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## News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area, from social media and beyond...



A jet aircraft was seen under a Chinese balloon (the white dot at the top of the photo) last Friday evening in the sky over Union County.

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The Union County CEO program announced early this week that due to school closings and a delay in recruitment presentations, applications for the program will remain open through Monday, Feb. 13. Applications can be found online at [Unioncountyceo.org](http://Unioncountyceo.org).

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The City of Anna is working to promote a National Kidney Foundation World Kidney Day event which is planned Thursday, March 9. Activities are scheduled to take place at Shawnee Community College's Anna Extension Center.



Happy Valentine's Day. A bear with a heart was seen in a window at the Union County Museum in downtown Cobden.  
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## Weather outlook... From snow, sleet, ice, to heavy rain, strong winds

Last week, the Union County area experienced a mixture of sleet, snow and ice pellets.

This week, heavy rain and strong storms were possible in the region.

**Icy Conditions:** The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported that a mixture of sleet and freezing rain impacted the region during the late afternoon and evening on Jan. 30.

An initial round of wintry weather moved out overnight. A secondary wave moved in during the afternoon and evening on Jan. 31.

Temperatures were well below freezing, so roads quickly became covered with sleet, which compacted down to an icy coating.

Even in the days that followed, many secondary roads were ice-covered, as temperatures remained below freezing through the morning of Feb. 2.

Schools were cancelled in most counties in the region from Jan. 30 through Feb. 2.

Local weather observer Dana Cross recorded 1.25 inches of ice pellets, glaze and snow on Jan. 30 in Jonesboro.

The high temperature on Jan. 31 in Jonesboro was only 22 degrees.

**Heavy Rain, Strong Storms Possible:** The weather service was advising that a "dynamic storm system" was going to bring heavy rain, gusty winds and a few thunderstorms to the region Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 8, into late Wednesday night.

An isolated strong or severe thunderstorm could not be ruled out for Wednesday night. Outside of the thunderstorms, gusty winds from the south of 30 to 40 miles per hour were expected from Wednesday night into Thursday morning, today.

## Weather

High of 63 degrees, low of 17; trace of snow

Temperatures in the Union County area ranged from a high of 63 degrees to a low of 17 during the period of Jan. 31 through Feb. 6. A trace of snow was measured on Jan. 31.

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

	H	L
Tuesday, Jan. 31	22	17
Wednesday, Feb. 1	32	19
Thursday, Feb. 2	38	23
Friday, Feb. 3	33	17
Saturday, Feb. 4	44	18
Sunday, Feb. 5	57	30
Monday, Feb. 6	63	26

### January Weather

The high temperature for the month of January was 66 degrees, which was recorded Jan. 3. The average high for the month was 49.

The low for the month was 17, which was recorded Jan. 31. The average low was 32.

Precipitation for the month totalled 4.98 inches. The most rain measured in a 24-hour period was 1.55 inches, which was recorded Jan. 18.

Snow/ice pellet accumulations for the month totalled 6.25 inches. The most snow measured in a 24-hour period was 3 inches on Jan. 24.

### Illinois State Fair Queen Pageant

## Union County's Avery Osman second runner-up

Avery Osman, 2022 Union County Fair Queen, was awarded second runner-up at the recent Illinois State Fair Queen Pageant.

The pageant was one of the highlights of the 2023 Association of Agriculture Fair's annual meeting, which was held in Springfield.

Queens from all over the state assembled to compete for the title of Miss Illinois State Fair Queen. This year there were 72 contestants.

The contestants are divided in two groups, The Ladies of the Afternoon and The Ladies of the Evening, where they competed in

preliminaries in evening gown, speech, swimsuit and interview.

At the beginning of finals night the top 15 are announced. These are the contestants who compete that evening adding an on stage question to the competition.

While there the group learns a production number which is presented at the final night of competition. This year that production number featured the music of Michael Jackson. Although this is not part of the judging process, it makes for enjoyment for the audience on finals evening.



### Representing Union County

From left are Union County Fair treasurer Mike Meisenheimer; Avery Osman, Miss Union County Fair Queen; and Union County Fair secretary Dale Moreland. Photo provided.



### Snow in parking lot

Snow was seen piled at the edge of a parking lot across the street from the Anna Junior High School/Davie School building last week. The photograph was taken Friday morning. Union County schools were not in session for much of last week due to wintry weather conditions.

## Those Who Excel

Shawnee School District No. 84 superintendent

Shelly Clover-Hill honored by State Board of Education



### Shelly Clover-Hill

The Illinois State Board of Education, ISBE, on Thursday, Feb. 2, announced the 2023 finalist for Illinois Teacher of the Year and Those Who Excel recipients recognizing administrators, teams, volunteers and support personnel for the extraordinary contributions to education statewide.

Shawnee Community Unit School District No. 84 superintendent Shelly Clover-Hill was selected to receive the 2023 Those

Who Excel Award of Excellence in the administrator category.

"Shelly has always had a vision for the staff, students, school and community," Vienna High School District No. 133 dean of instruction Kathy Anderson shared in a news release which was posted on social media by District 84.

"She shares and works as a team player to implement that vision. Improvements are made and school becomes a place where students are excited to learn and teachers are proud to instruct the students."

"The Those Who Excel and Teacher of the Year Awards recognize the people who make education in Illinois so incredible," interim Illinois State Superintendent of Education Krish Mohip stated.

"Our finalists for the Teacher of the Year are

amazing. They are pushing the envelope in the classroom, empowering their students and constantly striving to strengthen their craft.

"We are so proud to have these excellent educators, as well as amazing custodians, administrators, volunteers, counselors, librarians, and other school support personnel, delivering unparalleled excellence to our students every day."

ISBE said the annual Those Who Excel and Teacher of the Year Awards celebrate incredible classroom teachers, administrators, teams, volunteers, and school support personnel who have made lasting impacts on the students, families and fellow educators in their school communities.

ISBE plans to recognize all of those being honored at a banquet which is scheduled April 29.



### 2023 queen, court

From left are Kyla Epplin, Miss Perry County, third runner-up; Caroline Smith, Miss Edgar County, first runner-up; Paige Van Dyke, Miss Clay County, 2023 Illinois State Fair Queen; Avery Osman, Miss Union County, second runner-up; and Charlie Wieshaar, Miss Schuyler County, fourth runner-up. Photo provided.





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## Suspect in custody following shooting incident in county

A Tamms man was in custody following a shooting incident last week.

The Union County Sheriff's Office reported that on Feb. 1, it responded to a 911 call about a person who had been shot.

The incident occurred at a residence along Lingle Creek Road near Mill Creek.

Upon arrival at the scene, deputies found Tony D. Miller, 50, with a gunshot wound to the head.

Miller was flown from

the scene to a hospital for treatment of his injuries.

After an investigation by the Union County Sheriff's Office and the Illinois State Police, Joshua E. Dailey, 23, of Tamms, was taken into custody.

Dailey was charged with aggravated battery with a firearm, reckless conduct and aggravated discharge of a firearm.

Dailey is being held at the Jackson County Detention Center in Murphysboro.

## News Notes

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Anna city administrator Dori Bigler attended a Delta Regional Authority Delta Leadership Institute Executive Academy orientation session in late January in Memphis, Tenn.

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Cobden High School student Makenzie Hilliard of Alto Pass and Anna-Jonesboro Community High School student Isabel Tehandon of Jonesboro have received Southern Illinois University Carbondale 2023 Chancellor's Scholarships. The scholarships cover tuition, mandatory fees, food and housing for four years.

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State Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg, has announced a \$200,000 member initiative grant through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to Specialized Equine Services at Giant City Stables near Makanda. The funds primarily will be used for construction of a new building for the nonprofit program, which

specializes in therapeutic horseback riding, mostly for children, adults and veterans with mental, physical and cognitive disabilities.

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Congratulations to the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School wrestling team, which hosted and won a Class 1A regional title for the second year in a row Saturday, Feb. 3.

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High school girls' basketball postseason action is scheduled to begin this week.

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Bids are being accepted for a new backhoe loader for the Union County Highway Department.

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Arrowleaf has a new sign on one of its buildings in Anna. The structure is the home of what formerly was known as Union County Counseling Service.

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The City of Jonesboro has announced plans to flush fire hydrants during the night of March 10.

## Forest Service office reopens

The U.S. Forest Service announced plans to reopen its Shawnee National Forest Mississippi Bluffs Ranger District Office in Jonesboro to the public for limited hours beginning Feb. 7. The office is located at 521 N. Main St.

The Forest Service said in a news release that the office is scheduled to be open for appointments only on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Those needing an appointment are advised to call 833-8576 to schedule a time to come in.

Callers are asked to leave a message with their name and a good callback number. At this time, walk-ins

will not be accepted due to limited staff.

The Jonesboro office was previously closed to the public due to personnel shortages and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Shawnee National Forest offices located at 50 Highway 145 S in Harrisburg and at 602 N. 1st St. in Vienna remain open to the public.

Hours for the offices are scheduled Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Changes in office hours and availability are posted to the forest's social media accounts.



### Coats delivered

On Jan. 20, coats purchased through the 12th annual WIBH Radio New Coats, New Hope Campaign were delivered, with the help of Duckworks Lawn Care, Postal Pal and Shawnee Mass Transit District, SMTD, to their distribution sites.

Families who need coats are advised to contact Arrowleaf in Vienna, the Children's Medical and Mental Health Resource Network, CMMHRN, in Anna or Southern 7 Head Start, S7HS.

Pictured, counter clock wise from left are Karen Moss and Dona Middleton of S7HS, Kim Pind, SMTD, Shawna Rhine, S7HS, Nancy Bass, WIBH, Abi Cowser-Barnett, CMMHRN, Moury Bass, WIBH, Elaina Spalt, CMMHRN, Aaron Hall and T. Jay Purchase of Arrowleaf, Tony Jackson and Kim Pind of SMTD, Ron Ellis and Moury Bass, co-owners of WIBH, and Nancy Bass, Erin Coleson and Kevin Hess of Postal Pal, Gage Khurana and Brad Nance of Duckworks, and Moury Bass. Photos provided.

## WIBH Radio in Anna wraps up successful 2022 New Coats, New Hope Campaign

On Dec. 9, WIBH Radio in Anna wrapped up its annual coat campaign – raising more money than ever before.

Organizers of the campaign said that was good news for area families that have already experienced frigid cold winter weather and for agencies that receive the coats as stockpiles from previous year campaigns dwindle quickly.

Through monetary donations the 2022 WIBH New Coats, New Hope Campaign raised over \$12,000 to purchase 576 new, winter coats for kids in need in Southern Illinois.

Postal Pal in Anna covered the cost of shipping, which allowed 100 percent of the donations to be used only for coats.

T&I Office Equipment in Anna donated the printing of flyers used in community outreach.

“We want to thank everyone who contributed to the New Coats, New Hope Campaign,” WIBH Radio co-owner Moury Bass said in a news release.

