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## News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all of our readers on March 17.

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In the for whatever it's worth category: spring begins on Wednesday, March 20.

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A career fair is planned Wednesday morning, March 20, at Shawnee Community College near Ullin.

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A display of blue lights is planned on the Jonesboro Square to help promote the upcoming production of "Disney's Little Mermaid" at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

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The Southern Seven Child Abuse Prevention Coalition is welcoming nominations to honor individuals as Champions for Great Childhoods.

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A hunter education course is planned Friday and Saturday, March 15-16, at the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna.

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The 2019 Annabelle Festival is planned June 8-9 in downtown Anna.

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The Pope and Young Club reported online that a world record non-typical white-tailed deer had a final score of 327 7/8. The deer was harvested in Illinois during the 2018 archery season.

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The Illinois Emergency Management Agency notes that March 11-15 is Flood Safety Awareness Week.

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Illinois State Police District 22 is planning to conduct roadside safety checks during March in Pulaski County.

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Shawnee Community College hosted a Saints Read celebration on Saturday, March 2.

## Downpours on Saturday bring street flooding

Last Saturday's weather in the Union County area was highlighted by downpours and street flooding.

Fog, strong winds and lightning also were part of Saturday's weather in the county.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah early last Saturday afternoon issued an urban and

small stream flood advisory for Union, Pulaski, Massac, Johnson and Alexander counties in Southern Illinois.

The weather service reported that at 12:39 p.m. Saturday, trained weather spotters reported street flooding in Anna due to thunderstorms.

By that time on Saturday,

up to an inch of rain had already fallen in the Union County area.

Shortly after noon on Saturday, the weather service also issued a severe thunderstorm warning for southeastern Union County and western Johnson County.

At 12:14 p.m. Saturday, a severe thunderstorm was

located near Dongola. The storm was moving northeast at 60 miles per hour.

One of the hazards associated with the storm was the potential for 60 mph wind gusts.

The storm which prompted the warning weakened to below severe limits by 12:24 p.m., the weather service reported.

Parts of Southern Illinois (including Union County), Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky also were under a wind advisory until 9 p.m. Saturday.

The weather service reported that sustained winds of 20 to 30 mph, with gusts up to 45 mph, were possible.

## 50 mph wind gusts in forecast

Union County residents may have had to start bracing themselves for very strong wind gusts beginning on Wednesday and continuing on Thursday, today.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah early this week reported on its website that the strong winds would be the result of a strong low pressure system which was expected to start tracking across the Central Plains states up into the Great Lakes on Wednesday and Thursday, today.

Southerly winds were expected to strengthen by Wednesday afternoon with gusts of up to 30 to 40 miles per hour in Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky.

"Even stronger winds are expected on Thursday," the weather service advised.

Sustained southwest winds of 20 to 30 mph were in the forecast for today.

Gusts of 45 to 55 mph are likely, the weather service warned.

The weather service was advising area residents to secure outdoor objects.

With such strong winds blowing, trees and tree branches may fall. High-profile vehicles will be difficult to drive. Dangerous conditions were expected on area lakes.



### More heavy rain, more flooding

Heavy rainfall once again resulted in flooding in the 500 block of East Vienna Street in Anna last Saturday afternoon. The location frequently floods during downpours. The picture was taken at about 2:30 p.m.

## Flood warning again issued for Mississippi

A flood warning once again has been issued for the Mississippi River in Southern Illinois and Southeast Missouri.

The National Weather Service office in Cape Girardeau reported Monday on its website that the flood warning would go into effect:

- From Wednesday morning until further notice at Cape Girardeau.

- From late Wednesday night until further notice at Thebes.

Runoff from heavy rainfall and melting snow over the northern portions of the Mississippi River Valley will cause minor flooding to develop on the Mississippi River at Cape Girardeau and Thebes, the weather service reported.

Minor flooding initially was in the forecast for both locations. The outlook was upgraded to moderate flooding late Tuesday morning.

Flood warnings have been issued on and off for

weeks for the Mississippi River.

Union County is bordered on the west by the Mississippi.

### Mississippi River at Cape Girardeau

At 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, the river's stage at Cape Girardeau was at 30.8 feet. Flood stage is 32.0 feet.

The forecast called for the river to rise above flood stage by early Wednesday morning, March 13, and to continue to rise. Additional rises are possible.

### Mississippi River at Thebes

At 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, the river's stage at Thebes was 31.5 feet. Flood stage is 33.0 feet.

The forecast called for the river to rise above flood stage by early Thursday morning, today, and continue to rise. Additional rises are possible.

Flooding also continues along the Ohio River in the Southern Illinois and Western Kentucky areas.

## Stopped freight train brings traffic to halt in Anna

Traffic came to a standstill early Thursday morning, March 7, in Anna after a freight train had to come to a stop in the Union County community.

Brake issues on one of the train's cars was reported to have been the reason for the stop.

The train stopped at a point where railroad crossings throughout Anna were blocked just as people were heading to work and

students were heading to school at around 8 a.m. The car was removed from the train.

With crossings in Anna blocked for some time, many motorists made their way to Boyd Road and Sadler Road, which was very busy.

At the same time, a crossing gate on South Main Street near the four-way stop in Anna sustained major damage when it was

struck by a pickup truck. The two incidents were reported to have been unrelated.

Railroad crews worked throughout the day last Thursday to repair the crossing gate.

The Anna Police Department reported that the pickup truck apparently experienced a mechanical failure before the vehicle struck the gate. No injuries were reported.

The blocked railroad crossings became a big challenge for Anna School District No. 37.

The district has school buildings on both sides of the track, including Lincoln School on one side and Anna Junior High School/Davie School on another side.

District 37 superintendent Chuck Goforth said that some students and staff members were late

as a result of the blocked crossings. The district has about 725 to 730 students and about 85 staff members.

The superintendent praised the work of staff members who were able to get to school on time.

"The staff that was here did a great job," he said. Goforth said that about one and a half to two hours passed before the final group of students made it to school.



### Damaged crossing gate

A railroad crossing gate along South Main Street in downtown Anna sustained major damage in an accident last week.



### Traffic at a standstill

Traffic was slowed to a standstill in Anna early Thursday morning, March 7, after a freight train had to stop due to brake issues. The photograph was taken at the South Main Street crossing, near the four-way stop.





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# Circuit clerk’s office participating in debt recovery program

The Union County circuit clerk’s office has implemented a new program which is helping to collect overdue fines and court costs.

The program also is generating revenue for the county.

The county is participating in the Local Debt Recovery Program, which offers local governments an opportunity to utilize the resources of the Illinois Office of the Comptroller to collect unpaid debt.

The comptroller’s office explains that through the program, unpaid debt can be collected for such matters as parking and red light tickets; utility bills, such as water and sewer costs; traffic fines, ordinance violations and court fees; and tuition and student fees.

Union County Circuit Clerk Tiffany Busby said that the process leading to the implementation of the new program began in mid-December of 2018 and was completed by Feb. 7.

The new program went active in the circuit clerk’s office on Feb. 15, when the first fees were collected.

Busby said, with pride, that the comptroller’s office shared that her office’s implementation of the program was done faster than had been seen by any other entity in Illinois.

At this time, the circuit clerk’s office is the only government entity in Union County which is participating in the program.

Training for the program involved online and hands-on sessions. Busby and

## Arrest made for burglary

The Anna Police Department reported that it made an arrest on Friday, March 1, in connection with a burglary in the Union County community.

The burglary occurred during the early morning hours of Sunday, Dec. 23, at an Anna business.

The suspect, identified as Keith A. Roach, 41, of Anna, was taken into custody by the Anna Police Department and transported to the Union County Sheriff’s Office in Jonesboro.

The police department reported that probable cause was found to take the suspect into custody following a review of recorded video surveillance material and cellular telephone data, which led to the obtaining of a search warrant.

circuit clerk’s office deputy clerk Emily Hartsock participated in the training.

Funding generated by the circuit clerk’s office from the time of the start-up on Feb. 15 through Feb. 28 totalled \$3,269.85, Busby said.

Busby said she was made aware of the program in the state comptroller’s office through Credit Collection Partners in Taylorville. The county began working with the firm in June of 2018.

Credit Collection Partners is helping the county to collect more than \$603,000 in overdue fines, court costs and fees. The overdue funds involve 1,000 court cases dating back to 2012.

