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Vaguely interesting items which most likely are made up



A rare no needles pine tree has been seen growing in Union County. The tree has produced one pine cone. ***

Union County Hospital Auxiliary plans to host "the non-event of the year": an April Fool's Day dance. ***

A proposal is under consideration to proclaim the groundhog as Union County's "official animal." ***

Nearly all Union County taxing bodies are considering a proposal to eliminate property taxes. ***

Local officials are asking that everyone skip mowing their lawns during 2021. Officials have the support of local residents who were watching when some of their neighbors got mowers out while there was still snow on the ground. ***

Plans to develop a new indoor stadium for the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team are said to be moving forward. ***

Chariot races may be held at the Union County Fair. ***

A local group reportedly is planning to have an Easter egg hunt at midnight at the Anna City Park. ***

The National Weather Service says that it might rain cats, but no dogs, today. This has led to a run on kitty litter. (continued on page 497)

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First Road-killed Armadillo Festival planned April 1



It's allivve!
An alert photographer captured a picture of an armadillo in the present tense one day recently in Union County.

Plans are being finalized for Union County's first Road-killed Armadillo Festival. Organizers hope to make the festival an annual event.

The festival, planned on April 1, will celebrate an animal which most folks in Union County don't ever get to see...alive at least.

In keeping with the times, the Road-killed Armadillo Festival will be presented virtually – on the Zoom platform.

The event's Zoom access code is shared on the Road-killed Armadillo Festival's social media platforms. Information also is available by calling BR-549 (ask for Junior) or 867-5309 (ask for Jenny, first name, Jenny, last name.)

The Zoom platform for the festival will offer something new – virtual aromas, courtesy of an easily downloadable app called Stinky. Thanks to Stinky, festival "goers" will be able to take in the aroma of road-killed armadillos...as fresh as might be smelled in the middle of the afternoon on a hot summer day.

One of highlights of the festival is scheduled to be a performance by The Dead Skunk in the Middle of the Road Band, which hails from Possum Trot, Ky.

The band will be performing its hit song, "Born to be Run Over."

The Dead Skunk in the Middle of the Road Band is known for its eclectic, and, if the members have paid their utility bills, electric, fusion of bluegrass, hip hop, dubstep, funk, Ameri-

cana, old time country and baroque sounds.

The festival is scheduled to feature a barbecued armadillo cook off, which will be done at home, because nobody would want to be anywhere cooking that involves road-killed armadillos.

For those who might want to enter the cook off, one of the festival's organizers shared a few tips.

Armadillo meat can be prepared just like rabbit, or chicken.

You cut the meat into pieces, rinse the pieces well in cold water. Place the pieces in a bowl of heavily salted water; marinate for 12 to 24 hours before cooking. Refrigerate the meat while it is marinating.

When it's time to cook the meat, season it well. Then cook the meat like you would for chicken.

If you choose to barbecue the armadillo, do it the same way you would for chicken. And, as you probably guessed, armadillo tastes just like chicken.

Other attractions at the festival will include an arts and crafts fair, road-kill bingo, a silent auction and a fishing derby (participants can only use stinkbait).

The Road-killed Armadillo Festival also will feature an opportunity to win a bouquet of road-killed daffodils, freshly scraped off a local parking lot.



Special bouquet planned
Those who "attend" the festival will be eligible to win a bouquet of road-killed daffodils.

Headlines: Walruses in Wales; Whales in Walruses; Whales Wail

Headlines. Get your headlines here.

Read on, folks. Take a guess. Which of the following headlines are "real"?

UFO report details "difficult to explain" sightings, says US ex-intelligence director

Young Female Twitter Star Turns Out to Be 50-Year-Old Man Using Deepfakes

New Orleans woman throws party to mark one year of road work in front of her house

Walrus spotted in Wales, days after one seen off Ireland

Toilet-invading iguanas among invasive species

now banned in Florida
Inside the downfall of poop-testing startup uBiome

The 50 Dumbest Things People Have Actually Posted On the Internet

Marxist Vampire Comedy "Bloodsuckers" Sells to North America

Viral Conspiracy Theory Video Claims Humans Destroyed Mars in Nuclear War

Putin gets Covid jab but without cameras

Goalkeeper scores from own box in Portugal

Cooking sausages on lava from an erupting volcano

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Waterfowl biologists baffled

Waterfowl biologists are baffled by recent numerous reports of what appear to be "headless" Canada geese in the area. This one was seen on April 1 at a local farm pond. Biologists are trying to stay ahead of the many reports they are receiving about the birds. "We appear to be headed in the right direction" to solve the mystery, biologist Ichabod Crane said. The person who shared this photograph said this goose was in a flock of headless geese which somehow managed to find their way to the pond. The person added that the local farm pond, and the swampy land around it, are said to be the home of some really big fish, several panthers and the Big Muddy Monster. When asked about the location of the pond, the person just laughed and shook his head.

Election Day: Voting will be like it's 1822 all over again

Voters can expect to see some big changes the next time they go to the polls in Union County.

Election officials have determined that the way things were done a long time ago when much better than what is done today.

With that mind, when voters go to cast ballots in the upcoming election, they can forget about using markers to fill in ovals with black ink and waiting for computers to tally the results.

Those who run the elections have decided to take a step back to the early 1800s...1822 as a matter of fact.

A history of Union County written a long time ago, back before there was Google and a laptop was the space on top of a lap, recalled the earliest local elections.

"The choice was made on the basis of personal likes and dislikes because the population was not large and most of the settlers had heard of each other since nearly all of them had travelled over the same roads to arrive at their destination," the author of the history wrote. Or not.

Local voters will have to travel on a road to Jonesboro, because only one polling place will be open for the election. The polling

place will be set up on the Jonesboro Square.

Once the voters get to the polls, they will be given a paper ballot the size of a baby quilt.

The paper used for the ballots will be made of locally sourced materials grown in the Mississippi River bottomlands.

Names of candidates will be written in invisible ink across the top of each ballot.

The names of voters will be written down the left

side of the page. Opposite the voters name and under where the names of the candidates supposedly appear will be written the voter's choice.

The voters will tell an election judge what candidate they want to vote for. A mark will be placed opposite the voters' names under the names of the candidate.

At the end of Election Day, ballots will be taken somewhere and, eventually, counted by hand.

Find the squirrels! Win big prizes*



Look for pictures of squirrels which will located throughout this week's paper.

*By "big prizes," we mean there really aren't any prizes. This is just a clever way to make readers look at every page in the paper, which, truth be told, you should be doing anyway. By the way, there might, or might not, actually be pictures of squirrels on other pages in this week's paper.



Rare critter

A rare striped skink skink lizard once again has been spotted on April 1 in Union County. This figment of an overzealous imagination was seen near a local farm pond, just after a local angler caught a record-setting fresh water great white shark.



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News Notes

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 The Union County animal control program has a new vehicle... with a big help from the folks at Coad's.

 The Union County Board of Commissioners last Friday morning approved an annual appropriation of \$40,000 to the University of Illinois Extension program.

 Shawnee Community College has announced plans to have an in-person "rolling commencement" ceremony on Friday evening, May 14. Commencement will be held in two on-campus locations.

 The deadline is Friday, April 2, to place orders for the Union County Soil and Water Conservation District's spring season fish sale. Orders will be picked up on April 17.

 Registration for the Blue Dolphins swim team is planned April 20 and April 22 at Master's Choice in Anna. Hours are scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. each day.

 Union County government is welcoming a request for bids for information technology services and a request for proposals for copying and printing solutions. The deadline is April 7 to submit bids for both requests.

 Looks like the Cache River Disc Golf Club will be having a disc golf league during April and May. Play is scheduled at the disc golf courses in Cobden and Anna.

 Southern Seven Head Start had activities to commemorate National Child and Adult Care Food Program Week, which was March 14-20.

 During March, children enrolled at Southern Seven Head Start centers practiced severe storm safety. Students were instructed in how to protect themselves from debris and steps to take to keep them and their families safe.

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Enforcement patrols planned

Illinois State Police District 22 is planning to conduct alcohol countermeasure enforcement patrols in Union County during April.

Capt. Michael Alvey, the commander of District 22, announced plans for the details.

State police said the use of the patrols allow them to focus on preventing, detecting and taking enforcement action in response to violations associated with impaired driving and illegal transportation or consumption of alcohol or drugs.

The state police have zero tolerance for impaired driving in Illinois.

Officers working the roadside safety checks will be watchful for drivers who are operating vehicles in an unsafe manner, driving

with a suspended or revoked driver's license and transporting open alcoholic beverages.

Officers especially will be watching for the following violations:

Driving under the influence, safety belt and child restraint use, speeding and all Illinois Vehicle Code and criminal violations.

The state police noted that alcohol and drug impairment is a factor in more than 30 percent of all fatal motor vehicle crashes in Illinois.

Throughout the United States, nearly 10,000 people die each year due to alcohol-impaired driving.

The project is funded through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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Anna-Jonesboro Community High School students, faculty from January 1925
 The Union County Museum in Cobden has on exhibit a panoramic photo of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School students and faculty from January 1925. The photo was donated to the museum by Laura Kubik of Freeport. Her aunt, Alice Michael, was a geometry teacher at A-JCHS. The faculty members in the photograph have been identified. Beginning with the person marked with an "X" (near the center of the photograph) are Mr. Rendleman, coach; Miss Barton, algebra; Mr. Loomis, general science; Eunice Youngert, Latin and French; Mr. Bottenfield, principal; Miss Mann, history; Mr. Aldridge, music; Alice Michael, geometry; Mrs. Buck, English; Mrs. Aldridge, dramatics; Helen Dillow, office girl; Miss Karraker, home economics; Mrs. Sanders, English; Mr. Cobb, agriculture and Miss Crawford, English. The photo is part of an exhibit titled "Recent Acquisitions" at the museum. Other items in the display include photos from Tunnel Hill School, a collection of Native American artifacts found near Mountain Glen, a pair of Cobden High School spoons and other items recently donated to the museum. The museum is located in downtown Cobden, along South Appleknocker. Museum hours are scheduled from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.



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Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

Happy April Fool's Day. You are looking at the "real" page one for this week.

Be sure to look for some "special" April Fool's Day ads in this week's paper. No kidding.

Looking ahead...April Fool's Day in the year 2049 again will fall on a Thursday. We are planning a special edition of the paper to coincide with The Gazette-Democrat's 200th anniversary.

No fooling...there's a chance for frost on Friday and Saturday mornings.

On a more serious note: Happy Easter to all of our readers.

A flood warning continues for the Mississippi River at Cape Girardeau until late Friday night and for the Big Muddy River near Murphysboro until Thursday morning, today.

The Union County area was under a tornado watch Thursday afternoon and evening, March 25.

Union County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development's annual gala is planned Friday evening, April 2, at Havisham House in Alto Pass.

PAWS is planning to have its annual fish fry Friday evening, April 2, with carry-out orders that will be picked up at the back door of Lou's Room in Anna.

The United Methodist Church in Anna invites the community to attend a Good Friday service which is planned at 7 p.m. on April 2. Social distancing will be in place and masks need to be worn.

From what we understand, a fair number of folks from the northern part of Illinois are heading to Southern Illinois to obtain COVID-19 vaccines.

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Tuesday, April 6, Election Day in county

Tuesday, April 6, is Election Day in Union County. Voters will be casting ballots in municipal, board of education, library board and community college board elections.

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

A tax issue "public question" also is on the ballot in Dongola.

Very few contested races have developed in the spring 2021 election season in Union County.

Here's a look at the various elections in Union County which are on the ballot, along with the candidates who are running:

City of Jonesboro

Mayor: Ken Blandford, incumbent.

City clerk: Barbara Casper, incumbent.

City treasurer: Shelly Pender, incumbent.

Ward One alderman: Bart Hileman, incumbent.

Ward Two alderman: Steven E. Haldeman and Jeremiah Johnson are on the ballot. Haldeman is the incumbent.

Ward Three alderman: Kenneth P. Carlson, incumbent.

Village Alto Pass

Village trustee, four-year term: Julie Buck, Stephen W. Grimmer and Katrina Renzaglia are on the ballot. Three positions are open.

Village trustee, unexpired two-year term: Dustin Knop is the only candidate on the ballot.

Village of Cobden

Village president: Paul Z. Tomazzoli, incumbent.

Village clerk: Karen M. Winzenburger, incumbent.

Village trustee: Dennis Maze, Jean A. Britt, Molly Beckley, Austin Sellars and Klay Greenwood are on the ballot. Three positions are open. Maze, Britt and Sellars are incumbents.

Village of Dongola

Village president: Gregory Corzine, incumbent.

Village trustee: Dillon Duckworth, Donovan Wright, Leonard Beszczynski. Wright and Beszczynski are incumbents. Three positions are open.

