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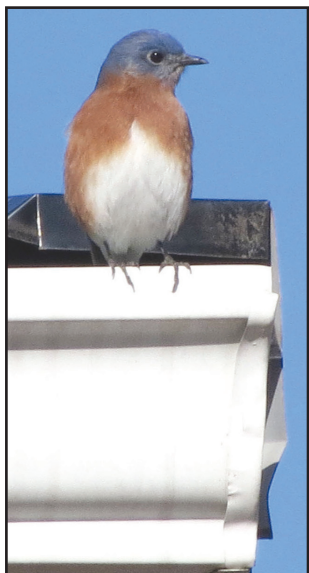
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## News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area



The bluebird of happiness? That might be the hope for 2021, given what the year 2020 has been like. The bluebird was seen in Cobden on a bitterly cold Christmas Day.

Speaking of 2021...Happy New Year to all of our readers.

The weather on the final day of 2020, and the first day of 2021, could be kind of interesting in the region.

In keeping with tradition, we share a message for the holiday season: if you plan to celebrate the arrival of the New Year...or maybe the end of 2020...please do not drink and drive.

It was again noted at a Dec. 23 meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners that property taxes were not the source of funding for construction of the county's new courthouse. The project is funded by sales tax revenue.

The work being done by the Union County animal control program was praised at last week's county board meeting.

The county's animal control program has recently reported the adoption of four pot-bellied pigs and the rescue of 63 wild cows.

The City of Anna has donated a surplus vehicle to Cars for Kids.

### Southern Seven update, as of Dec. 28

## Total of 1,580 COVID-19 cases in Union County

As of Monday, Dec. 28, Union County had recorded nearly 1,600 confirmed cases of COVID-19 since the pandemic began.

Southern Seven Health Department reported Monday that the county had a total of 1,580 confirmed cases of COVID-19.

The health department reported the death of a Union County woman in her 100s as a result of COVID-19.

Southern Seven Health Department reported a cumulative total of 4,683 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in its service area as of Dec. 28.

The health department serves Union, Alexander, Hardin, Johnson, Massac, Pope and Pulaski counties.

As of Dec. 28, the health department reported the following statistics for the seven area counties it serves:

143 newly confirmed cases. 125 newly recovered cases. 1,360 total active

cases. 75 total deaths. 4,683 cumulative total cases.

The health department reported 62 newly confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Union County on Dec. 28.

The health department reported the following number of newly confirmed cases in the county, by age:

Two in their teens, 12 in their 20s, 15 in their 30s, 11 in their 40s, four in their 50s, 11 in their 60s, five in their 70s, two 80 and older.

Total COVID-19 statistics for Union County since the start of the pandemic, as of Dec. 28, follow:

1,580 cases. 996 recovered. 559 active cases. 25 deaths had been reported.

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, in Illinois there were 4,453 new individuals with COVID-19 identified on Dec. 28, bringing the confirmed total in the State to 942,362 individuals, with 16,074 deaths.

## State's coronavirus deaths surpass 16,000

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SPRINGFIELD – While the number of new COVID-19 cases and people hospitalized in Illinois continue to decline, the state's coronavirus death toll has surpassed 16,000.

An additional 105 deaths were reported Monday by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

That brings the total COVID-19 deaths in Illinois to 16,074 among 942,362 cases and more than 13 million test results reported.

The IDPH on Monday reported 4,453 new confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in Illinois.

Statewide, the rolling seven-day average case positivity rate from Dec. 21 to Dec. 27 was 7.2 percent.

That is three-tenths of a percentage point lower than the seven-day average case positivity rate reported on Dec. 23, the last day IDPH released COVID data before the holiday weekend. That makes one week of rates below 8 percent.

At the end of Sunday, there were 4,243 people hospitalized with COVID-19 in Illinois, a decrease of 350 from Dec. 23.

There were 884 intensive care beds in use by COVID-19 patients as of Sunday night, a decrease of 69 from Dec. 23. That left 840, or just over 25 percent, of ICU beds available statewide.

COVID-19 patients occupied 515 ventilators, a decrease of 21 from the Wednesday prior to the holiday weekend.

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### Free mobile COVID-19 testing offered in Anna

Southern Seven Health Department scheduled free mobile COVID-19 testing events in Anna and Vienna. Testing was offered Tuesday, Dec. 29, at Southern Seven's Union County clinic in Anna. Vehicles were lined up early Tuesday morning at the clinic, located along Lick Creek Road, for the free testing, which began at 8 a.m. Testing also is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 3, in Vienna. The testing will be offered at Southern Seven's Early Learning Center, which is located at 513 E. Vine St. in Vienna.

## Southern Seven Health Department offers mobile testing in Anna, Vienna

Southern Seven Health Department has scheduled free mobile COVID-19 testing events in Anna and Vienna.

Testing was offered Tuesday, Dec. 29, at Southern Seven's Union County clinic in Anna.

Testing also is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 3, in Vienna. The testing will be offered at Southern Seven's Early Learning Center, which is located at 513 E. Vine St. in Vienna.

The health department said the free nasal swab test is quick and easy, with results available in as little as three days.

Anyone needing a COVID-19 test, even those without symptoms, can be tested without an appointment or doctor's referral.

The Illinois Department of Health and Southern Seven Health Department are hosting these events.

Since September, Southern Seven Health Department has held 13 mobile COVID-19 testing events in each of the seven counties the department serves. More than 1,000 people

have been tested.

As the virus continues to sweep across the region, Southern Seven Health Department encourages all residents to get tested regardless of symptoms, especially if they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive.

The health department said in a news release that it "is through testing that the health department can effectively track this disease

and prevent its spread to our most vulnerable populations."

Residents who are unable to be tested on these dates are asked to watch for these symptoms:

Fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea.

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### Looking back at 2020

The impact of the ongoing coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic has been the major story of 2020. In August, a message for the time of a pandemic was shared on a sign at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna.

## 2020 could be ending with heavy rain, wintry mix

The Union County area was facing the possibility of heavy rain and mixed wintry precipitation as 2020 comes to an end and a new year arrives this week.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah posted the following message on its website early

this week: "We continue to monitor the potential for heavy rainfall late Wednesday through Thursday night, likely coming in two waves.

"Mixed wintry precipitation remains possible for late Wednesday night through Thursday morning

for parts of the region. Impacts cannot be ruled out."

Here's a look at the forecast through New Year's Day for the Union County area which had been posted by the weather service:

Wednesday night: Rain before 5 a.m., then freezing rain. Low around 31. North

northeast wind 8 to 10 miles per hour. Chance of precipitation is 90 percent.

Thursday (today): Freezing rain likely before 9 a.m., then rain likely. Cloudy, with a high near 38. Northeast wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Thursday night: Rain, with thunderstorms also possible after midnight. Low around 37. Northeast

wind becoming southeast after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 21 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90 percent.

New Year's Day (Friday): A 40 percent chance of showers before noon. Mostly cloudy with a high near 53. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 29 mph.

## Normal New Year's Day high temperature 43 degrees

New Year's Day in the region generally is cold and dry.

The National Weather Service in Paducah took a look back at the area's weather, dating back to 1937.

Highlights of the review were posted on the office's website.

The normal high temperature for New Year's Day in the area is 43 degrees. The normal low is 26.

The warmest high on record was 69 degrees in

1965. The coldest high was 15 in 1974.

The warmest low was 56 in 2005. The coldest low was 2 degrees below zero in 1968.

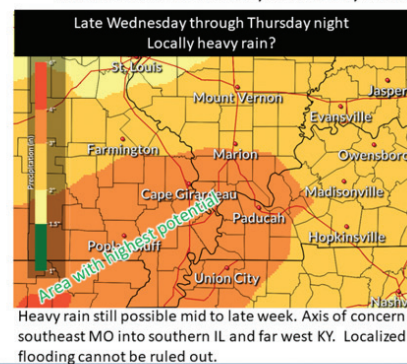
Measurable precipitation has fallen 39 percent of the time. The wettest New Year's Day on record was in 1966, with 3.40 inches of precipitation.

The snowiest New Year's Day was 1.5 inches in 1947. The most snow, in depth on the ground, was 4.0 inches in 1940.

### Weather Story

National Weather Service  
Paducah, KY

Outlook for southeast MO, southern IL, southwest IN and western KY – weather highlights this week



Wintry mix possible late Wednesday night through Thursday morning. Too soon to say if there will be impacts. Should be mainly freezing rain and possibly sleet.



NWSPaducah

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### Weather story

The National Weather Service office in Paducah highlighted the outlook for the region in this graphic which was posted early this week on its website.





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# Anna waives 2021 liquor license fees

## Economic impact of pandemic cited

The coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic has had an ongoing major impact on small businesses throughout the Union County area. Some of those businesses are receiving some help as they head into the new year of 2021.

The Anna City Council in mid-December voted to waive nearly all of the Union County municipalities liquor license fees.

The city council approved Resolution 2020-46 at its regular meeting on Dec. 15. The agenda for the meeting noted that the resolution provides for the temporary waiver of fees for certain classifications of city liquor licenses.

Letters sent by the city to those applying for 2021 liquor licenses stated:

“The City of Anna recognizes that 2020 has been a difficult year. Our local businesses, especially bars, restaurants, clubs and entertainment venues have been hit the hardest during the COVID-19 pandemic. The City Council wishes to help and support our businesses as much as we can, especially during these tough times.

“On December 15, 2020 the City Council voted to waive all 2021 liquor license fees, with the exception of the Original Package Only license classification. Enclosed you will find your 2021 license along with a refund of any amounts previously submitted for the 2021 license fees which were waived by Resolution 2020-46.

“We look forward to working together and to strengthen our community again in the upcoming year.”

Eighteen liquor license applicants will benefit from the waiving of the fees. The city’s liquor license fees range from \$900 a year to \$1,500 a year.

Discussion about the waiving of the fees initially was discussed at a city council meeting in November.

Several of those holding liquor licenses shared their concerns about the major economic impact which the pandemic has had on them. They also said any assistance which could be provided by the city would be appreciated.

# Death toll

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That left 4,205 ventilators, or 73.7 percent of all ventilators, available for use across the state.

More than 112,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered in Illinois since the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines were approved for emergency use earlier this month.

On Sunday, President Trump signed a bill granting \$900 billion in COVID-19 aid, which includes a direct payment up to \$600 dollars to some Americans. The bill also includes funds for vaccine distribution and boosts in weekly unemployment benefits.

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FFA horse judging held

Nearly 300 FFA students throughout the country virtually gathered at Southern Illinois University Carbondale for its first national horse judging event on Dec. 11.

The FFA students hailed from 60 schools and 22 states from coast to coast and as far away as Alaska.

The day-long national contest was held via Zoom: two months after the SIU College of Agricultural, Life and Physical Sciences put together an in-state competition and career-development event through the online video medium.



**Spirit of the season...and the times...**  
Christmas 2020 was celebrated in the midst of the ongoing coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. Three employees at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro were in the spirit of the season...and the times...on Wednesday, Dec. 23. From left are Brandi Boyd, Heather Barrow and Bev Schaefer. Boyd and Schaefer work in the Union County clerk’s office. Barrow works in the Union County treasurer’s office.

# County commissioners meet Dec. 23

The Union County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Wednesday morning, Dec. 23.

All five of the county board members were present. The meeting was held at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Due to limitations which are in place for the region in response to the ongoing coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, the Dec. 23 meeting was not open to the public.

The meeting was recorded live and can be viewed online on the “County of Union, Illinois” YouTube page. As of early this week, the recording had been viewed about 40 times.

In business at last week’s meeting:

New county commissioner Darryl Harvell was appointed to two committee posts.

Harvell will represent the commissioners on the Union County Hotel Operators Occupancy Tax Board, which unofficially is referred to as the tourism board.

The county’s website notes that the “Hotel Operators’ Occupancy Tax Board was established by the board of commissioners to develop an application process for those seeking the dollars generated by the county’s occupancy tax and to make recommendations on what projects to fund.