The comptroller’s office explains that through the Local Debt Recovery Program, LDRP, it withholds unpaid debt from checks issued by the state. This process is known as an “offset.” The comptroller’s office also takes \$15 to \$20 fee from the debtor.

The comptroller’s office said that offsets can come from:

- Income tax refunds, which includes returns from individuals and businesses.
- A state employee’s paycheck (only a portion is withheld from each check).
- State vendor contracts.
- The lottery.

The process for collecting funds is outlined by the comptroller’s office and begins with a local entity, such as the Union County circuit clerk’s office, signing up with the LDRP.

The circuit clerk’s office submits outstanding debt claims to the Illinois Debt Recovery Offset Portal, IDROP.

Submitted debt must be less than seven years old from the date of final determination, greater than \$9.99, in a correct format and in accordance with an established notice process.

IDROP matches claims against state records. Matched records are submitted for an offset.

IDROP registers the offset, such as an income tax return and withholds the money.

The debtor has 60 days to file a protest regarding the action. If the debtor files a protest, the circuit clerk’s office responds. A hearing officer reviews evidence in the matter and then makes a ruling.

If no protest is filed, or if a protest is denied, then the money is transferred to the circuit clerk’s office.

# Anna Council hears project updates

Project updates – and a look to the future – were highlighted at last week’s regular meeting of the Anna City Council.

The meeting was Tuesday evening, March 5, at Anna City Hall.

City administrator Steve Guined presented a detailed report which included:

- An update on a 2018-2019 housing grant update.
- A 2019-2020 abandoned property program grant update.
- A 2019-2020 downtown improvement project.
- 2019-2020 economic development.
- 2019-2020 street improvements.
- Natural gas rate comparisons.
- 2019-2021 water improvement projects.

## 2018-2019 Housing Grant Update

Over the past several years, the City of Anna has applied for, and received, nearly \$1.2 million in funds for owner occupied housing improvement grants.

The funds are used in a targeted area approach to improve the overall appearance and home values in the targeted areas.

The most recent targeted area includes Grand, East and Grove avenues.

Applicants must qualify and be approved by an outside agency to participate in the program.

The most recent program includes seven homes. Three of the homes have been bid out and construction is set to begin. The balance should follow soon. The program should be completed this year.

## 2019-2020 Abandoned Property Program Grant Update

The City of Anna has applied for a \$75,000 grant to assist in the demolition of abandoned homes within the city limits.

The grant will assist the city in the expense of the costs associated with the abatement and demolition of abandoned properties.

The city has spent nearly \$250,000 over the last several years to demolish abandoned properties.

Once demolition work has been completed, the properties have been sold to new owners, donated to Habitat for Humanity or are in the process of being sold.

The city has identified several properties through its code enforcement program which are seen as excellent candidates for the program. The code enforcement program falls under the responsibility of the police and fire departments.

The city administrator recommended that the city council continue to focus on

## Anna police activity report issued

The Anna Police Department has issued an activity report for the month of February.

Highlights from the report follow:

82 adult verbal warnings issued. 16 adult written warnings issued. 168 radio/officer initiated calls. 178 phone initiated calls. 23 walk-in initiated calls.

Four traffic misdemeanor arrests. 10 warrant arrests. One traffic felony arrest.

Nine criminal felony arrests. Two criminal juvenile arrests. One civil law violation arrest. 11 criminal misdemeanor arrests. 42 traffic citation arrests.

ways to improve the abandoned property program.

He noted that the quality and availability of adequate housing is an important component to the long-term development of the City of Anna.

## 2019-2020 Downtown Improvement Project

The multi-year downtown improvement project involves sidewalk and street beautification.

Phase I of the project involved work on West Davie Street. The project consisted of new sidewalks, construction of a new street, new street lighting, parking lot improvements and green spaces.

Phase II involved work on Main Street, from Davie Street to Jefferson Street. The project included new sidewalks, handrails and green spaces.

Phase III involved work on East Davie and Lafayette streets. The project also included new handrails, street lighting, sidewalk improvements and green spaces. It also included new road resurfacing.

Phase IV work is scheduled for this summer and fall. The project is slated to include sidewalk replacement and repairs along North and South Main streets. This is the smallest of the projects.

The cost of Phase IV is expected to be \$75,000. The project will be funded by a \$50,000 grant and \$25,000 in special project funds.

Once Phase IV is completed, the city will have spent nearly \$1.75 million on the downtown projects.

This was completed with a combination of grant funds, state funds and city special project funds. No money was borrowed and no property tax increases were incurred.

## 2019-20 Economic Development

The report focused on the development of qualified Opportunity Zones, a recently enacted federal program which is designed to serve as a catalyst for economic development in low-income communities by investing in Qualified Opportunity Funds.

The report also focused on the history of the Anna Business Park. The business park is located in east Anna, along Illinois Route 146/East Vienna Street.

The city acquired the property that is currently being developed as the Anna Business Park in two separate purchases.

Phase One involved the front 10 acres of the park, which were acquired and developed with a combination of city and grant funds. All available property in Phase One has been sold.

Phase Two involved the back 20 acres, which have had minimal development.

The city has applied for a \$50,000 grant. The city has been notified that it has been selected to receive the grant. Work on a service road extension to serve the

back 20 acres is slated to begin in 2019-2020.

## 2019-2020 Street Improvements

**Motor Fuel Tax Funded Projects:** The city has earmarked \$168,000 in the 2019-2020 operating budget for various street paving projects.

This will be in conjunction with \$150,000 which was spent last summer to pave several streets and parking lots.

**Joint Illinois Department of Transportation/City Projects:** The city has approved a joint agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation to repave Main Street from the railroad tracks to the square in Jonesboro.

The total cost of the project will be \$862,500. The state will contribute \$849,500. The city will contribute \$13,000. The work is slated for this summer.

## City-Wide Asphalt Patching Program:

The city has proposed a budget of \$100,000 for miscellaneous asphalt patching to be done throughout the city. This will be funded through the city’s special projects budget.

## Gas Rate Comparison

The city administrator presented a review of natural gas rates for years dating back to 2008-2019.

The review showed that base rates have consistently dropped over the years, which is reflected in what customers pay.

“This is something that we’re really proud of,” the city administrator noted.

## 2019-2012 Water Improvements Projects

The city has been working on a multi-phase water improvement project for several years.

The initial phase was the addition of a 500,000 gallon ground storage tank. This storage, along with the city’s elevated 200,000 gallon water tower, provided the necessary storage to meet daily storage requirements established by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, IEPA.

In addition, the city made other water system improvements, including some key water pump replacements. This project was funded by a 75 percent loan forgiveness grant, with the remaining 25 percent paid by a low interest loan from the IEPA.

The next project involves work which is estimated to cost \$917,000. The project involves water main improvements, rehabilitation and painting of the 200,000 gallon water tank and replacement of valves and hydrants. This project will be funded by a 75 percent loan forgiveness grant, with the remaining 25 percent again paid by a low interest loan from the IEPA. The work is scheduled for completion in 2021.

## Other Business

In other business at last week’s meeting:

Anna resident Michael Bigler was present to share his thoughts about the city’s plans regarding the hiring of administrative personnel: a new city administrator and assistant city administrator.

Bigler is a former member of the city council. He is a candidate for election to the council in the April election.

One aspect of Bigler’s concern focused on the length of the process involved in the hiring of a new city administrator.

He also voiced concerns about the hiring of new administrative personnel at a time when the city council could face significant turnout in light of the April election.

Long-time city administrator Steve Guined has announced his plans to permanently retire from the post. He continues to work for the city on a contractual basis.

Mayor Steve Hartline said that the city is carefully going through the hiring process. The mayor noted that it is important to find qualified employees in light of the recent retirements of employees who filled six key administrative posts.

Bigler said that he hopes whatever action is taken will not hamstring the new city council.

The city council voiced support for upcoming Child Abuse Prevention Month activities which are being planned in April in the community.

The city council approved plans for a National Day of Prayer service which is planned on May 2 at the Anna City Park.

A resolution for the city’s Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget was approved. The new fiscal year begins on May 1.

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# School sales tax issue on April ballot

**By Benjamin Marxer**

At this year’s April 2 election, Union County voters will get the opportunity to decide on a ballot resolution to seek a 1 percent sales tax increase in Union County to be used exclusively for school facility purposes.

