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## News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area



Happy Valentine's Day to all of our readers. The photo features one of the items in a display which can be seen at the Union County Museum in downtown Cobden.

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Early voting for the March primary election has started.

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The Cobden High School boys' basketball team plans to host a "Purple Out" game in honor of Taylor Tomazoli on Saturday, Feb. 15. Tipoff against Thompsonville is set for 3 p.m.

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A worship service is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at Kornthal Church near Jonesboro.

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An "Apple Rockers" event in support of the Cobden School Marching Appleknockers is planned Saturday evening, Feb. 29, at the Anna VFW post.

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Local Boy Scouts are marking the 50th anniversary of their affiliation with Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna.

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Boy Scouts went hiking at Giant City State Park last weekend.

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The Union County Child Abuse Prevention Committee plans to meet at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 19 at Kiki's CoffeeHouse in Anna.

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For those who may have arrangements on the ground at the Anna Cemetery, the City of Anna is planning to start spring clean-up on March 1.

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## City of Anna seeks full count in Census

Anna city officials are working hard to ensure that everyone is counted during the 2020 U.S. Census.

City administrator Dori Bigler said the goal is to ensure that everyone in the Union County community is counted in the Census.

The city has partnered with the U.S. Census Bureau to support the 2020 Census.

A message posted on social media by the city declares: "As a partner, we'll be working to ensure that our community is accurately represented."

The city has received grant funding through the Illinois Public Health Association which will be utilized to support the most accurate Census count possible.

Last fall, Gov. JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Human Services, IDHS, announced that

30 local community and government associations throughout the state would receive a combined \$20 million in funding.

The funds were being allocated to maximize Illinois' success in the 2020 Census.

The 30 organizations will serve as regional intermediaries for the 2020 Census. The intermediaries then were to select local organizations within their region to make additional grants.

State officials said that the selection of grant recipients by the regional intermediaries was designed to ensure that funding would go directly to organizations that are on the front lines and best equipped to connect with the people of Illinois in urban, rural and other hard-to-reach communities.

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## Flash flood watch in effect Wednesday

Another round of heavy rain was possible this week in Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky.

Tuesday morning, Feb. 11, the National Weather Service office in Paducah issued a flash flood watch for Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky.

The watch was in effect from Wednesday morning through late Wednesday night.

The weather service reported that moderate to heavy rain was expected to return to the area on Wednesday.

Western Kentucky was expected to see the heaviest rainfall.

"However, most areas can expect 1 to 2 inches of rain," the weather service advised.

The weather service also warned that "the ground is saturated so almost all of the rain will quickly run

off into streams and rivers. Water will continue to collect in low lying areas and will likely spread into areas that are not normally prone to flooding. Low water crossings should be avoided during this time."

Earlier, in a special weather statement which had been posted on its website, the weather service had advised about the possibility that widespread rain could be expected in the region on Wednesday and Wednesday evening.

The forecast was calling for the heavy rain to be followed by much colder weather on Thursday, today.

The high on Thursday, today, in the Union County area is expected to be near 34 degrees.

Wind gusts of up to 23 miles per hour also were in the forecast for today.

The temperature is expected to drop to around 13 degrees tonight.



### Donation presented

Eastern Star representative Brenda Mayberry, right, delivered a \$1,500 donation to Anna School District No. 37 superintendent Dr. Julie Bullard for the district's benevolence fund. Photo provided.

## Eastern Star makes donation to school's benevolence fund

The Anna chapter of Eastern Star has donated \$1,500 to the benevolence fund at Anna School District No. 37.

Brenda Mayberry, representing the Eastern Star, presented District 37 superintendent Dr. Julie Bullard with the check on Thursday, Feb. 6.

Mayberry stated that the organization worked hard to earn the funds and wanted them to be used for students in the area who truly need help in paying for school supplies or purchasing clothing due to an emergency situation or other financial distress.

Anna School District No. 37 has set up the benevolence fund for this exact reason and uses that fund to serve students in need.

"We often see students who are struggling because they are focused on staying warm or finding supplies to do their homework," Bullard said.

"The benevolence fund helps us provide these basic needs for students so they can focus on their education."

Anna School District No.

37 has budgeted a small amount of money for the benevolence fund for many years, but local organizations like the Eastern Star often donate to the fund and allow the school to help more students.

The school has also had organizations donate to the Plentiful Packs program,

which allows students to take food home for weekends when they cannot receive a school meal and individuals from the community pay student lunch bills.

To learn more about the programs, and how to support them, call the school at 833-6812.

## Learn, Earn program for veterans set at Shawnee

Local veterans are invited to attend an upcoming program which is scheduled at Shawnee Community College.

The event, called Learn and Earn, is set for Tuesday, Feb. 18. The program is scheduled to get underway at 6 p.m. in the LAtrium on the college's main campus near Ullin.

Learn and Earn will feature presentations outlining various education, medical, and business-related benefits which are available to veterans.

The program is being hosted as part of the ongoing efforts by Shawnee Community College to make connections with

local veterans who may be under-utilizing services which are available to them.

The college notes that those who plan to attend are encouraged to bring a spouse or caregiver to the event.

As a way to say thanks to local veterans, the Veterans Resource Center will be offering a \$65 Visa gift card to the first 20 veterans who pre-register their attendance.

For more information about the event, contact Dr. Gregory Mason, dean of workforce and innovation at Shawnee Community College, phone 618-634-3325 or email training@shawneecc.edu.



## Shawnee Hills Arts Council presents Civil War Weekend in Anna

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council sponsored its 2020 Civil War Weekend Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 7-9. A Blue and Gray Dinner was held Friday evening at the Anna Arts Center. A presentation about Civil War history was part of the evening's activities. Speakers and exhibits, such as Civil War memorabilia seen in the picture above, on the right, were featured during the day on Saturday at the arts center. Some of the topics addressed by guest speakers included cavalry tactics and the role of cotton. Dr. Mark Wagner, in the picture above, on the left, from Southern Illinois University Carbondale, presented a program Saturday about Civil War era rock art at Giant City. The weekend also featured an open house on Sunday at PAST's Heritage House in Jonesboro.





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## Census

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“My message to Illinoisans is that the Census is one of the best ways for your voice to be heard,” Gov. Pritzker said in a news release when the grant funding was announced.

“My administration is committed to ensuring an accurate Census count so that Illinoisans get both the representation and funding for critical services that they deserve.”

Last year, the governor signed Executive Order 19-10 to ensure an accurate Census count in all communities throughout Illinois.

The order established a new Census office. A bipartisan Census advisory panel is guiding the work of the office.

State and local officials note that Illinois’ final Census count is consequential.

An undercount of residents could diminish the state’s proportional share of federal funding for critical services and programs.

The number of seats Illinois has in the U.S. House of Representatives for the next 10 years also will be determined by the Census count in 2020.

The Illinois Public Health Association, IPHA, was selected as the intermediary for what was designated as the state’s Southern region. The association was awarded \$700,000.

The City of Anna, in turn, has received a \$5,000 grant through IPHA. Anna is considered to be a grant sub-recipient, city administrator Bigler said. The grant funds will be used in a variety of ways to help

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The National Audubon Society notes that the 23rd annual Great Backyard Bird Count is planned Feb. 14-17.

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The Kincaid Mounds Support Organization plans to present an Artifact Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at Fort Massac State Park in Metropolis.

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The National Weather Service is celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2020.

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Thanks to the efforts of historic preservation advocates in Illinois, 12 sites in the state were added to the National Register of Historic Places during 2019, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources has announced.

promote the Census.

Bigler said that an Anna Census complete count committee has been set up. The committee includes representatives from the city, schools, health care agencies, other agencies and the community.

The committee has had its first meeting and will continue to meet to chart a course to ensure the success of the 2020 Census in Anna.

Bigler said that community events are slated to be a part of the local Census effort.

Plans also call for a computer to be made available at Anna City Hall which will be utilized to help members of the community to fill out their Census forms.

### Important Dates

The U.S. Census Bureau released the following “Important Dates” for the 2020 Census on its website.

Jan. 21: The U.S. Census Bureau started counting the population in remote Alaska. The count officially began in the rural Alaskan village of Toksook Bay.

March 12-20: Households will begin receiving official Census Bureau mail with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census online, by phone or by mail.

March 30-April 1: The Census Bureau will count people who are experiencing homelessness over these three days. As part of this process, the Census Bureau counts people in shelters, at soup kitchens and mobile food vans, on the streets and at non-sheltered, outdoor locations such as tent encampments.

April 1: Census Day is observed nationwide. By this date, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives, you should respond for your home in one of three ways: online, by phone, or by mail. When you respond to the census, you’ll tell the Census Bureau where you live as of April 1, 2020.

April: Census takers will begin visiting college students who live on campus, people living in senior centers and others who live among large groups of people. Census takers also begin conducting quality check interviews to help ensure an accurate count.

May-July: Census takers will begin visiting homes that haven’t responded to the 2020 Census to help make sure everyone is counted.

December: The Census Bureau will deliver apportionment counts to the president and Congress as required by law.

### Oath of office administered

Tyler Tripp, right, was sworn in last week as Union County’s new full-time public defender. The oath of office was administered by Judge Tyler Edmonds during a ceremony at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro. Photo provided.

## Southern Seven Health Department shares update on Novel Coronavirus

Southern Seven Health Department reported on Tuesday, Feb. 11, that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC, had confirmed the 13th case of Novel Coronavirus in the United States.

Southern Seven reported that the CDC on Monday, Feb. 10, had “confirmed another infection with 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in the United States that was detected in California.

“The patient who was under a federal quarantine order recently returned from Wuhan, China, where an outbreak of respiratory illness caused by this novel coronavirus has been ongoing since December 2019.

“This brings the total number of 2019-nCoV cases in the United States to 13.

“CDC is conducting a thorough contact investigation of the person who has tested positive to determine

contacts and to assess if those contacts had high risk exposures.

### Testing Available in Illinois

Southern Seven Health Department also reported that on Friday, Feb. 7, the Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, was able to bring testing for 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) online, making Illinois the first state to do so.

Once specimens from individuals are received at the Chicago IDPH laboratory, test results are typically available within 24 hours.

IDPH is in the process of bringing testing for 2019-nCoV online in its Springfield and Carbondale laboratories.

“The ability to do this testing means we will be able to detect any new cases of novel coronavirus earlier and prevent any possible spread,” said IDPH assistant director Evonda Thomas-Smith.

“We understand there is concern about this new virus, which is why having test results back quickly can help reduce some of those concerns.”

On Wednesday, Feb. 5, CDC, began shipping 2019-nCoV laboratory test kits to select qualified U.S. and international laboratories.

The distribution and use of the test kits follows the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Feb. 4, issuance of an Emergency Use Authorization.

The test is intended for use with upper and lower respiratory specimens collected from people who meet CDC criteria for 2019-nCoV testing.

Those criteria include looking at travel and/or exposure history, as well as symptoms and/or fever.

“It’s an exciting development to be able to add this tool to our arsenal as we work to limit the spread of this virus,” said Dr. Allison Arwady, commissioner of the Chicago Department of Public Health.

“A quicker response will help alleviate concerns of

those being tested as well as the general public. We continue to work very closely with federal, state, and local partners to ensure that we have a robust and coordinated public health response to emerging infectious diseases.”

Also, on Friday, Dec. 7, IDPH along with the Illinois Poison Center, announced a hotline for residents throughout the state to call if they have questions about the new coronavirus.

Residents in Illinois outside Chicago can call the hotline at 800-889-3931 or email [DPH.SICK@illinois.gov](mailto:DPH.SICK@illinois.gov).

As of Feb. 11 in Illinois, two residents had tested positive for 2019-nCoV, while 44 test results have come back negative.

## Employees own their tips

Legislation signed by Gov. JB Pritzker clarifies an existing state law and makes it clear that employees own their tips.

The law, which took effect at the beginning of this year, amends the Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act.

The law states that gratuities are the property of employees, and that their employers cannot retain them.

The law requires gratuities to be paid to employees

## State police note activities

Illinois State Police District 22 has released a review of activities for the month of January.

The district includes Union, Johnson, Pope, Massac, Hardin, Pulaski and Alexander counties.

District 22 officers responded to 85 calls for service.

Officers issued 583 citations and 1,550 written warnings.

Four motorists were arrested for driving under the influence, DUI.

Officers handled 30 crashes (two fatal).

A total of 262 motor carrier safety inspections were conducted; 73 of the inspections led to either the driver or the vehicle being placed out of service for safety violations.

A total of 119 motorists were assisted on the side of the road.

Officers made 12 criminal arrests.