“We continue to be amazed at the generosity of our listeners. We look forward to continuing this beneficial campaign for many years to come.”

Since 2011, WIBH has partnered with local agencies in the effort.

This year, Arrowleaf, the Children's Medical and Mental Health Resource Network, CMMHRN, and Southern 7 Head Start were involved.

Over the years, more than \$68,450 has been raised and 3,619 coats have been purchased.

Each year, the coats are ordered through the nonprofit organization Operation Warm.

It is estimated that 20

percent of the children in Southern Illinois live in poverty and a warm coat is an essential item for each of them.

A new coat promotes self-esteem, school attendance, outdoor play and gives parents and children a sense of security.

The coats arrived in early January. Duckworks Lawn Care and Shawnee Mass Transit District helped deliver the coats to their destinations.

Coats will be distributed through the partnering agencies to kids ages 3 to 16 living in the lower 45 counties in Illinois affected by abuse, neglect, disaster and family need. No paperwork or proof of income is required to receive a coat.

Operation Warm is a national nonprofit that creates brand new, high-quality coats for children in need.

The organization part-

ners with compassionate individuals and organizations across North America to give a gift of warmth, confidence and hope to millions of children in need.

In addition to coats, this April WIBH and its partners plan to hold the second annual shoe drive to purchase new shoes for kids as part of April Child Abuse Prevention Month. More details about this effort will be released in coming weeks.

For more information, or to request a coat for a child in need, call Arrowleaf at 618-658-3079; the CMMHRN at 833-6488; or Shawna Rhine at Southern 7 Head Start, at 618-634-2297, extension 9161; or visit the WIBH New Coats, New Hope Campaign on Facebook. To learn more about Operation Warm, visit [operationwarm.org](http://operationwarm.org).

## COVID disaster proclamation ends in May

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SPRINGFIELD – Exactly 38 months after the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic, Illinois will no longer be under a disaster proclamation as of May 11, Gov. JB Pritzker announced Tuesday, Jan. 31.

That's the same day President Joe Biden will end the national public health emergency, which just passed the three-year mark in January. The White House announced the May 11 end date on Monday, Jan. 30.

Pritzker had declared a public health emergency two days before the WHO's pandemic determination and has renewed his disaster proclamation every 30 days since then.

The repeated proclamations gave the governor authority for COVID-related actions such as closing schools, issuing stay-at-home orders and mandating masks and vaccines. But they were a source of consternation for Pritzker's political opponents.

The governor had slowly rolled back his COVID-19 mandates over the past year, including an action in October when he reversed the requirement for vaccines, testing and masks in health

care settings.

But Illinois is still one of seven states with some sort of COVID-related emergency proclamation on its books.

These disaster declarations have allowed those states, including Republican-run Texas, to continue benefiting from COVID-era bumps in federal reimbursements for programs like Medicaid, additional benefits for those on food stamps and the ability to quickly deploy emergency workers to respond to areas in need, like hospitals with severely short staffing.

“Our state's disaster proclamation and executive orders enabled us to use every resource at our disposal from building up testing capacity and expanding our health care workforce to supporting our vaccine rollout and mutual aid efforts,” Pritzker said in a statement.

Pritzker said 1.4 million children in Illinois received nutrition support under the additional Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits.

He also pointed to the expansion of telehealth during the pandemic under his disaster proclamation, which has largely been adapted into state law after it proved popular with doctors and patients alike.

“Let me be clear: COVID-19 has not disappeared,” Pritzker said in the statement. “It is still a real and present danger to people with compromised immune systems – and I urge all Illinoisans to get vaccinated or get their booster shots if they have not done so already.”

Opponents to Pritzker's repeated issuance of disaster proclamations insisted the governor was limited to the 30 days laid out in state law, but legal challenges to that effect ultimately failed after months of litigation.

The governor's disaster proclamation also allowed for the activation of the State Emergency Operations Center, which brokered cooperation between the leaders of different state

agencies in response to COVID-19.

In a message to Congress on Jan. 30 Biden wrote that waiting until May to end the national public health emergency will avert “wide-ranging chaos and uncertainty throughout the health care system” than if it faced the “abrupt end” sought by the Republican-controlled House.

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## County at low COVID level

The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, on Friday, Feb. 3, announced that the CDC was reporting five counties in the state were at a medium community level for COVID-19, compared to 20 counties the previous week.

No counties were listed at a high community level in Illinois for the second straight week.

Southern 7 Health Department reported that two of the five counties in Illinois which were at a me-

dium community level were in its service area.

The two area counties at a medium community level were Johnson and Massac.

Union, Alexander, Hardin, Pope and Pulaski counties each were at a low level.

The updated data was released days after the White House and Gov. JB Pritzker announced that emergency declarations related to COVID-19 will expire on May 11.



Student from Anna member of team

# SIU wins national championship at business solutions competition

By Christi Mathis  
news.siu.edu

National champions. That’s the title a Southern Illinois University Carbondale business student team claimed in January when competing for the first time ever in the Deloitte FanTAXtic Case Competition, which asks students to present solutions to a realistic business challenge and address business and tax implications.

“Some of the best accounting programs in the country were at this national competition. For our program to win demonstrates the extraordinary program and students that we have at the SIU School of Accountancy,” said Tim Hurley, the accounting clinical assistant professor who serves as the team’s faculty adviser. “It was an overwhelming joy to see these students put in so much hard work and to be rewarded for it on the national stage.”

Hundreds of students from dozens of colleges and universities across the country competed in eight regional business solutions competitions, sponsored by Deloitte Tax LLP, with the top two teams from each advancing to the nationals in January at Deloitte University in Westlake, Texas.

The University of Southern California, USC, took second place, and third went to the University of California, Los Angeles, UCLA, last year’s national champ.

The Salukis had bested two of the nation’s top finishers from the past two years to advance to the nationals, and there, they also topped such tough competition as the University of Florida, the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, the University of Illinois Chicago, the University of Tennessee and Brigham Young University.

“I am extremely proud of the hard work from my teammates as this wouldn’t have been possible without 100 percent effort from everyone on the team,” said Lexie Lingle, a sophomore accounting major from Anna.

“We have felt endless support from the faculty, staff and our fellow classmates, and we were so happy to bring

the spotlight to our university and our accounting program. Competing with many of the top universities in the nation, it was an amazing feeling to bring our talents to light and win the national competition.”

Other Saluki FanTAXtic team members included:

Mackenzie Piazza, a senior accounting and finance major from Normal.

Matthew Carrazco, a junior accounting major from Des Plaines.

Jayda Smith, a sophomore accounting major from Marion.

Ben Morgan, a freshman finance major from Kankakee.

The students credit the knowledge they had gotten through SIU classes and working with Hurley.

They also said the additional experience they received through several campus organizations was vital to their success.

Some cited knowledge and insights gained through their experience with the Saluki Student Investment Fund, SSIF.

Carrazco and Morgan are members of SSIF, which manages a nearly \$3.5 investment portfolio for the SIU Foundation. The registered student organization consistently outperforms professional management firms in the S&P 400 Benchmark.

Some participate in the Accounting Society and Beta Alpha Psi, as well as the Beta Alpha Psi Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, VITA program, which provides invaluable exposure to accounting experience, Carrazco noted.

Each spring, student volunteers in the VITA program prepare income tax returns for low- to moderate-income community members.

“This gave us knowledge on the flow of the individual tax return and how certain calculations are incorporated,” Piazza said.

**Simulating True-to-Life Accounting Challenges**

The contest presents students with a complex, real-world tax issue in an interactive format that includes case simulation, role playing and presentations.

The regional competition was virtual, but the national

contest went live. In both phases, Deloitte Tax LLP professionals, managers and partners offered the students support and guidance during the competition and posed as clients.

Hurley said the national competition was an extension of the regional contest, in which each university student group was given a specific case to handle, representing a “client” who owns a business and wants to start a new, separate venture.

The teams had to consider which funding option would provide the lowest overall tax liability and what type of business entity should be formed, among other considerations.

“Our focus and goal in the national competition was to provide the best possible solution to our hypothetical client, as they were facing new tax challenges related to the business world today,” said Piazza.

“We had to research topics related to inflation that were causing prices to rise in the supply chain, the start-up business’ tax consequences for taking on a new investor to obtain funding, and how business operating losses can affect tax returns for entrepreneurs and investors.”

Carrazco said the client was looking for ways to fund a second business, a campsite. He had a list of potential investors but could select just one, based on the share of the business each investor requested, possible marketing opportunities and the investors’ expertise.

“We then had to consider which type of corporation the business owner should file based on the investment he accepted, and ultimately, which choice would result in the lowest tax liability for him and his company,” Carrazco said.

**Tough Task**

There were many factors to be considered by the Salukis, and they said the contest posed a tough battle.

“The most challenging part of the competition for our team was the time constraints in providing a solution,” Lingle said.

The team had just two hours to prepare its initial presenta-

tion, which involved weighing and ranking the investors’ offers, and three hours for the final presentation, which took the solution to the next level by preparing a scenario based on the recommended investor and other considerations.

“Although it was difficult, our team worked together very well,” Lingle said. “We each took on a part of the task and worked to bring all of our parts together to create a visually pleasing, knowledgeable and accurate presentation.”

Carrazco noted that the team worked hard and “utilized every second possible” to create the most professional presentation.

“We had to rely on each other and trust in knowing each teammate was working hard on perfecting their part of the solution,” Piazza added. “All of us fit our roles perfectly, and we communicated efficiently, knowing we were very limited in time.”

**Underdogs Persevered**

As first-time competitors, the students had no idea what to expect. Knowing they were not favored to win, they set their goals high.

“We were very content just being at Deloitte University among so many smart individuals,” Carrazco said. “We knew that many of the teams around us were quite prestigious, but we were determined to prove that Salukis can com-

pete with the best universities in the U.S.”

As the contest evolved, their aspirations grew.

“After giving our presentation and diligently answering the very challenging questions from the judges, we felt confident that we had done everything we could to put ourselves in a position to place in the top three,” Piazza said.

Lingle agreed, noting that the Salukis “went into awards with confidence in our solution, coupled with a feeling of hope.”

While they thought they had a great chance of placing, it was still a most excellent shock to come out on top, they said.

“Our reaction to winning was pure happiness! Hearing Southern Illinois University announced as first place will forever remain in my mind,” Piazza said.

“When the SIU logo appeared on the screen showing us in first place, we knew all our hard work had paid off, and we could genuinely celebrate our accounting students being named the best in the country. With SIU being one of the smaller schools in the competition, we lived our underdog story and won while representing the amazing SIU community.”

The students definitely made their program and college proud, faculty and staff

say.

“It’s such an exciting accomplishment for the SIU students to win this national competition, particularly since it’s the first time they’ve even competed,” said Benna Williams, School of Accountancy program coordinator and associate lecturer and CPA.

**Students Benefitted in Multiple Ways**

The SIU team members say their FanTAXtic experience allowed them to enhance their problem-solving, teamwork and public speaking skills. It’s also a huge boost on their resumes and was a valuable opportunity for them to get real-world experience in the tax field in preparation for the careers they will pursue after graduation.

