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News

Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

Be sure to vote on Tuesday, April 2...that is, unless you have already cast your ballot.

The Union County community is coming together in many ways to support Marlee Smith and her family. Marlee, a student at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, is facing the challenge of a major health issue. She is in the hospital in St. Louis.

As the result of a recent surge in traffic accidents involving Illinois State Police troopers, motorists are being encouraged to remember the Move Over Law and to use caution when approaching emergency vehicles on interstates, highways, streets and roads.

A meet the candidates for Anna City Council event is planned Thursday, today, at Kiki's Coffeehouse in downtown Anna. The event begins at 6 p.m.

Du Quoin Mayor Guy Alongi is scheduled to deliver the message at an Easter season Union County laymen's breakfast, which is planned April 15.

Be sure to attend "Disney's The Little Mermaid" at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. Performances are set for this Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Union County officials are working towards a goal of having local property tax bills in the mail earlier this year than they were in 2018.

A Union County tax sale has been held.

University of Illinois Extension reports that the 4-H program in Union County is very strong...and continues to grow.

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Tuesday, April 2, Election Day in Union County

Tuesday, April 2, is Election Day in Union County. Voters will cast ballots in municipal and school board elections.

A proposed sales tax increase also is on the ballot. Here's a look at who is on the ballot in the various elections (with candidates listed as they appear on the ballot):

City of Anna

For mayor: Steve Hartline, Earl Miller.
For city councilman: Al-

fred E. Kamp, Bryan S. Miller, Kathy Bryan, Martha Ann Webb, Michelle "Shelly" Glasco-Pearl, Quinn Edwards, Michael Bigler. Four will be elected.

City of Jonesboro

For alderman, Ward One: Brandi Boyd.

For alderman, Ward Two: Beverly K. Schaefer.

For alderman, Ward Three: Michael S. Stegle.

Village of Alto Pass

For village president: Scott Tripp.

For village trustee: Mila Maring, Joel Murray. Two will be elected.

For village clerk: Kelli Ellis.

Village of Cobden

For village trustee: Patrick Brumleve, Alma Gomez, Louann Elwell, Todd Dietterle, Larry Hackethal. Three will be elected.

Village of Dongola

For village trustee: Richard Michael, John L. Snell, Patrick "Joey" Ferguson. Three will be elected.

For village trustee, unexpired two-year term: Donovan Wright.

Village of Mill Creek

For village trustee: Loretta Walls, Valerie Byrd, Jason Stroud. Three will be elected.

Dongola Library District

For library trustee, full six-year term: Amy K. Ulrich.

Stinson Memorial Library District

For library trustee, full six-year term: Janet Hunter, Marilyn Keller. Two will be elected.

Regional Board

For members of the Regional Board of School Trustees, Franklin, Johnson, Massac and Williamson counties, six-year term: Marleis Trover (Johnson County), Jean Chamness (Franklin County). Two to be elected.

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Flood warnings continue

Flood warnings continue this week for the Mississippi and Big Muddy rivers in Southern Illinois.

Union County is bordered by both of the rivers.

Big Muddy River at Murphysboro

The National Weather Service at Paducah reported that the Big Muddy River's stage at Murphysboro as of 8:30 p.m. was 22.3 feet. Flood stage is 22.0 feet.

Minor flooding was occurring and minor flooding was in the forecast.

The river was expected to continue rising to near 23.1 feet by early Thursday afternoon, today.

The river is expected to fall below flood stage by early Monday afternoon, April 1.

Mississippi River at Cape Girardeau

A flood warning is in effect until further notice for the Mississippi River at Cape Girardeau.

At 7:30 p.m. Monday, the river's stage was at 38.2 feet. Flood stage is 32.0 feet.

Moderate flooding is occurring and moderate flooding is in the forecast.

The river is expected to continue rising to near 40.5 feet by early Sunday morning and then begin falling.

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Water along Old Cape Road

Water was seen in a field along the Old Cape Road between Jonesboro and Reynoldsville last Sunday afternoon. The field is along the Clear Creek levee.

Blue Ribbons for Kids campaign set to kick off with Proclamation Day

The Union County community is invited to be part of an effort to promote awareness about child abuse prevention.

WIBH Radio in Anna once again is leading a Blue Ribbons for Kids campaign in conjunction with the observance of National Child Abuse Prevention Month in April.

A variety of special events are planned during April in the county.

Proclamation Day is set for April 1. A ceremony will be held at 9 a.m. at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro. Local child service agencies, law enforcement and safety personnel, and city and county officials will join

in recognizing April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Davis Pastry in Anna will have Blue Cookie Days on April 4-5.

National "Wear Blue" Day is set for April 5. The color blue represents the bruises of child abuse and neglect. Community members are invited to wear blue all day to show their support for the prevention awareness campaign.

A PJs and movie night is planned from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. April 5 at Kiki's Coffeehouse in downtown Anna. Community members can wear their PJs and bring blankets and pillows to the coffeehouse for a movie night which will

feature treats from the Anna Baking Company.

A Blue March on Main Street is planned at noon on April 9. Community members are invited to wear blue, bring their family friendly signs and join others at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church for a march up and down Main Street in Anna.

Open house events also are scheduled during the month:

April 5 at Two Rivers Child Advocacy Center in Anna, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

April 5 at the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services office in Anna, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

April 11, Union County Counseling Center in Anna, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

More information can be found by visiting the WIBH Blue Ribbons for Kids campaign on Facebook, wibhradio.com or by calling 833-9424.

The WIBH Blue Ribbons for Kids campaign is sponsored by local businesses and organizations, including:

Immanuel Praise and Worship Center, Cobden; A-J National Bank; Union County Hospital in Anna; Swafford Pediatrics.

Auto Tire & Parts NAPA, Anna State Bank, State Farm agent Brad Donna, RE/MAX Southern Real Estate, Wright Bros. Body Shop and Rod's Towing.

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National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Youth advisory committee promoting local event

The Anna Junior High Youth Advisory Committee, YAC, along with Teresa Goddard, a preventionist from The Fellowship House in Anna meets monthly throughout the school year.

This month, Goddard said that the YAC members are doing their part to help educate about the importance of properly storing and disposing medications.

Too often, they note, unused prescription drugs find their way into the wrong hands. That's dangerous and often tragic.

According to the 2016 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 6.2 million Americans misused controlled prescription drugs.

The study shows that a majority of abused prescription drugs were obtained from family and friends, often from the home medicine cabinet.

Goddard said that is why the YAC decided to take action by educating our community about the upcoming

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day which is set for April 27.

Take-Back Days are an initiative aimed at providing safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs.

Each year a Take Back Day is scheduled in April and in October.

"What better place to begin spring cleaning than in your medicine cabinet," Goddard stated.

"Gather up all your unused and unwanted medicines that have collected in your medicine cabinet and properly dispose of them."

The Cobden Police Department plans to participate in National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 27.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., unused or expired prescription medication can be safely disposed of at 112 E. Maple St. in Cobden.

Goddard said the YAC members also help spread

the word by distributing Guard and Discard posters and postcards, as well as permanent Drug Take Back locations by posting flyers in the area to educate the community where they can safely dispose of unused or unwanted medications at any time throughout the year.

The flyers include area

locations where expired or unwanted medications can be dropped off.

One of the locations is the Anna Police Department at 201 E. Vienna St. in Anna.

Anna Event Also Planned

Anna Police Chief Michael Hunter reported last week that a National Pre-

scription Drug Take Back Day event also is being planned in Anna.

Hunter shared the information at a March 19 meeting of the Anna City Council.

He said the event is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 27 at the Walmart supercenter store in Anna.



Working on project

Members of the Anna Junior High School Youth Advisory Committee are working to promote the upcoming observance of National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. Photo provided.



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Election Day

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For members of the Regional Board of School Trustees, Franklin, Johnson, Massac and Williamson counties, unexpired two-year term: No candidate.

For members of the Regional Board of School Trustees, Alexander, Jackson, Massac, Pulaski and Union counties: Grant Woodside (Perry County), Larry Houston (Alexander County). Two to be elected.

Lick Creek Community Consolidated School District No. 16

For members of board of education, full four-year term: Boyd Blayne Holsouser, Aaron Stover, Allen E. Plott, Ronald J. Thorn. Four to be elected.

Anna Community Consolidated School District No. 37

For members of the board of education, full four-year term: Grant L. Capel, Dave "Sully" Sullivan, Tina Waller, Craig Dillman. Four to be elected.

Cobden Unit School District No. 17

For members of the board of education, full four-year term: Lisa Tomazzoli, Robert Furlow, Terra Lyerla, Gerald Britt. Three will be elected.

Jonesboro Community Consolidated School District No. 43

For members of the board of education, unexpired two-year term: No candidate.

For members of the board of education, full four-year term: Casey Johnson, Justin Snell, Robert W. McAlister. Three to be elected.

Buncombe Consolidated School District No. 43

For members of the board of education, full four-year term: Shane Casey, Heather McIlwain, Debra Goddard. Three to be elected.

Cypress Elementary School District No. 64

For members of the board of education, full four-year term: Richie Oliver, Mandy Moore, Michael Schultz, Howard Penrod. Four to be elected.

Dongola Community Unit School District No. 66

For member of the board of education, unexpired two-year term: Philip Miller.

For members of the board of education, full four-year term: Brenda Hogue, Wayne Brown, Mark Eddleman. Three to be elected.

Goreville Community School District No. 1

For members of the board of education, full four-year term: Mark Shumake, Judy Billingsley, Teresa Baker, Scott Patterson, Stephen Benard. Four to be elected.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School District No. 81

For member of the board of education, unexpired two-year term: No candidate.

For members of the board of education, full four-year term: Shane Osman, Dedria Blakely, Craig Partridge. Four to be elected.

Vienna High School District No. 13-3

For members of the board

of education, full four-year term: David Stewart, Kimberly Shoemaker, Randy Huckelberry. Three to be elected.

Shawnee Community College District No. 631

For trustees of the community college district, six-year term: Samuel K. Stratemeyer, Steve Heisner, Maxine Russell, Andrea Witthoft, Michael Kerley.

For trustees of the community college district, unexpired two-year term: John Windings, William Nichols. One to be elected.

Shawnee Community Unit School District No. 84

For members of the board of education, unexpired two-year term: No candidate.

For members of the board of education, full four-year term: Trenton Colyer, Jennifer Webb, Angie McMahan, Jason Stegle. Three to be elected.

Little Egypt Water District

For the board: Jeff Hope, Garry W. Jenkins, Daniel L. Scott, Doug Peebles, Pete Woolley.

Union County Proposition to Impose County School Facility Sales Tax

Shall a retailers' occupation tax and service occupation tax (commonly known as a "sales tax") be imposed in the County of Union, Illinois, at a rate of 1 percent to be used exclusively for school facility purposes?

Yes
No

News Notes

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The Anna Fire Department helped to establish a landing zone for two helicopters near Union County Hospital/Rural Health on Tuesday night, March 19. The helicopters were needed to airlift those who had been injured in a traffic accident near Dongola.

The Anna Fire Department is looking to secure grant funding for the acquisition of a new fire truck. Two of the department's trucks are experiencing mechanical issues.

The City of Jonesboro has implemented an ordinance which regulates yard sales in the community. The ordinance allows for two yard sales per year for a residence. Details are available at city hall.

The Union County CEO program has donated 10 gallons of milk to the Shawnee Development Council's Union County food pantry as part of a community-wide effort.

U.S. Rep. Mike Bost, R-Ill., planned to pay a visit to the SIUC Head Start program last Friday morning. During the visit, he planned to read to preschool students as part of National Reading Month.

Shawnee Community College hosted a high school business skills competition on March 21.

Bass Farms continues to expand.

Retired Judge Mark Clarke has joined the law

The cornerstone for a new Illinois statehouse was laid on Oct. 5, 1868. Work was completed on the project in 1888.

firm of Johnson, Schneider and Ferrell.

The Coad Toyota facilities in Paducah sustained minor damage during a recent storm which swept that area.

Retired Tamms Correctional Center warden George Welborn and his wife Nancy are relocating to the St. Louis area.

A "For Sale" has been posted at the office of Wesley Wilkins on South Main Street in Anna.

Chris Wells has announced that he is retiring as the organizer of the biathlon event which has been coordinated with the Union County ColorFest celebration for the past 25 years.

Want to risk it all? Banamex, a Mexican banking group, is offering 7.5 percent on deposits for 366 days.

Struggling SIU Carbon-dale has hired a new men's basketball coach, with compensation in the range of half a million dollars a year over five years.

Jerry L. Reppert has been elected to the board of directors of the Egyptian Area Agency on Aging.

The Gazette-Democrat is planning to host its 29th annual Top Achievers program April 4 at the Anna VFW post. The program honors top students from each of Union County's four public high schools, as selected by the schools. The event is hosted by Reppert Publications, with sponsorship from local businesses. The public is invited.

Even though it seems like spring has been a bit slow on its arrival, daffodils are putting on quite a display throughout the Union County area.

Blue Ribbons for Kids

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Anna Tire & Auto Center/Cobden Auto Repair, Goosehead Insurance, Pizza Hut, Duck Band Brand Custom Jewelry, Riley's, Southpass Beads and Fibers, Bubble Kicks and Cook's Portable Warehouses.

Stand Up for Children

The Union County state's attorney's office in Jonesboro is encouraging everyone in the community to join in supporting the Blue Ribbons for Kids campaign.

The state's attorney's office this week issued the following statement in support of the campaign:

Beginning next week, Union County will join communities across Southern Illinois in observing Child Abuse Prevention Month.

We will kick off a number of local events on Monday, April 1, with a 9 a.m. proclamation signing in front of the Union County Courthouse.

Shawnee School District Board meets

The Shawnee Community Unit School District No. 84 Board of Education had a regular monthly meeting Monday, March 18, in Wolf Lake.

Minutes from the meeting noted purchases approved by the school board, including a Title I Technology purchase of 127 Chromebooks for student use, as well as adapters, licenses and three charging stations. The total amount for the purchase is \$35,936.73.

The board also approved the expenditure of \$11,622 for the purchase of health/life safety equipment in the form of a storage cabinet for flammable materials and a storage shed.

As part of procedure the

Child abuse prevention and awareness is a responsibility for all of us.

As government officials, we join educators, business leaders, human service providers, houses of faith and other organizations in standing up for the right of children to have great childhoods free from abuse and neglect.

For prosecutors and members of law enforcement, the long term effects of child abuse and neglect are something we see firsthand on a daily basis.

Far too often, the pain of a difficult childhood starts a young person down a path that leads not only to continuing the cycle of abuse but a costly lifetime of engagement with the justice system and corrections.

What if instead of arresting and prosecuting adults we had the chance to heal the hearts and stabilize the homes of young people before they ever got to that point?

Our office has worked

diligently to deal with these situations on the front end through our Victims' Advocates and by collaborating with programs such as Juvenile Justice and Redeploy Illinois in order to turn as many individuals as possible from a darker path.

We all have a role to play in reducing child abuse and neglect.

One of the ways to get started is by wearing a blue ribbon during the month of April.

That may feel like a very small act but it's a powerful signal to the young people around us that if they are facing abuse that we are adults they can turn to for help.

We ask that you join us on April 1 at the proclamation signing, by dressing in blue on "Wear Blue Day" on Friday, April 5, and by participating in other Child Abuse Prevention activities throughout the month of April.

Let's stand up as a county for our children and their right to a great childhood.

Polling places set

Polling places have been set for the Tuesday, April 2, election in Union County.

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

Flood warnings

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Mississippi River at Thebes

A flood warning is in effect until further notice for the Mississippi River at Thebes.

At 7:30 p.m. Monday, the river's stage was at 38.0 feet. Flood stage is 33.0 feet.

Moderate flooding is occurring. Moderate flooding is in the forecast.

The river is expected to continue rising to near 40.5 feet by Sunday morning and then begin falling.

Monitoring Situation

Union County Highway Department engineer Kevin Grammer said on Friday that the flooding situation continues to be monitored.

He was concerned that flooding could have left the Old Cape Road under water by last weekend. The road remained dry and passable last Sunday afternoon.

Old Cape Road runs from Illinois Route 127, south of Jonesboro, to the Reynoldsville community along Illinois Route 3 in the Mississippi River bottomlands.

Shawnee School District No. 84 superintendent Shelly Clover-Hill said that the flood situation was being closely monitored.

The school district includes parts of Union, Jackson and Alexander counties in the river bottomlands.

Sheriff issues

monthly report

Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel has released his department's monthly activity report for February. Highlights from the report follow:

Felony arrests, eight. Misdemeanor arrests, 17. Traffic arrests, 37. Warrant arrests, 20. Total arrests, 82.

Cases opened, 30. Drug investigations, nine. Crash reports, 19. 911 calls received, 1,126. Miles patrolled, 12,761.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy Sweet 16th Birthday on March 31st to Keri Lu Rendleman!

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Town hall focuses on proposed sales tax

By Benjamin Marxer

The superintendents from six area school districts hosted a town hall meeting on Tuesday evening, March 19, in the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School auditorium.

The meeting was arranged to discuss the Illinois County School Facilities Sales Tax, a referendum on the April 2 election ballot that would increase sales tax in Union County in order to pay for facility construction or repair projects in area schools.

A-JCHS District No. 81 superintendent Rob Wright led the discussion, walking the audience through a PowerPoint presentation laying out the details of the bill and the benefits it would have for the schools and community.

The first point that Wright stressed was that even with the proposed in-

crease, Union County sales tax would still be lower than neighboring Illinois counties.

"If this tax ended up being approved, we would be at 8.5 percent," said Wright. "Currently, we are lower than all the surrounding counties. If the tax were to be passed, we'd still be below all the other communities."

Wright also pointed out that over 50 percent of the counties in Illinois currently have a school facilities sales tax like this one in place.

In a study based on the amount of sales tax collected in 2017, the tax could collect approximately \$980,000 for the year.

Union County voters passed a similar 1 percent sales tax increase in order to facilitate the building of a new Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro. That sales tax increase is scheduled to expire in 11 to 12 years, returning sales tax to its current levels.