The following citations were issued for what are termed as “Fatal Four” violations:

DUI, four. Speeding, 327. Occupant restraint, 36. Distracted driving, 17.

### Scott’s Law

District 22 continues to remind motorists who travel on area highways about Scott’s Law, “The Move Over Law.”

The law requires motorists to reduce the speed of their vehicle, to yield the right of way by changing lanes away from an authorized emergency vehicle and any vehicle with emergency flashers activated, and to proceed with due regard to safety and traffic conditions.

within 13 days after the end of the pay period during which the gratuities were earned.

Employers are required to pay tipped workers a minimum of 60 percent of the state’s minimum wage, which rose to \$9.25 an hour on January 1, and the tips and wage combined must equal at least the minimum wage.

The law does not prohibit a tip pooling arrangement among employees as permitted by law.

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SIU Public Policy Institute

Statesmanship focus of upcoming events

Southern Illinois University Carbondale’s Paul Simon Public Policy Institute will focus on renewing Illinois and restoring American statesmanship with a spring program that is scheduled to feature nationally recognized experts who will discuss leadership challenges in the state, nation and the world.

The program is scheduled to include the institute’s annual Renewing Illinois Summit April 2-3 and the release of “Restoring American Statesmanship: A Citizen’s Guide.”

The 75-page guide, which the institute has been working on for more than a year, will offer historical case studies and provide real-world illustrations of statesmanship in American history.

Available March 1, the book will be free and available in hard copy and online.

The guide will be sent to presidential candidates, policymakers, political analysts, business and civic leaders, and journalists in Springfield, Illinois and Washington, D.C.

**Contributing to Political Debate**

The “Restoring American Statesmanship” guide can make an important contribution to the political debate in both Illinois and the nation, said John T. Shaw, the institute’s director.

Statesmanship is one of the institute’s three major initiatives.

The institute’s spring agenda was scheduled to begin Monday evening, Feb. 10, with a Pizza & Politics program, with State Rep. Terri Bryant, R-Murphysboro, as the guest.

Thursday, Feb. 13, 6 p.m., SIU Student Center Auditorium, “Lincoln and Kennedy: Two Iconic Presidents.” Illinois State Historian Sam Wheeler and Shaw will discuss two legendary presidents.

Feb. 19, 5 p.m., Student Center, Ballroom B, “Decision 2020.” Institute Student Ambassadors will host experts to discuss election topics.

March 23, 7 p.m., Morris Library, Guyon Auditorium, Morton-Kenney Public Affairs Lecture: Christina Wolbrecht, associate professor of political science and director, Rooney Center for the Study of American Democracy, University of Notre Dame.

March 25, 6 p.m., Student Center Auditorium, Former U.S. Sen. Carol Moseley Braun, D-Illinois.

April 2-3, Student Center, “Renewing Illinois Summit.”

April 8, 6 p.m., Student Center Auditorium, John Cruickshank, Consul General of Canada.

April 20, 6 p.m., Student Center Auditorium. John S. Jackson, visiting institute professor and Charlie Leonard, consultant, will provide a briefing on the 2020 Simon Poll results.

April 23, 6 p.m., Morris Library, Guyon Auditorium, Amy Chua, John M. Duff Professor of Law at Yale Law School.

**Summit, Simon Poll Upcoming**

This year’s “Renewing Illinois Summit” theme is “One Illinois: Noble

Aspiration or Impossible Dream?”

The two-day event, which will attract college students from throughout Illinois, will consider the challenge of “forging a common identity in Illinois given the state’s regional differences and tensions,” Shaw said.

“The Renewing Illinois Summit is a signature program that has significantly elevated the profile of the Institute and SIU across Illinois,” Shaw said.

The summit’s detailed program and agenda of speakers will be released in March.

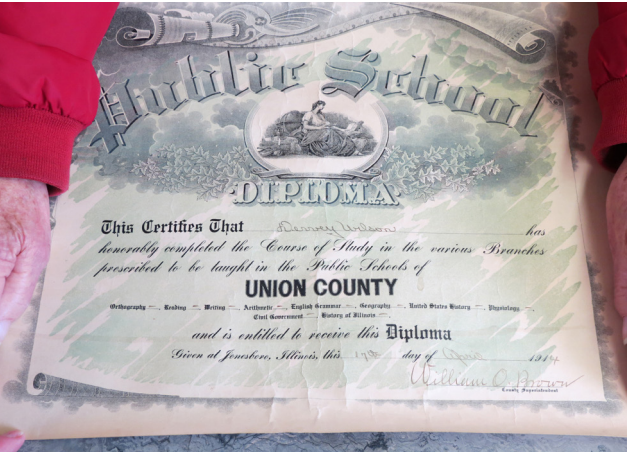
The institute will release the findings of the Simon Poll later in February. The institute decided to return the poll to an annual survey rather than a twice-a-year poll.

“We are confident that the release of our annual findings each spring will become an important event on the state’s political calendar,” Shaw said.

For more information about the institute’s programs, call 618-453-4078 or visit paulsimoninstitute.siu.edu.



Dan Wilson of Wolf Lake recently shared some special documents...and special memories. Wilson brought diplomas and school certificates which his parents, Dewey and Caroline (Rendleman), had earned.



Dan showed his dad’s public school diploma from 1914.

Anna City Council discusses park usage fees, application

A review of the fees and process for park and pool usage in Anna continues.

The matters have been addressed at the last two regular meetings of the Anna City Council.

The city council met in regular session on Tuesday evening, Feb. 4. The meeting was at Anna City Hall.

For a number of years, a fee has been paid by some of the groups which utilize the park on a regular basis. Those fees are being eliminated.

Groups will still need to apply to use the park. A review of the application is underway.

The city also continues to invite proposals for the operation of Anna City Park and Pool concessions during 2020.

Sealed proposals to provide concessions will be welcomed until noon on March 3 at Anna City Hall.

As of last week, no vendors had submitted a proposal to provide concessions.

In other business at last week’s council meeting, city public works manager Gary Dahmer reported that 32,000 pounds of pothole patching materials had been used in Anna from mid-October through last week.

Weather 2.68 inches of precipitation; high 61, low 26

The sun was peeking through the clouds over Anna Tuesday morning.

Sunshine has been a rare commodity during the past week in the Union County area. Cloudy, cold and damp conditions have been common.

High temperatures during the period of Feb. 4-10 ranged from 34 to 61 degrees. The low for the period was 26.

On Tuesday, Feb. 4, the high temperature was 61. On Wednesday, Feb. 5, the high was only 39.

Precipitation during the period totalled 2.68 inches, including:

.96 of an inch of rain on Feb. 4,	.37 of an inch of rain on Feb. 5,	a trace of snow/melted precipitation on Feb. 6,	.01 of an inch of rain on Feb. 7,	.64 of an inch of rain on Feb. 9 and	.70 of an inch of rain on Feb. 10.
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Following are temperatures for the period as recorded by local weather observer Dana Cross in Jonesboro:

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Tuesday, Feb. 4	61	39
Wednesday, Feb. 5	39	35
Thursday, Feb. 6	34	30
Friday, Feb. 7	40	29
Saturday, Feb. 8	42	26
Sunday, Feb. 9	62	27
Monday, Feb. 10	55	35

**Blood drives set in Anna**


Two American Red Cross blood drives are planned in Anna.

**First Baptist Church, Anna:** A blood drive is scheduled from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, today, at the First Baptist Church in Anna.

**Anna-Jonesboro Community High School:** A blood drive is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

Information on making an appointment to be a donor can be found online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

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**Dispensary hours extended**

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation on Feb. 7 granted medical cannabis dispensing organizations the ability to remain open until 10 p.m. to make medical cannabis sales.

The department provided additional guidance to dispensaries that have both a medical and adult use license to ensure they prioritize serving medical cannabis patients as required by state law.

Since the beginning of the medical cannabis program, medical cannabis sales have been limited to between the hours of 6 a.m. and 8 p.m., while adult use sales are permitted by law until 10 p.m.

To address this, the Division of Professional Regulation issued a variance to the medical cannabis administrative rules, effective immediately, to expand the hours during which medical patients and their caregivers can purchase cannabis.

The division also issued guidance to dispensaries on measures they can take to prioritize serving medical cannabis users as required by Section 15-15(i) of the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act.

Medical cannabis users who think their needs are not being met can file a complaint on the IDFPR website. The website can be found at [idfpr.com](http://idfpr.com).

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# Sports

## With two more victories, A-J girls have 20 wins for second season in row



**A-J in action**  
Anna-Jonesboro’s Mikayla Bundren scored 10 points in the Lady Wildcats’ game Tuesday, Feb. 4, at Du Quoin. Pinckneyville Press photo.

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls’ basketball team earned its 19th and 20th wins of the season in action last week.

The Lady Wildcats, 21-10, have posted 20 or more wins in two straight seasons. Last year, A-J finished 23-10 overall.

**A-J 61, Sparta 26:** The host Lady Wildcats relied on 3-pointers to claim the Senior Night win in Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference action Thursday, Feb. 6.

A-J was 12 of 28 in 3-point attempts, with Mikayla Bundren leading the way with four. Raegan Cruse added three, Sydnie Ralls and Jaylee Watkins two apiece and Kristin Edmonds had one.

Cruse and Watkins each made a 3-pointer for a 10-10 tie to close out the first quarter. Cruse made a pair of free throws to close out scoring in the first half. A-J was ahead at halftime.

“We got going in the second quarter,” A-J head coach Matt Denny said. “I wasn’t happy with our defense before then.”

The 3-point game for the Lady Wildcats took over to open the third quarter.

Cruse hit a pair of 3-pointers and Edmonds added another to begin a 16-point unanswered run that Bundren closed out with a 3-pointer for a 40-

## A-J tops Murphysboro in 2A regional action

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls’ basketball team defeated Murphysboro 40-18 in first-round action at the Vienna Class 2A regional Monday, Feb. 10.

The Lady Wildcats put on a 3-point display in the win.

Mikayla Bundren and Sydnie Ralls led the Lady Wildcats with a pair of 3-pointers to give A-J a 10-5 first quarter lead.

Jaylee Watkins opened the second quarter with a 3-pointer and closed out the scoring in the half with another one for a 24-11 A-J lead.

Bundren added a 3-pointer in the third quarter as A-J held a commanding 30-16 lead going into the

## Three A-J wrestlers win regional titles

Three Anna-Jonesboro Community High School wrestlers won first place at the Class 1A regional at Carterville Saturday, Feb. 8.

The three A-J wrestlers who earned regional titles included:

Arojae Hart, 120 pounds; Blake Mays, 126 pounds; and Barry Johnson, 152 pounds.

Second-place finishers for A-J were Caleb Mays, 126 pounds; and T.J. Macy, 138 pounds.

A third-place finish for the Wildcats was recorded by Bryce Lingle, 160 pounds.

The top three wrestlers in each class advance to the Class 1A sectional, which is scheduled this weekend in Vandalia.

Winners at sectional competition advance to state.

As a team, A-J scored 131.0 points. Benton won the regional title with 260.0 points. Eleven teams competed at the regional.

## Cobden outscores Egyptian

The Cobden High School boys’ basketball team defeated visiting Egyptian 78-60 in South Egyptian Conference action Friday, Feb. 7.

“It was a good win,” Cobden coach Wendell Wheeler said. “They can score quickly. It was an up and down game.”

Cobden took the lead in the first quarter. The game was tied at the half. Cobden regained the lead after three quarters.

Noah Franklin had 26 points to lead Cobden.

Joe Brumleve added 21 points, Tyler Franklin 15, Dylan Lewey and Alex Ramsey 6 apiece and Jose Lopez 4.

Cobden, 18-8 overall and 7-0 in the conference, could win the conference outright for the first time since 1979 this Friday at Dongola. The Appleknockers play Saturday at home against Thompsonville.

## Wildcats outscored in two games last week

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys’ basketball team lost twice last week.

**Sesser-Valier/Waltonville 42, A-J 37:** The Wildcats let a lead slip away in the 4th quarter in the loss at the Rich Herrin Classic Benton Shoot Out Saturday, Feb. 8.

A-J was ahead by a point headed into the final quarter. SV/WV outscored the Wildcats 13-7 in the final period on the way to the win.

Blake Pena led the way for A-J with 15 points.

Zach Overstreet added 10 points, Juan Valencia 4, Damareon Faust and Noah McFarland 3 apiece and Landon Trammel 2.