Village of Mill Creek

Village president: Amy Kram.

Village trustee: Loretta Walls, Ronnie Laster and Melissa Laster are on the

ballot. Four positions are open.

Public Question

Village of Dongola

Shall the corporate authorities of the Village of Dongola be authorized to levy a Non-Home Rule Municipal Retailer's Occupation Tax at the rate of 1 percent for municipal operations through July 1, 2030, and a Non-Home Rule Municipal Service

Occupation Tax at a rate of 1 percent for expenditures on municipal operations, expenditures on public infrastructure, or property tax relief?

Yes

No

Library Districts

Dongola Library District

Library trustee, full six-year term: Breanna Lingle and Leslie Treat are on the

ballot. Two positions are open.

Library trustee, unexpired four-year term: Alice K. Wendling. All of those on the ballot are incumbents.

Stinson Memorial Library District

Library trustee, full six-year term: John L. Hughey, Don Burnett and Misty Yates are on the ballot. All three are incumbents. Three

positions are open.

Library trustee, unexpired two-year term: No candidates filed.

Educational Service Region, Regional Board 30

Members of the Regional Board of School Trustees (Alexander, Jackson, Perry, Pulaski and Union Counties)

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Change noted for Anna 1, 2 polling place

Polling places are set for the Tuesday, April 6, election in Union County.

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

Anna 1 and 2 Precincts

Union County Clerk Lance Meisenheimer has announced a change in the normal polling place for Anna 1 and 2 precincts.

The county clerk said that the normal polling place for the Anna 1 and 2 precincts, known as the Main Street Center (the old Sunshine Inn building), located at 400 S. Main St. in Anna, will be occupied by the Southern Seven Health

Department on Election Day for a COVID-19 vaccination clinic.

The polling location will be moved to the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, located across the street at 315 South St., Anna, and will be in the fellowship hall on the first floor.

"We will have signs up at the Main Street Center to direct voters to the fellowship hall and signs at the fellowship hall to advise where the polls for Anna 1 and 2 are now located," Meisenheimer said.

Anyone with questions can contact the county

clerk's office at 833-5711.

Other polling places in Union County follow:

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.

Easter Sunday celebration

Sunrise service planned at Bald Knob

The 85th annual Easter sunrise service is planned Sunday morning, April 4, at the landmark Cross of Peace on Bald Knob Mountain near Alto Pass. The service is scheduled to begin at 6:30 a.m.

The gates will open at 5 a.m. Handicap parking and on-site golf cart shuttles will be available.

Worship leaders for the service are scheduled to be Chris Parton and Kevin and Tricia Edwards, along with a worship band.

Two food trucks will be on site during the event, with the Cold Blooded Coffee Co. of Murphysboro serving a specially roasted blend and Drizzle Mini Donuts of Marion donating 20 percent of its proceeds to the Cross of Peace.

A history of the Cross of Peace posted online at baldknobcross.com recalls the origins of the landmark structure's development... and the first sunrise service. "In 1937, Wayman Pre-

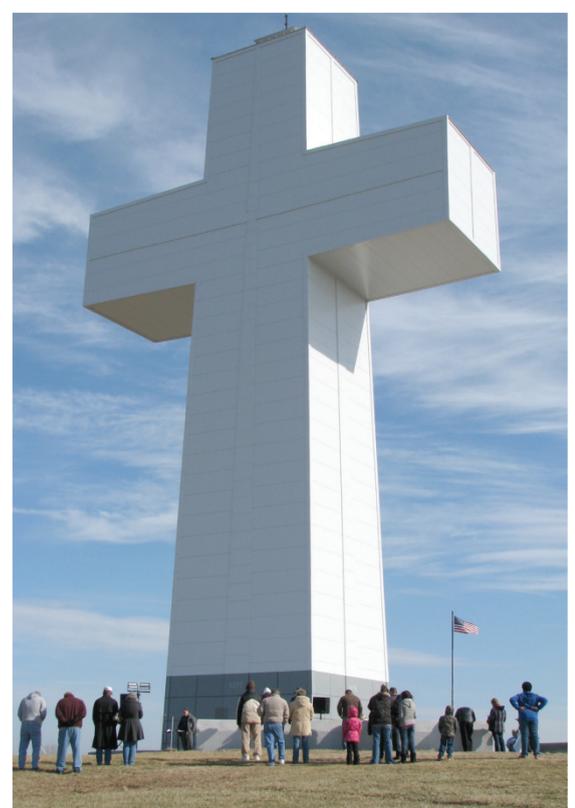
sley, a native of Jackson County in Southern Illinois was walking and conversing with Reverend W.H. Lirely," the story begins.

"The two spoke about the need for a place where people of all denominations could gather for worship.

"As they pondered the possibilities, their attention was drawn to nearby Bald Knob in rural Union County. Bald Knob stands prominently at over 1,000 feet above sea level in the beautiful Illinois Ozark Mountains.

"What came out of that initial conversation was the first Easter Sunrise service in 1937. There was a small, but enthusiastic crowd of 250 in attendance. Attendance grew the following year into the thousands."

The popularity of the service led to a plan to purchase site atop Bald Knob Mountain...and the construction of the Cross of Peace, a landmark which stands 111 feet tall.



Union County landmark The landmark Cross of Peace on Bald Knob Mountain near Alto Pass. File photo.



Anna Kiwanis Club hosts Easter egg hunt

The Anna Kiwanis Club hosted its annual Easter egg hunt last Saturday morning. The egg hunt was held on a sunny and mild early spring day at the Anna City Park. The Easter bunny was on hand to greet the young...and young at heart.

Sports

Host A-J falls to Mt. Carmel

Mt. Carmel defeated host Anna-Jonesboro 41-8 in high school football Friday night, March 26.

"They were a very, very good football team," A-J football head coach Brett Detering said. "We felt like they were a strong team for us and a tough matchup. And, they showed they were a good playoff team from last year."

After the Wildcats were forced to punt on their opening drive, the Golden Aces went to work offensively.

Zeke Hadra scored a touchdown on a 12-yard run after a three play drive.

The extra point kick was good and Mt. Carmel led 7-0 with 8:27 remaining in the opening quarter.

The Wildcats came back to pick up a first down, but were forced to punt at midfield.

Blayne Sisson then caught a long pass from quarterback Cole Broster. On the following play, Beau Stipp scored on an 11-yard pass from Broster.

The extra point kick was good and the Golden Aces led 14-0 with 3:39 remaining in the opening quarter.

Zack Allen then intercepted a pass from A-J quarterback Carson Pen-

gress and raced 89 yards for a TD.

The extra point kick was good and Mt. Carmel was ahead 21-0 with 2:40 left in the first quarter.

The first quarter ended when Caleb Norrick returned a punt deep into Wildcat territory.

Hadra then scored on the opening play of the second quarter. Mt. Carmel led 28-0 with 11:53 remaining until half.

Nathan Plott then saved a Mt. Carmel TD when he caught Sisson from behind near the A-J goal line.

However, the drive stalled when the Golden Aces fumbled on the 1-yard line and Eli Pecord recovered for the Wildcats.

A-J was then stopped on a fourth down and short yardage play and Mt. Carmel's offense took over again.

Two plays later, Broster connected with Allen for a 17-yard TD pass. The extra point kick was off and the Golden Aces led 34-0 with 5:43 remaining in the first half.

The Wildcats had an incomplete pass on the fourth down to end their final offensive drive of the first half.

Two plays later, Broster connected with Allen for a

41-yard TD pass. The extra point kick was good and the Golden Aces finished their scoring for the game with 29.8 seconds remaining in the first half.

Mt. Carmel's first drive in the second half ended with a fumble that Nate Baggott recovered. However, A-J then fumbled on the first play afterwards.

After the Golden Aces were halted on a fourth and short yardage play, the Wildcats' offense finally got rolling.

Following an 8-play drive, backup quarterback Gavin Osman scored on a 1-yard run. Mt. Carmel was offside on the attempted extra point kick and A-J decided to run for the score.

Josh Davis then scored on the extra point run and the Wildcats were on the scoreboard for the first time this season with 33 seconds remaining in the third quarter.

The game was a stalemate in the fourth quarter and A-J's offense moved to midfield when the game ended.

Davis led the rushing for the Wildcats with 31 yards in 5 carries, followed by Pengress with 24 yards on 5 carries, Johnson 22 yards on 8 carries and Stokes 20 yards on 6 carries.

"Our coverage is going to have to be better," Detering said. "Hopefully, we'll continue to get better as the season goes along."

Wildcats look for win at Du Quoin

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team will attempt to record its first win of the season as it travels to Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division foe Du Quoin Friday for a 7 p.m. start.

"It's certainly a tough place to play," A-J football coach Brett Detering said. "It doesn't get much easier this week."

The Wildcats are 0-2 and the Indians improved to 1-1 after a 58-0 win this past Friday over Sparta.

Quarterbacking the Indians is senior Noah Gates, 6-1, 180 pounds.

Some top running back threats for Du Quoin are seniors Lane Bauman, 5-10, 180 pounds, and Konner Harris, 5-7, 200 pounds, and junior Damian Henry, 5-10, 340 pounds.

Top receivers are seniors Wade Roberson, 6-2, 175 pounds, and Owen Bradley, 6-0, 190 pounds.

A-J players honored

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

A-J's Jaley Watkins earned first team honors. Anna Hess was named to the second team. Both are seniors.

A-J/Cobden boys' soccer team posts 3-1 record

The Anna-Jonesboro/Cobden high school co-op boys' soccer team posted a 3-1 record in recent action.

A-J/Cobden 2, Marion 0: Nick McGrath and Maddox Thorpe scored a goal apiece to lead A-J/Cobden to the win over visiting Marion Monday, March 29.

Goal keeper Bryce Henry played 80 minutes and recorded 15 saves.

A-J/Cobden 2, Carterville 1: Nick McGrath scored a goal to lead visiting A-J/Cobden to the win Saturday, March 27.

Romeo Godinez scored the other goal for the winners on a penalty kick.

Bryce Henry was the goal keeper and had 11 saves.

Pinckneyville 1, A-J 0: Henry was the goal keeper and had 10 saves in the loss at home Friday, March 26.

A-J/Cobden 2, Murphysboro 1: Ethan Carver and Angel Olvera scored a goal apiece in the season-opening win for visiting A-J/Cobden Tuesday, March 23.

Henry was the goal keeper and had 7 saves.

A-J/Cobden, 3-1, plays again Thursday, today at home against Carterville and Saturday at Harrisburg.

Grand Chain Library plans to offer springtime activities

After a long winter, the Grand Chain Library is open with springtime activities.

"Story Time": The library is once again offering "Story Time," with activities for pre-kindergarten and home-schooled children, on the third Monday of each month at 10 a.m.

Stories, activities and refreshments are scheduled. Children are asked to bring a parent or guardian with them.

Open House: The library encourages visitors to ask about activities when they attend an open house which is planned from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 3.

The Grand Chain Library has a new home at 302 W. 2nd St., in the former Christian Church building.

Easter Egg Hunt: Grand Chain Library, with help from the Shawnee Unit of Home Extension, plans to host an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 3, beginning at 2 p.m. at the Congregational Church pavilion. The Easter bunny will be there for pictures.

Chicken Dinner: Members of the library board are also preparing a chicken dinner in the basement of the library, eat in or carry out, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Orders can be placed by calling 618-521-8650 or 618-638-4569.

Library Hours: Library hours are scheduled on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; with Mondays and Saturdays for special events.

Hunter safety course planned

An Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, hunter safety education course is planned Friday and Saturday, April 9-10, at the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church's Main Street Center in Anna. The church is located at 315 South St.

Hours for the course are scheduled from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on April 9 and from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 10. Students must attend both classes.

Masks will be mandatory for those who attend the course.

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

Participants will be asked to provide their Social Security number at the time of the class.

For more information about the course, call 618-697-0286.

Firewood available at Giant City

Residents of Union and Jackson counties can collect firewood from designated areas within Giant City State Park near Makanda.

The opportunity to collect firewood at the park began March 24.

Site staff recently removed hazard and ash trees, which are impacted by the emerald ash borer, from the campgrounds and day use areas of the park.

Officials noted that while the firewood is free, a permit and waiver must be filled out before firewood can be removed from the park.

Forms are available at the visitors center at the park, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily. Only two permits are allowed per individual.

Firewood will be available through April 30. For more information contact Giant City State Park visitors center, which is located at 235 Giant City Rd. near Makanda, phone 618-457-4836.

IDNR accepting applications for several grant programs

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, is accepting applications for grants through several different programs.

Applications are being accepted for the Volunteer Fire Assistance Program, the Special Wildlife Funds Wildlife Preservation Fund-Wildlife Rehabilitation Facilities Program and the State Furbearer Fund.