The increase would raise the Union County base sales tax from 7.5 percent to 8.5 percent.

The proposal was able to make it on to the 2019 ballot with the approval of at least 50 percent of the county school boards.

Funds from the initiative would be available to all seven of Union County’s public school districts.

Money raised from the tax could be used exclusively for the building or repair

of school facilities. Projects available include the construction of new facilities, additions and renovations, roof repairs, fire prevention and safety additions.

Funds can also be used to refund bonds or abate property taxes levied to pay bonds issued for capital purposes.

“The quality of schools in a community are a major consideration when parents are deciding where to move their families to,” said Anna-Jonesboro Community High School District No. 81 superintendent Rob Wright.

“I also believe our students are just as deserving as our neighbors are in regards to having the best educational opportunities and experiences available to them.”

School expenses like operating costs or facility salaries cannot be funded by this program.

Several items would be excluded from the proposed sales tax increase, including cars, boats, RVs, mobile homes, over-the-counter medicine and vitamins, unprepared food and farm equipment. Services will also not be included, and items that are not currently taxed will remain untaxed.

The ordinance will pass with a simple majority of votes from the electorate. With approval by the voters, the tax will be levied. If passed, districts will receive funds monthly beginning roughly four months after going into effect.

“It is estimated that close to one million dollars would be generated through the tax that would be distributed among the seven Union County school districts based upon the enrollments

numbers,” Wright said.

“This would enable the school districts to proceed with repairs or projects that have been put on hold due to a lack of resources.”

Proponents of the bill suggest that the passing of the ordinance can decrease property taxes by using sales tax funds to pay for facility projects that would have been paid for with property taxes.

A district can also choose to abate or decrease existing property taxes by using funds to pay off outstanding building bonds.

“Currently, property owners bear most of the burden when it comes to local revenues for schools,” Wright said.

“This would redistribute the burden across a wider range of people, including people from other counties that come here to shop.”

Several other counties in the area have passed similar county school facilities tax initiatives, including Jackson and Williamson counties.

“I can see how the 1 percent tax has transformed school facilities in neighboring counties when I visit for educational or extracurricular events”, Wright said.

**Town Hall Meeting Planned**

For voters who want to learn more about the proposal, a town hall meeting is scheduled for March 19 at 6 p.m. in the Anna-Jonesboro High School auditorium.

Superintendents from the school districts of Union County are scheduled to be on hand at the meeting to answer questions and give more detailed explanations of the plan and its effects

if passed.

“As someone who lives in this community, graduated from this school, and currently has grandchildren attending local schools, I believe that there is no better investment than in our kids and that those investments will pay great dividends in the future,” Wright said.

“I challenge every voter to become informed on this issue and how it will impact them, and then decide for themselves whether it is a worthy endeavor or not.”

**‘Just Like Me’ documentary to show at SIU**

“Just Like Me: Vietnam War Stories from All Sides,” a journey spanning decades and going around the world, is coming to Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

The movie, produced by SIU alumnus Ron Osgood, is scheduled to be shown at 6 p.m. on March 26 at the SIU Student Center Auditorium.

It’s free and everyone is welcome to attend the Emmy-winning documentary.

The film looks at the Vietnam War from all sides, revealing the perspectives of both American and Vietnam veterans as well as others affected by the conflict.

Osgood is a double alumnus of SIU. He is a Vietnam War veteran. Osgood is scheduled to be in attendance for SIU’s documentary showing.

# County officials hear about proposed county school sales tax measure

A proposed school sales tax vote was on the agenda at last week’s regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners.

The meeting was Friday morning, March 8, at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

A proposal for the levying of a 1 percent sales tax in Union County will be on the April 2 election ballot.

Should the proposal be approved, revenue generated by the tax would be used exclusively for school facility purposes in Union County.

Superintendents from four of the county’s seven public school districts attended Friday morning’s county board meeting.

School administrators at the meeting included Shelly Clover-Hill of Shawnee School District No. 84, Robbie Wright of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School District No. 81, Chuck Goforth of Anna School District No. 37 and Brent Boren of Lick Creek School District No. 16.

The sales tax levy would generate an estimated

\$85,000 a month for local school districts. Funds would be allocated to the districts based on enrollment numbers.

(Details about the proposed sales tax measure can be found in an accompanying story in this week’s paper.)

In other business at Friday’s meeting, regional superintendent of schools Cheryl Graff shared a quarterly update with county officials.

Graff serves as regional superintendent of schools for Union, Alexander, Jackson, Perry and Pulaski counties.

Graff said safety visits had been completed at all of the school buildings in the five counties.

The commissioners heard from a community member who asked that the board reconsider a plan to remove a recycling bin from county grounds. The bin is being removed due to costs. After hearing the request, county board chairman Max Miller said the matter would be taken under consideration.

# Weather

## High 67, low 12; 2.43 inches of rain

Temperatures ranged from a high of 67 degrees to a low of 12 during the period of March 5-11 in Union County.

Weather for the period also was highlighted by 2.43 inches of rain which fell on Saturday, March 9. Several periods of heavy downpours were recorded in Union County on Saturday.

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

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Tuesday, March 5	34	13
Wednesday, March 6	35	12
Thursday, March 7	41	25
Friday, March 8	49	35
Saturday, March 9	67	42
Sunday, March 10	54	41
Monday, March 11	53	34



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# Legislator sets office hours in Anna

State Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg, is planning to host mobile office hours in Anna.

Fowler represents the 59th District in Southern Illinois. Part of Union County is in the district.

The mobile office hours are scheduled from noon to 2 p.m. on Monday, March 18, at Anna City Hall. City hall is located at 103 Market St.

Members of the public are invited to attend the mobile office hour sessions and to bring their questions, voice their concerns and speak with Fowler and his district staff about issues that are important to the community.

# Union County Hospital awarded three-year term of accreditation in mammography

Union County Hospital in Anna has been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in mammography as the result of a recent review by the American College of Radiology, ACR.

Mammography is a specific type of imaging test that uses a low-dose X-ray system to examine breasts.

A mammography exam, called a mammogram, is used to aid in the early detection and diagnosis of breast diseases in women.

The ACR gold seal of accreditation represents the highest level of image quality and patient safety.

The gold seal is awarded only to facilities meeting ACR Practice Parameters and Technical Standards after a peer-review evaluation by board-certified physicians and medical physicists who are experts in the field.

Image quality, personnel qualifications, adequacy of facility equipment, quality control procedures and quality assurance programs are assessed.

The findings are reported to the ACR Committee on Accreditation, which subsequently provides the practice with a comprehensive report that can be used for continuous practice improvement.

“Maintaining our ACR accreditation isn’t an easy process, but it assures our community that we continue to meet the highest national standards for mammography services,” Union County Hospital CEO Jim Farris said in a news release.

The ACR, founded in 1924, is a professional medical society dedicated to serving patients and society by empowering radiology professionals to advance the practice, science and professions of radiological care.

The college serves more than 37,000 diagnostic/interventional radiologists, radiation oncologists, nuclear medicine physicians, and medical physicists with programs focusing on the practice of medical imaging and radiation oncology and the delivery of comprehensive health care services.

Information about scheduling a mammogram is available by contacting Union County Hospital’s Central scheduling department at 833-1030.

# Hess News

**By Glenn Heisner**

Upward basketball at Anna Heights ended Saturday. An awards celebration is planned at 6 p.m. March 16.

A youth mission fund-raiser is planned March 17 after each service at Anna Heights. Green desserts will be served.

Young at Heart will be March 19.

The Union County Saddle Club plans to have its annual St. Patrick’s Day meal at the Dongola community center at 6 p.m. on March 23. Visitors are welcome. Dwayne Sims will provide music.

March birthdays: Keith Livesay, March 10; Carol Duke, March 27; Andrew Heisner, March 29.

Anniversaries: Glenna and Allen Harris, March 9; Gary and Sue Hoskins, March 14.

**P.A.S.T. Annual Soup/Chili Supper and Dessert Auction at Historic St. Anne's Church**

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# Sports

## Shawnee coach sees pitching as key this spring for baseball team’s success

Shawnee High School baseball coach T.C. Schaefer is looking to pitching for success this spring.

“If our pitching holds up, I think we’ll compete,” Schaefer said. “Our infield is pretty good and we should have a pretty good defense this year.”