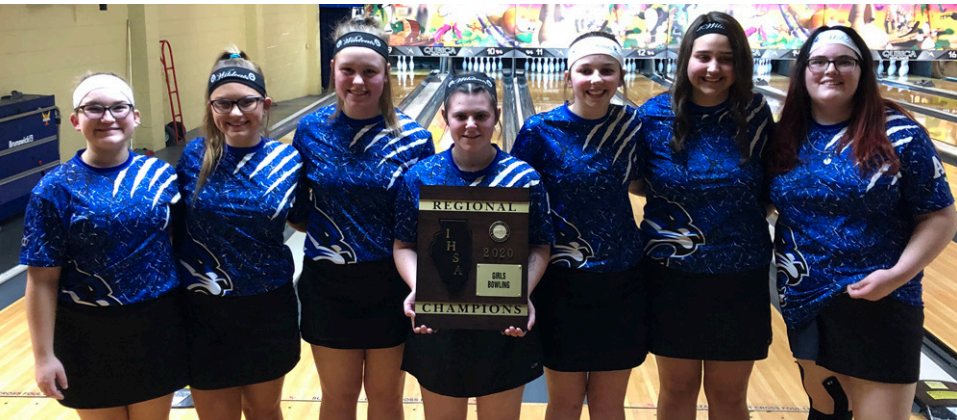
**Carterville 66, A-J 44:** The visiting Wildcats couldn’t recover from a first quarter deficit in the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division loss Friday, Feb. 7.

Pena had 16 points and 2 rebounds to lead A-J.

McFarland had 7 points and 9 rebounds. Faust had 6 points and 7 rebounds. Ethan Klett had 5 points and 2 rebounds.

Trammel had 2 points. Ta’Kevon Williford had 2 points and a rebound. Overstreet had 2 points and 3 rebounds. Maddox Thorpe had 2 points. Valencia had a point and 2 rebounds.

A-J was 15 of 30 in shot attempts from the floor, 2 of 11



**A-J wins regional bowling championship**  
The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls’ bowling team came in first at the regional tournament held on Saturday, Feb. 8, in Salem. The A-J girls found themselves tied with host Salem at the end of the tournament, with the champion determined by a “bowl off” between the two teams for the championship.

Wildcat bowler Avery Paige took third place overall at the tournament, with A-J’s Madi Hawk taking 10th and BreAuna Stone finishing 11th. The A-J squad advances to the sectional tournament, which is scheduled Feb. 15 in Fairview Heights.

From left are Addilyn Hadley, Avery Page, Olivia Myers, BreAuna Stone, Kiersten Wright, Sara Sinisi and Madi Hawk. The team’s coaches are Cary Quick and Micah Cross. Photo provided.

## Jeopardy! champ Jennings to speak at SIU

This best-selling author, trivia whiz and multi-million-dollar prize winner is coming to Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

In true Jeopardy! style, the question for that answer is: who is Ken Jennings, the Greatest Jeopardy! Player of All Time?

Jennings is scheduled to present “The Future of Knowing Stuff: Knowledge and Learning in the Age of Artificial Intelligence” at

SIU’s Shryock Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on March 27.

Tickets are available online at 150.siu.edu/ken-jennings on a first-come, first-served basis, are free.

Although tickets for Jennings’ presentation are free, seats are limited and should be claimed early, the university advised.

The guest appearance by the “King of Trivia” at SIU is in conjunction with the university’s 150th anniversary wrap-up festivities, concluding a year-long sesquicentennial celebration.

During his presentation, he will host a mini-quiz show featuring SIU students as contestants.

Afterwards, Jennings will sign copies of his book “Planet Funny: How Comedy Took Over Our Culture,” which will be available for sale.

Jennings recently beat two other Jeopardy! legends, Brad Rutter and James Holzhauer, to win \$1 million and the GOAT (Greatest Jeopardy! Player of All Time) title.

It was a prime-time, best-of-seven event in which two games were played each night with earnings totaled to choose that day’s winner.

It took Jennings just four matches to claim the title against fierce competitors. Rutter holds the record for the highest total winnings of any American game show

## Cobden girls close out regular season with victory

The Cobden High School girls’ basketball team closed out its regular season with a 60-48 win over Joppa in a South Egyptian Conference game Thursday, Feb. 6.

Katelyn Shadowens led the Appleknockers with 24 points.

Jenna Hartline added 22 points, Abby Ramsey 8 and Rhylee Sauerbrunn 4.

**Vienna 75, Cobden 65:** The host Appleknockers couldn’t overcome a 25-9 first quarter deficit in the loss Tuesday, Feb. 4.

Hartline had 25 points to lead Cobden.

Remsey added 13 points, Aubrey Fisher 12, Shadowens 6 and Sauerbrunn 2.

**Meridian 58, Cobden 56:** The game was tied 14-14 after one quarter. The Lady Bobcats took the lead in the second quarter on their way to the win on Monday, Feb. 3.

Remsey led the way for Cobden with 26 points.

Hartline added 16 points, Aubrey Fisher 8, Shadowens 4 and Gracelyn Fisher 2.

Cobden, 8-20, was scheduled to play Dongola in first-round action at this week’s Shawnee Class 1A regional.



**A-J wrestler signs with Missouri Baptist**  
Anna-Jonesboro Community High School student Bryce Lingle has signed to compete for the wrestling team at Missouri Baptist University in St. Louis after graduation. Lingle finished second at the 2019 Illinois High School Association Class 1A regional championship tournament in the 170-pound weight class in his first year with the team and was selected for the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference All-Mississippi Division squad.

Present for the signing were, in the first row, from left, R.A. Lingle, Bryce Lingle and Michelle Lingle. In the second row are A-J wrestling assistant coach Sully Edwards, head coach Chase Hargrave and assistant coach Grover Mays. Photo provided.



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HELP WANTED

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AT SHAWNEE COLLEGE:

Administrative Assistant to VP of Financial Operations, Nursing Instructor, Director of SBDC & More. [www.shawneecc.edu/community-services/employment-opportunities](http://www.shawneecc.edu/community-services/employment-opportunities)

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

HELP WANTED: The Union County Highway Department is accepting applications for Full-Time Highway Maintenance Operators. Duties include but are not limited to performing labor relating to maintenance of roadways, promptly responding to emergency weather situations, operating equipment to maintain and clear county roadways. Qualified candidates must acquire and maintain appropriate licenses and certifications required. Interested candidates can pick up applications at Union County Highway Department, 306 Mississippi Street, Jonesboro, IL Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., except holidays. We offer:

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Sign on Bonus included in selected positions

For more information, contact us at (618)-833-4511 ext. 4297.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

IN THE INTEREST OF: ZAYDEN DAVIS, A Minor. NO. 2018-JA-25

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

Alejandro Gonzales, Maurice King, Dallas Mitchell, Paul Norfleet, and to ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

TAKE NOTICE that on 7/31/2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by Daniel Klingemann, Union County State's Attorney, in the Circuit Court of Union County entitled "In the interest of ZAYDEN DAVIS," and that in Judge Amanda Byassee Gott's courtroom at Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois, on Tuesday, the 24th day of March, 2020, at the hour of 1 p.m., or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an termination of parental rights hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be award of the court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices of publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may

stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Tiffany Busby  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Dated: February 10, 2020  
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Tax Deed No. 19-1-TX  
Date Filed: 1/17/2020

Gertie Rich  
995 State Route 127 South  
Jonesboro, IL 62952

TAKE NOTICE  
County of Union  
Date Premises Sold : 05/30/2018  
Certificate No. 2016-00038  
Sold for General Taxes of year: 2016 and Prior years  
Sold for Special Assessment of municipality: None and Special Assessment No. None  
Warrant No. None  
Installment No. None

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property located at:  
Cross Street,  
Dongola, Illinois

Legal Description and Property Index No: A Part of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast Quarter of section twenty-five (25), township Thirteen (13) south Range One (1) west of the -- principal meridian, in L. Meisenheimer's Second (2), Addition to the town of Dongola, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the northwesterly corner of lot number twenty-five (25), and running along the westerly line of Lot Twenty-three (23), and twenty-four (24), all in said Addition and in direct line to the public road running past Dongola Baptist Church and thence in a direct line along the southerly line of said road to Lot Number Forty-five (45), in said Addition, thence south until said line intersects with a piece of land previously deeded to Swain S. Albright by Village of Dongola thence in a Direct line to the Beginning, also a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, quarter lying south of line running northwesterly on a parallel with above lot number lot number twenty-five (25), commencing at the northwesterly corner of said lot number twenty-five (25), and running on the line intersecting with the line between said land and that of said above line.

Property Tax Index #: 06-25-04-781

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 24, 2020.

The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6-month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming.

This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before June 24, 2020.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Jonesboro, Illinois on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time.  
YOU ARE URGED TO

- EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES -

Community Worker, SNAP-Ed Programming, Union County

The University of Illinois Extension is seeking an individual to provide educational activities for SNAP-Ed program delivery in Union County. Closing date for full consideration is February 27, 2020. This Community Worker position is 100% time benefits-eligible 12 month a year, 37.5 hours per week civil service position. To view complete job description and to apply, submit a Civil Service application at [jobs.illinois.edu](http://jobs.illinois.edu) and an Exam Request form for COMMUNITY WORKER – Anna IL Extension. University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. Local contact is Jody Johnson at 618-658-5321 for more information.

REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY

Redemption can be made at any time on or before June 24, 2020, by applying to the County Clerk of Union County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Union, Illinois.

For further information, contact the County Clerk, ADDRESS: 309 W. Market Street, Room 116, Jonesboro, IL 62952, TELEPHONE: 618-833-5711

Robert L. Osman, Purchaser  
Dated: January 22, 2020

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Tax Deed No. 19-TX-1  
Date Filed: 1/17/2020

Grace Hinkle  
C/O Richard Hinkle  
20 Ceredo Road  
Barlow, KY 42024

TAKE NOTICE  
County of Union  
Date Premises Sold : 05/30/2018  
Certificate No. 2016-00037  
Sold for General Taxes of year: 2016 and Prior years  
Sold for Special Assessment of municipality: None and Special Assessment No. None  
Warrant No. None  
Installment No. None

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property located at:  
U.S. Highway 51,  
Dongola, Illinois

Legal Description and Property Index No: Beginning One Hundred seventy (170) feet northwest of the Northeast corner of the Neibauer Mill lot in the Village of Dongola, Union County, Illinois, on the lot line between said Neibauer Mill lot and a tract of land owned by Tell W. Jones, running at a right angle in a northeasterly direction 102 feet to a point on the lot line of the East side of the Tell W. Jones' tract of land, thence on said East lot line in a right angle and running a northwesterly direction to a point on said lot line adjoining the East boundary of the right-of-way of Illinois State Highway Route No. 2, thence on said East boundary line of State Highway Route No. 2 and running in a southwesterly direction to a point on the lot line between said Tell W. Jones' tract of land and the Neibauer Mill lot, thence running on said lot line in a southwesterly direction to point of beginning.

Property Tax Index #: 06-24-04-745

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 24, 2020.

The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6-month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will

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Robert Osman, Purchaser  
Dated: January 22, 2020  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JUDITH EASTERLY Deceased.

Case No. 2019-P-42  
NOTICE OF DEATH, INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, & CLAIM DATE

Notice is given of the death of Judith Easterly, of Anna, Union County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on the 9th day of January 2020, to Wayne Easterly, 103 Wilson Street, Anna, Illinois 62906, as Special Administrator, whose attorney is listed below.

The Estate will be administered without Court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (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 Court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market St., Jonesboro, IL 62952, or with the Special Administrator on or before the 9th day of July, 2020, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Special Administrator is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act, 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 Special Administrator and to the Attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: 22nd day of January, 2020.

Independent Executor:  
Richard Wayne Easterly  
103 Wilson Street, Anna, Illinois 62906

Bigler Law Office  
Adam J. Loos  
Attorneys for Special Administrator  
407 E. Vienna St.  
Anna, IL 62906  
Office: (618) 833-4777  
Fax: (618) 833-4770  
Email: [aloos@biglerlawil.com](mailto:aloos@biglerlawil.com)  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF JAMES H. LILJEGREN, DECEASED. IN PROBATE NO. 2020-P-5

NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of James H. Liljegren of Dongola, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 22, 2020, to Michael G. Nawroth, 30W520 Mulberry Drive, West Chicago, IL 60185, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

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

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

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

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before July 30, 2020, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: January 24, 2020.

