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News

Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area



A bald eagle took to the sky near Anna after being chased from a tree by several crows.

The Union County Sheriff's Office reported Sunday night on social media that a missing patient at the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna was quickly located. The community had been alerted about the situation.

Union County CEO program students have been presenting their business ideas to local experts for discussion and feedback.

The Union County Museum in downtown Cobden is scheduled to reopen Saturday afternoon, March 7. Exhibits featuring the Producers Dairy and six items with a unique story are planned.

The play "Women of Choice" is scheduled to be presented this weekend at the Anna Arts Center.

The Anna Arts Center is sponsoring an "adopt a naked penguin" event. "Well-dressed" penguins are to be brought to the arts center on April 15, with an exhibit and auction planned on April 26.



Crocuses were about to bloom last Sunday afternoon in Cobden.

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Marijuana sales generate \$10.4 million in tax revenue

By Peter Hancock
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SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Revenue reported Monday, Feb. 24, that the first month of legalized adult-use cannabis sales in the state generated \$7.3 million in cannabis tax revenue for the state, plus another \$3.1 million in retail sales taxes that are shared between the state and local governments.

"Today marks another milestone in the success-

ful launch of Illinois' legal cannabis industry," Toi Hutchinson, a senior advisor on cannabis policy to Gov. JB Pritzker, said in a statement.

Last year, at Pritzker's urging, lawmakers passed a bill legalizing the production and sale of adult-use recreational marijuana. The law took effect Jan. 1.

Under that law, marijuana cultivators pay a 7-percent privilege tax on their sales to dispensaries.

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First day of sales

Hundreds of hopeful recreational cannabis users lined up at the Thrive dispensary in Anna on the morning of Jan. 1. Legalized sales of adult-use cannabis started on Jan. 1 in Illinois. File photo by Benjamin Marxer.

Weather

High 52, low 16;
a few snowflakes

Temperatures during the period of Feb. 18-24 ranged from a high of 52 degrees to a low of 16 in the Union County area.

Precipitation was light, with .16 of an inch of rain on Feb. 18, .06 of an inch of rain on Feb. 23 and .57 of an inch of rain on Feb. 24. A few snowflakes were seen on Feb. 18.

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

	H	L
Tuesday, Feb. 18	52	32
Wednesday, Feb. 19	48	28
Thursday, Feb. 20	39	23
Friday, Feb. 21	41	16
Saturday, Feb. 22	48	19
Sunday, Feb. 23	51	37
Monday, Feb. 24	50	43

Blood drive set at Anna Junior High

An American Red Cross blood drive is planned Tuesday, March 3, at Anna Junior High School.

The blood drive is scheduled from noon to 5 p.m. in the school's gymnasium.

An appointment to be a blood donor can be made by:

- Visiting redcrossblood.org online and using the sponsor code anna37, or
- Calling 1-800-RED CROSS and asking about Anna School District 37's upcoming blood drive.



Anna School District No. 37 hosts first 'Souper' Bowl

On Jan. 31, Anna School District No. 37 faculty and staff competed in the district's first "Souper" Bowl. Staff members from Lincoln Elementary, Davie Elementary and Anna Junior High entered their favorite soups and chilis in the competition. Winners from Lincoln included Lindsey Toler, best soup; and Sara Jones, best chili. Winners from Davie and Anna Junior High were LaDonna Miller, best soup; and Leslie Thurston, best chili. Celebrity judges for the event were Dan McFarland from Anna Heights Baptist Church, Jamie Staratt from The Kitchen on LaFayette and Officer Jason Leek from the Anna Police Department. Winners received a \$25 gift card. Following the competition, the soups and chilis were shared by all faculty and staff members. The winners and judges are featured in the accompanying photographs. Photos provided.



State police plans special patrols during March

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

Plans for the patrols were announced by Capt. Michael Alvey, who is the commander of District 22 in Southern Illinois.

The patrols will allow the state police to focus on preventing, detecting and taking enforcement action

in response to violations associated with impaired driving and illegal transportation or consumption of alcohol or drugs.

The Illinois State Police have zero tolerance for impaired driving in Illinois.

Officers working the detail in Union County will be watchful for drivers who are operating vehicles in an unsafe manner, driving with a suspended or revoked driver's license and

transporting open alcoholic beverages.

The detail especially will focus on driving under the following violations: driving under the influence, DUI, safety belt and child restraint use, speeding and distracted driving; as well as all Illinois Vehicle Code and criminal violations.

The state police note that alcohol and drug impairment is a factor in more than 30 percent of all fatal

motor vehicle crashes in Illinois.

There is one alcohol-related traffic fatality every 53 minutes in the United States.

The alcohol countermeasure enforcement patrols program allows officers to work even harder at removing dangerous DUI offenders from the road.

The project is funded through the Illinois Department of Transportation.



Susan Glenn Snyder and her daughter Kelly Tripp Wallace. Photo provided.

Special wool-braided rug donated to PAST



A painting of Emma Rhine Glenn, who made the rug. Photo provided.

A wool-braided rug made by Emma Rhine Glenn from World War II uniforms has been given to the Heritage House in Jonesboro.

The Heritage House is operated and maintained by the PAST organization of Union County.

Emma was born on Nov. 21, 1913, in Nashville, the daughter of Ralph and Nora Rhine.

She married Dr. James "Mike" Glenn of Marissa.

He was the son of Dr. Carl and Anna (Wagner) Glenn. Dr. Glenn was born on March 2, 1911.

Dr. Glenn and Emma were married on Jan. 27, 1934.

During World War II, Dr. and Mrs. Glenn were stationed at the United States Military Academy at West Point. Dr. Glenn was an oral surgeon at the base.

Emma made the rug which was given to the Heritage House during those years, beginning with cutting wool strips from worn Army and cadet uniforms.

The rug has been used by someone in the family since World War II.

The rug was donated to PAST in 2019 by their daughter, Susan Glenn Snyder, and grandchildren Kelly Tripp Wallace, Michael Glenn Tripp and Ryan Christopher Snyder.



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Winter sunshine
 The winter sun was shining one morning last week on a World War I "doughboy" statue at the Anna City Cemetery.

Marijuana sales

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Retail sales, in turn, are subject to retail sales taxes as well as a special cannabis tax that ranges from 10 to 25 percent, depending on the type of product being sold and its THC content.

Those taxes are in addition to the retail sales taxes levied by the state and the local governments where the sales occur, but they do not apply to products that are taxed under the state's medical marijuana program.

Pritzker's budget office

Sheriff issues

monthly report

Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel has released his department's monthly activity report for January.

Highlights from the report follow:

Felony arrests, 11. Misdemeanor arrests, 13. Traffic arrests, 34. Warrant arrests, 12. Total arrests, 70.

Cases opened, 33. Drug investigations, six. Crash reports, 19. 911 calls received, 1,688. Miles patrolled, 13,724.

had estimated that marijuana sales would generate \$28 million in the final half of the current fiscal year, which ends June 30.

The Department of Revenue said Monday's report showed the state is on pace to surpass that estimate.

The state's share of the revenue is divided among several funds:

- 35 percent goes to the state general fund.

- 25 percent goes into a special fund for community development projects in areas with high arrest and poverty rates that were disproportionately affected by the "war on drugs."

- 20 percent goes to the Department of Human Services for substance abuse and prevention programs and mental health.

- 10 percent is put into the Budget Stabilization Fund to pay down the state's backlog of unpaid bills.

- 8 percent goes to local governments to support crime prevention, training and interdiction efforts.

- And 2 percent is used to fund public education campaigns and to support data collection and analysis of the public health impacts of legalizing recreational marijuana.

"Our goal has been to build the nation's most socially equitable program that includes new opportunities for the communities most harmed by the failed war on drugs," Hutchinson said in her statement.

"Revenue raised in this first month will soon begin flowing back into those communities to begin repairing the damage done by the failed policies of the past and creating new opportunities for those who have been left behind for far too long."

News Notes

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A sign on the building says that the Little House of Tacos in downtown Cobden is scheduled to reopen on Monday, March 2.

Rain and snow showers were likely on Wednesday in the area. The National Weather Service forecast is calling for a chance of snow again Friday night.

Looking ahead: Daylight Saving Time begins March 8.

March 19 is the first day of spring.

A Makanda Mushroom Festival is planned April 17-19 at Camp Manitowa at Cedar Point.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, recently announced the second round of recipients for a new statewide historic preservation income tax credit program. The program encourages private investment in historic properties in Illinois.

The second round allocated credits to three projects creating affordable artist or senior housing in Granite City, Rock Island and Moline.

"The program has incentivized private investment to create much needed affordable, veteran, and senior housing, construction jobs, boost local economies and bring unused buildings back to life and back onto the tax rolls," said IDNR director Colleen Callahan.

"Together with the related businesses located in those buildings, millions in state and local tax revenues are generated."

Priority is given to buildings that are in low-income census tracts, federally-declared disaster areas and counties that border a state with a competitive statewide historic tax credit.

Buildings that were once owned by a government entity, and whose development partnership includes a Community Development

Entity, a low-profit organization, or a not-for-profit organization also are given priority for an allocation.

Three historic building renovations received an allocation for future state income tax credits in the second round of Illinois Historic Preservation Tax Credits.

Arsenal Courts in Rock Island, built during World War II as emergency housing for workers at the Rock Island Arsenal, is being rehabilitated into affordable housing. The former Granite City YMCA is being converted into affordable housing, as well as commercial space, art studios, and a gallery. The former Garfield School in Moline is being rehabilitated as affordable senior housing.

During this first year of the Illinois Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program, complete applications were received from applicants representing a total of 25 historic properties in 12 different communities.

The total private investment of all projects applying to the program is estimated to be more than \$600 million.

The total amount of credits requested were approximately \$54 million.

Due to program caps,

only \$15 million in credits were allocated to seven projects in 2019, IDNR reported. However, that \$15 million is leveraging more than \$152 million in private expenditures.

The Illinois Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program is administered by the IDNR State Historic Preservation Office.

The program is available to owners of historic structures who undertake certified rehabilitations making them eligible for a tax credit

of up to \$3 million per project based on a percentage of their rehabilitation costs.

The tax credits are not issued until each project is successfully completed meeting all program requirements.

Information about the Illinois Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program is available by contacting Carol Dyson at 217-524-0276 or carol.dyson@illinois.gov; or Darius Bryjka at 217-558-8918 or darius.bryjka@illinois.gov.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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Candidates will be nominated to the following offices:

- President Of The United States - Democratic and Republican Parties
- United States Senator - Democratic and Republican Parties
- Representative In Congress in the 12th Congressional District - Democratic and Republican Parties
- Delegate To The National Nominating Convention in the 12th Congressional District - Democratic Party
- State Senator in the 58th Legislative District - Democratic and Republican Parties
- Representative In The General Assembly in the 115th Representative District - Democratic and Republican Parties
- Representative In The General Assembly in the 118th Representative District - Democratic and Republican Parties
- Circuit Clerk - Democratic and Republican Parties
- State's Attorney - Democratic and Republican Parties
- County Coroner - Democratic and Republican Parties
- County Commissioner Seat E(6-Year Term) - Democratic and Republican Parties
- Judge Of The Supreme Court (To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Lloyd A. Karmerier) in the 5th Judicial District - Democratic and Republican Parties
- Judge Of The Appellate Court (To Fill The Vacancy Of The Hon. Melissa Ann Chapman) in the 5th Judicial District - Democratic Party
- Judge Of The Appellate Court(To Fill The Vacancy Of The Hon. Melissa Ann Chapman) in the 5th Judicial District - Republican Party

Propositions to be voted upon:

Order of the ballot:

Federal, Congressional, Legislative, Representative, County, Judicial District, Precinct Committeemen

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 6:00 AM TO 7:00 PM

Dated: 2/19/2020



[Signature]

LANCE M. MEISENHEIMER
 Union County Clerk



Shawnee School students honored

Shawnee School District No. 84 has honored its most recent students of the quarter. The recognition went to students for the second quarter of the 2019-2020 school year. Students were selected for the honor based on academic excellence, citizenship and attendance. Each student received a certificate and \$25 from First Southern Bank of Grand Tower. The students were honored at a Feb. 18 meeting of the Shawnee School District No. 84 Board of Education. In front is Dewey Ellet, kindergarten. In the second row are, from left, Ashlin Tweedy, junior in high school; Nolan Hubbs, 3rd grade; board of education president Tim Qualls; and Kelci Baber, 7th grade. Ryan Libbert, 8th grade, and Jesse Camp, a junior in high school, could not be present for the picture. Photo provided.

Chronic disease, self-management series scheduled in Union County

Southern Seven Health Department shares that growing older and living longer isn't about counting the years, it's about quality of life.

The health department says that adults who are living with chronic conditions, as well as those who serve as caregivers for people with serious health conditions, often have questions about maintaining a high quality of life while living with the illness.

Serious health issues which can be a cause for concern include diabetes, arthritis, lung disease, Parkinson's, heart disease or other chronic conditions.

To help answer questions that area residents may have, Southern Seven Health Department is planning to present a free workshop series in Union County titled "Take Charge of Your Health: Live Well, Be Well."

The series is scheduled to last for six weeks, on Mondays from March 2 through April 13.

Workshops are planned from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. each week at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

The evidence based, self-management workshop is designed to help individuals take control of their diabetes or other chronic health conditions.

The health department said in a news release that the program is "a fun and interactive course that will equip patients with the necessary tools to overcome daily challenges to help maintain an active and fulfilling life."

Participants will get the support they need from certified volunteer leaders with chronic conditions themselves.

The workshops will offer an opportunity to learn prac-

tical ways to deal with pain, fatigue and other symptoms, to discover better nutrition and exercise choices, to understand about new treatment choices and managing their medications, to learn better ways to talk with a doctor and family about health concerns and setting and achieving goals.

Southern Seven Health Department said research developed at Stanford University showed that patients who participate in the program see a reduction in hospital stays and emergency room visits, an increased feeling of control of their life, increased energy levels and significantly improved overall health status.

For more information, or to register for the program, contact Southern Seven Health Department by phone at 833-8561 or online at hsidn.org/take-charge.



Garden therapy committee

Residents of Union County Long Term Care were visited by the Anna-Jo Garden Club therapy committee for a Valentine celebration. Residents in the picture include Mary Littrell, George McCommons, Dorothy Hileman and Ermadell Elkins. Garden therapy committee members who visited included Opal Ulrich, Darlene Lingle, Glenda Jones, Marge Selinger, Sylvia Soileau and Jean Feu. Photo provided.

