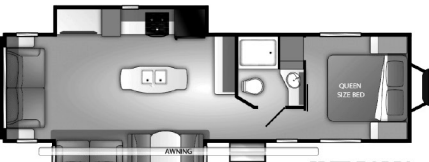
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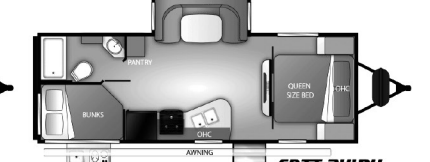


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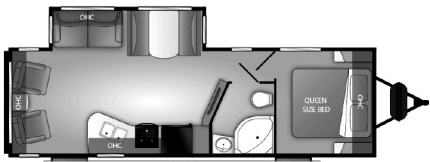
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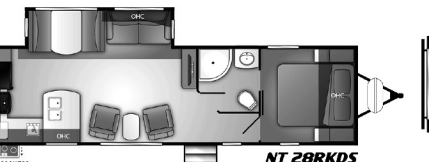
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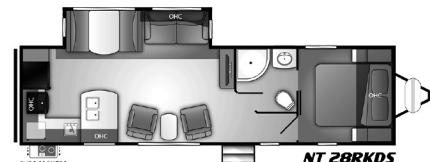
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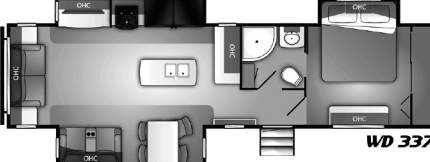


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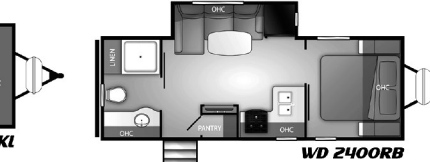
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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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Bye Bye Birdie

Students at A-JCHS are working hard on the musical Bye Bye Birdie they will perform this weekend Friday, March 13, and Saturday, March 14, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, March 15, at 2 p.m.

Band, Chorus Fish Fry

The Anna Kiwanis fish fry to benefit the A-JCHS band and chorus will be Saturday, March 14, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Kiwanis building at the Anna City Park. Meal \$10. There will be baked goods also to buy.

After the dinner go to A-JCHS for the musical Bye Bye Birdie at 7 p.m.

Reminder

Happy St. Patrick's Day and don't forget to vote.

Guests

Guests of Gaylon and Clara Cates are Joan and Bob Hernandez from Elwood.

41st Birthday

Kathy and Randy Wheaton visited their son Jeremy Wheaton on his 41st birthday Feb. 26.

Kathy said it was a much nicer day than when he was born. It was a blizzard that day and they had to follow the snow plow to Murphysboro and it took them three and one half hours to get to St. Joseph Hospital.

Welcome

Ethan and Xoua Rains have moved back to Union County from Minnesota. They are excited about their new home they are building and are living with their parents Jim and Peggy Rains while building it.

Trip

Lillian Milam has returned from a trip to Florida.

8th Birthday

Randy and Kathy Wheaton's grandson Kye Wheaton celebrated his 8th birthday on Feb. 27. He lives in Oklahoma.

Kathy said it was wonderful getting to talk with him on his birthday. He was enjoying eating pizza when they called him.

Anna VFW

Thursday, today, the Auxiliary will have a monthly meeting at 6 p.m. The post will have its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Nominations will be made for officers for next year.

PAST

The PAST organization of Union County will host its annual soup/chili supper and dessert auction Friday evening, March 13, at historic St. Anne's Church in Anna. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person. Walk-ins are welcome.

Donations for the auction are welcome; however, it is asked that no cream desserts are donated.

Parking available at nearby Stinson Memorial Library, half a block away. The supper and auction help

support the upkeep of the local landmark.

40th Anniversary

Mike and Tracey Bost celebrated their anniversary Saturday.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Sympathy to the family of Peggy Walter long time member of the church since 1946. Her funeral will be April 6 at 1 p.m., with visitation from 11 a.m. to funeral time.