MICHAEL G. NAWROTH  
INDEPENDENT  
EXECUTOR

CAMERON LAW FIRM, LLC  
ELVIS C. CAMERON  
ATTORNEY FOR  
INDEPENDENT  
EXECUTOR  
205B N. MAIN ST.  
ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906  
PHONE: 618-833-2220  
ARDC# 6244394  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of: NANCY N. EBERT, Deceased No. 2020-P-4

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Nancy N. Ebert. Letters of Office were issued on January 22, 2020 to Matthew Smith, 365 Snider Drive, Percy, IL 62272, Executor, and whose attorney of record is Arbeiter Law Office, 1019 State Street, P.O. Box 367, Chester, Illinois 62233.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Randolph County Courthouse, 1 Taylor Street, Chester, Illinois 62233, or with the representative, or both, on or before July 30, 2020, or three months from the date of mailing or delivery of this Notice to creditors, whichever is later, and any claim not filed on or before said date is void.

Within ten days after filing of the Claim with the Clerk, the claimant shall cause a copy of the Claim to be mailed or delivered to the representative of the estate and to the representative's attorney of record.  
Dated: January 22, 2020

Matthew Smith,  
Executor  
By: Arbeiter Law Office  
Attorneys  
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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 31st day of January, 2020, under the Assumed Name of Timber, Trail, and Stone with the place of business located at 3500 Wing Hill Road, Cobden, Illinois 62920 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Anthony Longbucco  
3500 Wing Hill Road  
Cobden, IL 62920

Lance Meisenheimer  
Union County Clerk  
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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 29th day of January, 2020, under the Assumed Name of Robertson Marine Service with the place of business located at 840 Barringer School Road, Anna, IL 62906 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Troy Lee Turner  
840 Barringer School Road  
Anna, IL 62906

Lance Meisenheimer  
Union County Clerk  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK, A NATIONAL CHARTERED BANK, Plaintiff,

v.  
SHAWN H. KNUPP and KIRSTEN KNUPP, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
Case No: 2019-CH-13

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above captioned matter on November 26, 2019, the Sheriff in Union County, will by public sale on 4th day of March, 2020, at 9 a.m. in the Union County Courthouse, in Jonesboro, Illinois, sell at public venue to the highest and best bidder, for cash, or cashier's check drawn on a federally or state chartered bank or savings and loan, the following described real estate:

EXHIBIT A  
PART OF THE SOUTH-EAST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST OF THE 3RD P.M. IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS. COMMENC-

ING AT A 1" IRON PIPE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 10, THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 10, A DISTANCE OF 1530.61 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE DEPARTING FROM SAID SECTION LINE, SOUTH 75 DEGREES 30 MINUTES, 12 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 130.46 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR WITH CAP, SAID POINT BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION, THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 75 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 12 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 501.94 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR WITH CAP, THENCE NORTH 25 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 06 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 563.06 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR WITH CAP IN THE CENTERLINE OF STATE POND ROAD, THENCE NORTH 66 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 07 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, A DISTANCE OF 202.34 FEET TO A 1/2 REBAR, THENCE NORTH 63 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 31 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, A DISTANCE OF 212.40 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR, THENCE NORTH 61 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, A DISTANCE OF 94.02 FEET TO A SET 1/2" REBAR WITH CAP, THENCE SOUTH 24 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 656.04 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 6.965 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, SUBJECT TO EXISTING EASEMENTS.

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High school students can enter Congressional Art Competition

High school art students in Southern Illinois' 12th Congressional District are invited to participate in the 2020 Congressional Art Competition.

U.S. Rep. Mike Bost, R-Ill., who represents the 12th District, announced the competition on Feb. 6.

Initiated by Congress in 1982, the nationwide annual art competition allows high school students from all 50 states to showcase their artistic ability.

"Every year, I am amazed by the talented young people who submit art work from across Southern Illinois," Bost said in a news release.

"Living in such a historic and scenic place, I am excited to see all of the impressive art work produced by

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

ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK, a National Chartered Bank, Plaintiff,  
v.  
ROBERTA PINKERTON-BYRD A/K/A ROBERTA PINKERTON-BIRD, UNKNOWN OWNERS And NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
Case No: 2020-CH-1

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Roberta Pinkerton-Byrd a/k/a Roberta Pinkerton-Bird, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, by the said Plaintiff against you and other defendants to foreclose a certain Mortgage covering the following described

premises, to-wit:

EXHIBIT A  
Legal Description  
Lot 3, Block G, in Rendleman Subdivision, being a Subdivision of part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 12 South, Range 3 West of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the Plat thereof recorded November 3, 1966, in Plat Book 5, page 159, Union County, Illinois.

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

Now, therefore, unless you, the said Defendants, Roberta Pinkerton-Byrd a/k/a Roberta Pinkerton-Bird, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, file your answer to the Complaint in the suit, or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, in the County Courthouse in the City of Jonesboro, Illinois, on or before the 6th day of March, 2020, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

Tiffany Busby  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

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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 February, 2020, under the Assumed Name of Adam Kelley Electric L.L.C. with the place of business located at 424B Cook Avenue,

Jonesboro, Illinois 62952 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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Art pick-up or drop-off

can be scheduled by calling Bost's Carbondale office at 618-457-5787.

More information about the program, including guidelines and student release forms that are required in order to participate in the 2020 competition, can be found on Bost's website at bost.house.gov or by calling 618-457-5787.

Worship at Kornthal

Kornthal Church will hold its third Thursday worship service on Thursday, February 20th, at 7:00 p.m. Kornthal is located 2½ miles south of Jonesboro off Illinois 127. Hope to see you there.

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# Obituaries

## Mary Helen Moore

Mary Helen Moore, 83, of Arcadia, Fla., and formerly of Jonesboro, died Friday, Feb. 7, 2020, at DeSoto Memorial Hospital in Arcadia, Fla.

She was born on Sept. 29, 1936, in Jonesboro, the daughter of John Henry and Freddie Kathryn Stroehlein Whiting.

She married James L. Moore on Oct. 21, 1956, in Cobden. Together they shared 63 years of marriage.

Mrs. Moore is survived by her husband, James L. Moore of Arcadia, Fla.; a son, Jerry Lee (Christie) Moore of Bradenton, Fla.; a granddaughter, Beth Ann Myers of Anna; two great-grandchildren, Chad Wayne Myers Jr. and Olivia Ann Myers, both of Anna; a sister, Kay (Roger) Peterman of Greenwood, Ind.; a sister-in-law, Alsy Singleton of Poplar Bluff, Mo.; a brother-in-law, Charles (Patti) Moore of Sikeston, Mo.; nieces Kim Singleton of Louisville, Ky., and Tonya Monnier of Indianapolis, Ind.; nephews Keith Peterman of Louisville, Ky., and Aaron Moore of Cape Girardeau; several great-nieces and nephews; cousins Jimmy (Sue) Whiting of Seminole, Fla., John Stroehlein and family of Houston, Texas, Pam Strohmeier and family of Indian Rocks Beach, Fla., Greg Whiting and family of Atlanta, Ga., and Randy Whiting and family of St. Petersburg, Fla.; other relatives and many friends.

She had a beloved dog, Tinker Bell.

She was preceded in death by her father, John Henry Whiting; her mother, Freddie Kathryn Stacy; her stepfather, Bob Stacy; and a nephew, Tim Singleton.

Mrs. Moore helped to organize the Welcome Wagon in Union County after she and her husband Jim moved to Jonesboro in 1968.

In the early years of her career she worked as a bookkeeper for her father at Union Tire Service and the Anna State Bank. She also worked as a beautician with her mother at her beauty shop in Cobden.

After moving to Nashville, Tenn., years later she worked for Opryland Hotel and later retired from Camping World as a bookkeeper.

Mrs. Moore enjoyed traveling with her husband, James; together they visited many different places throughout the country. They were always telling stories and making new friends wherever they went.

She was a talented painter and decorator. She was hard working, working side by side with James on the countless remodeling and home projects they did together over the years.

Visitation for Mrs. Moore will be from noon until 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro. Interment will be immediately following in the Jonesboro Cemetery.

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

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## Bob Palmer

Bob Palmer, 86, of Anna, died at 12:19 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 10, 2020, in Carbondale.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the hour of services on Friday at Bailey Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Gilead Cemetery in Simpson.

Memorials can be made to the American Heart Association.

To send a condolence or for additional information, visit the memorial tribute at [www.crawshawfuneralhome.com](http://www.crawshawfuneralhome.com).

## Paul Boie Jr.

Paul Boie Jr., 87, of Bradley, died on Feb. 6, 2020.

Mr. Boie was born in 1932 in Anna, the son of Paul Boie Sr. and Ada Toler Boie.

He married Patricia Acuff Boie on Oct. 9, 1955. They raised three children and had a loving marriage for 64 years.

Mr. Boie served as a corporal in the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1953. He went on to work as an auto collision technician at Supreme Body Shop in Joliet for many years.

After suffering a stroke, he continued to enjoy life and remained as active as possible.

He was a born again Christian, and previously served as a deacon and bus driver at Faith Baptist Church in Bourbonnais.

He will be remembered as a kind and gentle man who wholeheartedly loved his wife, children and grandchildren.

Mr. Boie is survived by his spouse, Patricia; two sons, Daniel (Marcia) of Bourbonnais and Joseph (Eileen) of Surprise, Ariz.; one daughter Sharon (Brian) Milone of Orlando, Fla.; and Rich Milton of Bradley, who he considered like an adopted son.

Mr. Boie also is survived by his seven grandchildren and three great-grandsons who always put a smile on his face and brought him great joy.

He enjoyed life, and most of all loved spending time with family.

A memorial service was held at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, at Brown-Jensen Funeral Home in Manteno. Burial was Monday, Feb. 10, in Anna.



## Allibeth Partridge

Allibeth Partridge, 84, of Jonesboro, died Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020, at Integrity Healthcare in Anna.

She was born on Jan. 15, 1936, in Union County, the daughter of Ollen and Madge Casey Nalley.

She married Carter Partridge on Dec. 27, 1956, in Anna. He preceded her in death on Oct. 3, 2010.

Allibeth is survived by her children, Timothy J. (Sandra) Partridge of Cobden, Mary E. (Kent) Treece of Wolf Lake and Jayne (Gary) Mull of Anna; grandchildren Kaleb (Kerri) Treece, Abbie (Jason) Stegle, Jacob R. (Jennifer) Partridge and Will Charles; four great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Carter Partridge; a brother, Olen Nalley Jr.; and a sister, Patricia Boswell.

Allibeth attended Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna and worked as a secretary for the church. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was a manager at the Anna City Pool.

Funeral services will be held privately for the family. Memorials can be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois. Envelopes will be available at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna.

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

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# ‘Someone must have broken the faucet’

## Prolonged period of wet weather in region

The region has experienced a prolonged period of wet weather for more than two years.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported on its website that the wet pattern began in January 2018 and is likely to continue during February 2020.

“Someone must have broken the faucet, as our region has continued to get drenched on a constant repeat cycle over the past two years,” the weather service observed.

February is likely to become month number 22 out of the past 26 with above normal precipitation in Paducah.

“We have high confidence that February will finish with above normal precipitation,” the weather service reported on Feb. 6.

As of Feb. 6, only 0.70 of an inch of precipitation was needed for the month to have above normal precipitation.

Since January 2018, above average monthly precipitation departures in Paducah have ranged from a low of 0.03 of an inch in March 2018 to a high of 6.51 inches in February 2019.

Below average monthly precipitation departures ranged from a low 0.23 of an inch in August 2018 to a high of 3.43 inches in September 2019.

In Union County, total precipitation has exceeded 60 inches for the past two years.

Records kept by local weather observer Dana Cross in Jonesboro showed

a total of 68.19 inches of precipitation in 2019.

For 2018, Cross recorded a total of 63.61 inches of precipitation.

Average yearly precipitation for the Union County area had been in the range of about 40 to 45 inches.

June was the wettest month in 2019 in Union County, with a total of 9.36 inches of rain.

September was the driest month in 2019, with .80 of an inch of rain.

February was the wettest month in 2018, with a total of 10.98 inches of precipitation.

July was the driest month in 2018, with .93 of an inch of rain.

## Tobacco prevention conference set

The Southeastern Illinois Tobacco Free Alliance, Little Egypt Tobacco-Free Coalition and the Wabash Valley Tobacco Control Coalition are joining together to present the 2020 Illinois Tobacco Prevention Conference.

The conference is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, at John A. Logan College in Carverville.

To register for the event as a participant, go to <https://bit.ly/2GyJiDL> or [www.jchdonline.org](http://www.jchdonline.org).

More information about speakers and lodging options are also available through the link. The deadline for registration is Feb. 13.

## Patricia Ann Pearl

Patricia Ann Pearl, 58, of Anna, died Monday, Feb. 10, 2020, at her home.

She was born on May 12, 1961, in Anna, the daughter of George Jerald Fox and Mary Lou Brasel Tucker.