“It really means a lot to me,” said Carrazco, “because I plan to pursue a career with Deloitte, hopefully at their Chicago location, and this was a great first step on that path.”

He and his teammates said they also formed meaningful bonds with one another that they are confident will last a lifetime.

“One of my favorite things about this competition was how it brought me so much closer to my teammates,” Piazza said. “I will forever cherish the memories I made with these incredible people, and they have become some of my best friends.”



## Tax team winners

The SIU FanTAXtic team (from left) of Ben Morgan, Matthew Carrazco, Mackenzie Piazza, Jayda Smith and Lexie Lingle claimed a \$10,000 prize and trophy. Photo from news.siu.edu.

## Court Reporting, Captioning Week noted by First Circuit

The National Court Reporters Association has designated Feb. 4-11 as National Court Reporting and Captioning Week.

The First Judicial Circuit in Southern Illinois joins in recognizing and extending appreciation to all of its official court reporters in the southernmost nine counties of Illinois.

The First Circuit is comprised of Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski, Saline, Union and Williamson counties.

Court reporters and captioners utilize stenographic machines to capture every spoken word by means of machine shorthand.

Using CAT software, that shorthand is translated into written text as quickly as it

is written.

Court reporters type 225-plus words per minute. These skills are used in courtrooms, in depositions, in providing assistance to hearing-impaired individuals and in providing the closed captioning that viewers see running across the bottom of their television screens.

The First Circuit noted that those who are looking for a new career and are highly motivated individuals who would like working with other professionals from home or abroad, are fast with their fingers and a good listener, court reporting and captioning are careers to consider exploring.

More information is available by emailing firstcircuit-steno@gmail.com.

## Corn hole, other events set at VFW

Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna is planning to host a corn hole tournament and other activities in the coming days. The post is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna.

A corn hole tournament is set for Thursday, today. Sign up starts at 6 p.m. Play starts at 6:30 p.m. Food will be available to purchase. No outside food or drinks are allowed. The public is welcome.

The post and its Auxiliary are planning to have monthly business meetings Thursday, today.

The Auxiliary meeting is set for 6 p.m. The post meeting is planned at 7 p.m.

The post plans to welcome Mystify Music from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10. This is a change from the original date of Feb. 18 which had been announced.

## Cobden Women’s Club meeting set

The Cobden Women’s Club plans to meet Thursday, Feb. 16.

The meeting is set for 1 p.m. in the Family Life Center at the First Baptist Church in Cobden.

The club will be working on its 2023 calendar. Dues for the year will be collected. Any interested women are invited to attend.

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NEW EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



**Matthew Smith joined Anna-Jonesboro National Bank in December 2022.**

**Matt comes to us with 6 years of banking experience and is working in the loan department.**

**We are glad to have him join our team!**



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# Sports

## Cobden comes from behind to score win over Shawnee

The Cobden High School boys' basketball team was 1-1 in action last week. Cobden's win was a come-from-behind victory against Shawnee.

**Christopher 61, Cobden 28:** Visiting Cobden trailed 25-5 at the end of the first quarter in the game played Saturday, Feb. 4.

Tyler Franklin led the Appleknockers with 21 points. Jeff Kuhn, Mitchell Howell and Thomas Coleman scored 2 each and Xach Roberts added 1.

**Cobden 46, Shawnee 43:** Cobden rallied for the win after trailing in much of the game played Friday, Feb. 3.

Shawnee was ahead 30-26 at halftime and 39-34 going into the final quarter. Cobden then went on a 12-4 scoring run to pull out the win.

Franklin led the Appleknockers with 29 points. Brady Bundren scored 8, Coleman 3 and Kuhn, Howell and Aaron Funes 2 each.

Dryden Wills led Shawnee with 19 points, Ryan Libbert 12, Noah Mayberry 6, Brody Wills 4 and Kayman Ford 2.

Cobden, 10-14, plays Friday, Feb. 10, at Egyptian. Shawnee plays today, Thursday, at Agape Christian in Herrin.

## Girls' high school basketball regional games scheduled

Girls' high school basketball regional play is right around the corner.

The Illinois High School Association posted the following schedules on its website:

**Class 2A**  
**Metropolis (Massac County) Regional Saturday, Feb. 11**  
Game 1, 1 p.m., Anna-Jonesboro at Vienna.  
Game 2, 7 p.m., Murphysboro at Carterville.  
**Monday, Feb. 13**  
Game 3, 6 p.m., Metropolis (Massac County) vs. winner of Game 1.  
Game 4, 7:30 p.m., McLeansboro (Hamilton County) vs. winner of Game 2.

**Friday, Feb. 17**  
Game 5, 7 p.m., winner of Game 3 vs. winner of Game 4.  
**Class 1A**  
**Mounds (Meridian) Regional Saturday, Feb. 11**  
Game 1, time to be announced, Joppa (Joppa-Maple Grove) at Cobden.  
Game 2, 4 p.m., Shawnee (Wolf Lake) at Cairo.  
**Monday, Feb. 13**  
Game 3, 6 p.m., Goreville vs. winner of Game 1.  
Game 4, 7:30 p.m., Mounds (Meridian) vs. winner of Game 2.  
**Thursday, Feb. 16**  
Game 5, 7 p.m., winner of Game 3 vs. winner of Game 4.

## Young people attend 4-H Junior Livestock Conference

The next generation of livestock leaders gained hands-on experience in the livestock field at this year's Illinois 4-H Junior Livestock Conference, which was Jan. 21-22 in Decatur.

This year's conference theme was "Livestock in Paradise."

The conference was attended by 100 young people from 50 counties across Illinois.

Youth members of the 4-H Livestock Ambassador Team helped to plan and execute the learning experience aimed at 7th, 8th and 9th graders.

"It was exciting to come together with the rest of the team to combine our experiences to create an expansive conference that combines what we know to share with the kids," Livestock Ambassador Team member Travis Wilke of Richland County said.

"Being at the conference and seeing the attendees getting exposure to species or livestock production areas they're not familiar with is really exciting."

Teen leaders said they were excited to share their knowledge and skills with the youth that will follow in their footsteps as they shape their own paths in the livestock industry.

"It's fun to watch the next generation pick up and enjoy the livestock area," Livestock Ambassador Team member Makenna Green of Douglas County said.

"I had a lot of people do that for me when I was younger and it's fun to give back. We're developing skills as teachers at the same time they're developing hands-on skills."

Young people participated in "Glove-Up Sessions"

throughout the conference which allowed them to work hands-on in a variety of skills, such as giving injections, wound suturing, product quality, marketing and more.

The event focused on education, but also created great opportunities to build camaraderie and a sense of teamwork around a shared passion for the livestock industry.

"The skills and lessons that you learn raising livestock as a youth is something I'm passionate about sharing," Travis said.

The Illinois Farm Bureau and Illinois Pork Producers provided financial support for the event through the Illinois 4-H Foundation.



### A-J hosts wrestling regional

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School hosted Illinois High School Association, IHSA, Class 1A regional wrestling competition last Saturday. A full house was on hand in A-J's Union Hall gymnasium to watch the action. According to IHSA, teams assigned to the regional at A-J included the host school, Benton, Campbell Hill (Trico), Carmi (Carmi-White County), Carterville, Goreville, Harrisburg, Herrin, Johnston City, Murphysboro and West Frankfort.

## A-J wins regional wrestling championship

The host Anna-Jonesboro Community High School wrestling team won a Class 1A regional title for the second year in a row Saturday, Feb. 3.

"This is the first time the school has won back-to-back regional titles," A-J wrestling coach Chase Hargrave said.

With the win, the Wild-

cats earned their fourth regional title in the last seven years.

Hargrave has been head coach for the last four years and previously served as an assistant coach with the team.

A-J won the Class 1A regional with a score of 179. Murphysboro finished 2nd with 167 and

Harrisburg finished in 3rd place with 153.

A-J wrestlers posted the following results at Saturday's competition:

106 pounds: Drew Sadler, 1st, 2-0; 120 pounds: Brett Smith, 3rd, 3-1; 126 pounds: Daniel Dover, 1st, 3-0; 138 pounds: T.J. Macy, 2nd, 2-1; 152 pounds: Drew Holshouser, 1st, 3-0; 170 pounds: Rayshaun Cannon, 3rd, 3-1; heavyweight: Eddie Dahmer, 3rd, 3-1.

The top three finishers in the various weight catego-

ries advance to the Class 1A sectional, which is scheduled for this weekend at Carterville.

Alternate wrestlers from A-J from the regional are 182 pounds: Aaron Schaefer, 4th, 2-2; and 220 pounds: Levi Jones, 4th, 2-2.

Hargrave looks to advance some of his grapplers to the state meet from the sectional.

The top four finishers in each weight class advance to the state wrestling tournament.

### Pinckneyville outscores Wildcats

The visiting Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' basketball team fell 50-31 to Pinckneyville in a game played Friday, Feb. 3.

The host Panthers were ahead 11-10 after one quarter. The score was tied 20-20 at halftime. Pinckneyville pulled ahead 33-23 after three quarters.

Dylan Harvel led A-J with 13 points and 4 rebounds. Dawson Trammel had 10 points and 6 rebounds.

Drew Page had 6 points and 3 rebounds. Noah Cavins had 2 points and 2 rebounds. Payton Denny had 5 rebounds, Taj Hodges 2 and Evan Hall 1.

A-J was 10 of 20 from the floor, 3 of 12 from 3-point range and 2 of 6 from the free throw line.

Pinckneyville was 16 of 34 from the field, 4 of 15 from 3-point range and 6 of 11 from the free throw line.

A-J, 9-17, plays Friday, Feb. 10, at home against Du Quoin.

### A-J girls rally for win over Du Quoin

After trailing early, the host Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' basketball team rallied for a 47-43 win over Du Quoin Monday, Feb. 6.

Du Quoin was ahead 7-6 after one quarter and 19-18 at the half. The Lady Wildcats came back to lead 31-30 going into the final quarter, when they outscored Du Quoin 16-13 to post the win.

Kansas Craig had a season-high 23 points to lead A-J. Savannah Smith scored 7, Jayda Shepard and Jayci Needling 6 each and Macie George 4.

A-J is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at home against Massac County on Senior Night.

A-J is scheduled to play in the first round of the Massac County Class 2A regional Saturday, Feb. 11, at Vienna.

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The Worship of God: Psalm 117

One of my favorite hymns is titled, "Praise Him, Praise Him." In the book of Psalms, 188 times the reader is encouraged "to praise God." **Psalm 117** is the shortest chapter in the Bible. It is the shortest Psalm but reveals some great truths.