Handling the main pitching duties will be juniors Koby McLain and Ryan Schaefer.

Sophomores Devon Clendenin, Kaden Baltzell and Justin Kaufman could also add depth to the pitching and freshmen, who could see pitching action as well, are Braden Freeman and Christian Otte.

When not pitching, McLane will be at third base and Schaefer at either third base or shortstop.

Sophomores Clendenin could be in left field, Baltzell in center field and Kaufman at shortstop.

Freshmen Freeman could be at second base when not pitching and Otte either in the outfield

## Junior high players moving up, expected to contribute to Dongola softball success

The Dongola High School softball team will field a youthful team this spring.

“We’ll be young, but it won’t be necessarily rebuilding,” Dongola softball coach Barry Keller said. “We’ve got some players on the team who were pretty good in junior high last year.”

Several members of the Dongola junior high softball team last season advanced all the way to the Class 3 junior high school state tournament.

Some of the freshmen Keller will be counting on this season are shortstop Brooklyn Hogue, third baseman Melanie Altamirano, right fielder/utility player Jamie Anderson, center fielder Haley Ames and second baseman Madali Zazala.

There are no seniors on

## Two seniors to play key roles for Shawnee softball

First-year Shawnee High School softball coach Nathan Pitts is looking at the end of the season for big results for the Lady Reds.

“I’m hoping they do like they did in basketball and make a run in the regional,” Pitts said.

Pitts is looking at two seniors, pitcher Autumn McMahan and catcher/shortstop Lacy Persutti, to lead the team.

“Autumn throws hard and hits the right spots really well,” Pitts said. “I look for both of them to help lead the team. They’re like having coaches on the field.”

The other senior on the squad is outfielder Morgan Patterson.

A trio of juniors include first baseman Olivia Jackson, outfielder Kirsten Pitts and infielder/outfielder Jayclem Persutti.

Sophomores in the mix are infielder Mariah Faire, shortstop/catcher Hannah Sichling and outfielder Angela Dodson.

Freshmen hopefuls are pitcher/utility player Aut

or second base.

Other seniors are catcher Nick Rose and outfielder Austin Warren. Other juniors are right fielder Scott Schmebeman and outfielder Jeremiah Hale.

Other sophomore candidates are outfielder Josh Hammon and left fielder Charles Williams.

Three other freshmen who could contribute are outfielders Marshall McLane and Braden Holtman and utility player Lane Matlock.

The coach said he is encouraged by the turnout for this year’s team.

“We’ve got sixteen kids and that’s the most we’ve ever had,” he said. “They’re good kids and they are coming out and working hard.”

Schaefer feels the South Egyptian Conference race will have a lot of parity this spring.

Shawnee opens its spring season at home against Tuscola on Saturday, March 16.

the squad and only two juniors: catcher Megan Theis and first baseman Dailee Cummins.

Sophomores in the mix are left fielder Annabelle Durham; utility players Natasha Cosenza, Nichole Reed and Michelle Wolford; and pitcher Maddie Keller.

Keller, who was the main pitcher last season, will handle the pitching duties this season as well.

Keller feels the team has a lot of potential to score some runs.

In the South Egyptian Conference race, Keller sees the main contenders as Elverado, Cobden, Century and the Lady Demons.

Dongola was to have opened its season earlier this week against Meridian and plays Saturday, March 16, at home against Gallatin County.

umm Derosett and outfielder Alivia Bade.

The larger class schools has the coach a little concerned.

“We worry about playing bigger schools,” he said. “But once we get in conference, we hope to be competitive.”

Shawnee has a busy first week.

The Lady Reds open their season Monday, March 18, at Zeigler-Royalton and also play at Anna-Jonesboro on Wednesday, March 20, Trico on Thursday, March 21, and at home against Elverado Friday, March 22.

## SEC honors local players

The South Egyptian all Conference high school boys’ basketball team has been announced.

Cobden has three players who made the squad. Sophomore Noah Franklin made the first team, junior Joe Brumleve the second team and senior Zane Nance received honorable mention recognition.

# SIU men’s basketball coach to step down

ST. LOUIS, Mo. – Shortly after Southern Illinois University lost its men’s basketball game to Northern Iowa in the quarterfinals of the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament on Friday, 16-year league veteran coach Barry Hinson announced during a press conference that he would “step away” as head coach of SIU’s program.

Hinson’s postgame statement was posted online at [siusalukis.com](#):

“I’ve been coaching 38 years and I’ve been blessed to be a part of this conference for 16 years, and there’s nobody that loves the Valley more than I do.

“Each and every venue that I’ve ever coached in has just been outstanding.

“I got to serve nine years in Springfield, Missouri. It started off as Southwest Missouri and I was the last coach at Southwest Missouri and the first coach at Missouri State.

“I got a second chance to come back to the Valley when Mario Moccia hired me to be the basketball coach at Southern Illinois: just a great program, tradition-rich program.

“Last March, the Chancellor (the late Carlo Montemagno): we made a pact that if we didn’t go to the NIT or the NCAA, then it would be time for me to step away.

“I’ve had the most enjoyable year, believe it or not, being around these young men and being around my current athletic director Jerry Kill.

“I couldn’t be more excited right now for Saluki Athletics than what I am, because I know where it’s headed, I know who’s running the ship now, and I know we’ve had a lot of issues on campus and in Carbondale, but those issues are getting ready to go away.

“If you quote me on one thing, I’d like you to quote me on this: I am so sorry that we couldn’t get back to the Tournament. It’s haunted me my entire life.

“But I’m a man of faith. My dad taught me a long time ago, ‘I know not what my future holds, but I know Who holds my future.’

“I’ve made great friends, and these coaches in this league that I’ve made over these 16 years will be lifelong friends.

“The players that I’ve coached against and the players that I’ve had the opportunity to coach, and

## Dongola baseball needs more players

The Dongola High School baseball team has seven players on its roster and hopes to add more this week.

“I’m looking for more players interested in playing baseball,” Dongola coach Russell Gaddis said.

Seniors on the Dongola squad are first baseman/pitcher Charlie Duty, pitcher/infielder Billy Thomas and outfielder Nathan Williams.

There are no juniors. A trio of sophomores includes first baseman/infielder Alex Ames, pitcher/infielder/outfielder Hunter McCommons and infielder/outfielder Jacob Whitney. The lone freshman is outfielder Cameron Halthen.

Gaddis hopes to pick up enough players this week to field a full team. In case they fall short of numbers, the coach still plans to continue working out with the players who do show up.

# Saluki Sports Update

**By Fred Huff**

The Missouri Valley Conference postseason tournament never fails to produce good stories, but the 2019 meet may go down as one of the best...or worst, however you evaluate some of the happenings.

Topping the list for Saluki fans was Saluki coach Barry Hinson’s resignation announcement following SIU’s disappointing first-round loss to sixth-ranked Northern Iowa, 61-58.

Perhaps the result wasn’t a stunner, but, yes, it was a disappointment. Particularly the way the game played out.

Taking the Salukis’ 17-15 season into consideration, it wasn’t a total shock; however, fans were expecting more.

And Hinson’s announcement immediately following the game that he was throwing in the towel was like putting a second layer of icing on a one-layer cake.

Granted, it was the only positive happening for some disappointed Saluki basketball fans.

They had seen enough during the last few years and simply are ready for a change.

It definitely brought back a lot of memories of past basketball coaching moves and none are pleasant.

Perhaps it was the proper move for Saluki basketball. Only time will tell.

We personally will get over the loss to a so-so Northern Iowa team and probably Hinson’s departure.

However, we’ll never change our opinion of Hinson as a human being. He’s a good man.

It’s entirely possible that more meaningful accomplishments in another field than coaching is ahead for the guy. We sincerely hope so.

So now, SIU’s rookie athletics director Jerry Kill has an important assignment ahead of him. Hiring a men’s basketball coach.

And even though he’s already hired a new staff member or two, none have been of the importance or difficulty as replacing Hinson.

We have to assume that Kill will seek assistance and opinions of others who have been around the sport, basketball, a longer period of time. One thing we definitely do hope for.

Kill is the AD. Let the final decision be his and not a committee of 12 to 14 others who have inflated egos of their knowledge of the coaching game.