Wright went on to list a number of items that the sales tax increase would not be applied to.

"A lot of these are big ticket items. Cars, trucks, ATVs, boats, RVs, mobile homes. It also doesn't tax groceries, unprepared food. Drugs, which includes not only prescriptions but over the counter and vitamins. Farm equipment and parts. And of course services aren't taxed either," said Wright. "If it's not currently taxed it's not going to be taxed."

The state law that allows for this policy is very spe-

cific on what funds can be used for.

"A new school, new facilities, any type of addition, any type of renovation. Security, which is a big concern for all schools these days. Entrances, disabled access, things like that. Fire prevention and life safety," said Wright.

"It also can be used to refund bonds or abate property taxes that have currently been levied to pay bonds or have been issued for capitol purposes."

There are a number of things that the revenue generated cannot be used for. These include normal operating costs, text books, busses, salaries, overhead and other direct instructional costs.

Another major selling point of the bill is the positive effect that it could have on property taxes.

Currently, bond issues for school improvements are paid with property taxes. Funds from this sales tax could be used to abate or pay off existing bonds. Funds can also be used to pay for future facilities projects, negating the need to issue bonds to begin with.

"When you issue bonds, it is strictly for property tax owners," said Wright. "This tax goes to everybody that comes to shop in the county. So the brunt of it is not on the property tax owners."

A common misconception that Wright discussed was the way the money would be distributed. Funds generated would be divided evenly to the school districts in the county based

on the number of students in their school, not in the areas the tax was collected.

"Some think that since Walmart is in Anna, and since that's where a lot of revenue would be generated, that means that Anna is going to get all that money," said Wright. "But that money would still be distributed according to how many kids Shawnee has, Dongola has, and so on. It's a formula that all schools would benefit from."

Each superintendent then led a slideshow presentation showing photos of the various construction and maintenance needs that each of their schools have. These included gym floors decades past scheduled replacement, required health and life safety upgrades, numerous restrooms in need of renovation, asbestos abatement, and several school districts in need of roof repair.

Shawnee School District No. 84 superintendent Shelly Clover-Hill also discussed how her district has already benefited from a similar system.

Part of the Shawnee School District is in Jackson County, which has previously adopted the Illinois County School Facilities Sales Tax. This means her district is eligible for money based on the number of students from Jackson County.

"We get approximately \$70,000 now to work on our facilities," said Clover-Hill. With the funds, Shawnee has been able to perform restroom remodeling projects and asbestos abatement with this annual fund with more projects slated for later this year.

When opening the discussion up to questions from the audience, one person asked if there is an expiration date on the proposed tax, as there is with the courthouse.

"There is no expiration date," answered Wright. "The only way it would be taken off would be, for an example, the public could initiate a referendum to take it off."

The ordinance will pass with a simple majority of votes from the electorate on April 2. With approval by the voters, the tax will be levied.

Anna City Council approves budget

An annual operating budget ordinance for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 was approved at last week's regular meeting of the Anna City Council.

The meeting was Tuesday evening, March 19, at Anna City Hall.

In related business, the council also passed an ordinance which established utility rates and municipal waste collection rates.

The city will continue a long-standing practice of having a balanced budget during FY 2019-2020. Officials voiced pride in the city's continuing efforts to see that expenditures and revenues are balanced. This will be the 29th straight year for the city to have a balanced budget.

City administrator Steve Guined shared the following numbers ahead of last week's approval of the budget:

General fund: The general fund is budgeted for \$3,037,542 for 2019-2020, which is down 2 percent from 2018-2019.

Water: The water department is budgeted for \$1,316,718, which is up .5 of a percent from 2018-2019.

Sewer: The sewer department is budgeted for \$725,000, which is up 2 percent from 2018-2019.

Natural gas: The natural gas department is budgeted for \$1,458,693, which is up 2 percent from 2018-2019.

The city administrator also reported that Anna has \$2,193,720 in cash on hand,

as well as \$3.7 million in investments.

The city administrator also presented the following overview of utility rates for 2019-2020:

Natural gas: No increase.

Water: Rates will be reviewed in August, after prices have been set by the Anna-Jonesboro Water Commission. The commission provides water to the city.

Garbage pick up: The rate will go up 46 cents per month. The increase is being levied by Republic, which provides the service.

Sewer: The rate will increase 27 cents per month.

Other Business

The impact of recent heavy rainfall was one of the topics addressed during other discussion at last week's meeting.

The city administrator reported that the rain had led to the replacement of two culverts and work on a lift station. Replacement of another culvert is planned.

The city council also:

Approved a waiver of a \$300 special events liquor license fee which had been requested by the Anna-Jonesboro Elks Lodge.

Approved a recommendation from Mayor Steve Hartline to allow the consumption of alcohol on a patio at The Davie School Inn in Anna. The mayor also serves as the city's liquor commissioner.

Discussed the possibility of banning cigarette smoking in ball field areas at the city park.

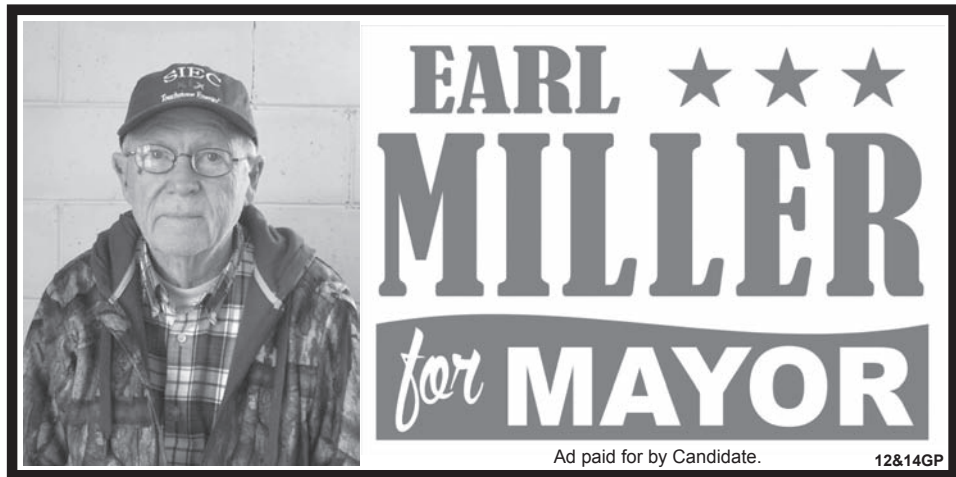
Weather

Temperatures ranged from a high of 68 degrees to a low of 26 during the period of March 19-25 in Union County.

Precipitation for the period included .16 of an inch of rain on March 20, .01 of an inch on March 21 and .14 of an inch on March 24.

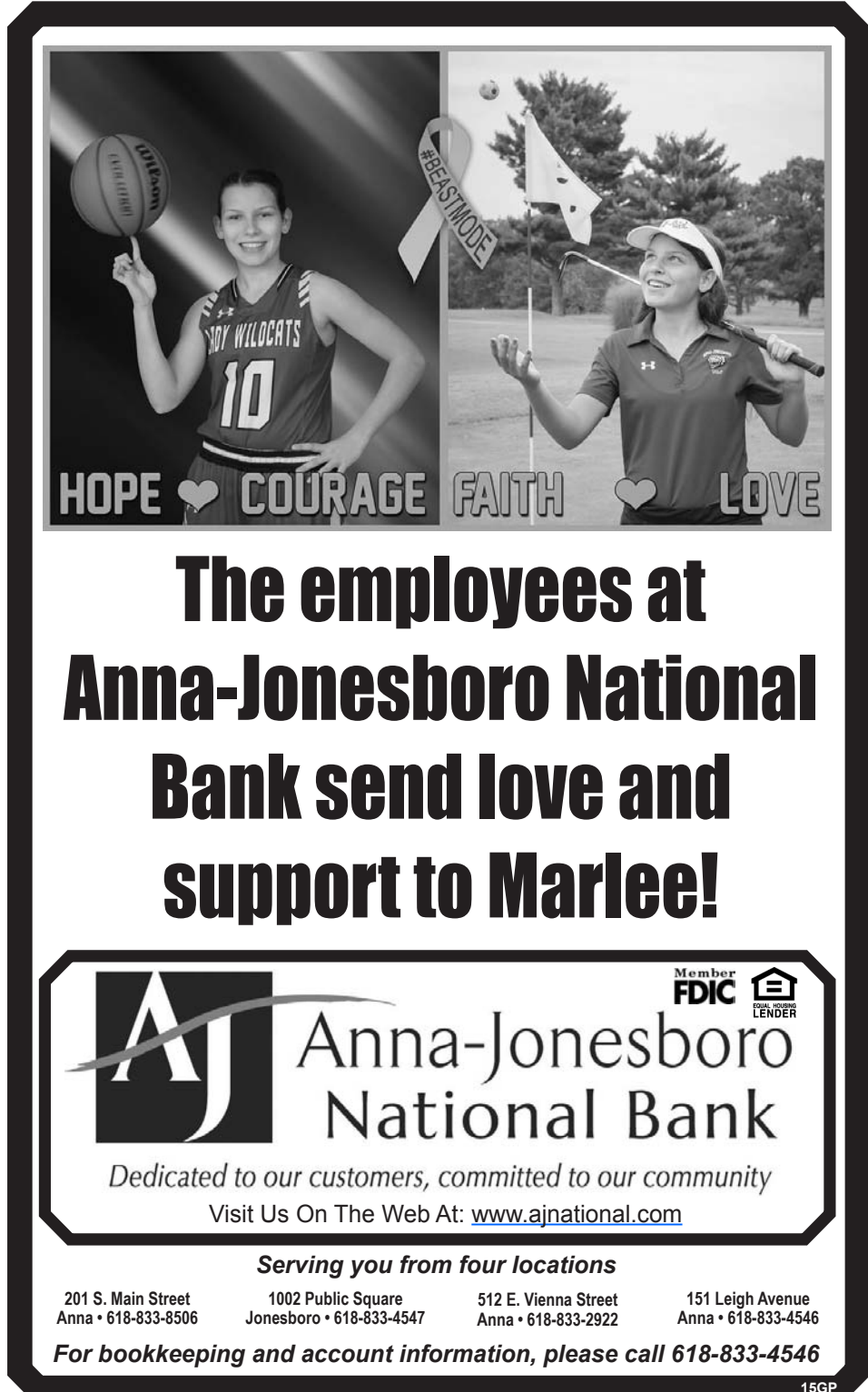
Following are temperatures for the period as recorded by local weather observer Dana Cross in Jonesboro:

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Anna Kiwanis Club to host Easter egg hunt, fish fry

The Anna Kiwanis Club is planning to host two special events during April.

The club plans to continue a long-standing tradition of sponsoring an Easter egg hunt in Anna.

The club also is planning to serve a fish fry to help support a program at a Union County school.

Easter Egg Hunt

Beginning at 10 a.m. on April 13, kids ages toddler through 10 years of age can participate in an Easter egg hunt at the Anna City Park.

There will be four designated areas for the various age groups.

Candy and/or other prizes will be hidden inside every egg.

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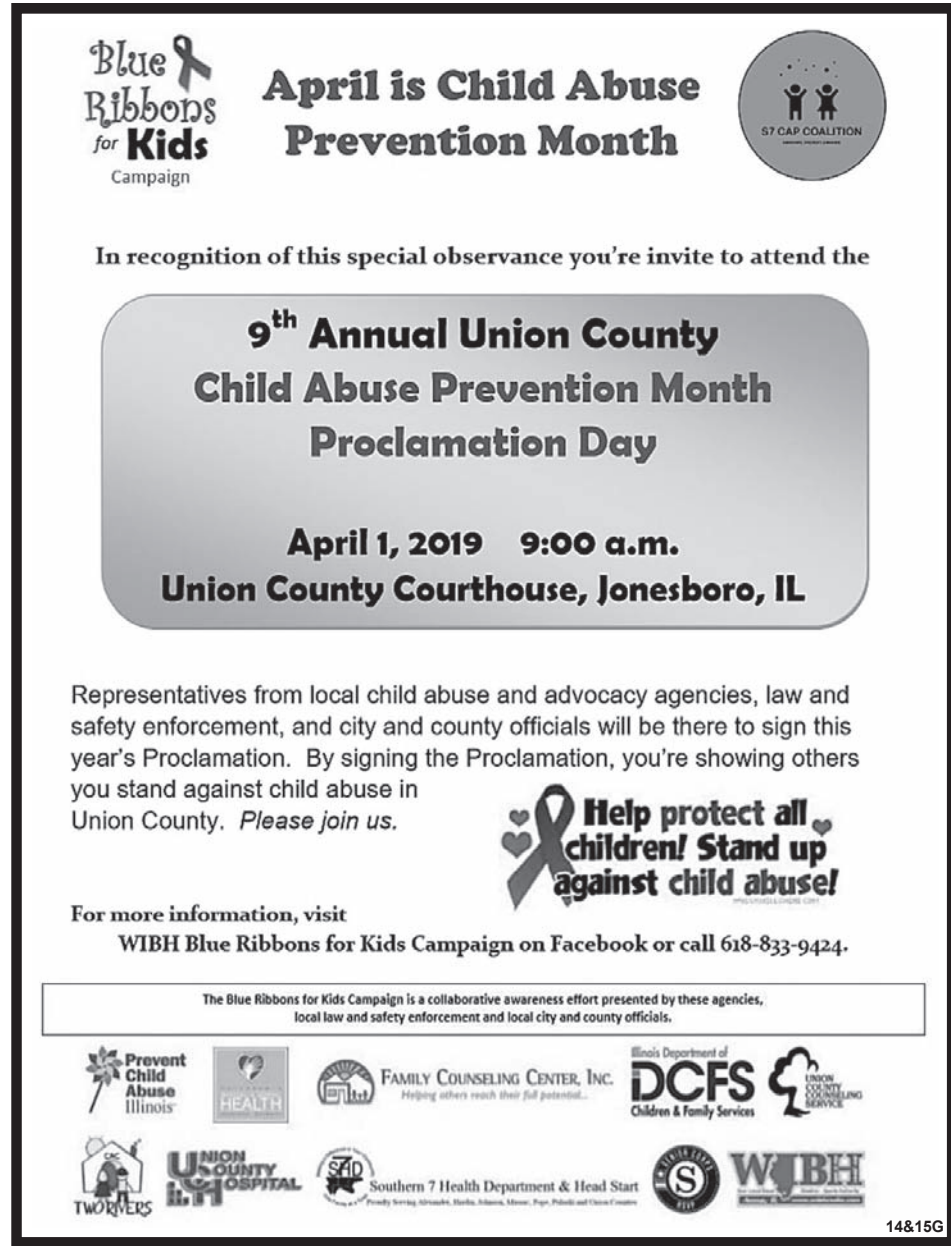
Fish Fry

Following the Easter egg hunt at 4 p.m., a fish fry is planned at the Kiwanis building at the Anna City Park. Serving continues until 7 p.m.

The fish fry will help to support Anna-Jonesboro Community High School band and choir students.

Eat in or carry out orders will be available. The menu will include fried fish, slaw, fries, baked beans and a drink.

For more information contact any Kiwanis member or Larry Swope at 618-559-5676.



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April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

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Sports

Cobden baseball team's pitchers allow only one hit in three victories

The Cobden High School baseball team only allowed one hit in three wins last week.

Cobden 18, Marion Agape 0: Ryan Barr, Alex Remsey and Noah Franklin pitched in the win for visiting Cobden Friday, March 22.

Barr pitched 2 innings and had a walk and 4 strikeouts. Remsey pitched an inning and allowed a walk and 3 strikeouts. Franklin pitched an inning and had a walk and 3 strikeouts.

Bryce Reynolds was 3-for-4 with 2 RBIs to lead the hitting for Cobden.

Cody Wieseman was 2-for-3. Christian Goins was 2-for-2 with an RBI. Brayden Clark was 1-for-1 with a three-run home run.

Brock Reynolds, Zane Nance and Barr were each 1-for-1 with an RBI apiece. Remsey was 1-for-2 with a three-run home run.

Landon Britt was 1-for-2 with an RBI. Tristan Brummer was 1-for-2. Bayden Ditterline was 1-for-3 with a home run and an RBI.

Cobden softball team posts 1-2 record in recent action

The Cobden High School softball team posted a 1-2 record in last week's action.

Cobden 20, Marion Agape 4: Pitchers Lexi Miller, Makenzie Howell and Aubrey Fisher combined to pitch a three-hitter in the win for the visiting Appleknockers Saturday, March 23.

The trio combined on a walk and 9 strikeouts in the win.

Katelyn Shadowens was 3-for-3 with 2 RBIs to lead Cobden.

Howell was 3-for-4 with a triple and an RBI. Hannah Stillman was 2-for-2 with 2 RBIs. Lauren Sweitzer was 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Megan Rhodes was 2-for-4 with 4 RBIs. Olivia Brumleve was 1-for-2 with 2 RBIs. Jenna Hartline was 1-for-1 with 2 RBIs. Halle Short was 1-for-2. Lily Britt was 1-for-3. Emily White was 1-for-4.

Wildcat baseball

2-2 in recent action

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School baseball team posted a 2-2 record in last week's action.

A-J 8, Niles North 7: Trailing 7-5 in the 6th inning, the host Wildcats fought back for the win in the final game of a doubleheader Saturday, March 23.

Carson Reynolds was 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI to lead A-J. Jackson Laster was 1-for-2 with a double and 2 RBIs. Wyatt Johnston was 1-for-1 with an RBI. Jacob Schaefer was 1-for-4.

Blake Pena and Nathan Watkins pitched in the win. Pena pitched 2 innings and allowed 4 hits to go with 4 walks and 5 strikeouts. Watkins pitched 5 innings and allowed 4 hits and no walks and 10 strikeouts.

Marion 5, A-J 0: Reynolds and Laster were each 1-for-3 with the only hits for the Wildcats in the loss in the first game of the doubleheader Saturday.