The city flag her husband Adolph Walter III designed in a contest he won the year of the sesquicentennial sponsored by the Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club will fly March 23 in his honor and memory at Anna City Hall the day of the district women's club convention.

Sympathy to Dr. Charles Halterman in the death of his sister Ruth, who was a Methodist minister for many years.

Prayers were said for Elizabeth Corbit and all those who are sick.

Dean Corbit welcomed everyone and opened with prayer. Bringing in the light were Ayla and Owen Corbit.

Call to worship was by Thomas Corbit. Piano solo "Distant Bells" was by Ava Boreup.

Children's time with Rev. David Reynolds was Keep on Forgiving.

The ladies special music was "My only Hope is You" with solo by Amanda Boreup directed by Carla Anderson. Carla Anderson also played the organ.

Rev. David Reynolds' sermon was The Power That Doesn't Falter with scripture from Luke.

The sermon series Pastor Dave is sharing this Lenten Season covers the Seven Last Words of Christ.

During his first year in his first pastorate at Marissa during Lent of 1974, Pastor Dave was part of the Marissa Ministerial Alliance which used the dramas titled Cross Word as the introduction to each of the sermons the various pastors would preach on one of the Seven Last Words during the 1974 Lenten season.

Pastor Dave appreciates everyone who has already been an actor or will be in these reader's theatre staging of these plays during our 2020 Lenten series at Anna United Methodist Church.

Today's cast for The Power That Doesn't Falter included Darryl Parks, Bonnie Sullivan, Amanda Boreup, Terry Riley and Troy Wiseman. They learned to love others even if they were not like they were.

Rev. Dave's sermon was on when Jesus died on the cross he told the robber hanging on the cross with him that believed he was



Bye Bye Birdie cast and crew for the musical at A-JCHS Friday, March 13, 7 p.m.; Saturday, March 14, 7 p.m.; Sunday, March 15, 2 p.m.

the son of God that today he would see him in his fathers kingdom to live with him forever.

Friday is game night at 6 p.m. in the Family Fellowship Hall.

Women's Club

GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club met at Sunshine Inn at Goddard's Barn and Grill last Monday.

Guest speaker was retired school nurse Beth Hileman who spoke about ways to help to have a healthy heart and also told about her and her husband's retirement life and family and their business in conversation.

Club president Jane Bauer opened the meeting with everyone standing and saying the pledge of alliance to the American flag and the club collect. Jane also gave the devotion on St. Patrick.

Suzie Kessler read the secretary's report and the treasurer's report.

Kay Johnson gave current events. Most important was to fill out your census so Union County will have the right count of how many people live here so we will receive money from our government we are entitled to for our community for programs we need to help with roads, clinics, school and other things.

Those present were Barbara Bauer, Martha Schwegman and Martha Ann Webb.

Plans were talked about for the District 25 convention that will be at The Kitchen on Lateyette Street Monday, March 23.

There will be several state representatives visiting our city and staying at the Davie School Inn. Also district representatives will be in Anna that day.

Please drive by and look at the city flag at Anna City Hall March 23 that will fly in honor of Adolph Walter III, who designed a city flag in a contest the women's club sponsored and he won first place for the sesquicentennial year.

The next meeting will be April 6 2 p.m. at Shawnee Community College. The speaker will be from the Children's Medical Resources Network.

Masons

Freemasons from recently merged lodges Anna 520 and Jonesboro 111 along with representatives from other Southern Illinois



Bye Bye Birdie crew for the musical that will be performed at A-JCHS Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.



Emma Kay, 2-year-old Husky mix dog belonging to Jericha Carter, is missing. Last seen on Lick Creek Road/Trinity Cemetery. If you see Emma please call 618-697-2145. She is micro chipped, tagged and should be wearing a blue collar.



