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Notes

Items of interest
from throughout
the Union County area



A sign was reflected in high water at the Union County State Fish and Wildlife Area last Saturday. ***

A boil water order was in effect early this week in Anna. The boil order was related to a water line break in the Spring/Green streets area. ***

A tornado, torrential rain, flooding, strong winds, light snow flurries, fog... Union County had a little bit of everything when it came to the weather during the past week. ***

As of early this week, the forecast was calling for the possibility of freezing rain and snow early Thursday, today, and again on Friday. ***

Martin Luther King Jr. Day will be observed on Monday, Jan. 20. ***

The Union County Chamber of Commerce's 2019 gala is planned Saturday night, Jan. 18, at the Davie School Inn in Anna. ***

Anna city officials continue to note the success of a fall leaf pick-up program. (continued on page 2)

Severe weather Friday, Saturday in region

EF-1 tornado in Ware, heavy rain, flooding

An unseasonably strong storm system by January standards swept through the region Friday and Saturday, Jan. 10-11, the National Weather Service office in Paducah reported.

Union County experienced severe weather, including a tornado and flooding caused by very heavy rainfall, last Friday and Saturday.

A short-lived tornado occurred early Saturday morning in Ware. No injuries were reported.

Flood warnings were issued by the weather service for Union County on both Friday and Saturday.

Tornado in Ware

The weather service reported on social media that an EF-1 tornado occurred just after 2 a.m. Saturday in Ware. No injuries were reported.

The tornado had a start time of 2:02 a.m. and ended at 2:03 a.m.

The twister started 0.3 of a mile south-southwest of Ware and ended 0.7 of a mile east of the Union County community.

The weather service reported that the tornado had estimated peak winds of 100 miles per hour. The tornado's path was 0.9 of a mile long. The tornado had a maximum width of 50 yards.

A summary of damage caused by the tornado included:

Large tree branches in Ware were snapped. Metal roofing was removed from a farm outbuilding.

An open storage building was overturned and destroyed. Shingles were removed from the roof of a hunting club.

Another home had its roof lifted slightly, which caused water damage. The roof of a metal storage building was lifted and overturned.

Hundreds of duck decoys

were tossed and broken near the hunting club. Numerous trees were snapped or uprooted along the path of the tornado.

Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel said that last weekend's severe weather also led to damages in the Saratoga area near Anna.

For Harvel, Saturday's early morning tornado was a personal experience. The path of the tornado which struck Ware appeared to have taken the twister over his home.

"It sounded like a freight train," the sheriff said. Such comparisons often are shared by those who experience a tornado.

"It was scary...I had never heard anything like that before," the sheriff said. His home was not damaged.

On Friday, the weather service had alerted residents in the region about the possibility of severe weather. Damaging wind gusts were seen as the main

threat, "but a tornado can't be ruled out," the weather service advised Friday afternoon.

Storm Reports

The weather service reported that the severe weather last Friday and Saturday in the region were accompanied by heavy rainfall, flooding, damaging winds and gusty, non-thunderstorm winds.

The bulk of the event occurred overnight and into the morning hours on Saturday.

Rainfall totals ranged from 2 to 5 inches, which resulted in widespread flooding and flash flooding across the region.

The weather service reported that wind gusts of 70 mph were recorded at 2:01 a.m. Saturday near Carbondale.

Local weather observer Dana Cross recorded wind gusts of 32 mph at 1 a.m. and again at 2:30 a.m. on Saturday.

Cross recorded 2.32

inches of rain on Friday and another 2.52 inches on Saturday.

The weather service reported 4.01 inches of rain at Bean Ridge in Alexander County on Friday and Sat-

urday. Rainfall at a location near Thebes totalled 3.28 inches. Other rainfall totals in the area which were reported by the weather service included:

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Damage in Ware

Saturday's storms caused damage across parts of Southern Illinois and Southeast Missouri. The National Weather Service confirmed reports of tornadoes touching down and causing damage in a number of places across the region, including Jackson, Mo., and Ware in Union County. High winds from an EF-1 tornado in Ware toppled a tree on to the roof of a house. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.



Creek near Kornthal Church

Water was rushing through a creek near Kornthal Church last Friday morning. The church is located south of Jonesboro, just off Illinois Route 127. Heavy rain had fallen during the night and was continuing to fall on Friday morning.

The Pink Cookie Comeback:

By Benjamin Marxer

When the Davis family announced their plans to close the doors of Davis Pastry in Anna back in September, the outpouring of emotion from the public was intense.

After 66 years of business, Davis Pastry had grown to become an institution in the area, and their famous pastries had grown

to be an integral part of the memories and traditions for generations of area families.

Following the announcement, Davis Pastry became inundated with orders as people scrambled to stock up on their favorites, and the Davis family worked tirelessly to try to fill these final orders.

Former residents from

all over the country were taking road trips back to Union County to pick up a few final dozen of their former favorites, or having relatives send pink cookie care packages by mail.

Once the final cookie was sold, and the "for sale" sign was put up, people began hoping that the business might be purchased, and that Davis Pastry would one

Davis Pastry to reopen this Saturday

day reopen its doors.

And that day has come. Starting Saturday, Jan. 18, Davis Pastry, located at 206 S. Main St. in downtown Anna, will be open for business, featuring new owners, but promising the same treats that generations of area residents have grown to cherish.

Six siblings, current and former Anna residents, have come together to save the pastry shop: Tom Bigler, Elizabeth Buchanan, John Bigler, Brooke O'Reilly, Julie Peterie and Michael Bigler.

"We talked about really what a loss it was for Anna and our community," said Davis Pastry co-owner Brooke O'Reilly.

"And when we learned that Mr. Davis was putting the business up for sale, we had discussions with him saying that if we were able to actually get his recipes, that we'd be interested in buying. So that's just kind of how it happened. We bought both the building and his original recipes from him."

O'Reilly and her co-owners knew that the ability to recreate the Davis family's recipes was key to the

business's success. And to help them get the pastries exactly right, they've hired one of the shop's previous pastry chefs, Lorie Tellor.

"We obviously had never been a part of making his recipes. So we wanted to make sure we were completely replicating exactly what he had done," said O'Reilly. "Lorie coming on board was part of our decision to actually purchase Davis Pastry. We wanted to make sure we were doing this the best we could. We wanted to bring this back to our community and offer those same great treats that we grew up with."

For the six siblings, the purchase was about more than a potential good investment, but it was also about the importance of preserving the businesses that have become landmarks in the community.

"We were all pretty devastated when Rodgers Theatre came down. We love the stories of our father figuring out how he could work enough to get a nickel to go see a movie there," said O'Reilly.

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Classic cookies

Davis Pastry head baker Lorie Tellor loads trays of pink cookies into the oven. Tellor learned the baking secrets of the Davis family when she worked under the previous owners. With her experience, the new crew at Davis Pastry hopes to authentically recreate all of the familiar treats enjoyed by generations. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.



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Pink Cookies

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“And we loved going to movies when we were growing up. It was just really sad for us all to lose that business and that part of history, that part of Anna. So when we heard Davis Pastry was closing, we didn’t want to see it go away permanently. We wanted to invest in Anna and in Southern Illinois.”

A new feature the new owners are hoping to implement will be of great interest to those former residents who have moved away but still craving a taste from home.

“We will be adding shipping, with people being able to place orders via our website,” O’Reilly said. “Anyone in the U.S. will be able to get on the website and ship pink cookies, no matter where they live.”

O’Reilly hopes to have the online shipping option ready for use in six to eight weeks after reopening.

With the reopening of Davis Pastry, the new owners hope to maintain the reputation that the Davis family has cultivated

throughout the decades, while also helping to keep the flow of commerce continue through Anna.

“We will focus on not only our quality of food, first and foremost, but also on our customer service. We want it to be a place where people can come hang out, have a cup of coffee, have some pastries and really, have fellowship and community time together,” said O’Reilly. “We’d like to just bring more people to Main Street in Anna and have them want to spend time there.”

The first dozen pink cookies baked at Davis Pastry were going to land in the hands of the highest bidder in a show of support for the Hadley’s Haven, an all-inclusive playground project which is planned in Anna.

Bids were being taken on Facebook until 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15.

One hundred percent of the funds generated by the auction will go to build the playground.

Anna police chief issues department activity report

The Anna Police Department has issued an activity report for the month of December and for 2019.

The report was issued by Anna Police Chief Bryan Watkins.

Highlights from the report follow:

- December**
- 57 adult verbal warnings issued. 31 adult written warnings issued.
- 148 radio/officer initiated calls. 177 phone initiated calls. 30 walk-in initiated calls.
- Seven traffic misdemeanor arrests. Seven warrant arrests.
- Three ordinance violation citation arrests. One criminal felony arrest. One criminal juvenile arrest.

Nine criminal misdemeanor arrests. 23 traffic citation arrests.

- 2019**
- 82 traffic misdemeanor arrests. 92 warrant arrests. Two traffic felony arrests. 18 juvenile traffic arrests.
- 47 ordinance violation citation arrests. 97 criminal felony arrests. 19 criminal juvenile arrests. Five civil law violation arrests.
- 168 criminal misdemeanor arrests. 466 traffic citation arrests.
- 732 adult verbal warnings issued. 436 adult written warnings issued.
- 2,070 radio/officer initiated calls. 2,557 phone initiated calls. 405 walk-in initiated calls.

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Plans appear to be moving forward for a new Union County animal control shelter. The project involves talks between the county and the City of Anna. The current animal control shelter is located along Kaolin Road between Anna and Cobden.

Union County CEO program alumni Connor Jerolds and Jackson Laster recently met with current students to discuss personal business ideas.

The Friends of Stinson

Library are planning a winter book sale Feb. 7, 8 and 9. The event will be at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna.

Nearly 50 children received gifts through the 2019 Shop with a Cop program in Cobden.

Shawnee Community College near Ullin is planning to host an annual career and technical training day for area high school students on Feb. 25.

FYI: there are only a few more shopping days until Squirrel Appreciation Day, which is Jan. 21.

Severe weather

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4.00 inches near De Soto, 3.91 inches near Carbon-dale, 2.20 inches in Grand Tower, 3.60 inches in Don-gola, 5.42 inches in Jackson, Mo., 4.22 inches in Cape Girardeau and 3.39 inches near Ware.

An unofficial total of just over 5.5 inches was

measured in Cobden.

The heavy rain caused some minor damage to roads in the Union County area.

Union County Highway Department engineer Kevin Grammer said there were some occurrences of washing on gravel roads. Some downed trees also were



New year, not-so-new situation

Heavy rain once again led to flooding in the 500 block of East Vienna Street in Anna. The photograph was taken about 9:30 a.m. last Friday. At the time, the Union County area was under a flood warning which had been issued by the National Weather Service office in Paducah.

Area rivers flooding

Flood warnings have been issued by the National Weather Service office in Paducah for the Mississippi and Big Muddy rivers. Union County is bordered by both of the rivers.

The weather service reported on its website that recent heavy rainfall over the mid-Mississippi River and Big Muddy River basins has caused river levels to rise.

Flood warnings are in effect this week for the Mississippi River at Cape Girardeau and Thebes and for the Big Muddy River near Murphysboro.

The following information about flood conditions in the region was posted Monday night, Jan. 13, on the weather service’s website:

Mississippi River at Cape Girardeau

A flood warning continues until Monday, Jan. 20.

At 8 p.m. Monday, the river’s stage was 36.6 feet. Flood stage is 32.0 feet.

Minor flooding was occurring. Moderate flooding was in the forecast.

The river was expected to continue rising to near

38.5 feet by Wednesday evening, Jan. 15. The river is expected to fall below flood stage before midnight on Sunday.

Mississippi River at Thebes

A flood warning continues until Sunday evening.

At 8 p.m. Monday, the river’s stage was 35.4 feet. Flood stage is 33.0 feet.

Minor flooding was occurring. Moderate flooding was in the forecast.

The river is expected to continue rising to near 37.5 feet by Thursday morning, today. The river is expected to fall below flood stage early Sunday afternoon.

Big Muddy River near Murphysboro

A flood warning continues until Monday, Jan. 20.

At 7:30 p.m. Monday, the river’s stage was 26.5 feet. Flood stage is 22.0 feet.

Minor flooding was occurring. Moderate flooding was in the forecast.

The river was expected to continue rising to near 28.8 feet by Wednesday evening. The river is expected to fall below flood stage Monday morning.

Weather: Storms, flooding, flurries

Severe storms, heavy rain and light snow highlighted Union County’s weather during the period of Jan. 7-13.

Precipitation for the period totalled 5.04 inches, which included .20 of an inch of rain on Jan. 9, 2.32 inches of rain on Jan. 10, 2.52 inches of rain on Jan. 11 and a trace of snow and melted precipitation on Jan. 12.

Temperatures during the

period ranged from a high of 65 to a low of 25.

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

	H	L
Tuesday, Jan. 7	52	25
Wednesday, Jan. 8	51	28
Thursday, Jan. 9	57	41
Friday, Jan. 10	63	53
Saturday, Jan. 11	65	33
Sunday, Jan. 12	38	30
Monday, Jan. 13	46	33



Water on the refuge road

Water was flowing over part of the road through the Union County State Fish and Wildlife Area near Ware last Saturday morning. Heavy rain had fallen during the night throughout the region.

reported in the county.

The weather service reported that water was over Lick Creek Road near the Johnson County line at around 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

The Shawnee School District closed early on Friday due to flash flooding. The district reported on social media that heavy rain on Friday had led to two bus routes becoming impassable. School was dismissed

at 1 p.m. All practices and games on Friday were cancelled.

Flood warnings were issued by the weather service several times on Friday and Saturday for the Union County area. Flash flood watches also were issued.

A wind advisory also was in effect for Friday and Saturday. Strong winds, with gusts of up to 45 mph, were in the forecast.

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The Preaching Pen

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Do you consider yourself to be a friendly sort?

Some of us have many friends, while others have only a few. God designed us to need companionship. He said in Gen. 2:18, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.” Each of us needs others.

However, even if we don’t have a great number of friends, the best friend anyone could have is the Lord, Jesus Christ. We enjoy friendship with Christ this way: “Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you” (Jn. 15:14).

James 2:23 says, “And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.”