She is survived by her children, Christina (Shawn) Haynes of Anna, Crystal Davidson (Becky Lovell) of Jonesboro and Nathan Fox of Anna; grandchildren Kaleb Meier, Angel Starr-Fox, Gabriel Haynes, Mackenzie Haynes, McKenna Haynes, Sydni Haynes and Casey Lovell; a great-grandchild, Greyson Lovell; a sister, Linda (Bill) Conner of Anna; a sister-in-law, Jeanette Fox of Dongola; a stepsister, Pam (Tony) Newman of Buncombe; nieces and nephews Thomas Conner, Allison (Jordan) Palmer, Tony Joe (Brittany) Newman, Rebecca (Frank) Cuden, Danny Joe Fox, Eugene Fox and Lloyd Fox; other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents; twin daughters Melissa and Mary Gardner; a brother, Bobby Fox; and a stepsister, Jan Cook.

She loved spending time with her family and friends, and she enjoyed cooking for everyone. She attended the First Baptist Church of Alto Pass.

Funeral services were at noon Wednesday, Feb. 12, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with the Rev. Carroll Toler officiating.

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

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Pastor's Corner by Pastor Don Cox

Television viewing portrays a "possible" reality. After watching the same "message" repeatedly, many accept it as "plausible" . . . if not ACTUAL. TRUE!

Congregational Church of Alto Pass

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Worship-Message at 10:30 a.m.

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We wish to say a most sincere "thank you" to the family of Kay Schaefer for their generous donation in her memory. Kay was a long-time volunteer who had a great love for children, books and reading. Because of this generous gift, we will be able to update the children's section of the library, a place near and dear to her heart. We are very grateful to her family, and to everyone who contributed to her memorial, for giving us the opportunity to honor her in this special way.

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"The Preaching Pen"

The Power of God's Forgiveness

In Bible times, when an individual owed another a sum of money, they would take a stone, or piece of pottery, and engrave the amount that was owed on the face of the stone or pottery, and the engraving remained as long as the amount was owed. But when the sum was paid in full, wax would be melted and poured over the face of the stone and the engraving would be filled in – or “covered up.” and the debt was settled. From that cultural background, the Psalmist says, “Blessed is the man whose sin is covered” (Ps. 32:1-2). Sin is a debt I owe and as the song says, a debt I could not pay. Thus, Jesus said in Matt. 6 how we are to forgive men their debts. So, sin is a debt. It’s like an engraving on the face of the stone, but with forgiveness, the debt – the engraving – is covered over – not with wax, but with the very blood of Jesus! (Rom. 5:9): “Being therefore justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.” So, first of all, sin – being forgiven – is like having my sins (the debt I owe to God) engraved on the face of a stone. But with forgiveness, the blood of Jesus is poured over the face of the stone and makes its way into the engraving and covers it up, so that I owe the debt of my transgression against God no more. Furthermore, in Isaiah 1:18, the Bible says, “Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord. Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. They shall be as wool.” In this passage, sin is set before us as a stain, and forgiveness as the stain being removed. Now, think about that stone in Bible times that would represent the debt owed. So first of all, my transgression is engraved on the face of the stone, second, it is covered over by the blood of Jesus – but wait: even though the engraving has been filled & covered over by the blood of Jesus, the stain is still there. You can see where the engraving has been covered over by the crimson blood of Jesus, and there’s still a reminder of the fact that at one time, my life was not right with God. So, with this idea of removing the stain, using a stone that has been covered over, now you have the idea of God not only covering over the engraving with the blood of Jesus, but He now – because of His unsurpassed love – rubs the face of the stone absolutely smooth so that there’s no longer any engraving covered over by blood, as if there had never been anything engraved there to begin with! That is incredible and that is the kind of forgiveness that God makes available to everyone who is obedient to Him! Dear Reader, are you burdened by sin? Do you long to be forgiven? We invite you to learn more with us at the Anna church of Christ at 104 Nile St. We also invite you to call us at 833-5815 or visit us at [www.annachurchofchrist.com](http://www.annachurchofchrist.com) Have a great day!

R.W. McAlister, Minister

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# THE GAZETTE-DEMOCRAT

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Section B

News from

## Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna



### Ladies night out

The ladies of Mt. Moriah went to see “Menopause, the Musical,” on Thursday, Feb. 6, at the Marion Cultural Center. Photo provided.

Feb. 9 was Boy Scout Sunday. Several scouts attended worship to mark the 50th anniversary of Mt. Moriah’s affiliation with the Boy Scouts.

In the children’s sermon, Ms. Paula explained to them by using a phone (with a flashlight) that “we are the light of the world. God wants us to shine his light into the world by loving and being patient with others.”

The pastor’s sermon also was about “us being the light of the world, and salt of the earth. The significance of ‘salt’ is that it makes things taste better, and by us loving others, it makes them better. God wants us to show love and mercy to all people.”

Prayers for healing were offered for Ann West, Marlee Smith, Becky Poole, Abbie Edwards, Giovanna Hill, Jon Watson, Randy Bridges, Sue Ann Kaufman, Carla Sims, Craig Bass, Jean West, Shawn Knupp, Hope Sin-

gleton, Jason Huckleberry and Jarrett Strunk.

Prayers were also offered for Uriah Holmes, who has been deployed.

Prayers for grieving families were offered on behalf of Mary Loomis, Don Michel and Carl Sandlin.

The men’s group planned to meet at the church Monday, Feb. 19, for a night out in Marion.

The confirmation class met Feb. 9 and is scheduled to meet again Feb. 23 at Mt. Moriah.

An adult Bible study group for both Salem and Mt. Moriah was scheduled to meet Feb. 11. The group plans to meet again at 7 p.m. on Feb. 25.

Hands of Faith planned to have a monthly gathering Feb. 11 to continue working on quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

The ladies of Mt. Moriah had a night out Feb. 6 at the Marion Cultural Center, where they saw a musical. They plan to have their usual night out on Tuesday,

Feb. 18. They plan to go to Midland in Carbondale.

Feb. 16 is Food Day. Donations are welcomed for local food pantries.

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna and Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro again will combine Lenten services this year. The schedule follows:

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26, at Salem, worship at 7 p.m.

March 4, at Mt. Moriah. March 11, at Salem. March 18, at Mt. Moriah. April 1, at Mt. Moriah.

April 9, Maundy Thursday services, at Salem.

April 10, Good Friday service at Mt. Moriah.

April 12, Easter Sunday, service at Mt. Moriah, 9 a.m.; service at Salem, 10:30 a.m.

During Lent, meals will be served at 6 p.m. at the church which is hosting the service, with the exception of Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday (when no meal will be served prior to the services).

News from

## Camp Ground Church, Community

Rev. Dee Ann Thompson’s sermon on Heritage Sunday, Feb. 2, was titled “The Gospel in a Nutshell,” with John 3:16 as selected scripture.

The message shared that “if this was the only verse of the Bible we ever heard or read, it shares the whole Gospel: that God loved the world and sinful people so much that He sent His only Son to earth to save us from our sin.

“God has invited us to receive salvation, and is awaiting our RSVP: the gospel in a nutshell.”

The sacrament of Holy Communion was also shared.

Following morning worship, all present gathered in the fellowship hall for a noon meal and visiting.

The sermon on Sunday, Feb. 9, was titled “This Little Light of Mine,” with scripture from Matthew. In the scripture passage, Jesus used two ordinary, everyday things, light and salt, to teach His followers.

The message shared that “the tiniest amount of salt can make a great difference in our food, as can the smallest candle or flashlight penetrate the darkness.”

Rev. Thompson closed with these questions: “Will we follow His command to be the salt of the earth and light to the world? Will we

let our light shine for Him?”

Aldi and Vodra Gerard received the offering.

Sandra Boaz is the lead elder for February.

Happy 8th birthday to Tymber Roach whose birthday was Feb. 12.

Sunday evening, Tymber’s parents Michael and Ashley, and brother Gage hosted Ashley’s family for a homemade pizza party

for Rodney and LaDonna Miller, Jeff, Brittany, Landon and Tanner Roach, and Collin, Lara, Reed and Kayton Crane.

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

News from

## Anna Nazarene Church

Congregational songs for Sunday morning’s worship service were led by Pastor Randy Wright and the worship team.

Ushers for the morning worship service were Curly Ralls, Jason Elkins, Terry Wiseman Sr. and Robert Smith.

Special music was provided by Harley and Madison Schnaare and the worship team.

An anointing service was held for special needs of the congregation.

The morning message, “We are Heirs of God,” was brought by Pastor Randy Wright.

Congregational songs for Sunday evening’s worship service were led by

Pastor Wright and the worship team.

Ushers for the evening worship service were Jason Elkins, Noah Wiseman and Terry Wiseman Sr.

Special music was provided by Jack and Nina Shepard.

The evening message, “Eager for Heaven,” was brought by Pastor Randy Wright.

The schedule for Sunday, Feb. 16, includes: 10:45 a.m., morning worship, Dan Bohi. 5 p.m., intercession or deliverance, Melissa Wright. 6 p.m., evening worship, Dan Bohi.

The schedule for Monday, Feb. 17, includes: 6

p.m., intercession or deliverance, Melissa Wright. 7 p.m., Dan Bohi.

The schedule for Tuesday, Feb. 18, includes: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., four individual sessions for prayer breakthrough, Terry and Melissa Wright. 6 p.m., intercession or deliverance, Melissa Wright. 7 p.m., Dan Bohi.

A missionary service is planned Feb. 23.

Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. Worship services are Sunday at 10:35 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Quizzing is at 5 p.m. on Sunday for children in grades 1 through 6. Youth services and quizzing are at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

News from

## First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Feb. 9, Pastor Perry Williams brought the messages at both services. Dee Rose led worship.

Dee Rose and Debbie York provided special music in the morning service.

Women on Mission plan to meet at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, today.

Birthdays: Peyton Cly-

more, Feb. 10; Lloyd McCann, Ernest Rhodes, Feb. 11; Cindy Pender, Liz Wilkins, Feb. 15.

Anniversary: Joe and Martha McRaven, Feb. 11, 22 years.

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

6 p.m.

Dig-In Children’s Ministry for children from 3 years of age through 6th grade is planned from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday.

Youth meet from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday.

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

News from

## Walnut Grove Church

On the fifth Sunday after the Epiphany at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church, Loren lit the altar candles while Johnathan played the musical prelude on the piano and Keith collected the offering.

The ladies’ choir sang “The Wonderful Words of Life.”

Pastor Bobbi read the Gospel from Matthew and asked “how are we lighting the way for others, and how can we project more

light, love and happiness to others through our faith in God?”

Prayers were requested for Carol Harwood and her family, Wayne Moore, Danny Clover, Rodney Crowell, Sandy and Gary Hartline, Karen and David Lamer, and all of the law enforcement members who are in danger from attacks.

The church ladies met for lunch at El Jalepeño in Anna last Friday. The next

ladies’ lunch is planned Friday, March 6, at 11:30 a.m. at Pizza Hut in Anna.

Thought for the weak: Anxiety in a person’s heart weighs it down, but a good word cheers it up. Proverbs 12:25

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

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

## Sierra Club group plans activities

The Sierra Club’s Shawnee Group has planned a presentation and a hike.

A status report from Carbondale’s Living Laboratory is planned at 7 p.m. Thursday, today, at the Carbondale Township meeting room.

The meeting room is located at 217 E. Main St. (enter through the back door, off of the Monroe

Street parking lot).

The presentation will be given by zoology professor Marjorie Brooks. The program is free and open to the public.

A hike at Fountain Bluff near Gorham is planned Sunday, Feb. 16.


Those who want to go on the hike are asked to meet before 10 a.m. at the Murphysboro ranger station.

The hike, which is described as moderate, will be approximately 3 miles long.

The hike will be to a high bluff, with scenic views. Hikers are advised to wear appropriate shoes and to bring water.

Those who want to go on the hike will need to RSVP to Bob Mulcahy at 618-942-6342.


**The following Union County banks will be closed Monday, February 17th, in observance of Presidents' Day.**



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Former Microsoft insider to share insights at SIU

As insiders go, Kevin Purcell was among the most elite. As senior director of organization development for Microsoft from 1993 to 2004, Purcell led the design and development of executive and management development courses and strategic planning services for founder Bill Gates and

former CEO Steve Ballmer. Purcell is scheduled to share his insights and wisdom with Southern Illinois audiences in February, when he conducts two sessions on the campus of Southern Illinois University Carbondale. The two sessions, titled “Inside Bill’s Brain from an Insider’s View,” are scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 17 and Feb. 24 in the SIU Student Center auditorium. The sessions are independent of one another. They are free and open to the public.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019

The summary must be published in the local newspaper.