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Barbara File and her daughter Brenda Allen enjoyed the Lincoln Day dinner at Giant City Lodge Saturday evening.

lodges, and the RW Assistant Area Deputy Grand Master brother Gene F. Horn had the honor of visiting long time member Brother Carl L. Fox, a former resident of Anna, at the Parkview Rehabilitation Center in Paducah.

Brother Fox, who entered the Anna lodge in 1952, and who just celebrated his 105th birthday, was honored with a card, and presented with a Masonic pin by WM Rollie Matlock of the Anna-Jonesboro Lodge 111 for his 67 years of membership in the fraternity.

Others visiting were Doug Sauerbrunn, Ron Shepard, James Matlock, Gary Hill, Allen Lang, David Bently, Dale Wood and John Russell.

Bald Knob Cross

Cross of Peace needs additional volunteers. For more information, contact Teresa at 618-713-8516 or email at director@baldknobcross.com.

The Easter sunrise service is planned at 6:15 a.m. Sunday, April 12. Speaker Chris Lawrence, college pastor from Hardin Baptist Church, Hardin, Ky. Musicians Paul, Eden and Keela Kaszubski from Cobden.

The 28th annual Blessing of the Bikes is planned Sunday, April 26, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a brief service at noon. Sponsored by the Lord's Paheee chapter

of the Christian Motorcyclists Association. Contact 618-713-8516 director@baldknobcross.com. They now have an 8 by 8 inscribed biker paver brick. Order yours by March 15 and it will be laid before the Blessing of the Bikes.

Congratulations to the welcome center business card winner Stewart Appliance from Anna.

The new flooring project at the welcome center is complete. Teresa says a huge thank you to everyone who donated to this project.

On behalf of Bald Knob Cross of Peace, Jeep N Shawnee, Living the Jeep Life for Christ group along with Absher Arnold Jeep in Marion invite everyone to the inaugural Blessing of the Jeeps in Alto Pass on Saturday, May 9. The first blessing will be at 9:30 a.m. with the second being

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Martha Schwegman, Martha Ann Webb, Barbara House, Beth Hileman, Jane Bauer, Susie Kessler, not pictured Kay Johnson met at Sunshine Inn at Goddard's Barn and Grill for their women's club meeting last Monday.



Janna Harner, Miss Southern Illinois, spoke to over 200 students at Egyptian School District to encourage them to believe in the power of their voices. She wants them to know that when they speak and what they say is important because they are important. She also talked about the Miss Illinois organization, Miss America.



Picture of Jeff and Freddie Garrott at the side of their store Sunday, July 4, 1954, Anna Centennial. Picture from the scrap book of Betty Garrott, mother of Fred Garrott.

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Red Hat Ladies
The Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies are scheduled to meet at Wok and Roll in Anna for their March meeting Wednesday, the 18th, at 11 a.m. Hosted by Kathy Milam and family. They were to wear green in honor of St. Patrick.

Early Voting
You can vote at the Union County Courthouse. Election Day is March 17, which also is

St. Patrick's Day. **How Does the 2020 Census Affect Representation?**

An accurate count will determine how many seats your state will get in the U.S. House of Representatives. This representation is based off your state's population.

An accurate count of your community helps inform how hundreds of billions of dollars might get used each year for

public services like clinics, schools, public transit, and hundreds of programs.

Prevention Program

May 11 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. some stores in downtown Anna will be open later for an event hosted by the Fellowship House Prevention Program and the Youth Advisory Committees at Anna Junior High and Anna-Jonesboro Community High Schools.

The events are free. You

can paint a rock at Davis Pastry Shop. There will be a hula hoop contest and face painting at KiKi's Coffee House. A drawing at Jordo's Pizza. National Prevention week is May 10-16.