We can’t help but be reminded of more than 35

years ago when athletics director Gale Sayers’ effort to replace Joe Gottfried was rejected by others above him and was repeated just a few years later when then AD Lew Hartzog was attempting to hire a new coach to take over for Allen Van Winkle.

And, it’s a little interesting that both Sayers and Hartzog, just like Kill, had gained exceptional prominence in other sports.

Sayers, of course, is one of pro football’s greatest stars and Hartzog enjoyed an exceptional career as track and field coach while at Northeast Louisiana and SIU.

Also interesting is that both Sayers and Hartzog were adamant about hiring one-time prominent West Frankfort residents and coaches.

Sayers, had he been allowed to, would have hired Bobby Brown and Hartzog had already told George Iubelt that he would be taking over as SIU’s next basketball coach.

Brown had not, repeat *not*, been one of the three choices by a group of advisors and Sayers was told he could *not* hire the former West Frankfort prep ace unless he was one of the “advisors’” choices. True. I was in Gale’s office when he received the call.

The Hartzog/Iubelt incident was far more complicated. Hartzog even lost his job in the mess and was replaced by SIU administrator Dean Stuck, who absolutely was a competent replacement and given total authority by SIU president Al Somit.

That one worked as Stuck knew all about a high school coach named Rich Herrin, hired him to take over the basketball program and the rest is history.

After a brief rebuilding period, Herrin guided the Salukis to seven straight years of postseason tournaments: four (1989-1992) in the NIT and three (1993-1995) in the NCAA.

Yes, there is a lot of history involved in SIU’s basketball program and we’re about to have front-row seats to another chapter. We’re hoping for a happy ending.

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## Southern Illinois scouts join to celebrate Girl Scout Week

Celebration of the 2019 Girl Scout Week started March 10 and continues through March 16.

Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois are joining the annual celebration.

Girl Scout Sunday was March 10. The day was dedicated to giving Girl Scouts an opportunity to think about their beliefs and how they reflected in the Girl Scout Law.

The sisterhood of Girl Scouts was remembered on Monday, March 11.

Girl Scouts’ 107th birthday was celebrated on Tuesday, March 12.

March 13 was Girl Scout Spirit Day.

Thursday, today, is an opportunity to Do a Good

Turn Daily. Girl Scouts are asked to perform an act of kindness and to help make the world a better place.

Girl Scouts are invited to make their community a better place on Friday, March 15.

Saturday, March 16, will be commemorated as Girl Scout Sabbath day. Girl Scouts are invited to reflect on their own beliefs and to learn something new about someone else’s faith.

The Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois council serves approximately 10,007 girls and engages 3,686 adult volunteers. The council serves 40 1/2 counties in Southern Illinois, including Union County.

## Dongola Lutheran Parish Luther League Group plans upcoming activities

The Luther League Group of Dongola Lutheran Parish is planning many activities this spring.

The group consists of youth and young adults of St. John’s and First Lutheran churches.

The youth are raising money to attend Christian events, including a visit to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter in August.

**St. Patrick’s Dinner, Movie Night**

A St. Patrick’s dinner and movie night are planned at First Lutheran Church in Dongola at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 17.

After a traditional corned beef and cabbage meal, the movie “All Saints” is scheduled to be shown at 6:30 p.m.

All Luther League families are asked to bring an Irish-themed dessert for the dinner. Monetary donations will be accepted for the meal.

RSVP’s for the dinner were needed by March 10, but late RSVP’s can still be sent to [pamelarichteacher@yahoo.com](mailto:pamelarichteacher@yahoo.com).

The movie will begin at 6:30 p.m. The group will be selling concessions during the movie.

A drawing for a St. Patrick’s Day raffle basket will be held between the dinner and movie. Tickets are one for \$5 or three for \$10. Two Holiday World tickets and other green goodies are in the basket.

**Yard Sale Planned**

Luther League plans to host a yard sale on Saturday, May 4, at First Luther-

an Church in Dongola.

The parish is invited to drop off donated items for the yard sale throughout March and April in the church basement on Wednesday evenings during Lent or on Sunday mornings.

All proceeds will go to Luther League. Any items that are not sold will be donated to Share and Care or Bethany Village.

Luther League plans to have other raffles and silent auctions this spring and summer.

Information on how to donate an item is available by contacting Pamela Turner, Luther League sponsor, at [pamelarichteacher@yahoo.com](mailto:pamelarichteacher@yahoo.com) or P.O. Box 127, Dongola, Ill. 62926.

## Chicken, dumplings at Anna VFW

The Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 in Anna plans to serve a chicken and dumplings dinner on Friday, March 15.

Serving is planned from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the VFW post, which is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna.

Chicken and dumplings, corn, green beans, rolls, desserts, coffee and tea will be served for a donation of \$8.

The public is welcome. Carry outs will be available.

Star Karaoke is scheduled to be at the post from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m.



**Supporting A-JCHS Friends of the Theater**  
Jus10’s Frozen Yogurt in Anna had a fund-raiser on Friday, March 8, to help raise money for the Friends of the Theater at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. With the help of the community and members of the upcoming musical, “Disney’s The Little Mermaid,” Jus10’s was able to raise \$570. Photo provided.

## Union County Hospital receives four-star rating

Union County Hospital in Anna has received a four-star rating for quality and safety from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, CMS.

Union County Hospital is among the 29.2 percent of hospitals nationwide which earned a four-star rating.

CMS recently released overall hospital quality “star ratings” on its Hospital Compare website to provide consumers with more transparency regarding the quality, safety and service of the majority of hospitals in the United States.

Hospitals received ratings of one to five stars based on their performance across seven measurements: Mortality, safety of care, readmission, patient experience, effectiveness of care, timeliness of care and efficient use of medical imaging.

“We are proud of our rigorous approach to quality, safety and service,” Union County Hospital CEO Jim Farris said in a news release.

“Our dedicated clinical and support staff remain mission-focused on providing patient-centered care with excellence.

“Clinical care and service is a journey and we embrace transparency as we continue to fulfill our performance improvement goals.”

The four-star rating comes on the heels of other recent accolades for Union County Hospital.

In April 2018, the hospital received The Joint Commission’s Laboratory Accreditation.

In September 2018, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency accredited UCH’s Mammography Program.

The American College of Radiology accredited Union County Hospital’s

mammography program in October 2018.

The American College of Cardiology accredited Union County Hospital as a chest pain center in January 2017.

In March of that year, Union County Hospital received the Joint Commission’s hospital accreditation, as well as the commission’s laboratory accreditation.

The Illinois Department of Public Health certified Union County Hospital as an acute stroke ready hospital in May 2017.

“While no single rating can define an organization, the talent of its people or its culture, Union County Hospital is proud of this achievement,” Farris said.

“As always, Union County Hospital is grateful to nurses, physicians, staff and volunteers for their hard work, dedication and commitment that contributed to this achievement.”

## School pep band festival set at Dongola

The Dongola School Music Department is planning to host a Union County pep band festival on Thursday, today.

The festival is set to begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be in the school’s gymnasium.

Pep bands from Dongola, Cobden and Anna-Jonesboro high schools are scheduled to take turns performing sets from their repertoires.

Admission for the event will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. T-shirts and concessions will be available for sale.

Proceeds will go to support the music programs for the three schools.

## Jonesboro School awarded biodiversity field trip grant funds

More than 6,500 students will visit Illinois state parks, natural areas, museums and other natural resources sites this year to learn about nature and conservation thanks to grant funding through the Illinois Biodiversity Field Trip Grant Program.

Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, director Colleen Callahan on March 11 announced the awarding of more than \$88,000 in donated funds for 100 field trip grants. Winners represented 36 counties in the state, including Union County.

Jonesboro School has been awarded two of the grants, including:

Jonesboro Community Consolidated School District, Jonesboro. Grade: 8. Destination: Illinois State Museum and Adams Wildlife Sanctuary, Springfield. Grant award: \$1,340.

Jonesboro Grade School, Jonesboro. Grade: kindergarten. Destination: Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge, Marion. Grant award: \$528.59.

“We are pleased to be able to support learning outside the classroom with these grants,” Callahan said in a news release.

“This program allows students to visit locations throughout the state to see first-hand what they’ve been learning about in the classroom.

“Our future conservation leaders need the opportunity to experience Illinois’ natural resources in person.”