Trenton Mason and Dalton Seip pitched in the loss. Mason pitched 4 2/3 innings and allowed 4 hits to go with 5 walks and 3 strikeouts. Seip pitched 2 1/3 innings and allowed a hit to go with 3 walks and 2 strikeouts.

Goreville 13, A-J 3: The host Wildcats trailed 4-3

Chandler West was 1-for-3.

Cobden 5, Vienna 2: West and Remsey pitched in the win for visiting Cobden Tuesday, March 19.

West pitched 3 innings and didn't allow a hit to go with a walk and 7 strikeouts. Remsey pitched 3 2/3 innings and allowed a hit to go with no walks and 4 strikeouts.

Britt was 2-for-2 with 2 RBIs to lead the hitting. Nance was 2-for-4 with 2 RBIs. Ditterline and Reynolds were each 1-for-3. Wieseman was 1-for-4 with an RBI.

Cobden 11, Joppa 0: Franklin, Britt and Barr pitched in the win for host Cobden Monday, March 18.

Franklin pitched 2 innings and allowed 2 walks to go with 3 strikeouts. Britt pitched 2 innings and allowed a walk to go with 2 strikeouts. Barr pitched an inning and had no walks and 2 strikeouts.

Cobden, 3-1, is scheduled to play Friday at Carrier Mills.

A-J softball team blanks Shawnee for first win

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School softball team won its first game of the season with a 14-0 victory over visiting Shawnee Wednesday, March 20.

Morgan Wendling fired a no-hitter with a walk and 2 strikeouts to lead the Lady Wildcats.

Losing Lady Reds hurler Autumn McMahan scattered 11 hits to go with 7 walks and 2 strikeouts in the loss.

Payton Seip was 3-for-4 with a grand slam home run and 6 RBIs to lead the Lady Wildcats at the plate.

Petey Foster was 2-for-3 with a double. Julia Ellis was 1-for-2 with a grand slam home run and 4 RBIs.

Cori Turner and Abigail Dahmer were each 1-for-2. Wendling was 1-for-3 with a double and an RBI. Tobie Treece had a double and an RBI.

Elverado 2, A-J 0: Treece was 2-for-3 for the only hits for the visiting Lady Wildcats Monday, March 18.

A-J wrestlers

receive honors

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School wrestling team had 10 wrestlers selected to the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference All-Mississippi Division squad.

Those named to the team from the Wildcats' program were: Amiyah Hart (106 pounds), Arojae Hart (113 pounds), Clayton Ramage (132 pounds), Barry Johnson (138 pounds), Nate Kismet (145 pounds), Chris Johnson (152 pounds), Brice Lingle (170 pounds), Nick Sanders (182 pounds), Reid Morrison (195 pounds) and Garrett Fabec (285 pounds).

Also named to the Southern Illinois Coaches Association team from A-J were Amiyah Hart, Arojae Hart, Kismet, Johnson, Sanders, Morrison and Fabec.

Commentary

A-J wrestling coach leaves post on top

By Mike Estel

There's nothing like going out on top.

With the program making huge strides, Anna-Jonesboro Community High School wrestling coach Eric Massey has decided to step down and resigned at the A-J High School District No. 81 school board meeting held Monday, March 18.

"It's time for me to go," Massey said.

In his seven years at the helm, the Wildcats have won the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division title outright the last four years. They also claimed the Class 1A regional title this year and captured the first one in school history in 2017.

Massey was named Southern Illinois Coaches Association Coach of the Year for the 2016-17 and the 2018-19 seasons.

The team finished 21-9 overall this season.

"All our losses were to bigger schools," Massey said. "We loaded the schedule this year."

There were eight regional champions this season and 12 advanced to sectional. Arojae Hart and Nate Kismet advanced to the Illinois High School Association Class 1A State tournament this year.

Massey noted those 12 advanced despite numerous injuries to the squad this season.

Last year, Amiyah Hart won the first IHSA Class

Wendling was the losing pitcher, scattering 6 hits to go with 3 walks and 5 strikeouts.

Herrin 9, A-J 2: Seip was 2-for-3 to lead the visiting Lady Wildcats in the loss Saturday, March 23.

Foster, Wendling and Treece were each 1-for-3. Katie Shepard was 1-for-4.

Wendling was the losing pitcher, scattering 8 hits to go with 4 walks and 6 strikeouts.

A-J, 1-6, is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at Harrisburg against Plano.

A-J's Smith, Pena honored

Two players from the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' basketball team have been named to the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division team.

Junior Blake Pena and senior Tyler Smith were selected from the Wildcats' program.

Pena, a guard, averaged 11.6 points per game and 3.8 assists.

Smith, a forward, averaged 13.2 ppg and 6.7 rebounds a game.



Detering named coach of year

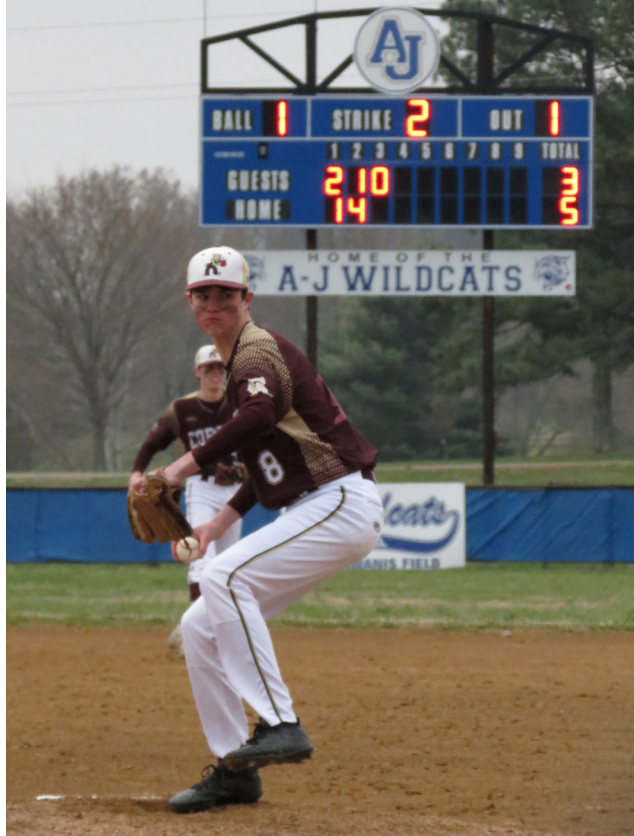
Anna-Jonesboro Community High School's Brett Detering, left, was named Class 3A football Coach of the Year recently by the Southern Illinois Coaches Association, SICA. With Detering is Rich Williams, who is president of the SICA. Photo provided

Pitchers at work

Anna-Jonesboro hosted Cobden Monday afternoon in a match-up of Union County high school baseball rivals. The game was played on a chilly, blustery afternoon at Kiwanis Field at the Anna City Park in Anna.



Carson Reynolds was on the mound for the host Wildcats.



Ryan Barr was pitching for the visiting Appleknockers.

Lasley, Osman return for A-J girls' track team

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' track team has 29 girls on the roster this spring.

"I'm excited having good numbers," A-J track coach Michael Eudy said. "We should be pretty balanced."

Leading the way for the Lady Wildcats is junior Julia Lasley, who finished in 10th place in the Class 1A state track meet in the pole vault last season.

Another standout junior is hurdler Addison Osman, who was a Southern Illinois Coaches Association All-South selection in the hurdles last season.

Other juniors are middle distance runner Sydney Ralls and sprinter Emma Tweedy.

Seniors are sprinter/long jumper Jade Marks, sprinter Braden Fitzgerald-Deener, hurdler/long jumper Carson Clements, sprinter Angel Helm, shot put/discus thrower Jacee Woodward, distance runner Carrola Ghiana and sprinters Atarah Hart and Casey Ellis.

Sophomores in the mix are shot put/discus thrower Anna Hess and sprinter Amiyah Hart.

"We've got a lot of freshmen," Eudy said. "So, we got a lot of depth."

The Lady Wildcats opened their season earlier this week against Massac County and compete this Saturday in the Benton Spring Fling.

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Former Saluki standout Mullins named as SIU men's basketball coach

Southern Illinois University welcomed home one of its all-time greats on Wednesday, March 20, naming Bryan Mullins as the school's 14th men's basketball head coach.

Mullins, 32, is a member of the Saluki Hall of Fame, in recognition of a four-year career (2006-2009) in which he set the school record for assists and steals and was the point guard for two NCAA Tournament teams (2006, 2007) and an NIT squad (2008).

Southern Illinois advanced to the Sweet 16 in 2007, won a school-record 29 games and finished the season at a school-best No. 11 national ranking.

"I visited with Bryan fairly early in the search process and he has everything you want in a coach," SIU director of athletics Jerry Kill said in a news release.

"His interview blew me away. When I walked out of there, it was easy to go to the next round of people, because he set the standard of what they had to be, and I couldn't find anyone better, and I went all over the country."

After graduating from SIU in 2009, Mullins embarked upon a four-year professional career in France.

He retired in 2013 and joined Porter Moser's staff at Loyola as the director of operations.

Mullins ascended to assistant coach in 2015 and associate head coach in 2018, helping the Ramblers during their historic 2018 season in which the team won a school-record 32 games, advanced to the Final Four and finished the season with a No. 7 national ranking.

"I am so happy for Bryan to get this opportunity to lead his alma mater," Moser said.

"I am so grateful for his friendship and loyalty working side-by-side with him for the last six years. He is a tireless worker in

addition to being a first-class person and is a perfect fit to lead Southern Illinois University."

Loyola won back-to-back Missouri Valley Conference championships in 2018 and 2019, and Mullins was a key factor in the program's success, recruiting all-conference players such as Cameron Krutwig and 2019 MVC player of the year Marques Townes.

"Bryan's won at everything he's ever done," said Kill. "There's no doubt in my mind he's the right fit. Our teams will play hard and be tough."

Mullins was a two-time MVC defensive player of the Year at Southern Illinois and earned MVC all-defensive team recognition in each of his four seasons with the Salukis.

As a freshman, the 6-foot-2 guard led the MVC and ranked seventh in the nation in steals (2.85 spg) and was named to the MVC's all-newcomer and all-defensive teams.

Off the court, Mullins graduated from SIU with a degree in finance and a perfect 4.0 cumulative grade-point average.

He was a three-time All-Missouri Valley Conference scholar-athlete team pick and won the 2009 MVC scholar-athlete of the year award.

A two-time Academic All-American, Mullins won the MVC's Dr. Charlotte West Scholar-Athlete award and President's Council Academic award.

"Bryan Mullins is the embodiment of every positive quality we need to lead Saluki basketball," said former Saluki associate head coach Rodney Watson and current head coach at Southern Indiana.

"This is a brilliant hire and great day for Saluki Nation. Congratulations Bryan, we are excited to watch your teams compete for championships."

Mullins signed a five-year contract with the school at \$475,000 per year.

Saluki Sports Update

By Fred Huff

So SIU has a new basketball coach. No, it's better than that.

The Salukis have an exciting new basketball coach. A former standout player and guy with a spotless background, strong personality, intelligence and capabilities to put his former team back in the post-season mix.

Yes, you could say just about the same about all of the others who have coached the Salukis.

They're basic qualifications that practically all of SIU coaches for the past century have possessed. The difference is, however, that some have a little more, or know how to apply their strengths, better than others.

Our evaluation of SIU's previous basketball coaches is of no value.

However, our advanced age gives us one advantage over perhaps all others. I could even capitalize ALL. I seriously doubt that there are many, if any, who could truthfully say they had said as much as "hello" to most of SIU's head basketball coaches in the last century. Like William McAndrew (312-229), who took over in 1913.

And, that was the extent of my relationship with McAndrew, who died in 1943.

My to-be brother-in-law, Ed Moody, introduced me to "Mac" shortly before his death, the cause of which was never disclosed. McAndrew was SIU's sports staff...the head coach of football and basketball before track (Leland Lingle) was added in 1927 and tennis and golf shortly later.

Glenn "Abe" Martin (44-20), who was McAndrew's assistant after having played football at SINU and a few years as a professional, took over SINU's basketball team replacing McAndrew and led the Maroons to a national championship (NAIA) in 1946. He quickly tired of the busy schedule, however, and was anxious to start a baseball program.

So, another staff member, golf coach Lynn Holder (175-124) took over basketball. That was in 1947 and 10 years prior to the time Don Boydston took over men's athletics and wasn't satisfied with the program's so-so records in all sports.

Boydston hired NBA star Harry Gallatin (79-35) in as SIU's head basketball coach and the change was almost overnight. Gallatin orchestrated the Salukis to three straight conference titles with his expertise and set the stage for SIU, and Boydston, to attract a "hot" JUCO coach (Jack Hartman 142-64) who had just led Coffeyville (Kansas) to an undefeated, and national championship, season.

Hartman's reputation allowed him to successfully recruit area prep standouts from all over Southern Illinois and at that time Southern Illinois was producing some of the best high school players in the Midwest.

And Hartman, along with his assistant, George Iubelt, from nearby West Frankfort, were successful in applying the finishing touches.

Hartman gave in to his original roots, the Kansas/Oklahoma area, but Boydston was successful in attracting another with a magical touch in Paul Lambert (126-84). Fact is, Lambert may have been blessed with the strongest personality of all former SIU coaches. He departed for a more attractive position and SIU, now without Boydston's hiring touch, struggled somewhat for the next seven years with good guys, just not winning basketball coaches, Joe Gottfried (31-50) and Allen Van Winkle (49-62), for the next seven seasons.

That led to Mr. Prep Basketball Coach Rich Herrin (225-174) and actually all in the area are well acquainted with SIU's recent successes.

Rich, after the necessary rebuilding years, led the Salukis to seven straight post-season tournaments (four NIT, three NCAA) and his successors, Bruce Weber (103-54), Matt Painter (25-5), Chris Lowery (137-93) and Barry Hinson (116-111), are all familiar to SIU's present fans.

Yes, there has been grumbling over the years when things were not going as well as hoped for...or expected.

However, the sport, the game, the players, the coaches have all provided us, Southern Illinois, with much energy, success and achievements to be proud of.

Now it's time for all concerned to support our new leader...Bryan Mullins. He brings many positives with him and we wish him well.



Blustery day at the ball field
Monday was a blustery, chilly day at Kiwanis Field at the Anna City Park in Anna. Anna-Jonesboro hosted Cobden in a high school baseball game which was being played on Monday afternoon at the field.

Four seniors lead A-J boys' track squad

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' track coach Michael Eudy looks for improvement as the season progresses.

There are 19 boys out for track this spring.

The Wildcats will be led by four seniors: discus thrower Noah Craig, distance runner Patrick Gibbs; sprint/discus thrower/shot putter Reid Morrison and discus thrower/shot putter Garrett Fabec.

Juniors include middle/distance runners Zack Overstreet, Michael Brimm, Drake Roach and Bryce Lingle.

"We've got a good middle distance group," Eudy said. "It will be our strength for the boys."

The boys open their season Saturday in the Benton Spring Fling.

Trail society plans hike

The River-to-River Trail Society plans to have a guided hike on Saturday, March 30. The hike is free and open to the public.

The hike is planned in the area between Sand Cave and Millstone Lake.

Hikers plan to meet at 10 a.m. at the Shawnee Mart on Route 145 in Eddyville.

The trail society said the hike will be of moderate difficulty and is intended for people who are in good health and have done some walking.

The trail society noted that boots or sturdy shoes and hiking sticks are strongly recommended.

Hikers are advised to bring their own water and a snack, and to not bring dogs. More information is available by calling 618-499-2337.

Shawnee 7, Elverado 6

Braden Freeman was 2-for-3 at the plate to lead host Shawnee to its first win, 7-6, over Elverado in South Egyptian Conference high school baseball Friday, March 22.

Ryan Schaefer was 1-for-1 with 2 RBIs. Kaden Baltzell was 1-for-1 with three stolen bases. Nick Rose was 1-for-3 with an RBI. Caleb Nicholson was 1-for-4 with 2 RBIs.

Schaefer, Freeman and Rose pitched in the win. Schaefer pitched 5 innings and allowed 5 hits to go with 2 walks and 2 strikeouts.

Freeman pitched an inning and didn't allow a hit to go with no walks or strikeouts. Rose pitched an inning and allowed 2 hits to go with a walk and 2 strikeouts.

Shawnee, 1-2, is scheduled to play Friday at Don-gola.

Carterville 2, A-J/Cobden 1

The host Anna-Jonesboro-Cobden co-op high school girls' soccer team lost its first game, 2-1, to Carterville on Thursday, March 21.

Kiersten Wright scored the lone goal for A-J/Cobden.


Goalie Kristen Brimm had 17 saves.

A-J/Cobden, 0-1, is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at Carbondale.


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Union County School Board Election Candidates

Wayne Brown

Name: Wayne Brown
Town: Dongola
Occupation: Retired
Position Sought: Dongola School District No. 66 School Board
Incumbent: 8 years
Why are you seeking this office? To continue to keep our school in Dongola, and to keep improving the education system for all our students

What are your goals if elected? Helping our education system improve so that our students will receive the highest education possible along with keeping and hiring the most qualified teachers possible.

If you are an incumbent, what would you consider to be your accomplishments while in office? To work with board members in making the best choices for our teachers, students and community.

Craig Dillman

Name: Craig Dillman
Town: Anna
Occupation: Truck Driving Instructor
Position Sought: Anna School District No. 37 Board Member
Incumbent: 4 years

Why are you seeking this office? To continue making progress with the district for the students and staff.

What are your goals if elected? Continue to improve the education for the students and staff. Keep the district safe.

If you are an incumbent, what would you consider to be your accomplishments while in office? Education of the students, making sure everyone has a choice, giving the students and staff the best of my abilities.

Why should someone vote for you? I give 110% to the district. I want the students to excel in every aspect of their schooling, give them the chance to learn and excel in their school work, sports, art, band and choir.