Military Prayer List

Alex Gratz, Lukas W. Davis, Reagan Morrison, Garrett Goins, James McWhorter, Jennifer Ann Bishop, Arin Whitemountain, Katelynn Williams, Lindsey Keene, Jacob

Schaefer, Jerod Schaefer, Creighton Laster, Josh Steveson, Josh Williams, Jim Bonner, Nick Harvel, Nona Elizabeth Luke, Lucas J. Strickland, William Nathaniel Frankell, Ethan Maze, Tanner Anderson, Hayden Young, Kiefer Stull, Davis Jordan Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittan Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, C.J. Youngerman, Freddy Morse.

Anna Heights Baptist

Church
The Young at Heart group potluck will be on Tuesday, March 17, at 11 am. in the Family Life Center gym.

Love packages Mission Trip is April 3-4 in Butler. Momma Lou's Crafters will be meeting March 26. The project is a wooden picture block.

New Life Touch picture directory sign up can be done at the church. Picture dates are April 16-18.

Television Listings

THURSDAY MARCH 12, 2020											
TIME	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	(5:45) The New Pope	"Funny Farm" ('88)	(5:25) "Mile 22" ('18)
7 PM	Station 19 (HD)	Young Unicorn	Man (HD)	Superstore		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	BUNCK'D	"Yesterday" ('19) The Beatles band. (HD)	"Night School" ('18) GED adult class. (HD)	Homeland (HD)
8 PM	Grey's Anatomy (HD)	(01) Mom Carol's	Deputy Trigger fight.	Will (HD)	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven			"Charlie Says" ('19, Drama) Killers learn. (HD)
9 PM	A Million Little Things	Tommy (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Law & Order: SVU		Bang (HD)	The Sinner "Part VI"	Coop & Cam	Curb Your	(5:55) "Shanghai Knights" ('03)	
10 PM	Local	Local		Local		Conan	(03) Chicago P.D.	Unsittable	(3:55) McMillan\$ (HD)		DESUS &
11 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(3:55) Late Show (HD)		(3:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter with Scott (HD)	Brooklyn	Hot Ones	Just Roll	Avenue 5	(5:0) Strike Back (HD)	Cartoon
	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night		Conan	Chicago P.D. "Politics"	Jessie	"Women of Troy"	"Ocean's 8"	DESUS & The Circus

FRIDAY MARCH 13, 2020											
TIME	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Hot Ones	SVU (HD)	"Zombies 2" ('20)	(05) The Outsider	"I, Robot"	(5:50) "Real Steel" ('11) Robot boxing. (HD)
7 PM	Shark Tank (HD)	MacGyver (HD)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live) (HD)	Lincoln Crime cases.		"Identity Thief" ('13) Jason Bateman. Stolen identity. (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	BUNCK'D	"Unbreakable" ('00) Man's new powers. (HD)	"First Man" ('18) First human to reach the moon.	The Trade (HD)
8 PM	(01) 20/20 Investigative news. (HD)	Hawaii Five-0 (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Dateline NBC Investigative news. (HD)	College Basketball "ACC Tournament: Semifinal Game 2"		★★★ "Ted" ('12, Comedy) Living teddy bear. (R)	Owl House			
9 PM	Local	Local		Local		★★★ "Ted" ('12, Comedy) Living teddy bear. (R)	Family	Disney Fam	Real Time Maher (HD)	Strike	ShoBox: The New Generation (Live) (HD)
10 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(3:55) Late Show (HD)		(3:55) Tonight (HD)	Sports		Family	Disney Fam	High Maint	(5:0) Strike Back (HD)	
11 PM	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	ELEAGUE (HD)	Family	Owl House	Real Time Maher (HD)	"Jurassic World: Fallen" ('18)	
							Family	Jessie	High Maint		