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by December 1, annually. Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact:

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Also by January 15, annually the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019, will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website@ www.isbe.net.

SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2019

		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	570,506	162,162	105,955	45,155	92,464	0	10,738	68,264	9,932
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0		0	0				
State Sources	3000	1,515,339	175,173	0	211,131	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	329,678	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		2,415,523	337,335	105,955	256,286	92,464	0	10,738	68,264	9,932
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		2,254,332	265,672	95,483	421,219	108,756	0		66,605	2,970
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	0	0	100,000	0	0	(100,000)	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2018		245,477	80,674	41,674	224,060	44,379	0	436,757	47,796	10,002
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2019		406,668	152,337	52,146	159,127	28,087	0	347,495	49,455	16,964

SALARY SCHEDULE OF GROSS PAYMENTS FOR CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL AND NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

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GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFIDE PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000	Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999	Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999	Salary Range: 60,000 - \$89,999	Salary Range: \$90,000 and over
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GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000	Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999	Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999	Salary Range: \$60,000 and over
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Payments over \$2,500, excluding wages and salaries.

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AFLAC	8,407	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	209,904
AMEREN ILLINOIS	39,719	IXL LEARNING	7,078.00
AMSAN	9,773	KAPLAN	2,969
ANNA JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK	79,335	LAKESHORE LEAN MATIERALS	2,953
ANNA STATE BANK	10,099	MCCANN AND SONS	8,068
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CAIRO PUBLIC UTILITY	23,260	POWERSCHOOL	2,660
CDS OFFICE TECH	67,095	PRAIRIE STATE INSURANCE	46,860
CENTRAL BUS SALES	263,265	PRECISION LAWN CARE	2,565
CHESTER DAIRY	14,826	REGIONAL OFFICE JACKSON	3,833
CLEARWAVE	3,456	REPPERTS OFFICE SUPPLIES	6,354
COMMON GOAL	5,166	REPUBLIC SERVICES	4,540
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CHRIS CUNDIFF	10,774	SCHOOL SPECIALTY	4,797
DONGOLA REVOLVING FUND	17,730	SDS	4,750
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IDES	3,176		
IL DEPT OF REVENUE	62,441		
IL MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	74,310		



Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

So the Pharisees said to him, “You testify on your own behalf, so your testimony cannot be verified.”

Jesus answered and said to them, “Even if I do testify on my own behalf, my testimony can be verified, because I know where I came from and where I am going. But you do not know where I come from or where I am going.

You judge by appearances, but I do not judge anyone.

And even if I should judge, my judgment is valid, because I am not alone, but it is I and the Father who sent me.

Even in your law it is written that the testimony of two men can be verified. I testify on my behalf and so does the Father who sent me.”

So they said to him, “Where is your father?” Jesus answered, “You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also.”

He spoke these words while teaching in the treasury in the temple area. But no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come. From the Gospel of John



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Everywhere you look there are hearts...plain, fancy, big, small, paper, candy...could it be Valentine’s Day? There are as many varieties of hearts as there are people. Some have “big hearts,” others are “soft-hearted.” There are those who “wear their hearts on their sleeve,” and there are “sweethearts.” Why not open your heart this Valentine’s Day and have a “heart to heart” with someone you care for. As you worship this week, thank God for His love for you as He dwells within your heart.

Daily Bible Reading						
Luke	Luke	Psalm	Psalm	Psalm	Psalm	Psalm
10:25-37	17:11-19	81	86	90	108	136

*Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society X Daily Devotional at [DailyBible.AmericanBible.org](http://DailyBible.AmericanBible.org)*

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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.

**Valentine's Day**  
Happy Valentine's Day.  
**20th Birthday**  
Willie and Terrie Rhym-er, along with Jordan, Alexis, Junior and Hadley Rhymer, enjoyed lunch Feb. 9 at Giant City Lodge for Alexis's 20th birthday. This is the first weekend the lodge has opened for the year.

**94th Birthday**  
Clarence (Bub) Tweedy celebrated his birthday with his sisters, family and friends with several birth-day parties.

**Birthdays**  
Feb. 10 Kathy Thorn-burg, Carla Sims, Connie Arnold, Linda Kall.

**United Methodist Church, Anna**

Sunday School 9 a.m. Church 10 a.m. Women's Bible study Tuesday 1 p.m. Men's Bible study Wednes-day 7 a.m. Choir practice 6:15 p.m. Wednesday.

Terry Riley welcomed everyone to church Sun-day morning and read the scriptures from Isaiah and Psalms.

Bringing in the light were

Natilyn and Easton Corbit. Leading the singing were Barbara House and Marilyn Sullins.

During the children's time Rev. Richard Sullins gave the children Valentine hearts they could decorate for their family and a box of candy. He told them we give cards and gifts on Val-entine's Day and love one other as Jesus first loved us.

Choir special was by the ladies choir "Down to the River to Pray."

Rev. Richard Sullins' sermon was Our Spiritual Relationship? Scripture was from Hebrews.

Prayers were said for Clara Cates who has bron-chitis.

A special thanks to Eric Boreup for taking pictures for me for my Anna news when I didn't have my phone camera.

Special thanks to Dean and Elizabeth Corbit for all the eggs they bring ev-eryone.

A very special thanks to everyone who helps with the Loaves and Fishes free community meal on the third Tuesday of each month.

**Anna Heights Baptist Church**

Upward basketball and cheer is now in its fourth week. Great fun for the

boys and girls and families that attend. It not too late to come and watch these kids learn the basics of basket-ball and learn about Jesus too. Games start at 8:30 a.m. every Saturday and run until 3:30 p.m.

Anna Heights provided a meal for the international student dinner at SIU. This is something they do every three months for those stu-dents.

The next Young at Heart meal will be Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 11 a.m. in the Family Life Center.

Feb. 27 is the next date for Momma Lou's Crafters at 6:30 p.m. at the church. The next project is a door hanger. Cost is \$5. Sign up at the church before spots fill up.

**Art Exhibit**  
"Inspired by Art and Na-ture" is a series by artist Marie Samuel currently at Southeastern Illinois Col-lege in Harrisburg through March 27.

The display features 21 wall hanging tributes to artists such as Van Gogh, Monet, Georgia O'Keefe and several other famous painters, as well as a sculp-tor and stained glass artist.

The art quilt exhibit is located in the Performing Arts Center VPAC Gallery, with a reception Feb. 23 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. All are welcome to attend this free event and refreshments will be served. They will meet first in the Ella Hise Museum.

The exhibit is open on days the college is in ses-sion, Monday through Fri-day, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Red Hat Ladies**  
The Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies will meet in Anna at El Jalapeno at 11 a.m. on Feb. 19.

This will be a Valentine's Day dinner and party. Host-esses will be Martha Ann Webb, Kay Johnson, Marie Samuel and Brenda Love-lace. Everyone welcome.

**Guest**  
Guest of Carol Lawson was her sister from Kansas City, Mo.  
**Census**

The first week in March in our area we will receive a paper survey for the 10 year Census and an invitation for the online survey.

The paper survey has a unique identifier on it, on line you can fill it out any-where using your physical address.

Census day is April 1. If you have not filled out your survey and sent it back a census worker will contact you at least four times be-tween April and August.

It is very important you fill this survey out so our area will be counted for benefits we can receive.

If you would like to work in the Census call 1-855 JOB-2020 or census.gov/ job 2020 Census.

**Anniversary**  
Cathy and Michael Free-man will be celebrating their 21st wedding anni-versary Valentine's Day, Feb. 14.

**Birthday**  
Feb. 8, Marilyn Keller was surprised with a beau-tiful arrangement of flowers and balloons from her hus-band Mike.

**Congratulations**  
Congratulations to the A-JCHS girls' bowling team on winning first place.

**District VII Garden Clubs**

District VII Garden Clubs spring meeting will be March 26 in Metropolis. The theme will be farm and garden.

Bronwyn Aly is the guest speaker. She represents Dixon Springs Agriculture Center and will speak on different techniques of rais-ing vegetables and fruits in a home garden.  
Linda Clutts is the Dis-



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The A-JCHS Friends of the Theatre are working behind the scenes to bring you "Bye Bye Birdie" March 13-15. We hope you come to see the show. Advance ticket sales are planned March 2-13 in the superintendent's office. Tickets also will available at the door. Prices are \$10/\$7.



Duane Hileman was guest speaker at GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club. He spoke on education and how schools were when he was growing up and his teaching and principal years. Those present were Lillian Milam, Suzie Kessler, Martha Schwegman, Jane Bauer, Barbara House, Debbie Rossberg, Marie Samuel and Martha Ann Webb.



Don Choate celebrated his birthday Sunday with his family.



Bob and Sherry Yother celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary Feb. 4.



Clarence (Bub) Tweedy was honored Sunday on his 94th birthday with a dinner and party given by his daughter Cheryl Stamp and family.



It was a busy Saturday at Enchanted Garden in Anna where they were getting ready for Valentine's Day. Madi Wright and Maggie Murray were helping Lisa with flower arrangements.



oke will be from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

A chicken and dumpling dinner will be served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 21. Star Karaoke and a Mardi Gras party are planned from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

**Women of Choice**

Performances at the Anna Arts Center are Friday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 29, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, March 1, at 2 p.m.

This production is for high school and above because of mature themes.

**Military Prayer List**

I am starting a new military prayer list because I am not sure if the names on my list are still serving in the military.

Please let me know if you have a name to add to my list.

May God bless and protect our military. Thanks to James Sullivan for serving our country. He is currently in Farmington, training for a correction officer position.

Reagan Morrison, Garrett Goins, James McWhorter, Jennifer Ann Bishop, Arin Whitemountain, Katelynn Williams, Lucas W. Davis, 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 Jordan Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, C.J. Youngerman, Freddy Morse.

**Visiting Anna**

Stephen Burns from St. Louis attended the Blue and Gray Dinner last Friday evening at the Anna Arts Center.

The presentation focused on the Ninth Illinois Infantry. Stephen’s great-great-grandfather and fellow red head, William J. Stephens, served in the Ninth during the Civil War.

He learned a lot from this presentation and looks forward to attending others in the future.

Stephen says Union County is fortunate to have the hard-working people they have to make the community a better place to live.

He commends these folks, as it is a lot of work to organize and plan these events.

Stephen says thank you to all involved with the Civil War Weekend.

William J. Stephens is buried in the Anna City Cemetery, along with his children and grandchildren.

Stephen honored him by placing a wreath on his grave through the Honor Wreaths for Veterans program on Dec. 14 last year.

Cobden Elementary School recognizes readers

Cobden Elementary School has recognized students who reached their goals during January in the schoolwide Accelerated Reading program. Students read books and then took comprehension tests on a computer to achieve their points. Photos provided.



100 Point Club: Evaline Kaszubski.



50 Point Club: In the first row are Jaylyn Stroehlein, Keylee Moore, Tyson Hernandez and Gus Stevens. In the second row are Alivia Kilpatrick, Keela Kaszubski, James Bergseth, Oliver Shalosky and Autumn Mosley. Clara Long could not be present for the picture.



25 Point Club: In the first row are Kate Mason, Isabelle Quertermous, Isabella Emrick, Jacob Roberts, Sabrina Geske, Emily Greable and Zander Craig. In the second row are Cayleigh Ferguson, Samantha Vicente, Abby Pitts, Miguel Ambrocio, Vianey Hernandez and Nathan Brumleve.