Each grant program has specific eligibility criteria, project guidelines, application guidelines and scoring criteria.

Volunteer Fire Assistance grants provide federal funding to fire departments serving populations of 10,000 or less for equipment and training.

Wildlife Rehabilitation Facilities grants offer up to \$2,000 per year per project in state funding for improvements to rehabilitation facilities that are licensed to care for endangered and threatened species.



Disc golf tournament played in Cobden

Twenty-eight players participated in a disc golf tournament which was played last Saturday in Cobden. The tournament was played at the disc golf course at the Cobden Community Park. The event was a 36-hole random draw doubles tournament. Proceeds generated by the tournament will help to support the Cobden disc golf course.

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Child Abuse Prevention Month commemorated in April

Since 1983, when April was designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month, communities across the country have used this month-long observance to increase awareness of child abuse and its prevention.

Now in its 11th year, the Union County Child Abuse Prevention, UCCAP, Coalition, formerly known as the WIBH Blue Ribbons for Kids Campaign, is asking all residents to join together once again to end child abuse and neglect in the county.

Kickoff Event Planned

A Union County Child Abuse Prevention Month kickoff event is planned Thursday, today.

The event is scheduled at 8:30 a.m. at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Organizers asked ahead of time that in order to abide by CDC guidelines related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, only two individuals come from agencies which were planning to participate in the kickoff event.

Those who were planning to attend also were being asked to wear a mask

to observe social distancing guidelines.

Local Efforts

UCCAP is comprised of members from local child service agencies, schools, daycare centers, churches, county and city officials, law enforcement and first responders, medical facilities and businesses.

After reviewing the child abuse and neglect data reported for fiscal year to date (FYTD) 2020 to FYTD 2021 by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, IDCFS, a growing concern focuses on

the accuracy of the number of reported cases in the Southern Region of the state, which includes Union County.

According to the IDCFS report, the Southern Region reported 2,979 cases of confirmed family reports of child abuse in 2021 and 5,604 cases in 2020; a decrease of 47 percent.

Of those, the number of confirmed child sexual abuse victims dropped by 68 percent during the same time period, from 648 to 205.

Normally, low confirmed cases would indicate that families and community members were highly instrumental in preventing child abuse and neglect in the region.

However, because of COVID-19, many teachers, caregivers and family members are not observing children as often – possibly resulting in reduced intervention and undocumented cases.

“We are truly in unprecedented times. The COVID 19 pandemic has taken a toll on each of us and continues to impact our children and families. We’ve all experienced increased stress and disruption in our normal routines,” said Denise McCaffrey, executive director of Prevent Child Abuse Illinois.

“This year more than ever, it is important that we raise awareness about child abuse prevention and create positive supports for

parents and caregivers.

“April is the perfect time to share the message that all children deserve happy, healthy childhoods and we all have a responsibility and a role in protecting children.”

UCCAP encourages everyone to take part in child abuse prevention in ways that include supporting programs and services which help families, offer to baby-sit, donate used children’s clothing, furniture and toys, and linking families to needed services and opportunities to help them thrive, and report any child abuse concerns you have to the Illinois Child Abuse Hotline at 800-25-ABUSE (22873). All calls are anonymous.

Community members also can advocate against child abuse this April by

displaying blue ribbons or bows, which are traditional symbols of child abuse awareness, around trees or pinned to their clothing.

Organizers said that community members can place a blue pinwheel for prevention, the national symbol for child abuse and neglect prevention, in their yard.

Everyone also is invited to join others on April 9 for “Go Blue Day.” Connect with fellow advocates by sharing your photos using #GoBlueIllinois and #GreatChildhoods.

To learn more about child abuse prevention and how you can become involved, contact the Union County Child Abuse Prevention Committee at 618-697-4828 and on Facebook or contact Prevent Child Abuse Illinois at 217-522-1129, www.preventchildabuseillinois.org.

County board issues proclamation

April has been recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Union County.

A resolution proclaiming the observance was unanimously approved by the Union County Board of Commissioners in March.

The proclamation reads that “child abuse and neglect is a complex and ongoing problem in our society, affecting many children in Union County...”

“...every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, nurtured, feel secure and be free from verbal, sexual, emotional and physical abuse, and neglect...”

“...it is the responsibility

of every adult who comes in contact with a child to protect that child’s inalienable right to a safe and nurturing childhood...”

“...Union County has dedicated individuals and organizations who work daily to counter the problem of child maltreatment and to help parents obtain the assistance they need...”

“...our communities are stronger when all citizens become aware of child maltreatment prevention and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe and nurturing environment...”

“...effective child abuse prevention programs suc-

ceed because of partnerships among families, social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community.”

The proclamation urged all citizens, community agencies, faith organizations and businesses to join in working together to increase efforts to support families.

Weather

High 77, low 31; light frost recorded

Temperatures ranged from a high of 77 degrees to a low of 31 during the period of March 23-29 in the Union County area.

Light frost was recorded on the morning of March 29.

Precipitation during the period included .13 of an inch of rain on March 23, .37 of an inch of rain on March 25, .02 of an inch of rain on March 27 and .01 of an inch of rain on March 28.

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

	H	L
Tuesday, March 23	62	53
Wednesday, March 24	72	47
Thursday, March 25	63	48
Friday, March 26	65	44
Saturday, March 27	77	41
Sunday, March 28	59	36
Monday, March 29	65	31



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Donations for kids accepted

Throughout the month of April, the Union County circuit clerk’s office in Jonesboro is planning to collect items in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Items that are collected will be donated to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, DCFS, in Union County.

Some of the items which DCFS has requested for children of all ages include: Socks and underwear. Deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, sensitive skin soap.

Wet wipes. Hair brushes and combs. Hand sanitizer. Kid friendly DVDs. Local restaurant gift cards.

Items can be dropped off at the Union County Courthouse, which is located at 309 W. Market St. in Jonesboro, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

For more information, contact the Union County circuit clerk’s office at 618-833-5913.

Election Day

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No candidates filed for the two positions which are open.

School Districts, Boards of Education

Lick Creek Community Consolidated School District No. 16

Board of education, full four-year term: Thomas Corbit, Josh Schlenker and Dawn M. Turner are on the ballot. All three are incumbents. Three positions are open.

Anna Community Consolidated School District No. 37

Board of education, two-year unexpired term: No candidates filed.

Board of education, full, four-year term: Pam Needling, Joshua Gooden and Tracee L. Foley are on the ballot. Needling and Foley are incumbents. Three positions are open.

Cobden Unit School District No. 17

Board of education, full, four-year term: Debra Penrod, Charles R. Stewart, Jeanne Brumleve, Robert Phillippe and Kim Howell are on the ballot. Penrod, Brumleve and Howell are incumbents. Four positions are open.

Jonesboro Community Consolidated School District No. 43

Board of education, full, four-year term: Michael Penninger, Daryl Barnhart, Josh Kelley and Justin Barlow are on the ballot. Penninger and Barnhart are incumbents. Four positions are open.

Dongola Community Unit School District No. 84

Board of education, full, four-year term: Dana W. Eddleman, Cherie Wright and Philip Miller are on the ballot. All three are in-

cumbents. Three positions are open.

Shawnee Community Unit School District No. 84

Board of education, full, four-year term: Melissa Criddle, Jason Stegle and Mindy Livesay are on the ballot. Criddle and Stegle are incumbents.

Space is available on the ballot for a write-in vote. Four positions are open.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School District No. 81

Board of education, unexpired two-year term: No candidates filed. Space is available on the ballot for a write-in vote.

Board of education, full, four-year term: Kyle Vosburgh, Lenore M. Ashby and Tim McGrath are on the ballot. Ashby and McGrath are incumbents. Three positions are open.

Shawnee Community District No. 531

Board of trustees member, 6-year term; April Moore, James Darden and John L. Windings are on the ballot. Darden and Windings are incumbents. Three positions are open.

Board of trustees member, unexpired two-year term: Steven Etter and Deborah Shelton-Yates are on the ballot. Etter has served as a student trustee.

The ballot also features elections for neighboring governing bodies, including:

Members of the Regional Board of School Trustees Board 21, the Buncombe Consolidated School District No. 43 Board of Education, the Cypress Elementary School District No. 64 Board of Education, the Lake of Egypt Water District Board and the Lake of Egypt Fire Protection District.

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Anna Junior High School students involved with anti-vaping campaign



Kember Davis, 6th grade.



Aries Sullens, 6th grade.



Lauren Jackson, 7th grade.



Tori Quick, 7th grade.



Kale Waller, 7th grade.



Levi Archey, 8th grade.

The Arrowleaf human services organization has announced the recent launch of an anti-vaping campaign at Anna Junior High School.

"We wish youth vaping wasn't an issue and we didn't need the campaign but it's a great opportunity to make a positive change," substance use prevention services consultant Teresa Goddard said in a news release.

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, e-cigarettes are the most commonly used tobacco product among youth.

However, four out of five students overestimate peer e-cigarette use.

"Teens often think that everyone is doing it which is a misperception; data supports that the majority

of teens are not smoking" Goddard said.

"The goal of the campaign is to help in reducing the rate of vaping use among youth, to change attitudes and behaviors and to provide education on the risks associated with vaping."

During the school year, a variety of campaign materials will be displayed on classroom doors, cafeteria walls, stairwells and other heavy traffic areas.

School-wide announcements will be used to inform the 6th through 8th grade student population of anti-vaping facts, information and contests for

chances to win prizes. New campaign materials will be distributed about every six weeks.

As a part of Arrowleaf's Community Collaboration area of focus, Substance Use Prevention Services helps students 11 to 18 learn about substance use and misuse through a prevention-oriented curriculum and community-wide awareness building activities that aim to reduce the prevalence of substance misuse in our communities.

The anti-vaping campaign is funded by the Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery through a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Winners of daily contests during the anti-vaping campaign launch are featured in the accompanying photos.



Ranger station temporarily closed

The U.S. Forest Service announced that beginning March 22, the Shawnee National Forest Mississippi Bluffs Ranger Station in Jonesboro was temporarily closed due to staff shortages. Forest Service offices in Vienna and Harrisburg will continue to provide at-the-door service to the public during normal business hours of Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Forest Service reported that the ranger station in Jonesboro would continue to provide free visitor information in its outside information kiosk. Further information is available by contacting the Hidden Springs Ranger Station in Vienna at 618-658-2111 or the Shawnee National Forest headquarters in Harrisburg at 618-253-7114. Information also is available on Shawnee National Forest website at www.fs.usda.gov/shawnee.

\$4,950 in grant funding awarded to A-JCHS

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School has been named as a 2021 Casey's Cash for Classrooms grant recipient. The Union County school is receiving \$4,950.

The Cash for Classrooms program awards grants to school districts to help fund school improvements, teacher support and training resources, community engagement projects and classroom equipment purchases.

"The past year has been unlike any other for schools, and our Cash for Classrooms grants will help schools through this difficult time as well as to improve the learning environment for the future," said Katie Petru, director of communications and community at Casey's.

"Casey's is here for good and that means supporting

students, teachers and families in our local communities."

So far in 2021, the Midwestern-based chain of gas station/convenience stores has awarded \$1 million to benefit K-12 public and nonprofit private schools through 99 grants.

A-JCHS plans to use its \$4,950 grant to help keep up-to-date with the technology needs of remote learning, as well as funding plans for the upcoming school year.

"We are so grateful to receive a Cash for Classrooms grant and are excited to complete this important project that will improve our students' ability to learn and grow at A-JCHS each day," said Scott Finders, director of curriculum and instruction at the Union County school.

The project at A-JCHS

involves a program designed to help present a research-based intervention strategy that aligns specifically to state standards.

The acquisition of a professional pan-tilt-zoom, PTZ, camera and controller will allow STEM teachers to stage lab activities more efficiently and creatively.

The project also includes digital graphics drawing tablets, wireless keyboards, green screen equipment, wireless microphones, voice amplifiers, wireless earbuds, bluetooth adapters and surface to hdmi adapters. The project is expected to be completed by June.

For more information on Casey's Cash for Classrooms grant program, visit caseys.com/community/cash-for-classrooms-grants. The 2022 grant program is scheduled to open in the fall.

Geneva Wiggs Scholarship to be awarded

The Union County Historical and Genealogy Society is offering the Geneva Davie Wiggs Memorial Scholarship for 2021.

Applicants must be seniors from a Union County public high school who plans to major in history, social studies or photography at a college or university.

Applications and guidelines have been sent to guidance counselors at all Union County public high schools.

Applications can also be obtained at the Union County Museum on South Appleknocker in downtown Cobden.

Hours at the museum are scheduled from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

The deadline to submit a scholarship application is May 7.