Mark Eddleman

Name: Mark Eddleman
Town: Dongola
Occupation: Farmer
Position Sought: Dongola School District No. 66 School Board
Incumbent: 12 years

Why are you seeking this office? To keep the Dongola school board operating with stability.

What are your goals if elected? Seeing ways to improve curriculum options

If you are an incumbent, what would you consider to be your accomplishments while in office? I alone am not but, with united board, we are moving forward with strategic planning of school operations.

Why should someone vote for you? To keep conservative views on the table.

Brenda Hogue

Name: Brenda Hogue
Town: Dongola
Occupation: Retired Teacher
Position Sought: Dongola School District No. 66 School Board
Incumbent: No

Why are you seeking this office? I am seeking this office to help evaluate and analyze the academic and operational performance of the district. Concentrating on the delivery of the educational programs and student achievements.

What are your goals if elected? To assist in scheduling and help to make available new curriculum. To become very active in the educational program of the school. To help make Dongola Unit School a school that gives our students the best opportunities possible.

Why should someone vote for you? I feel that my teaching experience has made me very knowledgeable about curriculum and other educational programs. I also have had the opportunity to have been a substitute teacher in most of the area schools. The experience has helped me have some insight in the different curriculum and educational programs in the individual schools. I want very much to share my knowledge with the Dongola Unit School.

Casey Johnson

Name: Casey Johnson
Town: Jonesboro
Occupation: Superintendent at Anna-Jonesboro Water Commission
Position Sought: Jonesboro School District #43 School Board
Incumbent: 2 years

Why are you seeking this office? To continue to build on the achievements and accomplishments of the board, administration and staff.

What are your goals if you are elected? To make Jonesboro District #43 the safest and healthiest learning environment for all students and faculty. I also look forward to working on plans to bring new programs and grants to our district in hopes to attract students and teachers.

If you are an incumbent, what would you consider to be your accomplishments while in office? While on the board, we've made several improvements to our building and campus. We have made budgeting and financial planning a top priority so we can continue to provide the best education to our students despite lower funding from the state of Illinois.

Why should someone vote for you? I am a product of this school district and community. I take a great deal of pride in seeing my own children attend Jonesboro. I want to continue to work with everyone in our community and school district. The rewards of our work will prove that Jonesboro is a leader in education in Union County and in the state of Illinois. I hope to be a part of that.

Terra Lyerla

Name: Terra Lyerla
Town: Alto Pass
Occupation: Educator
Position Sought: Cobden School District No. 17 School Board
Incumbent: No

Why are you seeking this office? Cobden District No. 17 has proven to be a successful school district

with major emphasis on strong academics, and detailed meaningful focus on preparing our students for their futures. I would like to become a member of the Cobden District No. 17 school board to help encourage, support, and advise all members of the district; including students, faculty, staff, administrators and parents on the continuous effort of working towards shared goals and objectives set forth for our students, our district, and our community.

What are your goals if elected? If elected, along with supporting the district in all areas, a concentration will be to help continue the strong efforts to increase parental community involvement and support for Cobden District No. 17.

Why should someone vote for you? As an educator and a parent in Cobden District No. 17, I will help our district continue to successfully surpass the high expectations put in place for modern curriculums and meeting the needs of every child in the district.

Angie McMahan

Name: Angie McMahan
Town: Wolf Lake
Occupation: Office Manager at Murrery Rose and Assoc. Ltd.
Position Sought: Shawnee School District No. 84 School Board
Incumbent: 8 years

Why are you seeking this office? In my 8 years on the board we have had to appoint several board members. It is crucial that our school is represented by committed people who are willing to serve. I am very involved in the community and our school is a vital part of the community. My entire family graduated from Shawnee and I now have a grandchild attending so the best interests of our school remain very important to me.

What are your goals if elected? My primary goal as a school board member has always been to be a good steward of the position and to communicate effectively with fellow board members, parents and administration to make informed and enlightened decisions that face our district.

If you are an incumbent, what would you consider to be your accomplishments while in office? I strongly feel that there are no "individual" accomplishments of a board member. All members work together to make the best decisions for the district. Our current board is somewhat diverse and we work very well together with each of us willing to hear the others out and ultimately decide what is best for the district as a whole.

Why should someone vote for you? I bring 8 years of experience to the board. In that time I have learned a

lot and have a good working knowledge of the continuing issues we must deal with. I am reliable, committed and feel my experience and insight are of great value when making decisions that impact our students and school district.

Philip Miller

Name: Philip Miller
Town: Dongola
Occupation: Farmer
Position Sought: Dongola Unit District No. 66 School Board Member
Incumbent: 16 years

Why are you seeking this office? To do my part in making Dongola one of the best schools in Southern Illinois.

What are your goals if elected? To keep our district financially sound.

If you are an incumbent, what would you consider to be your accomplishments while in office? Hiring the best people for all positions at our school.

Why should someone vote for you? Experience

Craig Partridge

Name: Craig Partridge
Town: Anna
Occupation: Retired School Teacher
Position Sought: A-JCHS School Board

Why are you seeking this office? I see this as an opportunity to use my experience in education to help serve the district and community.

What are your goals if elected? To insure that the students and faculty have everything they need to be successful. Also, to improve/maintain facilities while staying within the budget.

Why should someone vote for you? I believe I would be a fair-minded and objective decision maker.

Allen Plott

Name: Allen Plott
Town: Anna
Occupation: Lineman for Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative
Office sought: Lick Creek School District No. 16 School Board
Incumbent: 14 years

Why are you seeking this office? To promote learning enthusiasm amongst the students at Lick Creek, and support teachers and staff in being the best in their field.

What are your goals if elected? Encourage the best learning environment for the students at Lick Creek School. To also give the Lick Creek School District tools necessary for bringing each students' skills and abilities to their fullest potential.

If you are an incumbent, what would you consider to be your accomplishments while in office? While on the board we've acquired playground equipment, and made building structure

improvements. We've installed smart boards into some of the classrooms. We have added FFA and archery to our extra curriculum programs.

Why should someone vote for you? Life resident of Union County, have had 4 children in, or graduated from district. I believe a Democratic Republic student body is the greatest asset our future, as a nation, under God, has.

Justin Snell

Name: Justin Lawrence Snell
Town: Jonesboro
Occupation: Correctional Sergeant (IDOC)
Position Sought: Jonesboro School District No. 43 School Board
Incumbent: No

Why are you seeking this office? To be more involved with the school and the community.

What are your goals if elected? Making sure that curriculum is always kept up-to-date, taking the necessary security precautions in making sure that our students and staff are kept safe and I will work hard into making sure that our administration and staff are getting the best pay and benefits as possible.

Why should someone vote for you? I love the school and the community. I will do my best to work with everyone in the school and in Jonesboro community.

Aaron Stover

Name: Aaron Stover
Town: Buncombe
Occupation: Southern Illinois Electric Coop, lineman
Office sought: Lick Creek School District No. 16 School Board
Incumbent: 4 years

Why are you seeking this office? To help ensure our students remain the top priority of our school district.

What are your goals if elected? To continue to give our students what they need to prepare for their futures.

If you are an incumbent, what would you consider to be your accomplishments

while in office? Increased quality of education and building improvements.

Why should someone vote for you? I believe that our administration, teachers and students deserve credit for the success of our school. If elected, I would do my best to ensure future success.

Tina D. Waller

Name: Tina D. Waller
Town: Anna
Occupation: Retired
Position Sought: Anna School District No. 37 School Board
Incumbent: 4 years

Why are you seeking this office? I'm seeking a returning seat on the board to continue progress forward in maintaining the financial status, the upkeep of facilities and employee relationships at our district.

What are your goals if elected? To maintain our financial status. There are many factors that play a role in doing so. The current board and administration has given 100% in making sure that we are financial stable.

If you are an incumbent, what would you consider to be your accomplishments while in office? The continued improvement of our schools. Whether it be through hiring the correct people, updating buildings or making sure our students have the correct learning tools, the ongoing improvement is of most importance to me.

Why should someone vote for you? As a past employee of 20 years in the district, my knowledge of the day to day happenings allows an inside view to the board of how things operate. As a parent, grandparent and board member, our students will always come first in any decisions I make. My knowledge of the school and commitment to the district have proven that your child's education is important to me. Each child deserves an outstanding education and I will continue forward progress to assure that.

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

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. SAUL ZAVALA and MARY ELLEN ZAVALA, Defendants. 18-CH-13

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 126 KIRK ST. ANNA, IL 62906

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Permanent Index Number: 05-19-03-352

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Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Veronika L. Jones, Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC

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FOR LEASE: Commercial Property. Retail Space, 1,105 sq. ft. Available 1/1/2019. 125 Leigh Avenue, Suite B, Anna, IL 62906. Call (618)-833-5636 for an appointment to view.

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FOR RENT: Homes, A-Frames and Mobile Homes For Rent in East Cape. Call (618)-661-1118.

HELP WANTED

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City of Anna, Lifeguard: The City of Anna is accepting applications for part-time pool lifeguard positions. American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification is highly desirable, candidates must pass pre-employment background check. Applications will be available for interested candidates at Anna City Hall or online at cityofanna.org. Please return employment application to the Human Resources Department at Anna City Hall, 103 Market Street, Anna, IL 62906 or by email to lence@cityofanna.org. Application deadline is April 5. EOE.

City of Anna, Pool Manager & Head Lifeguard:

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VACANCY NOTICE: Anna District #37 is accepting applications for the 2018-19 school year for:
• Secretary

The appropriate application packet, which can be picked up at the Davie/Jr. High building or gotten online at www.anna37.org, should be completed and returned to: Charles Goforth at 301 South Green Street, Anna, IL 62906 no later than April 5, 2019.

HELP WANTED: Full-time and part-time shifts, Living Skills Tech. position available at Union County Counseling's residential program. Must be 21 years of age, have a valid driver's license and auto insurance. Must be able to pass multiple background checks and drug test. This position also requires applicant to have computer skills and be able to climb stairs. Send resume and 3 reference letters to: Assistant Fiscal Manager, P.O. Box 548, Anna, IL 62906 or send an email to info@uccsinc.org. EOE.

HELP WANTED: Part-time/on-call kitchen help. Jonesboro School District. Call (618)-694-5483.

HELP WANTED: Southern FS is needing part-time seasonal help, Jonesboro location. Call Evan, (618)-833-2494. CDL preferred, but not necessary.

JOB POSTING:

Anna-Jonesboro CHSD #81 is accepting applications for the following vacancy:

- Social Studies Teacher

Interested applicants should pick up an application or print one from our website at www.aj81.net and return, along with letter of interest, resume and credentials to Anna-Jonesboro CHSD #81, Attn: Brett Detering, Principal, 608 S. Main St., Anna, IL 62906. Please contact the Principal's Office at (618) 833-8502 for more information. The deadline for applying is April 19, 2019.

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Anna-Jonesboro CHSD #81 is accepting applications for the following vacancy:

- Head Wrestling Coach

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WANTED

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LOST OR STOLEN: Samsung S-8 in black Otter case. Last known location was Gentry Sales. Reward upon return. Call (618)-306-1241.

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LOST: 2/26/19, Springfield Avenue, Anna. A most beloved pet. Male, neutered, 6 year old cat. White with gray, tabby face mask and tail, and patches of gray tabby on sides and back. Has a stiff leg (hind leg that will not bend, since birth). Please call (618)-833-1367. \$50.00 Reward for information or recovery.

NOTICE

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TO THE CITIZENS OF UNION COUNTY:

Election is coming. Think seriously about who you vote for. I would like to address a few things.

First - It's that time of year, leaves, sticks, and misc., no where to haul or dump them.

Second - The burning of leaves. What about the people, like myself, who have asthma, and other health problems.

I know the mayor has done a lot for Union County the last four years, maybe it's time for a change.

Third - Casper Cemetery, please don't dump your trash there, we all have loved ones buried there.

Thank you, Jeannie Haynes Anna, IL

TO THE PEOPLE OF ANNA:

I, Quinn Edwards, born and raised in Anna, the people, the community, have great value to me and my family.

I want to see progress at all levels for our people and our community grow.

As we start our progress forward, join hands with me as your representative on Anna City Council to make this happen.

VOTE Quinn Edwards Anna City Commissioner When you and your family vote on April 2nd.

BUSINESS

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois SS County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 5th day of March, 2019, under the Assumed Name of DW Handyman Services with the place of business located at 301 E. High Street, Anna, Illinois 62906 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the Sole Owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Douglas W. Allen 301 E. High Street Anna, IL 62906

Lance Meisenheimer Union County Clerk 13-15gc

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF NANCY CAROL GREEN, DECEASED. IN PROBATE NO. 2019-P-5

NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Nancy Carol Green of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 8, 2019, to Sheryl Ribbing, P.O. Box 653, Anna, Illinois 62906, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

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

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

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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, 311 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before September 21, 2019, 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 13, 2019.

SHERYL RIBBING
INDEPENDENT
EXECUTOR

CAMERON LAW FIRM,
LLC
ELVIS C. CAMERON
ATTORNEY FOR
INDEPENDENT
EXECUTOR
205B N. MAIN ST.
ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906
PHONE: 618-833-2220
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL
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UNION COUNTY,
ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF
LILLIAN FAY DROGE,
DECEASED.
IN PROBATE
NO. 2019-P-4

NOTICE OF DEATH
INDEPENDENT
ADMINISTRATION,
AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Lillian Fay Droge of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 8, 2019, to Gerald Droge, 105 George Street, Anna, IL 62906 as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

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Charles J. Conway
104 Watkins Drive
Jonesboro, IL 62952

Lance Meisenheimer
Union County Clerk
14-16gc

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE 1ST JUDICIAL
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TRACT 2: 150 FEET OF EQUAL WIDTH OVER THE ENTIRE BREADTH THEREOF OFF THE WEST END OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT OF LAND: BEGINNING AT A POINT SOUTH 5 1/4 DEGREES EAST 391 1/2 FEET FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 19, IN TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; THENCE SOUTH 84 1/4 DEGREES WEST 748 1/2 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 5 1/4 DEGREES EAST, 127 1/2 FEET; THENCE NORTH 84 1/4 DEGREES EAST, 748 1/2 FEET; THENCE NORTH 5 1/4 DEGREES WEST, 130 FEET TO THE BEGINNING. BEING A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN ALL SITUATED IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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

IN THE INTEREST OF:
RONALDO PEREZ,
HECTOR PEREZ,
CRISTIAN PEREZ,
A Minor.
NO. 2018-JA-38
2018-JA-39
2018-JA-40

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

Hector Perez, and to ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

TAKE NOTICE that on 9/13/2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by Tyler R. Edmonds, Union County State's Attorney, by his Assistant State's Attorney, Heather Heaslett, in the Circuit Court of Union County entitled "In the Interest of RONALDO PEREZ, a minor, HECTOR PEREZ, a minor, and CRISTIAN PEREZ, a minor", and that in Judge Charles Cavaness courtroom at Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois, on Thursday, the 27th day of June, 2019, at the hour of 1:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an adjudicatory/permanency hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

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

Tiffany Busby
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Dated: March 20, 2019
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT
UNION COUNTY,
ILLINOIS

IN THE INTEREST OF:
JOSE ZAVALA,
MAGALI ZAVALA
A Minor.
NO. 2018-JA-36
2018-JA-37

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

Antonio Zavala, and to ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

TAKE NOTICE that on 9/13/2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by Tyler R. Edmonds, Union County State's Attorney, by his Assistant State's Attorney, Heather Heaslett, in the Circuit Court of Union County entitled "In the Interest of JOSE ZAVALA, a minor, and MAGALI ZAVALA, a minor", and that in Judge Charles Cavaness courtroom at Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois, on Thursday, the 27th day of June, 2019, at the hour of 1:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an adjudicatory/permanency hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child

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Dated: March 20, 2019
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING

The Village of Cobden will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 15, 2019, at 6 p.m. at the Cobden Village Hall for the purpose of consideration of the Revised Budget for 2018-2019 and the proposed Budget for fiscal year 2019-2020. After such hearing, the proposed Budget, as presented or as revised after the Public Hearing, shall be passed without any further inspection, notice or hearing. Copies of these proposed budgets are available at the Village Hall. The hearing is open to the public. 15g

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the water district listed below has adopted "An Ordinance Adopting the Prevailing Rate

of Wages of Laborers, Mechanics and Other Workers employed in Public Works as Ascertained by the Illinois Department of Labor" during the month of March, 2019.

The original Ordinance, which lists the applicable prevailing rate of wages, is part of the official records of the water district listed below, and is on file and available for examination at the office of the Lick Creek Public Water District.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2019.

Lick Creek Public Water
District
Ken Pinnon,
Chairman
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What do you know about the "Rapture?"

Have you heard about the idea of the "Rapture? Rapture-supporters promote the idea that Christ will come suddenly and secretly in the air to snatch away living saints and resurrected bodies of dead saints from the Earth. We're told that families will be shocked by the strange disappearance of a mother, father, or child, etc. This rapture is supposed to occur just prior to the seven-year Tribulation period, which, in turn, will be followed by the Millennium. The alleged "Tribulation" is said to be a time during which the Jewish temple will be rebuilt and Mosaic, animal sacrifices restored. The "millennium" of course referring to the supposed 1000 year reign of Jesus from Jerusalem. What does the Bible say?

The Second Coming of Christ is nowhere pictured as secret, as "Rapture" advocates claim. In fact, just the opposite is true. Christ's coming will be accompanied by "flaming fire" (II Thess. 1:7), the sound of a trumpet (I Cor. 15:52), a "shout," the "voice of the archangel," and the "trump of God" (I Thess. 4:16). This has been called the noisiest verse in the Bible.

When Jesus comes again, "the heavens shall pass away with a great noise" (II Peter 3:10). That hardly supports the notion that the return of the Lord will be a silent, secret event. In fact, "every eye will see Him" (Rev. 1:7). These passages show that everyone will see and hear the Second Coming!