**We are commanded to praise God.** Praise is Hebrew for "halal" which literally means "let something be known, to acknowledge thankfulness" Praising God is a deliberate choice which involves deliberate action. We praise Him for His characteristics, attributes, work. **Hebrews 13:15-16** Praise requires a joyful and thankful heart and attitude. It cannot be delivered in any other way. It is the responsibilities of God's people to remember God's original intention, God's truth is universal. **1 Corinthians 12:13-14**

**God has great power/mercy** Ephesians 2:4-5 confirms that HIS power and mercy are directed toward us. God's word in our lives is the most powerful element we can have; powerful for mercy (to show kindness in need) not only helps our immediate sense but educates us on what type of people we are to be and how to become them. In **Numbers 11: 23**, God asks Moses about HIS power. In **Mark 4**, Christ feeds thousands of people, physical food (fish/bread). How much better and more powerful is HIS spiritual food which he gives us each day? **Matthew 19:26** reminds us that with God all things are possible. Do we fully believe this?

**God has fulfilled all HIS truth** God is a god of truth, and Truth matters to God. **John 8:32, John 17:17** God's TRUTH is an objective standard than can be identified and understood. It is that truth which will judge us **John 12:48**. God is a god of love; He loves us. **1 John 4:8**. Psalms is book of poetry: evokes emotion and appeals to the imagination: book of comfort, strength, and serenity. Each type of book, history, poetry, gospel, letter, prophecy echoes God's love.



Ryan Thornsberry  
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News from

### Camp Ground Church, Community

“Depending on God’s Grace, Part 2” was the title of Sunday’s sermon, which again was based on scripture from the 5th chapter of Romans. The message shared that “we often think external sin is worse than internal sin. “Sin begins in our heart/ minds and if we don’t rid our inward being of the sin, we eventually act on it. “The selected scripture gives us comfort; it is not an excuse for our sin, but points out the struggle we have as Christians living in a sinful world. “In this letter to the church at Rome, the Apostle Paul said that when we sin, we don’t have to ‘throw in the towel.’ As believers, we have the Holy Spirit to “hold us up” which gives us the victory over sin. “If we tried to live a perfect life on our own, we would fail miserably. But when we allow Him to live within us, growth takes place.” Kayton Crane rang the bell to begin worship.

Tymber Roach, Reed and Kayton Crane took up the offering. Sunday was Heritage Sunday at Camp Ground Church. A special offering was received for the historical archives. Camp Ground Church’s lead elder for February is Tony Gerard. Happy birthday wishes go this week to Tymber Roach, whose birthday is Sunday, Feb. 12. Those at Camp Ground are happy to hear that some who are on the prayer list are improving after being hospitalized, having had accidents, or under doctor’s care for some time. Special prayer was offered for several with “new” situations, including the pastor’s wife Amber, who like many, are suffering from the stomach virus. All are welcome to services each Sunday at Camp Ground Church. A time of fellowship, with coffee and donuts for early arrivals is planned at 9:15 a.m., followed by Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:30 a.m. Worship is at 10:30 a.m.

Soup, chili dinner set in Cobden

The Cobden Community Association is planning to sponsor a soup and chili dinner. The dinner is scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20, at the Cobden Presbyterian Church. The church is located on Jefferson Street. The dinner is open to the public. The costs will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (12 and under). The menu will feature hot dogs, side dishes and desserts. The Cobden Community Association is made up of community-minded citizens who want to promote the Village of Cobden. One of the group’s main activities is cosponsoring Christmas in the Village. Plans are being made to sponsor more community events.


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# Obituaries

## Rodger Michael Baggott

Rodger Michael Baggott, 75, of Chillicothe, died Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Mr. Baggott was born on May 10, 1947, in Anna, the son of Elmer James and Virgie Eula Claxton Baggott.

Surviving are his children, Timothy Baggott of Carbon-dale, Shannon (Mark) Adams of Loami and Michael Baggott of Murphysboro; his grandchildren, Troy Baggott, Hannah Baggott, Nathaniel Baggott, Grace Adams and Alexander Baggott; and his great-granddaughter, Avery Baggott. Also surviving is his cat, Tikka. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Mr. Baggott served in the U.S. Army. He was retired from Caterpillar. He was a member of the Peoria Casting Club and the Chillicothe Sportsman's Club.

Cremation rites will be accorded and a graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20, at the Cobden Cemetery in Cobden.

Weber-Hurd Funeral Home in Chillicothe is in charge of arrangements. Memorials can be made to SAMS Animal Shelter. Online condolences can be made at [www.weberhurfunderalhome.com](http://www.weberhurfunderalhome.com).



## Barbara Ann Bevil Livesay

Barbara Ann Bevil Livesay, 87, of Anna, died Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023, at her home, surrounded by her family.

She was born on March 29, 1935, in Cobden, the daughter of Robert Lee and Lovena Smith Bevil.

She married Edwin "Creek" Livesay on Jan. 14, 1956, in Wolf Lake.

Mrs. Livesay is survived by her husband of 67 years, Edwin "Creek" Livesay of Anna; fur baby, Little Jenny; two daughters, Pamela Rosenthal of Wolf Lake and Sondra (Karry) Pender of Jonesboro; son David (Mindy) Livesay of Wolf Lake; six grandchildren, Jodi (Scott) Treece, Tim Rosenthal, Justin (Lindsey) Pender, Christopher (Vanessa) Pender, Andrew (Jessie) Livesay and Abbey Livesay; nine great-grandchildren, Austin (Maggie) Treece, Kayla (Michael) Calhoun, Braeden Treece (Carlie Clausen), Ava Rosenthal, Shelby Pender, Rhiannon Livesay, Lane Livesay, Jaydra Pender and Cole Pender; four great-great-grandchildren, Waylon and Wrenley Treece, Braxten and Landreigh Calhoun and one more on the way in the fall; other relatives and many friends. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Mrs. Livesay was a member of Galilee Baptist Church in Wolf Lake for many years. She and her husband Ed owned and operated Livesay T.V. in Anna for over 30 years.

She loved to work in her flower garden; her green thumb produced many beautiful flowers. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother; she cherished spending time with all of her family.

Funeral services were at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with Davy Miller officiating.

Memorials can be made to the Wolf Lake Park.

To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com).



## John Robert 'Bo' Chapman

John Robert "Bo" Chapman, 76, of Alto Pass, died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023, at Integrity Healthcare in Anna.

He was born on Aug. 2, 1946, in Carbondale, the son of John Edwin and Thelma Hands Chapman.

He married Norma Roof. She preceded him in death on Sept. 11, 2015.

Mr. Chapman is survived by his son, Chris Chapman of Cobden; best friend Pepper; three grandchildren, Dawn (Ryan) Cerar, Briese (Manzell) Henry and John Christopher Chapman; four great-grandchildren, Abigail and Anzeigh Cerar, Zidane and Azaela Henry; former wife and dear friend Martha Mayer of Murphysboro; a brother, George F. (Jana) Chapman of Sevierville, Tenn.; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Norma Chapman; a son, John F. Chapman; and a daughter-in-law, Andria Chapman.

Mr. Chapman worked for 42 years as a dispatcher for the railroad until his retirement.

After moving back to Southern Illinois he attended the Congregational Church in Alto Pass for many years.

Mr. Chapman was a sports enthusiast. He enjoyed playing softball and golfing. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinals and Notre Dame fan.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Alto Pass, with Pastor Don Cox officiating. Interment was in the Alto Pass Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Sandra's Comfort. To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com).



### News from

## First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Feb. 5, during the morning worship service, Pastor Perry Williams spoke about "not letting anger control you."

The message was based on scripture from Numbers in the Old Testament.

The service was sent via transmitter for worshippers who stayed in their cars on the church's lower parking lot while tuned in to their radios on station 87.9 FM.

The service also was live streamed on Facebook, where it can be viewed.

The church's Facebook page, Jonesboro FBC, has videos and the latest information about possible closings.

John Turner led the worship in the absence of music director Dee Rose. Debbie York was the pianist. Chris Rose sang a solo about the cross.

Women's and men's Bible study were planned at 7 p.m. Monday.

The senior adult group, Living Longer and Loving

It, planned to meet Tuesday morning, Feb. 7, with Dr. Jason Ozbourn as guest.

A Women on Mission meeting is planned at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, today.

Birthdays: Joe McRaven, Feb. 6; Peyton Clymore, Feb. 10; Lloyd McCann, Ernest Rhodes, Feb. 11.

Anniversary: James and Jerri Miller, Feb. 6, 47 years.

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

The Dig-In Children's program for children ages 4 through 6th grade is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Youth are scheduled to meet from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sundays and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Adult Bible study is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

## Glen Eugene 'Pete' McRaven

Glen Eugene McRaven, 78, of Jonesboro, died Friday, Feb. 3, 2023.

He was born in Chicago on Oct. 18, 1944, the son of Mac and Mildred Rhymer McRaven.

Known by many as "Pete," Mr. McRaven worked for over 30 years as a driver in the film industry, where he made many lifelong friends. He was a capable mechanic who enjoyed working on cars and motorcycles. He also enjoyed shooting pool, and he had a heart for stranded animals.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Wayne McRaven; his parents, Mac and Mildred McRaven; and his son, Glen Eugene McRaven.

He is survived by his significant other Arlis Sasek; brother Doyle McRaven; sons Robert Meirndorf and Peter McRaven; grandchildren Jonathan Meirndorf (Jacqueline Meirndorf), Josh Meirndorf and Jennifer Burgess (Russell Burgess); great-grandchildren Joshua Evers, Lillian Evers, Merric Meirndorf, Katherine Meirndorf and Kimber Meirndorf; nephew Joey McRaven (Martha McRaven); nieces Sherri Hileman (Russell Hileman) and Cindy Cain; as well as many other family members throughout Southern Illinois and elsewhere.

His memorial service will be held Friday, Feb. 10, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home on the Jonesboro Square. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The service will be at 7 p.m.

Memorials can be made to Residential Hospice. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com).



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## Valentine's Day dinner set at VFW

Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 near Anna is planning to serve a steak dinner on Valentine's Day, which is Tuesday, Feb. 14.

The menu for the dinner will include New York strip steak, a baked potato, salad and dessert for a donation of \$20 per person.

Dinner starts at 6 p.m. A 6 p.m. seating or a 6:30 p.m. seating can be requested.

The dinner is open to the public. Dine in, carry out or drive thru options are available.

Dinner reservations can be made any day after 1 p.m. at the VFW post.

The post notes that payment must be made at the time a reservation is made. Only 76 steaks will be available.

"Surprise your sweetheart and call your local florist and order flowers for her to be delivered to the VFW and we will bring them to your table," the Anna post noted.

More information is available by contacting the post at 833-7737.

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### HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD SPECIAL MEETING PLANNED

The Union County Hospital District Board of Directors will hold a special meeting on Thursday, February 23, 2023.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. in the second-floor conference room of Union County Hospital.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the donation request for surgical instruments and the helipad relocation.