The entire \$88,815.13 being awarded for 2019 was made possible by private donations from the Independence Tube Corporation of Bedford Park, the Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Foundation of Skokie and the D. F. and M. T. Grohne Family Foundation of Wilmington.

The donations and funding for the grants are coordinated by the Illinois Conservation Foundation, ICF.

The Illinois Biodiversity Field Trip Grant Program has distributed more than \$1.19 million.

More than 110,000 stu-

dents have been provided with the opportunity to take part in a field trip since the program’s inception in 2001.

Grant recipients are located throughout Illinois and represent students from pre-kindergarten through high school.

The competitive grant program allows Illinois teachers to apply for funds to take students on a field trip to study Illinois’ biodiversity. Learning activities must directly relate to the school’s curriculum.

The annual application deadline is Jan. 31. Funding administered by the ICF covers expenses such as the costs of transportation and substitute teachers.

Information about the Illinois Biodiversity Field Trip Grant Program is available by contacting the IDNR’s Division of Education at [dnr.teachkids@illinois.gov](mailto:dnr.teachkids@illinois.gov) or 217-524-4126.

The Illinois Conservation Foundation accepts donations for the Illinois Biodiversity Field Trip Grant Program. Information is available online at [www.ilcf.org](http://www.ilcf.org).

A list of this year’s grant recipients can be found online at <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/education/Documents/IBFTG-Awardees2019.pdf>.

The 2020 application form will be available soon at <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/education/Pages/GrantsIBFTG.aspx>.

## Lincoln School screening set

Lincoln School in Anna is planning to have pre-kindergarten and kindergarten screening from noon to 5 p.m. on April 9.

Those who come for screenings are asked to enter through the school’s main entrance on Hendra Street.

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Academy plans to host dinner, auction

The Shawnee Hills Christian Academy in Anna is planning to have an annual spaghetti dinner and silent auction.

The dinner and auction are planned from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, April 5, at the Main Street Center, which is located at 400 S. Main St. in Anna.

The menu for the dinner will feature all you can eat spaghetti (regular and vegetarian), salad, garlic bread, desserts and drink.

Ticket prices will be \$8 for adults and \$4 for children ages 4 to 12. Children 3 and under are free.

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Watercolor painting program scheduled

A beginning watercolor painting with spring wildflowers program is planned from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 16, at the visitors center at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

Local artist Marie Samuel will present an introduction to using landscape and nature themes in watercolor painting.

The program is free; however, registration is required.

More information about the program, as well as registration for the watercolor painting program, are available by calling 618-457-4836.

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PAUL DON HILEMAN, Plaintiff, and KORENA FREE HILEMAN, Defendant No. 19-D-6

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Section B

## Career Fair at A-JCHS

Representatives from dozens of the region's employers, educational institutions and organizations gathered at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School for a Union County Career Fair. The career fair was held March 7 in the A-JCHS Union Hall gym. The event was open to all Union County high school students from grades 9 to 12. Photos by Benjamin Marxer.



Southern Illinois University had a big presence at the career fair, with several different tables offering information about the various programs which are available at SIU.



Anna-Jonesboro alum Kelli Wood returned to her alma mater as a representative of Edward Jones.



Kathy Bryan of Kiki's Coffeehouse in Anna gave out free coffee to those attending the career fair. Bryan was also representing the Union County CEO program.



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### Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

March 10 was the first Sunday in Lent. Pastor Mark explained that the gospels were originally written in Greek, and to translate them “exactly” was almost impossible. Every language is unique, and things get translated differently.

He also explained what was happening to Jesus in the wilderness for 40 days. He said that “what we thought was ‘temptation’ by the Devil was actually (by Greek meaning) Jesus being ‘tested.’ Jesus was without sin. He could do no wrong. But He could be tested.

“The Devil wanted to see if Jesus would take the bait in a weak moment. But Jesus passed the test. We should all follow this mold.”

Prayers for healing were offered for Sarah Sims, Karen Toler, Ann West, Charlotte Fear, Tasha Faire, Bill Heisner, Craig Bass, David Wright, Lisa Gammons, Mildred Lilley and Clark Newton.

Prayers were said for those grieving for Pat Jones and Stacey Cobb.

A Hands of Faith meeting was planned Tuesday morning, March 12. Besides making quilts for Lutheran World Relief, new projects were to have been discussed.

Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro was scheduled to host this week’s Lenten service. Next week, the meal is at 6 p.m. and the service is at 7 p.m. at Mt. Moriah.

Mt. Moriah is gathering Easter baskets to donate to LSSI foster children.

Ladies Night Out is planned Tuesday, March 19. Those who are interested in going are asked to meet at the church at 5 p.m. They will be going to Giant City.

The Women of the ELCA magazine GATHER is inviting anyone to sign up for free for their Lenten devotional by email. They offer a brief devotional or a longer Bible study at [www.gathermagazine.org/bible-study](http://www.gathermagazine.org/bible-study).

News from

### Anna Nazarene Church

Congregational songs during the Sunday morning worship service were led by Pastor Randy Wright, Abby Barlow, Jessica Elkins, Harley and Madison Schnaare and accompanied by Jack and Nina Shepard. Ushers for the morning worship service were Robert Smith, Noah Wiseman, Mark Smith and Terry Wiseman Sr.

Special music was provided by Madison and Harley Schnaare, Jessica Elkins and Abby Barlow.

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

The message, “Love One Another,” was brought by Pastor Wright from John.

The Sunday evening worship service was opened with congregational songs led by Pastor Wright, Jessica Elkins, Abby Barlow, Harley and Madison Schnaare and accompanied by Jack and Nina Shepard. Ushers for the evening worship service were Robert Smith, Curly Ralls, Mark Smith and Terry Wiseman Sr.

The offertory was provided by Bryan and Ginger Morrison.

The message, “Lies of

### Camp Ground Church, Community

Rev. Rob Betts’ sermon Sunday focused on “listening to God speaking to our heart with scripture from Paul’s letter to the Romans. “Love after being born again is unlike any other love; for this love comes from God.

“After becoming a Christian we will not be perfect. The devil will cause us to do things we shouldn’t.

“When we accept Christ as our Savior, God speaks to our heart what we should

and should not do. It is up to us to process with our minds what God had placed in our heart.

Just prior to the sermon, Sarah Betts sang “You Say.”

During the praise part of worship, the church began its Lenten Moments.

LaDonna Miller and Deloris Pribble were readers. Tanner Roach extinguished the first candle on the Lenten wreath of thorns.

Taking the offering Sunday were Aldi and Vodra Gerard.

Tony Gerard is the head elder for March.

Those having birthdays during the first couple weeks in March were Amanda Batts the 4th and Zoey Kaylor the 11th.

Camp Ground invites everyone to join them in study and worship. Fellowship is 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.

**Five generations**  
Five generations of a local family gathered in Grand Tower for a recent Christmas celebration. From left are Christopher Jordan (father), Charles Jordan (grandfather), Pamela Chamness (great-grandmother), Betty Jordan (great-great grandmother) and Isaac Jordan (baby). Photo provided.

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# Meteorological winter season in Illinois featured large temperature variations

The month of March marks the end of the meteorological winter season, which runs from December through February, the Illinois State Water Survey in Champaign reported.

The survey shared that despite what felt like “an eternity of below average temperatures,” the season as a whole finished with temperatures relatively close to the long-term average.

A few localities in the west-central and northwest portions of the state saw temperature departures of 1 degree or more below average.

On the opposite end, locations in Southern Illinois experienced temperature departures of 1 to 2 degrees above average during the 2018-2019 winter season.

Statewide temperatures averaged 29.9 degrees, or 0.8 of a degree above the long-term average.

Average temperature for the season ranged from the low 20s north to around 40 degrees toward extreme Southern Illinois.

Large variations occurred, with seasonal highs in the 70s and lows falling into the 30-plus-degrees below zero range.

The maximum temperature of 71 degrees occurred on Dec. 1 at Kaskaskia Navigation Lock in Randolph County.

The lowest temperature of 38 degrees below zero occurred on Jan. 31 at Mt. Carroll in Carroll County, setting a state record minimum temperature.

After a comprehensive review, the State Climate Extremes Committee, SCEC, unanimously voted to validate the 38 degrees below zero reading as the new official state record

minimum temperature.

The committee ensures that the observation is meteorologically plausible, is within a range that the reporting instrument can detect, and that the instrument is in proper working order.