Abraham was a friend of God. Christ can call His disciples friends because of their obedience. Love – friendship, is giving sacrificially for others. Love is not so much an emotional feeling, but it’s the act of giving (Jn. 3:16). To be a friend of Christ means to obey Him. There’s nothing greater in this life than to be a friend to Jesus, and to claim Him as your own through obedience.

Prov. 18:24 says, “A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly, and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.” I hope that each of you has at least one friend in this world that you can think of when you read this verse, but in truth, everyone who has been immersed into Christ has such a friend in Jesus Christ.

We invite you to join us this Sunday at the Anna church of Christ at 104 Nile St. We meet at 9:30 a.m. for Bible study; 10 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. for worship. We hope to see you and wish you a great day!

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R.W. McAlister, Minister

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Shawnee National Forest 80th anniversary

Photography exhibit planned at SIU’s University Museum

A photography exhibit is planned at the University Museum in Carbondale in celebration of the 80th anniversary of the Shawnee National Forest in Southern Illinois.

The museum is located on the campus of Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

The exhibit will feature photographs taken during the 1930s and 1940s during the popular Ozark Tours within the Shawnee National Forest.

The photo exhibition is scheduled to run from Jan. 17 through Feb. 21.

The Ozark Tours began in 1931 when L.O. Trigg invited many elected officials and other local dignitaries on a three-day tour of Southern Illinois.

The tours were organized to raise awareness of all the special historical places and natural areas in what has since become the Shawnee National Forest.

The exhibition’s opening night is set for Friday, Jan. 17, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The U.S. Forest Service/ Shawnee National Forest and the University museum plan to host a reception and program that will include the re-release of “The Land Changes,” a film produced by the USDA Forest Service. The film was first released in 1957.

In the film, a fictional newspaper man explains how worn out farmland of Southern Illinois has become an asset for the region.

The film tells the story of how the exhausted lands of the Shawnee, Hoosier and Wayne national forests in the Ohio Valley were improved through reforestation, protection and proper management.

Both starring roles in the film were played by Shawnee National Forest employees. Leonard (Len) Farmer from the office in Elizabethtown played the newspaper man. Lindal Roberts of the Jonesboro office plays himself as the district ranger.

Following the showing of the 1957 film, Mary McCorvie, the heritage program manager for the Shawnee National Forest, is scheduled to give a brief presentation about the early history of the forest.

Local historian and author Todd Carr also will discuss the photographs in the Trigg Tour exhibit.

Light refreshments will be served following the program.

The public also is welcome to view the photography exhibit during regular museum hours.

University Museum

hours are scheduled from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday; and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. The museum is closed Sunday and Monday.

Public parking is available across from the SIU Student Center and beside Woody Hall on the SIU campus. Admission to the exhibit and presentation nights is free.

Presentations Scheduled

In addition to the photo exhibit, there are several presentations scheduled throughout the five-week exhibition.

The presentations will feature a variety of topics highlighting Southern Illinois’ cultural and natural resources.

All of the presentations will be at the University Museum and are scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m.

The schedule of programs and presentations following the Jan. 17 opening follow:

Jan. 22. SIU archaeologist Dr. Tamira Brennan-Blodgett plans to discuss the Kincaid Site, a prehistoric metropolis in Southern Illinois, and its relationship to the greater Mississippian-era society of the region.

Jan. 24. Chris Benda, known as the Southern Illinois botanizer, plans to highlight many of the natural landscapes of the region and the plants and animals that make them distinctive.

Jan. 27. Retired history teacher Mark Motsinger and Forest Service archaeologist Mary McCorvie will talk about a local history mystery: the stone forts of Southern Illinois.

Jan. 29. Forest Service archaeologist Heather Carey plans to speak about the rock art of Southern Illinois.

Jan. 30. SIU’s Dr. Mark Wagner plans to talk about the history and archaeological investigations at the Crenshaw House, also known as Hickory Hill and the Old Slave House. The Crenshaw House is an Illinois State Historic Site.

Feb. 3. Hiking with

Shawn (Gossman) plans to share details about hikes in and around the Shawnee National Forest.

Feb. 5. Chris Evans, a University of Illinois Extension forester, is scheduled to discuss Southern Illinois forests, from pre-glaciation through post-European settlement.

Feb. 6. Dr. Mark Wagner and Forest Service archaeologist Mary McCorvie plan to talk about the Cherokee Trail of Tears in Southern Illinois.

Feb. 10. Joe Devera of the Illinois State Geological Survey plans to talk about prehistoric Southern Illinois.

Feb. 11. Forest Service wildlife biologist Mark Vukovich plans to discuss the bats of Southern Illinois.

Feb. 12. Forest Service archaeologist Heather Carey

plans to talk about Battery Rock during the American Civil War. Battery Rock is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Feb. 13. Local historian Kay Ripplemeyer plans to share her research into the Civilian Conservation Corps in Southern Illinois.

Feb. 14. Scott Ballard, a herpetologist for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, plans to talk about the LaRue Pine Hills and the Snake Road, which is the only road in the United States closed twice each year to ensure safe migration of reptiles and amphibians as they move between their summer and winter homes.

Feb. 19. Gillum Ferguson with the Saline County Historical Society plans to talk about the Indian tribes of Southern Illinois.

Soil, water conservation district plans open house

The directors of the Union County Soil and Water Conservation District are inviting the community to attend an open house which is planned in February.

The district’s directors are Carlyn Light, Larry Hale, Dana Eddleman, Kent Treece and Bill Littrell.

The open house is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 11, at the USDA building at 201 Springfield Ave. in Anna.

Doors are scheduled to open at 7 a.m. The open house will continue until 5 p.m.

Activities during the day will include voting for three directors to the soil and water conservation district board.

Voting also is planned for the county winner in a 5th grade poster contest.

Schools in the county has entered a poster which was created by a 5th grade

student at each school.

The county winner’s poster will be sent to state competition for conservation districts in Illinois.

The theme for this year’s poster contest is “Where would we ‘Bee’ without Pollinators?”

The open house is a come-and-go-at-your-leisure event.

Information will be available about programs and conservation practices which are available to Union County land owners.

A lunch will be provided at noon.

A presentation about current conservation events is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. and will continue after lunch.

For more information about the open house, call the Union County Soil and Water Conservation District/NRCS office at 833-5666, extension 3028.

Sheriff invites citizens to join fight against crime

Responding to the increasing number of people wanting to assist law enforcement officials and build a stronger partnership in the fight against crime, Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel has announced that current members in Union County are receiving their annual renewals as Associate Members of the Illinois Sheriffs’ Association.

Membership renewals go out in the mail in early January.

If you are not a current member and would like to become part of this program, you may become a member for as little as \$25, while businesses can show their support for a \$50 contribution, the sheriff said.

The funding provides critically important technical resources, training, and legislative support on key criminal justice issues, he noted.

Contributions are tax-deductible, and unlike other organizations in Illinois, the membership program does not solicit membership by telephone.

“With government funding becoming increasingly difficult to secure, the membership drive has taken on greater importance than ever before,” Harvel said.

“The funding is vital to helping us carry out our mission of making our communities safer places to live, work and play.”

Those who are not currently involved, but would like to become a member, can contact the Illinois Sheriffs’ Association by writing to 401 E. Washington, Suite 1000, Springfield, Ill. 62701, or calling 217-753-2372. Information also is available online at www.ilsheriff.org.

The membership program was formed to provide citizens with an opportunity to lend their support to more effective law enforcement and to help local law enforcement officers protect the lives and property of citizens.

“As the need for building stronger public-private law enforcement partnerships in this country continues to escalate, programs such as this continue to grow in importance,” Harvel said.

“I encourage everyone receiving a membership appeal to consider joining forces with us by becoming an associate member. It is a valuable investment in the future.”

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Subject wanted

The Union County Sheriff’s Office in Jonesboro early this week stated that it was asking for the public’s help in locating a wanted person.

The sheriff’s office was looking for Stacy E. Turner, a 44-year-old white female who is 5 feet, 4 inches tall and weighs 118 pounds.

The sheriff’s office stated that Turner was wanted on a warrant for endangering the life or health of a child.

Those with information about Turner were being asked to contact the Union County Sheriff’s Office at 833-5500 or a local police department.

Fire burns 3 to 4 acres

A fire burned about 3 to 4 acres in a wooded area along Dogwalk Road near Anna on Thursday morning, Jan. 9. No injuries were reported.

The Anna, Jonesboro and Dongola fire departments responded to the call. Firefighters were at the scene for about three hours.

The fire was related to trash which was being burned.

Sports

Lady Wildcats post six-game winning streak

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls’ basketball team posted three wins last week.

The three victories gave A-J a six-game winning streak.

A-J 59, Murphysboro 24: The visiting Lady Wildcats came on early and held on for the win Saturday, Jan. 11.

Sydnie Ralls scored 13 points and had 5 rebounds and an assist to lead A-J.

Mikayla Bundren had 12 points, 8 rebounds, 2 steals and an assist. Kristin Edmonds had 10 points, 5 assists, 4 rebounds and 3 steals.

Raegan Cruse had 7 points, 3 rebounds, 2 steals and an assist. Addison Denny had 6 points, 13 rebounds and a steal.

Brodie Denny had 5 points, 2 rebounds and an assist. Anna Hess had 4 points, 6 rebounds and 3 assists. Campbell Belcher had 2 points, 3 rebounds and an assist.

A-J 62, Goreville 43: The visiting Lady Wildcats pulled ahead after one quarter on their way to the win Thursday, Jan. 9.

Bundren had 24 points, 2 rebounds and a steal to lead the Lady Wildcats.

Edmonds had 13 points, 4 rebounds and 2 assists. Cruse had 8 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists and 2 steals.

Ralls had 6 points, 2 steals and a rebound. Addison Denny had 5 points, 9 rebounds and 4 assists.

Hess had 4 points, 3 steals, 2 rebounds and 2 assists. Olivia Capel had 2 points.

A-J 50, Vienna 31: The visiting Lady Wildcats pulled ahead early on their way to the win Wednesday, Jan. 8.

Bundren had 15 points, 3 rebounds and a block to lead A-J.

Edmonds had 12 points, 8 rebounds, 5 assists and a steal. Cruse had 9 points, a rebound, a steal and an assist.

Hess had 7 points, 6 rebounds, 5 steals and 2 blocks. Ralls had 3 points, a rebound and a steal.

Addison Denny had 3 points, 12 rebounds, 4 assists and 4 steals. Brodie Denny had a point and an assist. Jenna Sadler and Belcher each had 3 rebounds apiece.

A-J, 14-8, is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at home against Herrin and at the Benton Shootout against Hamilton County at 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18.

Noah Franklin opened the final quarter with a slam dunk. Cairo fought back in the quarter for a 45-45 tie going into the overtime.

Brumleve scored a pair of free throws and Dylan Lewey added a basket to give Cobden a 49-48 lead before the Pilots scored for a 50-49 as the game wound down.

Brumleve led the way for Cobden with 19 points. Lewey added 12 points, Noah Franklin 9, Tyler Franklin 7 and Alex Ramsey and Landon Britt 2 apiece.

Cobden 48, Elverado 32: The host Appleknockers built an early lead on their way to the South Egyptian Conference win Tuesday, Jan. 7.

Noah Franklin and Lewey led the way with 14 points apiece.

Brumleve added 11 points, Juan Lopez 5 and Tyler Franklin 4.

Cobden, 13-5, is scheduled to play at the Massac County Tournament Tuesday, Jan. 21.



Soccer team second in state, ranked fourth in nation

Union County athletes competed in the 3V3 live national soccer league this past season. They traveled to different states, participating in several tournaments. The athletes competed very well through out the season and were invited to play in the national tournament, which took place in Memphis, Tenn. The Vipers team finished second in the state and ranked fourth in the nation. From left are Ethan Plott, Kyle Conway, coach Jake Basler, Nathan Hubbs, Anthony Felder and Byran Wright. Team member Tyler Haywood could not be present for the picture. Supporters extended their congratulations to the team for their successful season. Photo provided.

A-J defeats Du Quoin, outscored by Harrisburg

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys’ basketball team split in last week’s action.

Harrisburg 66, A-J 54: The host Wildcats fell behind early in the loss Saturday, Jan. 11.

Blake Pena had 17 points and a rebound to lead A-J.

Zach Overstreet had 16 points and 4 rebounds. Ta’Kevon Williford had 6 points and 2 rebounds. Noah McFarland had 6 points and 3 rebounds. Juan Valencia had 5 points and a rebound. Nate Belcher had 2 points and 2 rebounds. Maddox Thorpe had 2 points and a rebound.

A-J was 12 of 29 in shot attempts from the field, 6 of 17 from 3-point range and 12 of 15 from the charity stripe.

A-J 38, Du Quoin 23: The host Wildcats rallied to take the lead after three quarters on their way to a Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division Conference win Friday, Jan. 10.

Pena led the way for A-J with 19 points and 2 rebounds.

Overstreet had 11 points and 9 rebounds. McFarland had 3 points and 12 rebounds. Damareon Faust had 2 points and 2 rebounds. Williford had 2 points and 3 rebounds. Thorpe had a point.

A-J was 11 of 22 in shot attempts from the floor, 1 of 9 from 3-point range and 13 of 19 from the free throw line.

The Indians were 6 of 22 in shot attempts from the floor, 2 of 17 from 3-point range and 5 of 9 from the charity stripe.

A-J, 5-11 overall and 1-2 in the conference, is scheduled to play at Sparta Friday and at home Saturday against Vienna.

Cobden girls in action at

Chester tourney

The Cobden High School girls’ basketball team was 1-2 in action at the Chester Tournament last week.

Trico 59, Cobden 27: The Lady Pioneers built an early lead in the consolation championship game Saturday, Jan. 11.

Jenna Hartline had 17 points to lead the Appleknockers.

Aubrey Fisher had 5 points, Abby Ramsey and Katelyn Shadowens 2 apiece and Olivia Brumleve 1.

Cobden 53, Elverado 50: Hartline had a season-high 30 points in leading the Appleknockers to the win Friday, Jan. 10.

Abby Ramsey added 11 points, Katelyn Shadowens 6, Aubrey Fisher 4 and Gracelyn Fisher 2.

After trailing in the first quarter, Cobden rallied for the win.

New Athens 55, Cobden 21: New Athens took an early lead and went on to the win Monday, Jan. 6.

Hartline had 14 points to lead Cobden. Shadowens added 3 points and Abby Ramsey and Aubrey Fisher 2 apiece.