Consider the following reasons why the "Rapture" is false:

1. The "Rapture" requires too many comings of Jesus. **Jude 14 & 15; II Peter 3:10**
2. Supporters of the "Rapture" say that only some people will see Jesus when He comes again. **Rev. 1:7**
3. The "Rapture" theory is in contradiction to the clear teaching of the Lord in **John 5:28-29**.
4. The "Rapture" does not fit the Bible teaching of the "last day." **John 6:39, 40, & 44**
5. The "Rapture" is in conflict with **II Thessalonians 1:6-10**.
6. The "Rapture" conflicts with **II Peter 3:10-14**.
7. **I Thessalonians 4:13-17** - in context, reassures Christians that their deceased, faithful loved ones would share in the Lord's return. Second, it lets Christians know that those who are still alive when Christ returns will have no advantage over those who have already died.

As always, you're invited to study the Bible with us at 104 Nile St. Come see us this Sunday! Bible study is at 9:30 a.m., worship services at 10:30 a.m. & 5 p.m. We hope to see you soon!

R.W. McAlister, Minister
Anna church of Christ
15g

Obituaries

Melvin J. Brown

Melvin J. Brown, 90, of Anna, died at 12:17 a.m. Wednesday, March 20, 2019, at his home in Anna.

He was born on Jan. 14, 1929, in Cypress, the son of Melvin Sr. and Grace Brown.

He married Norma Halter on July 1, 1950.

He served in the U.S. Army for three years, achieving the rank of staff sergeant.

He first went to work for McDonnell Douglas and then for Boeing, where he retired as a supervisor after 20 years.

He loved St. Louis Cardinals baseball and collected baseball memorabilia. He also enjoyed collecting stamps and talking about baseball.

He is survived by his wife, Norma D. Brown of Anna; a son, Keith Edward Brown of Anna; granddaughters Jennifer Brown of St. Peters, Mo., Chasity (Casey) Muehlbauer of Warrenton, Mo., and Madison Brown of Anna; grandsons Dustin Brown of Foristell, Mo., and Melvin R. Brown of Cobden; great-grandchildren Riley Brown and Adrianna Hollaway; a brother, Norman Lee (Marie) Brown of Anna; a sister-in-law, Shirley Brown of Anna; nieces Carnea Lynn Brown and Kelly (Bill) Needler of Mt. Vernon; cousins Cody Brown of Lick Creek, Larry (Marie) Johnson of Elgin and Jason Johnson of Anna; many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Bill Brown; a sister, Devonna Johnson; a brother-in-law, DeeRay Johnson; and a cousin, Gregory Johnson.

A memorial gathering was held from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, March 25, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro. Inurnment will take place at a later date at Cypress Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society.

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.



Joann Boatright

Joann Boatright, 84, of Anna, died Thursday, March 21, 2019, at Reflections Memory Care in Carterville.

She was born on Nov. 9, 1934, in Harrisburg, the daughter of Matthew Joseph and Verba Burns Fiala.

She married Vernon Dale Boatright on May 30, 1954, in Corinth, Miss. He preceded her in death on Jan. 5, 2011; together they shared 56 years of marriage.

She is survived by her son, Dale (Dee) Boatright of Anna; a daughter, Karen (Bobby) Toler of Jonesboro; eight grandchildren, Michelle (Randy) Harris, Heather Boatright, Beth Ann Myers, Jennifer (Ben) Wetherington, Kimberly (Josh) Spurlock, Mary (Robbie) Petzoldt, Bobby Dale (Caitlyn) Toler and Amber Toler; 10 great-grandchildren, Makenzie, Dylan, Jayden, Chad JR., Olivia, Levi, Lily, Zachary, McKenzie and Riley; nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Vernon Dale Boatright; a daughter, Lori Mabelle Boatright; a son, Cecil Lee Boatright; a grandson, Jackie Dale Boatright; two sisters, Mary Agnes Evetts and Alma O'Malley; and one brother, Raymond Fiala.

She was a devoted member of the First Baptist Church in Jonesboro for many years. She was actively involved in Women on a Mission.

She worked for the Anna National Bank for 26 years as a teller until her retirement in 1996. She took great pride in her years at the bank and enjoyed working with her customers and coworkers who became life-long friends.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Monday, March 25, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with Ben Wetherington officiating. Interment was in North America Cemetery in Harco.

Memorials can be made 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 Anna is in charge of arrangements.



Geraldine Namen

Geraldine Namen, 89, of Phoenix, Ariz., died Friday, March 15, 2019.

She was born on Aug. 9, 1929, in Alto Pass, the daughter of Arthur Lee and Jessie Girtman Casey.

She married Robert Namen on Jan. 20, 1948, in Akron, Ohio. He preceded her in death on Feb. 15, 2003.

She is survived by her son, Bob (Brooke) Namen; grandchildren Jeremy, Alec and Taylor Namen; a great-grandchild, Silvy Namen; a sister, Betty Salsburg; and a brother, Roger Casey.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by her husband, Robert Namen.

Graveside funeral services for Geraldine Namen were at 11 a.m. Friday, March 22, at the Alto Pass Cemetery, with Father Uriel Salamanca officiating. Interment followed.

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



Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Alto Pass was in charge of arrangements.



Isiah Nathaniel Dunn

Isiah Nathaniel Dunn, infant son of Matthew Dunn and Katie Lynn Turner, was born on March 13, 2019, in Marion.

He passed away at 2 a.m. Friday, March 15, 2019, at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital in St. Louis.

He is survived by his twin sister, Kayla Elizabeth Dunn; his parents, Matthew Dunn and Katie Turner; paternal grandparents Misty Dunn and Jimmy Dunn; maternal grandparents Debbie Janowski and Carrol Gene Turner; paternal great-grandparents Anita and Steven Wrench; and maternal great-grandparents Jackie and the late Beverly Wilson, Katherine Turner and Ida Crowell.

Funeral services for Isiah Nathaniel Dunn were at 2 p.m. Friday, March 22, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro, with the Rev. Richard Sullins officiating. Interment followed in Friendship Cemetery in Dongola.

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



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

Public Record

from the files at the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro

Realty Transactions

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

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Kara Michael Chaney, Barbara D. Stute. Grantee: Kara Michael Chaney, Makenzie Chaney, Barbara D. Stute. Tract Section 35 Township 11S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: William Eads. Grantee: Robert Eads Jr. Tract Section 21 Township 11S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Robert Eads Jr. Grantee: William Eads. Tract Section 21 Township 11S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Danial Patrick Teeling. Grantee: Randal Neil Calver, Danial Patrick Teeling. Tract Section 16 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Estate of Bernice A. Kaupas, Debra Pleta, Debra Pletta. Grantee: Carl E. Sellars. Tract Section 18 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: John E. Sims, Sharon V. Sims. Grantee: Jacob Allen Wolfson. Tract Section 9 Township 11S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Andrea M. Goodman, Timothy L. Goodman. Grantee: Shelley M. Morrison, Timothy R. Morrison. Tract Section 28 Township 11S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Steven A. Craig. Grantee: Joni Leigh Lewis, Lonnie Dale Lewis. Tract Section 15 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Brandon Bierstedt, Paula Bierstedt. Grantee: Martha J. Kraatz, Leah Norwood. Name: Anna Heights Subdivision. Lot 30.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Elizabeth D. Prout. Grantee: Natalie Nichole Cast, Matthew Levi Sheible. Tract Section 20 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: James R. Newman Jr. Grantee: James Dean Duty, Alicia Renee Gruny, Larry Eugene Newman, James R. Newman III. Tract Section 31 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Barbara Russell, Barbara Sue Russell, Delmar Leon Russell, Leon Russell. Grantee: Barbara Russell, Dale A. Russell, Leon Russell.

Tract Section 4 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Terry Lee Foster, Debbie Ann McLane. Grantee: Jeffrey L. Stamp. Tract Section 33 Township 12S Range 1W. Tract Section 4 Township 13S Range 1W. Tract Section 3 Township 13S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Amanda J. Page, Daniel Page. Grantee: Dawson Montfort. Tract Section 22 Township 12S Range 1W. Lot 1.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Howard E. Robinson. Grantee: Lilly Angeline Middleton, Amy L. Nance. Tract Section 10 Township 11S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Estate of Anthony W. Winsor, Regions Bank. Grantee: Anna-Jonesboro National Bank. Tract Section 32 Township 13S Range 1E.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Estate of Anthony W. Winsor, Regions Bank. Grantee: Lewis Meisenheimers 2nd Add. of Dongola. Lots 21, 22.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Belinda Lu Rhodes, Phillip Lane Rhodes. Grantee: Stephanie Morgan Rhodes. Tract Section 6 Township 12S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Belinda Lu Rhodes, Phillip Lane Rhodes. Grantee: The Belinda Lu Rhodes Revocable Trust Agreement. Tract Section 5 Township 12S Range 2W. Tract Section 32 Township 11S Range 2W. Tract Section 31 Township 11S Range 2W. Tract Section 6 Township 12S Range 2W. Tract Section 7 Township 12S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Belinda Lu Rhodes, Phillip Lane Rhodes. Grantee: The Phillip Lane Rhodes Revocable Trust Agreement. Tract Section 5 Township 12S Range 2W. Tract Section 32 Township 11S Range 2W. Tract Section 31 Township 11S Range 2W. Tract Section 11S Range 2W. Tract Section 6 Township 12S Range 2W. Tract Section 7 Township 12S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Dale Harvell. Grantee: Wilma Hoyle. Name: Miller Heights Sub. of Anna. Block 2. Lot 9.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jeri Knupp, Pamela Schlenker, Ann Baker York, Elizabeth Ann York. Grantee:

Donald G. Yates, Joni L. Yates. Name: Kenneth E. Tucker Add. Anna. Lots 3, 5.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Kimberly Guestersloh, Bryan Harvell, Wilma Hoyle, Shannon Palmier. Grantee: Gilbert P. Clements. Name: Miller Heights Sub. of Anna. Block 2. Lot 9.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Jennifer A. Carney, Jennifer A. Hunter. Grantee: Vernon B. Hunter. Name: Thomas J. Greens Sub. of Anna. Portion 1.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Emily R. Escue, Emily R. Sanders. Grantee: Emily R. Sanders, Jacob W. Sanders. Tract Section 9 Township 11S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Deedria Dillon. Grantee: The First Baptist Church of Cobden, Illinois. Name: Village of Cobden. Block C. Lot 17.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Tiffany A. Short. Grantee: Patricia Brooke Chamness. Name: Orchard Drive Sub. Lot 88.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Robert D. McCann, Sheri L. McCann. Grantee: Robert Lucas McCann, Samantha Lynn McCann. Tract Section 10 Township 11S Range 2W. Tract Section 15 Township 11S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Larry T. Cotham, Mary C. Cotham. Grantee: Larry T. Cotham, Mary C. Cotham. Tract Section 35 Township 12S Range 1E.

Traffic Citations

The following people were cited for speeding and were assessed \$120 in fines and court costs as recorded at the Union County circuit clerk's office in Jonesboro:

Alex J. Reilman, Texico. Robin Conley Cutting, Murphysboro. Carley G. Childress, Vienna. Colby C. Callan, Anna. Ronald E. Damron, De Soto.

Hailey M. Krerowicz, Centralia. Kyle M. Zeinemann, Carbondale. Rachel M. Walkere, Carbondale. Kacie Marie Dunn, Mounds. Lisa Shiree Dismukes, Chicago. Betty A. Cooks, Chicago. Dzu Pham, Urbana. Katie Marie Willis, Imperial, Mo.

Kennan Paul Josiah Lee Stokes, Dongola. Daneesha Carthell, Tamms.

Abhurahtman HG Bakhsh, Cape Girardeau.

David L. Franklin II, Anna. Jo Eileen Bledsoe, Thebes. Kelsey A. Potter, Carbondale. Bradley S. Gorman, Indianapolis, Ind. Justin S. Hickam, Vienna.

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

Michael S. Pilkington, Eldorado, electronic communication device, \$120. Nathan A. Stewart, Oak Lawn, seat belt required/passenger, \$60.

Christopher Brian Busby, Anna, electronic communication device, \$120. Kaitlyn Nicole Morrison, Cobden, electronic communication device, \$120.

Kimberly S. Booker, Carbondale, disregard stop sign, \$120. Tonia Rae Jennings, Springfield, Tenn., speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140.

Edwin J. Rundle Jr., Anna, electronic communication device, \$120. David Harry Redcloud, Anna, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Frank G. Myers Jr., Zeigler, driving under influence of alcohol, \$3,265. Darren L. Halliburton, Cairo, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140.

Teresa M. Wright, Carbondale, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140. Ernestine Teil, Memphis, Tenn., speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140.

James J.G. Peterson, Anna, disregard traffic control device, \$120. Daniel Gene Bennett, Anna, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Dalton T. Anderson, Jonesboro, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Gloria Michelle Showmaker, Ullin, electronic communication device, \$120.

Stephanie A. Gibbs, Dongola, seat belt required/passenger, \$60. Ismail A. Mohammed, Teaneck, N.J., fail to reduce speed, \$120.

Marriage Licenses
The county clerk's office in Jonesboro issued a marriage license to:

Jeffrey M. Peters, 24, of Jonesboro, and Tracy L. Lampert, 41, of Cobden.

Michael A. Felton, 28, of Pittsburg, and Jacqualine T.S. Shackleton, 27, of De Soto.

Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Deanie and Jerry Hinkle of Jonesboro celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a surprise early celebration on Sunday, March 10, at the home of Tyler, Reagan and Alexa Hinkle in Anna with lots of family and friends. Their anniversary is Thursday, March 28.

Happy birthday to my sister, Lois Crites, of Jackson, Mo., on Thursday, March 28.

Gary Gibbs of Jonesboro visited with Fred and Maxine Pender of Fair City.

Those helping Slayton Miller celebrate his 4th birthday on Sunday were his parents Josh and Heather Miller and sister Chesleigh of Tamms, Kathey and Shelton Pender of Anna, Leslie Grace of Olive Branch, Fred and Maxine Pender and his grandparents, Russ and Patsy Pender of Olive Branch, who hosted the party.

Thursday, March 21, Jack and Delores Reynolds of Reynoldsville, Barb and Edwin Livesay of Anna,

Doris and Ernie Rhodes of Jonesboro, Joe Walker of Marion and Shirley Miller of McClure enjoyed eating at El Jalapeno in Anna.

Vivian Bennett of McClure and Shirley Miller enjoyed eating at the Grecian Steakhouse in Cape Girardeau on Sunday.

John Yates of Herrin, Lois and Jim Crites of Jackson, Mo., Robert and Venita Lingle and Sue and Steve Eudy, all of Anna, ate at Honey's Restaurant in Ullin.

Thank you to all our relatives and friends for their love and support on the passing of Steve's brother, Stan Eudy of Cape Girardeau, on Tuesday, March 19, at Life Care Center in Cape Girardeau.

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

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A-JCHS Board meets

Wrestling team coach resigns post; student activities, achievements noted

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School District No. 81 Board of Education had its regular monthly meeting Monday, March 18.

A-J wrestling coach Eric Massey was in attendance to speak about the team's successful season and to thank the board for its support.

Massey also announced that he was stepping down as head coach, which the board later voted to approve.

Massey coached the team to a 21-8 season, which included a regional championship.

A-JCHS Student Council representatives Taylor Harvel and Emma Ray were in attendance to discuss plans for "Dude, Be Nice" week, featuring events designed to encourage kindness, com-

passion and a more conscious school culture.

The campaign will take place during the first week of April and is scheduled to be the final big student council event for the school year.

Faculty member Amber Detering reported items of interests from the teachers.

The WYSE team competed in the sectional competition at SIU on March 13 with Soren Keller placing second in physics, making him the first A-J student to place in sectionals in a number of years.

Musicians from the A-J fine arts department participated in the IHSA state solo and ensemble contest on March 2 at Carverville High School. A-J students earned a total of 26 Division 1 medals and 19 Division 2 medals.

The A-J concert choir is scheduled to compete in the IHSA state organizational contest on April 12.

The board discussed and voted on a number of faculty and staff issues. The renewal of the administrative contract for athletic director Rick Livesay was approved, as was the administrative contract for director of curriculum and instruction Scott Finders.

A motion to grant tenure for Thomas Corbit and Dana Frownfelter was voted on and approved. Mark Boomer was approved as the new assistant girls' soccer coach. Kyle Clover was approved as a volunteer baseball coach pending background check and certification.

A bid from Glandt Roofing was approved for an upcoming roofing project. Board members also voted yes on an upcoming overnight trip to Springfield by members of the Future Business Leaders of America.

Superintendent Robbie Wright presented a five-year strategy plan for Fiscal Year 2020-2024 which the board approved with all members present voting yes.

Winter season farmers market coming to end

The Carbondale community farmers market's 2018-2019 season is coming to an end with its second annual plant giveaway on March 30.

March 30 will mark the last farmers market of the winter season and as a "thank you" to the community, patrons will receive a free vegetable or herb plant start, while supplies last.

Patrons will have the opportunity to join in on a potting demonstration where they can learn how to take care of their plant start and re-pot it into a bigger forever home container to grow at home.

The event is supported by several local businesses and farmers.

The farmers market is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon at Carbondale Community High School, which is located at 1301 E. Walnut St. in Carbondale.

The plant giveaway is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. Plants will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Teacher, student honored

Michael Bigler, owner of the Goosehead Insurance agency in Anna, has recognized an Anna School District No. 37 teacher and student athlete of the month for the month of February. Photos provided.



Michael Eudy, left, was selected as the teacher of the month. He received a \$50 gift card from Kroger.



Evan Ray was recognized as the student athlete of the month. He is on the bowling team. He received a \$50 gift card from Dick's Sporting Goods.

Lick Creek Beta Club members receive honors

Three members of the Lick Creek School Beta Club received honors at the recent state convention. The convention was Feb. 25-26 in Springfield. Photos provided.



Danielle Dunaway received first place in junior fiber arts.



Brinley Corbit received second place in the 6th grade language arts competition, which involved a one-hour written test.



Matti Houseman received second place in the junior digital art category.