Television Listings

THURSDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball "Teams TBD" (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven BUNKD	(:05) The New Pope	"Uncle Drew" ('18)	Kidding (:45) "Green Book" ('18) Bouncer drives pianist on tour.
7 PM :30	Station 19 (HD)	Young Unicorn	Man (HD)	Brooklyn		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	"Zombies" "Zombie population."	"Valkyrie" ('08) Officer plots to kill Adolf Hitler.	★ ★ ½ "Life of the Party" ('18) (HD)	
8 PM :30	Grey's Anatomy (HD)	(:01) Mom Carol's	Deputy Car in woods.	Will (HD)	College Basketball "Teams TBD" (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	The Sinner "Part II"	Unsitatable		★ ★ ½ "John Tucker Tucker" ('06)	Homeland (HD)
9 PM :30	A Million Little Things	Tommy (HD)		Indebted		Bang (HD)	(:01) Briarpatch (HD)	Coop & Cam Sydney	Curb Your Avenue 5		
10 PM :30	Local Jimmy Kimmel Live	Local (:35) Late Show (HD)		Local (:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan Seinfeld	(:04) Chicago P.D.	Unsitatable Just Roll	(:15) McMillion\$ (HD)	(:15) "Leprechaun: Origins" ('14)	DESUS & Cartoon DESUS & The Circus
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld Conan	The Sinner "Part II"	Raven Raven	"Godzilla: King" ('19)	"Suspect"	

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THURSDAY
7:59pm
<b>USA The Sinner</b> "Part II" As Detective Ambrose looks closer into Jamie and Nick's relationship before the tragic car accident, Jamie begins to unravel before him. TV14
9:00pm
<b>SHOW Homeland</b> "Deception Indicated" Carrie focuses on recovering in Germany; Saul attempts to negotiate; Max embarks on a new mission. TVMA (HD)

FRIDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	2020 NBA All-Star Celebrity Game (Live)	"Jurassic Park III" ('01) Grant finds lost boy	Family	(:15) "Zombies" ('18)	Outsider	"Cast Away" ('00)	"Five Feet"
7 PM :30	Be My Valentine	MacGyver (HD)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live) (HD)	Lincoln Crime cases.			Family	"Zombies 2" ('20) Attend prom.	(:40) "The Island" ('05) Ewan McGregor, Utopian society.	(:05) "I, Robot" ('04) Robot may be killer. (HD)	(:45) "The Best of Enemies" ('19) Joining forces. (HD)
8 PM :30	20/20 Investigative news. (HD)	Hawaii Five-0 (HD)		Dateline NBC Investigative news. (HD)	Roundtable Boxing (T)	"Avengers: Age of Ultron" ('15) Powerful robotic villain's evil plans.	Family	"Zombies 2" ('20) Attend prom.			
9 PM :30		Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs Local info.		Countdown		Family	Unsitatable	Real Time Maher (HD)	Strike (:30) Strike Back (HD)	ShoBox: The New Generation (Live) (HD)
10 PM :30	Local Jimmy Kimmel Live	Local (:35) Late Show (HD)		Local (:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)		Family	Owl House	High Maint	"Deja Vu" Agent saves woman.	
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night		ELEAGUE (HD)	Family	Raven	Real Time Maher (HD)		

FEBRUARY 14, 2020

FRIDAY
7:00pm
<b>NBC Lincoln Rhyme: Hunt for the Bone Collector</b> When a killer reemerges, a former NYPD detective comes out of retirement to join a young officer to capture America's most dangerous criminals. (HD)
<b>ABC Be My Valentine, Charlie Brown</b> Charlie Brown hopes to get one valentine; Linus searches for the perfect card for his teacher; Lucy tries to get Schroeder's attention. TV G

SATURDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	XFL Football (Live)	Local Programs	College Basketball	"Avengers: Age of Ultron" Robotic villain.	Law & Order: SVU	Unsitatable	"Godzilla: King" ('19)	Strike (:50) "Turistas" ('06) Horror. Stranded tourists.	(:15) "Peppermint" ('18) Woman's revenge.
7 PM :30	The Rookie (HD)	God Friended Me	PBC Fight Night (Live)	NHL Hockey Los Angeles Kings vs Colorado Avalanche (Live) (HD)	College Basketball "Teams TBD" (Live) (HD)		Law & Order: SVU	"Zombies 2" ('20) Attend prom.	"Shaft" ('19, Action) Best friend's death. (HD)		Homeland (HD)
8 PM :30	The Rookie (HD)	48 Hours (HD)				"Central Intelligence" ('16) Unlikely partners.	Law & Order: SVU	Unsitatable		(:25) "The Hills Have Eyes" ('06)	"Them That Follow" ('19) (HD)
9 PM :30	The Rookie (HD)	48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs		College Basketball "Teams TBD" (Live) (HD)	Frontal Miracle	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Unsitatable BUNKD	Avenue 5	(:15) Strike Back (HD)	Kidding
10 PM :30	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	Inside PBC Boxing	Local Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.			The Sinner "Part II"	Owl House	The Outsider (HD)		
11 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs		SportsCenter (HD)	★ ★ ½ "Norbit" ('07) (HD)	Briarpatch (HD)	Raven	★ ★ ½ "Shaft" ('19) (HD)	"The Gunman" ('15)	Kidding Homeland

FEBRUARY 15, 2020

SATURDAY
8:00pm
<b>TBS Central Intelligence</b> ★ ★ ★ (2016, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Dwayne Johnson. A geek-turned-lethal CIA agent recruits an accountant who used to be the most popular athlete in his high school to save the U.S. spy satellite system. PG-13 TV14 (HD)
8:25pm
<b>MAX The Hills Have Eyes</b> ★ ★ ½ (2006, Horror) Vinessa Shaw, Kathleen Quinlan. A family traveling cross-country is stranded in the New Mexico desert and soon finds themselves under attack from a group of deranged inhabitants. R (HD)

SUNDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	Simpsons	Games (HD)	E:60 (HD)	"Intelligence" ('16)	Law & Order: SVU	BUNKD	"Shaft" ('19, Action) Best friend's death. (HD)	"Intersections" ('13)	Homeland (HD)
7 PM :30	American Idol "301 (Auditions)" (HD)	God Friended Me	Simpsons Burgers	Zoe's Extraordinary Talent: The Talent showcase.	Inside	(:20) 2020 NBA All-Star Game from United Center in Chicago (Live)	Law & Order: SVU	"Zombies 2" ('20) Attend prom.		"Open Water" ('04)	The Circus
8 PM :30		NCIS: L. A. (HD)	Burgers	Zoe's Extraordinary Talent	Inside		Law & Order: SVU	BUNKD	The Outsider (HD)	★ ★ "Open Water 2: Adrift" Friends stranded.	Kidding
9 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	NCIS: New Orleans	Fam Guy	Good Girls (HD)	Roundtable UFC (HD)		Dare Me (HD)	Sydney BUNKD	Avenue 5		Homeland An old ally.
10 PM :30	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	SportsCenter (HD)	Miracle	Family	Unsitatable	Curb Your	Oliver	Kidding
11 PM :30	(:35) Local	Local Programs	Local		Sports	Miracle "Fist Fight" ('17) (HD)	Family	Just Roll	(:40) The Outsider	★ ★ ½ "Manhattan Night" Black-mal.	Kidding
							Family	Jessie	Curb Your	"Crazy Rich"	Kidding

FEBRUARY 16, 2020

SUNDAY
7:00pm
<b>NBC Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist</b> "Pilot" When a woman discovers that she can hear the innermost thoughts of people around her through popular songs, she soon realizes that her ability may be a gift. TV14 (HD)
9:00pm
<b>USA Dare Me</b> "Scorched Earth" Addy, Beth and Colette are forced to decide what's most important amid the intensity of Regionals, which leads to a confrontation. TVMA (HD)

MONDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Fam Guy	Law & Order: SVU	(:15) "Zombies" ('18)	(:10) "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" ('11)	(:50) "Traffic" ('18)	"Steel"
7 PM :30	The Bachelor (HD)	Neighbor.	9-1-1: Lone Star (HD)	America's Got Talent: The Talent showcase.	Inside	Fam Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	"Zombies 2" ('20) Attend prom.		Strike	The Circus
8 PM :30		Bob Hearts	9-1-1: Lone Star (HD)		Inside	Fam Guy			The New Pope (HD)	"Sky Captain and the World" Flying robots.	Homeland An old ally.
9 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	All Rise (HD)	Prodigal Son "Pilot"	Zoe's Extraordinary Talent	Inside	Fam Guy		Unsitatable	Avenue 5		Kidding
10 PM :30	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	Roundtable UFC (HD)	Dad (HD)		BUNKD	Curb Your	(:40) "Armageddon" ('98) Bruce Willis. Asteroid threatens.	Homeland An old ally.
11 PM :30	Local Jimmy Kimmel Live	Local (:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan	The Sinner "Part II"	Unsitatable	The New Pope (HD)	★ ★ ½ "Manhattan Night" Black-mal.	The Circus
	Nightline	Corden	Local		SportsCenter (HD)	Brooklyn Conan	The Sinner "Part II"	Just Roll	McMillion\$ (HD)	"Donnybrook"	Kidding
								Jessie			★ ★ ★ "Walk Hard" ('07)

FEBRUARY 17, 2020

MONDAY
7:00pm
<b>FOX 9-1-1: Lone Star</b> "Friends Like These" The first responders face a chaotic ride-share trip, a farming accident and a potentially deadly memorial service; Owen bonds with previous captain. TV14 (HD)
8:00pm
<b>SHOW Kidding</b> "I'm Listening" Jeff comes up with a new way to speak directly to the children of the world; Seb gives Dairdre control of the Pickle empire; Will finds a book of magic spells. TVMA (HD)

TUESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball "Teams TBD" (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Chrisley	Raven	We Dream (HD)	"The Last Castle"	"District 9" ('09) Aliens are refugees. (R) (HD)
7 PM :30	Connors	NCIS "Ephemera"	The Resident (HD)	Games (HD)		Bang (HD)	Chrisley	BUNKD	(:10) "Shazam!" ('19) Orphan becomes a superhero. (HD)	"Wild Hogs" ('07) Motorcycle trip.	Homeland An old ally.
8 PM :30	mixed-ish black-ish	FBI "Safe Room" (HD)	Gordon (HD)	This Is Us (HD)	College Basketball "Teams TBD" (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Chrisley	Raven		(:40) "Night School" ('18) GED adult class.	"Them That Follow" ('19) (HD)
9 PM :30	For Life "Promises"	FBI: Most Wanted	Local Programs Local info.	(:01) New Amsterdam		Bang (HD)	The Biggest Loser	Sydney	Outsider		Kidding
10 PM :30	Local Jimmy Kimmel Live	Local (:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Local (:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Miracle	Miz & Mrs	BUNKD	Avenue 5	(:35) Strike Back (HD)	Kidding
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	New Girl Conan	Family	Just Roll	The New Pope (HD)	"Cast Away"	Kidding
							The Biggest Loser	Jessie	McMillion\$ (HD)		★ ★ ★ "Walk Hard" ('07)

FEBRUARY 18, 2020

TUESDAY
8:00pm
<b>NBC This Is Us</b> A group of strangers are affected by life's unexpected events when their paths cross and life journeys intersect in unlikely ways, revealing shared attributes. TV14 (HD)
8:40pm
<b>MAX Night School</b> ★ ★ ½ (2018, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Tiffany Haddish. When a high-school dropout finds himself unemployed and in debt, he meets a group of misfits set on doing everything to pass their GED exam. PG-13 (HD)

WEDNESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball Syracuse vs Louisville	Seinfeld	NCIS "Exit Strategy"	Raven BUNKD	"Aquaman" ('18) (HD)	(:05) "Turistas" ('06)	"Scream 4" ('11) (HD)
7 PM :30	Goldbergs	Survivor (HD)	The Masked Singer	Chicago Med (HD)		Bang (HD)	WWE NXT (HD)	"Zombies 2" ('20) Attend prom.	The Outsider (HD)	"Savages" ('12, Crime) Fighting cartel. (HD)	"Total Recall" ('90) Man's double life. (R) (HD)
8 PM :30	Schooled	Criminal Minds	(:01) Lego Masters	Chicago Fire (HD)	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)			"Shaft" ('19, Action) Best friend's death. (HD)		
9 PM :30	Single Stumpdown (HD)	Criminal Minds (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Chicago P.D. (HD)		Bang (HD)	Miz & Mrs	Sydney		(:15) "The Pledge" ('01) Cop seeks killer. (HD)	"The Terminator" ('84) Cyborg assassin. (HD)
10 PM :30	Local Jimmy Kimmel Live	Local (:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Local (:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan	Family	Unsitatable	Avenue 5	(:20) "Traffic" ('01) (R)	"Terminator 2" ('91)
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	New Girl Conan	Family	Just Roll	The New Pope (HD)		
							Family	Jessie	We Dream		

FEBRUARY 19, 2020

WEDNESDAY
8:01pm
<b>FOX Lego Masters</b> "Cut in Half" The teams are given ordinary items that have been cut in half and must reproduce the other half of the item with extra imagination to make it less mundane. TVPG (HD)
9:00pm
<b>USA Miz &amp; Mrs</b> "A Star Isn't Born" Maryse attempts to show Mike how pregnancy really feels; Mike tries to get a featured song on Ryan Cabrera's new album. TV14 (HD)



# Opinion and Commentary

## Commentary

### ‘Building Main Street, not Wall Street’

Future determined by decisions made today

By John A. Newby

Truly Local shopping isn’t just a nice thing to do to show local spirit. Truly Local shopping in the future may very well be the difference between whether your community grows economically or withers on the economic vine.