The society has given the scholarship since 2005. Geneva Davie Wiggs was a long-time Union County photographer and local historian.

Gospel singing set

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Two food trucks will be on site during the event with Cold Blooded Coffee Co. of Murphysboro serving a specially roasted blend and Drizzle Mini Donuts of Marion donating 20% of their proceeds to the Cross.

"In 1937, two men led an effort to unify Southern Illinoisans through an Easter Sunrise Service. Today, we continue to fulfill their vision with this service featuring long standing traditions as well as a contemporary worship experience. This 85th annual event will be held in-person and streamed online. We encourage attendees to wear a face mask and to maintain appropriate social distancing to ensure a safe and comfortable experience for all participants," commented Jeffrey Isbell, Executive Director of Bald Knob Cross of Peace.

More information about the 85th Annual Easter Sunrise Service can be found online at www.baldknobcross.com, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/baldknobcross or by emailing info@baldknobcross.com.

This event is sponsored by the generous giving of local businesses and community partners. To help offset the costs of the event, donations can be made online at www.baldknobcross.com/donate.

Bald Knob Cross of Peace is situated in the Shawnee National Forest near the small town of Alto Pass, Illinois and towers above the landscape at over 111 feet and is visible for many miles. After the inaugural Easter Sunrise Service in 1937, construction of the Cross began in 1959 with completion in 1963. The Cross attracts over 30,000 visitors annually from across the world making it one of the most popular tourist attractions in the region. The site is managed by Bald Knob Cross of Peace, Inc, a 501(c)3 charitable organization.

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Obituaries

Robert Spellman

Husband of 62 years. Father to five girls. Man of God. Robert Spellman was born April 8, 1937, in Grandfield, Okla., and grew up in Urbana, Ohio, a town he fiercely loved, the son of Robert Sr. and Flossie Crane Spellman, with his late brother, Bill, and his brother, Hugh. He graduated from Urbana High School.



He died on March 12, 2021, peacefully and surrounded by family.

He went to Baldwin Wallace University in Berea, Ohio, where he received a bachelor's degree in history and met the love of his life, Susan Edwards. They married at the chapel there on Dec. 27, 1958, and started to build a life full of family and adventures.

Robert had three distinguished careers in his life. His first chapter was as a newspaper reporter, including at the Democrat and Chronicle in Rochester, N.Y., where he was part of a Gannett team that produced "The Road to Integration" project that won a special Pulitzer citation in 1964.

After earning a master's degree in urban planning at Michigan State University, he began his next work chapter, first as a public servant in Rochester, N.Y., serving in roles including director of Monroe County Pure Waters and urban renewal director for the city. His projects, including the senior towers along Lake Avenue and St. Paul Street, are still landmarks in the city.

After he moved into the private sector, he managed projects in Cleveland, Ohio, and in Columbus was on the Two Nationwide Plaza development team.

While working, he earned his law degree at Cleveland State University. A friend needed someone to teach a law class for him in the mid-1980s and asked Robert to take over. Robert fell in love with teaching, a profession he watched Susan excel at over the life of their marriage, and began his third career in academia.

He became a distinguished communications law and journalism professor at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, including a year as a Fulbright Fellow in Shanghai.

Yet with all his success in work, he would tell you his biggest accomplishment was his marriage and family.

His 62-year marriage was a model of how to build a Christian life full of unconditional love. He relished Susan's success in her career and liked nothing else but to hear about accomplishments big and small by his daughters, their spouses, his 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. And he was a rock of support for all of them when the challenges of life may have seemed in the way.

While he and Susan traveled the world, their favorite trips were to their daughters' homes to see the lives they were building.

He was a faithful member of First Christian Church of Anna, serving as an elder and Sunday school teacher. He also was a lifetime learner, starting a master's degree in New Testament studies at 80 through Johnson University in Knoxville, Tenn., continuing until his recent illnesses.

In addition to his wife, Susan, he is survived by his daughters, Virginia (Michael) Black of Columbus, Ohio, Robin (Russ) Fahlberg of Dunlap, Ill., Elizabeth (Joe) Lillian of Overland Park, Kan.; Catherine (Chad) Roberts of Apple Valley, Minn.; and Zhushan "Mandy" Li (Feng Hong) of Newton, Mass. Also his brother, Hugh (Cynthia) Spellman, and his sister-in-law, Carolyn Spellman, of Urbana, Ohio; his sister-in-law, Jacqueline Howald of Rootstown, Ohio; grandchildren Michael (Crystal) Black, Christopher Black, Jessica (Salvador) Ramirez, David Lalo, Jenna Lillian, Morgan Lillian, Kiegan Roberts, Tristan Roberts, Susan Hong and Robert Hong; and great-granddaughters Cadence, Hallie, Makayla, Arianna and Aurora.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Susan Spellman Memorial Scholarship Fund at Johnson University, the Poshard Foundation or First Christian Church of Anna would be appreciated.

Memorial services will be held on May 29, 2021, with Pastor Joseph Hawkins officiating. The location is undetermined at this time, Facebook live streaming will be available. Check Crain Funeral Home's website for updates about service information.

Inurnment will take place at a later date at Oak Dale Cemetery in Urbana, Ohio.

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

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

Todd Suhling

Todd Suhling, of Jonesboro, died Monday, March 29, at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

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

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

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

Pastor's Corner
by Pastor Don Cox

In order for a Christian to concede to Evil,
they only have to be ignorant of what God
says about it!

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

Kathleen Kay Caul Kovac

Kathleen Kay Caul Kovac, 78, of Anna, died peacefully at home on Friday, March 26, 2021, outliving a nasty cancer diagnosis by nearly two years and remaining feisty until the end.



She was a relatively private person and didn't like people poking their noses in her business, so we won't tell you that she was born the day after Christmas in 1942 to Theodore John "Tate" Pagel and Lillie Blanche Pulliam Pagel. We won't talk about her sharp business mind, her multi-million-dollar career as a real estate agent or the wall full of awards she received through the years.

We most definitely won't mention anything about how she liked yellow roses, garage sales and thrift stores, the Oak Ridge Boys and Dolly Parton, surf and turf, camping in Arkansas, the Black Hills of South Dakota, crossword puzzles, Scrabble, Italian beef sandwiches and Chicago-style hot dogs.

And lemons. Lots of lemons. She was a loving mother and grandmother who bragged about her children and grandchildren. She was funny, generous and often ornery - she sometimes described herself to others as "Mean Kathleen," and with good reason.

We'll leave it at that, as we're well beyond the scope of what she wanted printed in the newspaper.

Kathleen is survived by her three children, Eric Christopher (Dr. Christine) Kovac, Marc Christian (Alison) Kovac and Amy (Joey Lovell) Caul. We won't tell you where they live, since she wouldn't want that.

Also surviving are grandchildren Zoe, Nikolai, Levko, Andrew, Alita, Anthony and Greyson; former husbands and loving fathers, Andrew Kovac and Theodor Caul; and Sherman Lee Mays, her special companion and love for many years.

She'll miss Sherman's children, including Sandra Pickel and Debbie Cunningham, and her best friend Gloria and Neil, and many others. Oh, and Toot Toot, the kitten who stayed close, especially in her final weeks.

The only thing she wanted written in her obituary, which you can read in her stylish handwriting on a piece of notebook paper penned a few months before her passing, were some lines about her faith in God and the assurance that comes to those who have put their trust in Jesus Christ: "I have stepped on shore and found it Heaven. I touch a hand and know it is God's. I breathed new air and know it is celestial. I have awakened in Heaven and find it is home. I await my special loves and sweet family."

A memorial service for Kathleen Kovac will be held Saturday, April 3, 2021, at 1 p.m. at Crain Funeral Home in Anna, with Pastor Mark Hasty officiating.

In lieu of flowers, go shopping at Goodwill, or hunt for some bargains at Kroger, where she once bought a pot roast for a quarter. No fooling.

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

Ricky R.D. Williams Sr.

Ricky R.D. Williams Sr., 66, of Anna, died Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at his home.



He was born on Sept. 1, 1954, in East St. Louis, the son of Al and Mavis Cook Williams in East St. Louis.

Mr. Williams was an avid hunter and fisherman. He coached Little League baseball for many years.

He is survived by his father Al (Gloria) Williams of Cobden; children Rick (Tammy) Williams, Shane Williams and Shawn Laminack, all of Anna; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sisters Lana (Roger) Glasco of Pulaski, Donna (Jeff) Pratt of Missouri, Brenda Hampton of Anna, Debbie (Terry) Wenger of Jonesboro and Kathy (Dee) Lipford of Kentucky; brothers David (Charity) Williams of Cobden and Jonathon (Amber) Williams of Jonesboro; special friend Margie Laminack of Anna; many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mavis (Don) Cook; a son, Josh Williams; and two brothers, Billy and Scott Cook.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Monday, March 29, at Water Valley Church near Cobden, with Pastor David Williams officiating. Interment immediately followed in Casper Cemetery near Anna. Memorials can be made to Rick Williams.

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

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

THANK YOU

We would like to extend our sincere thanks for the love our family received during our time of loss. Friends, neighbors and family went above and beyond. Faith Assembly Church opened their doors and hearts. They fed our souls and bodies. We are eternally grateful. Thank you Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home for taking care of the unseen necessities. Everyone's kindness will not be forgotten.

The Kenneth L. Lacy Family

Barbara A. File

Barbara A. File, 77, of Anna, died Monday, March 22, 2021, at 7:29 p.m. at Union County Hospital in Anna.



She was born on Oct. 11, 1943, in Jonesboro, the daughter of Virgil and Genevieve Dillow Wiggs.

She married John Paul Allen on June 1961. She married Gerald File in July 1970; he preceded her in death in September 1996.

Barbara and her husband Gerald owned and operated File Supply Company. Mrs. File retired as a public administrator for the Illinois Department of Corrections.

She was an original board member of the Union County Women in Business and Southern Illinois Incorporated.

She was affiliated with the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce Board, the Illinois Job Training Partnership Commission, the Illinois Governors Small Business Advisory Commission and the Illinois Correctional Association.

She was a past Worthy Matron for the Order of Eastern Star in Jonesboro and Anna. She was a member of Mt. Moriah and Salem Lutheran Church in Anna and Jonesboro and attended New Beginnings Community Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Brenda Allen; a son, David (Gina) Allen; grandchildren Rachel and Rowan; a sister, Sharon Toler; a sister, Diana Craig; a brother, Gary Wiggs; several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Virgil and Genevieve; and her husband, Gerald File.

Funeral services were held at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro at 11 a.m. Friday, March 26, with Lonnie Lewis officiating. Burial was in the Anna City Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Union County animal control program and can be sent to Crain Funeral Home, P.O. Box 257, Anna, Ill. 62906.

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

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

Shawn Williamson

Shawn Williamson, 51, of Dongola, died at 2:55 p.m. Sunday, March 21, 2021, at his home.



He was born on Feb. 10, 1970, in Marion, the son of Lonell and Judy Hayes Williamson.

He married Sherry Welch. She preceded him in death on June 5, 1997. Later, he married Jana Sivia on May 1, 2001.

He was a true handyman, a jack of all trades. He loved to listen to and to play music. He was a proud union member and worked 22 years for the Union County Highway Department. He worked for IPG in Carbondale. He was a founder of J&S Scents in Dongola.

Survivors include his wife, Jana Williamson; sons Joseph (Angela) Kissiar, Joshua Williamson and Timothy Kissiar; a daughter, Anna Williamson; 12 grandchildren; a sister, Kimberly Johnson; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends who dearly loved him. He also leaves his pet, Felix.

Besides his first wife, he was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service for Shawn Williamson was held at 6 p.m. Friday, March 26, at Crain Funeral Home in Dongola, with the Rev. Larue Parr officiating.

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

The funeral service was livestreamed through the Crain Funeral Home and Cremation Service Facebook page.

Crain Funeral Home Dongola was in charge of arrangements. To view the obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family, visit www.crainsonline.com.

"The Preaching Pen"
Being Poor

I recently ran across a story I'd like to share that has to do with our outlook on material things. Ever think you're poor? Read...

One day, the father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the express purpose of showing him how poor people live. They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family. On their return from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?"

"It was great, Dad." "Did you see how poor people live?" the father asked. "Oh yeah," said the son. "So, tell me, what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father. The son answered:

"I saw that we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden, and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon. We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our property to protect us, they have friends to protect them." The boy's father was speechless. Then his son added, "Thanks Dad for showing me how poor we are."

Isn't perspective a wonderful thing? Makes you wonder what would happen if we all gave thanks for everything we have, instead of worrying about what we don't have. Give it some thought, have a great week, and visit the Anna church of Christ any time!

R.W. McAlister, Minister
Anna church of Christ

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.

Happy Easter

Wishing everyone a wonderful Easter.