SATURDAY MARCH 14, 2020											
TIME	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball "Teams TBD"	Local Programs	College Basketball	"Identity Thief" ('13)	"Doctor"	Raven	"Fast Five" ('11) (HD)	Strike	"The Upside" (HD)
7 PM	NBA: Jump	NCIS: L. A. (HD)	Postgame	To Be Announced	GameDay	Bang (HD)	(08, Action) An arms dealer becomes a superhero.	Raven	"Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw" ('19) (HD)	"The Sitter" ('18) Night of adventure.	Unlikely chemistry.
8 PM	Golden State vs Milwaukee (Live) (HD)	48 Hours (HD)	Lego Masters (HD)	Dateline NBC (HD)	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)		Big City		"Poms" ('19) Senior cheerleaders.	
9 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	Sat. Night Live (HD)	Top Rank Boxing (Live)	Bang (HD)	"Iron Man" ('08) Cybernetic hero.	Big City	Owl House	(1:15) "Black Knight" ('01) Man travels in time.	More Funny (HD)
10 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Beat Shazam (HD)	Local		Frontal		Big City	Owl House	Strike	Kidding
11 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.	Grid (HD)	Miracle	Chrisley Knows Best	Owl House	(3:55) The Outsider	(4:45) "The Dead Don't Die" ('19)	Kidding
						"50 First Dates" ('04)		Jessie	"Hobbs"		(1:10) Homeland (HD)

SUNDAY MARCH 15, 2020											
TIME	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Home Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	Simpsons	The Wall (HD)	Bracketology (Live) (HD)	"Get Hard" ('15) (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	BUNCK'D	(5:35) "Fast & Furious Presents" ('19) (HD)	(4:50) "Die Hard" ('95)	Black Mon.
7 PM	American Idol '305 (Auditions) (HD)	God Friended Me	Simpsons	Little Big Shots (HD)	GameDay	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	"Bad Times at the El Royale" ('18) Man travels in time.	"Bad Times at the El Royale" ('18) Man travels in time.	Black Mon.
8 PM	Golden State vs Milwaukee (Live) (HD)	48 Hours (HD)	Lego Masters (HD)	Dateline NBC (HD)	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Disney Fam	Westworld (HD)	"Ocean's 8" ('18) Jewelry heist.	Cartoon
9 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	Sat. Night Live (HD)	Top Rank Boxing (Live)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Disney Fam	Avenue 5	"Cowboys & Aliens"	Black Mon.
10 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Beat Shazam (HD)	Local		Frontal		Disney Fam	Olive	(1:18) "Jewelry heist."	Black Mon.
11 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.	SportsCenter with Scott (HD)	Miracle	Chrisley Knows Best	Owl House	(3:55) The Outsider		Black Mon.
	(3:55) Local					"50 First Dates" ('04)		Jessie	"Hobbs"		Black Mon.

MONDAY MARCH 16, 2020											
TIME	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	NCAA Women's (Live)	Fam Guy	Family	Raven	(5:40) "Godzilla: King of the Monsters" ('19)	(1:10) Strike Back (HD)	Homeland (HD)
7 PM	American Idol (HD)	Neighbor.	9-1-1 "Seize the Day"	America's Got Talent: The Talent showcase.	NBA Basketball Golden State vs Toronto (Live) (HD)	Fam Guy	Family	BUNCK'D		Strike	Black Mon.
8 PM	Local Programs	All Rise (HD)	(01) Prodigal Son		NBA Basketball Dallas vs Los Angeles (Live) (HD)	Fam Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	Disney Fam	Westworld (HD)	"War Dogs" ('16) Over their heads. (HD)	Black Mon.
9 PM	The Good Doctor	Bull (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	(01) Manifest (HD)		Fam Guy		Disney Fam	Avenue 5	"Ocean's 8" ('18) Jewelry heist.	Black Mon.
10 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local		Dad (HD)		Disney Fam	Coop & Cam	(4:45) "In-carnate" ('16) Evil spirit.	Black Mon.
11 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(3:55) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(3:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan	Briarpatch Lights out.	Disney Fam	Just Roll	Plot Against (HD)	Black Mon.
	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan	Family	Disney Fam	Jessie	My Brilliant Friend	DESUS & Black Mon.
						Seinfeld	Family	Jessie	My Brilliant Friend	"Shanghai Knights"	DESUS & Cartoon
						Conan	Family	Jessie			