Brian Kerschner at the Illinois State Water Survey represented the Illinois State Climatologist Office as a member of the SCEC, along with delegates from the National Weather Service, the Midwest Regional Climate Center and the National Center for Environment Information.

The previous minimum temperature record for Illinois was 36 degrees below zero set in Congerville, located in Woodford County, on Jan. 5, 1999.

The coldest temperature prior to the Congerville record, 35 degrees below zero, was also set at Mt. Carroll in January 1930, and was later tied with Elizabeth in February 1996.

The last two days of January brought widespread cold weather to Illinois.

Many locations experienced some of the coldest weather that has been seen in decades, allowing numerous daily and station record lows to be broken.

This event produced statewide temperature departures of 20 to 30 degrees below average.

Precipitation was abundant throughout the state during the winter season.

This allowed the entire state to remain free of any abnormally dry or drought designations during the winter.

Above average precipitation occurred every month during the season. Generally precipitation totals across Illinois ranged from

5 to nearly 15 inches, with counties south of I-70 experiencing the most precipitation.

Most remarkable, the water survey noted, was the 21.18 inches of precipitation reported at Smithland Lock and Dam on the lower Ohio River.

Overall, both Southern and northwest Illinois received over 150 percent of their average winter precipitation, with several localities approaching 200 percent.

Statewide seasonal precipitation averaged 9.67 inches, which was 2.85 inches above the long-term average.

Snowfall occurred statewide during the winter, with the heaviest accumulations centered in northwestern Illinois, and counties along the Illinois/Wisconsin border.

Totals ranged from 1 to 10 inches in Southern Illinois, 10 to 20 inches in Central Illinois and 20 to over 40 inches in Northern Illinois.

## Soup, chili supper, dessert auction planned

An annual soup and chili supper and dessert auction are planned at historic St. Anne’s Church at 507 S. Main St. in Anna on Friday, March 15, at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person.

The supper and auction will help to support the upkeep of St. Anne’s.

Donations of desserts for the auction are welcome; however, it is asked that no cream desserts be brought.

Walk-ins are welcome, although if possible, those who plan to attend are asked to call 833-9441 to help the hosts plan for the amount of food to prepare.

Parking is half a block from the church, behind Stinson Memorial Library.

The event is being hosted by the PAST organization of Union County, which invites the community to come for a bowl of hot soup or chili, the fellowship and an opportunity to bid on desserts.



**Icicles in March**  
An American flag was seen through icicles hanging on a bush in Cobden on a chilly March evening,

## Armadillos, Smokies topic of programs

Armadillos and the Great Smoky Mountains will be featured at upcoming programs at the Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands Center near Cypress.

“Hotel Armadillo,” a nature movie, is scheduled to be shown at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Thursday, March 14.

A slide program featuring wildflowers and birds of the Great Smoky Mountains is planned from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, March 16.

The program will be presented by John Schwegman.

The center is located at 8885 State Route 37 South. More information about the programs is available by calling 618-657-2064.

## Legislation strengthens orders of protection

A Southern Illinois legislator earned unanimous approval from the Illinois House Judiciary Criminal Law Committee on two separate, but related pieces of legislation last week.

“I want to thank my colleagues on the House Judiciary Criminal Law Committee for joining with me to support two important law enforcement efforts this week,” State Rep. Patrick Windhorst, R-Metropolis, said in a news release.

“I was proud to carry legislation at the request of the Illinois Sheriffs’ Association.”

Windhorst represents the 118th District in South-

ern Illinois. Part of Union County is in the district.

HB 2308 ensures that a defendant is prohibited from contacting victims or witnesses from jail while awaiting trial.

Windhorst says inmates awaiting trial sometimes use their phone privileges to harass victims while waiting for their court date.

“This is a victims’ rights piece of legislation,” Windhorst said. “HB 2308 will keep incarcerated offenders from being able to contact their victims while awaiting trial.”

HB 2309 also passed the House Judiciary Criminal Law Committee with unanimous support.

Windhorst says the legislation provides that when a petition for an emergency stalking no contact order, a civil no contact order, or an emergency order of protection is filed, the petition shall not be publicly available until the petition is served on the offending individual.

“This is another action that we can take to help individuals in situations where domestic violence or domestic abuse takes place,” Windhorst said.

“This measure will ensure that there is no, ‘heads-up’ or tip-off to a potential respondent to the emergency order of protection. We want to make sure that if someone files an order of protection that they can count on law enforcement to keep them away from that person from day one.”

HB 2308 and HB 2309 are Windhorst’s first pieces of legislation to clear a House committee since he took over as 118th District state representative in January.

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# Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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## A-JCHS to Celebrate 100 years

The A-JCHS 2019 class will be the 100th class to graduate A-JCHS. The first class was in 1919 with 19 students graduating.

## Congratulations

On April 1 at A-J High School TeeJay Hileman will be signing with Southeast Illinois College for a two-year scholarship for bowling.

## Vacation

Jerome and Tasha Faire vacationed in Secrets Silver Sands in Puerto Morelos. They got some much needed vitamin D on warm breezy 81 degrees days. Tasha said it was absolutely breathtaking. They took a sushi making class. Enjoyed a couple massages and swimming.

## Baby Congratulations

Kadyn Bracken and Wyatt Jacobs welcomed little brother Colton Keith Jacobs into the world on Feb. 27, 2019, at 9:03 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds, .08 ounces, and was 20 inches

long. Proud mom and dad are Kembre Bracken and Dennis Jacobs of Wetaug.

## St. Louis Trip

Kasie Craft, Alexa Buckner, Kenzie Dillow and Suzanne Dillow saw the 1980s rock musical “Rock of Ages” in St. Louis.

## 95th Birthday

On Jan. 12 a 95th birthday party was held to honor Helen Dodd at her Anna home.

Attending were her husband Francis, daughter Donna Silvia, grandson Jeremy Swartzell, and great-granddaughters Sydney and Charlotte Swartzell.

Other family and friends who helped her celebrate included nephew Russell (Mary Jo) Hartline, niece Debbie Vowels from Valparaiso, Ind., sister-in-law Helen Dodd, cousin Rita (Bill) Hummel from Indianapolis and friends Christy Wilburn, Lisa Reynolds and Susan Kamp.

## Thanks

Special thanks to Loyd

and Carlene Thompson and Curt and Bessie Ellis for giving me credit when they renewed their subscription to The Gazette Democrat.

## A-J Women’s Club

GFWC Anna Jonesboro Women’s Club met Monday, March 4, at the Sunshine Inn in Goddards Barn and Grill.

Those present were Barbara House, Susie Kessler, Marie Samuel, guest speaker John Schwegman, Martha Schwegman, Lillian Milam, Clara Nell Butler, Jane Bauer and Kay Johnson.

Jerry Hunter said the prayer before everyone ate. Everyone enjoyed a great senior meal and listening to music by David Isom.

Club president Jane Bauer called the meeting to order and everyone stood and said the Pledge of Alliance to the flag of the United States of America.

Susie Kessler read the minutes. Barbara House told about current events: the April 2 election, put on your calendar to vote. The new store Farmstead Market in Anna owners Jonathan and Regina Beachy.

Free watercolor painting with spring wildflowers classes by artist and women’s club member Marie Samuel will be at Giant City State Park Visitors Center Saturday, March 16, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Please call 618-457-4836 to register. This program is free but registration is required.

Jane Bauer gave the devotion about St. Patrick. Martha Schwegman told about their trip to Australia and showed items she bought while there.

John Schwegman was guest speaker and told about the Native American Kincaid Mounds in Massac County.

Lillian Milam reported she had 35 applications for the scholarship District 25 gives.

District board meeting will be March 12 at 11 a.m. at Golden Corral in Carbondale.

District 25 convention meeting will be March 26 at Eldorado Baptist Church.

## Shop with a Cop and Fireman

They are doing a gun raffle for Shop with a Cop/Fireman Fund. Part of their funding was cut back last year so they are trying to come up with more funds.

Pam Needling has tickets and they can be purchased through her, at Jim and Dots. Fire Chief Gary Rider has tickets. Police Chief Mike Hunter and Bryan Watkins will also be selling them.

Tickets are \$20 each, only 250 tickets will be sold. The winner will be drawn when all 250 tickets are sold.