Children's To Go Hot Breakfast

Good Friday, April 2, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at United Methodist Church Anna food distribution and a to go hot breakfast will be distributed to children only.

The children will have to be present to receive this and it will be handed to them at the door at the fellowship hall on West Monroe Street. There will be a sign outside the church and will be handed out until they run out of food.

Good Friday Service

United Methodist Church Anna and the Rev. Tim Gossett invite the community to a Good Friday service April 2 at 7 p.m. at the church. Social distance and masks need to be worn.

Guests

Bob and Joan Hernandez of Elwood, visited with Gaylon and Clara Cates. Due to the virus they hadn't been down for over a year. They had shots and were tested before coming and were fine.

They all celebrated a late Christmas as well as the Cates' anniversary, which was in January.

Florida Visit

Collin and Alice Boyd of Anna, visited recently with friends in Florida and then with two very special relatives.

They visited with Collin's sister, Jane Boyd Gimbel in Jacksonville, Fla., and also with Alice's sister, Sydney Sue Foreman Spencer and her family near Atlanta, Ga.

Both ladies have been "sequestered" in their senior care residences for most of the past year and they were very glad to see and visit with the Boyds.

Birthday Celebration

The family of Ruth

Richardson met Sunday in honor of her birthday. They attended Palm Sunday service at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church together with Ruth's mother Carolyn Webb and their children and grandchildren.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Carol Gordon and her baby dog Mickey Joe spent St. Patrick's Day with her brother Clarence (Bub) Tweedy in Goreville.

Carol cooked a meal and took two loaves of Irish bread, three berry pies, blueberry, blackberry and raspberry. Corned beef, cabbage, carrots, salad, red potatoes, two six packs of Guinness Irish beer.

She took Irish presents for everyone and Irish hats, a centerpiece for the table and other decorations.

Others attending were Clarence friend Martha, Clarence daughter Cheryl Stamp, her son Brad, Cheryl's daughter Camille with two daughters from Texas, Carol's son Kerry and his wife Cindy Wills, Cindy's granddaughter.

Thanks

A special thanks to Jack and Sue Ann Zimmerman for giving me credit when they renewed their subscription to The Gazette-Democrat.

Got a phone call from Sanford Keller from Texas who told me he called The Gazette-Democrat to renew his subscription and told them to give me credit. I really appreciate him doing that and glad they are enjoying reading the paper to keep up on what is going on since they moved from Anna. Sanford ran the taxi cab service for several years in Anna.

Anna Heights Baptist Church

Birthdays: March 29 Jim Walker, 30 Ruthanne Kissel, 31 Bob Caraker, April 1 Betty Caraker, 2 Michael Houseman, 5 Joann

White, 7 Faith Barringer, Zachary Spurlock, Lovye Young-Goforth.

April anniversaries: 3, Bob and Terri Dover.

Youth are going on a mission trip to Memphis, Tenn., July 4-9.

Preschool Sunday School will resume on Sunday, April 4, at 9:30 a.m. with an Easter egg hunt.

Attendance for March 21, 8 a.m. worship 72, 10:30 a.m. worship 107, small group Sunday School 195.

Easter Sunday services will be at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on April 4. Sunday night services will resume April 11 at 6 p.m.

Pastor Darryl Williams continued his sermon series: Who is the Man? This week: He is the Christ, the son of God, with scripture from Mark.

Prayers from our church family to Bob Caraker, our Sunday School director and deacon, who had open heart surgery in St. Louis this past week.

Be sure to look on Facebook and YouTube for up to date Bible studies, 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship service, 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible study and up to date announcements or at anna-heights.com.

District 25 GFWC Women's Club Meeting

District 25 met for their 116th BEautiful annual convention meeting at Jackie Hancock's home in Marion on March 25 at 9 a.m. with the four presidents and one district officer.

Those attending were Wanda Burklow, Jackie Hancock, Karen Sala, Nikki Staley and Jane Bauer.

The state emphasis is "Bees, Trees, Seas and Me" this year. This was a condensed convention because of the pandemic with everyone practicing social distance. They had their regular business meeting and gave out awards for the arts and crafts.

GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club won several awards.

Teressa Sandford-Shipp, GFWC state president, spoke to the group via phone. The memorial service was conducted by



Anna City Hall Staff welcomed new employee Tracee Foley, billing clerk. From left are Carolyn Ury (retired), Danyelle Dodd, Tracee Foley, Ashley Guined, Dori Bigler and Tina Sadler.

Jackie Hancock, with a tribute to deceased member Bonnie Harreleson from Marion.

The Herrin Women's Club won the Silver Tray for this year. They gave out goodie bags to all members in the district.

A special prize went to Martha Ann Webb for her gardening project of potting hen and chickens. Jane Bauer received a pin for retiring president.

The invitation for 2022 117th annual convention was given by Karen Sala of Herrin Women's Club. Closing thought was given by Nikki Staley, with everyone receiving a bee pin.

Everyone enjoyed a lovely breakfast buffet put on by GFWC Women's Club of Marion.

Birthdays

March 23 Megen Livesay, 26 Linda Parks.

Anniversaries

March 2: David and Bonnie Hogue, 54 years, David and Amy Casper, 21 years.

March 31: Jimmy and Valeria Meller 21 years.

Makanda Trip

Bessie Mae Ellis and Martha Ann Webb visited with Natlie Clutts. A special thanks to Natlie for giving Martha Ann several of her mother-in-law Linda Clutts Red Hat treasures.

Surprise in Mail

I received a wonderful surprise in the mail from Wilma Thomas from Norris City when she mailed me a special gift of old coins.

Sympathy

Sympathy to Brenda Allen in the loss of her mother Barbara Wiggs Allen File.

Barbara was so happy a few years back when Brenda moved back to Anna from Kentucky to help her as Barbara's health was declining.

They enjoyed those years of going together everywhere. They shared going to both Brenda and Barbara's churches.

Brenda would bring her mother to exercise classes with me at the fellowship



The Anna Kiwanis would like to thank the community for their participation in the Easter egg hunt. It was a beautiful day filled with lots of children of all ages. Preparation for the Easter egg hunt takes many hours, from filling thousands of eggs to "hiding" them in the park. We are very fortunate to have dedicated Kiwanis members and community volunteers to assist with the day. When the children arrive to their area to hunt eggs, it takes them less than a minute to clear the fields of any pastel colors. Amazing.



Reminder that Saturday, April 17, beginning at 4 p.m., the Anna Kiwanis Club is partnering with the A-J wrestling team for a fish fry. If you haven't purchased your \$10 ticket, please leave a message on Facebook or contact Chase Hargrave at 618-697-7162. Your \$10 ticket purchase includes fish, fries, slaw, baked beans and a drink. You can eat-in or carry-out. We have the best fish frying guys in the county, and we can't wait to see you. Pictured are Jeff Ray, Gene Hammer and Brad Donna. If you are interested in joining the Anna Kiwanis Club, we have a meeting April 1 and again on April 15, both with a start time of 6:30 p.m. We would love to have you join us.



The Anna Kiwanis would like to thank some of the Anna-Jonesboro Marching Wildcats for their help with the Easter egg hunt. We are fortunate to have these teenagers who are willing to give back through volunteering. Thank you to Jolie Barger, Anna Rodgers, Serena Hasty, Cyrus Borders, Ella Lingle, Isabel Tehandon and Zachary Dudley.



Nona Trambley celebrated her birthday March 29. Nona is pictured with her husband Don and granddaughter Ava Grace Trambley.



Philip and Sharon Dillow celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 27 with a dinner at Giant City Lodge.



Jane Bauer, president of the GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club surprised Martha Ann Webb of the club with a gift basket of garden tools and plants she won at the District 25 Women's Club convention in Marion. Jane had sent a picture of her hen and chickens that Martha Ann potted for her to be entered in the arts and crafts contest. Martha Ann puts an empty paper towel holder in the middle of the pot, fills it with pebbles, then potting soil around that and plants the hen and chickens. Water the pebbles and it will hold water for the plant to help it grow beautiful.



Rob Needling was honored on his birthday March 13 with a fish fry with his family which also included Jim and Cindy Walker. His bee cake was made by Anna Baking Company.

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hall at the United Methodist Church in Anna.

They were both very active in Anna Eastern Star where I was also a member. Brenda worked very hard trying to get members to attend meetings.

I played flutes in the A-JCHS band with Barbara. She was two years ahead of me and always kept first chair. When she graduated I got first chair and was able to keep it until I graduated. So many happy memories down through the years.

Fishing Trip

Kathy Wheaton enjoyed going fishing with her son Josh.

Women's Club

GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club will meet April 5 at 1 p.m. in the fellowship hall at United Methodist Church Anna. Guest speaker will be Duane Hileman on the history of Union County.

Ellis School

Still looking for a pic-

ture of the Ellis School that was on old Highway 51. Also a picture of the Balcom store building if anyone has one please let us know.

Anna-Jo Garden Club

The club will meet Tuesday, April 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the United Methodist Church in Anna fellowship hall.

The program will be a history of the club by Susan Sherwin and Peggy Ferguson.

Garden of the month will be presented by Darlene Lingle and Sylvia Soileau.

The club is always looking for new members. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The activities of the month of April will be a workday Wednesday, April 14, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Anna-Jo Garden Club Park by McDonald's. A work day at Anna City Park, spring clean up Wednesday, April 21, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. April 22 Earth Day. Charleston

Dogwood-Azalea Festival, April 23-25. Mushroom Festival, Makanda, April 27-May 2 National Garden Week. April 30 Arbor Day.

Anna VFW

Monday is Xtreme Bar Bingo. Kitchen opens at 6 p.m. and bingo starts at 7 p.m.

On Good Friday, April 2, there will be a fish fry from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Drive thru or dine in. Please call 833-5182 any day after 1 p.m. but no later than 1 p.m. Friday, April 2, to make your reservations. Peggy will be at the post with her Star Karaoke from 6 p.m. to 10.

A special thanks to everyone who came out last Saturday for the fundraiser for Ryan Stoehein.

Bald Knob Service

The 85th annual Easter sunrise service at Bald Knob Cross near Alto Pass will be Sunday, April 4, at 6:30 a.m.

Worship leaders for the service are Chris Parton, Kevin and Tricia Edwards. along with a worship band.

Adult Easter Egg Hunt
Buffalo Bluffs Hemp

Farm will join at Starview Vineyards April 3 at 11 a.m. for their fourth adult Easter egg hunt. Everyone gets a prize.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Sunday morning was Palm/Passion Sunday. Lenten candle litany was by Myra Gossett, with scripture from Mark. Pastoral prayer. The Lord's Prayer.

Carla Anderson played the organ. Prelude Tell Me The Story Of Jesus. Pianist was Marcy Morris. Songs were Hosanna, Loud Hosanna, All Glory, Laud, and Honor.

Special music by the hand bells playing At the Cross.

Chris Foster said a prayer for Rev. Tim before his sermon. Rev. Tim Gossett's sermon was Our Reception of Jesus. Rev. Tim's children's moment was on Jesus riding the donkey into Jerusalem and how the people waved palm branches and laid their clothes down for him to walk on saying Hosanna in the highest.

There was a special offering to support the ministries of Bald Knob Cross.

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

Loaves and Fishes food giveaway is on the third Tuesday of the month from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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

Vienna United Methodist Church

Maundy Thursday worship will be April 1 at 7 p.m. where Rev. Tim Gossett also preaches.

Annabelle Trail

Annabelle Fest will be June 11-12. Thanks to everyone who bought a sign for your yard so the trail will be easy to follow.

There will be maps that can be picked up those days with streets listed where Annabelles will be so people will be able to drive by and look at the beautiful Annabelles in our city.

If you have Annabelles and would like a sign to put in your yard to be added to the trail they are \$15 and need to be ordered so please give me a call at 833-5717 and leave your name, phone number and address on my answering machine.

Military Prayer List

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



Nikki Staley, Karen Sala, Jane Bauer, Jackie Hancock and, taking the picture Wanda Burklow, met in Marion at the home of Jackie Hancock for GFWC District 25 116th BEEutiful annual convention.



The Women of the Moose would like to thank the community for their support. We are still accepting donations for the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna. Drop off a few items. T-shirts, hygiene items and any donations are appreciated. We hope to provide electric razors for the residents too. If you are current Moose member and are a veteran, please ask us about the Valued Veteran program. Edgar and Raymond would love to see you.



Saturday, April 3, the Women of the Moose will have their annual Easter bake sale beginning at 8 a.m. in front of the lodge. If you know us, you know we have wonderful bakers in our group so get ready to save on baking time and pick up a pie. Some of these baked items will also be available Friday evening inside the lodge, you are welcome to come in, eat a delicious meal and purchase (pre-bake sale). Also, Danny Gibbons will be grilling slabs of ribs in the parking lot and these are always a "hot" and tasty item. Patsy, Wanda and Wendy look forward to seeing you.