“While the Union County Board of Commissioners retains the final say on grant applications, the intention is to rely heavily on the individual expertise of the Tourism Board’s members.”

(The occupancy tax is commonly known as the hotel/motel tax. The tax is

levied by local businesses which offer accommodations, such as hotels, motels and bed and breakfasts.)

The Hotel Operators’ Occupancy Tax Board is comprised of seven members. Members of the board are appointed by the county commissioners.

The commissioners also approved the reappointments of five members of the Hotel Operators Occupancy Tax Board, including

Carol Hoffman, Ken Pinon, Wendy Winkelman, Chris Boyd and Jeff Kelley.

Harvell also was appointed to represent the commissioners with the Southern Five Regional Planning District and Development Commission.

Southern Five works to coordinate economic and community development in Union, Alexander, Johnson, Massac and Pulaski counties.

# Mobile testing

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If symptoms develop, begin isolation immediately and contact your healthcare provider about getting tested for COVID-19.

On Dec. 22, Southern Seven reported a cumulative total of 4,465 COVID-19 cases and 65 deaths in the Southern Seven region since the start of the pandemic in the United States.

The health department said it continues to see community transmission of COVID-19 at social events and gatherings at alarming rates.

Southern Seven wants anyone who thinks they may be at risk for contracting this disease to be tested.

For more details about the COVID-19 mobile testing unit, or for questions regarding COVID-19, contact Southern Seven Health Department at 618-634-2297 or visit the department on Facebook.

# Toys, gifts distributed

For three days starting on Dec. 9, the Poshard Foundation distributed over 2,000 new toys and gifts to abused, abandoned, and neglected children throughout the area.

Representatives from social service agencies from Cairo to Centralia visited the Poshard Foundation on the campus of John A. Logan College in Carterville to select new toys for the children they serve.

For the fifth year, Richard Clark and Tri-State Business Equipment in Harrisburg partnered with the Foundation to provide gifts to Southern Illinois’ most vulnerable children.

In addition to Clark and Tri-State Business, the foundation received funding of \$5,000 from Ameren Illinois.

“We want to thank Richard Clark for his continued partnership and the generous contribution from Ameren Illinois,” said Jo Poshard of the foundation.

“We also received support from Hangin’ by a Thread, BlueCross BlueShield, Modern Woodman of America, and several individual donors that make this event possible, and we can’t do it without them.”

Poshard added that COVID-19 had devastated many families in the region.

“Caseworkers have identified the children receiving these gifts in the agencies that work with our foundation, and as you know, this year has been particularly difficult for families,” said Poshard.

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The Shop Local \$500 grand prize winner, drawn on Tuesday afternoon, was Rosa Collins (right) of Anna, pictured with Melanie Lasley, bank employee of A-J National Bank. Rosa split her winnings between Rusty's Home Center (\$250) and Farmstead Market (\$250).

*Congratulations Rosa!*

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# If You Celebrate: Drive Sober

## MADD commemorates 20th anniversary of signing of .08 BAC national standard into law

Oct. 23 marked a significant milestone as Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) celebrated the 20th anniversary of President Bill Clinton signing the .08 BAC national standard into law.

The bill was signed in the White House Oval Office with MADD's then national President Millie Webb, whose family was devastated by a .08 BAC drunk driver, and several other MADD victims.

The .08 BAC law remains one of MADD's most significant legislative achievements.

“When my family was hit by a .08 BAC driver, killing my 4-year old daughter Lori and my 19-month-old nephew Mitch, and injuring me, my husband Roy and my unborn child Kara, it was not considered a crime,” Webb recalled.

“While I was waiting with President Clinton to walk out to the Rose Garden ceremony, I told him my job was to just introduce him and not share my story, but I wanted him to know what this day meant to me and so many other .08 victims.

“I told him that when I found out Mitch and later on Lori had died and were already buried, because of my burns I couldn't even raise my hand to wipe my tears. And tears were like salt to an open wound.

“He took my hand and said, ‘Millie, that's what the world needs to hear.’

“And so I told a little bit about my story and I'll never forget that. It is our stories that give MADD so much power to make change.

“MADD was proud to work with Congressional champions like the late Sen. Frank Lautenberg, former Rep. Frank Wolf, Rep. Nita Lowey and many others on getting this bill through.

“We were also proud to work with former U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater, who led the administration's initiative in support of .08 BAC.”

Today, the .08 BAC national standard remains the law of the land.

“We have made tremendous strides in reducing the

number of drunk driving deaths and injuries since MADD's founding 40 years ago, thanks to the tireless dedication of many victims and leaders who have fought hard for lifesaving laws like .08,” said MADD national president Helen Witty.

“With 10,000 people still killed every year in preventable drunk driving crashes, we continue to work toward the elimination of this crime with Congress to pass legislation to require advanced drunk driving prevention technology in all vehicles. This technology would save 9,400 lives each year when fully implemented.”

MADD thanks current Congressional champions, Rep. Jan Schakowsky, Rep. Debbie Dingell, Sen. Rick Scott and Sen. Tom Udall for their commitment and leadership in advancing legislation that would mandate drunk driving prevention technology systems in all vehicles.

In July, the House included a drunk driving technology mandate in their surface transportation legislation.

MADD is hopeful that the Senate will also recognize the value of this legislation and the potential to save more than one-quarter of all annual highway deaths.

“I am humbled every day

by the incredible change effected by so many victims of this violent, preventable crime. MADD's history of putting a name and face to the victims of drunk driving is more important than ever as we work to eliminate drunk driving once and for all,” Witty added.

Founded in 1980, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) is the nation's largest nonprofit organization working to end drunk driving, help fight drugged driving, support the victims of these violent crimes and prevent underage drinking.

MADD has helped to save more than 390,000 lives, reduce drunk driving deaths by more than 50 percent and promote designating a non-drinking driver.

MADD's Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving calls for law enforcement support, ignition interlocks for all offenders and advanced vehicle technology.

MADD has provided supportive services to nearly 1 million drunk and drugged driving victims and survivors at no charge through local victim advocates and the 24-Hour Victim Help Line 1-877-MADD-HELP. Visit [www.madd.org](http://www.madd.org) or call 1-877-ASK-MADD for more information.

## Plan ahead: have a non-drinking driver

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) is reminding everyone to plan ahead for a non-drinking driver to get them safely to their destination during the holiday season.

MADD national president Helen Witty, whose 16-year-old daughter Helen Marie was killed by an alcohol- and marijuana-impaired driver, said that “every single drunk driving death is preventable. Every single drunk driving death forever leaves an empty seat at the table,” Witty said.

Drunk driving crashes increase dramatically every holiday season as more people travel and celebrate.

More than 1,000 people died in drunk driving crashes from 6 p.m. on Thanksgiving Eve through New Year's Eve 2018.

Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve are so dangerous that almost half of all traffic deaths on those days are caused by drunk driving.

In addition to planning ahead for a safe and sober ride home, MADD encourages party hosts to reward non-drinking, designated drivers with festive, non-alcoholic drinks and good food.

Thank law enforcement heroes and support them in any way you can.

Show your support for MADD's long-running Tie One On For Safety campaign and remind everyone that drinking and driving never mix by displaying one of MADD's iconic red ribbons on your vehicle.

“We want everyone to have a fun, festive holiday season,” Witty said. “We also want everyone to make it home.”

### Average Cost of a DUI Conviction in Illinois

Item	Costs	Final Cost
Insurance	High-risk insurance. (Additional \$2,000 per year, required for three years.)	\$6,000
Legal Fees	Uncontested plea and hardship driving permit.	\$2,000*
Court Costs	Fine of up to \$2,500. Court costs — \$750. Reimbursements to law enforcement, towing and storage fees — \$250. Trauma Center Fund — \$100.	\$3,600*
Income Loss	Loss of four weeks income due to jail or community service, evaluations and remedial education classes. (Loss based on average yearly income of \$55,000.)	\$4,230
Rehabilitation	Remedial substance abuse class; counseling fees; evaluations for the courts and Secretary of State.	\$300
Driver's License Reinstatement	\$500 plus \$30 for a new license; Formal hearing fee — \$50.	\$580
BAIID	Installation — \$100; rental fee — \$80 per month/\$960 per year; monitoring fee — \$30 per month/\$360 per year.	\$1,420
Total Average Cost		\$18,130

\*These fees may vary depending on the defendant's geographic location.

## Concentration

### Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) in G/DL Typical Effects, Predictable Effects on Driving

.02. Some loss of judgment; relaxation, slight body warmth, altered mood. Decline in visual functions (rapid tracking of a moving target), decline in ability to perform two tasks at the same time (divided attention).

.05. Exaggerated behavior, may have loss of small-muscle control (e.g., focusing your eyes), impaired judgment, usually good feeling, lowered alertness, release of inhibition. Reduced coordination, reduced ability to track moving objects, difficulty steering, reduced response to emergency driving situations.

.08. Muscle coordination becomes poor (e.g., balance, speech, vision, reaction time, and hearing), harder to detect danger; judgment, self-control, reasoning, and memory are impaired. Concentration, short-term memory loss, speed control, reduced information processing capability (e.g., signal detection, visual search), impaired perception.

.10. Clear deterioration of reaction time and control, slurred speech, poor coordination, and slowed thinking. Reduced ability to maintain lane position and brake appropriately.

.15. Far less muscle control than normal, vomiting may occur (unless this level is reached slowly or a person has developed a tolerance for alcohol), major loss of balance. Substantial impairment in vehicle control, attention to driving task, and in necessary visual and auditory information processing.

## Drunk driving: signs, suggestions

### Signs of Drunk Driving

Quick acceleration or deceleration. Tailgating. Weaving or zig-zagging across the road.

Driving anywhere other than on a road designated for vehicles. Almost striking an object, curb or vehicle.

Stopping without cause or erratic braking. Drifting in and out of traffic lanes.

Signaling that is inconsistent with driving actions. Slow response to traffic signals (such as a sudden stop or delayed start).

Straddling the center lane marker. Driving with headlights off at night.

Swerving. Driving slower than 10 mph below the speed limit. Turning abruptly or illegally. Driving into opposing traffic on the wrong side of the road.

### What Do You Do If You

### See a Drunk Driver?

First, stay as far away from the other vehicle as possible.

Second, do not try to pass the vehicle or signal the driver to pull over. Doing so could result in a collision.

Third, take notice of the license plate number along with the vehicle including make, model and color. Drivers are warned not to compromise their own safety trying to obtain this information.

Finally, pull over and call 911. Give the exact location of the vehicle, including the name of the road or cross streets and the direction the vehicle is traveling. Give a complete description of the vehicle and the manner in which the vehicle is being driven.

### Tips to Prevent Someone from Driving Drunk

Be as non-confrontational as possible. Suggest alternate ways of getting to their destination.

Talk a bit more slowly and explain things more fully than if the person were a sober person.

Explain that you don't want them to drive because you care and you don't want them to hurt themselves or others.

Suggest that they sleep over. Enlist a friend to help or to act as moral support: it's more difficult to say no to two (or three or four) people than one.

If possible, get the person's keys. It is far easier to persuade the potential driver when holding this leverage.

If all else fails, call law enforcement. It's better to have a friend arrested than injured or killed.

## Drinking even small amount of alcohol increases chances of causing traffic accident

Alcohol is the number one killer on American roadways.

Alcohol affects your vision and slows your reaction time so it takes longer to act in an emergency.

Alcohol affects your driving even if you are below the level of illegal intoxication.

Drinking even a small amount of alcohol increases your chances of causing a crash. Do not drink and drive.

### Blood-Alcohol Concentration (BAC)

Blood-alcohol concentration is a measurement of the amount of alcohol in your system based on a test of your breath, blood or urine.

It is illegal to drive if your BAC is .08 percent or more. However, you can be

convicted of Driving Under the Influence (DUI) if your BAC is less than .08 percent and your driving ability is impaired. Your BAC can be affected by:

The amount you drink: 12 ounces of beer, 5 ounces of wine or 1.5 ounces of hard liquor contain the same amount of alcohol.