To be clear, Truly Local isn’t the same as just shopping local, all local shopping isn’t created equal. Truly Local is described as locally owned and operated; this on occasion includes national chains that are locally owned.

With the increase of big boxes, national chains, Wall Street or out-of-town owners and online shopping opportunities, many local community governments are finding it increasingly more difficult to make their local fiscal budgets stretch to cover their basic needs. In fact, many are already in severe financial straits.

The term “unintended consequences” could very well have been coined to convey the situation many communities find themselves in today or will find themselves in the near future.

The courtship of big boxes and chains might be viewed as a necessary evil that communities must attract to appear viable. By bringing these big boxes and chains to the community, it can indeed create new jobs, increase the quality of life for residents and provide a greater variety of goods and services that we all enjoy.

While the benefits can be great, we must realize this also comes with high risk as well. The greater the saturation of big boxes and chains, the greater long term economic risk to our communities. One might ask, how can this be?

Very simply, the more money each of us spends with these big box, chain and out of town owners; the bigger the drain on our local budgets as a greater percentage of those dollars we are spending leave our community, never again to return.

Studies show that dollars spent at locally owned businesses are 3 to 7 times more valuable, as they are re-circulated multiple times throughout the community in lieu of being sent to some far off corporate headquarters.

It is those same dollars leaving our community that otherwise would fund our police, fire departments, city government, water department, road department, parks and recreation and so forth. Bottom line, fewer dollars equate to fewer or less than desirable services. How can communities balance sending their dollars to Wall Street in lieu of growing their own Main Streets?

As is the case with most things in life, it is all about balance. Having these big boxes, chains, Wall Street and out-of-town owned businesses can initially be beneficial to the overall growth of a community.

The bigger issue arises when communities in their haste, vigorously court these big boxes, chains and Wall Street organizations at the expense of organically growing their local business base from within.

We must not forget that small businesses, mostly locally owned, employ the majority of all workers across the country. We must attend to that base as well.

Communities must find the resolve to expend equal attention and resources on their local business, innovation and entrepreneur base. Nurturing their startups will ultimately create the balance to weather the pending economic storm clouds of retail; along with the rapidly shifting shopping habits that are changing right before our eyes.

With the rapidly shifting retail and consumer habits, it is imperative that communities have these critical conversations. It is also critical that they find ways to stimulate local entrepreneurship and innovation. It is imperative that they find ways to keep a greater percentage of their consumer spending local.

The younger generations are leading us rapidly towards an experiential economy where it isn’t about sameness, but about making dining and shopping an experience. This spells local in every way.

These aren’t just nice discussions to have; the economic and vital future of every community under 100,000 is in danger of slowly being dismantled by the winds of economic change. We are sure of one thing; Wall Street cares little about our communities, unless of course, how it can extract more local dollars that boost their bottom lines.

The future of our communities are certainly in our hands, and our hands only. Whether we win or lose tomorrow will be determined by the hard decisions we make today. Hopefully our communities will make those decisions based on long-term growth and not just short-term satisfaction.

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#### Political letters to the editor

All letters to the editor endorsing, opposing or pertaining to political candidates must be published as paid election letters. They will be subject to a publication fee of \$50.

A paid election letter must be paid for by the writer. If the letter is paid for by another individual or organization, that information must be stated, according to election laws.

A letter must be signed and must contain the name of the person who wrote the letter, the writer's address and the writer's telephone number. The telephone number will not be published, but must be included for verification purposes.

The deadline to submit a paid election letter, and payment for the letter, is noon on the Thursday prior to publication of the letter. The newspaper reserves the right to edit a letter for clarity, brevity and legal purposes.

## Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

### Bored...not much of a chance of that happening

Not all that many years ago, a fellow traveler on The Journey Through Life who, at the time, was toiling at The Paragraph Factory, commented that she did not think yours truly was bored very often.

Her observation was, as they say, spot on. And that certainly would have been case last Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Friday afternoon, your writer paid a visit to Stinson Memorial Library in Anna. As noted last week in this space, the Friends of Stinson Library were having a winter book sale. I didn’t really “need” more books. That being said, I did manage to find three books which needed a good home.

After the visit to the book sale, yours truly and The Other Half went on a “date.” Well, that’s what we called it. Seemed like the kind of thing to do on a Friday evening.

We motored to Carbondale to attend a reception for a new exhibit which is on display at the University Museum. As the name might imply, the museum is on the campus of Southern Illinois University Carbondale, which, by the way, is our alma mater.

The exhibit, which is titled “Women’s Voices,” features the works of 23 female artists. Some of those artists call Union County home. And many of those who went to the reception also call Union County home.

The art works which are on display in the exhibit are, well, wondrous, colorful, imaginary, thought-provoking... let’s say a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow of creativity. Goodness, that was way more philosophical than my simple little mind can handle.

“Women’s Voices” is on display through March 21. Check it out. You might even see an armadillo.

Saturday morning involved the usual chores which are part of your writer’s life. That’s another story.

Then it was off to the Civil War Weekend at the Anna Arts Center. Would have liked to have spent more time listening to the folks who were guest speakers at the event.

Saturday afternoon, yours truly headed to Giant City State Park, which is just up the road, in the suburbs of metropolitan Makanda. A program titled “Snake Road: A Southern Illinois Treasure” was scheduled at the visitors center at the park. The program was presented by biologist John Palis.

Snake Road is located in Union County, just north of Wolf Lake. I learned Saturday that Snake Road likely is the only thoroughfare on the entire planet which is closed to protect snakes. For all we know, Snake Road could well be the only place in the entire universe which is closed to protect snakes.

Snake Road is closed twice each year, in the spring and in the fall, so critters like snakes can migrate to find a cozy place to spend the winter. Makes me kind of wish I could migrate to someplace else for the winter, too.

Palis said he has made 177 visits to Snake Road and has recorded some 3,845 snake sightings. That would be much more successful than yours truly and our daughter experienced during a visit to Snake Road on a sweltering September afternoon in 2019. We saw a toad. And a spider. No snakes. It was suggested that we might try again on a milder day in April, or maybe October.

Sunday afternoon, it was back to the visitors center at Giant City State Park, where a program about the Underground Railroad in Southern Illinois was slated. The Other Half and yours truly made another date of it.

And so did a lot of other folks, too. A standing room only audience was on hand. I’m guessing somewhere in the range of 60, or more, people. It was good to see so many folks interested in history, especially the history of Southern Illinois.

As previewed in an announcement about the program which was shared ahead of time, the Underground Railroad was a vast, but secret, network of travel routes and safe havens to help African Americans escape slavery.

## A Page from the Past from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

### Thursday, February 12, 1970

A circuit judge from Macon County has been named to hear all court matters in connection with a suit filed in Jackson County to stop the proposed Rock Fest in Makanda Township in May.

The Union County Board of Commissioners went on record as opposing the holding of a rock festival in the area at their meeting held Monday, Feb. 9.

Architects Monday night presented to the board of trustees a schematic drawing of a Master Plan for a permanent campus at Shawnee College.

Results of achievement tests given recently to students in the third, fifth and seventh grade classes show that students in School District 37, Anna, ranked in the upper 25 per cent bracket, and high on the national norm. The figure speaks well of the District 37 school system.

Approximately 70 friends and relatives attended the Open House held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars post home Sunday, Feb. 1, in honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Bryan Freeman.

The Union County area received some form of moisture four out of seven days this past week, with a high of 50 and a low of 1 degree.

Mrs. Clarence Smith, Anna-Jonesboro Neighborhood Cookie Chairman, reminds residents that orders will be taken February 13 through the 23rd in a door-to-door drive by Girl Scout members.

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna, and Salem Lutheran Church, Jonesboro, are planning a series of special mid-week Lenten services which began Wednesday, Feb. 11, with an Ash Wednesday Communion service at Salem.

The Oasis Shrine Club met at the Masonic Temple for their regular meeting Monday with a potluck supper.

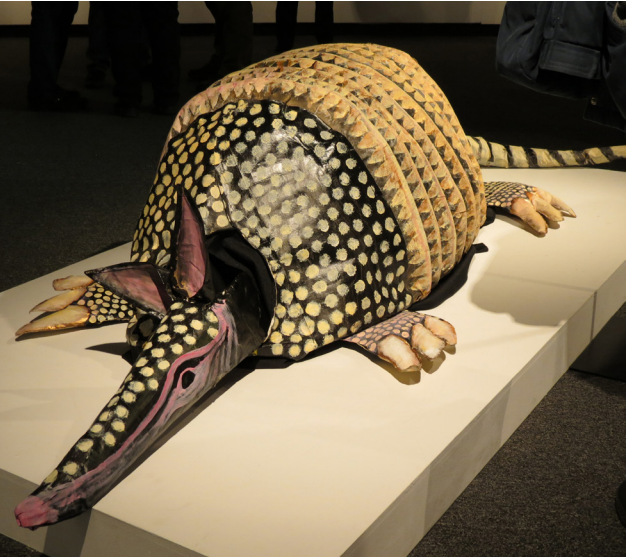
The D.M.F.W. Club met Wednesday, Feb. 4, at 1 p.m., in the dining room of the Whitehouse Coffee Shop.

From the Casper Church news: Many are ill with colds and the flu in this vicinity and we wish all a speedy recovery. The writer attended church in Anna Sunday after being shut in by bad, cold weather for four weeks.

From the Camp Ground news: Our attendance for Sunday School February 8 was 23. There’s still much sickness around and we wish them all a very speedy recovery.



**Real? Nope. At least not in the sense that it was really alive. This version of a copperhead snake can be seen at the visitors center at Giant City State Park, where a program about Snake Road in Union County was presented last weekend. Copperheads are among the species which might be seen on a visit to Snake Road.**



**Surreal? Perhaps. Suppose that would be in the eye of the beholder. An armadillo created by artist Lisa Barnes can be seen at the “Women’s Voices” art exhibit which is on display at the University Museum on the campus of Southern Illinois University Carbondale.**

During the program, U.S. Forest Service/Shawnee National Forest heritage program manager Mary McCorvie talked about the role that Southern Illinois and pre-Civil War African American communities played in the Underground Railroad network.

I think we sometimes forget, or maybe even overlook, some of the landmark events which have been part of the story of Southern Illinois, like the story of the Underground Railroad. Same goes for some of the special treasures we have right here in our backyard, like the Snake Road.

We do live in a special place. Programs like those presented last weekend at Giant City State Park help us to remember how special Southern Illinois truly is.

By the way, a number of programs are presented during the course of the year at Giant City State Park. You might want to check out the schedule, which you can find online.

As you can tell, I didn’t have much time to be bored last weekend. Don’t expect that will happen any time soon, either.

I’m going to close this week with a note to my Valentine. Thank you for all of the dates we’ve been on so far...and for the ones which are yet to come. Happy Valentine’s Day.

### Thursday, February 5, 1970

School board elections for the various districts of Union County will be held Saturday, April 11. The first day for filing nominating petitions is Wednesday, Feb. 25.

Stories which have been appearing in area newspapers concerning the discontinuance of ambulance service in the Union County area are, at the present time erroneous, according to funeral directors in the area. Area funeral directors have said they have no intention of going out of the ambulance business at the present time.

Charles Bourland, Anna, has been appointed Superintendent of the Union County Public Aid office. His appointment became effective January 1, 1970.

The Security Department of General Telephone Company of Illinois is continuing its increasingly effective efforts to track down persons placing annoyance calls.

Temperatures in the Union County area climbed to a high of 70 degrees Wednesday, Jan. 28, and then fell to 0 Tuesday, Feb. 3, for the low of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Bevil observed their 60th wedding anniversary February 2. They were united in marriage February 2, 1910, in Paducah, Ky., by the late Vice President Alben Barkley, who was the presiding judge. Mr. and Mrs. Bevil have spent their entire life time in and around Cobden.

Mr. and Mr. Van O. Dillow, Route 1, Jonesboro, observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary January 30.

Pre-Easter rehearsals of the Bald Knob Cross of Peace Choir will begin February 7 in the First Baptist Church in Anna, Ill., at 7 p.m.

There will be a three-day turkey season in Union, Jackson and Alexander counties on April 17-18 and 19.

From the Wolf Lake news: Congratulations to the Wolf Lake Elementary sixth graders for winning first place in the spelling contest held at the KFVS radio station in Cape Girardeau.

From the Barringer news: At the time of this writing, Monday morning (Ground Hog Day), the rain has changed to snow.

From the Shiloh news: Well, we had a weekend with out snow. Seemed sorta odd, didn’t it, not to see even patches of it around. There’s a lot of Hong Kong flu now. Hope we all escape that.