Cobden is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at home against Eldorado.

New gun dealer regulations to start

By Peter Hancock
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SPRINGFIELD – New rules governing how retail gun dealers do business go into effect Friday and include the types of records they must keep, how weapons and ammunition are to be stored and the kinds of video surveillance and security systems they must maintain.

The rules, established by the Illinois State Police and scheduled to be published in the Illinois Register on Friday, will go into effect almost one year to the day after Democratic Gov. JB Pritzker signed the Firearm Dealer License Certification Act into law.

The act requires firearm dealers who have a federal firearm license to also obtain a state certificate and comply with state regulations.

Pritzker signed the bill, the first of his administration, after it passed during the 2018 legislative session.

Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner was in office when it passed, but Democratic Senate President John Cullerton used a procedural maneuver to hold onto the bill because Rauner had vetoed similar legislation that spring.

The bill was viewed at the time as a response to rising gun violence in parts of Illinois, especially Chicago. It was aimed at preventing theft or other diversion of guns from firearms dealers and to crack down on so-called “straw purchases” in which someone buys a gun on behalf of someone else who is legally prohibited from owning a gun.

ISP initially proposed administrative rules in August and held a public hearing on Oct. 24 in Springfield. But those proposed rules sparked fierce pushback from gun dealers around the state who said compliance would be excessively expensive.

Of particular concern

was a proposed rule that would have required dealers to maintain video surveillance at several points in their stores.

Dealers would have also had to maintain those recordings for 90 days and back them up to an offsite storage system such as a cloud or server.

“I know stores that have over 125 cameras in there,” said Todd Vandermyle, executive director of the Federal Firearm Licensees of Illinois, a gun dealer trade association. “You’re not requiring a backup system, you’re requiring a backup generator.”

He went on to describe the rule as requiring such a dealer to be able “to upload 125 high-definition Netflix movies simultaneously.”

Gun dealers also complained about other proposed rules that would have required them to have written plans for storing all inventory, both during business hours and after closing, and to keep ammunition in a restricted area of the store not accessible to customers. Some gun shop owners said compliance would be impossible.

“Hundreds of dealers have paid \$1,500 license fees, confident that they could meet the letter of the law, and now they find that they can’t because of the rules that have been proposed,” Valinda Rowe, spokeswoman for gun rights advocacy group IllinoisCarry.com, said during the hearing.

Following that hearing, ISP revised many of the proposed rules, eliminating the requirement for backup storage of video surveillance, according to a copy of the rules provided by ISP.

But that pushed the rulemaking process beyond Jan. 2 when gun dealers were to come into compliance with many portions of the new law.

As a result, ISP is using its emergency rule-making powers, which allow regulatory agencies to put rules into effect immediately, for a maximum of 150 days, while final rules are being drafted.

Those proposed final rules could be subject to another public hearing, further revision, and review by the General Assembly’s Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, JCAR.

The law is also the target of a lawsuit filed by the Illinois State Rifle Association, as well as several gun shops.

Plaintiffs argue the law places “onerous restrictions” on firearms dealers that would force many stores to close and others to pass the higher costs on “to those who would be seeking to exercise their constitutional right to keep and bear arms.”

That lawsuit is pending in Sangamon County Circuit Court.



High water along Morgan School Road

High water on Clear Creek was near the bottom of a bridge on Morgan School Road last Saturday. The photograph was taken at around midday following very heavy rain which had fallen in the area. The photograph was taken near the Clear Creek Levee Road. Part of Morgan School Road just across the bridge was flooded at the time. Morgan School Road is located between Jonesboro and Ware.

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

IN THE INTEREST OF: KYLER CLARK, A Minor. NO. 2018-JA-50

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

James Cliff Clark, and to ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

TAKE NOTICE that on 12/2/2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by Daniel Klingemann, Union County State's Attorney, in the Circuit Court of Union County entitled "In the interest of KYLER CLARK," and that in Judge Amanda Byassee Gott's courtroom at Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois, on Tuesday, the 11th day of February, 2020, at the hour of 1 p.m., or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be award of the court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THEE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices of publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights. Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Tiffany Busby Clerk of the Circuit Court Dated: January 7, 2020 5g

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

ESTATE OF DWAYNE E. CAVITT, DECEASED. IN PROBATE NO. 2019-P-44

NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Dwayne E. Cavitt of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 7, 2020, to Ronnie L. Mays, Sr., 3125 Boyd Road, Anna, IL 62906 and Allen R. Mays, Sr., 320 Willow Lane, Anna, IL 62906 as Independent Co-Administrators, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois. FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN to Jerry Farris, Jimmy Newman, and any unknown heirs of Dwayne E. Cavitt, including siblings and children of siblings of Eugene Cavitt and Clara Cavitt. 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, 311 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before July 16, 2020, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in

Illinois economy grew more slowly than national rate during third quarter of 2019

By Peter Hancock
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SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois economy grew at a slower pace than most neighboring states and the nation as a whole during the third quarter of 2019, according to new figures released Friday, Jan. 10.

The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, which tracks state-by-state economic trends, said overall, the state's economy grew at a modest annualized rate of 1.4 percent, well below the national rate of 2.1 percent.

Illinois ranked 41st in the nation for GDP growth during the quarter, according to the data.


Texas showed the fastest-growing economy, at nearly 4 percent, while Delaware came in last with no measurable growth.

The bureau measures the gross domestic product, or GDP, for each state. That's the total value of goods produced and services provided during a given period.

The biggest area of growth during the third quarter came from the professional, scientific and technical services category, which accounted for nearly 9 percent of Illinois' GDP during the quarter.

That sector grew at an annualized rate of 5.8 percent, which translates to

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that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: January 9, 2020.

RONNIE L. MAYS, SR.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF BILL LEE EBLEN, DECEASED. IN PROBATE

NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Bill Lee Eblen of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 14, 2020, to Doug Edwards, 603 Pleasant Lane, Jonesboro, IL 62952, 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.)

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Dated: January 14, 2020.

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nearly \$1 billion in economic activity compared to the previous quarter.

That sector was closely followed by nondurable goods manufacturing, which accounted for 6.3 percent of the Illinois economy during the quarter. That sector grew at a rate of 7.7 percent, or \$961 million.

That was not the case with the manufacturing of durable goods, which are generally products that do not wear out quickly and can be used over an extended period of time, such as household appliances, vehicles and furniture.

That sector, which makes up about 6.3 percent of Illinois GDP, shrank by a little less than 1 percent.

The retail industry posted a good quarter, growing at an annual rate of 7.3 percent, or about \$750 million. Retail accounts for a little more than 5 percent of Illinois' GDP.

But the growth in those

areas was offset by steep declines in the finance and insurance sector, which shrank by more than 6.5 percent.

That sector makes up nearly 9 percent of the state's economy, so the decline there translated to more than \$1.1 billion in economic activity.

The utilities sector also saw a sharp decline: more than 15 percent. But that sector accounts for less than 2 percent of the state's GDP so the decline translated to only about \$518 million in economic output.

Those trends were fairly consistent with national averages, BEA said.

Declines in the finance and insurance industries were reported in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, while leading contributors to the nation's GDP growth included nondurable goods manufacturing, retail trade and professional, scientific and technical services.

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Obituaries

Irene Dalian Kojder

Irene “Rene” Dalian Kojder, 94, of Ozark, died Sunday morning, Jan. 12, 2020. She was the youngest daughter of 11 children of Ferdinand Thelian Dalian and Rosalia Goestl, immigrants from Gottschee, which was a distinct enclave in the Holy Roman and Austro-Hungarian Empires for centuries. This incredibly beautiful land was culturally destroyed between the two World Wars.

The land on which her ancestors were born is now part of the Republic of Slovenia on the Austrian border.

Hers was a very patriotic family who found refuge in America with all her brothers and one sister serving on active duty during World War II, and Rene working as a secretary at the Navy Yards in Joliet.

Her father built the first house on what would later become the west side of Joliet. That house at 907 Kelly Ave. was where she was born on Sept. 7, 1925.

She was married to Salvatore Collofello before World War II, and after the war to Clyde J. Moore, who was born in Creal Springs and reared in Vienna.

Together they had two children, Lynn Moore, wife of Brian Marshall McCreery, and Gary Richard Moore, husband of Melinda Rumpf.

Her third husband was the love of her life, Richard N. Kojder, an accomplished musician, glass blower (in the old traditional European methods) and a man for all seasons.

They spent their happiest years in rural Ozark, where she passed away in the home they shared surrounded by her loved ones.

She was a devout Catholic all her life, and did not believe in the accumulation of wealth. Rather, she paid her bills early, and then whatever money she had left went to veterans, missionaries, many Christian charities, no-kill animal shelters and anonymously to single mothers who struggled paying their utility bills.

She was a member of St. Paul’s Catholic Church, and attended Mass daily most of her life.

She was also a friend to animals, many which she rescued after being horribly abused, left for dead and deserted.

There will be a wake on Friday, Jan. 17, at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. The Rosary will be recited at 4 p.m. Friday at the funeral home and all are invited to gather and participate. The visitation will begin immediately following the Rosary service and continue until 7 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday, Jan. 18, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul Catholic Church near Vienna. Father Thomas Barrett will be the celebrant.

Mrs. Kojder will be buried with her beloved husband Richard in Zion Cemetery, east of Ozark, and beside her brother, Clarence Dalian.

Memorials can be made to no-kill animal shelters, the charity of the donor’s choice or to single mothers who never have enough.

To share a memory or to leave an online message of condolence for the family, visit www.baileyfh.com.

Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna is in charge of arrangements.

Ann Etta Seliger

Ann Etta Seliger, 82, of Anna, died Thursday, Jan. 9, 2020, at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

She was born on June 19, 1937, in Union County, the daughter of Lester Osman and Cynthia Mae Williams Miller.

She married George Seliger on May 11, 1963. He preceded her in death on Jan. 24, 2009.

She is survived by her son, Dale (Kim) Seliger of Monee; siblings Eleanor Clardy of Anna, Larry (Jane) Miller of Cobden, Donna Miller of Texas, Cynthia Hall of Anna, Betty (Max) Casey of Buncombe, Janet (Jack) Treece of Marissa and Jim (Rhonda) Brumitt of Jonesboro; nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, George Seliger; a daughter, Gail Seliger; siblings Joyce Miller, Gerald Miller and Carol Miller; and two brothers-in-law, Jim Clardy and Larry Hall.

Mrs. Seliger was a member of the Anna Heights Baptist Church in Anna. She and her husband owned and operated Steger True Value in Steger from 1969 to 2013. She loved to travel and most recently she went on a mission trip to Israel.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13, at Anna Heights Baptist Church, with Pastor Darryl Williams officiating. Interment was in the Anna Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Anna Heights Baptist Church.

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna was in charge of arrangements.

Ronny L. Hancock

Ronny L. Hancock, 85, of Ware, died Monday, Jan. 13, at his home.

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

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro is in charge of arrangements.



Edna Havlen

Edna Havlen, 81, of Don-gola, died at 3:20 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10, 2020, at her home.

She was born on Feb. 3, 1938, in Charleston, Mo., the daughter of Robert E. and Addie Chumblee King.

She was an LPN for many years.

She is survived by her three daughters, Kathy (Scott) Brady of Alabama, Donna (Barry) Roslin of Florida and Valerie (Tom) Hill of Anna; eight grandchildren, James Havlen, Todd Rauckman, Josh Rauckman (Angel Gomez), Emily (Zachary) Grimes, William (Dora) Havlen, Amie Havlen, Thomas Hill and Chelsea Hill (Josh Kaufman); great-grandchildren Haylee and Sophia Rauckman, William, Kurtis, Kaitlin and Lauren Havlen, Harmony Cain, Robert and Matthew Magnum, Madyson and Kalynn Hill, Dixie and Jarrett Kaufman; one great-great-grandson, Theo Havlen; two brothers, Julian and Floyd King; a brother-in-law, Paul Havlen; Robin Norman, who was like a daughter to her; Amanda Victor and children, Shanna, Jonathan, Justin Lassiter (Tracy Rainbolt-Harris) and their children, Luke, Laura, Dillon, Brad (Sarah) Norman, and their children, Kazden and Myles, who were like her grandchildren; and long-time friend, Sue Ford-Gebken.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, William Havlen; three sisters, Marie, Lois and Alice; one brother, Roger; and J. D. Norman.

Per her wishes, there will be no services. Cremation will be accorded.

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

Crain Funeral Home To view the obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family visit www.crainonline.com.



Fred Alfred Frailey

Fred Alfred Frailey, 87, of Lick Creek, died Friday, Jan. 10, 2020, at Herrin Hospital.

He was born on Nov. 22, 1932, in Fidelity, the son of Sam and Anna Leivers Frailey.

He married Norma Jean Cline on June 6, 1953, in East Alton.

Mr. Frailey was a gifted guitar player. Throughout their 66-year marriage, he and Norma played, sang and evangelized for the Lord. Together, they founded a church in Blodgett, Mo.

Mr. Frailey was a member of Faith Assembly of God Church in Wolf Lake. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was a member of Union Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons at Lick Creek. He joined the Odd Fellows Lodge in Alton at the age of 18.

He is survived by his wife Norma Frailey; one son, Randy Frailey of Sikeston, Mo.; one daughter, Linda Jean Frailey of Lick Creek; four brothers, Art (Carolyn) Frailey of Marion, Sam Frailey and Curt Frailey, both of Pontiac, and Larry (Ann) Goza of Florida; one sister, Lenora Dobbs of Jackson, Mo.; three grandchildren, Jason Gardner, Ben (Colleen) Frailey and Jessica Frailey; seven great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Edna Peters; as well as other siblings.

Funeral services for Mr. Frailey were at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with Pastor Ron Thorn officiating. Interment was in Ebenezer Hall Cemetery in Lick Creek.

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna was in charge of arrangements.



Nancy N. Ebert

Nancy N. Ebert, 81, of Anna, died Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2019, at her home.

She was born on April 26, 1938, the daughter of Arthur Raymond Sr. and Clarice Manning Newberry.

She is survived by her son, Donald Ebert of Chicago; a grandson, Matthew Ebert of Loves Park; a brother Arthur Newberry Jr. of Seaford, Del.; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by a son, Steven Ebert.

There will be no services held.