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### Early & Grace Period Voting Schedule

2023 Consolidated Election  
April 4, 2023

#### Early Voting Schedule

Starting Thursday, February 23, 2023, through Monday, April 3, 2023, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Excluding weekends except dates listed below:

Saturday, April 1, 2023 - 8 a.m. to Noon  
Sunday, April 2, 2023 - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

#### Grace Period Voting Schedule

Starting Wednesday, March 8, 2023, through Tuesday, April 4, 2023, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Excluding weekends except dates listed below and Tuesday, April 4, 2023, Consolidated Election Day.

Saturday, April 1, 2023 - 8 a.m. to Noon  
Sunday, April 2, 2023 - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Consolidated Election Day is Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Early and Grace voting will be held at the Union County Clerk's Office, located at:  
309 W. Market Street, Room 116  
Jonesboro, IL 62952

Lance Meisenheimer  
Union County Clerk

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## Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Shirley Miller and Penny Hill of McClure visited Sunday with Ermadell Elkins at Union County Nursing Home.

Sue and Steve Eudy of Anna enjoyed eating at Tom's Fish Place in Tamms on Friday night.

Those from Reynoldsville Missionary Baptist Church who enjoyed pizza at Pizza Hut in Anna on Sunday night, Feb. 5, after church were Rev. Jamie

and Maria Bridgeman and Clayton of Cape Girardeau, Penny and Kerry Hill and Shirley Miller of McClure and Sue Eudy of Anna.

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

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Registration and voting aids are available under the Federal Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act and of the availability of assistance in marking the ballot and procedures for voting by absentee ballot and procedures for early voting by personal appearance. (10ILCS 5/12-1)  
Dated February 9, 2023.

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# Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

Please have news to me by Sunday night. Email me at marthaannwebb@gmail.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.

## Anniversary Trip to Hawaii

Jon and Crystal Housman celebrated their 31st anniversary in Hawaii.

Their trip started in Oahu with a stay at the Royal Hawaiian and a visit to the Pearl Harbor Museum.

They spent the remaining 10 days in Maui where they snorkeled in Lanai, took a doors off helicopter ride over Molokai, watched the sunset at the summit of Haleakala, drove the road to Hana and watched whales all over the islands.

This was the couple’s first trip to Hawaii but they both say it won’t be their last.

## 60th Wedding Anniversary

Ron and Nancy Leske of Anna recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

They were married on Feb. 2, 1963, in Chicago. They have two children, Paul (Gloria) Leske of La Valle, Wis., and Paige (Jason) Charles of Anna; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

On Saturday, Feb. 4, they were surprised by visitors who gave them a very special 60th wedding anniversary celebration.

A dinner party at Fujiyama in Carbondale was secretly planned by their family. The event was attended by their daughter Paige and her husband Jason Charles of Anna; their granddaughter Emily Hammer of Anna; their son Paul and his wife Gloria Leske from La Valle, Wis.; and Ron’s brother Bill and his wife Teresa Leske from Chicago.

Ron and Nancy moved to Anna in 1971 and bought the Main Street Barber Shop in what was then the Walter Hardware building. Ron was a barber at that location until he sold the shop in 1984. He continued cutting hair until his retirement from Joe’s Barbershop in Anna in 2020.

Nancy Kemmerle Leske is a homemaker who raised her kids at home. Accord-

ing to her family, she is a great cook and has created a beautiful mini-botanical garden in their backyard.

Ron Leske loves to listen to jazz and play his accordion. Both continue to enjoy their retirement in reasonably good health, and are thankful for so many good years and memories together.

## Special Thanks

To the Lions Club of Cobden for their donation of four Honor Wreaths for Veterans and to Jim and Sandy Carter for their donation of two Honor Wreaths for Veterans.

I received this letter from the Lions Club of Cobden along with their donation to Anna I would like to share telling about their Honor Wreaths for Veterans Day.

National Wreaths Across America Day in Cobden was a success due to the generous donations throughout the year and the many volunteers who helped lay over 430 wreaths on a cold day in December.

The event began with a ceremony conducted by U.S. Army Veteran David Stewart along with members of the Cobden American Legion Harold Blunt, Gene Horn and Ernest Newton and VFW member Jerry Holman.

Volunteers from the community and various organizations Cobden Lions Club, Cobden Civic Industrial Foundation and Cobden Youth and Community Advocates along with the help of the employees of the Village of Cobden placed a wreath on the grave of each veteran in our cemetery. Ashley Stewart provided refreshments for the volunteers.

Wreaths were sponsored with donations from individuals, businesses and organizations, such as, the Cobden Civic Industrial Foundation, Cobden Volunteer Fire Department, Cobden Lions Club, Cobden Community and Business Association and the Cobden Women’s Club. Many

contributions were from friends and family members of veterans living in other areas who responded to our request for sponsorship.

This was our second year of participation. In 2021, we had 70 sponsored wreaths. This year we had 430 sponsored wreaths. We are grateful and proud for this year’s success.

We appreciate the many donations recently made for 2022. Wreaths that were purchased from Dec. 17, 2022, to Jan. 15, 2023, were matched by Wreaths Across America headquarters for placement on National Wreaths across America Day in December 2023. Wreaths sponsored during this time resulted in twice as many wreaths for your donation.

This has ended and as of Feb. 1, 2023, the Honor Wreaths for Veterans are \$17.

If you wish to support this program, send your donation to the Village of Cobden, P.O. Box 218, Cobden, Ill. 62920. Checks are to be made payable to Honor Wreaths for Veterans. There is also an online option through the website [www.wreathacrossamerica.org/ILCOBC](http://www.wreathacrossamerica.org/ILCOBC). For additional information, you can contact us by calling 1-618-893-2425 or via email [cobdenvillage@gmail.com](mailto:cobdenvillage@gmail.com).

## Anna First Baptist Church

Our Lord’s Supper was taken. Dale Denny welcomed everyone and gave the announcements. Jean Denny led the singing and played the piano to Down at the Cross and O How He Loves You and Me.

The worship team led in There is Nothing Better than You Lord and What a Beautiful Name Jesus.

Rev. Lupe Lopez’s sermon was It’s All a Matter of Perspective with scripture from 2 Kings. Rev. Lupe prayed for all those who are sick.

The women’s Sunday School lesson was taught by Cecilia Cuthbertson on faith with scripture from Hebrews. Women’s Bible study was Tuesday.

Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child 2023. February: Needed flashlights/batteries, flashcards, small tools for older boys, sewing kits. Please bring your items to the Sunday School office or to the library each month.

## United Methodist Church, Anna

On the fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, Holy Communion was taken.

Rev. Tim Gossett’s sermon was Salt, Light and Eternity, Seasoned for God’s Call, with scripture from Matthew. Rev. Tim prayed for all those who are sick. Rev. Tim told the children about being a Christian.

Special music was by the choir “Show Me the Way.” Songs led by Carla Anderson were “You are the Seed,” “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light,” “Shine, Jesus, Shine.” Carla played the organ and Marcy Morris played the piano.

On Wednesdays men’s Bible study meets at 7 a.m. and women’s Bible study meets at 1 p.m. Choir practice meets at 6 p.m.

Ash Wednesday service will be Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. at the church and Vienna will be joining them. Choir practice will be at 7 p.m. that evening.

Maundy Thursday, April 6, will be at Vienna United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. Good Friday service will be April 7 at the Anna United Methodist Church at 7 p.m.

Birthdays: Feb. 5 Bryan Crain, Donald Pippins, 10 Myra Gossett, 11 Al Kamp, Valentine’s Day Marilyn Miller, Madelyn Walker, 16



Dennis and Kathy Thornburg enjoyed a trip to Cancun with her daughter Angela Nguyen and family celebrating Angela’s 47th birthday.



A dinner in honor of Linda Cohee’s upcoming wedding was given by her daughter Cheyenne Trambley at Outback Steakhouse in Cape Girardeau. There were 10 present: Linda, Cheyenne, Constance, Robbie, Ruthie, Kristena, Beth, Nettie, Ava and Kynleigh.

Kay Johnston, 17 Barbara House, 18 Megan Musgrave, 25 Nancy Hooks, 26 Jo Ann Keller, 27 Lelia Spurlock.

Happy anniversary to Terry and Tina Riley.

United Women in Faith was led by Marilyn Miller “Reconnecting with Our Sacred Bodies.”

Congratulations to David Pedigo and Linda Cohee, whose wedding will be Saturday, Feb. 18, at 2 p.m.

Loaves and Fishes will be Tuesday, Feb. 21. Come at 3:45 p.m. if you would like to help with the distribution.

In January, they distributed 100 bags of food for adults, 100 half gallons of milk, 75 5-pound bags of fresh potatoes, 54 kids treat bags, 28 bags of sugar, 35 bags of extra nonperishable and canned goods, several jars of baby food and a package of diapers.

## Anna Heights Baptist Church

Guest speaker Sunday was Aaron Filbeck. His sermon was Truth Hurts.

Sunday, Feb. 12, will be the Souper Bowl fellowship and chili and dessert contest after the 10:30 worship service. Evening services will be canceled. Bring your canned goods items also for the local food pantry.

WMU Focus Sunday is Feb. 12. RA’s and GA’s will be recognized for their achievements and the WMU will be leading in prayer for our missionaries.

Snacks and nonperishable food items are being collected for the A-JCHS Comfort Closet this month.

Anna Heights Ministry meeting is Sunday, Feb. 19, at 6 p.m.

There will be a new Celebrate Recovery group meeting on Sunday evenings beginning Feb. 26. Everyone in the church and community is invited to attend.

Operation Christmas Child collection for February is hygiene items.

Upward Basketball and cheer just finished their fourth week. Only four more to go. Come out on Saturday and support these young athletes.

The families of Bill Goodman expressed their thanks to the church family for their love and support shown during his health decline and passing.

Jan. 29 attendance: 8



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a.m. worship 74. 10:30 a.m. worship 126. Small group Bible study 215. 6 p.m. worship 29.

Birthdays: Feb. 10 Clara Mix, Kathy Thornburg, 11 Noah Sullivan, Gary Taylor, 12 Ramona Clark, 13 Jade Peeler, 14 Drue Teske.

## Guests

Ruby Brimm’s family was visiting her.

## Birthday

Bryan Crain celebrated his birthday Sunday, Feb. 5.

## Ms D’s Inventory Blow-out

Deanne Ellis said her

Ms D’s Melts for her small business was a success Saturday.

## Leske/Bauer Connection

You may remember reading an Anna News item a few weeks ago where two former Anna boys, David and Timothy Bauer, who live in Cazenovia, Wis. discovered another former Anna boy, Paul Leske, living a few miles away in La Valle, Wis. The former Anna boys have become friends once again in Wisconsin.



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Keith and Dianna Robertson celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary Jan. 31. They were married in 1997. They plan to take a road trip down south to some warmer weather next month.



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JONESBORO, ILLINOIS

REGIONS BANK DBA  
REGIONS MORTGAGE  
SUCCESSOR BY  
MERGER TO UNION  
PLANTERS  
BANK, N.A  
PLAINTIFF,  
-vs-  
Billy Graves a/k/a  
Billy G. Graves;  
Tamara Graves;  
Capital One Bank (USA),  
N.A.;  
DEFENDANTS  
NO. 22 FC 16

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S  
SALE

Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on October 18, 2022; David Wilkens, Sheriff, 307 W. Market, Jonesboro, IL 62952, will on March 1, 2023 at 9:00 AM, at Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market Street, Jonesboro, IL 62952, sell to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in Union County, Illinois.