Public Record

from the files at the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro

Realty Transactions
The following real estate transactions were recorded at the Union County clerk's office in Jonesboro:

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Beadle Family Trust, V.A. Beadle, Virgil A. Beadle. Grantee: Vicki Lynn Beadle, Virgil A. Beadle. Tract Section 17 Township 11S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: V.A. Beadle Jr., Vicki Lynn Beadle. Grantee: Vicki Lynn Beadle. Tract Section 17 Township 11S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Gregory Bittle, Janice L. Bittle. Grantee: Tabitha Ann Munoz. Tract Section 25 Township 13S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Gurley-Bowen Farms Inc. Grantee: Dishona R. Wright. Tract Section 33 Township 11S Range 1E.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Billie L. Rhodes. Grantee: Everett Rhodes, Stanley Rhodes. Subdivision Name: Village of Alto Pass. Block 10. Lots 12, 13, 14.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Home Point Financial Corporation. Grantee: Ralph Randolph. Tract Section 22 Township 11S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Elijah Wisenbaugh. Grantee: Jason Salonis, Micah Salonis. Tract Section 16 Township 13S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Ilona Kay Johnson, Kay Johnson, Kristy Mason. Grantee: Jeffrey L. Johnson. Tract Section 1 Township 13S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Yvonne M. Windings. Grantee: Brock Martin, Kaylee Martin. Tract Section 30 Township 11S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Sara Griffith, Sara Mowell, Sara Rothweiler. Grantee: Terry Mowell. Subdivision Name: Hartlines Addition. Lots 10, 9.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Ronald H. Hinz. Grantee: Donna A. Etherton, Michael D. Etherton. Tract Section 13 Township 11S Range 1E. Tract Section 12 Township 11S Range 1E.

Traffic Citations
The following people were

cited for speeding and were assessed \$164 in fines and court costs as recorded at the Union County circuit clerk's office in Jonesboro:

Shaelea Renae Morris, Olmsted. Paul E. Turner, Toledo, Ohio. Jose Manuel Sanroman, Chicago. Teresa N. Holman, Chicago. Amy Q. Dentmon, Carbondale.

Brian Hanson, Boonville, Ind. Jose Jesus Botello Morales, Vienna. Eric James Greenman, Traverse City, Mich. Darron Dewayne Williams, Memphis, Tenn. Brittany Renee Counts, Greenwood, Ind.

Tony R. Randall, Cartersville. Cruz M. Macias, Nappanee, Ind. Justus G. Carter, Benton. Carol L. Simmons, Vienna. Donald Henry Ahler, Murphysboro.

Anna M. O'Neill, New Orleans, La. Frank L. Washelesky, Chicago. Michelle Lee Britwum, Carbondale. Garrett Wade Barker, Cobden.

Bobbie Jean Wilson, Chicago. Jeremy Michael Boyd, Anna. Johna Martin, Millersville, Mo. Patrick R. Knight, Cape Girardeau. Yu Sung, Murphysboro.

The following people were cited for the indicated violations and were assessed \$164 in fines and court costs as recorded at the circuit clerk's office:

Brandy Jo Norris, Marion,

electronic communication device. Aaron Robert Gibson Jr., Olive Branch, seat belt required/driver.

Corey M. Thurman, Jackson, Mo., seat belt required/driver. Andrew Joseph Phalin, Anna, seat belt required/passenger.

Timmy D. Conner Jr., Pinckneyville, electronic communication device. Rita F. Trexler, Jonesboro, improper traffic lane usage.

Polly A. Murray, Hurst, electronic communication device. Rose A. Backfisch, Jackson, Mo., seat belt required/driver.

Jeremy W. Wille, Clarksville, Tenn., seat belt required/driver. Edgar Eduardo Gomez Lopez, Memphis, Tenn., seat belt required/passenger.

Romeo Lopez Luis, Madison, Wis., seat belt required/passenger. Gary S. Howerton, Buncombe, no valid registration.

Johnny Reb Dukes Jr., Anna, fail to reduce speed. Collin Luke Hassebrock, Grand Tower, seat belt required/passenger.

The following person was cited for the indicated violation and was assessed the accompanying fines and court costs as recorded at the circuit clerk's office:

Darla J. Lynch, Vergennes, speeding, 1-10 mph above limit, \$120.

CCBA plans to host chili supper in Cobden

The Cobden Community and Business Association, CCBA, plans to host a chili supper on Tuesday, March 3.

The supper will be at the First Presbyterian Church in Cobden, which is located at 103 N. Jefferson St.

The supper is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. The supper will feature chilis, soups, salads, grilled hot dogs and desserts.

The supper will help to support the CCBA. The association is asking \$8 for adults and \$5 for children

under 13 years of age; toddlers will eat for free.

CCBA is kicking off another year of activities and priorities for improving the Village of Cobden.

Last year, the association sponsored the first Down Hill Derby in Cobden. The second Down Hill Derby is planned on Sept. 26.

CCBA also helped with the development of Cobden's new disc golf course. The association also helps to support activities for Halloween and Christmas in the Village.

The association is an all-volunteer, 501-c6 not-for-profit organization with more than 40 active members.

Dues are collected for a membership year which begins on July 1. Dues are \$15 for individuals and students, and \$30 for businesses or families.

Membership information will be available at the March 3 chili supper. CCBA plans to have a short meeting after the meal.

Congratulations on your retirement Belinda Hatfield!



Thank you for your years of hard work and dedication to Anna-Jonesboro National Bank.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Registration and voting aids are available under the Federal Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act and of the availability of assistance in marking the ballot and procedures for voting by absentee ballot and procedures for early voting by personal appearance. (10ILCS 5/12-1) Dated January 27, 2020.

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Sports

Appleknockers score

60-43 win over Patoka

The Cobden High School boys' basketball team topped visiting Patoka 60-43 in a non-conference game to close out regular season play on Senior Night Saturday, Feb. 22.

"Patoka played really hard," Cobden coach Wendell Wheeler said. "But it was a good senior day for us."

The Cobden gymnasium was packed on both sides for the final regular season outing.

The Appleknockers built an 11-10 first quarter lead around Dylan Lewey's 3-pointer.

Lewey added another 3-pointer in the second quarter and Cobden led 25-21 at the half.

Tyler Franklin made two 3-pointers in the third quarter and Alex Remsey added another for a 19-6 third quarter scoring surge that gave Cobden a commanding 44-27 lead headed into the final quarter.

Remsey made another 3-pointer in the final quarter and the Appleknockers

finished the game with six 3-pointers.

Joe Brumleve led the way for Cobden with 20 points and 9 rebounds.

Noah Franklin added 13 points and 10 rebounds. Lewey, who was 7 of 8 from the free throw line, finished with 13 points. Tyler Franklin added 8 points and Remsey 6.

Cobden seniors who are graduating are Lewey, Remsey, Brumleve and Jose Lopez

Cobden, which finished regular season play with a 22-8 record, was scheduled to play Century on Wednesday in the Appleknockers' Class 1A regional.

The Appleknockers are the top seed in their regional this week. They were the top seed last season also in the regional and lost on the road to Hardin County. The team would like to come out on the winning end this season.

"The best thing is we don't have to get on that bus," said Wheeler about having the home contest.

Wildcats score win over Johnston City in regional tourney play

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' basketball team took an early lead on its way to a 63-36 win over Johnston City in first-round action at the Vienna Class 2A regional Monday, Feb. 24.

The Wildcats raced to a 5-0 lead to open the game and led 15-7 at the end of the first quarter.

A-J led 31-18 at the half and 57-28 after three periods.

Blake Pena led the way for the Wildcats with 17 points and 6 rebounds.

Ta'Kevon Williford added 12 points and 2 rebounds. Zach Overstreet had 11

points and 2 rebounds.

Damareon Faust had 9 points and 4 rebounds. Juan Valencia had 6 points and 3 rebounds.

Ethan Klett had 4 points and a rebound. Noah McFarland had 3 points and 3 rebounds.

Ethan Carver had a point and 2 rebounds. Nate Belcher had 4 rebounds. Bryce Henry had 2 rebounds.

A-J was 18 of 28 in shot attempts from the floor, 4 of 15 from 3-point range and 15 of 22 from the free throw line.

The Indians were 13 of 26 in shot attempts from the

A-J wrestler Mays competes at state tourney

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School's Blake Mays lost 7-4 to Morrison's Colton Linke to be eliminated in the wrestle backs in the Illinois High School Association Class 1A state wrestling tournament at the State Farm Center in Champaign Friday, Feb. 21.

Linke ended up finishing in fourth place.

Mays faced four-time state qualifier Peoria Notre Dame wrestler Tristan Dougherty, 45-0, and lost 20-5 in first round action on Thursday, Feb. 20.

Mays, a sophomore who wrestled in the 126-pound class, finished 36-12 overall.

A-J wrestling coach Chase Hargrave said Mays has a good chance to advance to state again next season, along with three or four other grapplers coming back. The Wildcats graduate only one senior this season.

A-J wrestlers Arojae Hart and Caleb Mays went to state as alternates, but didn't compete.

Little support in Springfield for Blagojevich commutation

By Jerry Nowicki
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SPRINGFIELD – There was little support Tuesday, Feb. 18, at the former stomping grounds of ex-Gov. Rod Blagojevich for President Donald Trump's decision to commute the remaining years of the disgraced former Democratic governor's 14-year corruption sentence.

Republicans and Democrats from various levels of state and federal government issued public statements condemning the president's decision, which was initially reported by ABC News Tuesday morning, Feb. 18.

Several others received commutations from the president Feb. 18 as well, according to the Associated Press.

"Yes, we commuted the sentence of Rod Blagojevich," Trump told reporters Feb. 18 before boarding Air Force One. "He served eight years in jail, a long time. He seems like a very nice person, don't know him."

Blagojevich, who was a contestant on Trump's "Celebrity Apprentice" television program in 2010, began serving a 14-year federal prison sentence in 2012.

He was convicted on 11 criminal counts related to his effort to sell the U.S. Senate seat vacated by Barack Obama when he became president.

Illinois House Republican Leader Jim Durkin, of Western Springs, called Trump's decision "disappointing" and said he was "never going to be able to figure out how the president messages, nor the decision making that he does."

"Currently we have a massive federal investigation into corruption in the State of Illinois, and this action distracts and also dilutes what I think is the proper role of the Department of Justice to root out corruption," he said.

In a statement, Gov. JB Pritzker, who has argued on several occasions that Blagojevich should serve his full sentence, echoed that sentiment.

"Illinoisans have endured far too much corruption, and we must send a message to politicians that corrupt practices will no longer be tolerated," he said in the statement.

"President Trump has abused his pardon power in inexplicable ways to reward his friends and condone corruption, and I deeply believe this pardon sends the wrong message at the wrong time. I'm committed to continuing to take clear and decisive steps this

spring to prevent politicians from using their offices for personal gain, and I will continue to approach this work with that firm conviction."

Blagojevich was also convicted on six counts related to campaign contribution shakedowns, including one count which said he essentially tried to trade \$8 million in added state funding to pediatric specialists for a \$25,000 campaign donation from a hospital CEO.

In 2015, five of those counts were thrown out in appellate courts, although his 14-year sentence was re-imposed months later.

Durkin was involved firsthand with the bipartisan effort to impeach Blagojevich in January 2009.

"I saw a governor who was rogue on steroids," he said. "He didn't care about the State of Illinois, he cared about his own ambition and he abused the office, and the legislature did the appropriate thing, the federal courts did the right thing, not only at the district court level but also the appellate court and U.S. Supreme Court and they said his sentence was appropriate."

Durkin questioned why Blagojevich should get "special treatment" when others who are imprisoned for drug offenses receive decades in prison without relief from presidential pardons.

"It's just because of the celebrity of Rod Blagojevich," Durkin said. "I think it's wrong and it sends a bad message to people in this country that...you don't have to pay your debt to society."

U.S. Rep Darin LaHood, a Republican and honorary co-chair of Trump's Illinois re-election campaign, said in August that he spoke to the president and encouraged him not to commute the sentence.

On Feb. 18, LaHood and the other members of Illinois' congressional delegation – John Shimkus, Adam Kinzinger, Rodney Davis and Mike Bost – released a statement expressing their disappointment in Trump's action.

"We believe (Blagojevich) received an appropriate and fair sentence, which was the low end of the federal sentencing guidelines for the gravity of his public corruption convictions," they said in the statement.

"Blagojevich is the face of public corruption in Illinois, and not once has he shown any remorse for his clear and documented record of egregious crimes that undermined the trust placed in him by voters. As our state continues to grapple with political corruption, we shouldn't let those who breached the public trust off the hook. History will not judge Rod Blagojevich well."

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin,

who said in 2018 he would support a shortening of Blagojevich's sentence, released a statement Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 18, in which he did not specifically say if he agreed or disagreed with Trump's action.

"Former Governor Blagojevich betrayed the people of Illinois and engaged in a pattern of corrupt behavior for which he was held accountable and which cost him more than seven years of freedom," Durbin said in the statement.

"At a time when corruption by elected officials is still in the headlines, Illinois and Washington should move quickly to establish stricter ethics requirements, including the full detailed disclosure of income, net worth, and income tax returns by all elected officials."

The office of Illinois Senate Republican leader Bill Brady, R-Bloomington, released a statement saying Blagojevich should serve his full sentence as well, and several rank-and-file Illinois lawmakers condemned the commutation and called for greater ethics reforms in state government.

Area legislators release statements

Following President Trump's commutation of Blagojevich's 14-year prison sentence, Republican legislators from Southern Illinois released the following statements:

State Rep. Terri Bryant, R-Murphysboro: "I do not believe Rod Blagojevich should have been let out of jail early.

"Illinoisans were defrauded by Governor Blagojevich and his endless attempts to use his position as governor for personal gain. I hope the federal justice department will continue to work to root out corruption in the State Capitol."

State Rep. Dave Severin, R-Benton: the "news that President Trump has commuted the sentence of convicted felon and former Governor Rod Blagojevich is a disappointment.

"Illinois has a corruption problem, and a long-history of governors and politicians going to jail. Rod Blagojevich's crimes were heinous, and he was rightly removed from office and sent to prison."

State Rep. Patrick Windhorst, R-Metropolis: "Rod Blagojevich's crimes as governor were serious, and I believe the punishment he was given was warranted.

"President Trump's Justice Department has done yeoman's work to find and stop corrupt politicians currently serving in Illinois. I am hopeful that their work will continue despite this setback for ethics reform for Illinois."

Wildcats with 19 points and 4 rebounds.

"He's a heck of a player and will be missed," Chamness said about Pena.

Seniors playing for their final regular season game were Pena, Ethan Klett, Overstreet, Damaeron Faust and McFarland.