TUESDAY MARCH 17, 2020											
TIME	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	2020 NIT Basketball Tour "First Round"	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	"Mr. & Mrs. Smith"	(5:20) ★★★ "Stay" ('05)	Homeland (HD)
7 PM	Connors	NCIS "Into the Light"	The Resident (HD)	Games (HD)		Bang (HD)	Supersized (HD)	BUNCK'D	Westworld (HD)	"Halloween" ('18) Masked killer.	"Green Book" ('18, Drama) South tour. (HD)
8 PM	Mixed Mess	FBI "Crossroads" (HD)	Empire Move forward.	This Is Us (HD)	2020 NIT Basketball Tour "First Round"	Bang (HD)		Disney Fam	(1:15) "John Wick: Chapter 3 - Parabellum" ('19, Action)	"The Dead Don't Die" ('19) The dead rise. (R)	Black Mon.
9 PM	For Life "Witness"	FBI: Most Wanted	Local Programs Local info.	(01) New Amsterdam		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Just Roll	Coop & Cam	(4:45) "Den of Thieves" ('18) \$30 million heist.	Black Mon.
10 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local		Miracle		Just Roll	Unsittable	(2:5) Plot Against (HD)	Black Mon.
11 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(3:55) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(3:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan	Law & Order: SVU	Just Roll	Unsittable	(2:5) Plot Against (HD)	Black Mon.
	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	New Girl	The Biggest Loser	Jessie	Avenue 5	"Daylight"	Black Mon.
						Conan		Jessie			

WEDNESDAY MARCH 18, 2020											
TIME	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Stephen A	Bang (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Raven	Plot Against (HD)	★★★ "Bad Times" ('18)	(4:45) "Enemies" ('19)
7 PM	Goldbergs	Survivor (HD)	The Masked Singer	Chicago Med (HD)	NBA Basketball Golden State vs Indiana (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	WWE NXT (HD)	BUNCK'D	"Fight Club" ('99, Thriller) Secret fights. (HD)	★★ "Congo" Troubled expedition.	"Serpico" ('73, Drama) Police corruption. (HD)
8 PM	Family	(01) SEAL Team (HD)	(01) Lego Masters	Chicago Fire (HD)		Bang (HD)		Sydney		"Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom" Saving dinosaurs.	"American History X" Escaping the past. (R)
9 PM	Housewife	S.W.A.T. (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Chicago P.D. (HD)	NBA Basketball Utah Jazz at Los Angeles Lakers (Live)	Bang (HD)	(05) "Friday" ('95, Comedy) Los Angeles life.	Just Roll	Westworld Android in Old West.	Curb Your	
10 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local		Frontal		Sydney	Avenue 5	(4:45) "Ocean's 8" ('18) (HD)	"Charlie Says" ('19)
11 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(3:55) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(3:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan	Family	Just Roll	Brilliant		
	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SC (HD)	Conan	Family	Jessie			

THURSDAY	
7:00pm	MAX Night School ★★★ (2018, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Tiffany Haddish. When a high-school dropout finds himself unemployed and in debt, he meets a group of misfits set on doing everything to pass their GED exam. PG-13 (HD)
8:01pm	CBS Mom A newly sober single mom is trying her best to be a good mother and overcome a history of questionable choices and pitfalls in Napa Valley. TV14 (HD)

FRIDAY	
7:00pm	HBO Unbreakable ★★★ (2000, Drama) Bruce Willis, Samuel L. Jackson. The sole survivor of a horrific train wreck slowly begins to uncover information about his extraordinary abilities with the help of an enigmatic stranger. PG-13 (HD)
8:00pm	SHOW The Trade Magda and her brother-in-law attempt to jump onto a cargo train that will take them to the U.S. border; a Mexican family mourns the death of their son. TVMA (HD)