'Man on the Moon' talk planned

The 50th anniversary of "Man on the Moon" is scheduled to be the topic of the April 2 Historic Tuesday Talk at 7 p.m. in the Rosemary Berkel and Harry L. Crisp II Museum at Southeast Missouri State University's River Campus in Cape Girardeau. Gary Tyler, outreach

specialist at the museum, will give the presentation, which is free and open to the public.

Crisp Museum is inside Southeast Missouri State University's River Campus at 518 S. Fountain St. For more information, email museum@semo.edu or call 573-651-2260.

Butter churning program presented at garden club meeting

The Anna-Jo Garden Club had a monthly meeting on March 12 at the United Methodist Church in Anna.

A program titled "Churning Up a Little Sunshine" was presented by Jeffery Klingfuss from Mississippi. The program was an interactive presentation about churning butter.

Klingfuss has been involved in historical activities and provided members with copies of historical publications on the history and the making of butter in the United States.

Everyone had an opportunity to help "churn" butter in pint jars.

The butter was served on homemade bread rolls along with other refreshments.

Hosts Sherry Lence, Tom Sadowski and Shari Sweeney provided the refreshments and decorated the tables for St. Patrick's Day.

The business meeting was called to order by club president Shari Sweeney.

Members answered roll call by sharing responses to what spring makes them look forward to in their gardens. Everyone expressed their need to get out and enjoy the season.

Tom Sadowski delivered a horticulture tip. He presented several benefits of using kelp meal in the garden.

After birthday wishes were extended to members having March birthdays, committees gave reports.

The garden therapy committee scheduled a visit to the Jonesboro Rehabilitation Center for March 15 for a St. Patrick's Day party with the residents.

The garden club park committee has scheduled a park clean up for 9 a.m. on March 27. All members are invited.

The community garden committee is applying for a grant for fencing materials for the garden area. Plans are in the works for spring planting.

The scholarship committee discussed the possibility of awarding two \$500 scholarships this year to Union County high school students. The club agreed to the proposal.

The sunshine committee passed around a get-well card to be sent to Virginia Housman, who has been very ill and hospitalized. She was reported to be making progress.

Five persons injured in accident near Dongola

Five persons sustained injuries in a traffic accident which occurred Tuesday evening, March 19, in Union County.

Illinois State Police District 22 at Ullin reported that the accident happened at 6:26 p.m. on U.S. Route 51 N near Dongola.

State police reported that the accident involved a 2002 GMC Envoy.

The driver of the vehicle was identified as Jimmy Lavern White Jr., 27, of Mounds.

State police reported there were four passengers in the vehicle, including Chanel J. Young, 29, of

Virginia is the only remaining charter member of the Anna-Jo Garden Club. She has been a member for almost 67 years. Everyone wished her a speedy recovery.

The Annabelle committee is making plans to get the Annabelle plants ready for the upcoming growing season.

They will be sold at the spring plant sale, which has been scheduled for May 3, and at the Annabelle Festival, which is planned June 7-8.

A Garden Club District 7 flower show, which had been set for July, has been cancelled.

The district spring meeting is scheduled March 28 in Benton. Members will be car-pooling.

The Garden Club state convention is scheduled April 7-8 in Naperville.

The public is invited to attend garden club meetings and events. Those who are interested in gardening, community work or just making friends are welcome. Two new members have joined the club this year.

The club's next meeting is scheduled at noon on April 9 at the United Methodist Church in Anna.

Zeta Psi Chapter meeting held

Zeta Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority met Thursday evening, March 14, at The Brick House Restaurant in Anna.

Chapter president Linda Warren presided over a business meeting.

Founder's Day was discussed. The Dongola chapter will send an invitation.

International endowment fund proposals were read and discussed. A form with sorority's approval will be sent in.

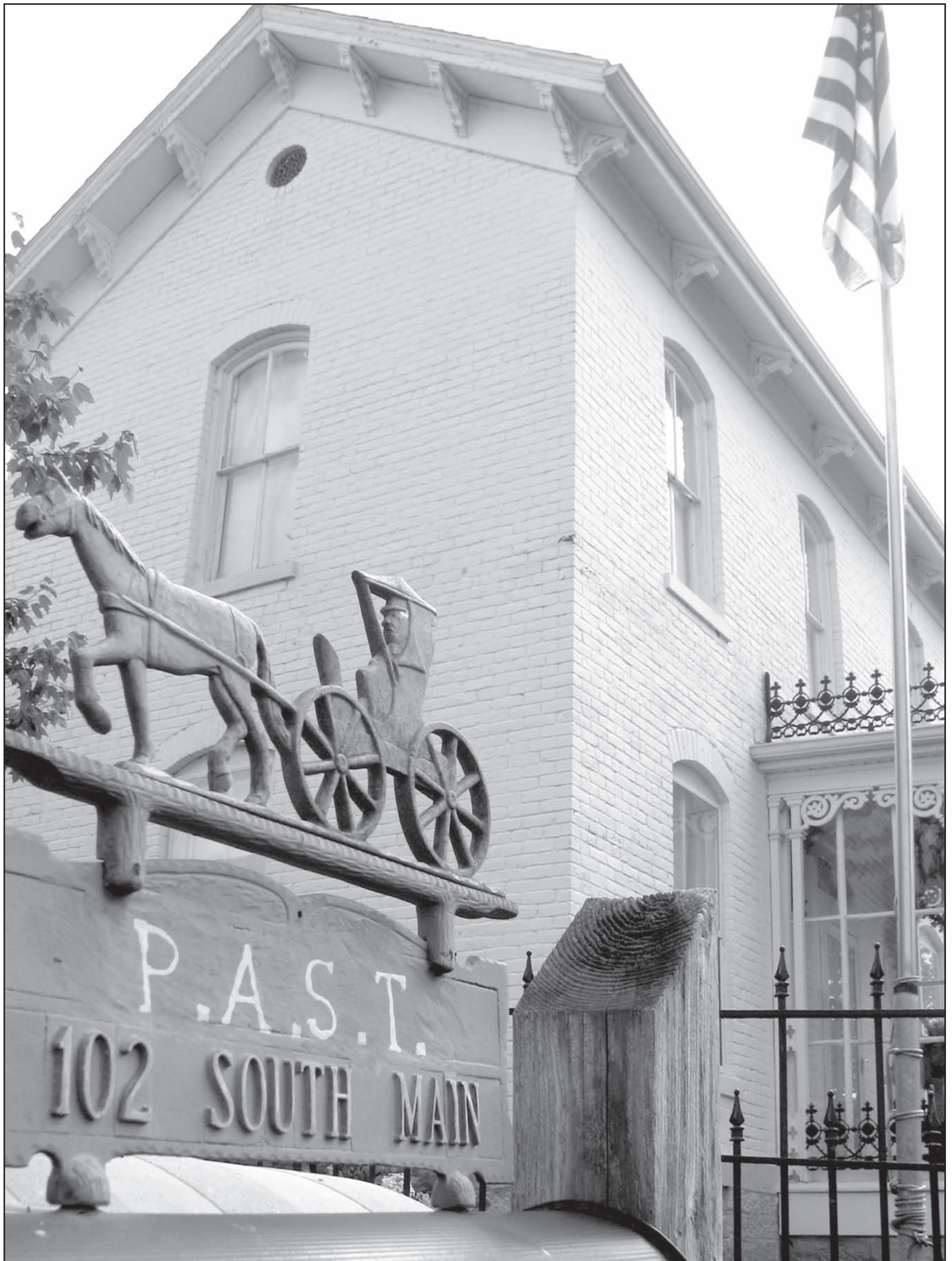
Nancy Gunn will host the April meeting and Elaine Crain will host a salad supper in May.

Scholarships for graduating Union County high school seniors was discussed. Once the applications are voted on, the recipients will be announced in May.

JoVonna Noble was in charge of a program which was titled "Old Sayings."

The door prize was won by Shirley West.

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Musical to be presented at A-JCHS



Anna-Jonesboro Community High School is preparing to present "Disney The Little Mermaid." Banners promoting the musical can be seen along South Main Street in Anna, near the Union County school. Performances of the musical are set for 7 p.m. on March 29 and March 30, and at 2 p.m. on March 31



A rehearsal was being conducted last Friday evening at A-JCHS as the cast and crew of "Disney The Little Mermaid" prepared for the presentation of the musical.

Winter heating assistance through LIHEAP still available to Illinois residents

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, DCEO, has announced that winter heating assistance through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, LIHEAP, is still available.

Heating assistance and Reconnection Assistance, RA, applications will be processed through May 31, or until funding is exhausted.

DCEO noted that even if a household has already applied for and received LIHEAP (bill payment assistance, but not the full RA benefit) since Oct. 1, 2018, it may be eligible for the RA benefit.

Reconnection Assistance is available for eligible households who are disconnected from their energy source needed for heating or are under imminent threat of disconnection (are within seven days of being disconnected or have less than 25 percent in their propane tank).

The RA benefit may also be approved to help adults who are trying to establish heat-related energy services.

RA is provided to eligible households if it will ensure reconnection and if the household has made a

good faith effort to maintain energy services and/or can pay a portion of the balance due to the energy vendor, when applicable.

A single-person household can qualify with a monthly gross income of up to \$1,518; a two-person household up to \$2,058; a family of three can earn up to \$2,598; and a family of four can earn up to \$3,138.

Benefits are paid directly to energy vendors on behalf of eligible households. The exception is households whose heating costs are included in their rent.

Customers must bring all required documentation when applying for assistance, including:

- Proof of gross income from all household mem-

bers for the previous 30-day income period, beginning with the date of the application.

- A copy of their current heat and electric bills issued within the last 30 days (if they pay for their energy directly).

- A copy of their rental agreement (if they are renting) showing that utilities are included, the monthly rental amount and landlord contact information.

- Proof of Social Security numbers for all household members.

- Proof that their household received TANF or other benefits, such as Medical Eligibility or SNAP, if receiving assistance from the Illinois Department of Human Services.

Applications are taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

LIHEAP is a state and federally funded energy assistance program for low-income families in which heating bill payments are made on behalf of households.

LIHEAP applications are processed through a network of 35 local administering agencies around the state.

A listing of LIHEAP's local administering agencies, as well as additional information about the program, can be found online by going to www.liheapillinois.com, or by calling the LIHEAP toll-free hotline at 1 877 411-WARM (9276).

4-H Horse Bowl, hippology contest scheduled at SIU

Approximately 100 local students, ages 8 through high school, are gearing up for the annual Southern Region 4-H Horse Bowl and hippology contest, which is planned at the Southern Illinois University Carbondale Agricultural Building March 30.

Similar to an academic scholastic bowl, the contest focuses on horse-related subjects and provides youth with an opportunity to qualify for the state competition in April.

All participants are 4-H club members and are divided into junior and senior groups.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., with competi-

tions lasting throughout the day.

The hippology section is first, with the Horse Bowl following at 10 a.m.

Both team and individual awards will be awarded at the end of the contest in the afternoon at the SIU Farms.

The goal of the event is to give 4-H participants an educational and fun opportunity to compete and test their knowledge on subjects such as horse anatomy, tack and riding equipment, feeding and care of horses and much more.

Part of both a state and national coalition, SIU is hosting one of the four competitions happening in the state this spring.

Anna Arts Center invites community to adopt penguin

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council's Anna Arts Center is inviting the community to adopt a penguin.

Penguins can be adopted for \$5 and then dressed up for an upcoming exhibit and auction.

Prizes will be awarded for the best dressed, most original and funniest penguins.

Penguins can be returned to the Anna Arts Center from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on April 18 or from 10 a.m. to noon on April 20.

The arts center is located at 125 W. Davie St. in Anna.

An exhibit featuring the penguins is scheduled to open on April 23.

Exhibit hours will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

An awards reception and auction are planned on April 28.

The reception begins at 2 p.m. Penguins will be auctioned to good homes starting at 3 p.m. Admission is free.

To learn how to adopt a penguin, contact Lee at 904-625-1109 or email her at vabchlee@gmail.com.

Lincoln School screening set

Lincoln School in Anna is planning to have pre-kindergarten and kindergarten screening from noon to 5 p.m. on April 9.

Those who come for screenings are asked to enter through the school's main entrance on Hendra Street.

The school notes that each child will need to bring a certified copy of his or her birth certificate.

Children will meet with teachers and the school nurse.

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Early Voting Schedule

Starting Thursday, February 21, 2019, through Monday, April 1, 2019, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Excluding weekends except dates listed below:

Saturday, March 30, 2019 - 8 a.m. to Noon
Sunday, March 31, 2019 - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Grace Period Voting Schedule

Starting Wednesday, March 6, 2019, through Monday, April 1, 2019, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Excluding weekends except dates listed below and Tuesday, April 2, 2019, Consolidated Election Day.

Saturday, March 30, 2019 - 8 a.m. to Noon
Sunday, March 31, 2019 - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Consolidated Election Day is Tuesday, April 2, 2019, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Early and Grace voting will be held at the Union County Clerk's Office, located at:

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Jonesboro School sets screening

Jonesboro Elementary School has scheduled kindergarten screening for Thursday, April 11, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Children who will be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2019, are eligible for kindergarten.

To make an appointment, parents can call Jenny or Cathy in the main office at 833-5148.

School officials note that in addition to their children, parents need to bring the child's original birth certificate.

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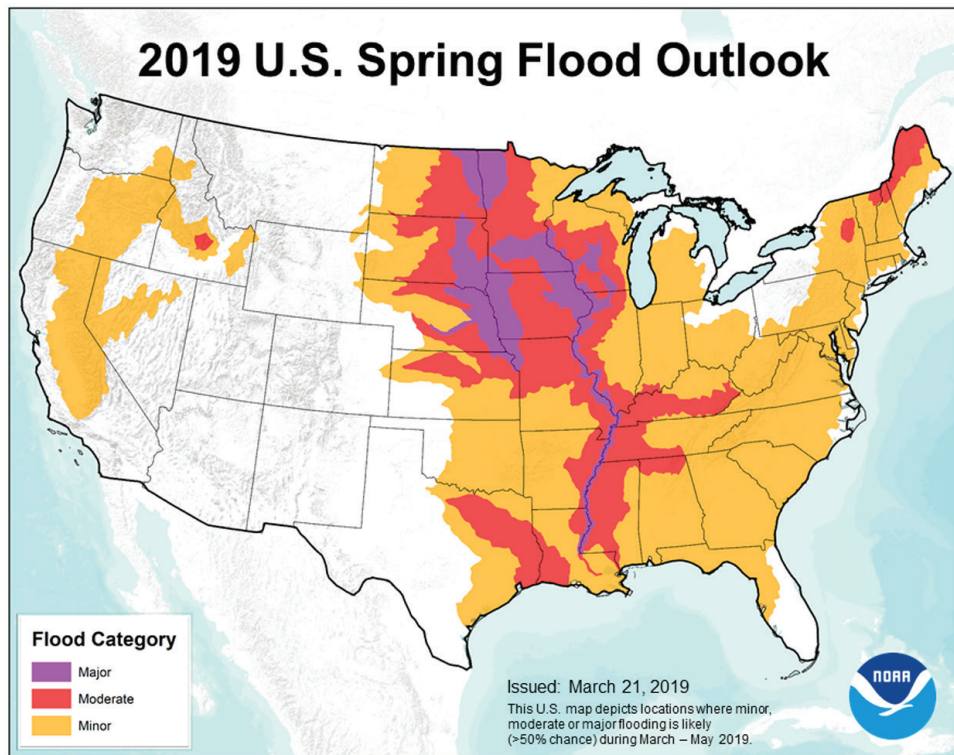
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Section B

Spring outlook: 'Potentially unprecedented flood season'



Spring flood outlook
This map depicts the locations where there is a greater than 50-percent chance of major, moderate or minor flooding during March through May. The areas in dark shades face a chance of moderate to major flooding. From NOAA website.

Nearly two-thirds of the Lower 48 states face an elevated risk for flooding through May, with the potential for major or moderate flooding in 25 states, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's, NOAA, U.S. Spring Outlook, which was issued March 21.

The majority of the country is favored to experience above-average precipitation this spring, increasing the flood risk.

Even as the report was issued, flooding continued on the Mississippi, Ohio and Big Muddy rivers in Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky.

NOAA foresees the potential for major flooding this spring along the Mississippi River in Southern

Illinois, including Union County.

Portions of the United States, especially in the upper Mississippi and Missouri river basins, including Nebraska, Minnesota and Iowa, have already experienced record flooding this year.

This early flooding was caused by rapid snow melt combined with heavy spring rain and late season snowfall in areas where soil moisture is high.

In some areas, ice jams are exacerbating the flooding.

Offices across the National Weather Service have been working with local communities, providing decision-support services and special briefings to emergency managers and other leaders in local, state

and federal government to ensure the highest level of readiness before the flooding began.

Additional spring rain and melting snow will prolong and expand flooding, especially in the central and southern United States.

As this excess water flows downstream through the river basins, the flood threat will become worse and geographically more widespread.

"This outlook will help emergency managers and community decision-makers all along the nation's major waterways prepare people and businesses for the flood threat," said Neil Jacobs, who is NOAA's acting administrator.

"In addition to the safety aspects, our rivers are critical to the economic vitality

of the nation, supporting commerce, recreation and transportation. NOAA forecasts and outlooks help people navigate extreme seasonal weather and water events to keep the country safe and moving forward."

Spring Flood Risk
Record winter precipitation across a large swath of the country has set the stage for the elevated flood risk.

The upper Mississippi River and Red River of the North basins have received rain and snow this spring up to 200 percent above normal.

The areas of greatest risk for moderate to major flooding include the upper, middle and lower Mississippi River basins including the mainstem Mississippi River, Red River of the North, the Great Lakes, eastern Missouri River, lower Ohio, lower Cumberland and Tennessee River basins.

Additionally, much of the United States east of the Mississippi River and portions of California and Nevada are at risk for minor flooding.