Overstreet added 14 points and 3 rebounds. Faust had 13 points and 8 rebounds. Williford had 8 points and 3 rebounds. Thorpe had 6 points. Klett had 4 points. Juan Valencia had 3 points and 7 rebounds. McFarland, who was in early foul trouble and didn't play a lot, finished with 3 points and 2 rebounds.

A-J was 20 of 38 in shot attempts from the floor, 6 of 13 from 3-point range and 12 of 17 from the free throw line.

The Bulldogs were 16 of 36 in shot attempts from the floor, 2 of 18 from 3-point range and 17 of 23 from the charity stripe.

"The Du Quoin and Sparta wins should give us a little momentum going into the regionals," Chamness said.

The Wildcats defeated Du Quoin 45-42 Saturday, Feb. 15.

A-J, which finished regular season play 12-18 overall and 4-6 in the conference, plays this week in the Class 2A regional at Vienna.

floor, 3 of 21 from 3-point range and 1 of 8 from the charity stripe.

The game marked the first time this season the Wildcats have won three consecutive games.

A-J, 13-18, was scheduled to play top-seeded Massac County Tuesday in second round action.

Carterville won the other first-round game Monday with a 83-52 victory over the host Eagles.

The Patriots defeated A-J twice earlier this season.

The regional championship game is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28.

Foxes featured at Giant City

A children's program about foxes is planned Saturday, Feb. 29, at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

The program, which is geared toward children ages 3 to 8, is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the visitors center at the park.

Park volunteer Lorie Allen will read interactive stories about foxes.

After the stories are read, children will be able to make a craft with a nature theme.

Registration is not required to attend the program. For more information, call 618-457-4836.



Cobden High School standout
Cobden High School's Jenna Hartline has completed her senior year basketball season. During her career, Hartline scored 1,419 points and had 1,053 rebounds. Cobden's season came to an end during second-round action in the Illinois High School Association Class 1A regional hosted by Shawnee High School at Wolf Lake. Photo provided.

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HOUSE FOR SALE: Look up address to see house online. Located on 2+ acres surrounded by fields. \$82,000.00. 4 to 5 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths. Private area close to Shawnee National Forest and at the back door of Trail of Tears State Forest. The address is 1290 Clear Creek Levee Road (hard road), Jonesboro. Watch for sign which is located 2 miles east of Ware on hwy. 146. Call or text (618) 697-1934. I will get back with you as soon as I can.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY - JONESBORO, ILLINOIS

Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper PLAINTIFF Vs. Hugh Deneal; et. al. DEFENDANTS 2019CH17

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PIN 14-00-07-574
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the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-19-04738. I3145374

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City of Anna, Pool Manager & Head Lifeguard

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JOB POSTING

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

- Bus Driver for extracurricular trips

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois SS County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 7th day of 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:

Adam Kelley
424B Cook Avenue
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FIFTY NINE FEET OFF OF THE EAST END OF LOT 22 IN JAMES AND DANIEL CRAVER'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF JONESBORO, SITUATED IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN 14-00-07-574

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

ESTATE OF ANN E. SELIGER, IN PROBATE DECEASED. NO. 2020-P-8

NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Ann E. Seliger of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on February 14, 2020, to Dale E. Seliger, 5653 West Timber Lane, Monee, Illinois 60449, 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 August 20, 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: February 18, 2020.

DALE E. SELIGER

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 OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

ESTATE OF KATHRYN LOUISE FOX,

Deceased,

By CHARLES G. HEWITT,

Administrator of ESTATE OF KATHRYN LOUISE FOX,

HEATH R. HEWITT,

a Minor,

UNKNOWN HEIRS and LEGATEES of KATHRYN LOUISE FOX,

UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,

Defendants.

No. 20-CH-6

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND

**LEGATEES OF
KATHRYN LOUISE
FOX
UNKNOWN OWNERS,
and NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS**

You are hereby notified that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action was filed on February 21, 2020, and is now pending. You are further notified of the following facts:

(i) The names of all plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.

(ii) The court in which said action was brought is identified above.

(iii) The names of the title holders of record are:

Kathryn Fox, deceased, by Charles G. Hewitt, Administrator of the Kathryn Louise Fox Estate, with title being vested in H.H., a minor.

(iv) A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is described as follows:

A parcel of land being a part of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 13, Township 11 South, Range 1 West of the Third Principal Meridian. Said parcel is part of property described and recorded in document number 2012R2129 in the Union County Court House in the name of Sandra D. Gocio and Richard David Alexander, dated July 10, 2012, said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a stone found at the Southwest corner of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter; thence N 00° 44' 26" West, 503.34 feet along the West line of said quarter-quarter Section to an iron rod set at the Southwest corner of the Ishmael property (Document No. #2014R0227); thence along said Ishmael property the following three (3) calls: thence N 68° 02' 53" East, 175.79 feet to an iron rod set, thence N 27° 44' 51" East, 315.76 feet to an iron rod set; thence N 07° 30' 12" West, 66.31 feet, passing an iron rod set at 46.14 feet, to a gin spike set in the centerline of Water Valley Road; thence along the centerline of said Water Valley Road the following seven (7) calls: thence N 88° 48' 16" East, 127.98 feet to a point; thence along a curve to the left with chord bearing N 83° 53' 1" East, 237.42 feet, a radius of 2,206.82 feet, and an arc length of 237.54 feet to a point; thence N 78° 39' 07" East, 118.02 feet to a point; thence N 80° 07' 00" East, 157.04 feet to a point; thence N 83° 43' 14" East, 248.07 feet to a point; thence N 80° 38' 51" East, 57.18 feet to a point; thence along a curve to the left with chord bearing N 52° 40' 22" East, 153.40 feet, a radius of 163.54 feet, and an arc length of 159.70 feet to a point in the East line of said quarter-quarter section; thence S 00° 17' 05" East, 1,192.57 feet along the East line of said quarter-quarter section, passing an iron rod found at 30.92 feet to a point in a 36" oak tree; thence N 87° 11' 23" West, 1,361.76 feet along the South line of said quarter-quarter section, passing an iron rod found at 3.00 feet to the point of beginning.

All in accordance with a plat of survey dated June 8, 2016 and recorded June 21, 2016, as Doc. No. 2016R1038 made by Billy J. Abernathy, Illinois Professional Land Surveyor No. 3536 in the Union County Recorder's Office, situated in Union County Illinois.

Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas, and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas, and other minerals, if any.

PIN: 04-13-02-216-A

(v) A common address or description of the location

of the real estate is as follows:

Water Valley Road, Cobden, IL 62920

(vi) An identification of the Mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

Name of mortgagor: Kathryn Louise Fox, deceased

Name of mortgagee: Peoples National Bank

Date of Mortgage: September 28, 2018

Date of recording: October 10, 2018

County where recorded: Union County

Recording document identification: Document No. 13735

You are further notified that unless on or before March 23, 2020, you shall appear and defend in said suit, default judgment may be entered against you on the day following or thereafter.

Circuit Clerk of Union County, Illinois

DOUGLAS R. HOFFMAN

ARDC #6289754

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BID NOTICE

Shawnee Development Council, Inc. is accepting bids for a single audit of all sponsored programs and funds for the calendar year 2019 and filing of 990 and AG990IL. Bid packets can be obtained from Vickie Bowman, Fiscal Officer at (618)-634-2201 or vicki.b.@shawneedevelopment.org

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PUBLIC NOTICE:

ViaSat, Inc. is proposing a new build, Satellite Access Node (SAN) Facility not to exceed 20 feet in height near 4680 Old Hwy 51, Cobden, Union County, IL 62920. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to, Environmental Resources Management, C/O Danna Allen, Wireless Projects, 235 Magrath Darby Blvd., Suite 130, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464, or by email ERMV33RegulatoryTeam@erm.com, or by phone 1-615-656-4633.

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

**IN THE INTEREST
OF:**

**BRAYLON HARPER,
A Minor.
NO. 2017-JA-27**

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

To ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

TAKE NOTICE that on December 21, 2017, 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 BRAYLON HARPER, a minor," 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, a Termination of Parental Rights hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY

to terminate the parental rights of the child and to appoint a guardian of the child. The hearing will be held on the date and at the time and place stated above. Any person who has knowledge of the whereabouts of the child or the parent(s) of the child should contact the State's Attorney at the address above. The State's Attorney is not responsible for the cost of publication of this notice.

David Harris
Director of Revenue
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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 20, 2020
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Public Hearing**

In accordance with Section 17-20 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/17-20), notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday, March 24, 2020, in the Offices of the Department of Revenue, 101 West Jefferson Street, Springfield, Illinois, for the purpose of taking evidence which may be pertinent to the Department's estimate of the percent to be added to or deducted from the aggregate assessment of locally assessed property in Union County for the assessment year 2019. This hearing is required by the Property Tax Code.

Based on the comparison of assessed valuations, the analysis of property transfers, and other available information, the estimated percentage to be added to the aggregate assessment of locally assessed property other than property assessed under Sections 10-110 through 10-140 and 10-170 through 10-200 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/10-110 through 10-140 and 10-170 through 10-200) is 0.00%. Accordingly, the tentative equalization factor is 1.0000.

This meeting will be accessible to handicapped individuals in compliance with Executive Order #5 and pertinent state and federal laws upon notification of anticipated attendance. Handicapped persons planning to attend and needing special accommodations should contact Charles Hulett, either by telephone (217/785-6619), email at charles.a.hulett@illinois.gov or letter (Department of Revenue, Property Tax Division MC- 3-450, 101 West Jefferson Street, P. O. Box 19033, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9033), by Tuesday, March 17, 2020, to inform of their anticipated attendance.

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History fair held in Cobden

A history fair was held Tuesday, Feb. 18, at Cobden Junior-Senior High School. Students in the 8th grade class of teacher Ashley Taylor participated in the event. Ten judges reviewed 25 projects which were entered in the history fair. The event was sponsored by the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society. Cash prizes were awarded. Winners are featured in the accompanying photographs. Photos provided.



First place: "Ford Model-T" by Steven Brown and Mitchell Howell.



Second place: "Neil Armstrong" by Emma Kilpatrick and Lily Deschamps.



Third place: "Division of Illinois During the Civil War" by Jack Eagle and Mya Bittle.

**SIU College of Ag Sciences
plans to host All Ag Banquet**

Southern Illinois University Carbondale's College of Agricultural Sciences plans to host the 68th annual All Ag Banquet on Friday, Feb. 28.

The event celebrates the accomplishments of students, faculty and alumni.

A social hour with cash bar begins at 5:30 p.m. in the SIU Student Center's International Lounge, with the banquet beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the ballrooms.

An awards presentation follows the banquet. The banquet will include student awards for the outstanding junior student, outstanding senior student and registered student organization.

Two other major awards, the Donald M. Elkins Excellence Award and the Gary L. Minish Outstanding Adviser/Mentor Award, are selected based on student nominations, recommendations and student votes.

Both awards reward fac-

ulty or staff members who show demonstrable dedication to education and mentoring.

The banquet is open to the public. Tickets are \$20 for students and \$25 for non-students.

The Ag Banquet also prides itself on also being a fundraiser.

After the awards ceremony, the ag council plans to host a philanthropic fundraiser for the "Playground Project," a project to build

a new, inclusive playground in Carbondale's Turley Park.

The goal is to raise \$5,000 by selling raffle tickets in addition to a silent and live auction.

Thanks to funding from USG and the generosity of SIU alumni and industry partners, most students are able to attend the banquet for free.

For more information or for tickets, contact Susan Graham at sgraham@siu.edu or 618-453-2469.

Owl program set at center

The owls of Southern Illinois will be the topic of a program which is planned Friday, Feb. 28, at the Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands Center near Cypress.

The program is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The wetlands center is located at 8885 State Route 37 South.

The event is scheduled to open with an indoor program.

After the presentation, there will be an opportunity to go outdoors for a walk to listen for owl calls with natural heritage biologist Mark Guetersloh.

For more information, call 618-657-2064.

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Lessie Lee Laminack Dunkin



Lessie Lee Laminack Dunkin, 97, of Anna, died Monday, Feb. 17, 2020, at Baptist Health Hospital in Paducah.

She was born the second child of nine on Aug. 24, 1922, to George Lee and Essie Mae Laminack in Heflin, Ala.

She married Lee Dunkin on Dec. 26, 1937, in Heflin, Ala. He preceded her in death on Aug. 26, 1985.

Together they had six children, Junior Lee, Bobby Gene, Dorothy Ann, Iva Lorene, Larry Joe and Jerry Wayne.

She was a woman of strong faith. She loved designing and creating quilts for her family.

She is survived by her children, Bobby Gene (Beverly) Dunkin of Richmond, Ind., Iva Lorene (Robert) Osman of Dongola, Larry Joe (Patricia) Dunkin of Karnak and Jerry Wayne (Louise) Dunkin of Elk Creek, Mo.; 24 grandchildren; 51 great-grandchildren; 32 great-great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Lee Dunkin; two children, Junior Lee Dunkin and Dorothy Ann Rosenthal Henry; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and eight siblings.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro, with the Rev. Alan Milligan officiating. Interment was in Casper Cemetery near Anna.

Memorials can be made to Casper Cemetery.

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



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

Norma Sue Lee



Norma Sue Lee, 85, of Anna, died Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020, at Herrin Hospital in Herrin.

She was born on Aug. 31, 1934, in Fairgrove, Mo., the daughter of John and Lodema Maze Brown.

Mrs. Lee is survived by her grandson, Chad Butler of Anna; a great-grandson, Dakota Butler; a sister, Margaret Skiba of Portland, Ore.; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Wanda Lee; a brother, Claude Brown; a sister, Lodema Wallace; and her parents.

She worked for many years as a bookkeeper for Camel Brothers Trucking.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with the Rev. Jack Richardson officiating. Interment was in St. John's Cemetery near Dongola.

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



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

Paul Leon Garner



Paul Leon Garner, 62, of New Baden, died Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in O'Fallon.

He was born on May 18, 1957, in East St. Louis, the son of Milo Lewis and Edith Mae Furlow Garner.

Mr. Garner is survived by his sister, Dianna Garner of Waterloo; a brother, Larry Garner of Belleville; a niece, Cortney (Tim) Mayer; a nephew, Lance Buehler; four great-nieces who loved Paul dearly, Lillyn, Grayce, Vivienne and Charlotte; his extended family at the Royal Living Center in New Baden; other relatives and friends.

Graveside services will be at noon Thursday, today, at Casper Cemetery near Anna. Interment will immediately follow. Friends are asked to go directly to the cemetery.

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



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

Rose L. Reynolds

Rose L. Reynolds, 81, of Cobden, died Friday, Feb. 21, 2020, at Integrity Healthcare in Anna.