SATURDAY	
7:25pm	DISN Big City Greens "Swimming Fool; Tilly's Goat" Cricket is challenged to a high-dive jump when his family goes to an indoor pool; Tilly claims their goat has a dog's spirit so it can compete in a dog show. TVY7 (HD)
8:00pm	FOX Lego Masters "Movie Genres" The writers and directors of "The Lego Movie," Phil Lord and Christopher Miller, present the remaining teams' challenge to create a movie-themed experience. TVPG (HD)

SUNDAY	
7:30pm	FOX Duncanville "Fridgy" Annie feels inadequate due to the family's new smart refrigerator, which does more than she bargained for, including frequent invasions of the family's privacy. TV14 (HD)
8:00pm	HBO Westworld The people who run a high-tech amusement park where androids help guests live out their fantasies face the consequences of developing artificial consciousness. TVMA (HD)

MONDAY	
9:00pm	HBO My Brilliant Friend "The New Name" A missing friend inspires an old woman to write about their time together starting with their childhood meeting in 1950, and the span of their relationship. TVMA (HD)
	ABC The Good Doctor "Fractured" Shaun must face the effects his intimacy with Lea will have on his relationship with Carly; the crew works on a patient who refuses anesthesia during surgery. TV14 (HD)

TUESDAY	
7:00pm	USA The Biggest Loser: Supersized "Going Solo" The contestants must now compete on their own as the teams are split up; behind-the-scenes footage and interviews with contestants are featured. TVPG (HD)
	NBC Ellen's Game of Games Contestants are selected from the audience and must maneuver large obstacles and answer questions under pressure in order to win a huge cash prize. TVPG (HD)

WEDNESDAY	
8:15pm	DISN Raven's Home "Smoky Flow" Booker, Nia and Tess establish a music group called The Chi-Lective and assign Levi to be their video director, but their situation soon spins out of control. TV G (HD)
8:50pm	MAX Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom ★★★ (2018, Adventure) Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard, Owen and Claire return to Isla Nublar to save the dinosaur species set to be extinct after the island's previously dormant volcano becomes active. PG-13 (HD)

Opinion and Commentary

Time to prepare

When most people think about dangerous spring weather, tornadoes, thunderstorms and flooding usually come to mind.

In Illinois, roughly 20 percent of tornadoes occur at night. For a number of reasons, tornadoes that occur at night are twice as likely to result in fatalities.

This is why the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, IEMA, and National Weather Service is underscoring the importance of having more than one way to receive emergency alerts and notifications during Severe Weather Preparedness Month, which is observed during March.

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.

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. 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 life saving 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.

A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, March 12, 1970

Voters in Union County will go to the polls Tuesday, March 17, to nominate various state, national and county officials to be elected in the November election.

The final date to file petitions for the various boards of education in Union County is Friday, March 20, and the last day for withdrawal of these petitions is March 24. Election (day) is Saturday, April 11.

A meeting of citizens who are interested in education for elementary and secondary school students in the areas of Dongola, Lick Creek, Jonesboro and Anna will be held tonight, Thursday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School gymnasium.

For the first time, Union County Hospital has a Blood Bank refrigerator. It is a gift made in memory of Ruth Barringer Parks by her husband, Geo. E. Parks.

Two Union County men were inducted into the Armed Services Wednesday, March 4.

The Union County Grand Jury will be in session as of Wednesday, March 11, at which time they will hear several criminal cases, and either decide to indict the persons involved or release the case.

Wednesday morning, March 11, the Union County area had a low temperature recording of 29 under grey skies, with a forecast of freezing rain or snow. Quite a decided contrast from the sunny skies prevailing in the area for the past few days.

The Davie Parent-Teacher Association will meet Tuesday, March 17, at 2 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Lynn Sifford will be the principal speaker. His topic will be "About the Generation Gap."

Cub Scouts of Pack 44 and their families held a Blue and Gold Banquet Thursday evening in the Jonesboro Grade School cafeteria to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Boy Scouting in the United States. About 140 people enjoyed the potluck dinner.