"The extensive flooding we've seen in the past two weeks will continue through May and become more dire and may be exacerbated in the coming weeks as the water flows downstream," said Ed Clark, director of NOAA's National Water Center in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

"This is shaping up to be a potentially unprecedented flood season, with more than 200 million people at risk for flooding in their communities."

The flood risk outlook is based on a number of factors, including current conditions of snowpack, drought, soil moisture, frost depth, streamflow and precipitation.

Local heavy rainfall, especially associated with thunderstorms, can occur throughout the spring and lead to flooding even in

areas where overall risk is considered low.

Spring Outlook for Temperature, Precipitation and Drought

Above-average precipitation is favored from the Central Great Basin to the East Coast, compounding the flood risk for many states, especially in the Central and Northern Rockies and in the Southeast.

Warmer-than-average temperatures are forecast to extend from the Pacific Northwest to the Central Rockies, and from southern Texas, northward through the Great Lakes and eastward to encompass the entire East Coast.

The interior of the United

States from the Dakotas southward to northern Texas are favored to have below-average temperatures this spring.

"Severe weather and flooding can strike anywhere, whether or not you are in a high risk area," said Daniel Kaniewski, a deputy administrator with the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"Insurance is the first and best line of defense. Act now to make sure you have the right coverage for a flood by visiting floodsmart.gov, and don't forget to download the FEMA mobile app to get real time weather alerts in your area."

Illinois indigenous plants symposium set

The Illinois Native Plant Society plans to host the seventh annual Illinois indigenous plants symposium in early April.

Three days of events are being planned, including a full day of public lectures, displays and a native plant sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 6, at John A. Logan College in Carverville.

The theme of this year's symposium is "Understanding the Research Behind Local Conservation."

The aim is to bring current research being conducted in Southern Illinois to the public to increase understanding about the findings on which conservation decisions are based. A native plant sale on April 6 at John A. Logan College is organized by Green Earth.

The opening keynote speaker is University of Illinois Extension forester Chris Evans, who will address the general importance of research in management and identify topics in need of more research.

The closing speaker is Dr. Justin Schoof from Southern Illinois University,

who will discuss projected regional climate change in Southern Illinois.

Eight additional talks are distributed in two tracks: Changes through Time and Biodiversity.

There will be two guided hikes in conjunction with the symposium.

The first hike is planned from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, April 6, at Atwood Ridge on the Shawnee National Forest.

The second hike will be at Rocky Bluff, one of the holdings of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, on Sunday, April 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The symposium is organized by the Southern Chapter of the Illinois Native Plant Society in collaboration with John A. Logan College, the U.S. Forest Service/Shawnee National Forest, the Southern Illinois University Department of Plant Biology, Green Earth and University of Illinois Extension.

More information about the event can be found online by visiting <https://ill-inps.org/2019-illinois-indigenous-plants-symposium/>.

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April 1: Proclamation Day, Union County Courthouse, 9:00 a.m.
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April 4 & 5: Blue Cookie Days at Davis Pastry.

April 5: National "Wear Blue" Day. Blue represents the bruises of child abuse and neglect. Wear blue all day to show your support.

April 5: PJs & a Movie Night, Kiki's CoffeeHouse, 6 - 8 p.m.
Bring your blankets, pillows and PJs for a fun movie night complete with treats from the Anna Baking Company.

April 19: Blue March on Main Street, 12 p.m.
Wear your blue, bring your family-friendly signs, and join others at the Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church for a quick march up and down Main Street in Anna.

Open House Events
April 5: Two Rivers Child Advocacy Center, 2 - 4 p.m.
April 5: Dept. of Children & Family Services, 2 - 4:00 p.m.
April 11: Union County Counseling Center, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

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News from

Anna Nazarene Church

During the Sunday morning worship service, congregational songs were led by Olivet Nazarene University Music Ambassadors Alyssa Franklin and Joy Miller.

Ushers for the morning worship service were Curly Ralls, Noah Wiseman, Mark Smith and Terry Wiseman Sr.

The message, "Our Calling: Holiness Unto the Lord," was brought from Matthew by Olivet Nazarene University Preaching Ambassador Bob Kuhn.

Olivet Nazarene University's Preaching Ambassador and Music Ambassador programs connect students who are preparing for ministry with the churches to which they are called to serve.

Both students and congregations reap rewards as they establish these connections.

Students gain ministry experience by preparing and delivering sermons for local churches and music ministry experience by preparing praise and worship sets for local churches.

Congregations hear the preaching of God's Word from the next generation of church leaders and participate in worship and meet the Olivet Nazarene University students who benefit from their prayers and financial support.

The service was closed with prayer for the Olivet Nazarene University Ambassadors led by Pastor Randy Wright.

During the Sunday evening worship service, congregational songs were led by Pastor Wright, Abby Barlow, Madison Schnaare

News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

Rev. Rob Betts sermon Sunday was a continuation of his series on "Being Transformed," which comes from faith in God. He used scripture from Romans and Joshua.

The message shared that "we read/study books and published articles as well as talk to persons of knowledge of the things we are interested in for our profession or hobbies to make us better, or to do a better job."

"We are what we read as well as what we eat; our spirit is a result of what we take in."

"Therefore, we need to spend time in studying the Bible. God wants our lives to be focused on Him so that we may be careful to do what He directs. Getting into the word of God will make our light shine brighter in the dark world around us."

During the opening part of worship, the junior high Sunday School class presented a puppet play "The Last Supper," with Addie Bonner as the main puppeteer.

Karen Vaughn and Berna Gerard gave the Lenten readings before extinguishing the third candle on the Lenten wreath of thorns.

Receiving the offering Sunday were Aldi and Vodra Gerard.

Tony Gerard is the lead elder for the month of March.

Camp Ground invites everyone to join them in Bible study and worship. Fellowship is at 9:30 a.m. Bible study is at 10 a.m. Worship is at 11 a.m. The church is located at 50 Tunnel Ln., east of Anna.

News from

Walnut Grove Church

On the third Sunday in Lent at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church, Layleigh lit the altar candles while Johnathan Cauble played the musical prelude. Keith read a prayer, "I Have a Problem."

The congregation sang "Happy Birthday" to Grace Gaffney, Betty Bland, Sandy Hartline and David Lamer.

Pastor Bobbi Schultz read scripture from the Gospel of Luke. She talked about suffering and the act of repentance, and how "we must examine our lives during the season of Lent."

Diana Ward graced the altar with a vase full of daffodils. Everyone thanked

News from

First Baptist Church, Anna

In the morning service on Sunday, March 24, Pastor Nick DiMauro's sermon was titled "A Beautiful Letdown." Scripture was from Matthew.

Don Kelley was the guest music leader.

The next free Soup and Serve meal is planned Monday, April 8. Serving will be from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

her for cleaning out the flower bed.

Prayers are requested for Marlee Smith, Grace Gaffney and several members of the congregation.

The church ladies plan to meet for lunch on Friday, April 5, at 11:30 a.m. at Downtown Abbey in Cobden.

The church's Sunday schedule includes Sunday school for the children and starts at 9:30 a.m.

The church is located at 3195 Mountain Glen Rd., near Cobden, and near Route 127.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

The messages on Sunday, March 24, were brought by Pastor Perry Williams.

Dee Rose led the worship. Kim Benefield provided special music.

The service was followed by a church potluck meal.

Birthdays: Carol Ann Ralls, March 28; Juanita Willis, March 29; Melvin Harvell, March 31.

Anniversaries: Donald and Pat Schlenker, 63 years, March 25; Larry and Mary Carolyn Rendleman,

54 years, March 26.

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

Youth meet at 5 p.m. on Sunday. Dig-In Children's Ministry is planned from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday and is for children from 3 years of age through 6th grade.

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



Shawnee students of the month

Shawnee Elementary School in Wolf Lake has announced its most recent students of the month. The students include Mavis Ford, pre-kindergarten; Joselyn Matlock and Camden Keppner, kindergarten; Bently Parker and Ryder McAlister, 1st grade; Spencer Griffin, 2nd grade; Lillie Griffin, 3rd grade; Zoe Myers, 4th grade; Alana Davis, 5th grade. Photo provided.

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Daily Bible Reading

1 Kings 8:41 to 53	1 Kings 8:54-66	Job 23:1-17	Job 27:1-11	Job 40:1-24	Job 1-34	Job 42:1-17
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Soprano Christine Brewer to sing at concerts set at SIU, Southeast

A collaboration between three programs and multiple independent soloists is set to unveil a historic musical performance this April.

The combined orchestras and choruses of Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau and John A. Logan College in Carterville plan to present Giuseppe Verdi's famed "Messa di Requiem."

Featuring the work for the first time in Southern Illinois, the combined groups plan to host a concert both April 23 and April 25 on the campuses of Southeast Missouri State and SIU, respectively.

To add to the magnitude of the event, several internationally recognized soloists are set to accompany the musical groups.

Among the vocal soloists is the famed soprano, Christine Brewer, who has performed at virtually every major opera house in the world and appeared on the cover of "Opera News."

As a Grammy Award-winning American soprano, Brewer has built an international reputation for her unique timbre and vibrant personality.

She is a 1973 graduate of Shawnee High School in Wolf Lake.

Named by BBC Music Magazine as one of the top 20 sopranos of all time, she regularly appears in a variety of operas, concerts and recitals.

With over 25 recordings, she recently joined 140 other celebrities in receiving a bronze star on the St. Louis

Walk of Fame, according to her website.

Other soloists include Debra Hillebrand, mezzo-soprano, Scott Ramsay, tenor, and David Dillard, SIU voice professor.

The SIU Student Fine Arts Activity Fee is a partial sponsor of the appearances of Ms. Brewer and Mr. Ramsay.

Composed by Giuseppe Verdi toward the end of his very successful operatic career, the Requiem Mass made Verdi one of Italy's most distinguished citizens. Unlike opera, with its plot, costumes and staging, the Requiem is set to a specific Latin religious text that has inspired composers for centuries.

According to SIU director of orchestras, Edward Benyas, Verdi's setting, with his uniquely successful operatic approach, stands out among cultural works of art.

"I consider the Verdi Requiem not only to be one of the dozen greatest musical masterpieces," Benyas said, "but one of the dozen or two greatest works of art of Western civilization."

With the first performance dating back to the late 1800s, the work continues as one of the most popular major choral pieces.

Scored for four soloists and a massive choir and orchestra, this will be the first live performance of Verdi Requiem to come to Southern Illinois.

To strengthen the musical forces, the Southern Illinois Symphony, SIU Concert Choir and Choral Union are joining with Southeast Missouri State University

Symphony, Choir and Choral Union, along with the John A. Logan Choir.

Professors Susan Davenport of SIU, Barbara Lamont of SEMO and Carlyn Zimmerman of John A. Logan College will prepare the choirs separately, with Professor Sara Edgerton of SEMO preparing the Southeast Missouri Symphony.

Benyas will conduct the combined 80-piece orchestra and 150-voice choir in two performances.

The group will perform at 7:30 p.m. on April 23 at Bedell Performance Hall on the Southeast Missouri State University campus in Cape Girardeau, with another performance at 7:30 p.m. on April 25 at Shryock Auditorium on the SIU campus.

"Our performances in Cape Girardeau and Carbondale will be unprecedented: bringing together two orchestras, five choirs and four distinguished soloists, including the world renowned soprano, Christine Brewer," Benyas said. "To hear this music live with 250 performers on stage at Shryock Auditorium - it will change your life."

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$8 for students under 18 or with a college ID. Current SIU students get in free with a student ID.

Tickets for the SIU performance are still available. Tickets can be bought by phone at 877-SALUKIS (877-725-8547) and online at events.siu.edu.

Tickets will be available in person an hour before the concert at Shryock Auditorium.

Birding Basics program set

A Beginning Birding Basics program is planned Saturday, March 30, at the Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands Center near Cypress.

The program is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The wetlands center is located at 8885 State Route 37 South.

Master Naturalist Anne Parmley is scheduled to present the program. For more information, call 618-657-2064.

Academy plans to host dinner, auction

The Shawnee Hills Christian Academy in Anna is planning to have an annual spaghetti dinner and silent auction.

The dinner and auction are planned from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, April 5, at the Main Street Center, which is located at 400 S. Main St. in Anna.

The menu for the dinner will feature all you can eat spaghetti (regular and vegetarian), salad, garlic bread, desserts and drink.

Ticket prices will be \$8 for adults and \$4 for children ages 4 to 12. Children 3 and under are free.

Shawnee Junior-Senior High honor roll students announced

Shawnee Junior-Senior High School at Wolf Lake announces third quarter honor roll students.

Seniors, high honor roll: Autumn McMahan, Chali Phelps, Laycee Presutti.

Senior, honor roll: Katie Charles, Holden Criddle, Michael Derosssett, Michael Partain, Morgan Patterson, Tre Rains, Nicholas Rose, Austin Warren.

Juniors, high honor roll: Oliva Jackson, Jayclyn Presutti, Ryan Schaefer.

Juniors, honor roll: Anthony Buie, Jesse Ellet, Caleb Gabelman, Jeremiah Hale, Koby McLane, Kirsten Pitts, Maddison Smith, Scott Schmedeman.

Sophomores, high honor roll: Rachel Fox, Courtney Smith.

Sophomores, honor roll: Kaden Baltzell, Mariah Faire, Jasmine Graham, Kyliegh Harris, Austin

Heise, Justin Kaufman, Madisen Luttrull, Hannah Sichling.

Freshmen, high honor roll: Alexis Miller, Alivia Bade.

Freshmen, honor roll: Autumn Derosssett, Gabriella Smith, Kayla Gore.

8th grade, high honor roll: Jasper Rohlfing.

8th grade, honor roll: Austin Gore, Colton Harris, Abigail Smith, Rylie Wahaih.

7th grade, high honor roll: Olivia Clover, Karsynne Livingston, Peyton Samuels.

7th grade, honor roll: Jaci Harris, Kiersten Holloway, Hallie Huffman, Allie Myers, Elaine Willmore.

6th grade, high honor roll: Kelci Baber, Jaeda Qualls.

6th grade, honor roll: Miranda Crowden, Gracie Davisson, Mallory Follis, Noah Mayberry.

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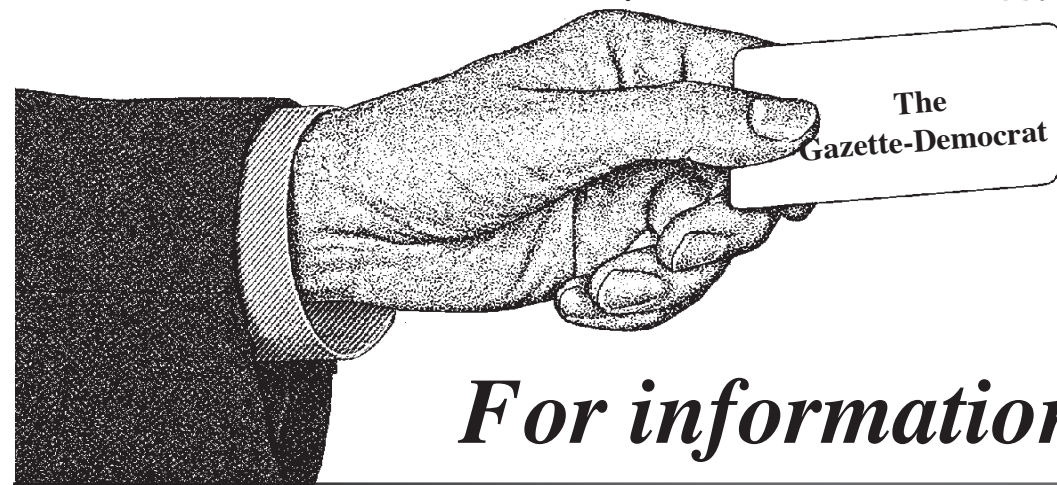
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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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

Vote

Don't forget to vote Tuesday, April 2, at your polls or early vote at Union County Courthouse.

Guests

Guests of Clara and Gaylon Cates were their nephew Raymond and wife Shari Butler from South Carolina.

Baby Congratulations

Janice Lewellyn visited Martha Arneson, husband Bill and daughter Angie in Ashton to wait for her great-granddaughter's birth in Rockford.

Madylaine Ginny-Ann Alford was born March 16. Her parents are Dena and Matt Alford from Oregon, Ill.

Paternal grandparents are Tim and Susan Alford, who live south of Marion.

Janice also got to visit Madylaine and her siblings Cheyenne, Mackenzie and Sebastian on St. Patrick's Day. The oldest sibling Sheye was unable to be

there.

When Janice first went to Martha's they went to Dixon to visit Janice's granddaughter Virginia Whaley and children Ashlyn and Daven. Virginia's husband George and their son Daven took grandmother Janice to the train to return to South-ern Illinois.

Anna VFW

Star Karaoke will be at the VFW Saturday night from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Kornthal Church

Cindy Mosby told me after years of being in storage at Kornthal Church, a scale model of Kornthal was noticed by Jerry Meyer.

Mr. Meyer, of Anna, an accomplished scale model builder, asked if he could make repairs and provide a facelift to the well constructed model.

Uninformed of the origin of the model, Jerry noticed the name of Chris Bavender on the bottom of the model.

Neither Mr. Meyer nor other local residents were familiar with the name and resorted to social media to gain some information.

Chris Bavender was located through Facebook. He let them know that he completed the model as part of his 8th grade history project while a student at Energy Grade School in 1983.

Thanks to both Chris Bavender and Jerry Meyer for their beautiful replication of Kornthal Church.

Chris was telling Cindy that his wife and 7-year old twins couldn't make it to the service because of their early bedtime.

Chris said the reason he chose Kornthal for his project is because his parents were married there in 1967.

Guests

Glenda Jones and her sisters Terri Yoast and Ada McGill visited their brother Timothy Childress in Aviston.

Trip

Betty Eagle of Anna, Robert, Emily, Erin and Ethan Gaddis, all of Carterville went to Collinsville Saturday as Erin had two basketball games there.

Betty met her long time friend Janet Casillas and her daughter Jamie Richardson of Collinsville for lunch and some shopping then Betty and Janet went and watched Erin play her last game. A good time was enjoyed by all.