She was born on July 9, 1938, in Caraway, Ark., the daughter of Otis and Eunice McGowan Holden.

Mrs. Reynolds is survived by two sons, Kevin and James Reynolds, both of Cobden; one daughter, Karen Burmeister of Davisburg, Mich.; 10 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; three sisters; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Paul Reynolds; two sons, Eddie Redman and Jeff Reynolds; two sisters and four brothers.

The family hosted a memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at Faith Community Church in Anna.

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



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

Obituaries

Rena J. Hileman



Rena J. Hileman, 59, of Anna, died Thursday, Feb. 20, 2020, at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

She was born on Dec. 12, 1960, in Anna, the daughter of James Wesley and Laura Skelton Fox.

She married Albert Hileman on May 24, 1986, in Jonesboro.

She is survived by her husband, Albert Hileman of Anna; daughters Sheryl (James) Gentry of Anna, Alison Hileman (Brandon Barnes) of Anna and Laura (Chris) Stocker of Charlotte, N.C.; three grandchildren, J.J. Vaughn, Sarah and Jordan Gentry; her stepmother, Mildred Fox of Jonesboro; siblings Helen Bracken of Jonesboro, Will (Pam) Bracken of Anna, Bobbie Bracken of Jonesboro, Dena (Donnie) Messamore of Anna, Debbie Clover of Anna, Jacque (Jim) Sharpe of Pekin and Lorie Tanner of Cape Girardeau; many nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Jimmy Fox and Billy Fox; and one sister, Becky Lannom.

She worked for many years at Ensign Bickford as a primer operator and later worked for Rural Health in medical reception. She was a member of the Anna Moose Lodge No. 1346, the American Pool Association and the Union County Pool League.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with the Rev. Geoff Bond officiating. Interment was in Ebenezer Hall Cemetery in Lick Creek.

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



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

Bernice Kaupas



Bernice Kaupas, 86, of Cobden, died Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020, at Herrin Hospital.

She was born on Sept. 18, 1933, in Jonesboro, the daughter of Everett and Allie Brown Frick.

She married Edward Kaupas on Oct. 31, 1953, in Chicago. He preceded her in death on Oct. 24, 1996.

Mrs. Kaupas is survived by her daughter, Debra (Joseph) Pletta of Rochester, Minn.; a daughter-in-law, Shelley Kaupas of Shorewood; grandchildren Aileen Pletta, Madeline Pletta and Brady Kaupas; sisters Fern Dexter (Bob McCain) of Anna and Carol Sue (Ken) Dillow of Anna; nieces and nephews; a sister-in-law, Carol Nancy Frick of Anna; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Edward Kaupas; two sons, Steven Kaupas and Kenneth Kaupas; sisters Joanne Sanders, Patricia Ann Marsh, June Frick and Betty Jean Dickerson; and a brother, Sidney Frick.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro. Interment was in the Anna Cemetery.

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



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

Mary Elizabeth Finn



Mary Elizabeth Finn, 61, of Murphysboro, died Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020, at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital.

She was born on Aug. 11, 1958, in Peoria, the daughter of James Louis and Margaret Ann Ley Finn.

Mary Elizabeth is survived by siblings Janice (John) Gury of Aurora, Colo., Ann (Stephen) Schuette of Peoria, Brian (Judy) Finn of Peoria Heights, Gail Cady of Bloomington, Patrice (David) Cole of Peoria and Laurie (Mark) Doolittle of Peoria; several nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Mary Elizabeth loved interacting with her family, her friends and the staff at her home. She loved going on outings and her favorite was to get ice cream, especially a strawberry milkshake.

Funeral services for Mary Elizabeth were at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro. Interment will be in the Swan Lake Memorial Gardens in Peoria.

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



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

David Arthur Gibbs



David Arthur Gibbs, 76, of Statesboro, Ga., died Sunday, Feb. 23, 2020, at his residence under the care of Ogeechee Area Hospice.

Mr. Gibbs was born on May 24, 1943, in Jonesboro, the son of Elijah Arthur and Lorena Hutchison Gibbs.

After graduating in 1961 from Shawnee High School at Wolf Lake, he joined the U.S. Air Force and served for eight years.

In October 1966, he married Melinda Wilson and they resided in the Hilton Head/Bluffton area for 45 years before returning to Statesboro in 2019.

In his spare time he enjoyed boating, fishing and shrimping.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and by one sister, Delores Yates.

Surviving are his wife, Melinda of 53 years; one son David Jason Gibbs of Statesboro; five sisters, Venita Lingle, Linda Koch, Lois Crites, Patricia Johnson and Sue Eudy; one brother, Norman Gibbs; and a sister-in-law Bonnie Clark.

The family will have a private memorial service followed by an open visitation for friends on Thursday, today, from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. at their residence at 113 Spotted Fawn Rd. South, Statesboro, Ga. 30461.

Friends can sign the online register book at www.joineranderson.com.

Joiner Anderson Funeral Home & Crematory of Statesboro, Ga., is in charge of arrangements.

Verna Mae Bridwell



Verna Mae Bridwell, 83, of Cobden, died at 9:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21, 2020, at her home in Cobden.

She was born on Sept. 24, 1936, in Cobden, the daughter of Raymond Joseph and Frances Ann Harris Crowell.

She married Claris Bridwell on Oct. 23, 1957. He preceded her in death on Sept. 22, 2011.

Mrs. Bridwell worked and retired from the Shapiro Mental Health Center in Kankakee.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a brother, Melvin Crowell; and a sister, Virginia Erwin.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 24, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro, with the Rev. Jim Cooper officiating. Interment was in Cobden Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to PAWS.

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



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

Robin Davidson

Robin Davidson, 67, of Anna, died Friday, Feb. 21, 2020, at Integrity Healthcare in Anna.

He was born on Nov. 20, 1952, in Anna, the son of John Robert and Carolyn Hovenden Davidson.

He married Shirley King.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Davidson of Anna; two sons, Will Davidson of Anna and David Olmsted of Carbondale; a sister, Carol Davidson of Seattle, Wash.; a brother-in-law, Jay (Sandy) Curnel of Smithland, Ky.; a sister-in-law, Patsy (Tom) Sauls of Cypress, Texas; dear friends Leonard and Susan Kern of Jonesboro; other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with the Rev. Paul Sadler officiating. Interment was in Ebenezer Hall Cemetery in Lick Creek.

Memorials can be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois.

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Icicles at Giant City State Park

Icicles formed along a rocky bluff area at Giant City State Park near Makanda. The photograph was taken Saturday afternoon, Feb. 22.

Anna-Jo Garden Club has first meeting of 2020

The Anna-Jo Garden Club had its first meeting of 2020 on Feb. 11 at the First United Methodist Church in Anna.

The club's newly elected officers presented a program about activities for the upcoming gardening year, including many programs

involving and benefiting the community.

Refreshments were served as members visited and got caught up with each other after a time away during the winter.

Choices of events are planned for the group as well as individually.

Special events are scheduled to include a field trip to the St. Louis Botanical

Garden and a visit to Rendleman Orchards.

Other choices are the Midwestern Herb and Garden Show in Mt. Vernon, the St. Louis Art Museum and the Dogwood-Azalea Festival in Charleston.

Regular club activities include an Arbor Day event, two plant sales, the Annabelle Festival, a picnic in the park, a garden walk, Union County Fair involvement, monthly visits to area

nursing homes, scheduled work days at various community locations and a Christmas luncheon.

Committees and other activities keep the club busy. Club officers invite everyone wanting to learn more or join the club to visit a meeting.

The club's next meeting is planned at noon on Tuesday, March 10, at the First United Methodist Church in Anna.

Daffodils

Information sought about growing, shipping of flowers



Common sight
Daffodils are a common sight in the Union County area during the spring. File photo.

Daffodils soon will be blooming in Union County.

The Union County Historical and Genealogy Society is researching what at one time was a big business in the county – the growing and shipping of all kinds of flowers.

Those who may information or photographs about the industry are invited to contact Paulette Aronson at 893-2882 or Judy Travelstead at 893-2567.

Information and photographs also can be shared at the Union County Museum in downtown Cobden after it opens for the season.

The museum is scheduled to open on March 7.

Reopening announced

Harrah's Metropolis Casino and Hotel was scheduled to reopen at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25.

Rising water levels, rain and flooding along the Ohio River forced the entire facility to close at 9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23, due to safety concerns for both employees and guests.

The closing and subsequent reopening were announced in a news release and on social media.

† Pastor's Corner by Pastor Don Cox †

Many let their life get so deep into love of the world that they drown in neglect of God. TRUE!

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Firm with local offices among Great Places to Work

For the 21st time, Edward Jones is named one of the Fortune 100 Best Companies to Work For by Great Place to Work and Fortune Magazine.

Edward Jones took the No. 7 spot on the list, the 16th year the firm has ranked in the top 10.

Edward Jones financial advisers with offices in Anna and Jonesboro are Tim McGrath, Phillip McGrath and Kelli Wood.

Great Place to Work, which is a global people analytics and consulting firm, analyzed responses from more than 650,000 employees at Great Place to Work-certified organizations across the United States.

The firm evaluated more than 60 elements of team members' experience on the job.

The elements included the extent to which employees trust leaders, the respect with which people are treated, the fairness of workplace decisions, and how much camaraderie there is among the team.

"The 100 Best show the way forward," said Michael C. Bush, CEO of Great Place to Work.

"These companies have created Great Places to Work for ALL: for everyone, no matter who a person is or what they do for the organization. As a result, they have built a path to realize the promise of artificial intelligence, gain strength from a diversity of perspectives, and thrive during downturns."

Edward Jones is a Fortune 500 company with headquarters in St. Louis.

The firm provides financial services in the United States and, through its affiliate, in Canada.

Jonesboro sets screening for kindergarten

Jonesboro Elementary School has scheduled kindergarten screening for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Kindergarten screening is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 2.

Children who will be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2020, are eligible for kindergarten.

To make an appointment, parents or guardians can call Cathy or Nancy in the school's main office at 833-5148.

School officials note that in addition to their children, parents need to bring the child's original birth certificate.

Each child's academic readiness skills will be checked.

Candidates event slated at Goreville

A meet-the-candidates event is set for 2 p.m. March 1 at the Eagle Point Bay Association building at 80 Spring Cove Dr., Goreville.

Candidates who are running in the March primary election have been invited to attend the event.

Those who have been invited include candidates for Johnson County offices, as well as federal, state and judicial candidates.

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Put Away Lying

With the political campaign season upon us, when we turn on the TV and radio, we can expect to hear all kinds of accusations and denials among the candidates and in the "coming-too-soon" campaign ads. Presently, we have a candidate who is reportedly paying people to "talk him up" on social media. I wonder how much of what they are being paid to say is actually true? Here's another question: "Why do people feel a need to lie?" We don't have time to examine all the reasons in this brief article, but let me suggest just one.

People lie to "cover up" a shortcoming - put the blame on others, shift the responsibility. Sometimes our children do this same thing - they make excuses and may even try to place the blame on others. Where do they learn it, school, maybe at home?

When Abel murdered Cain, he too attempted a cover up (Gen. 4). King Saul gave such an excuse when he didn't comply with God's commandments to kill everything in I Samuel 15. Remember? God said to Saul, "I remember that which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid wait for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt. Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass" (vv. 2-3). What did Saul do? "...he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword." But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them..." (vv. 8-9).

To try to cover this up, he shifted responsibility to the people. Notice v. 15: "...the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen." Saul was king, the decisions his, yet he said, "the people" did it.

Joseph's brothers lied to their father after selling off Joseph by saying that he had been killed by a wild beast (Gen. 37), a cover up. What was the end result? In King Saul's case, he was to lose his kingdom; for the brothers of Joseph, they suffered famine, humiliation, and their father's devastation. Many of us have been deeply hurt by the lie of a child or other loved one, or perhaps even a stranger. The result is always pain, anguish, and sorrow. David was in such pain when he wrote, "Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue" (Psalm 120:1-2). I believe we too have suffered from lies. Let us ever remember the admonition of Paul: "...putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor..." (Eph. 4:25).

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Section B

Union County Women in Business group presents awards

Union County Women in Business recently celebrated special achievements and elected officers for 2020.

Union County Women in Business had its annual Christmas party and awards banquet during December.

The group recognized its outgoing president, Kelli Wood, Edward Jones Investments, for her service.

Leni Lambdin, Parrish & Lambdin LLC, was welcomed as the new president of Union County Women in Business.

Awards Presented

Union County Women in Business presented a series of awards, including:

Jennifer York, Dixie BBQ, received the business of the year award for her restaurant's continued

popularity in the community.

Megan Crabtree, Juni Boutique, received the new business of the year award. Megan has built a beautiful new business and is soon to relocate to Main Street. Megan worked very hard during the past year to put Juni on the map.

Michelle Sirls, Rendleman Orchards, received the business expansion award for Rendleman Orchards' continued growth of its business with u-pick zinnia and sunflower fields, a pumpkin patch and the addition of many successful interactive farm experiences that draw hundreds from Union County and the surrounding area.

Tammy Woodrum, Davie School Inn, received the tourism attraction of the year award for her continued development of Davie School Inn into a local event center.

Joby Crabtree, Scentsy, received the cottage industry award for her independent Scentsy consultant business in which she continues to grow and thrive.

Debbie Laster, Legal

Shield, received the pioneer in business award for her work in the new and rapidly changing field of identity security.

Leni Lambdin, Parrish & Lambdin LLC, received the member of the year award for her support and hard work for Union County Women in Business.

Officers Elected

Officers also were elected to the Union County Women in Business board for 2020:

President: Leni Lambdin, Parrish & Lambdin LLC.

Vice president, programs: Stephanie Rhodes, Union County Farm Bureau.

Vice president networking/vice president public relations: Hope Holderfield, Union County Abstract Office Inc.

Membership: Jennifer York, Dixie Barbecue.

Secretary: Danielle Stevens, Country Financial.

Treasurer: Cheryl Foeller, Foeller Quality Consulting.

At-large members: Joby Crabtree, Scentsy. Lindsey Bailey, Haire Veterinary Clinic. Danielle Dodd, Taylor, Dodd & Wood.



Cottage industry: Joby Crabtree, left, and Danielle Stevens.



Business of the year: Danielle Stevens, left, and Jennifer York.



Pioneer in business: Debbie Laster, left, and Kelli Wood.



New business of the year: Danielle Stevens, left, and Megan Crabtree.



Member of the year: Leni Lambdin, left, and Danielle Stevens.



Business expansion: Michelle Sirls, left, and Kelli Wood.