Your body weight or size. Usually, heavier people have more blood and body fluids to dilute the alcohol.

Other factors affect your reaction to alcohol, including the food you have eaten, your tolerance of alcohol and any drugs you may have taken.

Time is the only way to remove the effects of alcohol.

Food, coffee and showers

## Responsible behavior

Plan your safe ride home before you start the party, choose a non-drinking friend as a designated driver.

If someone you know has been drinking, do not let that person get behind the wheel. Take their keys and help them arrange a sober ride home.

If you drink, do not drive for any reason. Call a taxi, a ride-hailing service, or a sober friend.

If you're hosting a party where alcohol will be served, make sure all guests leave with a sober driver.

Always wear your seat belt: it's your best defense against impaired drivers.

If you see an impaired driver on the road, contact local law enforcement. Your actions could help save someone's life.

### Sources

Sources for the information which appears on these pages include the websites for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the Illinois State Police.

## Driving after drinking

Driving after drinking is deadly. Yet it still continues to happen across the United States.

If you drive while impaired, you could get arrested, or worse: be involved in a traffic crash that causes serious injury or death.

Approximately one-third of all traffic crash fatalities in the United States involve drunk drivers (with BACs of .08 g/dL or higher).

In 2017, there were 10,874 people killed in these preventable crashes.

In fact, on average over the 10-year period from 2006-2016, more than 10,000 people died every year in drunk-driving crashes.

In every state, it's illegal to drive with a BAC of .08 or higher, yet one person was killed in a drunk-driving crash every 48 minutes in the United States in 2017.

Men are more likely than women to be driving drunk in fatal crashes.

In 2017, 21 percent of men were drunk in these crashes, compared to 14 percent for women.



# and Don't Get Pulled Over

## Make Right Decision, know how to stay safe

You've made the right decision to not drive impaired, now the next step is finding a safe way home.

Before you pick up your phone to book a driver or call a taxi, it's important that you know how to stay safe.

**Ride-Sharing, Ride-Hailing and Taxis**

Confirm your ride by checking the license plate.

Before getting into a ride-hailing vehicle, make sure the car and license plate match what you booked through the app. Many of these cars can look alike.

You should also look at the driver and ask them their name, to confirm it matches the name and photo in the app.

**Find a Safe Spot to be Picked Up**

Pick up locations for ride-hailing services aren't usually centralized.

You should pick a location where you can wait inside until the driver arrives.

If that's not possible, choose an area to wait that's away from the roadway, well lit, and where your driver can

safely stop.

Request that your driver drop you off in a safe spot too.

Don't step into the road to flag down a ride. Go to a taxi stand, call for a cab or request someone call a ride for you.

It's never a good idea to accept a ride from a stranger who may stop after seeing you looking for a ride.

**Wear a Seat Belt**

Even if it's a quick ride and you're in the back seat, you should always buckle up, and make sure that your driver wears their seat belt, too.

**Bikes and Scooters**

Don't ride a bike or scooter after drinking alcohol or using drugs.

About 26 percent of the bicyclists who died in 2017 had been drinking. Even a small amount of alcohol can cause balance issues and delayed reaction time.

If you're impaired, leave the bike or scooter behind, and choose a safe form of transportation.

**Walking**

Know that walking home drunk or high can be dan-

gerous.

An estimated 32 percent of deadly pedestrian crashes in 2017 involved a person who was drunk and walking. Avoid walking home if you've been drinking or using drugs.

If you choose to walk, remember to obey traffic signs and signals. If there isn't a sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from vehicles as possible.

Be visible, especially at night: 75 percent of pedestrian deaths in 2017 happened when it was dark.

**Public Transportation**

Be vigilant. When using a bus or train to get home, be aware of your surroundings, especially if you're traveling alone. Choose a seat near the driver or operator. Don't sleep on a bus.

While it's best to plan ahead for a sober driver, or consider staying over, it's important to know how to stay safe when considering other forms of transportation. And remember, never drive drunk or high.

# EVERYONE

has a responsibility to help eliminate drunk driving.



### Alcohol reduces function of brain

Alcohol is a substance that reduces the function of the brain, impairing thinking, reasoning and muscle coordination.

All these abilities are essential to operating a vehicle safely.

As alcohol levels rise in a person's system, the negative effects on the central nervous system increase, too.

Alcohol is absorbed directly through the walls of the stomach and small intestine.

Then it passes into the bloodstream where it accumulates until it is metabolized by the liver.

Alcohol level is measured

by the weight of the alcohol in a certain volume of blood.

This is called Blood Alcohol Concentration, or BAC. At a BAC of .08 grams of alcohol per deciliter (g/dL) of blood, crash risk increases exponentially.

Because of this risk, it's illegal in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico to drive with a BAC of .08 or higher.

However, even a small amount of alcohol can affect driving ability.

In 2017, there were 1,837 people killed in alcohol-related crashes where drivers had lower alcohol levels (BACs of .01 to .07 g/dL).

BAC is measured with a breathalyzer, a device that measures the amount of alcohol in a driver's breath, or by a blood test.

### Chronology of DUI arrest

From the Illinois Secretary of State's DUI Fact Book

An officer stops a vehicle at a roadside safety check or for probable cause, reasonable suspicion or unusual operation.

The officer observes the driver and requests a driver's license, vehicle registration and proof of insurance.

If the officer suspects the driver is under the influence, the driver is asked to submit to field sobriety tests.

If the officer does not suspect the driver is under the influence, the driver is released without any applicable violations.

If the officer has probable cause based on the field sobriety tests, the driver is placed under arrest for DUI and taken to the police station. The driver is asked to submit to chemical testing of breath, blood, urine or other bodily substance.

If tested, the driver who has a BAC of more than .05 but less than .08, a THC of less than either 5 nanograms or more per milliliter of whole blood or 10 nanograms or more per milliliter of other bodily substance, and no drugs found in his/her system, no statutory summary suspension will apply; however, the associated DUI charge will remain until appropriate action is taken by the court.

If the driver refuses to submit to or fails to complete chemical testing, a statutory summary suspension will be imposed. If the driver is a first-time DUI offender, he/she may be eligible for a Monitoring Device Driving Permit. If the driver is a repeat DUI offender, he/she may be eligible for a Restricted Driving Permit (RDP).

If the driver's test results show a BAC of .08 or more; a THC of either 5 nanograms or more per milliliter of whole blood or 10 nanograms or more per milliliter of other bodily substance; or any trace of a drug (other than cannabis), illegal substance or intoxicating compound, the driver will be issued a law enforcement sworn report notifying the driver of a statutory summary suspension.

If the driver's license is valid, a receipt is issued, allowing driving for 45 days.

Drivers may obtain additional testing at their own expense; the results are admissible in court.

The offender is required to post bond and may be detained until bond is posted.

The offender's vehicle may be towed, impounded or seized.

### What is D.U.I.?

Driving Under the Influence is defined as operating a motor vehicle while impaired by alcohol, other drugs or intoxicating compounds, and methamphetamine.

In Illinois, a driver is legally considered to be under the influence if he/she has a blood-alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or more, has used any illegal substance, or is impaired by medication. A driver's BAC is based on the ratio of alcohol to blood or breath. However, an individual with a BAC between .05 and .08 may be convicted of DUI if additional evidence determines that the driver was impaired.

### How many drinks before I'm at .08?

The effect of alcohol on an individual is determined primarily by two factors: the amount of alcohol consumed and the rate at which it is absorbed by the body. Other contributing factors include gender, body weight, alcohol tolerance, mood, environment, and the amount of food consumed.

From the first drink, alcohol affects coordination and judgment. Even with a BAC well below .08, a person's reaction time slows. The risk of being in a crash begins to climb with a BAC between .04 and .05, and increases rapidly thereafter.

By the time a driver reaches a BAC of .06, he/she is twice as likely to be involved in a fatal crash as a non-drinking driver. By the time a driver reaches a BAC of .08, he/she is 11 times more likely to be killed in a single vehicle crash than a non-drinking driver.

### Did you know?

- A DUI conviction is a permanent part of an offender's driving record.
- The offender may lose work time.
- The offender is required to complete an alcohol/drug evaluation and an alcohol/drug remedial education course, or substance abuse treatment program before driving privileges are reinstated.
- The offender must meet the requirements of the Secretary of State's Department of Administrative Hearings prior to obtaining an RDP (restricted driving permit).
- The offender's vehicle may be impounded or seized.
- A BAID may be installed on the offender's vehicle as a condition of driving relief. For more information on BAID requirements for driving relief following a DUI conviction please visit [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com).
- The offender is required to carry high-risk auto insurance for 3 years.
- The offender's vehicle registration will be suspended.
- If a driver is convicted of DUI in another state, the conviction will be added to his/her Illinois driving record and result in revocation of driving privileges.

### First Conviction

Class A misdemeanor (possible imprisonment of up to 1 year; fines of up to \$2,500); minimum loss of driving privileges for 1 year (2 years if driver is under age 21); suspension of vehicle registration.

### Second Conviction

Class A misdemeanor (possible imprisonment of up to 1 year; fines of up to \$2,500); mandatory minimum imprisonment of 5 days or 240 hours of community service; loss of driving privileges for a minimum of 5 years for a second conviction within 20 years; suspension of vehicle registration.

### Third Conviction

Third Conviction (Aggravated DUI) Class 2 felony (possible imprisonment of 3-7 years; fines of up to \$25,000); loss of driving privileges for a minimum of 10 years; suspension of vehicle registration.

### How do you sober someone up?

The only way to rid the body of alcohol is time. Fresh air, coffee, a shower, and food cannot help a person become sober. It takes about one hour for the body to metabolize one drink.

### Did you know?

Each of these drinks have a comparable amount of alcohol: one 12-ounce bottle of beer, one 5-ounce glass of wine or one 1.5-ounce shot of hard liquor.

### Knowingly Permitting a Driver Under the Influence to Operate a Vehicle

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# Sports

## Local pitcher went on to play professional ball

**By Mike Estel**

The fast balls and curve balls caused a lot of strikeouts on the opposing team. I was umpiring behind home plate at the Anna City Park on this Sunday afternoon the latter part of the 1980s observing closely this awesome pitching performance.

The pitcher was Rodney Seip on the mound for the Anna American Legion baseball team. I don't remember the final score, but I know Anna won because the opposing team didn't get a lot of hits when he was on the hill.

After playing American Legion baseball for Anna, Rodney ended his American Legion baseball career on the Cape Girardeau, Mo., Legion team.

His pitching prowess at Egyptian High School and these American Legion appearances helped get him drafted in the 15th round of professional baseball.

Rodney then played from the 1992 season through 1995 for the Texas Rangers.

In his final year, he finished his professional career in the Independent League at St. Paul, Minnesota.

After advancing to as high as Class A baseball in the Rookie League, a shoulder injury ended his professional baseball career.

"The shoulder injury basically ended it for me," Rodney said recently, "But, I wouldn't trade it for anything."

Rodney has worked for the last 24 years at Spartech Plastics in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

However, his ball career never ended after the injury sidelined him and he will be starting his 5th season as the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School softball coach.

Hopefully, this present pandemic going throughout the world will not halt a spring softball season in 2021. With vaccinations presently going on, this dreaded pandemic could be halted by then and life and the world of sports could again return to normal.

## Just what will happen to high school sports in 2021?

**By Mike Estel**

Just what will happen to high school sports in 2021? Well, we will find out very soon.

The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) is planning on working out the sport schedule for at least one sport for the upcoming year early next month.

Basketball practice is expected to start sometime early in January as well as working out the schedule for the games expected to follow.

two sports allowed to be played last fall.

Now comes the other seasons. Because of the pandemic, football had been put on hold from last fall and is expected to be played early next year as well.

But what about baseball, softball, boys' and girls' track, volleyball, soccer and wrestling?

It's going to be interesting to say the least to what will happen to these other various sports as to whether they will have a season at all or a much shortened season.