Red Hat Ladies

Eighteen Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies met at The Kitchen on Lafayette for dinner and their meeting the first day of spring.

Lillian Milam was the hostess. She decorated the tables with St. Patrick's Day items. She later gave them as door prizes.

The ladies enjoyed visiting and the good meal after the blessing was said. They exchanged gifts.

Prayers to Queen Mom Joan Graves Edwards, who couldn't attend because she had fallen and broken some bones in her foot. Her doctor told her to keep her leg elevated or she would have been at the meeting.

Also prayers to Linda



Shawnee Hills Christian Academy with two barns and a gazebo made and donated by Jerry Myers for their silent auction at their annual spaghetti dinner Friday, April 5, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Main Street Center. In the first row are, from left, Timothy Prendergast, Murphy Wilson, Madison Carrington, Jaden Jones, Josh Prendergast, Bryston Childers and Connor Wilson. In the second row are Bonnie Vines, administrator, Cierra Thorn, Anna Gwynn Nance, Cheyenne Thorn, Jill Bunyan, teacher, and Glenda Bond, teacher.



Dollar day at the Union County Courthouse for Marlee Smith.



Lillian Milam hosted the Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies dinner and meeting at The Kitchen on Lafayette in Anna Wednesday, March 20.



Mary Haffly of Dongola was honored for her March birthday at the Little Egypt Red Hat meeting at The Kitchen on Lafayette in Anna.



MCML youth group participated in international night where several 4-H groups come together and choose different countries to learn and teach others about different countries. MCML's country was Pakistan.



Anna Moose Lodge No. 1346 Hosted the district pool tournament the weekend of March 15 through March 17. Pictured is team Slow Pokes, who placed second, from the Effingham Moose Lodge No. 502: from left are team members: Lindell Heinzmann, Cody Helmuth, Tommy Baker, Amy Randall and Shane McWhorter.



Anna Moose Lodge No. 1346 hosted the district pool tournament March 15 through March 17. Placing first is team Chris's Cues from the Anna Moose Lodge No. 1346. In the first row are Chris Whitaker and Johnny Penrod (substitute). In the second row are Justin Brooks, John Jones, Harold Turner and Matt Summers.



Congratulations to Julia Ellis, who hit her first high school home run last Wednesday. It also happened to be an over the fence grand slam. A-J was playing Shawnee.



Congratulations to Lisa Lowe on her 12th year in business in Anna at her florist shop Enchanted Garden 12 years ago on East Davie Street.



Lisa Lowe with her children Darci, Jamieson and Sienna Morrison at Lisa's open house when she first opened Enchanted Garden 12 years ago on Main Street in Anna.



Jacob Ellis was selected for Murray University's student of the week. He is the son of Keith and Melissa Ellis from Jonesboro. He is currently a junior at the college, majoring in ag business and is managing the boar stud. Congratulations Jacob.



Nancy Ragain along with many others enjoyed a free Dairy Queen for the first day of spring.



Happy birthday to Floyd Mayberry who recently celebrated his 78th birthday with a sale at Mayberry Music and Sound between Anna and Jonesboro.



Frankie Brimm Blackman is visiting her son Tommy and his family in Louisiana. Thomas Brimm-Sierra and Cari Glass were married Tuesday, March 19, in Westwego, La. Saturday, a reception was held to celebrate the marriage. Attending from Illinois were Chuck Brimm cousin of Tommy's and a friend Eddie and Ashley Keck and Emma.



Jerry Myers and Chris Bavender were honored at the beginning of the church service at Kornthal Church. Chris, when he was a student at Energy, made the model of the Kornthal Church for an 8th grade project. Gerald finished the inside.

Clutts, who had to get a pain shot in her hip. Kathy Zigler was in St. Louis with her husband who was having his pacemaker removed because of an infection. Please keep them in your prayers.

The ladies stood and sang God Bless America at the end of their meeting.

Some of the ladies stopped at the Dairy Queen and got a free ice cream for the first day of spring. They also enjoyed shopping in Anna after their meeting.

Their April meeting will be at Anna Pizza Hut April 17 at 11 a.m. Hosted by Mary Light, Kay Johnson, and Martha Ann Webb.

Welcome Home

Ron and Susan Daluis residing in Cobden transplanted from Pennsylvania. Daughter Regina and son-in-law Brett own Star View Vine Yards.

Congratulations to Regina and Brett who just had a daughter Lily Mae in February.

Ron and Susan are Eastern Star members. Susan is a member of Anna Star Chapter. Ron is a 33 Degree Mason.

Wedding Anniversaries

March 19 Pastor Lonnie and Joni Leigh Lewis 14 years.

Debbie and Gary Hileman celebrated their 46th anniversary March 24.

Shawnee Hills Christian Academy

Annual all you can eat spaghetti dinner and silent auction will be Friday, April 5, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at

the Main Street Center at 400 S. Main St. in Anna. Regular and vegetarian. There will also be a silent auction.

Child Abuse Prevention Month

April 1 at 9 a.m. will be the reading of the Child Abuse Prevention proclamation in front of the Union County Courthouse.

Representatives from local child abuse and advocacy agencies, law and safety enforcement, and city and county officials will be there to sign this year's proclamation.

By signing the proclamation, you're showing others you stand against child abuse in Union County. Everyone welcome to come join and sign the Proclamation.

Choate Mental Health

Amy Casper is on the committee for the 150th celebration that will be in October for Choate Mental Health.

Amy said there would be a planning meeting soon and ask me to tell the retirees from Choate they want them to be a part of the celebration. If you would like to be a part of the planning committee please let me or Amy know.

I was there at the 125 year celebration and it was really nice and a very beautiful day outside.

Vendors Wanted

Anna Vista will have inside crafts, jewelry, flea market, yard sale, bake sale April 13 from 9 a.m.

to 5 p.m. Call 833-5742 for more information. This is to benefit activities for the people living there.

Anna Kiwanis Club

Fish fry in support of the A-JCHS Band Boosters, band and choir students. April 13, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Kiwanis building at the Anna City Park.

Please purchase ticket(s) from any band member, band booster, or show up day of event to Kiwanis building.

Proceeds will go toward student accounts for extra-curricular events as well as a new locker system for band instruments.

Carbondale High School

Class luncheon will be July 29 at Chili's in Carbondale.

A-J Women's Club

Members of the GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club plan to attend the District 25 convention meeting March 26 at Eldorado Baptist Church.

They will be taking crafts to enter. Items for the silent auction. There will also be awards given.

Friends of the Theater

The A-JCHS musical "Disney's The Little Mermaid" will be March 29-31. Tickets are on sale at A-JCHS.

Anna Arts Center

April 6 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. there will be an indoor yard sale to benefit the activities there.

Chase away the winter blues and adopt a naked

penguin for only \$5. Return the well dressed penguin April 18 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. or April 20 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Prizes will be awarded for best dressed, most original and funniest penguins.

Exhibit opens April 23, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Awards reception and auction will be April 28 at 2 p.m. Auction of penguins to good homes starting at 3 p.m. Everyone is invited, refreshments, and it is free to attend the reception.

Call Lee at 904-625-1109 to get your penguin.

Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club

The GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club will meet Monday, April 1, at the Two Rivers Child Advocacy Center.

The program will be by Jordan Edmonds. Theme domestic violence. Devotion will be by Clara Nell Burler and current events by Suzie Kessler.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Rev. Richard and Marilyn Sullins daughter Julia, Don and grandsons Mac and Tyler Heelein from Woodstock were visiting.

Mac and Tyler played their violins for the special music Sunday morning in church. The song was "Blessed Assurance Jesus is Mine."

Their family will go to Disney World this summer where Mac and Tyler will

play with the orchestra. In 2020 their family will go with their church family from FUMC on a mission trip to Korea. Their pastor is from Korea.

A funeral meal was prepared for the family of Isaiah Turner. Parents Katie Turner and Matthew Dunn. Grandmother Debbie Janowski really appreciated everything her church family has done for them.

Prayers were said for Marlee Smith and others who were sick or have lost loved ones.

Rev. Richard Sullins' sermon was "Judge Not!" with scripture from Luke.

Rev. Millie Sloan told about three Godly women in history for Women's History Month.

A special thanks to Angel Wiseman and her Girl Scout Troup for picking up trash on the highway and making our community more beautiful.

Next Sunday, March 31, after church there will be a bazaar lunch, spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert, and drinks for adults \$6, children \$3, and children under 5 eat for free.

Spark Ministries

Meets in the Old Shawnee South Elementary School building McClure. Pastor is Aaron Boyd. Children's pastor is Kenny Swink Jr. 9:45 a.m. for Connect Groups. 11 a.m. for worship. They have a nice bus now if you need a ride.

Connect Point Church

They have two services

Sunday morning at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Wednesday Bible study is at 7 p.m. Their church is located across from the Anna Post Office.

Birthday Celebrations

If you would like your birthday or anniversary and how you celebrated in the paper email me marthanews@frontier.com or give me a call 833-5717. Leave on my answering machine if I am not home. If you send me a picture be sure and make a copy and send the copy.

Military Prayer List

Please send me a name if you want them in the military prayer list please. If you have a loved one in the service email, call or mail their name to me. Also if they are not in the service anymore please let me know.

Tanner Anderson, Hayden Young, Garrett Goines, Nick Harvel, Nona Elizabeth Luke, Lucas J. Strickland, William Nathaniel Frankell, Ethan Maze, Lukas W. Davis, Kiefer Stull, David Jordan Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, CJ Youngerman, Freddy Morse, Reagan Morrison, Josh Steveson, Josh Williams, Faith Odom, Tommy Goff and family Janette, Jamison and Kaylynn, Creighton Laster, Jim Bonner, Jacob Schaefer, Jerod Schaefer, Jennifer Ann Bishop, James McWhorter, Arin White-mountain. Please keep them in your prayers.

Television Listings

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APRIL 3, 2019

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Opinion and Commentary

Help for Today, Hope for Tomorrow

April is Alcohol Awareness Month, which was founded and sponsored by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (now Facing Addiction with NCADD). The theme for 2019 is "Help for Today, Hope for Tomorrow."

Did you know that one in every 12 adults suffer from alcohol use disorder or alcohol dependence? This fact was shared from NCADD to raise public awareness about the use of alcohol and how it may be affecting individuals, families, businesses and our communities.

The consequences of drinking can include the following: aggressive behavior, injuries, property damage, loss of jobs, poor academic performance, violence and death, just to name a few.

As a community, we can do our part by taking action today in order for us to have hope for tomorrow. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to start talking to their children about the dangers of alcohol as early as 9 years old.

Schools, churches, and organizations should continually create awareness and encourage families and individuals to get help for alcohol related issues.

Providing support, education and understanding regarding alcohol, addiction and recovery will help in decreasing stigma that often times is a barrier to those who are seeking help and suffering from alcohol abuse or misuse.

For more information on Prevention, Intervention and Treatment, contact The Fellowship at 833-4456.

(Editor's note: this article was shared by Teresa Goddard, who is a preventionist with The Fellowship House Prevention Program in Anna.)

Commentary

NINJA ATTACK...

...or an adventure in railroad safety
By Benjamin Marxer

It was Friday, the weather was beautiful, I had just gotten paid, it was my lunch break and I was on my way to the bank.

I'd decided to walk in order to enjoy the warm weather. I took a shortcut across the tracks and was headed down East Vienna when a white SUV with government plates appeared from nowhere, pulled in front of me and came to a halt in front of Coffman's Martial Arts Academy.

What's this? Trouble at the dojo?

I went into reporter mode and stopped to see what was happening, hoping to see an epic showdown like something out of an '80s martial arts movie.

"NINJA ATTACK! Local taekwondo instructor fights off crew of masked assassins...federal agents arrive on the scene to assist...brave, handsome local newsman is there for a first-hand account."

I've always wanted to write an article with "Ninjas" in the headline. Maybe someday...

No, as it turned out the uniformed officer that emerged from the SUV was there for me.

He introduced himself as Special Agent Crawford (not his real name) of some railroad law enforcement organization that I was too bewildered at the time to remember. He informed me that when I cut across the railroad tracks, it was not only dangerous, but also trespassing. He then handed me a pamphlet on rail safety and went through some of the more pertinent bullet points listed.

I was just getting over the shock of discovering that railroad police officers were a thing, and was gearing up to defend my actions as harmless, when my argument was shut down by the agent's sobering reminder of the white crosses that appear far too frequently next to railroad tracks across the country, including the one at the crossing just down the road.

I grew up 100 feet from the train tracks. I sacrificed many pennies to the unfathomable squishing power of the loud metal god that plowed through our backyard every day.

To keep us from playing near the tracks, my parents used to tell us that if you are too close when the train goes by, the rush of air from the passing cars can suck you up under the wheels.

I'm pretty sure I believed this into my teenage years. A powerful bit of family lore that lasted twice as long as Santa. Such was the power of the train.

Agent Crawford was friendly enough and let me continue on my way with a warning. And on my return trip to the office, I made sure to walk all the way down to the crossing to get across the tracks.

As luck would have it, just as I approached the lights began signaling an oncoming train. I could have easily gotten across in time, but I know well that you are not supposed to cross when the lights are flashing, and law enforcement agents seem to be dropping out of the sky these days. So I waited.

I felt the rumble of the approaching engine, heard the screeching of its terrible wheels, and long dormant memories from childhood rose to the surface.

As the rush of air from the passing cars whipped past me, I instinctively took several steps farther back from the tracks, just to be on the safe side.

Some legends never die.

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Please read this...

By Geof Skinner



...nope, this isn't a bear...or a squirrel...but it is a mammal...a rabbit, to be sure...which was having a grass salad for an afternoon snack...(I was really hopping, um, make that hoping, to get a picture of a squirrel snacking at one of our bird feeders.)...I was pretty sure that I would NOT get a picture of a bear snacking at one of our bird feeders...

This week...hopping from one topic to another...

Once again this week, we'll have a little bit of this... and a little bit of that...just bear with me...

...in the "at least we don't have to worry about this" category...

...yours truly read last week in USA TODAY that the Department of Fish & Wildlife in Vermont was urging people "to take down their bird feeders by April 1, as bears emerge from hibernation."

...at first glance, I thought something like "that's interesting." Then, I looked again at the date. April 1. Hmmm. What happens on April 1? Bears at the bird feeders had to be a bit of silliness...right?

...so, being the intrepid journalist that I am, a little digging was done, and, yes indeed, the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department did issue a press release in which it was suggested that bird feeders be removed by, yes, April Fool's Day.

...that's because bears apparently are not fools when it comes to looking for a snack.

...the department advised that "warm spring weather and melting snows will cause bears to come out of their winter dens in search of food. The department recommends taking down bird feeders by April 1 to avoid attracting bears."

...bears, it seems, come out of their winter dens looking for munchies, and they are "very fond of suet and bird seed, especially black oil sunflower seed."

...this got me to thinking about another four-legged critter, one which is much smaller than a bear, which also likes suet, bird seed and sunflower seeds.

...you know we're talking about our bushy-tailed friend, the squirrel. Squirrels love the bird snacks we put out in our feeders. They will go through absolute contortions in attempts to steal food from our bird feeders. The sunflower seeds we have placed on what amounts to a dinner bowl on our front porch is a little bit easier for squirrels to get to. And they have. We have some very well fed squirrels.

...and, for whatever it's worth, we have not seen any bears on our porch...although we did have three raccoons peering in our window one night a number of years ago...

...this isn't to say that a bear could not show up on our front porch...I kind of hope that one does not...then again, not all that long ago, I wouldn't have expected to see armadillos in Southern Illinois...

...speaking of four-legged critters and elections...

...as you know (well, I hope you know), we have some elections coming up next week. Sadly, the elections probably won't generate much of a turnout at the polls. I really hope I'm wrong about that.

...one of the issues on the ballot involves a proposed sales tax which would help to support schools here in Union County. My thought is that the tax should...

...you thought I was going to support, or not support, something on the ballot...

...truth be told, that decision is up to you...

...that being said, let me just suggest that in order to keep up with the rest of the world...if that matters...which, by the way, it does...we need to have a strong public education system...

...so, with that in mind, when you go to vote, take some advice that the very wise Other Half often shares with me...let your conscience be your guide...

...anyway, we digressed...we had turned our attention to critters and elections...

...seems that a town in Vermont (yes, Vermont, again), elected a 3-year-old Nubian goat as its mayor...

...well, sort of...

...USA TODAY (yes, them again) reported in early March that the town of Fair Haven elected a goat named Lincoln as its first honorary pet mayor. The people of Fair Haven chose Lincoln from a ballot which featured 16 pets, including dogs, cats and a gerbil. Turns out the vote actually was a fund-raiser for a playground.

...the whole idea of a goat running for office, and getting elected, seems kind of silly. But the more I thought about it, well, it's probably best that you folks don't know what I thought about it...



...don't know what kind of raptor this might be... except that I'm pretty sure that it's a hawk...

A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, March 27, 1969

The Union County Education Association will meet at the Shawnee Community Unit School auditorium Friday, March 28.

The program is now complete for the Laymen's Breakfast to be held at the American Legion Community Center in Anna Monday, March 31, according to Bob Rich, program chairman. The program will start promptly at 7:00 a.m.

Union Good Friday services will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Anna from 12:00 until 3:00 p.m.

The fifth annual Easter Vesper Service will be held at Kornthal at 3:30 p.m. Easter Sunday, April 6.

Shawnee Junior College Board members at their regular meeting Monday night opened proposals from five companies interested in constructing five 48' x 120' buildings for temporary college quarters.

Beginning April 1, all dogs running at large within the Anna City limits will be picked up by the dog catcher and a fine will be imposed upon the owner.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School announces its annual "Variety Show." The entertainment will begin promptly at 8:00 p.m. on April 11, in the school gymnasium.

The regular meeting of the adult board of the Cobden Teen Center will be held Tuesday, April 1, at the Teen Center at 7:30 p.m.

The Union County Sportsmen Club will hold a Varmint Contest.

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