The Anna Moose invites you "like their Facebook page, Anna Moose Lodge News. Here you will find our latest and greatest news and happenings. Also, scholarship applications are due by April 16. Any graduating senior from any Union County high school is encouraged to apply. This is a \$1,000 award.

Television Listings

THURSDAY APRIL 1, 2021

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	Playoff	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	"True Grit" (10) Jeff Bridges. Men seek killer.	★★★ "Schmucks" (10)	"Gridiron Gang" (06)
7 PM	Station 19 (HD)	Young	Hell's Kitchen (HD)	Manifest "Tailor" (HD)	College Basketball (HD)	Bang (HD)	Chrisley	Jessie		"Shaft" (19) Action) Best friend's death. (HD)	City on a Hill (HD)
8 PM	Grey's Anatomy (HD)	(01) Mom	The Woodys (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	College Basketball (HD)	Go-Big Show	Chrisley	BUNKCD	"Joker" (19) Failed comedian. (R) (HD)		"True History of the Kelly Gang" (20) (HD)
9 PM	A Million Little Things	Clarice (HD)	Local Programs	Organized Crime (HD)	(02) Go-Big Show	Go-Big Show	Knows Best. Millionaire family. (HD)	Big City		"Doctor Sleep" (19) A young girl with psychic powers. (R)	"True History of the Kelly Gang" (20) (HD)
10 PM	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Go-Big Show	Conan	BUNKCD	(05) "Up in the Air" (09) A business traveler.		(05) City on a Hill
11 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter with Scott (HD)	Go-Big Show	Chrisley	Jessie			(05) VICE
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night			Conan	Chrisley	Jessie		"Iron Mask" "Carillo's"

FRIDAY APRIL 2, 2021

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball (HD)	Seinfeld	Chicago P.D. (HD)	"Movie"	"X-Men: First Class"	(5:02) "John Q" (02)	(5:00) "The Godfather" (72) Mafia family life.
7 PM	Shark Tank (HD)	MacGyver (HD)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live) (HD)	The Blacklist "Rakitin" (HD)	ESPN Original	"Movie"	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Secrets	(05) "The Fast and the Furious" (01) (HD)	"The Way Back" (20) Ben Affleck.	Bellator MMA "255: Pitbull vs. Sanchez 2" (Live)
8 PM	(01) 20/20 Investigative news. (HD)	Magnum P.I. (HD)	Local Programs	Dateline NBC (HD)	College Basketball (HD)	"Movie"	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Unsitteable		(5:50) "The Kitchen" (19) Three housewives.	
9 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	College Basketball (HD)	"Movie"	Chicago P.D. (HD)	BUNKCD	Real Time (HD)		
10 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter	"Movie"	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Secrets	Q: Into the Storm (HD)	"Broken City" Mayor's scandal. (HD)	City on a Hill (HD)
11 PM	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	Wipeout		Chicago P.D. (HD)	Jessie	"Contraband" (12)		Shameless

SATURDAY APRIL 3, 2021

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	"The Ten Commandments" (56) Moses leads his people from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land.	Tournament (Live)	Local	Local Programs	College Basketball (HD)	(4:00) "Movie"	(4:06) "Movie"	Raven	"Rock of Ages" (12)	"Pearl Harbor" (01)	"Silver Linings Playbook" Reclaiming life.
7 PM	2021 NCAA Basketball Tournament "Final Four" (Live)	The Masked Singer	Game of Talents (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	College Basketball (HD)	Bang (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Jessie	"Ted" (12) Living teddy bear. (HD)	★★★ "Last Knights" (15) Warrior revolts. (HD)	"Sh'thous" (20, Drama) (HD)
8 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Organized Crime (HD)	College Basketball (HD)	Bang (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Big City	Sketch		
9 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live (HD)	College Basketball (HD)	Bang (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Big City	(20) Q: Into the Storm	"Shaft" (19) Best friend's death.	(45) City on a Hill
10 PM	(44) Local	Local Programs	I Can See Your Voice	Local	College Basketball (HD)	Go-Big Show Talent show.	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Secrets	(20) Q: Into the Storm	★★★ "Anna" (19) Feared assassin.	Shameless "DNR" (45) VICE
11 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Saturday Night Live (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Wipeout	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Jessie	★★★ "Dark Shadows" (12)		

SUNDAY APRIL 4, 2021

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Home Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	Ice Age	Games (HD)	2021 NCAA Women's Bask. (Live)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie	"The Watch" (12) Ben Stiller. Alien invasion.	★★★ "The Campaign" (20)	City on a Hill (HD)
7 PM	American Idol Duet performances. (HD)	The Equalizer (HD)	Malika the Lion Queen Lioness leader.	Games (HD)	MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at Los Angeles Angels (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	BUNKCD		"Dinner for Schmucks" The perfect guest.	VICE (HD)
8 PM	Local	NCIS: L.A. (HD)	Local Programs	Zoey's Extraordinary	MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at Seattle Mariners (Live) (HD)	27th S.A.G	Law & Order: SVU	Unsitteable	Q: Into the Storm (HD)		Shameless (HD)
9 PM	The Rookie "Amber"	NCIS: New Orleans	Local Programs	Good Girls (HD)	Wipeout	Wipeout	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie	Q: Into the Storm	(55) "American Reunion" (12)	City on a Hill (HD)
10 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	"The Other Guys" (10) Mismatched NY cops.	Law & Order: SVU	BUNKCD	Oliver		City on a Hill (HD)
11 PM	(35) Local	Local Programs	Local	Local			Law & Order: SVU	Jessie	Q: Into the Storm	(50) "The Bourne Legacy" (12)	Shameless (HD)

MONDAY APRIL 5, 2021

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	MLB Baseball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Fam Guy	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Raven	★★★ "The Day" (20)	"The Way Back" (20)	"Congo" (VICE) (HD)
7 PM	American Idol Duet round. (HD)	Neighbor. Champions.	9-1-1 "Athena Begins"	The Voice "The Battles Part 2" (HD)	Fam Guy	Fam Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	Unsitteable	"The Book of Eli" (10) A Nomad and a book.	"Hitman" (07) Genetic assassin.	Shameless (HD)
8 PM	Local	2021 NCAA Basketball Tournament "Championship" (Live)	(01) America's (HD)	Local Programs	Fam Guy	Fam Guy		Raven			City on a Hill (HD)
9 PM	The Good Doctor	Local Programs	Local Programs	Debris "Supernova"	MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at Seattle Mariners (Live) (HD)	Dad (HD)	Dad (HD)	Big City	Q: Into the Storm (HD)	(35) "The Transporter" (02) (HD)	★★★ "Lawless" (12) Brother bootleggers. (HD)
10 PM	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Conan	Queen of the South	BUNKCD	Q: Into the Storm (HD)	(08) "A Walk Among the Tombstones" (14)	City on a Hill (HD)
11 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(05) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Wipeout	Queen of the South	Jessie	★★★ "Spy Game" (01)		City on a Hill (HD)

TUESDAY APRIL 6, 2021

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	(5:25) ★★★ "Fast" (01)	"Winter's Bone" (10)	"The Godfather" (72, Crime) The story of a New York Mafia family.
7 PM	Pooch Perfect (HD)	NCIS "Gut Punch"	The Resident (HD)	Young Rock	Champ.	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Sydney	Real Sports (HD)	"Harriet" (19) A slave tries to escape. (HD)	City on a Hill (HD)
8 PM	black-ish mixed-ish	FBI (HD)	Prodigal Son (HD)	This Is Us (HD)	NBA Preseason Basketball	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU Sex crimes. (HD)	BUNKCD	"X-Men: First Class" mutant superpowers.		
9 PM	Soul of a Nation (HD)	FBI: Most Wanted	Local Programs	(01) New Amsterdam	Local	Bang (HD)	Chad	Big City		(05) "Talk to Me" (07) Radio star and activist.	City on a Hill (HD)
10 PM	Local	Local	Local	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan	Law & Order: SVU	BUNKCD	"Tina" (21) Accomplishments of Tina Turner.		Shameless (HD)
11 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	Sydney	★★★ "The Kitchen" (19)	"Carillo's Way" (05)	

WEDNESDAY APRIL 7, 2021

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Monday Court-dow	Bang (HD)	NCIS Military crimes.	Raven	(5:25) "Ford v Ferrari" (19) A car designer.	"Doctor Sleep" (19)	"The Godfather: Part II" (74, Drama) Michael Corleone takes over the empire.
7 PM	Goldbergs	Tough as Nails (HD)	The Masked Singer	Chicago Med (HD)	Monday Night Football (HD)	Bang (HD)	WWE NXT (HD)	Raven		★★★ "Broken City" (13) Mayor's scandal.	
8 PM	Conners	SEAL Team (HD)	(02) Game of Talents	Chicago Fire (HD)	Local	Bang (HD)		Raven	(01) Exterminator All		
9 PM	A Million Little Things	S.W.A.T. (HD)	Local Programs	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Local	Bang (HD)	(08) "Movie"	Big City	Exterminate All (HD)	(51) "Proof of Life" (00) Hostage negotiator.	City on a Hill (HD)
10 PM	Local	Local	Local	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan		BUNKCD	(01) "Reasonable Doubt" (14)		
11 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan		Jessie		(07) ★★★ "Hours" (13)	"Taxi Driver" Cabbie goes mad.

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Said property may be inspected at the Public Works Garage located at 105 Market Street in the City of Anna and is sold in "AS IS" condition, without any implied or expressed warranties.

EXHIBIT A
Surplus Property
1992 Chevy Dump Truck, VIN# 1GBM7H-1J7N101254,
minimum bid \$5,000.00

Sealed bids, identifying the above-described item(s), shall be received by the City Clerk during normal business hours, Monday through Friday at the Anna City Hall, 103 Market Street, Anna, Illinois through April 6, 2021. The minimum bid has been established for each surplus item. Please see Surplus Property List for the Minimum bid, as no bid for less than that

amount will be accepted. A check or money order shall accompany all bids for not less than 10% of the bid.

All bids will be opened and read at the regular meeting of the Anna City Council to be held on April 7, 2021 at 3 p.m. at the Anna City Hall. The City of Anna reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Dori Bigler
City Clerk
15-16g

NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

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County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 23rd day of March, 2021, under the Assumed Name of Wyatt Storage II with the place of business located at 201 1/2 E. Chestnut Street, Anna, Illinois 62906 & 101 W. Mississippi Street, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952, and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

John E. Wyatt III
Susanne K. Wyatt
1733 Lockard Ave.
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Lance Meisenheimer
Union County Clerk
15-17gpc

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR COPYING & PRINTING SOLUTIONS FOR UNION COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

Request for Proposal (RFP) packets are available in the Union County Clerk's office and on our website at www.unioncountyil.gov. Questions regarding specifications may be directed to the County Administrator Angie Johnson via email at ajohnson@unioncountyil.gov.

Sealed bids should be submitted to the Union County Clerk by 4PM on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at the Union County Courthouse.

The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids received and to waive or not waive any informalities or irregularities in bids or bid procedures, and to accept or further negotiate costs, terms, or conditions of any bid determined by the County to be in the best interest of the County.

Union County Clerk
309 West Market Street,
Room 116
Jonesboro, Illinois 62952
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HELP WANTED:

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HELP WANTED: Anna-Jonesboro CHSD #81 is accepting applications for the following vacancies:

- Bus driver for regular route and/or extracurricular trips

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

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

- Head Golf Coach

Interested applicants should pick up an application or print one from our website at www.aj81.net and return to Anna-Jonesboro CHSD #81, Attn: Rick Livesay, Athletic Director, 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 30, 2021.

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HELP WANTED: Looking for part-time Custodian for Shawnee Community College in Ullin. Apply at Main Campus front desk. Phone (618)-634-3200, ext. 3436.

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

- Elementary Special Education Teacher
- Junior High Language Arts Teacher

Successful candidates should: (1) have a strong knowledge of curriculum and state standards (2) demonstrate communication and leadership skills (3) be an enthusiastic team player. Must have valid Illinois PEL with appropriate endorsements. The application packet, which can be picked up at the Davie/Jr. High building or found online at www.anna37.com, should be completed and returned to: Julie Bullard at 301 South Green Street, Anna, IL 62906 no later than April 12, 2021. Phone: (618) 833-6812.