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna was in charge of arrangements.

Harold E. Gee

Harold E. Gee, 92, of Lick Creek, died Friday, Jan. 10, 2020, at the VA Medical Center in Marion.

He was born on Sept. 2, 1927, in Jackson County, the son of Harvey Orland and Grace Gertrude Reames Gee.

He married Joanna Mae Duncan on Jan. 20, 1951, in Carbondale. She preceded him in death on Aug. 19, 1996.

Mr. Gee is survived by his children, Leanne (Ron) Thompson of Lick Creek, Ileen Jarvis of Creal Springs, Tina Benefield (Ricky Ditterline) of Lick Creek, Terri (Tom) Harrison of Carbondale, Jeffrey (Pam) Gee of Carterville, Tommie (Stephanie) Gee of Carterville, Nancy (Greg) Smith of Carbondale and Dylan Myers of Anna; 15 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; a sister Ruth Lipe of Carbondale; many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Joanna Mae Gee; grandchildren Ronald Dean Jr. and Clint Edward Thompson; great-grandchildren Mikenzie Nicole Bracken and Trevor Dawson Benefield; an infant brother, James Sydney Gee; brothers Carroll Everett and Kenneth Orlan Gee; sisters Norma Lee Wolfe and Wonda Lou Vancil and son-in-law Paul Benefield.

Mr. Gee was a member of the New Hope Baptist Church for many years.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He spent his career as a master carpenter and taught millwright courses at Southern Illinois University for several years.

He was a member of the American Legion and was past commander for 35 years. Mr. Gee played a vital role in bringing the Illinois Veterans Home to Anna in 1994. He received the honor of veteran of the month for his dedication and was presented the award by U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with the Rev. Mike Miller officiating.

Interment was in the Evergreen Cemetery in Makanda. Graveside military rites were conducted by Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna and the Navy funeral honor team.

Memorials can be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital or to the CLC Hospice at the VA Medical Center in Marion.

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna was in charge of arrangements.



Nola Mary Wenger

Nola Mary Wenger, 99, of Jonesboro, died Monday, Jan. 6, 2020, at Integrity Healthcare in Anna.

She was born on March 31, 1920, the daughter of Arthur and Bertha Spillers Harris.

She married William Carl Bryant, who preceded her in death in 1985. She later married Ronald E. Wenger. He preceded her in death in 2002.

She is survived by her children, Lynn David Bryant and William Carl Bryant Jr.; grandchildren Tammy (Michael) Sheffer, Jason (Heidie) Bryant, Virgil (Tonya) Diel Jr., Vandy Diel, Mitchell Bryant, Michael (Lee Anne) Bryant, Anthony “Guy” (Sherri) Bryant, Mellissa (Jason) Winchester, Sylvia (Eric) Needham, Kevin Bryant, Terry Bryant and Darin Bryant; several great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; siblings Dorothy Hileman, Helen Dodd and Wayne Harris; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband William Carl Bryant; husband Ronald E. Wenger; a son, Lovie Bryant; one brother; and two sisters.

She was a member of the Ware Methodist Church.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro. Virgil Diel officiated. Interment was in Alto Pass Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to PAWS or to the Alto Pass Cemetery.

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

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

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, phone calls, hospital visits, flowers, kindness and love shown to our family in the loss of our son, Steven Ray Glasco. A special thank you to Crain Funeral Home and Rev. Bob Richardson for your thoughtfulness and support which was very much appreciated at this difficult time in our lives.

Thank you, Anna Church of the Nazarene, and those providing food for the funeral dinner for our family and friends following the funeral. Your love and kindness will never be forgotten.

*Sincerely,
Vernon & Patricia Glasco*

Vivian Sue Byrd

Vivian Sue Byrd, 70, of Cape Girardeau, died at 1:38 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020, at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

She was born on April 30, 1949, in Cape Girardeau, the daughter of Clifford and Elsie Leota Brown Jacobs.

She married Edwin “Ed” Byrd on Nov. 14, 1981. He preceded her in death on Jan. 18, 2006.

Mrs. Byrd retired from Shoe Carnival and also worked at Finney’s Drug Store. She was a lifetime member of VFW Ladies Auxiliary No. 3838 in Cape Girardeau and a member of Good Shepherd Church.

She is survived by her mother, Leota Butcher of Cape Girardeau; brothers Jerry (Joann) Jacobs of Tamms and Tony (Charlene) Jacobs of Waterloo; a stepbrother, John M. “Butch” (Carolyn) Butcher of Tamms; a stepsister, Teresa (Kenny) Stiff of Olive Branch; nephews Troy (Christina) Jacobs of Jackson and Michael (Danielle) Jacobs of St. Louis; a cousin, Curtis Jacobs of Thebes; and a special friend, Larry DeClue of Cape Girardeau.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by her fathers, Clifford Jacobs and John M. Butcher Sr.; grandmother Cassie Wright; nephew Jason Jacobs; and a stepbrother, Jack Butcher.

Funeral services for Vivian Byrd were at noon Monday, Jan. 13, at Crain Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau. Bobby Kirby officiated. Interment was in Old Thebes Cemetery.

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

Crain Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau was in charge of arrangements.



Wendell Hal Armstrong

Wendell Hal Armstrong, 85, of Cobden, died Monday, Jan. 13, at Integrity Healthcare in Cobden.

Funeral arrangements were pending at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden.

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

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



Anna City Council moves forward with plans to abate five public nuisance properties

The Anna City Council is moving forward with plans to demolish five properties which are deemed to be public nuisances.

The project was on the agenda at last week’s regular meeting of the city council.

The meeting was Tuesday evening, Jan. 7, at Anna City Hall.

The city council last week approved five resolutions which declared the properties to be public nuisances.

The resolutions also called for structures at the properties to be abated/removed.

The city has received a \$32,000 Illinois Housing Development Authority grant to fund the work at the properties.

The properties are located at 306 N. Green St., 208 E. Vienna St., 112 Fowler St., 413 W. High St. and 103 B Fair Ground.

Legal work remains to be completed as part of the process leading to the work

at the locations.

In other business at last week’s council meeting, the city council approved an ordinance to adopt a new purchasing policy.

During discussion about the matter, representatives of several businesses voiced concerns about what they said was a lack of local purchases by the city.

Mayor Steve Hartline said that as the city moves forward, it will be looking for equal treatment and purchases from local businesses.

“We need to do business locally,” the mayor stated. “We want our business to stay in Anna.”

Also at last week’s meeting, the city council approved a three-year pledge in the amount of \$3,000 to support the Union County CEO program.

The program gives Union County high school students an opportunity to develop and grow a business while learning entrepreneurial skills.

Corn, soybean production drops by roughly 20 percent

Record-wet planting season caused dramatic decrease in yields

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SPRINGFIELD – Production of Illinois’ two most valuable crops fell by roughly one-fifth last year, according to final crop yield numbers released Friday, Jan. 10, by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Corn and soybean growers saw production drop 18.6 percent and 20.4 percent respectively compared to 2018.

Farmers harvested just over 1.8 billion bushels of corn, down from more than 2.2 billion the year before.

Soybean production decreased from around 667 million bushels to just over 532 million.

2019 was the worst year for corn since 2012, when farmers produced about 1.3 billion bushels.

Soybean production had its worst year since 2013, which saw 461 million bush-

els.

Yield per acre was down 14 percent for corn at 180 bushels and 15 percent for soybeans at 54 bushels. That’s the lowest for corn since 2015 and the lowest for soybeans since 2013.

Wetter-than-normal planting and growing conditions are to blame for last year’s stunted production, said Mike Doherty, senior economist at the Illinois Farm Bureau in Bloomington.

“We had the latest-planted corn crop at least in my history of 30 years as an ag economist here” because of record-breaking spring rain, Doherty said. “I’ve never seen anything like it.”

January through June was the wettest first six months on record in Illinois, according to the state climatologist’s office.

In April, the month when farmers begin to plant corn and soybeans, less than a week was suitable for planting.

Illinois then saw its third-wettest May and wettest June in state history, forcing many farmers to plant most of their crop in the summer.

“Just about every time these farmers were turning around, they were being hammered with the worst field conditions that they had seen,” Doherty said.

Record spring rain and periods of untimely rain during the fall harvest season forced late harvests across the state.

Only 93 percent of Illinois’ corn crop was harvested by the end of November, according to USDA figures, the lowest total in a decade.

“It was probably one of the most stressful growing seasons that most farmers can probably remember,” said State Rep. Dan Swanson, R-Alpha.

Swanson grows about 1,600 acres of corn and soybeans on his farm in western Illinois. He has yet to calcu-



Water in field near Shawnee Schools last Saturday following heavy rain which had fallen in the region. The school buildings are located along Illinois Route 3 near Wolf Lake.

Chicken, dumplings dinner set at church

A monthly chicken and dumplings dinner is planned Saturday, Jan. 18, at the Immanuel Praise and Worship Center near Cobden.

Serving is planned from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at

the church, which is located at 4290 Old Highway 51 North.

Carryouts are available. For more information, call 893-4916.

Zachary O’Neal joins paper’s staff

Zachary O’Neal of Dongola has joined the staff at Reppert Publications, which publishes The Gazette-Democrat.

O’Neal’s primary focus will be advertising sales.

He is a 2019 graduate of Dongola High School.

O’Neal is attending Shawnee Community College, where he is pursuing studies in agriculture business management.

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Lots of water in Wolf Lake
Water had filled ditches in the Wolf Lake area last Saturday after heavy rain fell during the night. The photograph was taken late Saturday morning at the intersection of Illinois Route 3 and the State Forest Road.

Village of Cobden notes IMUA scholarship program applications available for 2020

The Village of Cobden, in partnership with the Illinois Municipal Utilities Association, IMUA, is again offering a scholarship competition program for eligible high school seniors.

Each eligible applicant is asked to submit an application and an essay of 500 words or less addressing their choice of one of four utility-related questions.

The top four vote-getters in this year's essay competition will receive a finalist certificate and a \$1,000 scholarship award check from IMUA.

Applicants must be high school seniors whose parents or legal guardians are residential customers of the Village of Cobden municipal utility.

Cobden Village Clerk Karen Winzenburger said the program has a dual purpose:

- To promote and recognize scholastic achievement.
- To create greater awareness among young adults of the many issues facing consumers and public power municipalities today.

"Today's energy providers, including municipal-

ly-owned and operated utilities, face a myriad of economic, environmental and other challenges which warrant creative and innovative solutions," Winzenburger said in a news release.

"Creating a greater awareness of these issues among tomorrow's leaders can be the first step in helping to determine effective, long-term solutions, both now and into the future," she added.

"Since its inception in 2000, IMUA's scholarship program has proven to be a very popular and successful program for IMUA, its members and the communities they serve," said Kevin M. Gaden, president and CEO of the IMUA.

"Public power communities offer their customers a number of cost, efficiency, service and other advantages compared to those served by other energy providers.

gas, telecommunications, water and wastewater treatment systems.

The deadline for submitting applications and essays is Friday, March 6. Applicants can contact IMUA's DeeDee Bunch at 217-789-4632 or dbunch@imea.org for more information.

News from Walnut Grove Church

On the Baptism of the Lord Sunday, Jan. 12, at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church, Madge and Gus lit the altar candles while Johnathan played the musical prelude on the piano, and Gus also collected the offering.

The congregation sang "Happy Birthday" to Madge. Scripture was from Matthew and Acts about the Epiphany.

Pastor Bobbi talked about the baptism of Jesus and how "it brings him closer to us." Baptism is one of the sacraments of the Methodist Church.

Prayers were requested for Karen Lamer, Gary Hartline, those affected by the recent storms and the nation's military men and women.

The next ladies' lunch is planned Feb. 7 at 11:30 at El Jalepeño.

The Sunday service, which includes Sunday School for children, starts at 9:30 a.m.

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

Shawnee Hills Arts Council plans to host Civil War Weekend

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council plans to sponsor a Civil War Weekend Feb. 7-9 at the Anna Arts Center.

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

Events which are planned during the weekend include a Blue and Gray Dinner; guest speakers; exhibits, which include guns and quilts; reenactors and storytelling; and children's activities.

Blue and Gray Dinner

The Blue and Gray Dinner is set for 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7.

The guest speaker is scheduled to be Paul Shetley, who wrote the book titled "The Bloody Ninth: A Chronicle of the Ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment in the Civil War."

His interest in the American Civil War began when, as a very young boy, he visited the Shiloh Battlefield with his parents.

Shetley is a reenactor with a cavalry unit. He is the retired director of the environmental resources training center in the School of Engineering at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

Shetley has bachelor of science and master of science degrees from SIUE. He is a registered professional geologist.

The Blue and Gray Dinner will be catered by The Kitchen on Lafayette, which is in Anna.

Tickets are \$25. Those who plan to attend are asked to RSVP by no later than Feb. 1 by emailing vabchlee@gmail.com or calling Lee Hackney's cell 1-904-625-1109.

Saturday Activities

The Anna Arts Center is scheduled to be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, for people to visit the exhibits, listen to guest speakers about the effects of the Civil War in Southern Illinois, and children's activities.

Highlights include Civil War Era guns and quilts, Civil War reenactors and Civil War era memorabilia.

All activities during the day are free and everyone is invited.

The first speaker during the morning is scheduled to be Paul Shetley. His presentation is set for 9 a.m. Shetley will discuss cavalry tactics.

The schedule of guest speakers for the rest of the day includes:

10 a.m. Dr. Susan Whitemountain will talk about the role cotton played.

11 a.m. U.S. Forest Service archaeologist Heather Carey will talk about action at Battery Rock.

1 p.m. Mike Jones, the director of the General John A. Logan Museum in Murphysboro, is scheduled to speak.

2 p.m. Marlene Rivero will portray Harriet Tubman.

3 p.m. Historian Glen Bishop will give a presentation titled "Holding on to the Last Man."

Sunday Open House

The PAST organization of Union County plans to welcome visitors to its Heritage House in Jonesboro.

An open house is scheduled from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Heritage House is located at 102 S. Main St. in Jonesboro. Admission will be \$5 per person.

For more information about the Civil War Weekend, visit www.southernmostillinois.com.

Jonesboro Grade School announces honor students

Jonesboro Grade School announces honor students for the second quarter of the 2019-2020 academic year.

8th grade, high honors: Miranda Bundren, Lizbeth Carrillo, Ally Hasty, Alexandria Keller, Shaylee Moore, Torie Ralls.