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner



While out for a walk on a bright and sunny Sunday afternoon, your writer spotted a penny in the street, as in really in the street...and then another penny...and then a nickel. Too bad I couldn't pick them up and take them home. With that kind of money, I could think about retiring...

A penny saved...is a penny earned...

Somewhere, so the story goes, the streets are paved in gold.

However, in the village yours truly calls home, the streets appear to be paved in zinc, nickel and copper.

Before we continue with a train of thought about the coins of the realm, allow me to digress for a moment or two to ponder something that flashed through my simple little mind on Monday morning. And, to tell you the truth, at that point in the morning, I am pretty sure your writer had not had enough caffeine.

While meandering aimlessly through the The Paragraph Factory, I happened to notice about half a dozen oranges sitting on a table.

I'm not sure why this even crossed my mind, but I got to wondering: If oranges were blue, or green or purple, would we still call them oranges? And: Which came first? The color or the fruit?

Same thing goes for grass. The "lawn" at our humble abode is pretty much brown right now, but I am assuming that soon it will start to turn green. Then, I will have to mow the green, green grass of home.

But I'm wondering: If grass happened to be orange, or maybe red, would it still be greener on the other side of the fence?

As you can tell, I sometimes have way too much time on my hands...

Anyway, back to streets and the coins of the realm...
...last Sunday afternoon, I went for a walk, as I do. The afternoon was bright, sunny and warm. The breeze still had a bit of a hint of winter, but it wasn't bad.

New book series features wetland ecosystems

Two faculty members at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau have been selected as lead co-editors for a new book series titled "Peatland Ecosystems."

Dr. Michael Aide and Dr. Indi Braden, both professors of agriculture, were selected by global publisher IntechOpen based on their research on controlled drainage and associated denitrification bioreactors: irrigations systems for reducing nitrate concentrations and promoting water and soil health.

Their research on preserving important soil pathways after wetland conversion to cropland has been presented to the American Wetland Society.

"The inclusion of two university agriculture professors as book editors speaks to the scientific research conducted at Southeast," Braden said.

"This is a great opportunity to communicate and promote scientific efforts in ecosystem management."

The book series will focus on wetland preservation, nutrient cycling and climate change, and will feature an array of authors and experts from around the world.

"Peatland ecosystems are soils and the habitat supported by these soils," Aide said.

"Peatlands are a type of wetland that possess an abundance of soil organic material and act to purify water. Because of mismanagement, they are a major greenhouse gas emitter and contribute to climate change."

Peatlands reside in almost every nation and collectively constitute 3 percent of the global land surface, added Aide.

Damaged peatlands contribute approximately 10 percent of the greenhouse gas emissions from the land use sector.

"Additionally, wetlands support an intense array of

microorganism that purify water resources," Aide said.

"Peatlands act to minimize the risk of flooding and drought, reduce the risk of saltwater intrusion and provide for biodiversity. Currently, many nations have enacted regulatory protocols to safeguard these resources and to protect them from further degradation."

"Peatland Ecosystems" aims to be the wetland resource on the achievements of protecting and restoring peatlands, understanding their nutrient pathways, documenting their vital ecosystem services and for instituting insightful research and mitigating climate change across the globe, Aide said.

The series will serve as a resource to researchers, biologists, geologists and soil scientists tasked with wetland management.

"The book series intends to provide the reader with an accurate and completely modern understanding of peatland ecosystems, their diversity across contrasting landscapes, their ability to be managed to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions, and their compatibility with human communities to safely provide pristine and sustainable water resources," said Aide.

Braden added, "In the classroom and in my research, I often take the approach of the big picture: examining the ecosystem and emphasizing the importance of understanding complex relationships and connections within a system.

"The series will help promote scientific efforts to understand this delicate and extremely important aspect of wetlands and water quality that we teach in the classroom."

"Peatland Ecosystems" is scheduled to be published this summer.



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