With the present vaccinations going on to fight the pandemic, surely, later on in 2021 will be a lot better for high school athletes and fans than the disastrous never-to-be forgotten 2020 season.

## Leave No Trace course set at Touch of Nature

A Leave No Trace Master Educator course is planned at Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Touch of Nature Environmental Center Jan. 12-16.

The immersive experience takes place at Touch of Nature, a 3,100-acre site about 8 miles south of Carbondale off Giant City Road.

Located along Little Grassy Lake, the experiential learning and nature facility is bordered by Giant City State Park and Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge.

Throughout the course, participants will get hands-on experience putting into practice what they are learning.

They will participate in on-site adventures and back-country day outings.

On the final day, each participant will present a 15- to 20-minute lesson on one of the Leave No Trace Seven Principles and how it relates to a specific activity.

Educators, naturalists, park rangers, recreation planners, Scout leaders and anyone who works in an outdoor setting or industry or who has an interest in the great outdoors will benefit from the class.

After successfully completing the class, participants will receive a certificate from the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor

Education.

They will then be qualified to teach the two-day Leave No Trace Trainer courses as well as shorter Leave No Trace awareness workshops.

Touch of Nature's outdoor learning laboratory will incorporate overnight camping and indoor lodging for the course, and enhanced safety measures, including social distancing, will be in place.

In order to comply with COVID-19 safety guidelines set forth by the state of Illinois and SIU, meals and lodging are not included in the registration and group sizes are limited, but the registration cost has been adjusted accordingly.

Participants are advised to bring all necessary equipment and food.

Arrangements for rental equipment, food purchases or lodging at Little Grassy Lodge can be made with Touch of Nature in advance for additional fees.

Registration for the course is available online at <https://ton.siu.edu/program-areas/trainings-and-workshops/leave-no-trace/master-educator.php>.

The cost is \$495, and space is limited. The deadline to register is Jan. 10. For more information, contact Erik Oberg at 618-453-3945 or [eriko@siu.edu](mailto:eriko@siu.edu).



**Big win for Cobden**  
The Cobden High School boys' basketball team's players and coaches gathered for pictures with their regional championship plaque Friday night, Feb. 28. Cobden defeated Cairo in front of a packed house to win an Illinois High School Association Class 1A regional title.

It had been 56 years since the Cobden High School boys' basketball team won a regional basketball tournament title.

But that came to an end as the Appleknockers held on for a 55-43 win over Cairo to claim the Class 1A regional championship hosted by Cobden Friday night, Feb. 28.

"We definitely had a home court advantage," Cobden head coach Wendell Wheeler said. "It was a good win for the community."

The community came out in droves in the packed gymnasium and every seat was taken. Fans arriving late at the game, if they wanted to remain, had to stand in the lobby and view the game through the open doors.

"We put in a lot of hard work this season," Wheeler said. "It's good to see it pay off."

Cobden's Joe Brumleve opened the game with a basket. Cairo's Riko Nelson countered with a 3-pointer for the only lead for the Pilots in the game at 3-2.

Back-to-back 3-pointers by Dylan Lewey boosted Cobden to a 10-3 early lead.

Brumleve scored again to close out the quarter and the Appleknockers were ahead 12-9 after one quarter.

Noah Franklin added a 3-pointer early in the next

quarter and Brumleve and Tyler Franklin scored a basket apiece to close out the scoring and boost Cobden to a 21-15 first half lead.

Brumleve scored the first 5 points to open the second half and brought the crowd to its feet with a slam dunk later in the quarter. A free throw by Brumleve then closed out the scoring as the Appleknockers pulled ahead 35-25 going into the final quarter.

Tyler Franklin made a 3-pointer in the last quarter and Cobden took over at the free throw line to score eight consecutive points to hold off the Pilots, who fouled a lot late in the game trying to catch up.

Brumleve led the way for Cobden with 26 points, 7 rebounds and a blocked shot.

Noah Franklin added 12 points and 6 rebounds. Lewey had 7 points and Tyler Franklin had 6 points and 4 rebounds. Alex Ramsey and Jose Lopez had 2 points apiece.

"We're on a nice little run right now," Wheeler said. "A lot of good things are happening for us."

The Appleknockers, 24-8, with the regional title have now won nine consecutive games.

Cobden was to have played earlier Tuesday in the Class 1A Norris City/Omaha sectional against Woodlawn, which won the

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**September 2020: Anna hosts pickleball tournament**  
The Southern Illinois Open pickleball tournament was played Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 25-27, in Anna. The tournament was hosted by the Anna Pickleball Group. Competition took place on the new pickleball courts at the Anna City Park. Organizers welcomed approximately 75 players from five states to play. Proceeds from the tournament helped to support Hadley’s Haven, an all-inclusive playground which is planned at the Anna City Park.

Du Quoin State Fair grandstand entertainment lineup announced

The Du Quoin State Fair grandstand lineup has been set for 2021.

In addition to the ARCA and USAC races, the grandstand is scheduled to host eight performers and will feature something for everyone.

Fairgoers who purchase grandstand tickets will receive a full refund if COVID-19 prevents the Du Quoin State Fair from being held.

En Vogue is scheduled to kick things off on the grandstand stage on Saturday, Aug. 28.

Sunday, Aug. 29, is scheduled to feature a rock band formed in Illinois when REO Speedwagon comes to town.

Modern country music artist Hardy is scheduled to perform Monday, Aug. 30.

Grammy award winning recording artist, songwriter, actor and philanthropist Ludacris takes to the stage on Tuesday, Aug. 31.

ACM’s new artist of year Riley Green will take to the stage on Wednesday, Sept. 1.

JJ Grey and MOFRO are set to bring the blues to Du Quoin on Thursday, Sept. 2.

Singer-songwriter Jamey Johnson is set to perform at the grandstand Friday, Sept. 3.

On the final night of the fair Ron White brings his classic storyteller brand of comedy to the grandstand on Monday, Sept. 6.

Tickets for the Du Quoin State Fair grandstand entertainment were scheduled to go on sale Dec. 15 at Ticketmaster.com.

IDOA announces guidelines for use of Dicamba products during 2021 growing season

The Illinois Department of Agriculture, IDOA, on Dec. 23 announced that it has registered the following Dicamba products for the use on soybeans for the 2021 growing season:

XtendiMax with Vapor Grip Technology, Engenia Herbicide and Tavium Plus Vapor Grip Technology.

The new federal label for Dicamba was issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency on Oct. 27.

The new federal label requirements for these products include:

- Requiring an approved pH-buffering agent, also known as a volatility reducing agent, be tank mixed with Dicamba products prior to all applications.
- Requiring a downwind buffer of 240 feet and 310 feet in areas where listed endangered species are located.
- Additional recordkeeping items.

The approved federal label also includes a cutoff date of June 30 for application of these products on soybeans.

However, IDOA will be utilizing its authority pursuant to Section 24(a) of FIFRA and relevant provisions of the Illinois Pesticide Act to impose a cutoff date of June 20 for application on soybeans.

In addition to the June 20 cutoff date, IDOA also intends to include the following additional application restrictions for application of these products on soybeans:

Temperature restriction of 85 degrees Fahrenheit.

Requirement to consult the Field Watch sensitive crop registry <https://www.fieldwatch.com> before application.

Prohibiting application if the wind is blowing toward any Illinois Nature Preserves Commission site that is adjacent to the proposed field of application.

Prohibiting application when the wind is blowing toward an adjacent residential area.

“This decision was made after evaluating several factors, including the reduction of pesticide misuse cases involving the use of Dicamba on soybeans from 2019 to 2020,” said IDOA acting director Jerry Costello II.

“In 2020, the department included an 85 degree temperature restriction in addition to the June 20 cutoff date, resulting in an 80 percent decrease in Dicamba misuse complaints.”

Dicamba is a herbicide commonly used on soybeans and cotton.

Illinois ranks first in the nation for soybean production, producing 532 billion bushels of soybeans per year. The July 30 cutoff date for application of these products on cotton will not be affected.

History of Ware featured in new book



**History of Ware featured**  
Tess D. Ford is the author of a book titled “Ware Illinois: A Crossroad in Time 1940’s-1960’s.” Photo provided.

“Ware Illinois: A Crossroad in Time 1940’s-1960’s,” a book written by Tess D. Ford, was just released for sale through Barnes & Noble Press.

Tess D. Hazel-Ford of De Soto was raised in Ware. She attended Shawnee High School in Wolf Lake, Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau and Southern Illinois University, where she completed her doctorate degree.

Hazel-Ford is a member of the Daniel Chapman Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution NSDAR serving Pope, Union, Johnson, Pulaski, and Alexander counties.

Archie Hazel, her brother, of Jonesboro, and Kimberly D. Ford, her daughter, served as editors for the book.

The book is a compilation of historical information, biographies, documents, contributed biographical information, memories and remembrances from people who lived in Ware, primarily from the 1940s to the 1960s.

The book offers a snapshot of the life and times in the small community during the period and includes a variety of black and white and color photos.

Some historical information included in the book describes businesses and landmarks, historical schools of the area, churches, local news of the times and local news coverage of the 1943-1944 flood of the Mississippi River.

Historical drawings, surveys, maps and plat maps are featured in the 226 pages of the book.

Copies of “Ware Illinois: A Crossroad in Time 1940’s-1960’s” were donated to the PAST organization of Union County and to Stinson Memorial Library in Anna. The book is available by online ordering through Barnes & Noble.

Cotton receives six awards

Kathy Lohrum Cotton of Anna recently received six awards in the 2020 Illinois State Poetry Society, ISPS, annual competitions.

Cotton won first place in the Morris Appreciation Award and the Southern Chapter Award categories, second place in the Highland Park Poetry Award, and third place in the Love and Marriage Award.

She also earned honorable mention awards in the First Responders and the Swords and Ploughshares categories.

Cotton is a member of the ISPS board of directors and facilitates the Southern Chapter in Carbondale.

She served as editor for the chapter’s illustrated pandemic poems collection, “The First Six Months,” which was published in October.

Also a member of the National Federation of State Poetry Societies board, she is editor for the organization’s annual prize-poems anthology, Encore.

Candidates file in Jonesboro

All of the incumbent officeholders have filed nominating petitions to seek reelection in the City of Jonesboro’s 2021 municipal election.

The filing period was from Dec. 14 to Dec. 21. The election is set for April 6, 2021.

Candidates who filed nominating petitions, by office, included:

Mayor: Ken Blandford. He is the incumbent.

City clerk: Barbara Casper. She is the incumbent.

City treasurer: Shelley Pender. She is the incumbent.

Alderman, Ward I: Bart Hileman. He is the incumbent.

Alderman, Ward II: Steve Haldeman and Jeremiah Johnson filed. Haldeman is the incumbent.

Alderman, Ward III: Ken Carlson. He is the incumbent.

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# Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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

## Happy New Year

Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year.

## Family Christmas

Doug and Beth Hileman hosted a 2020 family Christmas at their 5-H Farm with a part of their family in attendance.

Their daughter Sarah and her Song family came from Texas for a few days.

Their son Lucas and Rachael Hileman brought 2-month-old Wyatt Ethan Hileman for his first Christmas.

Other guests included Don and Sharon Laster from Jonesboro, and Bonnie Hileman, Norm and Barb Bauer from Anna.

Son did a Zoom visit with son Jacob and his family in France and received calls from the Lou Bauers in St. Louis and the Dave

Bauers and Tim Bauer in Wisconsin.

## Christmas

Cathy Zigler had a very nice Christmas. She went to Thompsonville to her sister's Joyce and Don King. Her brother, Daryl McCoy, was there. His son and granddaughter came, Nick and Keira McCoy. They had lunch and then visited.

## Christmas Week

Willie and Terrie Rhymers have had a busy week. On Tuesday, their son Andy who lives in Kansas stopped by for a brief visit on his way home after working the past week in Memphis.

On Wednesday, they along with Jamie and Rebecca Yates and children Ruby, Mason, Violet and Miles, traveled to Patti's to celebrate Rebecca's 37th

birthday.