8th grade, honors: Cadence Black, Jasmine Buck, Dylan Harvel, Mya Laster, Ella Lingle, Jason McAlister, Om Patel, Brilea Smith.

Hospital district board to meet

The Union County Hospital District Board of Directors plans to meet on Jan. 23.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:15 p.m. at the Brick House Grill in Anna.

The agenda for the meeting will include the Union County Hospital District Board financial reports, business updates and auxiliary bylaws.

7th grade, high honors: Logan Abernathy, Thomas Coleman, Zoe Jones, Chesnee Marks, Lucas Salazar.

7th grade, honors: Sierra Beggs, Kyle Conway, Ben Hauser, Tyler Hileman, Olivia Schaefer, Aaron Sheffer.

6th grade, high honors: Travis Burgher, Graydon Edmonds, Raegan Jones, Reese Jones, Grant Lingle, Aidan McFadden, Kenzie Miller, Kayleigh Wheaton.

6th grade, honors: Blake Dillow, Landon Lofton, Heidi Miller, Jayci Needling, Lucas Tehandon.

5th grade, high honors: Blake Abernathy, Mackenzie Barnhart, Hannah Hale, Elizabeth Hill, Norah Kelley, Presley Knupp, Kinley Leek, Brooke Sheffer, Mackenzie Turner, Haydyn Williamson.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, FROM 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Free events include history exhibits, guest speakers, Civil War era guns, quilts & memorabilia, encampment, children's activities and presentations. Presenters: Paul Shetley, Dr. Susan A Whitemountain, Heather Carey, Mike Jones, Marlene Rivero, Glen Bishop, Dr. Mark Wagner.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY. 9, FROM 1:30 - 3:30 P.M.

P.A.S.T. of Union County will host an Open House at the Heritage House, 102 S. Main St., Jonesboro. Darrell Dexter will give a presentation at 2 p.m.


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Section B

Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen dinner

hosted by Anna VFW post

The 15th District Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Auxiliary hosted their annual Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen dinner on Jan. 4. The dinner was at the VFW's Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 in Anna.

During the dinner, in addition to the students who are featured in the accompanying photographs, local winners in the Voice of Democracy contest who could not be present were recognized, including Morgan Keller and Alyssa Flores. Torrie Ralls from Jonesboro School was a third-place district winner in the Patriots Pen contest and also could not be present for a photograph. Photos provided.



The first-place winner in the Voice of Democracy contest was Madilyn Gawrych-Turner from Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. Madilyn won local and district awards. Her essay was sent for state judging. A banquet honoring state winners is planned in February in Springfield. From left are Auxiliary president Phillip Wright, Madilyn Gawrych-Turner and post commander Jerry Forcht.



Aubrey Fisher from Cobden High School received a local award for entering the Voice of Democracy contest, which was sponsored by the VFW. From left are Auxiliary president Phillip Wright, Aubrey Fisher and post commander Jerry Forcht.



Agustin "Steen" Vaca Diez from Anna-Jonesboro Community High School received a local award for entering the Voice of Democracy contest. From left are Auxiliary president Phillip Wright, Steen Vaca Diez and post commander Jerry Forcht.



Olivia Jackson from Shawnee High School at Wolf Lake received a local award for entering the Voice of Democracy contest. From left are Auxiliary president Phillip Wright, Olivia Jackson and post commander Jerry Forcht.

B-Truck license plate replacement underway



B-Truck license

A B-Truck license plate program has been launched by the Illinois Secretary of State's office.

The Illinois Secretary of State's office has launched a B-Truck license plate replacement program.

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White said the cost-efficient program is beginning in January to replace the oldest B-Truck license plates.

The newly designed plates will be no additional cost to Illinois taxpayers.

A replacement program for passenger plates began in January 2017. Through early January, 2 million passenger plates had been replaced.

White said the purpose of the program is to ensure, now and in the future, that older passenger and B-Truck license plates on Illinois roads are replaced.

License plates' reflectivity diminishes with age, which impacts the ability of law enforcement to quickly and accurately identify license plate numbers.

"This is a forward-thinking, long-term solution that does not require a complete replating overhaul for passenger and B-Truck plates, which would cost around \$60 million," White said in a news release.

"This plan removes older plates and replaces them with newly-designed plates within our current budget. This will ensure that no license plate on the road will be more than 10 years old."

Under the program, the oldest license plates will be replaced first.

Veterans suicide prevention legislation signed into law

The bipartisan Support for Suicide Prevention Coordinators Act has been signed into law.

The legislation was introduced in Congress by U.S. Rep. Mike Bost, R-Ill., U.S. Rep. Anthony Brindisi, D-N.Y., and U.S. Rep. Jim Banks, R-Ind. The measure was signed recently by President Donald Trump.

The bill requires the comptroller general of the United States to conduct an assessment of the responsibilities, workload, and vacancy rates of the Department of Veterans' Affairs' suicide prevention coordinators in order to address the troubling uptick in veteran suicides.

"We lose 20 veterans each day to suicide, which is 20 too many," Bost said in a news release.

"We have a duty to ensure veterans have access to critical tools and resources during their time of need, and this bipartisan legislation is a step in the right direction.

"Thank you to President Trump for signing this critical legislation into law to let our veterans know that they are not alone, and that help is available."

Bost said that suicide prevention coordinators are

Trail hike topic of talk

In December 2018, Chris Benda hiked the River to River Trail, from Elizabethtown on the Ohio River to Grand Tower on the Mississippi River.

Benda blogged about his experiences during the hike.

On Sunday, Jan. 19, at 2 p.m. at the visitors center at Giant City State Park near Makanda, Benda is scheduled to talk about the challenges he faced on the hike.

The program is free and open to the public, and no registration is required. For more information, contact the Giant City visitors center at 618-457-4836.

the face of the VA's efforts to combat veteran suicide.

They identify high-risk veterans and ensure they receive appropriate care, conduct outreach and promote awareness and suicide prevention best practices within VA, among other responsibilities.

Bost said many suicide prevention coordinators report being overworked and unable to keep up with their many responsibilities.

The Support for Suicide Prevention Coordinators Act would help ensure these men and women have the tools and resources they need to provide veterans with critical mental health resources, Bost said.

Dallas Marks earns degree



Dallas Marks

Chuck and Emilee Marks of Jonesboro announce the graduation of their son, Dallas Marks, from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

Dallas received a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering on Dec. 21, 2019.

While at U of I, Dallas was a member of the Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity.

He also served on the Illini Union Board as president, as director of films and weekend entertainment and director of Illinites.

In 2020, B-Truck plates that were manufactured from 2002 through 2007 will be replaced.

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The process will be continuous, and plates will be replaced on a 10-year cycle with a new plate design created every 10 years.

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Rural Health welcomes scholarship applications

Rural Health Inc. announces that it is funding and administering eight health care scholarship opportunities.

Rural Health Inc. offers health care in a service area which includes Union, Johnson and Massac counties.

RHI offers services in OB/GYN, medical, dental, and psychiatry.

A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior at each of the following schools: Anna-Jonesboro, Cobden, Dongola, Goreville, Joppa, Massac County, Shawnee and Vienna.

Applicants will be recognized for their desire to pursue a career in health care.

Rural Health Inc. outlined details for scholarship applicants. Applicants must:

Currently be enrolled as a high school senior attending school at Anna-Jonesboro, Cobden, Dongola, Goreville, Joppa, Massac County, Shawnee or Vienna.

Complete high school requirements by the spring of 2020.

Be in the top 30 percent of their class.

Have plans to pursue a

health care degree or certificate at an accredited college or university.

Provide proof of enrollment at an accredited institution of higher learning prior to receiving the monetary award, which will be issued in the form of a check made directly to the student for college-related expenses.

Complete the Rural Health scholarship application packet and submit to the guidance counselor by March 11, 2020.

The application packet submitted by each student will include:

A completed application form.

A 300-word typed essay discussing the reasons the applicant is pursuing a degree in health care, including the applicant's health care goals for the future.

An official transcript.

A letter of recommendation by a faculty member, signed and dated.

Only completed packets will be accepted.

Applicants may not be children of Rural Health Inc. employees or Rural Health Inc. board members.

Proposed highway project focus of task force report

The Southwest Illinois Connector Task Force has released its final recommendations.

The task force was created by a resolution introduced by State Sen. Paul Schimpf, R-Waterloo.

The task force was created to study the cost, feasibility and environmental impact of a proposed four-lane divided highway between Waterloo and Murphysboro.

The group also looked at the short and long term economic impact to the region, and all options for funding the project.

"I would like to thank the members of the Task Force and Chairman Dr. Marc Kiehna for their work and dedication to helping build the economy of Southwestern Illinois," Schimpf said in a news release.

"The four-lane highway would be a boon for eco-

nomic development in our region. It will bring growth to Southern Illinois University in Carbondale and the Kaskaskia Port District, as well."

Specific recommendations by the task force include funding for a four-lane highway from Waterloo to Murphysboro to "enhance capacity and reduce travel times, eliminate freight bottlenecks and congestion, promote tourism, boost infrastructure investment and economic activity in the region and enhance safety for all users."

Members of the task force included representatives from business, labor, education, state and local elected officials, as well as the Kaskaskia Regional Port District.

The full report can be viewed at www.siconnector.com.

Cobden readers honored

Cobden Elementary School has recognized students who achieved their goals for December in the school-wide Accelerated Reading program. Students are required to read books and take comprehension tests on a computer to achieve their points. Photos provided.



25 Point Club: In the first row are, from left, Maddex Raganyi, Myles Ferrell, Daphne Jackson, Preston Wren, Gus Stevens, Lindsay Hillard and Olive Brehm. In the second row are Cooper Duckworth, Maci Escue, Estrella Ambrocio, Elizabeth Garcia, Natalia Godinez, Ada Morber, Zaira Uribe and Thaniel Sheridan.



100 Point Club: Tyler Shoemate and Madge Stevens.



50 Point Club: From left are Alex Miranda, Carter Miller, Conner Schroeder, Matthew Marks and Caroline Taylor. Marquez Pitts could not be present for the picture.

News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

The Rev. Dee Ann Thompson’s sermon Sunday was titled “Into the Muck and Muddle,” with scripture from Matthew. In the selected scripture, at the Jordan River John was preaching of the coming of the savior and baptizing persons who were repenting of their sins and expressing belief in God. Jesus came to the river and asked John to baptize Him. As John baptized Jesus, God spoke that “this was His son in whom He was pleased.” The message shared that “Jesus had no reason to repent as He was the perfect Son of God. Jesus’ baptism marked the beginning of His earthly ministry: His stepping into the muck and muddle of human lives to bring them salvation.” Gage Roach and Rodney Miller received the offering.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

Congregational songs during Sunday morning’s worship service were led by Pastor Randy Wright and the worship team. Ushers for the morning worship service were Matt Macy, T.J. Macy, Jason Elkins and Terry Wiseman Sr. Special music was provided by Jacob Wells. The morning message, “Standing on the Promises,” was brought by Pastor Wright. During the Sunday evening worship service, congregational songs were led by Pastor Wright and the worship team. Ushers for the evening worship service were Mark Smith, Robert Smith, Jason Elkins and Terry Wiseman Sr. Special music was provided by Jack and Nina

Karen Vaughn is the lead elder for January. Aldi and Vodra Gerard celebrated their 8th birthday Jan. 1. On Jan. 12, they were “guests of honor” at a birthday celebration with their grandmother Vanda Gerard’s extended family in Wingo, Ky. Others celebrating birthdays during the first couple of weeks of January have been Nancy Pind on the 8th, Collin Crane on the 10th and Jhan Miller the 12th. The church session had its regularly scheduled meeting after worship Sunday. Camp Ground invites everyone to join them in Bible study and worship. Coffee and fellowship begin at 9:30 a.m. Bible study is at 10 a.m. Worship is at 11 a.m. The church is located at 50 Tunnel Ln., east of Anna.

Shepard. The evening message, “Jesus is Coming Back,” was brought by Pastor Wright. Birthday: Kaylee Smith, Jan. 12. A food drive is planned Jan. 19 for “You Been Blessed Ministries,” with everyone asked to bring a non-perishable item. A missionary service is planned at 6 p.m. on Jan. 19. Everyone is asked to bring something for the meal. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. Worship services are Sunday at 10:35 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Quizzing is at 5 p.m. on Sunday for children in grades 1 through 6. Youth services and quizzing are at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy Sue and Steve Eudy and Brian and Susan Eudy of Jackson, Mo., visited with David and Melinda Gibbs of Statesboro, Ga., last week. Roger Miller of Ullin visited with Shirley Miller of McClure. Bob and Elaine Edwards of Wellsville, Mo., visited last Wednesday with Shirley Miller. Recent visitors of Maxine and Fred Pender of

Fair City were Russ and Patsy Pender and Leslie Grace of Olive Branch, Brad and Lori Pender and Gary Gibbs, all of Jonesboro. 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.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Jan. 12, Pastor Perry Williams brought the messages at both services. Dee Rose led worship. Gerry and Cynthia Boehne provided special music. The Celebration Choir plans to resume rehearsals at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 19. Birthdays: Robert McCain, Jan. 12; Carmen Coffman, Jan. 14; J.D. Tripp, Jan. 15; John Cripps Sr., Marcita Martin, Jan. 18. Anniversary: Leon and

Sue Rendleman, Jan. 18, 56 years. The schedule for worship at the church for this coming week includes Bible study at 9 a.m. on Sunday, and worship services at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Dig-In Children’s Ministry for children from 3 years of age through 6th grade is planned from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday. Youth meet from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday. An adult Bible study/prayer meeting is planned at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Maple syrup production workshop set

University of Illinois Extension has announced plans for the fifth annual backyard maple syrup production workshop at the Dixon Springs Agricultural Center. The free program is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Feb. 1. The agricultural center is located at 354 State Highway 145N in Simpson. The program will cover

tree identification, equipment needs, tree tapping, sap collection, boiling and finishing maple syrup. University of Illinois Extension will provide a maple syrup program for kids. Those who want to attend the workshop are asked to register by Jan. 30. Registration and more information are available by calling the agricultural center at 618-695-2441.