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

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

Commonly known as 208 1/2 Williford, Jonesboro, IL 62952  
Permanent Index No.: 14-00-07-920  
Improvements: Single Family Residential  
The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property.

The judgment amount was \$52,553.55. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN

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IN THE CIRCUIT  
COURT OF THE FIRST  
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UNION COUNTY,  
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ESTATE OF  
BOBBIE D. GLASCO,  
DECEASED  
NO. 2023-PR-1  
IN PROBATE

NOTICE OF DEATH  
INDEPENDENT  
ADMINISTRATION,  
AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Bobbie D. Glasco, of Cobden, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 13, 2023, to Larry T. Glasco, 3723 Upper Salem Road, Metropolis, IL 62960, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

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

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

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

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before July 26, 2023, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in

that notice. Any claim not  
filed on or before that date is  
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with the Clerk must be mailed  
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to the Executor and to the  
attorneys within ten (10) days  
after it has been filed.  
Dated: January 18, 2023.

LARRY T. GLASCO

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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
CIRCUIT COURT  
UNION COUNTY

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

REQUEST OF:  
LACEY NICOLE DIXON  
TO CHANGE THE  
NAME OF MINOR  
CHILD  
2023-MR-3

Publication is not necessary if both parents, confirmed on birth certificate, agree to the name change or have been given notice.

There will be a court date on a Request for Name Change (Minor Child):

Current Name of Minor Child: RAELYNN NICHOLE ROY

Proposed New Name of Minor Child: RAELYNN NICHOLE DIXON

The court date will be held on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023 at 11 a.m. at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois, in Courtroom 1.

LACEY NICOLE DIXON

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

ANNA-JONESBORO  
NATIONAL BANK,  
a National Chartered  
Bank,  
Plaintiff,  
vs  
ANDREW H. SADLER,  
and MIKA L. SADLER,  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
DEPARTMENT OF  
REVENUE TAX LIEN  
UNIT, UNKNOWN  
OWNERS and  
NON-RECORD  
CLAIMANTS,  
Defendants.  
Case No.: 2023FC1

PUBLICATION NOTICE

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

**EXHIBIT "A"**

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

Now, therefore, unless you, the said Defendants, Andrew H. Sadler, Mika L. Sadler, State of Illinois Department of Revenue Tax Lien, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, file your answer to the Complaint in the suit, or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, in the County Courthouse in the City of Jonesboro, Illinois, on or before the 2nd Day of March, 2023, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

Keri E. Clark  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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

IN RE ESTATE OF  
SUSANNA HARTLINE,  
Deceased.  
2022-PR-2

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Susanna Hartline of Union County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 17, 2023, to Rosiland Sedlacek and Roxanne Smallwood, as Co-Independent Administrators, whose attorney is Edward J. Heller of Reed, Heller & Cannell, 1100 Walnut Street, Murphysboro, Illinois 62966.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Williamson County Courthouse, Marion, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 2, 2023, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Furthermore, the claimant shall file with the Court proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies. E-Filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://>



[efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm](http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm) to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>, or talk to your local circuit clerk’s office.

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ASSUMED BUSINESS  
NAME ACT

State of Illinois  
SS  
County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a

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P.O. Box 61  
130 Jacob Street  
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Lance Meisenheimer  
Union County Clerk  
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR  
BID:

The County of Alexander is requesting bids for interior and exterior renovations of the existing Alexander

County Ambulance Service at 26711 State Highway 3, Olive Branch, IL 62969.

Work will include, but is not limited to siding, roofing, windows, doors, concrete work, structural, interior ceilings and floors, electrical, plumbing, and HVAC. Attention is called to the provisions for equal employment opportunity and that payment of not less than the minimum salaries, wages, and fringes as set forth by Davis-Bacon must be paid to all employees on this project. To bid, you must have been in business at least one (1) year, have adequate liability insurance and use licensed professionals when required. This project is expected to begin this spring.

Bid packets may be picked up at the office of Southern Five Regional Planning District and Development Commission at 5 Justice Drive, Ullin, IL 62992.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the Alexander County Ambulance Service at 9:00am on Friday, February 17, 2023. Bidders must attend this meeting for their bids to be considered.

Sealed bids will be received until 8:30am on Thursday, February 23, 2023. Sealed bids may be dropped off at the office of Southern Five Regional Planning District and Development Commission at 5 Justice Drive, Ullin, IL 62992. No bids will be received after this time.

The bid opening will take place at the Alexander County Ambulance Service at 9:00am on Thursday, February 23, 2023.

The County of Alexander is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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City of Anna  
Request for Proposal

Notice is hereby given that

the City of Anna is inviting proposals for the OPERATION OF THE ANNA PARK & POOL CONCESSIONS for the 2023 Season. Sealed proposals from qualified vendors will be received by Anna City Hall at 103 Market St., Anna, Illinois, 62906 until 12:00 p.m. on March 21, 2023. Proposals will be opened at the March 21, 2023, Council meeting held at 5 p.m. at Anna City Hall.

Qualified vendors must be in compliance with all City of Anna insurance requirements and in compliance with all Illinois Department of Public Health requirements. For more information contact Anna City Hall at 1-618-833-8528.

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REQUEST FOR  
PROPOSAL FOR A NEW  
BACKHOE LOADER

Request for Proposal (RFP) packets are available in

Union County Engineer’s office and on our website at [www.unioncountyiil.gov](http://www.unioncountyiil.gov). Questions regarding specifications may be directed to the County Engineer, Jeff Denny via email at [jdenny@unioncountyiil.gov](mailto:jdenny@unioncountyiil.gov).

Sealed bids should be submitted to the Union County Engineer by 10:00 AM on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at the Union County Engineer’s Office.

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 Engineer  
316 West Mississippi Street  
Jonesboro, Illinois 62952

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# Television Listings

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2023											
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Local	Local Programs	NHL Hockey Colorado vs Tampa Bay (Live)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City Big City	(5:00) "Movie"	(5:00) "Movie"	(15) "Gladiator" ('00) <i>Rome's greatest general turns gladiator.</i> (HD)
7 PM :30	The Parent Test	Young Ghosts	Hell's Kitchen (HD)	Law & Order (HD)		Bang (HD) Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	★★★★ "Back to the Future" ('85) <i>Changing the past.</i> (HD)	Big City Big City Jessie	"Movie"	"Movie"	
8 PM :30	The Parent Test	(01) So Help Me Todd	Welcome to Call Me	12th Annual NFL Honors (Live) (HD)		Bang (HD)		Big City			
9 PM :30	The Chase (HD)	CST: Vegas "Boned"	Local Programs Local info.		Wom. College Basketball Stanford vs Arizona	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)		Big City	"Movie"	"Movie"	Your Honor (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local		Bang (HD) Last O.G.	"Back to the Future Part II" ('89) <i>The future and back.</i>	Big City Unsittable			Murder in Big Horn
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)		(35) Tonight (HD)	Sports	Young		Sydney			
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night	SportsCenter (Live)	Young Frontal		Raven Home Raven Home	"Movie"	"Movie"	"Tumbledown" ('16)

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2023											
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA (HD)	(03) "Movie"	9-1-1 "Suspicion" (HD)	(5:20) "Movie"	(5:00) "Movie"	(5:00) "Movie"	"A Love Song" ('22)
7 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	S.W.A.T. (HD)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (HD)	Lopez vs. Young Rock	NBA Basketball Charlotte Hornets at Boston Celtics (Live)		9-1-1 "Survivors" (HD)	Moon Girl Unsittable	"Movie"	"Movie"	To Be Announced
8 PM :30	(01) 20/20 Investigative news. (HD)	Fire Country (HD)		Dateline NBC			9-1-1 "Panic" (HD)	Owl House (40) Descendant (HD)			TBA (HD) "Mona Lisa and the Blood Moon" ('22) (HD)
9 PM :30		Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs Local info.		NBA Basketball Cleveland vs New Orleans (Live) (HD)	"Movie"	9-1-1 (HD)	BUNK'D	"Movie"	"Movie"	
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local			9-1-1 (HD)	BUNK'D			
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)		(35) Tonight (HD)	Sports	B/R Gaming (HD)	9-1-1 "Peer Pressure"	Sydney Unsittable	"Movie"	"Movie"	"A Love Song" Patiently waiting.
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night				Unsittable			

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2023											
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball	(4:45) "Movie"	Chicago PD Chicago P.D. (HD)	(5:20) "Movie"	(5:00) "Movie"	(5:00) "Movie"	"Everything Everywhere All at Once" ('22)
7 PM :30	NBA (Live)	NCIS: Hawai'i (HD)	The Perfect 10	Dateline NBC Investigative news.	UFC 284: "UFC 284 : (Prelims)" (Live)	"Movie"	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Big City Big City	"Movie"	"Movie"	
8 PM :30	NBA Basketball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	48 Hours (HD)	First (HD)				Chicago P.D. (HD)	Big City			Showtime Championship Boxing "Vargas vs. Foster" (Live) (HD)
9 PM :30		48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs	Saturday Night Live	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Christmas (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Big City Owl House	"Movie"	"Movie"	
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	Beat Shazam (HD)	Local		Christmas (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Owl House			
11 PM :30	Local Programs		Local Programs	Saturday Night Live (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)	Wipeout	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Jessie	"Movie"	"Movie"	Your Honor
							Chicago PD	Jessie			

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2023											
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	Super Bowl LVII Kansas City Chiefs vs Philadelphia Eagles (Live)	America's Got Talent: All-Stars "Auditions 5"	World of X Games	"Pitch Perf"	Law & Order: SVU	"Mr. Popper's Penguins" ('11)	(5:57) "Edge of Tomorrow" ('14) <i>Time loop.</i>	"The Con Is On" ('18)	Your Honor (HD)
7 PM :30	Videos Magic tricks.	The Equalizer (HD)			World of X Games	"Pitch Perfect 2" A cappella group goes international.	Law & Order: SVU	(4:5) Moon Girl		★½ "The Mod Squad" ('99) (HD)	Your Honor (HD)
8 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	The Equalizer (HD)		America's Got Talent: All-Stars "Auditions 6"	World of X Games (HD)		Law & Order: SVU	Moon Girl	The Last of Us (HD)		Your Honor (HD)
9 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	The Equalizer "Boom"	Super Bowl Next Level Chef "Premiere" (HD)		NFL PrimeTime (Live)	"Ant-Man" ('15) Thief recruited to use super-suit. (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie Jessie	(01) The Last of Us	"The Card Counter" ('21) A gambler's past.	Murder in Big Horn
10 PM :30	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs		Local Programs Local info.	SportsCenter (Live)		Law & Order: SVU	Big City Big City	(02) The Last of Us		Your Honor (HD)
11 PM :30		Local Programs	Local Programs		Sports	"Shazam!"	Law & Order: SVU	Big City Big City	(05) The Last of Us	(:28) "Transcendence" ('14) (HD)	Murder in Big Horn

MONDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2023											
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Local	Local Programs	College Basketball Miami vs North Carolina	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	"Popper" ('45) Moon Girl	(5:00) "Movie"	(5:00) "Movie"	★★★★ "The Contractor"
7 PM :30	The Bachelor (HD)	Neighbor. Bob Hearts	9-1-1 (HD)	AGT: All-Stars Top 11 journeys. (HD)		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (HD)	Moon Girl	"Movie"	"Movie"	Your Honor (HD)
8 PM :30		NCIS "Old Wounds"	The Cleaning Lady		College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)		Jessie Jessie			Murder in Big Horn
9 PM :30	The Good Doctor	NCIS: Hawai'i (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Magnum P.I. (HD)		Dad (HD) Dad (HD)		Big City	"Movie"	"Movie"	"Gladiator" ('00) <i>Rome's greatest general turns gladiator.</i>
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (Live)	Dad (HD)	Chrisley	Hamster & Miraculous			Murder in Big Horn
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)	Dad (HD) Burgers	Chrisley	Miraculous Jessie	"Movie"	"Movie"	
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Burgers	Chrisley	Jessie			Your Honor

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2023											
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	"Descendants 3"	(5:00) "Movie"	(5:00) "Movie"	"Nothing Lasts" ('23)
7 PM :30	The Rookie "The Con"	FBI "Protégés"	The Resident (HD)	Night (HD)		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	WWE NXT (Live) (HD)	"Zombies 2" ('20) <i>Attend prom.</i>	"Movie"	"Movie"	(15) "Breaking" ('22) <i>Desperate veteran.</i>
8 PM :30	The Rookie: Feds	FBI: International	(02) Monarch (HD)	La Brea "The Return"	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)		Hamster &			
9 PM :30	Will Trent	FBI: Most Wanted	Local Programs Local info.	Magnum P.I. (HD)		Bang (HD)	Chrisley	Big City	"Movie"	"Movie"	Your Honor (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (Live)	Last O.G.	Chrisley	Hamster & Miraculous			Murder in Big Horn
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)	Young	Chicago P.D. "Familia"	Miraculous			
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Young	(08) Chicago P.D.	Jessie	"Movie"	"Movie"	"Agent Game" ('22)

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2023											
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA (Live)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Hamster & Big City	(5:00) "Movie"	(5:00) "Movie"	(5:15) "Whitney." ('17)
7 PM :30	Conners	The Price Is Right at	The Masked Singer	Chicago Med (HD)	NBA Basketball Miami Heat at Brooklyn Nets (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City Big City	"Movie"	"Movie"	"Hitsville: The Making of Motown" ('19)
8 PM :30	Elementary	Lingo "Episode 6"	(02) Lego Masters	Chicago Fire (HD)		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D BUNK'D			
9 PM :30	A Million Little Things	Tough as Nails (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Chicago P.D. (HD)	NBA Basketball New Orleans vs Los Angeles (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	"Movie"	"Movie"	"Bitchin': The Sound and" Gifted funk artist.
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local		Frontal	Law & Order: SVU	Miraculous			
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)		Young		Miraculous			
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night	SC (Live)	Young	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie	"Movie"	"Movie"	Your Honor (HD)





**Learning about photography**  
Those taking part in a Photography 101 session on Jan. 19 at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna included library director Sarah Watkins; library IT coordinator Thomas Sisler; children’s librarian Beth Sisler; and students Noah Cohen of Dongola, Tymtree Seals of Dongola, Jaxon Seibold of Jonesboro, Zoe Weir of Anna and Spencer Weir of Anna.

## Young people learn about photography in program offered at Stinson Library

Stinson Memorial Library in Anna hosted a Project Next Generation Photography 101 class for young people ages 10 to 18.

Sessions were held on two Thursday afternoons: Jan. 19 and Jan. 26.

Photography 101 offered an opportunity to learn photo basics like settings, composition and lighting.

Stinson Memorial Public Library District director Sarah Watkins said that “Project Next Generation is our

technology-based afterschool program.”

Watkins said the library district received a \$22,000 grant in order to purchase equipment and materials that young people ages 10 to 18 years of age could use in projects.

“We’ve been offering (almost) weekly programming since October and will continue throughout June, which is the end of this year’s grant period,” Watkins shared in an email.

In the photography class,

young participants were teamed together so they could bounce their ideas and strategies off one another.

“Overall, we were all pretty happy with the program,” Watkins said.

Funding for Project Next Generation is provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services to the Secretary of State/Illinois State Library under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act.

Following Photography 101, the library was planning to offer a “Coding with Thomas” program.



**Valentine items**  
The collage photo includes Valentine items to delight and entertain guests at the PAST Valentine luncheons for the DAR Chapter and the Red Hat Society. Treasured keepsakes, include a vintage handkerchief “hanky” quilt, handmade hearts, antique pin cushions, a red, white and blue patchwork quilt, a “Red Hat,” a doll dress and doll hats.

## Valentine luncheons scheduled at PAST’s Heritage House Museum

On Monday, Feb. 13, the Daniel Chapman Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution plans to meet at 11 a.m. at the Heritage House Museum at 102 S. Main in Jonesboro.

A Valentine themed luncheon will be served by PAST members who also belong to DAR.

Heritage House is decorated in red, silver and white to enhance the Valentine theme.

Special exhibits include a bear, dolls and mice from Lillian Milam’s extensive collections to delight and entertain guests.

The doll “parade” will promote DAR missions for patriotism, constitution, historical preservation, education, veteran appreciation and service to community.

Exhibits will include items from Heritage House collections, such as Elizabeth Winston Davie’s “made from raw fibers, an exquisitely embroidered bed coverlet from 1819 and a treasured crazy quilt from the Kirkpatrick era women.

To celebrate President’s Day, a linoleum block print

George Washington story quilt will be displayed, and to commemorate Black History Month, there will be Underground Railroad quilts to see.

On Wednesday, Feb. 15, PAST plans to host a luncheon starting at 11 a.m. for the Little Egypt Red Hat Society.

In addition to the Valentine theme, the parade of dolls will be wearing Red Hats.

A special feature for the Red Hat Luncheon is a parlor room “quilt turning.”

Quilts displayed in the “quilt turning” will include Valentine and presidential themed pieces, heirloom hanky quilts and a really special surprise Red Hat reveal event.

The Wednesday Red Hat luncheon is ticketed at \$15 and reservations are requested at 618-527-2046.

At press time there were seats available and guests do not need to be Red Hat members. Anyone is welcome until reservations are filled.

Proceeds support PAST Heritage House maintenance and preservation projects. For more information, call 618-527-2046.

## News from Anna Nazarene Church

A Sunday morning worship service was held Feb. 5 in the church and on Zoom.

Singing was led by Pastor Randy Wright and the worship team.

Special music was provided by Trey Morrison and by Tammy Hagler.

The message given by Pastor Wright was titled “A God of Second Chances.” Scripture was from Numbers.

The message can be listened to on the church’s website at [annanaz.com](http://annanaz.com) and on the Anna First Church of the Nazarene Facebook page.

A Sunday evening service was held in the church and on Zoom.

The evening message, titled “Fruit Bearing People,” was brought by Pastor Wright. Scripture was from Philipians.

A combined NDI and church board meeting is planned at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, today, in the fellowship hall.

Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 12.

Sunday School is planned at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 12.

A worship service is planned at 10:35 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 12.

Quizzing is planned at 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12.

An evening worship service is planned at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12.

A Wednesday night service is planned at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 15 in the sanctuary and on Zoom.

Youth group and children’s Bible quizzing are planned at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The pastor can be texted prior to the meeting for the Zoom password.

Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 19.

Sunday School is planned at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 19.

The church plans to welcome an Olivet Nazarene University Preaching Ambassador and Music Ambassador at 10:35 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 19.

Quizzing is planned at 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19.

## County Line News

(Mill Creek and Upper Elco)

**Lots of Company**  
Shirley Harvel was the recipient of a lot of company this past weekend. Vickie Jacobs, her daughter; and Tami Sadler, her granddaughter, arrived Friday night from Sparta to visit for the weekend.

They were joined by myself; my husband, Richard; and Chuck and Martha Harvel for dinner Friday night.

A lot of reminiscing went on and stories were told about events of long ago. Memories that surely need to be passed down to the next generation.

We all agree that we regret not having our parents record stories of their youth while they were still with us. Many of us are currently writing those stories to preserve them.

If you have a story-teller still with you, record those memories to share with your family.

Sunday, we were blessed to have my daughter, Nikki Bates and her husband, Jordan, and their three children come to visit after church. I love that grandbaby time. Chuck and Martha Harvel dropped by to visit again and see them as well.

**On the Mend**

Those that are following the health of Brother Bobby Richardson will be glad to hear that he should be back in Anna (projected for Wednesday) and doing his therapy locally. He’s had a very rough time since his initial surgery several months ago.

Please keep him in your prayers that the physical therapy works quickly and he’s back to full good health soon.

Jeff Starr is improving somewhat and has been moved to Life Care Center in Cape Girardeau for his therapy. Like Brother Bobby,

we pray this works quickly and his health is restored fully. He’s been sick for a long while now, and we miss him in church.

Reba Short took a fall this weekend and we certainly hope that she is recovering well.

Sue Starr reported that her sister-in-law, Helen Bergman, is having bleeding in her lungs, and has been hospitalized in St. Louis.

**Prayer List**  
Our prayers are with Tony Miller and his family after the tragic events of this past week. We pray all those involved get their lives straightened out.

Others on our prayer list are Shirley Harvel, who is having surgery this week; Lula Belle Tripp, as she continues to recover from her surgery; a coworker of mine who had surgery this week; Titan and Rage Henderson were sick this past weekend; Carol Palmer has also been ill; Doris Camden needs prayers for health; Mary Richardson needs prayer for health issues, as well; Kristina Kennedy is having kidney issues; and we pray for the Bob Osman family, as Bob passed recently.

**Sunday Message**  
Brother Bobby Newberry brought the message Sunday with the title of “When past hurts still hurt.” It addressed bad feelings, anger and not forgiving.

Ephesians 4: 31-32 tells us to put always all of that and forgive, just as God forgives you. We can’t control what others do, think, or say. We *can* control our response.

Bobby gave us five key points. The first is to acknowledge the hurt and why you have it. In Genesis, chapters 35-50, we are given the story of Joseph and all he endured at the hand of his brothers. Talk about someone who had reason to harbor ill will, Joseph had it.

Next, we need to surrender our right to have those hard feelings. Romans 12: 17-19 tells us to repay no one evil for evil, but to live peacefully and not seek revenge. Joseph, once again had to deal with that. He was in a position of power and could certainly have dealt

harshly with his brothers.