Tourism attraction of the year: Kelli Wood, left, and Tammy Woodrum.

State comptroller to speak at SIU 'Celebrate Women' event

The 24th annual "Celebrate Women: Honoring Inclusive Excellence" reception and awards ceremony is scheduled March 5 at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Organizers said the ceremony will offer a unique opportunity to honor women and support scholarships.

Susana Mendoza, who has served as the Illinois state comptroller since 2016, is scheduled to be the guest speaker at this year's event, which has a theme of "Votes for Women: A Centennial."

Tickets are available for the event, which will be in Morris Library on the SIU campus.

The gala is held in conjunction with the university's annual commemoration of Women's History Month in March.

The festivities celebrate the successes of women at SIU and in the community and raise money to fund scholarships to help other women reach their goals.

Additional honors and awards will go to a number

of deserving women as the American Association of University Women and the SIU Women's Club will present their annual scholarships.

An hour-long reception is scheduled to kick off the event starting at 4:30 p.m. in the library's rotunda and will include music by harpist Joyce Hesketh, along with hors d'oeuvres and beverages.

Mendoza's presentation and the awards ceremony are scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. in the library's John C. Guyon Auditorium.

Tickets are available now for Celebrate Women 2020. The cost is \$25 per person or \$15 for SIU students with a valid ID. To purchase tickets, contact Martha Ellert at 618-521-0613 or by email at msellert@aol.com.

The American Association of University Women, the SIU Office of the Vice Chancellor for Diversity, the Department of Kinesiology and the Southern Illinois University Women's Club are hosting this year's event.

SIU Day of Giving planned

Southern Illinois University Carbondale has spent its 150th anniversary year celebrating its past and looking toward its future.

The focus on the future continues with the 2020 Day of Giving, which is planned on March 4.

On the Day of Giving SIU alumni and friends can support a range of programs and initiatives at the university.

The Day of Giving is planned on the first Wednesday of March to commemorate the university's Founder's Day.

The theme for the fourth annual event is "One Vision. 24 Hours."

A year ago, nearly \$912,000 was raised for scholarships, programs and other SIU priorities from nearly 3,000 gifts from 46

states and 10 countries. In three years, more than \$1.7 million has been raised.

The 24-hour campaign is a university-wide effort to inspire alumni, students, parents, friends and the larger university community to make a gift to any area of the campus.

The Day of Giving online tickertape is scheduled to begin at 6 a.m. March 4 and will run through 5:59 a.m. on March 5. Giving is tracked at suiday.siu.edu in real time.

In addition to online and in-person giving, the donations, which are tax deductible as allowed by law, can be made by calling 618-453-4900 or by sending checks payable to the SIU Foundation to Mail Code 6805, Carbondale, Ill. 62901.

'Women of Choice' to be staged in Anna

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council is planning to present the play "Women of Choice" at the Anna Arts Center.

The arts center is located at 125 W. Davie St. in Anna. Performances are set for Friday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 29, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, March 1, at 2 p.m.

Ticket prices at the door will be \$15 and \$5 for those 12 and under. Ticket information is available online at <https://womenofchoice.brownpapertickets.com>.

Ticket information also is available by calling Lee at 904-625-1109.

The arts council notes that the production is recommended for high school and above because of mature themes.

"Women of Choice" is the opening play in the arts center's "Year of the Women" season of stage productions.

"Year of the Women" celebrates when women in the United States earned the right to vote.

On Aug. 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the

U.S. Constitution went into effect and citizens of the United States could no longer be denied the right to vote on the basis of sex.

During 2020, the Shawnee Hills Arts Council celebrates the 100-year anniversary of women's right to vote by performing six plays/musicals, beginning with "Women of Choice."

"Women of Choice" is a play of 10 monologues by David Rush from Murphysboro.

"The monologues all had one thing in common: they were about women who had made or are making choices in their lives: some good, some bad; some lucky, some not; some funny, some tragic; some realistic, some fantastical," Rush shared.

Ten local actresses will bring to life the stories of each of the women they portray.

The play is being directed by Dr. Lynn Stevens of Anna, who has directed several plays at the arts center, and earlier for PAST.

Inclement weather could affect the dates for the performances; if so, the production will be rescheduled.

News from

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church



Confirmation meeting

Confirmands met with their mentors on Feb. 23 and discussed why they believe in the Bible. Photo provided.



Children's church

During children's church, the children learned about Lent and how to prepare for Easter. Photo provided.

In the children's sermon, Pastor Mark explained about getting ready for the special church season of Lent.

He told the children that it is a quiet time, and although very special, not a joyous time.

The pastor further told the children that a lot of people give up certain things they love during Lent, and this is because "we want to show Jesus that we are walking with Him."

The main sermon was also about Lent. The pastor asked "if we ever wanted to relive days that were so special to us." He explained that "this would be nice but we cannot always go through life on the mountain top. We cannot chase only those experiences that make us happy. We have to be 'down in the valley' once in a while. We have to be open to seeing God in everyday life."

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 Singleton, Jason Huckleberry, Jarrett Strunk, Dora Gonzalez, Dee Lipke and John Ligon.

Prayers were also offered for those grieving for Allibeth Partridge.

Confirmation class met on Feb. 23 with the mentors. The next meetings

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Feb. 23, Pastor Perry Williams brought the message in both services. Dee Rose led worship.

Connor Benbrook provided special music in the morning service.

Next Sunday afternoon, a group outing is planned to the Marion Civic Center to see Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat.

Birthdays: Betty Tutt, Feb. 18; Jackie Dillow, Feb. 19; Kenmore Rowe, Feb. 20; James Dillow, Feb. 22; Edna Dallas, Jean Eudy, Feb. 23; Alma Osterholm, Feb. 24; Joan Mowery, Marc Sheffer, Feb. 28.

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 Wednes-

News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

Rev. Dee Ann Thompson's sermon Sunday was titled "Up on the Mountain Top," with scripture from Matthew, the account of Christ's Transfiguration.

The message shared that "most of us realize we have room for improvement; every major religion has guidelines to make individuals better.

"Many will not allow God to transform them; they want His salvation, but want to remain unchanged.

"Real transformation comes through Christ; however God won't transform us without our asking. We were created in His image: will we allow ourselves to be all we can be?"

"Before Lent, we need to climb to the mountain top to see all that we can be. Once we have been on the mountain with God, we will be changed."

Reed Crane and Rodney Miller received the offering Sunday.

Tony Gerard is the lead elder for March.

Those having birthdays have been Maudie Miller on the 20th and Dwight Boaz on the 24th.

Phillip and Linda Brown celebrated their wedding anniversary the 22nd.

News from

Walnut Grove Church

On Transfiguration Sunday at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church, Layleigh and Kate lit the altar candles while Johnathan played the musical prelude on the piano, and Layleigh and Kate also collected the offering.

This week is Ash Wednesday, the start of Lenten period leading up to Easter.

Everyone welcomed the two families who were visiting us that participated in our service and Sunday School.

Johnathan played the piano while he sang a special, "Amazing Grace My Chains are Gone."

Keith read the lesson from Exodus and Pastor Bobbi read the gospel from Matthew and talked about Jesus as "the chosen one who gives

News from

First Baptist Church, Anna

In the Sunday morning service on Feb. 23, Pastor Nick's sermon was titled "Healthy Christians Part 1: Honor," with scripture from Romans.

In the Sunday morning service on Feb. 9, Associate Pastor David Howard's sermon was titled "It is Written Part 2: Understanding the Bible," with scripture from Matthew.

On Sunday, Joan Blakey from Heartland Mission Alliance brought greetings to Camp Ground and voiced appreciation for Camp Ground's support of the alliance's ministry in Kenya. In turn, many of the congregation had brought books for shipment to Kenya.

Belated birthday greetings to Maudie Miller, whose birthday was the 20th. Her family celebrated with her Saturday with a pizza/salad/cupcake evening meal. Those helping her celebrate were her husband Wayne, Rodney and LaDonna Miller, Jeff and Teresa Rogers, Pat and LaDonna Stute, Brittany, Landon and Tanner Roach, Lara, Reed and Kayton Crane, Cody and Sara Poole, Jerrie Clayton and Ramona Ralls.

Gary and Donna Taylor, and Dwight and Sandy Boaz visited Saturday afternoon with Chad and Amanda Batts in Martin, Tenn., and dined out for Dwight's birthday before returning home.

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.

Walnut Grove Church

us victory over sin and death."

Prayers were requested for Lester Dirden, Karen Lamer, Sandy Hartline, Duane and Grace Gaffney, and the nation's military.

Barb taught Bible studies to all the children during Sunday School.

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

Thought for the weak: Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans. Proverbs 16:13.

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.

Mary Knight was the guest music leader at both services.

The next free Soup and Serve meal is planned Monday, March 9, from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Doors open at 4:15 p.m.

The menu will feature taco soup, raw veggies, tortilla chips, cake, coffee, tea and lemonade. All are welcome.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

During the Sunday morning service, Pastor Randy Wright and the worship team led the congregation in worship.

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

Special music was brought by Jacob Wells.

The Alabaster Offering was collected. Alabaster funds help provide land for many Work & Witness projects, and the entire Alabaster Offering goes toward the purchase of land and construction of churches, schools, medical facilities and homes for missionaries and national workers.

The morning message, "Fear Not and Be Not Dismayed," was brought by Pastor Wright.

The Sunday evening service was the monthly missionary service in the fellowship hall. Following the meal a video was shown

and Mark Smith, local missionary president, presented statistics concerning the church's missionaries.

Birthdays: Terry Wiseman Jr., Feb. 28.

Anniversary: Richard and Brenda Keeley, Feb. 23.

A Sisters in Spirit ladies seminar is planned March 7 in Marion.

A work day is planned March 14 at the church.

A Memorial Roll certificate presentation for the family of Judy Theis is planned March 15.

A missionary zone rally is planned March 24 at 7 p.m. at the Du Quoin Church of the Nazarene.

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

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

Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Happy belated birthday wishes to Penny Hill of McClure whose birthday was Friday, Feb. 21.

Those enjoying lunch at Golden Corral in Carbondale last Thursday were Shirley Miller of McClure, Alma Linson and Edwin and Barbara Livesay, all of Anna and Joe Walker of Marion.

Those who enjoyed lunch on Sunday, Feb. 23, with Sue and Steve Eudy were Kevin and Jennifer Eudy, Emma Eudy and Ryan, Breana, Jade and Wade Driscoll, all of Cape Girardeau.

Recent visitors of Maxine and Fred Pender of Fair City were Gary Gibbs and Brad Pender of Jonesboro.

Fred and Maxine Pender visited with Mildred Fox and Helen Bracken of Jonesboro on Friday.

It is with a sad heart I report the death of my brother, David Gibbs of Statesboro, Ga., on Sunday, Feb. 23. He is survived

by his wife, Melinda, of Statesboro, and a son, Jason of Moss Point, Miss.

He is also survived by one brother Norman (Catherine) Gibbs of Anna, Sisters Pat (David) Johnson of Jackson, Mo., Sue (Steve) Eudy of Anna, Lois (Jim) Crites of Jackson, Mo., Linda (Gary) Koch of Cape Girardeau and Venita (Robert) Lingle of Anna and a brother-in-law, John (Dolores, deceased) of Herrin.

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

Chili supper set

A chili supper is planned Saturday, Feb. 29, at the First Baptist Church in Tamms.

Serving is planned from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The church is located at 350 Third St.

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Daily Bible Reading

Psalm	Psalm	Psalm	Matthew	Psalm	Psalm	Psalm
17	33	36	6:1-18	50	51	57

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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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“Women of Choice”

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council and the Anna Arts Center proudly announce the cast for their next production “Women of Choice.”

Gynelle Baccus of Carterville will play, Nora the Pedestrian. Seen as Artie, the Single Girl will be Sarah Gentry a sophomore at A-J. Sharon, the painter will be portrayed by Jackie Beatty of Anna. Gail, the Mother will be played by Trinity Sweet, recent AJCHS graduate. Aphrodite, the Street Lady, is enacted by Debby McKibben of rural Anna. Closing the first Act will be Nancy Kucera, of Cobden.

The second act begins with Dianna Gaultney of Cobden, playing Helen the Daughter. Next will be a surprise actress in the role of Doris, the Star. Michelle, the Soldier will be portrayed by Charlie Hope Dorsey of Carbondale. Closing the production, Rosalind the Repeater will be played by Wanda Dillow of Anna. All but two of these actresses have been on the arts center stage before.

These 10 actresses will

bring to life the stories of each of the women they portray. David Rush of Murphysboro has written the script and it is being directed by Dr. Lynn Steveson of Anna, who has directed several plays here at the arts center, and earlier for PAST.

Performances 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. Anna Arts Center is non profit and money made goes for upkeep of the building.

Tickets are \$15. Call Lee at 904-625-1109 to purchase or reserve seats. Tickets are also available at Brown Paper Bag tickets on the Internet. Inclement weather could affect these dates. If so, the production will be rescheduled.

Anna Heights Baptist Church

Sunday, March 1, the youth will be having a spaghetti dinner fund raiser starting at 11 a.m., donations only at the church family Life Center.

Pastor Darryl Williams



Anna Arts Center: “Women of Choice” cast: Gynelle Baccus, Sarah Gentry, Jackie Beatty, Trinity Sweet, Debby McKibben, Wanda Dillow, Lee Hackney, Nancy Kucera, Dianna Gaultney, Charlie Hope Dorsey. These 10 actresses will bring to life the stories of each of the women they portray. David Rush of Murphysboro has written the script and it is being directed by Dr. Lynn Steveson of Anna. Performances 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.



Dr. Lynn Steveson is the director of “Women of Choice,” to be performed at the Anna Arts Center.



Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies Judy Smith, Kathy Jackson Milam, hostess Marie Samuel, Lula Belle Tripp, Ginger Bowman. Hoping to recognize contributors to the birthday quilt project who have made more than one purple hat quilt block, Marie Samuel gave red and purple fabric ornaments at the Feb. 19 meeting. She explained these folk art gifts are made using metal jar lids and are a craft done at the John A. Logan Historical Village using a homespun fabric. The ladies shown here have made from two to seven blocks with Lula Belle Tripp making the seven blocks. Not shown were Lillian Milam and Corinne Steveson who each have made two blocks. Martha Schwegman is collecting the blocks until the assembly process can begin.

began a new preaching series on Family by the Book at both of his Sunday morning services 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The church family will be learning about God’s plan for the family.

There are only two more Saturdays of Upward Basketball and Cheer. Upward Celebration is Saturday, March 21, at 6 p.m.