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Shawnee Junior-Senior High names honor roll students, those with perfect attendance

Shawnee Junior-Senior High School at Wolf Lake announces high honor roll and honor roll students for the second quarter of the 2019-2020 academic year. The school also recognized students who had perfect attendance during the second quarter. **High Honor Roll** 7th grade: Kelci Baber, Noah Mayberry, Jaeda Qualls. 8th grade: Olivia Clover, Kiersten Holloway, Karsynne Livingston, Allie Myers. Freshman: Abigail Smith. Sophomores: Gabriella Smith, Ashlin Tweedy. Juniors: Rachel Fox, Courtney Smith. Seniors: Jesse Ellet, Olivia Jackson, Koby McLane, Jayclynn Presutti, Ryan Schaefer, Scott Schmedeman. **Honor Roll** 6th grade: Landon Smith. 7th grade: Savannah Andrews, Miranda Crowden, Gracie Davisson, Mallory Follis. 8th grade: Luke Choate, Marissa Harris, Ryan Libbert, CJ Schaefer, Brody Wills.

VFW to serve chicken, dumplings

The Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna plans to serve a chicken and dumplings dinner Friday, Jan. 17. The dinner will be served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the post, which is

located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna. Chicken and dumplings, corn, green beans, rolls, desserts, tea and coffee will be served for a \$10 donation. The public is welcome. Carry outs will be available. Freshmen: Grace Robinson, Rylie Wahaib. Sophomores: Connor Benbrook, Autumn Derossett, Alexis Miller, Cyleigh Pearl. Juniors: Jesse Camp, Mariah Faire, Jasmine Graham, Kyliegh Harris, Madisen Luttrull. Seniors: Anthony Buie, Caleb Gabelman, Jeremiah Hale, Kirsten Pitts, Noveda Qualls, Colton Ross, Maddison Smith. **Perfect Attendance** 6th grade: Alana Davis, Cindy Price. 7th grade: Kelci Baber, Miranda Crowden, Gracie Davisson, Mallory Follis, Lincoln Ford, Noah Mayberry. 8th grade: Olivia Clover, Kayman Ford, Marissa Harris, Kiersten Holloway, Ryan Libbert, Allie Myers, Ethan Smith. Freshmen: Jayden Cook, Colton Harris, Grace Robinson, Rylie Wahaib. Sophomores: Koda Abraham, Connor Benbrook, Alexis Miller. Seniors: Anthony Buie, Jesse Ellet, Olivia Jackson, Kirsten Pitts, Noveda Qualls, Ryan Schaefer, Scott Schmedeman.

Pastor's Corner by Pastor Don Cox

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A leper came to him and kneeling down begged him and said, “If you wish, you can make me clean.” Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched the leper, and said to him, “I do will it. Be made clean.” The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once. Then he said to him, “See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them.” The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere. From the gospel of Mark

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Daily Bible Reading

Matthew 10:1-15	Matthew 10:16-31	Matthew 10:32-42	Matthew 11:1-19	Matthew 11:20-30	Matthew 16:1-12	Matthew 16:13-28
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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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High School Art Show

The annual high school art show is every January-February at Little Egypt Art Association in Marion.

Marie Samuel started the show over 10 years ago, and the art center has kept it going. The kids get awards and clubs and members give cash and art materials.

Harley Davidson, banks and others donate prizes. Marie reported that several from A-JCHS entered art work.

Christmas Celebration

Carol Frick spent Christmas with her daughter and family in Evansville, Ind.

A few days later they went to Carol's daughter in Mt. Washington, Ky. Carol's grandson Lucas



On Friday night, Feb. 7, at 6 p.m., the Blue and Gray Dinner will feature Paul Shetley, who wrote the book "The Bloody Ninth: A Chronicle of the Ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment in the Civil War." His interest in the American Civil War began when, as a very young boy, he visited the Shiloh Battlefield with his parents. Shetley is a re-enactor with a cavalry unit. He is the retired director of the environmental resources training center in the School of Engineering at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Shetley has bachelor and master of science degrees from SIUE and is a registered professional geologist. The Blue and Gray Dinner will be catered by The Kitchen on Lafayette. Tickets are \$25 and please RSVP no later than Feb. 1, 2020, by emailing vabchlee@gmail.com or by calling Lee's cell 1-904-625-1109.



Congratulations to Hunter Smith and Madison Miller on their recent engagement and the birth of their first child, Asher Joe Smith, who was born on Jan. 2, 2020.



Barbara Bauer and Beth Hileman were in Jacksonville, Fla., last week for a visit with Barb's sister Jane Boyd Gimbel and to attend the funeral of Jane's stepson, Allen Gilbert Gimbel Jr. Jane sends regards to all of her Union County friends.

was home for a few days on leave from the Marines and grandson Drew had not gone back to college yet.

Thanks

A special thanks to Carol Frick, Janis Corrington, Devra Treece and Carole Watkins for giving me credit when they renewed their subscriptions to The Gazette-Democrat.

Honor Wreaths for Veterans Donations

Kay Johnson for Marshall Johnson Vietnam, 2 Purple Hearts and 1 Bronze Medal. Matched by WAA Robert Johnson Korea both in our Anna Cemetery. Terry and Barbara House for Willie Gibson Army, Barbara's uncle, and Arthur House, Terry's dad, matched by WAA. Both were in the Philippines in World War II. These are in memory of and will be placed on veterans in our Anna Cemetery that do not have anyone to buy a wreath for them.

GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Woman's Club 2 wreaths in memory of president Jane Bauer's uncles one buried in Anna Donald Aldridge Army and one killed and buried in France that we will put on a veteran that doesn't have one. Two also for veterans that do not have one matched by WAA.

From Jim and Sandra Carter for Jim's dad Everett Carter and matched wreaths from WAA for a veteran that doesn't have one.

From Rebecca Redenbo for her dad Lloyd E Redenbo, and for a wreath for someone that doesn't have one. Matched from WAA for 2 veterans that do not have one.

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Gaylon and Clara Cates celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Jan. 15.



to match any wreath bought by Jan. 15.

A special thanks to all those who bought a wreath and to WAA for donating a wreath for every wreath bought. You can purchase a wreath anytime this year for our December ceremony.

Anna VFW

Friday, Jan. 17, will be the monthly chicken and dumplings dinner from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. for a \$10 donation.

A spaghetti dinner will be served at the post Friday, Jan. 24. Serving will start at 5 p.m. A \$10 donation is requested.

A-J Women's Club

GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club met at El Jalapeno's Monday, Jan. 6.

Guest speaker was Gary Dahmer, public works manager for City of Anna. Gary told about new things happening in Anna and spoke about conservation. Everyone enjoyed a great dinner.

The meeting was called to order by president Jane Bauer. Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and the Club Collect.

President Jane gave the devotion. Martha Ann Webb told about public events.

Debbie Rossberg read the treasurer's report and Susie Kessler read the minutes of the last meeting.

Others present were Martha Schwegman from Metropolis, Lillian Milam and Kay Johnson from Jonesboro, Susie Kessler, Barbara House, Barbara Bauer and Clara Nell Butler from Anna.

Everyone worked on reports that will be turned in of things done by the club for the last year to District 25.

The convention was discussed that will be March 23 at The Kitchen on Lafayette at 11 a.m.

Guest speaker for the convention will be John Wingate, soil conservation technician with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The ladies are looking forward to having women from the district and state attend the convention.

Everyone is welcome to attend but reservations do need to be made so contact Jane Bauer if you would like to attend.

A-JCHS Class Reunion

Jerry Hines was asked to set up a 1960 class reunion this year, it will be their 60 year reunion. More information to come soon.

Birthdays

Jan. 8 John Foley, 9 Sarah Gentry celebrated her 16th birthday with a party given by her family at El Jalapeno, Rosemary Dillow, Debbie Hess, Tracey Thompson, 13 Carol Gordon celebrated with a party in Vienna. 15 Jim Koonce.

Anna Arts Center

The Anna Arts Center announces auditions for its second play in The Year of the Woman series.

Auditions for Women of Choice will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 22-23, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Actresses may come any time during this period. You may also come both nights if you wish. Materials will be provided, and no preparation is needed. One strong singer is needed.

This play consists of the stories of 10 women of today, who each have made a choice, or are in the process of making one.

The characters are: Nora, a woman who loves to walk and run, Gail, a mother with a career choice to make, Michelle, a soldier who has been raped, Sharon, an artist with a painting to give away near the end of her life, Doris, a star being



Congratulations: Rodney Tweedy won the Titan Cup at the Monster Truck Race held in Edinburg, Texas, Jan. 11. The Titan Cup is won by accumulating the most points out of five events. Rodney is the driver, Logan is the crew chief for the Bigfoot truck. They're running in the Hot Wheels Racing Tour. They're scheduled to be in Cape Girardeau in April. From left are teammate Scott Danuser, crew chief Logan Tweedy, Bigfoot driver Rodney Tweedy and Hot Wheels driver Christian Norman.



Carol Tweedy Gordon celebrated her 82nd birthday with family and friends at the Vienna Diner.



GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club's guest speaker was Gary Dahmer, Anna city public works manager, who spoke about conservation and informed the ladies of things happening in our city. Those present were, seated, Gary Dahmer, Clara Nell Butler, Lillian Milam, Kay Johnson; standing Martha Ann Webb, Jane Bauer, Martha Schwegman, Debbie Rossberg, Barbara House, Susie Kessler, Barbara Bauer.

honored, Aphrodite, a street lady, Kali, a warrior of the future, Artie, a single woman with a gender issue, Helen, a woman who visits the grave of her grandmother in Poland, and Rosalind, who has lived many lives.

The play was written by David Rush of Murphysboro, and is being directed by Dr. Lynn Steveson of rural Anna.

Performances are scheduled for Friday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 29, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, March 1, at 2 p.m.

Both auditions and the play will be rescheduled if weather is bad. (Snow or ice.) Rehearsals will be set when the show is cast.

If you wish further information, call Lynn Steveson at 618-697-2334. Auditions are open to anyone interested.

Friends of Stinson

Stinson Memorial Library Friends of Stinson first book sale of 2020 is coming in February.

Dates and times are: Friday, Feb. 7, Friends appreciation sale, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 8, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., bag sale.

Jam Session

Linda and Fred Clutts of Makanda playing her banjo along Bob Wortham (Banjo Bob) of Carterville went to Ullin at the community center to play music. A lot of people didn't show because of the bad weather reports. The weather wasn't as bad as Linda expected so they were glad they went.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Liturgist Terry Riley welcomed everyone. Guest pastor was Rev. David Reynolds. David's sermon was "Nobody's Perfect," with scripture reading from Matthew and 1 John.

Children's time was "The Happy Puppy," with scrip-



A solo exhibit by GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club member and LEAA fiber art chair Marie Samuel will be in the visual and performing art gallery at Southeastern Illinois College Jan. 21 through March 27. A reception will be held Feb. 23 at 2 p.m. in the upper (theatre) lobby outside the gallery. The fabric and fiber wall hanging exhibit "Inspired By Art and Nature" features a series of tributes to artists such as Mary Cassatt, Van Gogh, Renoir, Monet and others, including Georgia O'Keeffe, and Faith Ringgold. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., when SIC is in session. Shown with two of the SIC works is Marie Samuel. Tributes to Monet, left, and Renoir are early works in the series featured at SIC.

ture from Proverbs.

Special music by the ladies choir was "A Perfect Heart."

Sympathy to the family of Annetta Seliger.

Loaves and Fishes dinner on Jan. 21 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. will be soup, sandwiches and desserts. At the December meal 122 people were served.

The youth enjoyed a fun night at the church in the lock-in.

The fellowship game night was last Friday. Women's bible study meets Tuesday at 1 p.m. Everyone welcome. Men's Bible study meets at 7 a.m. on Wednesday. Everyone welcome.

Church January greeters are Ronnie Watkins and Roger Spurlock.

The youth will serve a dinner Souper Bowl Sunday, Feb. 2. The menu will feature chili, grilled cheese, dessert and drink. Cost is \$6 plus cans of soup. Soup cans will be delivered to Shawnee Development Council's

food pantry.

Birthdays: Jan. 2 Troy Wiseman, 3 Guiola Moreland, 5 Dale Johnson, Mason Musgrave, 8 Austin Wilde, 9 Melba Nork, 13 Denise Pippins, 15 Dr. Jerry Goddard, 16 Tyler Zachary, 17 Randy Hindman, 31 Andrew Crain, Al Dammann.

Military Prayer List

Katelynn Williams, Lucas W. Davis, James Sullivan, Lindsey Keene, Jacob Schaefer, Jerod Schaefer, Creighton Laster, Reagan Morrison, Josh Steveson, Josh Williams, Faith Odom, Jim Bonner, Jennifer Ann Bishop, Arin Whitemountain, James McWhorter, Nick Harvel, Nona Elizabeth Luke, Lucas J. Strickland, William Nathaniel Frankell, Ethan Maze, Lucas W. Davis, Tanner Anderson, Hayden Young, Garrett Goines, Kiefer Stull, Davis Jorden Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, C.J. Youngerman, Freddy Morse.

Governor announces recipients of 2020 Order of Lincoln honor

The 2020 recipients of the Order of Lincoln, which is the state’s highest honor for professional achievement and public service, have been announced by Gov. JB Pritzker.

This year’s Lincoln Laureates are Scott Altman, Paul (Doug) Collins, Robert Fraley, Donald McHenry, Joanne Smith and Mavis Staples.

“With their achievements in science, medicine, public service, the arts, agriculture and athletics, these distinguished Illinoisans have made our state proud,” Pritzker said. “They have worked tirelessly to improve the lives of the people of Illinois and I’m so proud to award them with our state’s highest honor.”

On Saturday, April 18, 2020, The Lincoln Academy of Illinois plans to host its 56th annual convocation on the campus of Illinois State University in Normal.

At the convocation, members of the academy will honor the six outstanding Illinoisans with the Order of Lincoln at a formal ceremony and gala reception.

The laureates will join a cohort of 354 Illinois citizens who have been honored over the past 56 years.

Scott Altman, a former NASA astronaut, is a veteran of four space shuttle missions, spending more than 51 days in space.

Originally from Pekin, Altman is a U.S. Navy captain, engineer and test pilot. Commissioned as a Navy ensign, he earned a master’s degree in aeronautical engineering from the United States Naval postgraduate school.

After a distinguished career as a naval pilot and test pilot, he was selected for the NASA astronaut program.