Christmas Eve the Rhymers went to the Anna Heights Baptist Church candlelight service and also celebrated Ruby Yates 14th birthday.

Christmas morning the Yates family, along with Jordan, Alexis, Junior, Hadley and Jaxson Rhymers, had breakfast and opened presents at the Rhymers' home.

Sunday Willie and Terrie, along with Junior and Hadley Rhymers and Violet and Miles Yates, traveled to Melber, Ky., to attend a birthday party at the home of David and Tammy Chamness for their granddaughter Winrey for her 2nd birthday.

## Christmas Guests

Tina Bryant guests for Christmas were Lee Lazenby from Rockford, Will Bracken, Mary Dew and Jonathan Dew, all of Anna.

## Dinner Outing

Cathy Zigler had lunch in Marion Sunday with her friend, Cindy Stacy.

## 56th Anniversary

Francis and David Cook celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary Sunday, Dec. 27.

## Sympathy

Sympathy to the family of Rev. Joe Aldridge. He was a wonderful person and an asset to our community. He was pastor at Jonesboro Baptist Church for many years.

Sympathy to the family of Terri Weaver. She was a member of the Anna-Jo Garden Club. Terri loved watching her two grandsons. Terri will be missed.

## Christmas Guests

Carol and Mickey Joe Gordon and her niece Cheryl Stamp and son Brad Stamp enjoyed Christmas dinner in Goreville at Clarence (Bub) Stamp's home.

## Christmas Eve Guests

Dinner guests of Bessie, Curt and Elijah Ellis were Molly Siebert, Martha Ann Webb and Earl Miller. They enjoyed opening presents also and playing with Saydee Rose, Sookie, Harley and Oreo.

## Honor Wreaths For Veterans

I would like to share an email I got from my Liaison, Karen Worcester, from Wreaths Across America.

Hi there, On behalf of the Wreaths Across America organization and its extended family of volunteers and supporters across the country, we want to thank you for your support of the Mission to Remember the fallen, Honor those that serve and their families, and Teach the next generation the value of freedom.

This year in particular has presented many challenges for all involved with the mission to Remember, Honor, Teach.

In many cases our local events had to be modified more than once to meet local guidelines for health and safety.

The staff worked closely with local volunteers to provide the tools necessary to keep the public informed and safe throughout the year and this ongoing process.

With a record number of participating locations this year (2,557). Undoubtedly mistakes were made, and for that we apologize and commit to you that we will continue to work towards improvements to ensure all involved with the mission have a meaningful experience.

We understand this mission is incredibly personal for each individual involved.

The team at Wreaths Across America cares deeply for the mission and all those connected to it.

With each of the 1.7 million sponsored veterans' wreaths placed on Dec. 19

– and in some cases over several days in an effort to modify events to keep the public safe – an American hero's name was spoken out loud so they would not be forgotten.

There was also an opportunity to teach, not just the children, but the communities as a whole, about their local history and heritage.

As we head into this holiday season, may we all take the time to remember and thank those who served and sacrificed protecting our freedoms, as well as those currently serving, so that we can celebrate as we wish in the land of the free, because of the brave.

Wishing you all a safe, and joyous holiday season! Wayne Hanson, Chairman of the Board & Karen Worcester, Executive Director Wreaths Across America.

It made me not feel so bad about the few mistakes we made at our local Cemetery.

Just a reminder if you buy your wreath right now for 2021 if it reaches me by Jan. 15 Wreaths across America will match this with a wreath.

You can also pay online but be sure you put for Anna Cemetery.

Please make your check to Honor Wreaths for Veterans because our Anna Cemetery is sponsored by

the founder Jim Koonce from Carterville. This is a branch off Wreaths across America so these wreaths can also be laid in our local cemeteries.

If you make your check to Wreaths Across America it will go to a National Cemetery. The wreaths are still \$15 each.

If possible please put with the check who it is in honor of, what branch of service they were in, what war they served in, where they are buried, and your name and if you will be laying the wreath.

This year we are asking family members that live here if possible to please



Walter Jackson and his granddaughter Abigail Dahmer, along with his grandson Edward Dahmer, helped place Honor Wreaths for Veterans at the Anna Cemetery Saturday, Dec. 19. Walter is a Vietnam veteran. Thanks for your service to our country.



Jerry and Diane Hines celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary.



Sharon Toler celebrated her 79th birthday on Christmas Day with Dee Toler her husband of 57 years. Jon, Bev, Jerod, Jacob Schaefer and Brian, Allison, Maximus and Natalie Toler and Hunter Sullivan. They had cake and ice cream after opening Christmas presents and having a wonderful Christmas lunch.



“And the shepherds found the babe...” Reenactment of the nativity, Dec. 24, 2020, by the Song/Bauer/Hileman players. Left to right Joshua Song as Joseph, Abigail Song as Mary, Wyatt Hileman as baby Jesus, great gram Barb Bauer as the shepherdess and Gideon Song as the sheep.



A special thanks to Delta Theta Tau sisters and families who helped with Honor Wreaths Saturday, Dec. 19, in our Anna Cemetery.



Doug and Beth Hileman enjoy Christmas 2020 with grandkids Joshua, Gideon and Abigail Song from Texas and Wyatt Hileman from Indiana. They all had a Zoom visit with grands Finlay, Emmie and Leah Hileman in Paris, France.



A special thanks to Lilia Williams and her family for helping lay the Honor Wreaths for Veterans in our Anna Cemetery Saturday Dec. 19. They are standing in front of Lilia's husband and their father Bob who was a veteran. Left to right Kevin, Lilia's oldest son and his wife Bridgette and children Ethan and Alexis came from Benton to help, Lilia, her grandsons Joseph and Tommy with their mother Twilla Smith.



lay your loved ones wreaths. We had 533 wreaths this year and around 30 volunteers plus family members.

We are also looking forward to people donating wreaths for those who have no one to buy a wreath for them.

Our goal this year is to sell enough wreaths to put a wreath on every veteran in our Anna Cemetery. We need 831-plus wreaths.

I would also like to thank Randall Watkins who walked our Anna Cemetery and found where every veteran was buried.

Buying your wreath right now would really help with the buy one match one. Please mail your check to me, Martha Ann Webb, at 118 W. Monroe St., Anna, Ill. 62906, or take it to Anna City Hall and ask them to put in my mail box. Thanks so much to everyone who donated to honor our Veterans.

If you buy your wreath now for another cemetery the donated wreath from Wreaths Across America will stay in the Anna Cemetery. Thanks.

**Happy Retirement**  
I was happy for Teresa Gilbert but also sad to see she would be retiring as executive director for Bald Knob Cross. Teresa has been a blessing for the Cross. I got an email from her that said:

It is with mixed feelings that I announce that I will be retiring at the end of June, 2021.

Serving in the role of Director for Bald Knob Cross has truly been an adventure, as well as an honor. I have met thousands of new people and had countless priceless experiences. It's a special place, envisioned, built and then restored by special people.

The Board of Directors has decided to make a gradual transition for the Executive Director role, so we are posting the position for the new Executive Director and will hire a new candidate in the near future, and we will work together until my retirement date.

All information for application for the position can be found at baldknobcross.com/employment. Please feel free to pass this information on to anyone you think might be interested.

I look forward to passing the torch to the next person who will have the honor of leading Bald Knob Cross of Peace into its next chapter. Blessings, Teresa Gilbert, Executive Director Bald Knob Cross of Peace, Inc.

The mission of Bald Knob Cross of Peace, Inc., is "to provide a place where all people can unite to experience the presence of God."

I know this last year has been very challenging for those working there. I used to see Teresa at our chamber of commerce meeting and since we have not been able to meet. Haven't seen Teresa since Fall Colors at the Cross.

Teresa's smiling face and willingness to help always made everyone feel very welcome at the Cross of Peace. You will be missed

Teresa and thanks for serving as executive director.

**United Methodist Church, Anna**

Welcome new custodian Mike Maples, who will start the first of the year.

Happy retirement and thanks to Bill Hooks, who has been the custodian for I believe seven years. Sorry we couldn't have a cake and big celebration party for you.

Last Monday thanks to Loaves and Fishes for passing out food.

Rev. Tim Gossett's services will be on Facebook and online. Because of COVID there will be no services inside the church until further notice.

The Christmas Eve candlelight service scripture lesson was from Luke, with the message Celebrating the Birth of Jesus.

Rev. Tim read the true meaning of the Twelve Days of Christmas to the children.

The Advent candles were lit by Chris Foster with the last one being the Christ Candle, The Light of the World. Our Lord's Supper was taken.

Carla Anderson played the organ and sang several Christmas songs, Joy to the World, Angels We Have Heard on High, What Child is This, Away in a Manger, Special Music Mary Did You Know? and Silent Night.

The service on Sunday morning, Dec. 27, was on Facebook.

Pastor Tim Gossett's sermon was Wesley's Covenant Service, with scripture from Jeremiah.

Songs by Carla Anderson were "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" and "Go Tell It on the Mountain."

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

**Anna Heights Baptist Church**

Birthdays: Jan. 2 Keith Ellis, Jan. 3 Steen Vaca Diez, Jan. 4 Sarah Wright

Anniversaries: Jan. 1 Dennis and Kathy Thornburg, Jan. 5 Jim and Cindy Walker.

Pastor Darryl Williams' sermon this week was titled Jesus was Born to Bring Joy, with scripture from Luke.

Anna Heights has in house worship service on Sundays at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and online on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. Be sure to look on their social media platforms on Facebook or YouTube for up to date Bible studies, services and other announcements or visit their website at anna-heights.com.

Monday through Friday at 8 a.m. there is intercessory prayer in the foyer for anyone who would like to pray. Social distancing and masks are required.

Anna Heights staff: Pastor Darryl Williams. Pastor of students and recreation Danny McFarland. Pastor of worship and discipleship

J.C. Vaca Diez.

Early learning center director: Angela Harris. Secretary: Sondra Holshouser. Custodian: Susan Grisby.

**Union County Alliance of Churches**

A special thanks to Pete Housman, and all the churches and members who rang the bells at the stores.

**Light House Outreach**  
Light House Outreach meets on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. The church is located on the corner of West Chestnut and North Green streets. Gary Broadway is the pastor.

**Military Prayer List**  
Trace Faire, John Michael Brimm, Kaleb Meier, Nathaniel Moss, Derek Nelson, Nick Pearson, Nate Frankell, Alex Gratz, Lukas W. Davis, Reagan Morrison, Garrett Goins, James McWhorter, Jennifer Ann Bishop, Arin Whitemountain, Katelynn Williams, Lindsey Keene, Jacob Schaefer, Jerod Schaefer, Creighton Laster, Josh Steveson, Josh Williams, Jim Bonner, Nick Harvel, Nona Elizabeth Luke, Lucas J. Strickland, William Nathaniel Frankell, Ethan Maze, Tanner Anderson, Hayden Young, Kiefer Stull, Davis Jorden Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, C.J. Youngerman, Freddy

Morse and wife Megan in Alaska.

**Christmas Guests**  
Guests of Eric and Amanda Boreup and children Ava and Paxton were Amanda's mom and dad, Richard and Julia Theis and Amanda's niece Katie Theis, Eric's mom and dad from Nashville, Larry and Rosalee Boreup. Amanda's son and his girlfriend, Hayden Carter and Amy Pender. They enjoyed a card game and enjoyed a warm house on a cold day.

**Christmas Guests**  
Guests of David and Karen Lamer were their daughter Tonya from Indianapolis, Indiana, daughter Tamara, husband Mike and sons Cameron and Aiden, of Marion.

**Kentucky Trip**  
Gary, Andrea, Abigail, and Edward Dahmer enjoyed a trip to Grand Rivers, Ky., to Patti's. They ate there and enjoyed the lights.

**Christmas Trip**  
Corinne Steveson went to Arkansas to her daughter's Michelle Canizales, her son and Corinne's oldest son and Corinne's middle son his wife and their three children were all with her for Christmas.