A reminder that Thursday the 27th at 6:30 p.m. is when Momma Lou’s Crafters are meeting at the church.

Anna Heights sponsors Calling America Back to God, which meets every third Thursday at 6 p.m. Attendance has been very low. Would like to invite all community members to come join us in prayer for our nation. Contact the church office for more information.

Birthday Celebration

Amanda Fowler celebrated her birthday with her family. Her husband made her favorite dinner sauerkraut, hot dogs and mashed potatoes and then they had chocolate cake.

Anna VFW

A huge thanks to everyone who came to the chicken and dumplings dinner last Friday night. It was the second biggest night they have had since they started serving the chicken and dumplings.

Feb. 28, there will be bingo at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna at 2 p.m. All help is appreciated.

The monthly spaghetti dinner will be held starting at 5 p.m. Feb. 28. This is open to the public. A \$10 donation.

Saturday, Feb. 29, C.W. Karaoke will be in the canteen from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.



Susan Alford of Lake of Egypt was a guest at Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies dinner. Susan is Janice Lewellyn’s daughter-in-law.



Queen Mom Linda Clutts played her banjo and led in Valentine songs at the Little Egypt Red Hat meeting. Mary Haffly is pictured with her singing.

Baby Congratulations

Congratulations to Debbie Janowski on the birth of her sixth grandchild Aiden Lucas Dunn who weighed 6 pounds, 5.2 ounces, and was born on Valentine’s Day, Feb. 14. His mother is Katie Turner.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Rev. Richard Sullins sermon Sunday was on Commitment to the call of our Lord Jesus Christ. He asked if anyone was there that hadn’t asked Jesus to forgive them of their sins and accepted Jesus in their heart to come to the altar and he would pray with them.

Rev. Sullins told the children this would be his last Sunday and how much he loved them and his church family and told them to always continue to come to church to worship God, but



Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies celebrating February birthdays were Judy Smith, Brenda Lovelace and Janice Lewellyn.



Hostesses for Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies dinner and meeting Feb. 19 were Brenda Lovelace, Kay Johnson and Martha Ann Webb.



Bill McClure celebrated his birthday Monday, Feb. 17, with a pizza party at his home given by his wife Judy, daughter Melissa and granddaughters Alexis, Ariel and Elsa. Ariel made her papa a special birthday cake.



Virginia Housman celebrated her 95th birthday at Alto Vineyards with family and friends.



Karen Toler and Carol Bauer of Jonesboro, Betty Eagle of Anna, Teena White of Cape Girardeau and Sharon Goines of Paducah went to Patties for lunch Thursday and on a shopping spree. They all enjoyed spending the day together.



Rev. Richard and Marilyn Sullins were honored with a retirement dinner party after church Sunday morning at the United Methodist Church in Anna.



Sunday reception at SIC: Shown here with flowers for her art reception at Southeastern College Sunday, Feb. 21, is Marie Samuel of Carterville. The exhibit features both tributes to famous artists and nature. It is showing in the VPAC Gallery until March 27 and is open days the college is in session.



Betty Eagle went to Carterville Saturday to attend her grandson Ethan Gaddis’s basketball game.

he must do what his doctor had told him and rest his heart now.

Rev. Richard and Marilyn Sullins will be missed very much in Anna. Their new home is in Marion.

Rev. Sullins showed some pictures of their new home and a red cardinal that was already visiting.

A beautiful decorated cake was prepared for an after church dinner party for them.

Rev. Sullins opened the service with a prayer and welcomed everyone and had prayers for those who were sick.

Scripture was from Luke, the Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead the third day, and repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in his name to all the nations.

Terry Riley had the call to worship, prayer, and scripture from Joshua.

Special music Sheltered in the Arms of God was by Marilyn Sullins.

Chris Foster gave a praise that a grant was received from the United Methodist Foundation to help with the Loaves and Fishes free community meal. 117 attended the last meal.

It was good to have Amanda Boreup's parents visiting.

Trips Willie and Terrie Rhymer have been busy.

On Presidents Day they motored to Grand Rivers, Ky., to meet her sister and husband Jim and Deborah Walker from Parsons, Tenn., to eat at Pattis Restaurant.

On Thursday, Feb. 20, they met their son, Andy and family to celebrate grandson Ethan's 12th birthday eating out and having birthday cake afterwards in Cape Girardeau.

On Thursday, after doctor appointments, they met Bob and Betty Caraker in Marion and went to the movie Call of the Wild.

Guests

Overnight guests of Lillian Milam were Charley and Denise Lueth from Aurora. They were returning from a month trip through the southeast states. They met at El Jalapeno for dinner and came back to Lillian's house to spend the night. They wanted to eat at Goddard's for lunch.

For several years they would come to Southern Illinois and stay at Jim and Edna's B&B. They didn't get to see the Goddards as Edna had hurt her back and wasn't at work that day.

Honor Wreaths For Veterans

A special thanks to everyone who bought a wreath in memory of a loved one or for someone who didn't have anyone to buy for them for our December 2019 first time ceremony in our Anna City Cemetery.

Honor Wreaths for Veterans is a branch from Wreaths Across America where we can honor, respect and thank all those who fought for our freedom right here in our Anna Cemetery the same time all the wreaths are being laid at the national cemeteries.

A special thanks to everyone who helped with the ceremony and who helped lay the wreaths on the graves and donated wreaths to make this possible.

The 2019 wreaths have been retired now and it's time to plan for the December 2020 11 a.m. ceremony at our Anna Cemetery.

The wreaths are \$15 each and you can make your check to Honor Wreaths for Veterans and mail to me, Martha Ann Webb, 118 W. Monroe Street, Anna, Ill. 62906 or leave at Anna City

Hall and ask them to put in my mail box.

You can drop by my house and leave in the green box to the right of my front door, just put in the back of the box.

Please put the name of the veteran or veterans you are honoring or if it is a donation for a veteran that doesn't have any family.

Appreciation A special thanks to Gary Rider for all the years of faithful service to our Anna Fire Department.

Birthday Surprise Janice Lewellyn was surprised with three visitors at her door Sunday morning, Feb. 16, on her birthday by granddaughter Ginny Whaley, grandson Sean Lewellyn and grandson Jason Lewellyn.

They were going to surprise Janice by coming to church but Janice decided to stay home in bed and rest prior to her party.

They visited with her for a while then they all went to her birthday party at Janice son's Tim and Susan Alford near Lake of Egypt.

Celebrating Birthday Liz Wilkins celebrated her 38th birthday watching Madi Jo and niece Kinley play basketball at Anna Heights Baptist Church. They are in Upwards a very good group for our community.

Later Liz and family went to her dad's for a fish fry for dinner to celebrate her stepmother's, her baby sister's and her birthday.

After that Dave the girls and Liz went to Menard's and got stuff to continue working on the pig barns.

What they love doing. An exciting day for her birthday.

Red Hat Ladies Twenty-two Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies met Wednesday, Feb. 19, in Anna at El Jalapeno's. Hostesses were Martha Ann Webb, Kay Johnson, Marie Samuel and Brenda Lovelace.

The room was decorated to follow the Valentine Day theme. Door prizes and favors were given to all attending. There was a gift exchange.

Marie Samuel gave a gift to all the ladies that had made more than one quilt block for the birthday quilt.

Three ladies celebrated February birthdays: Judy Smith, Brenda Lovelace and Janice Lewellyn. They received a birthday treat from the restaurant.

There was one guest Janice's daughter-in-law Susan Alford.

Linda Clutts passed out samples of peppermint hemp cream that her son Ben grew on the Clutts farm.

Queen Mom Linda Clutts played her banjo, led the singing and sang Elvis love songs and others celebrating Valentine's Day.

The ladies also did the hokey poky and closed honoring God and our country with God Bless America.

Praising God We had a scare this week when Brownie, Earl Miller's dog, ran out his front door as I was going in.

Brownie was gone from Monday evening until 2 a.m. Friday morning.

I was praying for God to protect her from the freezing weather when Earl called and said she was home. I have been thanking and praising God ever since. She looked good just kept licking her back foot like it could be hurting her.

A special thanks for all your prayers, to everyone who helped us look for Brownie, everyone who shared my posts and all your support.

Our pets are family. A special thanks to Judy McClure for making cards for me to pass out. If your dog ever goes missing put a trail of treats from your home to where they were seen last and stand outside and keep calling them. I did that hoping my voice would carry and she could find her way home following my voice. We drove and walked for hours looking for her. What a wonderful blessing to have her back home. Never give up hope.

Women's Club The GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club will meet at Sunshine Inn at Goddard's Barn and Grill March 2 at 11 a.m. Beth Hileman will be the guest speaker.

Special Thanks Thanks to Brenda Allen for giving me credit when she renewed her subscription to The Gazette-Democrat.

Florida Trip Lee Hackney and Susan Whitemountain have recently returned from a trip to Florida to visit family and enjoy the weather.

Unchained Ministries 101 Springfield, suite

8, Anna, March 1, at 6 p.m. come hear Clyde Sims personal testimony. Everyone's testimony is powerful because it is a story about moving from death to life. Giving yours is a way to share the gospel with others by explaining your personal salvation experience. it gives others an example of how God changes lives. Clyde is asking your support that night. Everyone welcome to attend the service.

Bye Bye Birdie Students at A-JCHS are working hard on the musical Bye Bye Birdie they will perform Friday, March 13, and Saturday, March 14, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 15 at 2 p.m.

A-J Band, Chorus Fish Fry The Anna Kiwanis fish fry to benefit the A-JCHS band and chorus will be Saturday, March 14, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Kiwanis building at the Anna City Park.

The meal is \$10. There will be baked goods also to buy.

After the dinner go to A-JCHS for the musical Bye Bye Birdie at 7 p.m.

Early Voting You can vote at the Union County Courthouse.

Apple Rockers The Cobden Band Boosters will be holding the fourth annual Apple Rockers fundraiser at the Anna VFW post Feb. 29 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Live music from the junior high/high school Appleknocker band.

Lasagna dinner with salad and dessert. Tickets \$10,

two for \$15, three meals \$20 and four meals \$25.

There will also be a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction.

Easter Flowers Beverly Brown Anderson from St. Louis and formerly from Anna is a volunteer at the Cobden Museum and the Union County Historical Society.

She asked me to mention the daffodils growing in Union County. This is a project the Union County Historical Society has been working on for some time.

They will be publicizing more about it and will be delighted if readers will get in touch with the museum if they have any information to share. Anyone at the museum/resource center will be happy to hear. Also let me know so I can write about the daffodils for my Anna news. I would love the write about any memories you have of the daffodils for my Anna news.

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

Television Listings

THURSDAY

Table with 12 columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Lists programs for Thursday, Feb 27, 2020.

FRIDAY

Table with 12 columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Lists programs for Friday, Feb 28, 2020.

SATURDAY

Table with 12 columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Lists programs for Saturday, Feb 29, 2020.

SUNDAY

Table with 12 columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Lists programs for Sunday, March 1, 2020.

MONDAY

Table with 12 columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Lists programs for Monday, March 2, 2020.

TUESDAY

Table with 12 columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Lists programs for Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

WEDNESDAY

Table with 12 columns: Time, ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW. Lists programs for Wednesday, March 4, 2020.

THURSDAY 7:30pm FOX Outmatched "Bullying" Mike and Kay consider placing Marc in a charter school following an incident of bullying his teacher that sent him to the principal's office. TV14 (HD) 8:00pm USA The Sinner "Part IV" Ambrose follows Jamie through New York City in a close pursuit as he attempts to prevent another homicide from taking place before it's too late. TV14 (HD)

FRIDAY 7:00pm ABC Shark Tank Fiedglung entrepreneurs present their ideas to a panel of self-made multi-millionaires looking to own a piece of the next big idea, hoping to get a bid. TVPG (HD) 8:00pm SHOW The Kingmaker "18. Drama, Documental) Imelda Marcos. An examination of a political family in the Philippines is shown, exploring the legacy left from their regime and a look at the country's former first lady. R TV14 (HD)

SATURDAY 7:30pm TBS Jack Reacher: Never Go Back "12. Action) Tom Cruise, Cobie Smulders. Investigator Jack Reacher feels that he must prove that his former Army major is innocent of treason after she is arrested for the crime. PG-13 TV14 (HD) 8:00pm CBS Bull "Her Own Two Feet" Bull works with a social media influencer to revert legal guardianship of her empire back to her after a previous mental breakdown gave the power to her father. TV14 (HD)

SUNDAY 7:00pm CBS God Friended Me "The Last Little Thing" Miles attempts to convince a young woman who suffers from cancer to live for more than her bucket list; Miles, Rakesh and Cara enter an underground poker game. TV14 (HD) 7:30pm FOX Duncanville "Undacuva Mutha" Annie tries to get noticed for a promotion by meeting her monthly parking ticket quota; Jack is determined to be the cool dad, but he makes the kids sick. TV14 (HD)

MONDAY 7:00pm ABC The Bachelor "Women Tell All" As airplane pilot Peter Weber prepares to select a bachelorette, the eliminated women from the 24th season join one another to hash out the drama. TVPG (HD) 7:50pm MAX The Hurt Locker "11. Drama) Jeremy Renner, Anthony Mackie. The members of an Army bomb squad try to survive the final days of their rotation in Iraq after they are saddled with a reckless new leader. R

TUESDAY 7:30pm ABC Bless This Mess "New York to Nebraska for a quieter life, they realize that the simpler life isn't as easy as they expected. (HD) 8:00pm USA The Biggest Loser "Overcoming Obstacles" When a contestant is faced with an unforeseen obstacle, their team is forced to come together in a new way to help them overcome and move forward. TVPG (HD)

WEDNESDAY 7:50pm DISN Sydney to the Max A middle school student lives with her single father and progressive grandmother in the same home together, where they experience the joys and pains of life. TV G (HD) 8:00pm SHOW 12 Monkeys "1996. Science Fiction) Bruce Willis, Madeleine Stowe. From a future where a virus has decimated the population and survivors live underground, a man is sent back to the 1990s to uncover the origins of the plague. R (HD)

Opinion and Commentary

Days might be numbered for printing presses, but not for newspapers

By Wendy Martin
Editor, Martin Publishing Co.

Jim Nowlan and I go back a long way, and I can't think of anyone I know who I respect more. That being said, I have a much less dystopian view of the future of newspapers, and particularly community journalism, than the one Jim shared his piece, "Stop the hand-wringing over decline of newspapers."*

We are a much better product than we give ourselves credit for, and for those committed to community journalism, I believe we have a much brighter future than what some might think.

Despite the constant drumbeat that newspapers are dead, we need to recognize we have strengths that are critical to the quality of life in the communities we serve and we can continue to be a foundational part of those communities.