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Two-star insignia pinned on

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – Maj. Gen. James Bonner, Maneuver Support Center of Excellence and Fort Leonard Wood commanding general, had his two-star insignia pinned on by his wife Debra and MSCOE and Fort Leonard Wood Command Sgt. Maj. Randolph Delapena during a recent ceremony at the installation. Lt. Gen. Leslie Smith, 66th Inspector General for the U.S. Army, hosted the promotion ceremony virtually. Maj. Gen. Jim Bonner is a native of Anna and received a Regular Army commission in May 1988 as a distinguished military graduate from Southern Illinois University. He assumed his position as commanding general of the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence in June of 2020. U.S. Army photo.

Fourteen area high school seniors awarded SIU Chancellor's Scholarships

Fourteen high achieving high school seniors from throughout the region are receiving Southern Illinois University Carbondale 2021 Chancellor's Scholarship, which covers tuition, mandatory fees, room and board for four years.

"I am excited to welcome these future Salukis from our own region to SIU, where they will receive a first-class education close to home," SIUC chancellor Austin A. Lane said.

"The Chancellor's Scholarship is SIU's most presti-

gious award. I congratulate all Chancellor's Scholars on this remarkable achievement and look forward to seeing them in the fall."

SIU will award 34 Chancellor's Scholarships this year.

More than 450 high school students competed this year in a selection process that included a scholarship application and essay, with finalists participating in a personal interview.

Selected students demonstrate high academic achievement, a strong record of leadership in their

communities and participate in numerous extracurricular activities.

As in prior years, scholarship recipients will come from throughout Illinois and the United States.

The award is renewable for three years, contingent upon the students maintaining a 3.0 or higher GPA and completing 20 hours of community service and campus leadership activities per year.

Southern Illinois students who have received Chancellor's Scholarships include, by hometown, name, and high school:

Benton: Reece Johnson, Benton Consolidated High School.

Carbondale: Nathaniel Pimentel, Carbondale Community High School.

Columbia: Alexis Mueller, Valmeyer High School.

Du Quoin: David Gomes, Du Quoin High School.

Energy: Austin Shadowen, Herrin High School.

Equality: Morgan Schmitt, Gallatin County High School.

Galatia: Luke Eisenhauer, home school.

Goreville: Alexis Steinsultz, Goreville High School.

Highland: Autumn Meyer, Highland High School.

Herrin: Kelsey Jurich, Herrin High School.

Johnston City: Caden Cockburn, Johnston City High School.

Marion: Dyson Roye, Marion High School.

McLeansboro: Leslie Grubb, Hamilton County Senior High School.

Raleigh: Gracie Harrawood, Eldorado High School.

Kindergarten screenings set in Cobden

Cobden Unit School District No. 17 has scheduled kindergarten screenings on Wednesday, April 21.

Parents or guardians of a child who will be 5 years old by Sept. 1 who live in the Cobden School District are asked to call 893-2311 to schedule a kindergarten screening appointment. Screenings are by appointment only.

The school district asks that the child and all of the following information be brought to the appointment:

The child's birth certificate (a certified birth certificate, not the hospital copy).

The child's immunization record.

Proof of income (W-2s, at least three pay stubs, tax return).

Proof of residency in the Cobden School District (utility bill, tax bill, official document with a physical address on it).

Vocal music performance workshop set

A vocal performance workshop program is planned April 10 at the Harold S. Jones Fine Arts Center in Cairo.

"So You Think You Can Sing" will feature one-on-one sessions and a workshop.

The event is open to students from 6th grade through college. The fine arts center is located at 815 Commercial Ave. in Cairo.

One-on-one sessions are scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A workshop is planned from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Vocal coaches are scheduled to be Dr. David Dillard, an associate professor in voice at Southern Illinois University; and Dr. Barbara Noyes, vocal teacher/collaborative pianist at SIU.

Limited seating is available and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call 618-306-5785.

County Line News

(Mill Creek and Upper Elco)

By Suzan Harvel

Hope everyone had a wonderful and safe St. Patrick's Day.

Our potatoes have to wait until we can get the tiller in the garden though, as it's a soggy mess.

Sadly, this also means it's time for the mower to get serviced since the yard will need mowing. Notice I didn't say grass. That's because at this point ours is mostly wild garlic, dandelions and the clover that's making an appearance.

Our household had an abundance of company this past week and a half. They are celebrating our bubble of protection after having COVID.

Tami Sadler of Sparta visited last Saturday. Then, Thursday of this past week, Wendy Finch, also of Sparta, and her boy Tristin dropped by.

Saturday, we made a trip to Cape Girardeau to my daughter and son-in-law's, Nikki and Jordan Bates, home. Not just to see my grandsons Godfrey and Desmond, but to celebrate Desmond's, 2nd birthday. We were pleased to share it with his other grandparents, Allen and Glenda Bates of Eminence, Mo.

As we returned home, the Owen family: Jon, Sarah, Brody and Laila of Troy, Ill., pulled in behind us. The guys got some fishing in before we fired up the grill.

Finally, on Sunday, my daughter Allison Harvel, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., arrived while I was at church. That was a nice surprise to come home to.

Later that afternoon, we were also visited by Chuck and Martha Harvel of Tammis, and their five grandchildren, Hadassah, Zipporah, Havilah, Naphtali and Berechiah of Cobden.

It was such a joy seeing them all, especially for my mother-in-law, Shirley, as she's not seen some of them since last year. So far, she's seen all but two of her grandchildren, six of her great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren and their significant others. Hopefully, we'll see them all soon. She also hopes to add another great grandchild to the list soon.

Bro. Bobby Richardson's, of Mill Creek Baptist, message this week came from John, and of what our ultimate goal should be: a home in heaven.

Jesus told the disciples that He had come from God and was going to God. That's just how we phrased it when my sweet mother left us: she had gone to God.

Please check out our Facebook feed for our services, and listen to Bro. Bob explain it so much better than I can.

We also updated our church prayer list and if

you know of anyone that needs to be added please contact me.

I don't have much other news to impart from the area, except the creek beds are full. If you have a low frame vehicle, I'd give County Line Road a pass and take other routes. Given all the rain that's not surprising.

I've seen a lot of turkeys of late, and that was a big surprise to me and the dog while we were taking our ramble early Sunday morning.

We didn't mean to spook them, but it was fun watching them. I saw at best count, 20, flying over the creek bed when they saw us coming.

If you have news you'd like to see in this column, please contact me at 573-208-9692. Have a great week.

Easter egg hunts planned

Easter egg hunts are planned Saturday morning, April 3, in Cobden and Wolf Lake.

Cobden
An Easter egg hunt is planned at 10 a.m. at the Cobden Community Park.

Children 8 years of age and under are welcome. Masks must be worn.

Wolf Lake
An Easter egg hunt is planned at 10 a.m. at the park in Wolf Lake.

Children up to 5th grade are welcome.

There was a reported UFO sighting on February 30th at the Anna City Park. If you have any information regarding this, please call City Hall.

Happy April Fool's Day!

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Scholarships help students earn nurse practitioner degrees, keep quality health care in rural Illinois

By Christopher Heimerman for the Illinois Press Association

For about 30 years, the Illinois Farm Bureau has injected about \$320,000 into the mission to get health care for farmers, by means of the Rural Nurse Practitioner Scholarship Program.

This year alone, the bureau will award 15 scholarships in the amount of \$4,000, funded by the Rural Illinois Medical Student Assistance Program.

Alex Kentner is a Vermilion County farmer and a 2018 recipient of one of the scholarships that helped him complete his degree in March 2020 online through Olivet Nazarene University. He now works in prompt care at OSF Healthcare in Danville.

As a resident of Bismarck, a village of about 500 in Vermilion County, he knows the challenge of getting a farmer in front of a doctor.

"Farmers are very resilient," said Kentner, 30. "They take on not only physical stress. It's mental stress. They deal with a lot of stuff, and in turn, they don't really take care of themselves, because they're

caring for their land, their livestock, their crops and their families."

"I don't like to go to the doctor, so getting a farmer out of the tractor, into the truck and to a doctor is a challenge," said Donna Gallivan, who's managed the RIMSAP program for about 10 years. "Their priorities are a little different. They might be more apt to push things off."

When the program began 29 years ago, scholarships worth \$2,000 were awarded to a couple of students.

The RIMSAP board bumped the awards up to \$4,000 around the time Gallivan became program manager, and after giving out fewer than 10 last year, it committed to 15 in 2021.

"It's the need, the need to have medical staff in rural areas," Gallivan said. "A lot of these rural areas are like a food desert. Some of these farmers might have to drive an hour or more to a clinic."

For students to be eligible, they must commit to working two years in Illinois per scholarship.

Megan Tuetken, of Irving, a village of fewer than 400 an hour's drive south of Springfield, plans to apply for her third scholarship, meaning if she gets it, she'll be on the hook for six years in Illinois, which poses zero issues.

Her family and her husband's family have farmed the area for generations. In fact, before building his own home, her cousin lived in the same house on a centennial farm that was home to their grandparents and great-grandparents.

"I don't know that there's anywhere else we'd ever go,

or anything else we would do," Tuetken said. "The land has been in our family for years."

Same goes for Kentner, who is Bismarck born and bred.

"I've always enjoyed the small-town setting," he said. "It was just always a goal of mine to provide care in this setting. It's where I want to raise my family. There's a huge need in underserved communities like this one."

Right after earning her bachelor's degree at Millikin University in 2005, Tuetken got a job at Memorial Medical Center, where she still works in the ICU. She'll finish her nurse practitioner degree online through Southern Illinois University Edwardsville in May 2022.

In addition to farming, her husband, Luke, previously worked a second job at the power plant in Coffeen before it closed: the day she started nurse practitioner school.

"So that was cool," she said, laughing.

Luke quickly landed another second job with Corteva Pioneer, but it didn't pay quite as well as the power plant gig. So the scholarship is crucial to the family.

"We were going to make it work no matter what, but it definitely helped," Megan said.

The Farm Bureau gives recipients a list of about 175 approved practice communities, Gallivan said. Danville was added recently, after Kentner wrote a letter to the board asking it be included.

Tuetken is doing her clinicals in Hillsboro, a 10-min-

ute drive from the family farm.

"I would love to work closer to home as a nurse practitioner," she said. "It's something I've wanted to do for a while."

She's hoping there will be a job there for her, or in another nearby community.

One thing's for certain: There will always be a need.

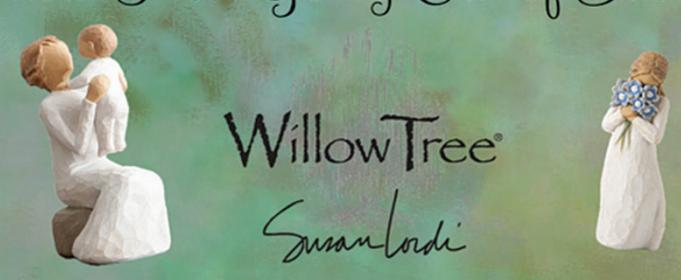
"Having a nurse practitioner near those communities is so important," Gallivan said. "You figure if you're a farmer and you're diagnosed with diabetes, you can go to the clinic in the next town over, rather than losing half a day to drive to the bigger cities to have it done."

Applications for the Ru-

ral Practitioner Scholarship Program are available at county Farm Bureaus throughout the state, on the Rural Illinois Medical Student Assistance Program website at RIMSAP.com, or by writing to Donna Gallivan, program manager, Illinois Farm Bureau, PO Box 2901, Bloomington, Ill. 61702-2901. Applications are due May 1.

For more information, contact Gallivan at 309-557-2350 or dgallivan@ilfb.org.

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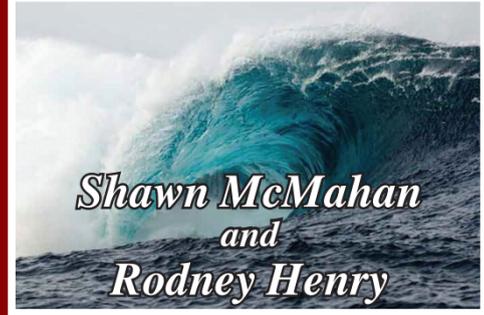


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Positivity rate, hospitalizations trending upward in Illinois

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SPRINGFIELD — COVID-19 hospitalizations and case positivity rates continued to trend upward Monday in Illinois, leaving entry into a recently-announced “bridge” phase of reopening uncertain even as the percentage of seniors vaccinated continued to increase.

The COVID-19 case positivity rate was 3.3 percent Monday, having risen for the fourth straight day. It marked a 50 percent increase since March 14.

The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, announced 1,761 new cases Monday out of 49,449 test results reported over the previous 24 hours. Another five COVID-19 positive

individuals were reported to have died Monday as well.

As of Sunday night, COVID-19 patients occupied 1,352 hospital beds, the highest point since Feb. 26.

The 280 intensive care unit beds in use by COVID-19 patients marked a high since March 1, while 128 COVID-19 patients were on ventilators Sunday.