Logging more than 7,000 flight hours in more than 40 types of aircrafts during his career, he retired from NASA in 2010 and joined ASRC Federal Engineering, Aerospace and Mission Systems, EAMS. and is currently the senior vice president for civil programs.

Altman was inducted in the Astronaut Hall of Fame in 2018.

Paul (Doug) Collins is an American basketball executive, former player, coach, and television analyst, originally from Benton.

He was the first overall pick of the 1973 NBA draft and a four-time NBA All-Star. He represented the United States at the 1972 Summer Olympics.

He coached the Chicago Bulls, Detroit Pistons, Washington Wizards and Philadelphia 76ers.

Both the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame and NBA Hall of Fame have inducted Collins.

He has served as an analyst for various NBA-related broadcast shows on CBS, NBC, TNT and TBS. The basketball court at Illinois State University bears his name.

Dr. Robert (Robb) Fraley is the former executive vice president and chief technology officer at Monsanto Company.

A World Food Prize Laureate, he is recognized as the father of agricultural biotechnology for developing the first genetically modified crops as a solution for farmers battling damaging pests and weeds. Raised on a farm outside Hoopston, Fraley decided early on that he wanted to use science to develop better technology for farmers.

He earned a Ph.D. in microbiology and biochemistry from the University of Illinois and authored more than 100 ag-related publications and patent applications throughout his career.

He has become a leading voice for innovation in agriculture, passionately working to reset the public conversation about science.

Donald F. McHenry grew up in East St. Louis and served as Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations from 1979 to 1981. He was also a Cabinet member for President Jimmy Carter.

Prior to these roles, he was the United States Deputy Representative to the United Nations Security Council.

McHenry was a distinguished professor in the practice of diplomacy at the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University from 1981 to 2014.

He also taught at Southern Illinois University, Howard, American University and Georgetown University.

Dr. Joanne C. Smith, is the president and chief executive officer of the Shirley Ryan AbilityLab (formerly Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago or RIC).

The Shirley Ryan AbilityLab is the global leader in physical medicine and rehabilitation for adults and children with the most severe, complex conditions.

She has led the organization in its mission to provide the best patient outcomes through the highest-quality clinical care, translational research, scientific discovery and education.

Today she is leading the Shirley Ryan AbilityLab into its novel vision for the future: to be the global source of science-driven breakthroughs in Human Ability.

Mavis Staples is an American rhythm and blues and gospel singer, actress and civil rights activist.

For more than 60 years, the Chicago native has found success recording as a solo artist and member of her family’s band, The Staple Singers.

Close friends of Martin Luther King Jr., The Staple Singers were the spiritual and musical voices of the civil rights movement.

Staples was recognized as a 2016 Kennedy Center Honoree and inducted into the Blues Hall of Fame.

“The Lincoln Academy is honored to award the Order of Lincoln to these six remarkable individuals,” said Frank Clark, chancellor of the academy.

“Abraham Lincoln exemplified what is great about our state, and the achievements and contributions of these honorees continue to illustrate the vibrancy and richness of Illinois.”

Television Listings

THURSDAY											
	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 Cincinnati vs Memphis	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	The Outsider (HD)	"The Mustang" ('19)	Shameless (HD)
7 PM :30	TBA	Young Unicorn	Last Man Standing	Superstore		Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	★★ "Hellboy" ('19) Half-demon man. (R) (HD)	"Pacific Rim: Uprising" A new Kaiju threat	"Five Feet Apart" ('19) Teen patients. (HD)
8 PM :30	The Last Days of Richard Pryor	(‘01) Mom	Deputy (HD)	Place Will (HD)	Women's College Basketball from Site TBA	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	Big City			
9 PM :30		Evil "100 Days" (HD)	(‘01) Local Programs Local info.	Law & Order: SVU		Seinfeld	Family	Big City	The Outsider (HD)	(‘55) "Tomb Raider" ('18) Daughter's mission.	Gen. Q "Loose Ends"
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (Live)	Conan	Family	Big City	The Outsider (HD)		Work
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(‘35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(‘35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)	Miracle	Family	Big City		"Fast Five" ('11) (HD)	"Total Recall" Man's double life.
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Conan	Family	Jessie		★★ "Jessabelle" ('14)	

FRIDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Philadelphia 76ers (Live)	"Red 2" ('13) Frank searches for a nuclear device. (HD)	SVU (HD)	(5:35) "Movie"	New Pope (‘50) "Long Shot" ('19) Journalist and diplomat reconnect.	"The Prestige" ('06)	★★½ "El Chicano" ('19)
7 PM :30	Housewife Boat (HD)	Hawaii Five-0 (HD)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live) (HD)	The Blacklist (HD)			★★½ "Bad Boys" ('95) Two detectives chase stolen heroin.	Raven	Unsitatable	(‘10) ★★★ "Halloween" ('18) Masked killer. (R)	(‘05) "Donnybrook" ('19) Cage matches. (HD)
8 PM :30	20/20 Investigative news. (HD)	Magnum P.I. (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Dateline NBC Investigative news. (HD)	NBA Basketball Portland vs Dallas (Live) (HD)	"Guardians of the Galaxy" ('14) Team of misfits. (HD)		Coop & Cam	Real Time Maher (HD)	Strike (‘50) Strike Back (HD)	ShoBox: The New Generation (Live) (HD)
9 PM :30		Blue Bloods (HD)					Family	Just Roll	The Outsider (HD)	"Skyscraper" Burning building.	
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local			Family	Unsitatable			
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(‘35) Late Show (HD)	Local	(‘35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)	ELEAGUE (HD)	Family	Jessie	Real Time Maher (HD)		R. Donovan

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9 PM :30		Blue Bloods (HD)					Family	Just Roll	The Outsider (HD)	"Skyscraper" Burning building.	
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local			Family	Unsitatable			
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(‘35) Late Show (HD)	Local	(‘35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)	ELEAGUE (HD)	Family	Jessie	Real Time Maher (HD)		R. Donovan

SATURDAY

	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	"Guardians of the Galaxy" Team of misfits.	★★½ "Bad Boys" ('95)	(5:05) "Movie"	"Fast Five" ('11) (HD)	(‘05) Warrior (HD)	(5:30) "The Help" ('11) Unlikely friendship.
7 PM :30	NBA: Jump	To Be Announced	PBC Fight Night (Live)	To Be Announced	UFC 246: Prelims (Live)		"Bad Boys II" ('03, Action) Tough narcotics cops stop drug kingpin.	Big City	"Godzilla: King of the Monsters" ('19)	"Ocean's 8" ('18) Jewelry heist.	
8 PM :30	NBA Basketball Los Angeles vs Houston (Live) (HD)	To Be Announced		Dateline NBC (HD)			Bang (HD)	Big City			"On the Basis of Sex" Discrimination case.
9 PM :30		48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live (HD)	Top Rank Boxing (Live)		Bang (HD)	Unsitatable	(‘15) The Outsider	(‘50) "Bandidas" ('06) Female bandits. (HD)	
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	Beat Shazam (HD)	Local			Frontal	Just Roll	(‘15) The Outsider		Gen. Q "Loose Ends"
11 PM :30	Local Programs		Local Programs	Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.		"The Campaign" Political rivals.	Family	Raven	"Godzilla: King" ('19)	"Dick Tracy" Cop fights villains.	Work

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10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	Beat Shazam (HD)	Local			Frontal	Just Roll	(‘15) The Outsider		Gen. Q "Loose Ends"
11 PM :30	Local Programs		Local Programs	Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.		"The Campaign" Political rivals.	Family	Raven	"Godzilla: King" ('19)	"Dick Tracy" Cop fights villains.	Work

SUNDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Home Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	(5:30) NFL Playoffs "NFC Championship" (Live) (HD)	America's Got Talent: The More acts perform.	Sports	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Unsitatable	(5:40) "Godzilla: King of the Monsters" ('19)	"The Predator" ('18)	Ray Donovan "Bugs"
7 PM :30	Kids Say (HD)	NCIS "Going Mobile"		To Be Announced Info unavailable.	Backstory	The 26th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards	Law & Order: SVU	"Descendants 3" Isle of the Lost.		"In Time" ('11) Time as currency.	Ray Donovan (HD)
8 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	FBI Protect America.	The OT				Law & Order: SVU	Mickey	The Outsider (HD)	(‘50) "The Run-ins" ('08) A haunted temple. (HD)	Shameless (HD)
9 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	NCIS: New Orleans	9-1-1: Lone Star "Pilot" (HD)				Dare Me (HD)	Star Wars	Avenue 5	Curby Your	Gen. Q "Lose It All"
10 PM :30	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	SportsCenter with Scott (HD)	Miracle	Law & Order: SVU	Unsitatable	The Outsider	(‘10) The Outsider	Work
11 PM :30	(‘35) Local		Local		SC (HD)	"The Break-Up" ('06) Jennifer Aniston. Exes' condo fight.	Law & Order: SVU	Just Roll	Curb Your	“Dick Tracy” Cop fights villains.	Gen. Q “Lose It All”

SUNDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Fam Guy	Chicago P.D. (HD)	(5:15) "Zombies" ('18)	"The Day After Tomorrow" Global warming.	(5:35) ★★½ "Devil" ('10)	Gen. Q "Lose It All"
7 PM :30	The Bachelor (HD)	Neighbor.	9-1-1: Lone Star (HD)	America's Got Talent: The (HD)		Fam Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	To Be Announced		"Halloween" ('18) Masked killer.	Shameless (HD)
8 PM :30	Bless Mess	All Rise (HD)	(‘01) Prodigal Son		College Basketball Oklahoma vs Baylor (Live)	Fam Guy		(‘55) TBA	The New Pope (HD)	(‘50) "Halloween II" ('81) A killer returns. (HD)	God (HD)
9 PM :30	The Good Doctor	Bull "Behind the Ivy"	Local Programs Local info.	(‘01) Manifest (HD)		Dad (HD)		Coop & Cam	The Outsider (HD)		Gen. Q "Lose It All"
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Dad (HD)		Sydney	The Outsider (HD)		(‘45) Ray Donovan
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(‘35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(‘35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)	Conan	Family	Unsitatable	The New Pope (HD)	★ "Halloween 3: Witch Season"	(‘45) Shameless (HD)
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Brooklyn	Family	Just Roll	Curb Your		(‘45) Work

MONDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Fam Guy	Chicago P.D. (HD)	(5:15) "Zombies" ('18)	"The Day After Tomorrow" Global warming.	(5:35) ★★½ "Devil" ('10)	Gen. Q "Lose It All"
7 PM :30	The Bachelor (HD)	Neighbor.	9-1-1: Lone Star (HD)	America's Got Talent: The (HD)		Fam Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	To Be Announced		"Halloween" ('18) Masked killer.	Shameless (HD)
8 PM :30	Bless Mess	All Rise (HD)	(‘01) Prodigal Son		College Basketball Oklahoma vs Baylor (Live)	Fam Guy		(‘55) TBA	The New Pope (HD)	(‘50) "Halloween II" ('81) A killer returns. (HD)	God (HD)
9 PM :30	The Good Doctor	Bull "Behind the Ivy"	Local Programs Local info.	(‘01) Manifest (HD)		Dad (HD)		Coop & Cam	The Outsider (HD)		Gen. Q "Lose It All"
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Dad (HD)		Sydney	The Outsider (HD)		(‘45) Ray Donovan
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(‘35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(‘35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)	Conan	Family	Unsitatable	The New Pope (HD)	★ "Halloween 3: Witch Season"	(‘45) Shameless (HD)
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Brooklyn	Family	Just Roll	Curb Your		(‘45) Work

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6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Fam Guy	Chicago P.D. (HD)	(5:15) "Zombies" ('18)	"The Day After Tomorrow" Global warming.	(5:35) ★★½ "Devil" ('10)	Gen. Q "Lose It All"
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8 PM :30	Bless Mess	All Rise (HD)	(‘01) Prodigal Son		College Basketball Oklahoma vs Baylor (Live)	Fam Guy		(‘55) TBA	The New Pope (HD)	(‘50) "Halloween II" ('81) A killer returns. (HD)	God (HD)
9 PM :30	The Good Doctor	Bull "Behind the Ivy"	Local Programs Local info.	(‘01) Manifest (HD)		Dad (HD)		Coop & Cam	The Outsider (HD)		Gen. Q "Lose It All"
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Dad (HD)		Sydney	The Outsider (HD)		(‘45) Ray Donovan
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(‘35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(‘35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)	Conan	Family	Unsitatable	The New Pope (HD)	★ "Halloween 3: Witch Season"	(‘45) Shameless (HD)
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Brooklyn	Family	Just Roll	Curb Your		(‘45) Work

TUESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball Teams TBD" (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	Real Time Maher (HD)	"And Stealing" ('19)	"Mad Max" ('79) (HD)
7 PM :30	Conners	NCIS "Sound Off" (HD)	The Resident (HD)	Games (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	BUNKD	★★★ "Long Shot" ('19) Writer & diplomat. (HD)	"Knock Knock" Sinister agenda.	Ray Donovan (HD)
8 PM :30	mixed-ish	FBI "Payback" (HD)	Gordon (HD)	This Is Us "2:17" (HD)	College Basketball Miami vs Duke (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Sydney	Biologist wants family back.		Inside the NFL (HD)
9 PM :30	black-ish					Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Just Roll		"Replicas" ('19) Biologist wants family back.	Shameless (HD)
10 PM :30	Emergence (HD)	FBI: Most Wanted	Local Programs Local info.	(‘01) New Amsterdam (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Coop & Cam	(‘05) The Outsider		
11 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (Live)	Conan	Law & Order: SVU	Sydney	Avenue 5		Inside the NFL (HD)
	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(‘35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(‘35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (Live)	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	Unsitatable	(‘35) The New Pope	"River's Edge" Murder cover-up.	Ray Donovan (HD)
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Conan	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	"Kasbah"		

TUESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Stephen A	Bang (HD)	NCIS Military crimes.	(‘05) Raven’s Home	“Fast Five” (‘11) (HD)	★★½ “The Run-ins” (‘08)	(5:15) “Moon” (‘09) (R)
7 PM :30	Goldbergs	Undercover Boss	Flirty Dancing (HD)	Chicago Med (HD)	NBA Basketball Philadelphia vs Toronto (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	WWE NXT (HD)	BUNKD	The Outsider (HD)	★★★ “Stay” (‘05) A suicidal patient.	★★★ “Real Steel” (‘11) Robot boxing. (HD)
8 PM :30	Schooled					Bang (HD)		Sydney			
9 PM :30	Family	Criminal Minds (HD)	Almost Family (HD)	Chicago Fire (HD)		Bang (HD)		Raven	“Godzilla: King of the Monsters” (‘19) (HD)	“Nocturnal Animals” (‘16) Woman threatened. (R)	(‘05) “Total Recall” (‘90) Man’s double life. (R)
10 PM :30	Single					Bang (HD)		Just Roll			
11 PM :30	Stumptown (HD)	S.W.A.T. “Good Cop”	Local Programs Local info.	Chicago P.D. (HD)	NBA Basketball Utah Jazz at Golden State Warriors (HD)	Bang (HD)	(‘08) “Movie”	Coop & Cam	Avenue 5		
	Local	Local		Local		Frontal		Sydney			
	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(‘35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(‘35) Tonight (HD)		Conan	Law & Order: SVU	Unsitatable	(‘45) The New Pope	“River’s Edge” Murder cover-up.	Inside the NFL (HD)
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night	SC (Live)	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	Just Roll	“Kasbah”		

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9 PM :30	Family	Criminal Minds (HD)	Almost Family (HD)	Chicago Fire (HD)		Bang (HD)		Raven	“Godzilla: King of the Monsters” (‘19) (HD)	“Nocturnal Animals” (‘16) Woman threatened. (R)	(‘05) “Total Recall” (‘90) Man’s double life. (R)
10 PM :30	Single					Bang (HD)		Just Roll			
11 PM :30	Stumptown (HD)	S.W.A.T. “Good Cop”	Local Programs Local info.	Chicago P.D. (HD)	NBA Basketball Utah Jazz at Golden State Warriors (HD)	Bang (HD)	(‘08) “Movie”	Coop & Cam	Avenue 5		
	Local	Local		Local		Frontal		Sydney			
	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(‘35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(‘35) Tonight (HD)		Conan	Law & Order: SVU	Unsitatable	(‘45) The New Pope	“River’s Edge” Murder cover-up.	Inside the NFL (HD)
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night	SC (Live)	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	Just Roll	“Kasbah”		

WEDNESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Stephen A	Bang (HD)	NCIS Military crimes.	(‘05) Raven’s Home	“Fast Five” (‘11) (HD)	★★½ “The Run-ins” (‘08	
7 PM :30	Goldbergs	Undercover Boss	Flirty Dancing (HD)	Chicago Med (HD)	NBA Basketball Philadelphia vs Toronto (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	WWE NXT (HD)	BUNKD	The Outsider (HD)	★★★ “Stay” (‘05) A suicidal patient.	★★★ “Real Steel” (‘11) Robot boxing. (HD)
8 PM :30	Schooled					Bang (HD)		Sydney			
9 PM :30	Family	Criminal Minds (HD)	Almost Family (HD)	Chicago Fire (HD)		Bang (HD)		Raven	“Godzilla: King of the Monsters” (‘19) (HD)	“Nocturnal Animals” (‘16) Woman threatened. (R)	(‘05) “Total Recall” (‘90) Man’s double life. (R)
10 PM :30	Single					Bang (HD)		Just Roll			
11 PM :30	Stumptown (HD)	S.W.A.T. “Good Cop”	Local Programs Local info.	Chicago P.D. (HD)	NBA Basketball Utah Jazz at Golden State Warriors (HD)	Bang (HD)	(‘08) “Movie”	Coop & Cam	Avenue 5		
	Local	Local		Local		Frontal		Sydney			
	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(‘35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(‘35) Tonight (HD)		Conan	Law & Order: SVU	Unsitatable	(‘45) The New Pope	“River’s Edge” Murder cover-up.	Inside the NFL (HD)
	Nightline	Corden		Late							

Opinion and Commentary

Being average no longer good enough for schools

By Jim Nowlan

In a recent column, I noted that most, not all, downstate school districts perform below statewide averages on 11th-grade English and math tests. I didn’t blame anyone, instead noting that performance is directly correlated to the household incomes within each district; the lower the average incomes, the lower the test scores.

Thus it has been since I began looking at these kinds of data decades ago. As downstate school districts tend to be lower in overall household income than their suburban counterparts, scores also tend to be lower.

Another purpose was to startle downstaters – parents, community leaders and school folks – into working harder to become at least average. Nobody likes to think of his community as “below average.” And most folks have been unaware of their situation.

But space limitations prohibited me from going further, to write about how Americans across the country appear to be sleepwalking through our own decline when it comes to education. Unfortunately, our grandchildren will pay a steep price for our provincial ignorance.

I am still haunted by my introduction to China, now about 15 years ago. (Over the years, I have had three six-week gigs in that country, teaching short courses in American politics to very bright seniors and graduate students at top-tier Fudan University in Shanghai, then giving invited lectures at major universities in Xian, Nanjing, Suzhou, Beijing and elsewhere.)

After a night’s sleep upon arrival in Shanghai, I took a walk early the next morning, a Saturday, around the neighborhood of my “foreign experts’ quarters.” On the tree-lined sidewalk, I noticed youngsters in cute uniforms gathering outside what was obviously an elementary school. I walked on.

The next day, I asked my host professor about this. She responded: “Oh, they were going to school. They go to school every Saturday until noon.”

Further, the youngsters stay in the classroom each day an hour longer than do students in the United States. And for about 35 more days each year, spread across the year, rather than a long summer vacation here, when I am told much learning is lost.

Yet, if an Illinois school superintendent and his/her board recommended Saturday classes, I imagine there would be riots in the streets. In China, if a school decided against Saturday classes, I am told parents would rebel and demand there be such, as they insist upon everything possible for their children’s education, and future.

When I was going to elementary school post-World War II, the rest of the developed globe was prostrate, leveled in many places by the conflict. Untouched, America boomed, providing what the world needed. So, we could afford an easy-going school calendar. No longer.

With four times our population, China is already racing ahead of us in some fields. It appears an open secret that the United States is trying to hobble China tech giant Huawei at least in part because that company has leapt ahead of the United States on critical 5G-speed digital technology.

Our school kids have to do a lot better than “average”; otherwise they will be working for Asian executives one day. Sure, China has many problems, such as the long-term consequences of its one-child policy, now abandoned, and its oppressive government system. Yet, we would be foolish to bank on China being slowed by such.

I fear my scribbblings of concern will be discarded by those who prefer the comfort of not rocking the boat. And I blame all of us, from leaders – afraid to buck public backlash against any dramatic efforts to boost our education outcomes – to the public, unwilling to, or ignorant of, the challenges we face.

Now, how’s that for a rant!
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Mound City in Civil War topic of program at Carbondale Library

The role of Mound City during the Civil War will be highlighted in a program which is planned Jan. 22 in Carbondale.

The free program is scheduled at 11 a.m. at the Carbondale Public Library. The program will be presented by the Daniel H. Brush Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Local historian and author Darrel Dexter will present “The Role of Mound City in the Civil War.”

Mound City is the home of a national cemetery. Both Confederate and Union soldiers from the Civil War are buried in the cemetery.

Most of the soliders died from injuries or illness after being transported up the Mississippi River for medical care at a large military hospital after battles.

A memorial statue at the cemetery names soldiers on both sides of the Civil War.

During the Civil War, Mound City was the main point of disembarking for many young men as they left for the Civil War from all parts of the mid-South.

Also at Mound City, ships were built, arms were gathered and sent south, and military plans were made. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant made several visits to Mound City.

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner



A marker along Illinois Route 146 between Jonesboro and Ware (or Ware and Jonesboro, if you happen to be heading the other way) recalls several important stories in the history of Union County.

Looking back at a little bit of local history...

Bear with me, folks, as I attempt to wrap up one more loose end left over from the dearly departed year 2019... and share a little bit of a history lesson, too.

Last fall, in November, to be more specific, I motored to Carbondale to hear a presentation about a tragic chapter in the history of our nation which played out partly in Union County.

The presentation, which was at the Carbondale Public Library, was about the Trail of Tears. For those of you who may not be familiar with the Trail of Tears, it involved the forced removal in the 1830s of thousands of Native Americans from their homes in the southeastern United States.

The presentation was given by Union County resident Sandra Boaz at a meeting of the Daniel H. Brush Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

I hope Sandra doesn’t mind that I’m using her name... and sharing some of the important story she presented to an audience of about 80 people.

Those who were on hand were reminded that the Native Americans who were forced from their homes were people who had adapted to a new culture...they valued education...most were Christian...and they had modified their government so that it was patterned after the one which they thought would protect them.

The forced exile of members of the Cherokee, Choctaw, Seminole, Chickasaw and Creek tribes would bring thousands of Native Americans to Union County during the bitter winter of 1838-1839.

An historical marker along Illinois Route 146 between Jonesboro and Ware recalls that “during the frigid winter of January 1839, thousands of Cherokee enroute from Georgia to Indian Territory in Oklahoma, camped near here along Dutch Creek. Unable to cross the Mississippi due to floating ice, nearly 2000 of the 13,000 who began the ‘Trail of Tears’ died during the journey.”

As was suggested at the talk in Carbondale, the Trail of Tears was “not a pretty story of a time in U.S. history, but we can’t go back and change what happened.” Furthermore, a chief justice of the Cherokee Supreme Court offered that the Cherokee are “not looking back, and neither should we; just move forward for the good of all.”

If you happen be driving along Route 146, and if you have not stopped to see the historical marker, make sure

you do. As the DAR chapter suggested in an item which was sent to this newspaper, the story of the Trail of Tears and “the perspective of the Native Americans is a story that needs to be told more often.”

The historical marker makes note of five other noteworthy events in Union County’s history:

*The creation of Union County on Jan. 2, 1818, when Illinois was still a territory. The county’s commissioners established Jonesboro as the county seat on land donated by John and Juliet Grammer.

*In the 1850s, the Illinois Central Railroad planned to run tracks through this area. Jonesboro was asked to have a survey made at a cost of \$50. When the town failed to meet the requirement, Winstead Davie submitted a survey routing the railroad through his property east of Jonesboro. A town was platted in 1854 along the tracks and Davie named it “Anna” in honor of his wife, Anna Willard Davie.

*On September 15, 1858, the third Lincoln-Douglas debate was held north of the Jonesboro Square. Lincoln was a guest of D.L. Phillips at 511 S. Main in Anna. The debate was attended by less than 1500 people – the smallest crowd of the series.

*During the Civil War, Anna served as one of the rendezvous points in Illinois for troops. Eight Union County regiments were assembled here. General Grant spent one week in Anna mustering in troops. In 1869 the Southern Hospital for the Insane – now the Choate Mental Health Center – was built in Anna.

The historical marker, by the way, was sponsored by the PAST organization of Union County and the Illinois State Historical Society. PAST, along with the Union County Historical Society, continue to work hard to ensure that we remember history as it happened right here at home. The work they do is a good thing.

As has been noted often in this space, your writer thinks it is extremely important that we remember, and appreciate, history: the history of the world around us, the history of our nation and the history which has unfolded right here in our little corner of the world.

Some folks say that nothing ever happens in Union County. The historical marker standing along Route 146 suggests otherwise.

A Page from the Past from the files of The Gazette-Democrat Thursday, January 15, 1970

A number of fires have been reported in the Union County area during the past week. Residents are urged to be particularly watchful (for) overheated stoves, furnaces, flues and electric appliances during the current cold period, when temperatures have ranged below the freezing mark.

Residents were chilled as temperatures plunged to minus 4 Thursday, Jan. 8, with readings of 0 Wednesday, Jan. 7, and again on Sunday, Jan. 11.

A \$3.5-million bond issue referendum was set for February 28 by the Shawnee College board of trustees Monday night.

At the annual meeting of Anna State Bank stockholders held Tuesday, Jan. 13, C. Earl Hughes resigned as president of the bank and Richard P. Vicenzi was elected as the new president.

Members of the Townsend F. Dodd Post 344, American Legion, are currently formulating plans for the renovation of the American Legion Community Center in Anna.

To aid the efforts being made to make the church in Anna one body with Him as the Head, St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church and the United Methodist Church are planning the first (in what) is hoped will become a series of fellowships together.

From the Alto Pass Happenings: Sunday morning, we found more snow on the ground, with hazardous driving reports from over the radio. Southern Illinois is having a very hard, cold winter.

From the Nubbin Ridge news: The new Highway 51 goes across Nubbin Ridge now and is being traveled.

From the Pleasant Ridge news: Ole man winter is sure coming around and staying with us. It is beautiful but hard to travel on. Only 13 made it out to services Sunday morning and services were dismissed Sunday night.

From the Shiloh news: It’s been very pretty in this area, but also very slick, and hazardous driving. This is Sunday p.m. and we’re getting a little more ice. David and I have reminisced about winters and we’ve decided they’re colder and longer when you begin to get older.

Commentary

Can’t let our guard down By Mike Estel

Iran scares the day lights out of me. I know we recently knocked off General Qassem Soleimani, a notorious individual that has been responsible for the loss of American lives throughout the Middle East.

The missile attack they countered with didn’t cost any lives and really all it did was make a lot of noise and cause some damage.

Sure, their leaders say they don’t want the situation to escalate. But anything can happen when you’re dealing with some people in their society, who don’t value anything at all about human life and believe suicide is the ultimate goal in life.

But when you see mass demonstrations in the street in certain countries in the Middle East with people shouting death to America as well as the Jewish community, you wonder if it will end there after that failed missile attack.

Their leaders most likely don’t want to upset their supporters.

You’re dealing with certain individuals, who believe dying for Allah and suicide is the ultimate goal and the proper way to end their lives. I know the majority of the population doesn’t preach that philosophy. However, there is a small number who do and that’s who we could be dealing with.

Are we done with those certain people yet? I hope so, but I really down deep don’t believe so.

The big thing America can’t do right now is let their guard down. That’s when they are most likely to hit when it’s least expected.

So, what can we do? Our overseas troops should be especially alert and on guard in the foreseeable future.

We should especially watch over our oil interests because there is little doubt that’s where we will hurt the most with skyrocketing oil prices. Not just good old USA either, but every country in the world would suffer by such a move.

No one in their right mind wants to go to war, but there is that possibility we could be knocking on the door because of certain suicide fanatics looming in the background.