She saw her uncle Paul and aunt Lynn on Christmas Eve before going down to Arkansas. All had a good time and lots of good food.



Rev. Tim Gossett of the United Methodist Church in Anna brought the Christmas Eve candlelight service on Facebook since because of COVID they are not allowed to meet in the church.



Rev. Tim Gossett read the children's message of the true meaning of the 12 Days of Christmas on Christmas Eve in his Facebook message.

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# Television Listings

THURSDAY												JANUARY 1, 2021											
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW		ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	Coll. Ftbl Scoreboard	Burgers Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie	"Just Mercy" ('20)	"The Fighter" ('10)	"1917" ('20) Two young British soldiers. (HD)	6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(500) Local Programs	Local Programs	Playoff	"Back to the Future Part III" ('90) Back to the West. (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	"Godzilla: King of the Monsters" ('19)	"Wanderlust" ('12) (R)	"Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn: Pt. 1" ('11)
7 PM :30	Dick Clark's Primetime "Part 1"	Young B Positive ('01) Mom Unicorn	FOX's New Year's Eve "Part One" (HD)	New Year's Eve: Escape Top 2020 moments.	College Football "2020 Mercari Texas Bowl" from NRG Stadium in Houston (Live)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie	"Ford v Ferrari" ('19) An American car designer. (HD)	"Valkyrie" ('08) Officer plots to kill Adolf Hitler.	Your Honor (HD)	7 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	MacGyver (HD)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live) (HD)	To Be Announced	College Basketball (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie	"Fast & Furious Presents" ('19, Action) (HD)	"Ready or Not? A young bride.	"Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn: Pt. 2" ('12)	
8 PM :30	Dick Clark's "Part 2"	FBI Blogger's son.	Local Programs	To Be Announced		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie		"Surrogates" Agent seeks killer.	★★★ "Hustlers" ('19) A stripper's scheme. (HD)	8 PM :30	(:01) 20/20 Investigative news. (HD)	Magnum P.I. (HD)	Blue Bloods (HD)	Dateline NBC Investigative news. (HD)	College Basketball (HD)	★★★ "The Best Man Holiday" ('13) Old friends reunite. (R)	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie	(:37) ★★ "View from the Top" ('03)	"Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn: Pt. 2" ('12)	
9 PM :30	Local	Local	FOX's New Year's Eve "Part Two"	Local		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Austin & Jessie & Ally	(:35) "Joker" ('19) Failed comedian. (R)			9 PM :30	Local	Local		Local		Law & Order: SVU	Just Roll	(:20) "Birds of Prey (Harley Quinn)" ('20) (R)	★½ "Bio-Dome" Morons ruin study.	Your Honor (HD)	
10 PM :30	Dick Clark's New Year's "Part 1"	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	Girl World	"Half Nelson" ('06) Basketball. (R)			10 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter with Scott (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Stuck Mid.	Disney Fam	"Underwater" ('20)		
11 PM :30		Corden	Local	Late Night	NFL Rewind	Conan		Jessie	"Richard"			11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night		"Back to Future"	Family	Jessie		"Death"	

FRIDAY												JANUARY 2, 2021											
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW		ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Coll. Ftbl Extra (HD)	Local Programs	College Basketball (HD)	(:15) "Ocean's Thirteen" ('07)	★★½ "Next Friday" ('00) Trouble finds a man.	TBA	★★★ "Something" ('11)	"John Wick" ('19) (R)	(:03) Your Honor (HD)	6 PM :30	Local	Local Programs	Coll. Ftbl Extra (HD)	Local Programs	College Basketball (HD)	(:15) "Ocean's Thirteen" ('07)	★★½ "Next Friday" ('00) Trouble finds a man.	TBA	★★★ "Something" ('11)	"John Wick" ('19) (R)	(:03) Your Honor (HD)
7 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	MacGyver (HD)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live) (HD)	To Be Announced	College Basketball (HD)		Law & Order: SVU	Jessie	"Fast & Furious Presents" ('19, Action) (HD)	"Ready or Not? A young bride.	"Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn: Pt. 1" ('11)	7 PM :30	To Tell the Truth (HD)	Magnum P.I. (HD)	9-1-1 "Powerless"	Dateline NBC Investigative news. (HD)		(:45) ★★½ "Ocean's 8" ('18) Women attempt a jewelry heist.	BUNKD	★★½ "The High Note" ('20, Drama) A singer.	★★★ "Blackhat" ('15) Hacker eyes villain. (HD)	Your Honor (HD)	
8 PM :30	Dick Clark's "Part 2"	FBI Blogger's son.	Local Programs	To Be Announced			Law & Order: SVU	Jessie		"Surrogates" Agent seeks killer.	★★★ "Hustlers" ('19) A stripper's scheme. (HD)	8 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	Blue Bloods (HD)	9-1-1: Lone Star (HD)		ESPN Original	★★★ "Friday After Next" ('02) Moving out. (R)	BUNKD	Disney Fam			
9 PM :30	Local	Local	FOX's New Year's Eve "Part Two"	Local			Law & Order: SVU	Just Roll	(:20) "Birds of Prey (Harley Quinn)" ('20) (R)			9 PM :30	The Rookie (HD)	48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live (HD)	College Basketball (HD)	Frontal	Family	Materials	★★★ "The Hunt" Twelve strangers.	"Dark Waters" ('19) A determined lawyer. (HD)	
10 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter with Scott (HD)		Law & Order: SVU	Stuck Mid.	Disney Fam	"Underwater" ('20)		10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	Cosmos	Local		Wipeout "Road Trip."	Modern Family Extended family.	Amphibia	"The Hangover Part II" ('11) Thailand turmoil.	(:15) "21 Bridges" ('19) A citywide hunt. (HD)	
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night			Family	Jessie	"Richard"			11 PM :30	Local Programs		Local Programs	Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.	SportsCenter (HD)	Wipeout	Family	Mickey	"The Others" Haunted house.		

SATURDAY												JANUARY 3, 2021											
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW		ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local	Local Programs	Coll. Ftbl Extra (HD)	Local Programs	College Basketball (HD)	(:15) "Ocean's Thirteen" ('07)	★★½ "Next Friday" ('00) Trouble finds a man.	TBA	★★★ "Something" ('11)	"John Wick" ('19) (R)	(:03) Your Honor (HD)	6 PM :30	Home Videos (HD)	NFL (Live) 60 Minutes (HD)	NFL (Live) The OT	Football America (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	"Ocean's 8" ('18) (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Liv Maddie	(:15) "Dolittle" ('20)	★★★ "Human Capital"	Shameless (HD)
7 PM :30	To Tell the Truth (HD)	Magnum P.I. (HD)	9-1-1 "Powerless"	Dateline NBC Investigative news. (HD)		(:45) ★★½ "Ocean's 8" ('18) Women attempt a jewelry heist.	★★★ "Friday After Next" ('02) Moving out. (R)	BUNKD	★★½ "The High Note" ('20, Drama) A singer.	★★★ "Blackhat" ('15) Hacker eyes villain. (HD)	Your Honor (HD)	7 PM :30	Supermarket Sweep	NCIS: L. A. "Overdue"	Call Me	(:20) Sunday Night Football (Live) (HD)	Sports Backstory	"The Heat" ('13) Upright agent and crude cop partner up.	Law & Order: SVU	Liv Maddie	★★★ "The Photograph" ('20) (HD)	"Lincoln: Vampire Hunter" ('12)	Your Honor (HD)
8 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	Blue Bloods (HD)	9-1-1: Lone Star (HD)		ESPN Original			Jessie				8 PM :30	Who Wants to Be a	NCIS: New Orleans	The Harts		ESPN Original Documentaries		Law & Order: SVU	Liv Maddie	(:45) "The High Note" ('20, Drama) A singer.	Shameless (HD)	
9 PM :30	The Rookie (HD)	48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live (HD)	College Basketball (HD)			Just Roll	Materials	★★★ "The Hunt" Twelve strangers.	"Dark Waters" ('19) A determined lawyer. (HD)	9 PM :30	The Rookie (HD)	48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live (HD)	College Basketball (HD)	Frontal	Family	Materials	★★★ "The Hunt" Twelve strangers.	"Dark Waters" ('19) A determined lawyer. (HD)	
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	Cosmos	Local		Frontal	Family	Big City	"The Hangover Part II" ('11) Thailand turmoil.		(:15) "21 Bridges" ('19) A citywide hunt. (HD)	10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	Cosmos	Local		Wipeout "Road Trip."	Modern Family Extended family.	Amphibia	"The Hangover Part II" ('11) Thailand turmoil.	(:15) "21 Bridges" ('19) A citywide hunt. (HD)	
11 PM :30	Local Programs		Local Programs	Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.	SportsCenter (HD)	Wipeout	Modern Family Extended family.	Mickey	"The Others" Haunted house.			11 PM :30	Local Programs		Local Programs	Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.	SportsCenter (HD)	Wipeout	Family	Jessie	"The Others" Haunted house.		

SUNDAY												JANUARY 4, 2021											
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW		ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local	Local Programs	Coll. Ftbl Extra (HD)	Local Programs	College Basketball (HD)	(:15) "Ocean's Thirteen" ('07)	★★½ "Next Friday" ('00) Trouble finds a man.	TBA	★★★ "Something" ('11)	"John Wick" ('19) (R)	(:03) Your Honor (HD)	6 PM :30	Home Videos (HD)	NFL (Live) 60 Minutes (HD)	NFL (Live) The OT	Football America (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	"Ocean's 8" ('18) (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Liv Maddie	(:15) "Dolittle" ('20)	★★★ "Human Capital"	Shameless (HD)
7 PM :30	To Tell the Truth (HD)	Magnum P.I. (HD)	9-1-1 "Powerless"	Dateline NBC Investigative news. (HD)		(:45) ★★½ "Ocean's 8" ('18) Women attempt a jewelry heist.	★★★ "Friday After Next" ('02) Moving out. (R)	BUNKD	★★½ "The High Note" ('20, Drama) A singer.	★★★ "Blackhat" ('15) Hacker eyes villain. (HD)	Your Honor (HD)	7 PM :30	Supermarket Sweep	NCIS: L. A. "Overdue"	Call Me	(:20) Sunday Night Football (Live) (HD)	Sports Backstory	"The Heat" ('13) Upright agent and crude cop partner up.	Law & Order: SVU	Liv Maddie	★★★ "The Photograph" ('20) (HD)	"Lincoln: Vampire Hunter" ('12)	Your Honor (HD)
8 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	Blue Bloods (HD)	9-1-1: Lone Star (HD)		ESPN Original			Jessie				8 PM :30	Who Wants to Be a	NCIS: New Orleans	The Harts		ESPN Original Documentaries		Law & Order: SVU	Liv Maddie	(:45) "The High Note" ('20, Drama) A singer.	Shameless (HD)	
9 PM :30	The Rookie (HD)	48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live (HD)	College Basketball (HD)			Just Roll	Materials	★★★ "The Hunt" Twelve strangers.	"Dark Waters" ('19) A determined lawyer. (HD)	9 PM :30	The Rookie (HD)	48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live (HD)	College Basketball (HD)	Frontal	Family	Materials	★★★ "The Hunt" Twelve strangers.	"Dark Waters" ('19) A determined lawyer. (HD)	
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	Cosmos	Local		Frontal	Family	Big City	"The Hangover Part II" ('11) Thailand turmoil.		(:15) "21 Bridges" ('19) A citywide hunt. (HD)	10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	Cosmos	Local		Wipeout "Road Trip."	Modern Family Extended family.	Amphibia	"The Hangover Part II" ('11) Thailand turmoil.	(:15) "21 Bridges" ('19) A citywide hunt. (HD)	
11 PM :30	Local Programs		Local Programs	Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.	SportsCenter (HD)	Wipeout	Modern Family Extended family.	Mickey	"The Others" Haunted house.			11 PM :30	Local Programs		Local Programs	Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.	SportsCenter (HD)	Wipeout	Family	Jessie	"The Others" Haunted house.		