On a weekly average basis, there were 269 ICU beds occupied on average from Monday, March 22, to Sunday, March 28. That was an increase of 28, or 11.5 percent, from the week prior.

Hospital beds increased by 153, or 13.3 percent, from the week prior, rising to 1,301 beds in use on average over the seven-day period.

The 119 ventilators in use on average daily over the past week represented an

increase of 15, or 14.7 percent, from the week prior.

All of the hospitalization metrics had been decreasing steadily for at least 15 weeks before beginning the upward trend over the previous two weeks.

Meanwhile, 68.9 percent of seniors have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, but even if that number reaches 70 percent, a “bridge” phase to expanded capacity limits at restaurants, other businesses and social gatherings is on hold until the hospitalization metrics and number of new cases reported stop climbing.

Last week, the state authorized counties to expand vaccine eligibility to all Illinoisans age 16 and over ahead of the April 12 date on which the expansion is scheduled to go live statewide.

Gov. JB Pritzker said allowing county-level expansions was an effort to get more people vaccinated in counties with low demand for those in the categories currently eligible for the vaccine.

Vaccination appointment and location information can be found at coronavirus.illinois.gov or by calling 833-621-1284.

The state also activated mobile vaccination teams in an effort to slow disease spread in problem areas.

The mobile teams provide single-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine and are active in Carroll, Ogle, Boone, Lee and Whiteside counties, with appointments coordinated by local health departments.

Over the seven days prior to Monday, the state had administered 103,769 vaccine doses on average, and more

than 5.5 million doses have been administered since the vaccination effort began.

More than 2 million Illinoisans, or 16.3 percent of the state’s population, were fully vaccinated.

The number of vaccines distributed by the federal government is increasing, according to Pritzker, and the state announced four new mass vaccination sites Monday, including new sites in Kane, Lake and Will counties and the expansion of a site in Grundy County.

“Over 3.6 million Illinoisans have already received their first dose of vaccine. We’re projected to get nearly 1 million doses this week, and IDPH and our 97 local health departments are working hard to administer these shots,” Pritzker said in a statement.

“However, this battle is

far from over, and with new cases and hospitalizations on the rise, I encourage every resident to buckle down, wear your mask, and do your part so we can all power through to the other side of the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Pritzker also announced Monday he was activating additional members of the Illinois National Guard to assist with vaccination efforts in McHenry County. There are more than 1,460 National Guard troops assigned to COVID-19 operations at 40 locations, according to the governor’s office.

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Southern Seven opens COVID-19 vaccinations to all adults, 18 and up

Southern Seven Health Department this week is announcing that effective immediately, it will open up COVID-19 vaccinations to any adult 18 years old and up.

The health department noted in a news release that opening up vaccinations to the general public comes at a time when COVID-19 vaccine supplies are strong, wait lists for individuals in priority groups in the region it serves have been exhausted and worrisome signs of increasing COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations begin to spread.

“There are other, more populated areas of the state that are still working to vaccinate folks in priority groups 1A, 1B and 1B-plus,” said Nathan Ryder, outreach coordinator for Southern Seven Health Department’s contact tracing team.

“Thanks to a steady increase in vaccine supplies in our seven county region lately and the help from our National Guard team members, we’ve been able to get everyone on our wait lists vaccinated. We have plenty of vaccine available to start providing those shots to any adult who would like to get one.”

Teens ages 16-17 years old are also eligible to receive a vaccine, but currently only the Pfizer vaccine is licensed to be administered for that age group.

Because of the extreme cold storage requirements and the relatively short shelf-life, Southern Seven Health Department currently does not offer the Pfizer vaccine at any of its mass vaccination clinics.

The health department has started a wait list for parents with teens 16-17 years old to gauge when and where they should host a clinic for that younger age group, Ryder said.

Parents or guardians can add their teen to that wait-list by calling the Southern Seven Health Department at 618-634-2297 and select option number 5.

Starting last week, Southern Seven Health

Department also started accepting walk-ins at its COVID-19 vaccine clinics spread throughout the region it serves.

The walk-in vaccinations will be limited to the first 100 people, based on available vaccine supplies for that day.

Walk-ins will be accepted between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at Southern Seven Health Department’s mass vaccination sites.

Individuals can still schedule themselves a guaranteed vaccine dose by booking an appointment online or by calling the Illinois Vaccine Appointment Call Center.

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“Even more troubling is that IDPH is beginning to see the more contagious B117 variant spreading throughout the state.

“Now is the time for us to get as many people vaccinated for COVID-19 as physically possible. Just two weeks after your first vaccination you can have a great amount of immunity built up to help you fight a COVID-19 infection.”

To guarantee a vaccine dose on a given day, people can schedule themselves for a vaccine appointment using the Illinois Department of Public Health’s COVID-19 vaccine registration system online at <https://covidvaccination.dph.illinois.gov>

Vaccines will be provided only to Illinois residents and/or to individuals with proof of employment in Illinois. At the current time, Southern Seven Health Department will only be vaccinating adults 18 years old and up.

Currently, the health department is operating at least two mass vaccination locations in the region each day, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There is no charge to receive a COVID-19 vaccine from Southern Seven Health Department, which covers Alexander, Hardin,

Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski and Union counties.

IDPH has established a COVID-19 vaccine appointment call center, which is open seven days a week, from 6 a.m. to midnight, and can be contacted by calling 833-621-1284.

SIH Healthcare has also established a regional call center to assist individuals who may have difficulty scheduling themselves online for a COVID-19 vaccine. Their call center may be reached by dialing 866-744-2468, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For questions regarding COVID-19 or locations of COVID-19 vaccine clinics, contact Southern Seven Health Department at 618-634-2297 or visit them on Facebook and online at www.southern7.org.

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Total of 2,177 COVID-19 cases in Union County

Union County had one new confirmed case of COVID-19 on Monday, March 29. The case involved one person in the 50s.

The number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Union County since the start of the pandemic totalled 2,177 as of March 29, Southern Seven Health Department reported.

Total COVID-19 statistics for Union County since the start of the pandemic, as of March 29, follow:

2,177 cases. 2,139 recovered. Seven active cases. 31 deaths had been reported.

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

As of March 29, the health department reported the following statistics for the seven counties it serves:

Six newly confirmed cases. 12 newly recovered cases. 37 total active cases. 97 total deaths. 6,638 cumulative total cases.

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Opinion and Commentary



Daffodils, sometimes called Easter flowers, have been in bloom for several weeks in the Union County area.

Happy Easter

After the sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre.

And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow.

The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men.

But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, "There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would.

"Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him.' Now I have told you."

Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples. From the Gospel of Matthew

A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat
Thursday, April 1, 1971

Union County voters will go to the polls Tuesday, April 6, to elect three members to the Shawnee Junior College Board of Trustees.

They will also elect a Clerk and Highway Commissioner for each of the Road Districts 1-A and 2-A on the same date.

Voters will again go to the polls Saturday, April 10, to elect members to the various seven-man Boards of Education in Union County school districts.

Tuesday, April 20, they will again go to the polls to elect City officials and Village officials in Anna, Cobden, Dongola and Jonesboro.

Union County residents are preparing, as are Christians throughout the civilized world, for Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter Sunday services when one of the most joyous of all Christian observances will be held, the Resurrection of Christ. Holy Week commences on Palm Sunday, April 4.

The Fifth Interdenominational Laymen's Breakfast will be Monday, April 5, at 7:00 a.m. at the American Legion Community Center, Anna.

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

'Worm moon' in night sky...and the Easter frog...



The "worm moon"...almost...this image of our neighbor in the cosmos was captured Friday night, shining brightly in a clear sky over Union County. That would have been a couple of days before the "worm moon" reached "peak illumination."

Happy April Fool's Day.

April's Fool's Day was yesterday. Or, maybe it's tomorrow. Just foolin'. It's today. Saw it online, so it has to be true.

As you may have noticed (well, I hope you noticed), page one of this week's paper looked a little bit different. Just having a little bit of fun. Hope you enjoy it. No foolin'...

Meanwhile...

Up until a few years ago, I didn't know there were super moons...and I also did not know there are so many names for the full moons which we see in the night sky over the course of a year...the wolf moon...the snow moon...the strawberry moon...the sturgeon moon...the hey diddle, diddle, the cat and the fiddle, the cow jumped over the moon moon...and so on.

The end of March brought the Full Worm Moon. Really. The Old Farmer's Almanac's website explained that March's full Worm Moon reached its peak illumination at 1:50 p.m. our time on Sunday, March 28. "Look for the spectacularly bright Moon as it rises above the horizon that evening!" the website advised.

(I did. And it was.)

The website shared all kinds of fascinating information



Yes. This is a photograph of a frog. Not the 2021 Cadbury frog. A cousin of that celebrity amphibian, perhaps.

about the Worm Moon:

"March's full Moon goes by the name Worm Moon, which was originally thought to refer to the earthworms that appear as the soil warms in spring. This invites robins and other birds to feed – a true sign of spring!"

"An alternative explanation for this name comes from Captain Jonathan Carver, an 18th-century explorer, who wrote that this Moon name refers to a different sort of 'worm' – beetle larvae—which begin to emerge from the thawing bark of trees and other winter hideouts at this time.

"Alternative March Moon Names

"There are quite a few names for the March Moon that speak to the transition from winter to spring. Some refer to the appearance (or reappearance) of certain animals, such as the Eagle Moon, Goose Moon (Algonquin, Cree), or Crow Comes Back Moon (Northern Ojibwe), while others refer to signs of the season:

"The Sugar Moon (Ojibwe) marks the time of year when the sap of sugar maples starts to flow.

"The Wind Strong Moon (Pueblo) refers to the strong windy days that come at this time of year.

"The Sore Eyes Moon (Dakota, Lakota, Assiniboine) highlights the blinding rays of sunlight that reflect off the melting snow of late winter.

"March's full Moon often plays a role in religion, too. Specifically, in Christianity, this Moon is known as the Lenten Moon if it is the last full Moon of the winter season (i.e., if it occurs before the spring equinox) or as the Paschal Full Moon if it is the first full Moon of spring (i.e., if it occurs after the spring equinox).

"In 2021, March's full Moon occurs after the date of the spring equinox (March 20), so it is also the Paschal Full Moon."

Just in case you are wondering, or still care, here's a list of the names for the rest of the full moons for 2021, and the dates for their appearance, from the space.com website:

Full Wolf Moon, January 28. Full Snow Moon, February 27. Full Pink Moon, April 26. Full Flower Moon, May 26. Full Strawberry Moon, June 24. Full Buck Moon, July 23. Full Sturgeon Moon, August 22. Full Harvest Moon, September 20. Full Hunter's Moon, Oct. 20. Full Beaver Moon, November 19. Full Cold Moon, December 18. Now, you know...

One more thing for this week: Happy Easter...enjoy those Peeps, chocolate bunnies and Cadbury eggs...

...speaking of Cadbury eggs...

...an "official" news release from The Hershey Company, which "sells Cadbury products under license from Cadbury UK Ltd.," reported that the "2021 Cadbury Bunny is Betty the Australian White's Treefrog from Stuart, FL. Betty is the winner of the much-loved Easter brand's third-annual Cadbury Bunny Tryouts and will be the new star of the iconic Cadbury Clucking Bunny Commercial, set to air on TV nationwide this spring."

The news release noted that "this is Betty's first Easter, and she's very excited to represent her amphibian friends. Betty sleeps during the day, but when the lights go out, the real fun begins. She enjoys snacking, bathing in her favorite bowl, jumping around and hanging out with her fellow frog friends. Aside from being the contest's smallest winner to-date and a natural at the bunny hop, Betty is also making history as the first amphibian and first female winner."

After reading that Betty sleeps during the day, that when the lights go out, "the real fun begins"... and that "she enjoys snacking," I figured she and our cat Bob have a lot of common. Maybe next year, Bob can be the Cadbury cat... That's all folks...

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

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

The VFW plans to serve the fish dinner on Friday, April 2. Serving is scheduled from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The menu will include fish, potato salad, baked beans, hush puppies and a pickle for a donation of \$10.

Those who would like to order a meal are asked to call 833-5182 any day after 1 p.m., but no later than 2 p.m. Friday, April 2, to make reservations for pick up or dining in so the VFW can make sure there are not too many people in the back hall and social distancing can be set up.

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

Bingo

Xtreme Bar Bingo is scheduled to return to the Anna VFW post on Monday, April 5.

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

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

Fort de Chartres, near present day Prairie du Rocher, was established in 1719. The fort became the seat of military and civil government in Illinois. The fort was rebuilt in 1727, 1732 and 1753. In 1757, the French built Fort Ascension, later known as Fort Massac, on the Ohio River near present day Metropolis.

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