The third point is to pray for those that caused the pain. Matthew 5:44.

The fourth is to open yourself to true reconciliation. Romans 12:18 tells us we need to live in peace with everyone.

Finally, the fifth point is to pray and ask God’s forgiveness. The Lord’s Prayer in Luke 11 sums it all up. We’ve all come short and sin. We need forgiveness, just as our enemies do. Joseph forgave his brothers, blessed them and helped them, and was then reconciled with his family. What a true blessing. We can do it too. Matthew 19:26 tells us, with God’s help, nothing is impossible.

**Valentine’s Dinner**  
The Mill Creek Baptist Church men will be hosting a spaghetti Valentine’s Day dinner for the ladies on Saturday, Feb. 11, at 6 p.m. Don’t forget your sweetie, as Valentine’s Day is right around the corner.

A business meeting is planned Feb. 8.

**Holidays**  
Most businesses and state offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 13, in recognition of Lincoln’s birthday, which is the 12th.

The following Monday, the 20th, is a federal holiday in honor of both Lincoln and Washington’s birthdays. Washington’s birthday is the 22nd and is also Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent.

**Big, Bright Full Moon**  
What a big, bright full moon we had this weekend. I found it much more interesting than China’s spy balloon, and I never could find the green meteor last week. It was probably because it was too cold to stand around outside long enough to locate it. Oh well, I’ll just hold out for the next eclipse. Like a full moon, those are much easier to notice.

I noticed on the weather this morning (Monday) that we have more precipitation coming too. At least this round of it isn’t frozen. It’s pretty to look at, but a mess to deal with in that frozen state. Too many folks found that out the hard way. They learned that nothing navigates well on ice.

## News from Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

Scout Troop 44 was well represented at Mt. Moriah’s worship service on Sunday, Feb. 5. Mt. Moriah has sponsored and promoted positive youth development through this group for generations. Photos provided.



From left are Judy Lyerla, Mt. Moriah member and committee member responsible for an exhibit of literature, clothing and documents to tell the scouting story; Marci Malnar, Troop 44 leader; Frankie Williams, Troop 44 leader; Kristen Williams, Terry Scott, Samantha Higgs and Nicole Higgs. Frankie Williams said he is making an effort to visit the churches of all the troop members.



An exhibit of Scouting memorabilia was created by Mt. Moriah members Mary Cunningham and Judy Lyerla. The memorabilia included pictures and items from Willard Cunningham’s Scouting experiences and noted local leaders of the past. Recent member Andrew Malnar shared his Scout items, as well as Scouting books from his great-uncle Robert Schoeberlein’s generation.





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# Opinion and Commentary

## Illinois farmers don’t stay idle while snow covers frozen fields

By Richard Guebert Jr.  
Illinois Farm Bureau president

As snow blankets our frozen fields, winter is a time of reflection for farmers. What worked well, what could we do better and what challenges will the upcoming spring bring? Those are questions we ask ourselves as we ring in the new year and begin planning for the next planting season.

At Illinois Farm Bureau, IFB, winter is a time for farmers across the state to come together to see old friends, make connections and learn new strategies to build and strengthen our food systems.

American consumers today are increasingly concerned with what to put on their family’s table. They want to know where their food is grown and who’s producing it. Whether it’s choosing organic or locally sourced fruits, vegetables, meats or other food products, consumers want to feel connected to their food producers and confident in their choices.

It’s a unique opportunity for farmers, big and small, to tell our story.

That’s why IFB collaborated with the Illinois Specialty Growers Association, ISGA, and the Illinois Farmers Market Association, IFMA, to create the largest, most inclusive local food event in Illinois. From food to flowers, the Everything Local Conference

connected local growers, farmers, farmers market associates and business owners to build alliances and partnerships.

Illinois’ agriculture production goes far beyond corn and soybeans. Farmers across the state produce a wide range of specialty crops, a diverse variety of fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture and floriculture. Illinois ranks first in the nation for pumpkin and horseradish production, and among the top 10 in asparagus, cauliflower, fresh-cut herbs, green beans, lima beans, mustard greens and snap peas.

Illinois also ranks third in the nation for the number of farmers markets, where consumers can purchase farm-fresh, affordable, convenient and healthy products.

The Everything Local Conference brought together such producers to learn new ways to strengthen and build the local food supply chain. It was also a time for celebration for all the hard work our farmers put in day in and day out.

The ISGA honored Amelia and Michael Howard, of Cook County, and Tom Schwartz, of Randolph County, with the 2022 ISGA Award of Excellence.

The Howards, long recognized as “urban farmers” before “urban farming” was popularized, have led the way for growers in their community. Their work has ushered in more than 25 years of agricultural education and created a safe haven for children in the Fuller Park community of Chicago through farming experiences that connect them with nature, agriculture and the world around them.

Schwartz is another strong leader among specialty crop producers. His extensive knowledge of horticulture and marketing has amplified the industry while teaching how horticulture can serve communities. ISGA was honored to recognize Schwartz for being a bright light for many specialty crop families, as well as a major supporter within the industry.

Many other specialty crop producers were recognized throughout the conference. Two fan favorite competitions also returned: the Illinois State horticulture Society’s 33rd Illinois

and National Sweet Cider Contests and the 20th National Hard Cider Contest.

This year, Joe Ringhausen of Joe Ringhausen Orchards in Fieldon took home the gold as the No. 1 overall rated cider. His cider blends Jonathan, Golden Delicious, Red Delicious and Fuji apples for a winning combination. Wiles Family Orchard of Fairchild placed first in the Hard Cider contest as repeat champions. Their hard cider blends Gold Rush, Golden Delicious and Fuji apples.

Who doesn’t love a cup of cold, refreshing cider after a hard day’s work? Illinois is lucky to have such wonderful orchards.

Building and strengthening the local food supply chain wasn’t the only goal this winter. In late January, about 500 young and beginning farmers attended IFB’s annual Young Leader Conference to tackle challenges facing the next generation of farmers.

IFB’s Young Leader Chair, Sadie Asher, of Henry County, outlined her priorities for the coming year. With more IFB members over the age of 90 than under 35, Asher called on her fellow young leaders to strengthen the organization’s membership and recruit younger voices.

Our young farmers’ talent was also displayed during the 2023 American Farm Bureau Federation, AFBF, annual meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Evan Hultine, a Bureau County farmer, received third place in the AFBF Young Farmers and Ranchers Achievement Award competition. Kaylee Heap, of Kendall County, ranked fourth in the AFBF Excellence in Agriculture competition; and Ryan Reeverts of Ogle County was honored to represent Illinois in the AFBF Young Leader Discussion Meet.

Winter is a period of downtime. That is a true statement for many farmers, but we’re not staying idle. Illinois farmers continue to develop new best practices for their businesses, and celebrate those who are making our industry stronger, better and more efficient for future generations.

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By Geof Skinner

## Look...up in the sky...



**A Chinese “weather balloon” passed through the sky over Union County last Friday evening. I’m guessing the folks in China spend a lot of their time worrying about the weather in Southern Illinois.**

Late last Sunday morning, Bob and I were sitting out on the front stoop, enjoying the warm sunshine, which was quite welcome after our recent rounds of snow, sleet, ice and cold.

The promise of spring could be seen on both sides of the stoop: green leaves popping up through a layer of unraked leaves from last fall.

While pondering what we hope is the imminent arrival of spring, which, I know, isn’t until March 20, I heard an unusual sound from above. The sound suggested that a jet aircraft was somewhere overhead.

That’s odd, Bob said. I agreed. We don’t often have jet aircraft flying overhead in Southern Illinois. Sure, it happens. Just not very often.

A moment or two later, I looked up and spotted a small, twin-engine aircraft heading south through the sky. Hmmmm, I thought. I’m guessing that’s actually a Chinese “weather balloon” disguised as a jet aircraft.

And that bring us to the matter at hand...

Until this week, this space has never featured the words “force majeure.” *In italics.*

Until last Friday, I had never seen a Chinese “weather balloon” in the sky overhead.

Unless you’ve been taking a long winter’s nap, which would probably be a good way to spend the months of December, January and February, you probably heard about the Chinese “weather balloon” which flew across the country during the past week. The “weather balloon’s” journey came to a rather abrupt, and explosive end, over the Atlantic Ocean, just off our East Coast. But you already know that.

Friday evening, while watching the local news, mention was made that if one wanted to wander outside to bask in February’s chill, one might actually catch a glimpse of the “weather balloon.”

As noted, I had never seen a “weather balloon”

of any kind floating overhead. A few years ago, we did watch the international space station pass overhead during a summer evening. As you might guess, the weather was much warmer for that experience.

With camera in hand, I headed outside. It didn’t take long to spot the “weather balloon,” which could be seen in a clear sky off to the northwest. The “weather balloon” was a bright dot of white light in the winter sky.

The Pentagon’s website explained that the object was “a high altitude surveillance balloon.” Yes, you can visit The Pentagon’s website.

You can also visit the website for the Foreign Ministry of the People’s Republic of China. Until Friday evening, I had never given any thought to the Foreign Ministry of the People’s Republic of China. It doesn’t come up much at any of the local government meetings that I frequent.

A Foreign Ministry “spokesperson” confirmed that the “airship is from China...It is a civilian airship used for research, mainly meteorological, purposes. Affected by the Westerlies and with limited self-steering capability, the airship deviated far from its planned course. The Chinese side regrets the unintended entry of the airship into US airspace due to *force majeure*. The Chinese side will continue communicating with the US side and properly handle this unexpected situation caused by *force majeure*.

Force majeure? Couldn’t

find that phrase in the 1965 dictionary which sits on a shelf in the “newsroom” at The Paragraph Factory collecting dust.

The online version of the Merriam-Webster Dictionary defined force majeure (which, by the way, is a noun) as a “superior or irresistible force” and “an event that cannot be reasonably anticipated or controlled,” which I suppose would explain a “weather balloon” flying over my house on a cold evening in February.

Well, enough about geopolitics...let’s move on to something in the shameless plug department...

The Friends of Stinson Memorial Library District have announced plans for a winter book sale on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 10-12, at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna.

A Friends appreciation sale is scheduled from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday. Those who are not members of the Friends of Stinson Memorial Library District can join at the sale for \$5. A public sale is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. A bag sale is planned from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. A bag of books will cost \$5. Bags will be provided.

If you like books, head out to the book sale. Maybe you can find a sweet deal for your sweetheart. After all, Valentine’s Day is right around the corner.

I’ll be looking for a book about “weather balloons.” I’m guessing that since I visited the website for the People’s Republic of China’s Foreign Ministry, after I had waved to the “weather balloon” when it sailed over our house last Friday evening, they’ll know where to find me...



### Long-time city clerk honored

The City of Jonesboro hosted a recent party to honor the dedicated service of long-time city clerk Barb Casper. The special event was held at Jonesboro City Hall. Casper was first elected in 2005. Her last official day was Jan. 24. Photo provided.

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