MONDAY												JANUARY 5, 2021											
	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW		ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Coll. Ftbl Extra (HD)	Local Programs	College Basketball (HD)	(:15) "Ocean's Thirteen" ('07)	★★½ "Next Friday" ('00) Trouble finds a man.	TBA	★★★ "Something" ('11)	"John Wick" ('19) (R)	(:03) Your Honor (HD)	6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(500) Local Programs	Local Programs	2020 Heisman (Live)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	To Be Announced	"The Others" ('01)	"Cold Comes" ('14)
7 PM :30	The Bachelor Women arrive. (HD)	Neighbor. Bob Hearts	L.A.'s Finest (HD)	Games (HD)			Law & Order: SVU	Jessie		"Surrogates" Agent seeks killer.	★★★ "Hustlers" ('19) A stripper's scheme. (HD)	7 PM :30	The Bachelor Women arrive. (HD)	Neighbor. Bob Hearts	L.A.'s Finest (HD)	Games (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Sydney	"Bad Education" ('20) (NR) (HD)	★★½ "Lucy in the Sky" ('19) An astronaut. (HD)	Your Honor (HD)
8 PM :30		All Rise "Bounceback"	The Masked Dancer	To Be Announced	To Be Announced Info unavailable. (HD)		Law & Order: SVU	Jessie		"Surrogates" Agent seeks killer.	★★★ "Hustlers" ('19) A stripper's scheme. (HD)	8 PM :30		All Rise "Bounceback"	The Masked Dancer	To Be Announced	To Be Announced Info unavailable. (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Sydney	"Bad Education" ('20) (NR) (HD)	★★½ "Lucy in the Sky" ('19) An astronaut. (HD)	Your Honor (HD)
9 PM :30	The Hustler	Bull "Fallen Idols" (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	The Wall (HD)			Law & Order: SVU	Jessie		"Surrogates" Agent seeks killer.	★★★ "Hustlers" ('19) A stripper's scheme. (HD)	9 PM :30	The Hustler	Bull "Fallen Idols" (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	The Wall (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Sydney	"Bad Education" ('20) (NR) (HD)	★★½ "Lucy in the Sky" ('19) An astronaut. (HD)	Your Honor (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)		Law & Order: SVU	Jessie		"Surrogates" Agent seeks killer.	★★★ "Hustlers" ('19) A stripper's scheme. (HD)	10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan	Steve	BUNKD			
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When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Lord, now let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled: my own eyes have seen the salvation which you prepared in the sight of every people, a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel."

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted (and you yourself a sword will pierce) so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." From the Gospel of Luke

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News from

Anna Nazarene Church

A drive-in service was held on the church parking lot Sunday, Dec. 27, at 10:35 a.m. and by Zoom inside the sanctuary.

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

Sunday’s message was titled “Walk in Faith, Not Fear,” with scripture from 2nd Timothy.

The message can be found on the church’s web-site at annanaz.com and on the church’s Facebook page.

Birthdays: Evan Parks, Jessie Wells, Dec. 27; Curt Lyerla, Dec. 31.

Anniversary: Robert and Nancy Smith, Jan. 1.

Friday night Bible study is planned at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 1, in the fellowship hall. CDC guidelines will be followed, with the wearing of masks and social distancing. The Bible study also will be available on Zoom. Pastor Wright can be texted for the password prior to the meeting.

Sunday School for children is planned from 9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. on Jan. 3.

A parking lot service is planned at 10:35 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 3, if the weather permits, and on Zoom. Services will be inside the sanctuary if the weather is bad, following CDC guidelines by wearing masks, social distancing and families sitting together.

A Wednesday night service is planned at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 6, with praise and worship in the sanctuary and on Zoom and Children’s Bible quizzing in the fellowship hall, with CDC guidelines being followed by wearing masks and social distancing. The pastor can be texted prior to the meeting for the password.

During this time, the church can be contacted by calling the church office at 833-6702 and leaving a message if necessary or by calling Pastor Wright at 618-534-7103.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Dec. 27, Pastor Perry Williams spoke at both morning and evening services.

The morning message was based on scripture from Luke and the story of the rich man and Lazarus, which tells about a place called heaven and a place called hell.

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

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

The church’s Facebook page has videos and the latest information about possible closings.

During the morning service, music director Dee Rose led the worship. Debbie York was the pianist.

Meghan Smith sang “O Holy Night.”

Our beloved Bro. Joe Aldridge, who was the former pastor of our church for 12 years, went home to be with Jesus. His visitation and funeral were held at our church this past weekend. The church’s sympathies are extended to his family.

Birthdays: Tiffany Beasley, Larry Rendleman, Dec. 30; Mary Lou Wright, Dec. 31; Jean Lynn, Jan. 2.

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

Prayer and Bible study, as well as youth group meetings, are scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

A Page from the Past from the files of The Gazette-Democrat From Thursday, December 31, 1970

With this issue of The Gazette-Democrat, the year 1970 is drawing to a close.

The big story of the year was the controversy surrounding the holding of a giant rock music festival in the Makanda area.

Many Union County residents joined Concerned Citizens of the Jackson County area in seeking ways and means of preventing the holding of the festival.

Their efforts were successful and an injunction was issued against the holding of the Festival May 8-10. It was the first successful action of any in the country against such festivals.

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For the second time in its history, the Woodrow Wilson Memorial dinner will not be held in Union County this year.

The Union County Memorial Association is the only association in the United States that has held a Memorial Service for the late president every year, with the exception of the year Pearl Harbor was attacked, since the nationwide organization of the association in 1928.

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Anna-Jonesboro Teen Town will hold its 13th annual New Year’s Eve party Thursday, Dec. 31.

A meeting will be held Monday evening, Jan. 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lick Creek School to discuss the possible reorganization of a Water District Commission for the Lick Creek area.

Starting January 1, all garbage and trash containers in the City of Anna must have lids and handles and are not to exceed 30 gallons weight.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Winstead, Cobden, will celebrate their 63rd Wedding Anniversary Sunday, Jan. 3, with an Open House from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. at the home of their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Winstead.

From the Friendship news: We didn’t have a white Christmas, but we did have some snow flurries Christmas morning.

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**School pictures, ledger donated to museum**

Mary Biever and her husband of Evansville, Ind., recently visited the Union County Museum in Cobden. Mary, the great-niece of Ida Wallace Choate, donated school pictures and a ledger which had belonged to Mrs. Choate.

Mrs. Choate died at the age of 99 in 1988 and is buried in the Jonesboro Cemetery. Ida was the daughter of John and Matilda Rhodes Wallace. She married Charles Choate in 1926. He died in 1958.

Mrs. Choate taught school in numerous schools in Union County over a period of 31 years. Mrs. Choate began her teaching career in 1908 at the Rhodes School, where she stayed one year before moving on to the Morgan, Cauble, John Rich, Tunnel Hill, Hamburg, Beech Grove, Lyerla, Rendleman, Ware, Mountain Glen and, finally, McGuire schools. She retired in 1948. Photo provided.

Candidates file in Cobden

Seven candidates have filed nominating petitions for the 2021 municipal election in the Village of Cobden.

The filing period was from Dec. 14 to Dec. 21. The election is set for April 6, 2021.

Candidates who filed nominating petitions, by office, included:

Village president: Paul Z. Tomazzoli. He is an incumbent.

Village clerk: Karen M. Winzenburger. She is an incumbent.

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

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Gospel singing set in Villa Ridge

A gospel singing is planned Saturday, Jan. 2, at Shiloh Baptist Church in Villa Ridge.

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Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

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**Distributing food**  
Shawnee Development Council Union County coordinator Brandy Sevenski was preparing to distribute food Wednesday morning, April 29, in Jonesboro.

A food pantry operated by Shawnee Development Council is a blessing for many Union County families. During the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, the need for food continued... and it was growing. In normal circumstances, the food pantry’s home is located on the grounds of the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna.

However, due to the impact of the pandemic, the pantry was moved to a temporary location at the First Baptist Church at 201 W. Walnut in Jonesboro. Hours of operation for the food pantry were scheduled on Wednesdays, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The food pantry also was distributing food boxes to senior citizens on the third Tuesday of each month,

from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Curbside, stay-in-your-vehicle service was provided. Brandy Sevenski is Shawnee Development Council’s Union County coordinator. She was at work Wednesday morning, April 29, preparing to distribute free food boxes to those who would be visiting the food pantry at its temporary location at the church in Jonesboro. Sevenski said she was seeing an increasing need in the number of area families who are in need of the food in the midst of the pandemic. In March, more than 830 families were served. The number for April was expected to climb to nearly 1,000 families. Before the pandemic began, about 600 families were being served. Food for the pantry came from a variety of sources; much is donated. Sevenski said the food goes out as quickly as it comes in, “at an alarming rate.” The community was welcome to help support the food pantry. Financial donations, large and small, continued to be accepted.

# March 2020: Disaster declaration issued for Union County

A disaster declaration was issued in late March for Union County in response to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. The declaration was issued by Union County Board of Commissioners chairman Max Miller. The declaration declared: Pursuant to the Illinois Emergency Management Act, the executive officer of a political subdivision, being the chairman of the county board may, by proclamation, declare a local disaster... ..a significant outbreak of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) has emerged in China... ..COVID-19 is a novel severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among people through respiratory transmissions... ..Union County is continuing in its efforts to prepare for any eventuality given that this is a novel illness with known health risks it poses for the young, elderly, and those with prior existing medical conditions that complicate the symptoms of COVID-19... ..as of March 23, 2020, the Illinois Department of Public Health reports there are 1,285 active COVID-19 cases and 12 deaths in the State of Illinois due to COVID-19... ..on March 9, 2020, Governor Pritzker issued a state-wide disaster proclamation due to COVID-19... ..on March 13, 2020, President Trump declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a national emergency... ..on March 20, 2020, Governor Pritzker issued “Executive Order in Response to COVID-19... essentially a “stay home” order to all Illinois residents fitting the guidelines outlined in the executive order... ..Therefore, I Max Miller by virtue of the authority vested in me as County Board Chairman of the County of Union, Illinois, and pursuant to the Illinois Emergency Management Act...proclaim that a disaster exists within Union County, Illinois, and requiring the enactment of the emergency operations plan set forth in Union County, Illinois. This declaration is effective March 24, 2020, and shall continue for a period not to exceed 7 days, unless extended by the Board of Commissioners of Union County. County officials noted that it has been recommended that counties pass this type of proclamation in order to be eligible for reimbursement of COVID-19 expenses if funds are made available.



**April 2020: Easter bunny greets children**  
With a little bit of help from the Cobden Volunteer Fire Department, the Easter bunny greeted children on a Saturday morning in April. Easter was April 12. The Easter bunny handed out plastic eggs which were filled with treats to children as they came by the fire station in Cobden. The eggs and treats had been donated to the fire department. Firefighters said they were glad to be able to brighten the Easter holiday for children in the community in the midst of the pandemic.

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Dated at East St. Louis, Illinois, this 29th day of September, 2020.

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

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**NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE**

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Jeri Walker of Cobden, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on December 8, 2020, to Julie Walker, 1860 Shiloh Road, Cobden, Illinois 62920, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless, under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/28-4), any interested person terminates Independent Administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk of this Court.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952, or with the Independent Administrator, or both, on or before June 17, 2021, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Independent Administrator is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Administrator and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

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**PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT)**

**Request of: JESSE THOMAS ADAMS 2020-MR-106**

There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from: JESSE THOMAS ADAMS to the new name of: Jesse Thomas Adams.

The court date will be held on February 2, 2021, at 10:30 a.m., at 309 W. Market Street, Jonesboro, IL, Union County, in Courtroom #1.

JESSE THOMAS ADAMS 1-3gc

**NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT**

**State of Illinois SS County of Union**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 7th day of December, 2020, under the Assumed Name of JESSE THOMAS ADAMS with the place of business located at P.O. Box 531, Cobden, Illinois 62920 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

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the arc of 27.06 feet thence South 46 degrees 58' East along the said road of way line a distance of 599.07 feet to point of beginning; as recorded Doc#196612 dated 7/22/1991; 12-3W Township, Union County, Illinois and any building thereon and their contents, if any Common address: 4865 State Forest Road, Wolf Lake; 12-3W Township, Union County, Illinois and any building thereon and their contents, if any.