My vision for the future of local community newspapers looks a lot like the publication you will find on our website at www.democratnewspapers.com. Here you will find an easily navigated PDF version of this week's newspaper.

Our readers are loyal subscribers. True, they love their hold-it-in-their-hands newspapers, but we all know someday that to keep publishing, the cost we need to cut is the printing and mailing – not reporting.

My vision is to produce exactly the same product as we do today. Just deliver it differently. Our website already notifies readers by text or email that the electronic version of their paper (which is free with their subscription) has been delivered.

One problem with many of the other models is they either cut out the advertisers or they rely on them to pay all the freight.

Our efforts to get people in our advertisers' doors keeps their doors open, and having those businesses serving our readership area adds immeasurably to the quality of life our communities can offer.

As Mr. Nowlan said, our local newspapers are more affordable than television or radio, and frankly, we target potential customers much better.

Mr. Nowlan suggests it is Facebook and Google that have stolen our advertisers. That is not what we have found. The combination of a poor economy and online shopping have been the biggest threats to our advertisers. American Express promotes Shop Small once a year. We promote it 52 weeks a year.

If you click on our website link you will find you can flip through the PDF pages of our newspaper. But there is a paywall, so don't plan on reading the stories without ponying up for a subscription.

What we do has value.

Local community newspapers provide their readers with news about their schools, government and neighbors that is not available anywhere else. Real news. We have a unique, valuable product.

Our service to the business community is every bit as valuable. Our circulation in their direct service area means we get their message to more people who are likely to visit their stores than any other medium.

And there are plenty of ways to monetize the website.

A Facebook page is not a substitute. Nor is a podcast, or alternative paper you have to go out and find.

I know a number of publishers with the free paper/shopper distribution model, and I know they fear no one will pay for their paper. If your product is worth reading and contains relevant, local content, people will pay. In fact, we had to be free for about 10 years back in our past, and we successfully transitioned back to paid. Again, what we do has value.

The days are numbered for printing presses and mailing. But that doesn't mean newspapers are going away. We can be our best selves – electronically.

Wendy Martin is editor of the Mason County Democrat in Havana and the Fulton Democrat in Lewistown.

(*The Jim Nowlan column about newspaper appeared last week in The Gazette-Democrat.)

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



A message for Ms. Bo Peep, just in case you are still searching: Didn't see any sheep in the meadow...not even sure a meadow was spotted...but we did see some cows in the corn during a journey along Big Creek Road south of Anna one bright and sunny morning last week.

How will you spend your extra day in 2020?

So...what are you planning to do with your extra day? In case you hadn't already made plans, 2020 is one of those years which includes a February 29 on the calendar. Seems to come around every four years or so. I believe we call it a leap year.

And, apparently there is a little bit more to a leap year than yours truly remembered. For example, did you know a year that is evenly divisible by 100 is not a leap year unless it also is evenly divisible by 400?

Not sure I knew that...but there it was on "Timelines of History" website, www.timelines.ws, along with a little bit more of an explanation...actually with a lot, lot more of an explanation, as in:

"The time required for Earth to make one lap around the sun, to go from vernal equinox to vernal equinox, is approximately 365.2422 days.

"Because the period of 365 days that our calendar assigns to the basic year falls approximately 0.2422 of a day short of the time it actually takes to orbit the sun, the calendar adds one day to every fourth year. This quadrennial 'leap year' causes the average duration of a year to be approximately 365.2500 days.

"Because this quadrennial adjustment overshoots its goal by approximately 0.0078 of one day, the calendar 'skips' the quadrennial adjustment at the turn of each century.

"This centennial 're-adjustment' causes the average duration of a year, over the long run, to be approximately 365.2400 days.

"Because this centennial readjustment overshoots its goal by approximately 0.0022 of one day, the calendar 'un-skips' the centennial re-adjustment once every four centuries.

"This quadricentennial 're-re-adjustment' causes the average duration of a year, over the very long run, to be approximately 365.2425 days. All of this has the effect of reducing the difference between our calendar and our actual orbit around the sun to approximately 0.0003 of a day – about 26 seconds."

"Timelines of History" went on to explain that the

Roman emperor Julius Caesar tried to fix the calendar situation.

Caesar created one, extra-long year which lasted for 445 days in an attempt to straighten things out. He followed that crazy long year with three, 365-day years and then one 366-day year. That worked. Sort of. For about 15 centuries.

Caesar's plan created three extra leap years every 400 years. So in 1582, Pope Gregory XIII came up with a way to fix the problem. That year, the calendar jumped from October 4 to October 15. Gregory also set up a new rule to get rid of those three extra leap years. Under the Gregorian calendar, only century years divisible by 400 are leap years. And a leap year happens only in years in which January 1 and December 31 of the same year fall on different days of the week.

So, now you know...if you stayed awake long enough to read all of that...

...and, by the way, here's a look at some historic events which actually happened on February 29:

On February 29, 1288, Scotland made it legal for women to propose to men.

The first arrests in the witchcraft trials in Salem, Massachusetts were made on February 29 in 1692.

The film "Gone with the Wind," which has been in the news lately, won eight Academy Awards on February 29 in 1940. For whatever it's worth, your writer has seen the flick...not a big fan.

"Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" was named as the album of the year at the Grammys on February 29 in 1968. The album was by some obscure musical group called The Beatles.

Gordie Howe scored his NHL career 800th goal on February 29 in 1980. I bring this up because yours truly has an autograph picture of Gordie Howe. Another story, for another time.

Enough for this week...in closing, if you are one of those folks who has a birthday on February 29, enjoy your day...

P.S. As has been noted, and is often noted in this space, if some information happened to be found on the internet, it absolutely, positively has to be true. Or not.

A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, February 26, 1970

A special election will be held Saturday, Feb. 28, in Shawnee Junior College District 531 when voters will vote upon the following proposition: Shall the Board of Trustees of Shawnee Junior College be given the authority to issue bonds in the amount of \$3,500,000 for the purpose of borrowing money to pay the cost of acquiring and improving land for the college.

About 200 spectators and principals gathered in Jackson County Circuit Court Thursday morning, Feb. 19, to hear pleadings of a motion to dismiss a suit filed for an injunction to stop the holding of a giant rock music festival in the Giant City area, planned for May 8, 9 and 10. Judge Rodney A. Scott, Decatur, who has been appointed to hear all court action on the controversial issue, ruled that the suit can stand, and denied the request for the motion to dismiss the suit.

Four men were inducted into the Armed Services Thursday, Feb. 19, from the Union County area. Eight went for physical examinations on the same date.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Minton Sr., Jonesboro, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary February 22 at the home of their youngest son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Minton, Marion.

Due on Saturday, March 7, is a total eclipse of the sun, with the Southeastern part of the United States in the path of the total eclipse, and all other parts of the country experiencing various degrees of partial eclipse. The solar eclipse of the sun will occur at approximately 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Central time, Saturday, March 7, in the Union County area.

A membership drive will be held through the months of March and April for the Mental Health Association of Union County.

The Union County area experienced a variety of temperature recordings during the past week, when a high of 62 was recorded Wednesday, Feb. 18, and a low of 16, Friday, Feb. 20.

The World War I Auxiliary of Barracks 344 held their

regular monthly meeting February 22 at 2:00 p.m. in the American Legion Home.

The Senior Citizens of the Union County Housing Authority met at noon last Wednesday, Feb. 18, for their monthly Potluck dinner.

From the Mountain Glen news: Today (Monday) has been a beautiful, warm, spring like day, which I am sure every one has enjoyed. Hope we have many now. Although the weather man says rain again soon.

From the Barringer news: It was very foggy early this morning. Have you heard the rumors about how many feet of snow we are supposed to have in March?

From the Nubbin Ridge news: Bad weather makes news scarce.

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Union County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Award Winners

The winners were recognized at the Union County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development's fifth annual gala. The gala was held in January at The Davie School Inn in Anna.



**Chamber MVP
Debby McKibben**



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Debby McKibben named Director MVP

By Benjamin Marxer

Every year, the Union County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development chooses one of its members to honor with a special award in recognition of their hard work throughout the year and devotion to the expansion of the business interests of the region.

Selected by the organization's board of directors, the Director MVP award is granted annually for "outstanding vision, dedication and commitment to excellence."

This year, the Union County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development named Debby McKibben as the recipient of the Director MVP award.

McKibben was announced as the winner of the award at the organization's fifth annual gala event, held at the Davie School Inn in Anna on Jan. 18.

"I was very honored to receive this award," said McKibben. "I look forward to the next year since the Union County Chamber of Commerce and Union County Economic Development have merged. We will work hard to benefit our community."

In addition to her work for the cham-



Director MVP

Debby McKibben was named as the recipient of the Union County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development's Director MVP award. The annual award is given by the directors for a member who demonstrates outstanding vision, dedication and commitment to excellence. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

ber of commerce, McKibben is a dedicated broker for Shawnee Hills Real Estate, which was also honored at the event, winning the award for best new business.



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Union County Market: Most improved business of year

By Benjamin Marxer

Sam O'Neal and his Jonesboro-based Save-A-Lot store has been a supermarket mainstay in the area for over two decades.

Which is why it surprised so many people last summer to see the doors of the store locked, the windows covered, and the sign taken down.

But the closing was only temporary, and after a whirlwind 10-day remodeling job, the store was reopened and rebranded as Union County Market.

The transformation was more than a mere name change, however.

With a new warehouse distributor, the options that Union County Market could carry increased exponentially, allowing them to offer customers access to a much wider variety of products to choose from.

"We were daily telling people, 'no we can't get that,'" said O'Neal at the reopening. "We feel like now that will change."

The upgrades and product option expansions were well received by both store regulars and new customers alike.

Store manager Tom Flesch noted that since the reopening, he's been seeing a lot of new faces among their regular customers.

"People are really happy that we have a wider selection now," said Flesch, "and that they can get everything at one location instead of having to rush across town to pick up something else."

In recognition of the thorough remodeling and rebranding the business underwent, as well the improvements and expanded options they brought to their customers, area business leaders honored Union County Market with a special recognition.

At its fifth annual gala, the Union County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development presented Union County Market with the business improvement of the year award. The ceremony was held Jan. 18, 2020 at the Davie School Inn in Anna.

Union County Market is located at 603 E. Broad St. in Jonesboro. They are open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.



A new chapter

A banner was placed at the new Union County Market store in August 2019. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.



Ribbon cutting

A ribbon cutting was held to celebrate the opening of Union County Market in mid-August 2019. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.



Most improved business

Union County Market manager Tom Flesch stands among his store's stocked shelves with the most improved business award presented by the Union County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development. Formerly Save-A-Lot, the establishment underwent a massive rebranding, reopening in the summer of 2019 with a new name, a new look and a full range of new products and options available. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

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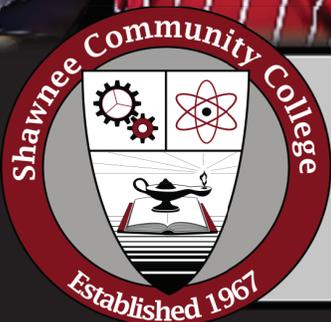
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A.W. Walter was first president of the bank and was succeeded in 1934 by P.M. West who held the position for many years.

The bank continued to operate in the two-story brick structure through the 1960s when planning began for a new, modern facility. Richard P. Vicenzi became executive vice president in 1968 and in 1970 was named president of the bank, a position he held until his retirement in 2002.



1930s

The new structure which currently houses bank operations was completed in 1972 and has undergone renovations in 1982 and 1991.

Jonathan D. Vicenzi was named bank president in 2002. Current members of the board of directors are Collin G. Boyd, Donald W. Denny, Christopher S. Boyd, Willard C. Cunningham, Jonathan D. Vicenzi, Richard P. Vicenzi, Jr. and Dr. Charles W. Haire. Officers

are Jonathan D. Vicenzi, president; David C. Carter, senior vice president; Gregory D. George, vice president; Jennifer Chapman, cashier; Kristen Williams, head bookkeeper; Brent Goforth, loan officer; Sonia Chandler, head teller. The bank has 21 staff members.

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Best new business

The Shawnee Hills Real Estate team was honored as the recipients of the best new business award by the Union County Commerce Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development. Pictured here with their award, the business's five dedicated brokers are, from left, Kristen Stegle, Debby McKibben, Nancy Watkins, Jaime Watkins and Lisa Tomazzoli. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

Shawnee Hills Real Estate: Best new business

By Benjamin Marxer

Shawnee Hills Real Estate opened in the summer of 2019 on the square in Jonesboro, vowing to be the premiere real estate agency in the region.

The agency's grand opening mission statement plainly laid out their plans to fulfill their promise: "With over 25 years combined experience, we can handle any real estate needs you may have, while introducing our new talent with fresh ideas."

Crediting unparalleled sales and service to the surrounding communities as the source of their success, the agency's five dedicated brokers, Nancy Watkins, Debby McKibben, Lisa Tomazzoli, Jaime Watkins and Kristen Stegle, have wasted no time in making a big impact on the real estate market.

"What we've done in six months is almost unbelievable," said broker Debby McKibben.

"We all worked very hard ever since we started," added managing broker and

owner Nancy Watkins, "and we haven't slowed down."

"We would like to say thank you Union County and surrounding counties for their overwhelming support," said Watkins. "And we look forward to serving them for many years to come."

In recognition of their dedication and success, Shawnee Hills Real Estate was chosen as the new business of the year by the Union County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development.

This achievement was a big win and a point of pride for the agency. "We were thrilled," said Watkins. "We were honored beyond words."

The award was presented to the agency at the fifth annual Union County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development gala on Jan. 18.

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Rendleman Orchards named business of the year

Rendleman Orchards in Alto Pass is the Union County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development business of the year.

Rendleman Orchards was honored at January's fifth annual gala hosted by the Union County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development.

A plaque was presented to the Alto Pass business in recognition of the special achievement.

Rendleman Orchards began in 1873, when John and Isabelle Rendleman bought and established the original 88 acre family farm raising chickens, cows and corn for livestock.

Over the course of more than a century, the small family farm has grown and developed into a modern day agricultural enterprise while maintaining its identity as a family farm.

With each subsequent generation, the farm grew and evolved.

John and Isabelle's youngest son Grover and his wife Iva assumed the farm in 1906, raising asparagus, rhubarb, sweet potatoes and corn for his truck farming operation.

Grover also began to develop a fruit farming business with the strong influence of his wife's family, who were prominent area fruit farmers at that time.

Union County was known for being the largest peach producing area in the state of Illinois.

Peach orchards could be seen on at least one side of the road all the way from Bald Knob Cross to nearby Anna...a distance of 18 miles.