Property Index No. 11-12-06-943

Said Property was sold on May 30, 2018 for General taxes for the tax year 2016. The period of redemption will expire on April 1, 2021. On April 7, 2021 at 9:00 AM, the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Tax Deed should the said real estate not be redeemed.

WILLIAM E. GROOME, Petitioner 2-4g

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Mackenzie Laird  
303 S. Jefferson Street  
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# Illinois solicits device donations for Computer Equity Network

## Program seeks to provide free computers to low-income families

**By Raymon Troncoso**  
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SPRINGFIELD — The state is soliciting computers and related equipment from individuals and companies as part of a new program announced Wednesday, Dec. 16, that will distribute refurbished devices to low-income households.

The Computer Equity Network is a collaboration between the state, the non-profit PCs for People, municipal governments and private businesses.

The program is tied to the ongoing Connect Illinois initiative based out of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity that seeks to expand broadband access in the state.

Gov. JB Pritzker announced the program during his daily COVID-19 briefing on Dec. 16.

“One of the largest gaps made even more significant in this pandemic is the digital divide,” Pritzker said.

“How can your child learn from home if you

don’t have internet access? How can you shop for groceries safely online if you don’t have a computer? Accessing the digital world has become essential for students, for small business owners, for patient-doctor communications, for job applications,” the governor said.

“Really there’s no realm in which connecting online hasn’t become absolutely necessary in the modern era.”

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, DCEO, estimates that out of 4.9 million Illinois households, more than 1.1 million currently lack computer access in their home.

DCEO director Erin Guthrie said the Equity Network plans to host community hand-off events in all 102 Illinois counties to give away the upgraded devices to eligible families.

The events will also feature on-site support from DCEO to provide digital literacy courses and options for accessing low-cost internet services.

What’s outside of the state’s hands, however, are the actual computers.

“We know that sourcing hardware is a limiting factor in this work, we are here today to call on Illinois companies to help us meet this challenge,” Guthrie said.

“We are counting on you to maximize the impact of this initiative; your donation is essential as we work to close the gap.”

Pritzker suggested that “in the spirit of this holiday season,” Illinois companies, when upgrading equipment, can donate their old technology to the Equity Network, where PCs For People will upgrade it and give it to a family in need.

“It’s all hands on deck. Employers large and small, and likewise governments large and small,” Matt Schmit, the state’s Office of Broadband Director, said in an interview.

Colleges and other institutions of higher education that are upgrading equipment and can donate their older computers will be likely donors.

Counties, cities or even

small towns are also encouraged to partner with local businesses to recycle equipment during an update cycle.

“It can be computers by the hundreds or just a couple here and there. It all makes a difference,” he said.

Companies and individuals who give computers to the program are eligible for tax reductions under applicable regulations for property donations to charitable organizations.

Philanthropic entities are also encouraged to contribute.

Current partners of the Equity Network include the Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund, the Jewish United Fund, the Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois, and the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis.

PCs for People CEO Casey Sorensen said the network has currently committed to providing 20,000 computers to low-income families during the non-profit’s first year operating in Illinois. Given

holds lacking computers is more than one million, significant investment in the program from public, private and philanthropic entities will be necessary to source enough computers to meet the demand.

“It’s easy for many to take for granted access to a computer and internet, but the pandemic has shown us millions of kids cannot access education,” Sorensen said. “We have received the warm welcome from local corporations, and now with the governor’s call to action, we’re optimistic about announcing many new partnerships in the near future, that help us sustain supply to reach Illinois families.”

Illinois residents who are eligible for free computers must be below 200 percent of the federal poverty line or enrolled in income-based government assistance programs such as free or re-

duced school lunch, Medicaid or SNAP.

Alongside the distribution events scheduled in every Illinois county, two statewide distribution centers, one in the Metro East area and one in Chicago, will be open for donations.

Households looking to receive computers, or companies looking to donate their older equipment, can visit [Illinois.gov/ComputerEquityNetwork](http://Illinois.gov/ComputerEquityNetwork) for more information.

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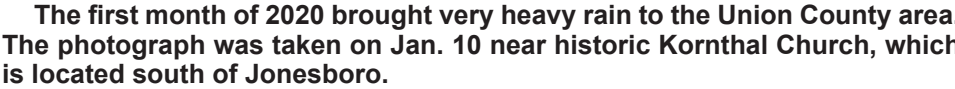
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# Opinion and Commentary

## A holiday tradition: Pledge to buckle up and drive sober

With the holiday season underway, the Illinois Department of Transportation, IDOT, and Illinois State Police are reminding travelers to buckle up and drive sober as law enforcement agencies statewide ramp up their Click It or Ticket and Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaigns to ensure a safer holiday season.

“If traveling is necessary over the holidays, we urge the public to take some simple steps to help everyone reach their destinations safely,” said Cynthia Watters, IDOT’s bureau chief of safety programs and engineering.

“Buckling up is the best way to protect yourself, while driving sober is one of the easiest things you can do to protect others.”

*‘Buckling up is the best way to protect yourself, while driving sober is one of the easiest things you can do to protect others.’*

If you are celebrating with family and friends, you are urged to practice appropriate social distancing, keep gatherings to a minimum and wear a mask. For more guidelines from the Illinois Department of Public Health, visit [dph.illinois.gov/covid19](http://dph.illinois.gov/covid19).

According to state crash data, three people died in three fatal crashes in Illinois last year between 6 p.m. on Dec. 24 to 11:59 p.m. on Dec. 25. Two were killed in crashes involving at least one driver who tested positive for alcohol.

As of Dec. 23, statistics showed 1,075 people had died on Illinois roads this year, compared to 972 at the same time a year ago.

Now through the early morning hours of Jan. 4, motorists will see hundreds of additional seat belt enforcement zones and other patrols aimed at keeping Illinois roads safe.

“We remind everyone to ask themselves, first, is the travel essential, and, if it is, to please avoid the Fatal Four mistakes made by drivers: speeding, driving under the influence, distracted driving and failure to wear a seatbelt,” said Illinois State Police director Brendan F. Kelly.

“While you’re doing your part to protect your family by socially distancing, washing your hands, and wearing masks, help us protect our first responders by obeying the Move Over Law. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.”

The “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” and “Click It or Ticket” programs are funded with federal highway safety dollars administered by IDOT and done in conjunction with the Life or Death Illinois campaign, which was launched in 2018.

### Commentary

## Time to move on

By Mike Estel

A couple of weeks ago, several demonstrators were arrested during a pro-Presidential Donald Trump rally to support his bid to have a recount in the past presidential election.

Those protests need to come to a screeching halt. The election is over and Joe Biden won the majority of the votes as well as the electoral vote count. The president needs to tell those protesting groups to tone down now that it’s over.

President Trump needs to concede and accept the fact that he lost fair and square.

The different states he has repeatedly claimed committed election fraud have not. The Supreme Court has even shot down that there was any kind of illegal voting irregularities going on during the election.

To top that off, three judges, who were appointed by Mr. Trump, voted that there was not anything illegal going on. All three judges would never have ruled that way if they thought otherwise.

President Trump needs to concede and also inform these different groups throughout the country to end their protests.

Martial law has been discussed in the White House and a special counsel has been brought up to extend his stay.

The president could easily stop all of this resentment by conceding.

It’s over for the Trump Presidency in 2020. He now should look to 2024 and possibly make another run at the Big House.

Over seventy million people in the United States voted for him and should convince him he was doing something right while in office. And, that’s more the reason to sit this one out and look to 2024.

Hanging around and encouraging groups to continue the fight is not accomplishing anything. It’s just going to turn more potential supporters off.

Supporters are falling off daily the longer this goes on.

Noted television evangelist Pat Robertson, a staunch Trump supporter, claims now is the time to concede. Another staunch supporter, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, also said it’s time to move on.

Many other Republicans have voiced concern about conceding.

These loyal supporters are giving some sound advice and ought to be taken seriously by the one presently at the top of the hill.

## Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

## 2020...a squirrely year comes to an end...

OK folks...is anybody, as in anybody, out there disappointed to see the squirrely year 2020 coming to an end? I’m guessing that if you are one of those folks, you just might see the glass as more than half full...and overflowing... Meanwhile... ...so many things to ponder...and so little space... ...about those squirrel pictures... ...for the how ever many years, it’s been a bit of a “tradition” to feature some of my favorite squirrel photos from the year in this space... ...squirrels are cute...and goofy...very photogenic...and very cooperative...at least with this photographer... ...sometimes they seem to act a little bit irritated when I start taking their picture...it seems like they think the photographer is going to come and take away the gigantic morsel they might be munching on... ...anyway, you get to see a few photos of squirrels this week...hope you don’t mind me carrying on a nutty tradition... ...speaking of traditions... ...yours truly carried on a couple of treasured Christmas Eve traditions last week...both involved being outdoors... when the temperature was something like 28 degrees... and the wind chill was something like 14 degrees...and seeming to get colder... ...on the afternoon of the day before Christmas, yours truly motored to the Trail of Tears State Forest... ...we’ve been making such a pilgrimage for five or six years, or longer, which, I suppose, officially makes it a tradition... ...and I say “we” only in the sense that sometimes the Christmas Eve adventure involves more than one of us... ...however, Christmas Eve 2020 involved a solo journey to the woods...The Other Half had sense enough to stay home under a warm blanket...and probably with a hot cup of tea, too... ...for whatever it’s worth, it was just the two of us for Christmas this year...seems there is a pandemic...some folks have suggested that we are being too cautious... oh, well...) ...while The Other Half stayed where it was warm, yours truly motored off to the woods in the middle of the afternoon on Christmas Eve...saw some snow flurries while motoring in the direction of metropolitan Mountain Glen... ...the state forest was quiet...and cold...but I pretty much had the place to myself... ...did some trekking along a creek bed...listened to the water in the creek as it rippled through the cold of a December afternoon...the wind and the bare trees on the



This little fellow seemed to be giving the photographer the stink eye...



...and this little fellow peeked out from a hole in a tree...

## Weather Low of 13 degrees on Christmas Day

Christmas Day in Union County was very cold and dry.

After a low of 13 degrees on Dec. 25, the high temperature only climbed to 24.

Precipitation for the period of Dec. 22-28 was light, with only .73 of an inch of rain recorded on Dec. 23.

Strong winds were recorded in the Union County last Sunday.

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

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Tuesday, Dec. 22	54	28
Wednesday, Dec. 23	57	36
Thursday, Dec. 24	36	18
Friday, Dec. 25	24	13
Saturday, Dec. 26	48	17
Sunday, Dec. 27	58	33
Monday, Dec. 28	49	27



This may be how some of us feel about the way the year 2020 has unfolded...

many ridgelines at the state forest created their own chorus of Christmas music...occasionally joined by a bird... ...otherwise...all was calm...all was bright... ...spent about 45 minutes in the Christmas Eve cold before heading back... ...so I could spend some more time out in the cold... ...that’s because another one of our traditions involves firing up the grill and cooking at least part of what we’re having for dinner on Christmas Eve in the great outdoors... ...no matter what the weather... ...I’ve cooked in sleet, rain and snow...and in “balmy” December weather, too...one year, I think the temperature was hovering the range of zero and and we had half a foot of snow on the ground...that was the year The Other Half suggests that yours truly tried to catch our front porch on fire...I do not remember such a thing happening... ...nevertheless, the grill now hangs out in the backyard... ...for Christmas Eve 2020, we had hamburgers...probably the best hamburgers ever... ...no telling what Christmas Eve 2021 will bring...except that we’ll hopefully continue our traditions... ...and I hope you will be able to celebrate the special traditions which are part of your family’s holiday season... ...in the meantime...stay safe...stay healthy...and Happy New Year...



...and finally, 2020 has come to an end.



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