As Grover's children grew, he and his son James (Jimmy), formed Grover Rendleman and Son, and by the late 1930s had expanded the original farm to include 540 acres.

Despite the fact that many local fruit growers discontinued growing peaches all together, Grover Rendleman and Son continued operating as they had for the previous 20 years with peaches as their mainstay and summer apples as merely a supportive crop.

The year 1946 saw the premature death of Wayne P. Sirles, Grover's son-in-law.

Consequently, Grover's daughter Helen moved back home to the farm with her children: one of whom was 5 year old Wayne Rendleman "Ren" Sirles.



Business of the year

Wayne and Michelle Sirles of Rendleman Orchards, which has been honored as the business of the year by the Union County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development.

Ren grew up showing an interest in the family business, working full days during harvest when he was 10 years old.

The interest led him back to the farm after college to work alongside his grandfather and uncle.

Ren and his wife, Betty, had two children as the 1960s ushered in a plethora of advancements for the farm.

The old-fashioned Elberta peaches, once the standard, were phased out as newer varieties with more flavor and better color were developed.

New apple varieties were also planted in anticipation of the future market de-

mands, and a new apple grader was implemented to pack the fall apples with more accuracy and ease.

The farm's first cold storage facility was added and the farm began hydro cooling the peaches as they came in from the fields.

The harvest was then handled by large bulk bins and forklifts rather than by simply manpower.

When Grover died in 1968, Grover Rendleman and Son had become one of the largest peach growers in the state at 540 acres.

Within a few years, Jimmy and Ren formed their own partnership while Helen

retired from teaching to assume many of the daily secretarial, payroll and book-keeping responsibilities and Betty also left teaching to enter the business as a full-time crew boss during the harvest months. The farm was still truly a family enterprise.

With Jimmy's death in 1979, Ren took over the operation himself and Grover Rendleman and Son became Rendleman Orchards Inc. with Ren as president.

The next (nearly) four decades have seen the farm grow to slightly beyond 800 acres.

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As the Phillips family begins their 14th year in business, they would like to express their gratitude for the outpouring of support they have received from the community.

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Anna's Martha Ann Webb honored as citizen of year

Martha Ann Webb of Anna is the Union County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development citizen of the year.

The longtime Anna City Council member was saluted at January's fifth annual gala hosted by the Union County Chamber of Economic Development.

A plaque was presented to Webb for being named as the citizen of the year.

The plaque saluted Webb for "outstanding leadership and superior performance" and recognized her for "a record of outstanding accomplishments."

Webb is retired from service at the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna.

For many years, Webb has written the Anna News column which appears in The Gazette-Democrat.

The Anna News helps to keep many people in touch with what is happening in the community, both here at home and far away.

She remains dedicated to the community and its people. In addition to her service on the Anna City Council, Webb is an active member of many other local organizations.

During her last successful bid for a position on the Anna City Council, Webb declared that it is an honor to represent the city and promote issues that she believes will benefit the most people.

Webb said she works to "listen to the people" and is concerned for my neighbors and what is going on around them."

The citizen of the year noted that she has made it her goal to "be present at as many public functions as possible. You can usually see me at most community events."

That dedication to the community and its people was noted in a tribute shared by Lynn Steveson in the Anna News column after Webb had been named as the citizen of the year:

"Martha, as author of this column can't toot her own horn, so I will toot it for her.

"She has been named as citizen of the year by the local chamber of commerce.

"She certainly deserves it. Martha not only spends countless hours each week gathering news for her Anna News column, but she makes it a point to attend almost every important event in Union County and take pictures.

"She also serves Anna on the city council. Martha truly loves the town and area



**Citizen of the year
Martha Ann Webb of Anna
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she was born and raised in, and raised her own family in.

"Congratulations, Martha, you truly are the citizen of the year."

In the Anna News, Webb voiced her gratitude for being named as citizen of the year:

"I would like to say a very special thanks to the chamber and economic development for honoring me with citizen of the year. Thank you all very much.

"Most of you who know me know what is most important to me: my faith, my family and my friends.

"The next most important thing to me, has always been my community.

"I have always worked hard to promote what I feel will make our community the best it can be for all our citizens.

"Thank you for this award. I regard it with honor, and am grateful for your confidence in me."

Webb's special recognition also was noted at a regular meeting of the Anna City Council which was held in January. She was given a round of applause by those in attendance at the meeting.

"It was quite an honor," Webb said about receiving the award. "I appreciate it."



Guest speaker

Martha Ann Webb was guest speaker on citizenship at the Lick Creek 4-H Club meeting at the Anna Extension building in January.

Rendleman Orchards

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1980s, the extra land came largely from neighboring farms that were not able to survive.

The extra land was put into peach and nectarine production. Ren was an exceptional peach grower and knew there would always be a market for them if he could keep raising them.

Also during this time, Ren and Betty formed a cooperative with the other large farmers in the area to collectively market their apples for juice and processing, which would be a partnership that lasted nearly 16 years.

In 1990, Ren and Betty's son, Wayne, returned to the farm and began working full-time alongside his parents.

With the addition of Wayne, Rendleman Orchards added vegetable production to the mix to both diversify and extend the growing season to help satisfy seasonal labor demands, all while peach production acres continued to grow too.

The addition of vegetables was perfect at this time when people began to eat much healthier and the fresh market really opened up.

By the late 1990s, there were more larger chain grocery stores and their buying habits demanded that fruits and vegetables be graded more accurately. This led to the addition of a computerized packing line and enhanced packing shed setup.

The early 2000s brought yet another change in consumer trends with the increased desire for specialty items and

experiences from customers when visiting the farm.

In the summer of 2002, Rendleman Orchards Farm Market was opened to provide customers with a true destination on their visit to the orchard and a way to purchase our fresh fruits and vegetables alongside many other featured family recipe and specialty products.

To continue supporting consumer demands, Rendleman Orchards implemented GAP (Good Agricultural Practices) to become food safety and traceability certified beginning in 2010. The farm was one of two in the state of Illinois to begin completing the rigorous food safety audits by this time.

In 2013, Wayne's wife, Michelle, joined the family business full-time.

Since then, the farm market has not only expanded in product offerings and customer reach, but also with a second location in Cape Girardeau, plus the addition of several signature seasonal events and U-Pick pumpkins, sunflowers, and zinnias.

Also, to accommodate the continuing seasonal labor struggle, the farm has begun using the H2-A government program to secure labor so that the farm can continue supporting the delicate hand-harvest method that produces such quality fruits and vegetables.

Currently, Wayne and Michelle have assumed primary leadership of the farm. They are the sixth generation of Rendlemans to work this farm with their daughters, Hilary and Audrey.

(This history is featured on the Rendleman Orchards website.)

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Southern Seven Health Department and Head Start Through the Years

Public Health has had a presence in the southern seven counties in Illinois for about 75 years. In 1945 the Bi-County Defense Zone Health Department was created for Alexander and Pulaski counties and was approved by vote of local residents in 1946. Later that same year, residents of Johnson, Massac, Pope and Hardin counties voted and passed a referendum to create the Quadri-County Health Department.

In 1958, again by vote of the people, Union County established the desire to have a health department and was invited to join the Bi-County Health Department to form the Tri-County Health Department. Nearly 20 years later, the two departments consolidated, mainly due to economy, to form the current Southern Seven Health Department on July 1, 1979. In 2019, Southern Seven celebrated its 40th anniversary of service in 2019 to the region.

Southern Seven Health Department covers the largest geographic region in Illinois. Its jurisdiction, which includes the lower seven counties in Illinois, is 2,003 square miles, approximately the size of the State of Delaware, and serves more than 65,000 people.

There are many programs that make up Southern Seven. Each county it serves has its own public health clinic that serves as a resource for immunizations, TB testing, sexually transmitted disease and HIV/AIDS testing, genetics screening and childhood lead poisoning prevention. The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program aims to safeguard the health of low-income women, infants and children up to age 5 who are at nutritional risk by providing nutritious foods to supplement diets, information on healthy eating, and referrals to health care. The Family Case Management program provides health and dental assessments and can help families find physicians, specialty care, or Illinois medical coverage.

Southern Seven is very unique in the fact that it is the administrator for the Head Start program in the southern seven region, and has been since 1993. A home-based option was added in 1996 and Early Head Start services were added in 2002. Today, children 6 weeks to 5 years are receiving school readiness and social skills that include language, literacy, and concept development. Children also receive health and development screenings, nutritious meals, oral health and mental health support.

Protecting the environment is a top priority with Southern Seven. Through its Environmental Health Services division, communities stay healthy and safe by way of food inspections, septic inspections and well water checks. Vector control involves working closely with outside

agencies, such as the Illinois Department of Public Health, to acquire methods to monitor and control the spread of disease from insects, ticks, rats, mice, birds and other animals to humans.

The Department's Community Wellness and Health Education division is dedicated to promoting individual health, healthy communities and healthy environments. Southern Seven's CATCH (Coordinated Approach to Child Health) program is part of the Illinois "CATCH on to Health" Consortium that promotes health and physical activity in schools to prevent and reduce childhood obesity in pre-kindergarten through 8th graders. Teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infection prevention, diabetes prevention and tobacco prevention are all programs that improve quality of life.

When it comes to disease prevention, education is the driving force at Southern Seven Health Department. This has been seen most recently through their Fecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) program. With FIT patients 50 and older, who haven't had a colonoscopy in 10 years, can be screened at home for possible colon cancer through a no-prep test that detects blood in stool with a 99-plus percent accuracy. Colorectal cancer is a major health concern for Southern Seven as the entire service is located within one of three colorectal cancer "Hotspots" in the United States. That means that incidence and mortality rates are very high in Southern Illinois. Kits are available free with qualified insurance if returned within 10 days of pickup; and are available at each Southern Seven Public Health Clinic.

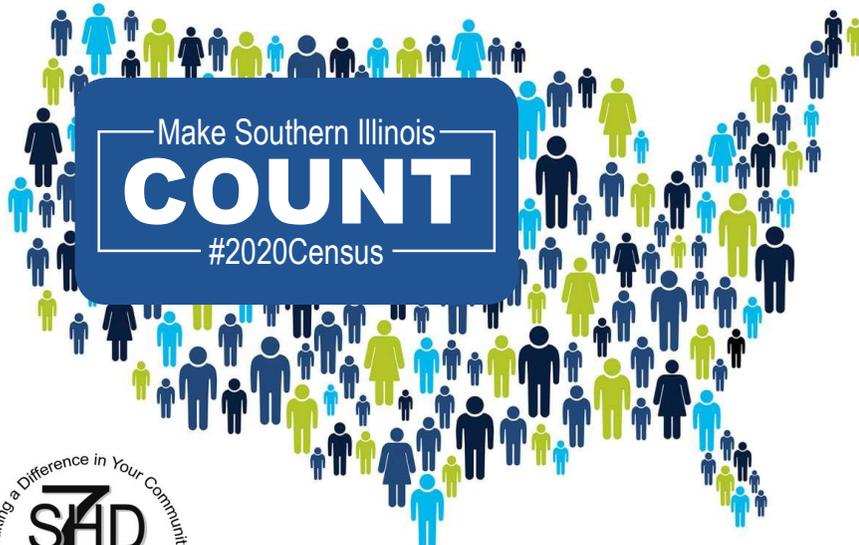
Along with prevention, Southern Seven is driven by preparedness. The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a group of locally organized healthcare and non-healthcare volunteers that work to strengthen the health and safety of the community. The MRC identifies, credentials, trains and prepares volunteers to respond to emergencies that affect the Southern Seven region.

In 2019, Southern Seven Health Department and Head Start received a grant from the Illinois Public Health Association and the U.S. Census Bureau to ensure a complete count on the 2020 Census in the lower seven counties. An accurate count of the Census provides a snapshot to the Southern Seven region that affects, among other things, how much funding the communities receive. Over the next few months, Southern Seven will be welcoming residents to complete their Census reporting at special events and locations.

To learn more about Southern Seven Health Department and Head Start, visit them online at southern7.org, on Facebook and on Instagram, or call 618-634-2297.

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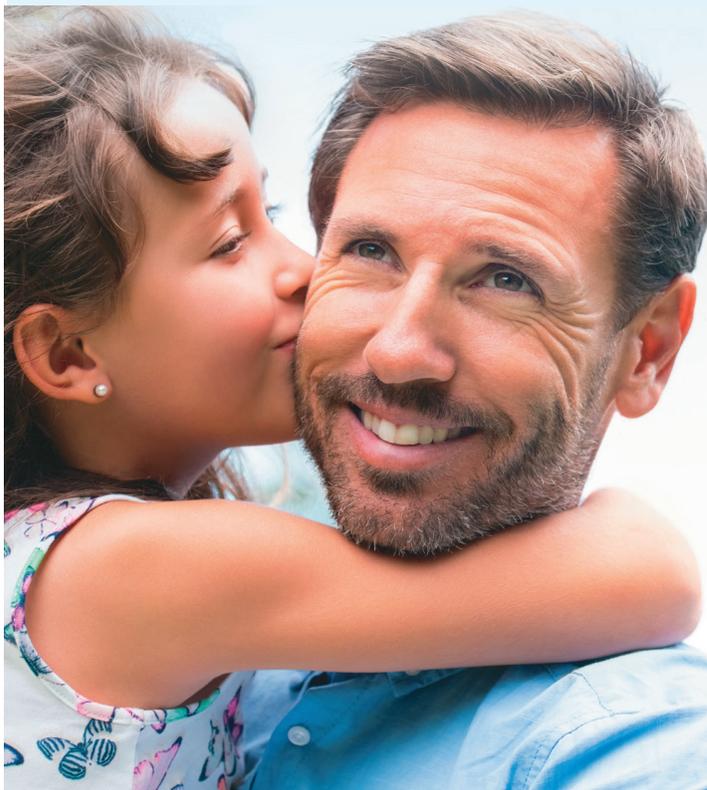
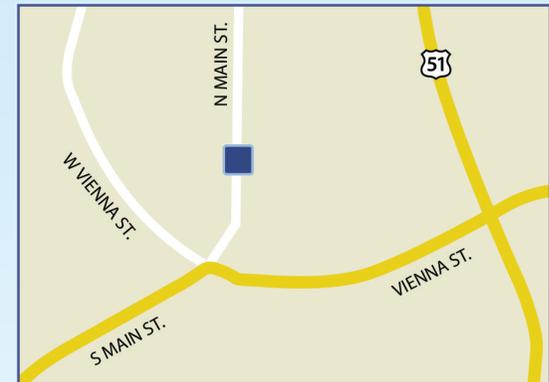
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