The winner will have their choice of one out of 38 guns. The guns are listed on the tickets and there are flyers with pictures of the guns. Winner must be 18 years old.

## Soup, Chili Supper, Dessert Auction

A soup and chili supper and dessert auction are planned Friday, March 15, at St. Anne’s Church, starting at 5:30 p.m.

Cost is \$5. Donations of desserts for the auction are welcome.

Proceeds go toward maintenance and utility bills at St. Anne’s.

Parking will be half a block away behind Stinson Library in the First Baptist Church parking lot.

## Trip to Ullin

Linda and Fred Clutts of Makanda enjoyed going to Ullin. Linda plays her guitar and sings with a group there.

## Kornthal Church

A dedication service will



The A-JCHS cast and crew of the Little Mermaid musical that will be March 29, 30 and 31 went to see the Little Mermaid movie in Cape Girardeau.

be March 21 at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Friends of the Theater

The A-JCHS musical “Disney’s The Little Mermaid” will be March 29-31.

## Spark Ministries

Spark Ministries meets in the old Shawnee South Elementary School building McClure.

Pastor is Aaron Boyd, children’s pastor is Kenny Swink Jr.

9:45 a.m. for Connect Groups. 11 a.m. for Worship.

On St Patrick’s Day after church from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. there will be a fund raiser for an air conditioner for the sanctuary. Loaded potato \$7.

## Anna Eastern Star 522

Anna Eastern Star will meet Thursday, March 21, at 6:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge in the Anna Park across from the swimming pool.

## Military Prayer List

Tanner Anderson, Hayden Young, Garrett Goines, Nick Harvel, Nona Elizabeth Luke, Lucas J. Strickland, William Nathaniel Frankell, Ethan Maze, Lukas W. Davis, Kiefer Stull, David Jorden Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, CJ Youngerman, Freddy Morse, Reagan Morrison, Josh Steveson, Josh Williams, Faith Odom, Tommy Goff and family Janette, Jamison and Kaylynn, Creighton Laster, Jim Bonner, Jacob Schaefer, Jerrod Schaefer, Jennifer Ann Bishop, James McWhorter, Arin Whitemountain.

## Poarch Creek Indians

Barbara House reported that her family tribe Poarch Band of Creek Indians has agreed to cover the entire burial cost of the 23 victims of the Beauregard tornado.

The tribe will donate \$184,000 to the East Alabama Medical Center Found-

ation to assist in the burial of the victims.

The Poarch Creek Indians are descended from the original Creek Nation that covered Alabama and Georgia.

Unlike other tribes, the Poarch Creeks were never removed from their lands and have maintained their presence in the area for 200 years in and around the Poarch, Ala., reservation.

Federally, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians is the only officially recog-



John Schwegman’s program at the Anna-Jonesboro Women’s Club was on Native American mounds at Kincaid Mounds State Historic Site in Massac County.

nized Indian tribe in the state of Alabama, operating as a sovereign nation with an independent government and bylaws.

The tribe operates a few different businesses, employing “hundreds of area residents,” including three gaming facilities in Alabama.

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians owns and operate the following casi-



Martha Schwegman spoke at the Anna-Jonesboro Women’s Club about their trip to Australia. She is holding models of an echidna, which buries itself in the ground, and a boomerang.



Our President Donald J. Trump visited the tornado victims in Opelika, Ala. Children and adults brought their Bibles to him and asked him to sign them.



Ariana Fuller Moutell performed at Shyrock Auditorium on the Southern Illinois University Carbondale campus on Feb. 26. Two ensembles performed that evening. Ariana played the bass clarinet in the wind ensemble which is directed by Dr. Christopher Morehouse. She played the clarinet in the symphonic band which is directed by Dr. George Brozak. Ariana is a sophomore in music education at SIU.



Helen Dodd celebrated her 95th birthday Jan. 12. She was honored with a party at her home in Anna.



Juanita Burns Parnell of Carlsle, grandmother of Lori Rich celebrated her 90th birthday March 2. She requested goods for the food pantry and got 90 cans.



Janet Estel of Murphysboro and Earl Miller of Anna attended the book signing of Mike Estel at the Cobden Museum Saturday.



Barbara Bauer said how pleased they are to learn that the Lincoln Heritage Trail has been expanded to include Jonesboro’s Lincoln-Douglas debate site. Barbara was reminded that when they were in Springfield last summer and visited the Governor’s Mansion, she had the opportunity to “Write to the Governor.” Barbara did just that and requested the Lincoln Heritage designation to be extended to include all of Illinois. Barbara is pleased that maybe her “vote” counted and that Southern Illinois is recognized for its notable history.



Sissy and Sherry Rix had a good time at the Wetumpka, Ala., Mardi Gras parade. Sissy caught the moon pies and stuffed toys and Sherry caught the beads.



Danielle Renee Robinson with her third nephew Colton Keith Jacobs, who was born on Feb. 27, 2019.



nos: Wind Creek Casino & Hotel, Atmore, Wind Creek Casino & Hotel, Wetumpka and, Wind Creek Casino & Hotel.

Barbara said the town she grew up in Lee County, Alabama was so prejudiced to the Indians back then but now come to them when they need help.

The reason the Creek Indians were not moved off their land is because they hid in the hills and caves and the cavalry would not go in to try to find them. So left them alone.

**Bazaar**  
AnnaVista bazaar will be April 13 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Inside crafts, flea market/yard sale and bake sale.

**Guests**  
Guests of Gaylon and Clara Cates were their nephew Raymond and Shari Butler from South Carolina.

**Anna Kiwanis Club**  
The Anna Kiwanis Club will serve a fish fry in support of the A-JCHS Band Boosters, band and choir students April 13, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Kiwanis building at the Anna City Park. Tickets are \$10. Please purchase ticket(s) from any band member, band booster or show up on the day day of event at the Kiwanis building.

Proceeds will go toward student accounts for extra-curricular events as well as a new locker system for band instruments.

**Get-together**  
Kerry Wills, his fiancé Cindi Kinder, Kerry’s three daughters Maci Wil-

lis, Chelsi and Chali Phelps and Kerry’s mother Carol Gordon enjoyed an evening out and eating at El Jalapeno. Carol said it was a blessing to her.

**United Methodist Church, Anna**  
Rev. Richard Sullins’ sermon was on Jesus being tempted in the wilderness with scripture from Luke and the Prayer of Confession.

Special music was by Carla Anderson “On Eagles Wings.”

The United Methodist Women are celebrating 150 years. For Women’s History Month, Rev. Millie Sloan told about three women of the Bible: Eve who God created from Adam’s rib. Debra who was a ruler. Queen Esther who put her

trust in God.

Loaves and Fishes will be in the church fellowship Hall March 19.

**Get Well**  
Howard Ziegler has been in and out of hospitals and rehab in Carbondale, Murphysboro, St. Louis and Benton for the last three months.

He got to come home last Monday from Benton Rehab, but sadly he was admitted to Heartland Hospital in Marion with pneumonia on Thurs. They are also concerned that his infection may be back. Please keep Howard and Cathy in your prayers.

**Anna VFW**  
A chicken and dumpling dinner will be served Friday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Star

Karaoke will be at the post from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

A St. Patrick’s Day party is planned Sunday, with Star Karaoke from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Corned beef and cabbage starting at 3 p.m.

**A-JCHS Band**  
April 2. Band Booster meeting. 6 p.m. in the band room. Kiwanis fish fry: students will sell tickets for the fish fry that will be held on April 13. Students will be asked to help at the fish fry too.

April 22. Deadline for entry to senior scholarship essay. All senior band members are invited to enter the scholarship contest. The theme is “What Music Means to Me.” It should be at least a page long.

May 7. Spring concert this is earlier than normal

because the seniors last day is May 10. They will have the May meeting at 6 p.m. before the concert.

May 10. End of year picnic and Band Olympics. They will once again have an end of the year potluck picnic. This is for all family members as well as band members. They will eat around 6 p.m. Boosters will have snacks and start setting up around 4 p.m. Students and parents are welcome to come at any time.

May 11. Band Booster plant and yard sale just in time for Mother’s Day. For the yard sale you are welcome to bring your items to the band room starting on May 6. They ask that the items are clean and priced.

# Television Listings

## THURSDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM :30</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Seinfeld	“Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them” <i>Magical creatures.</i>	BUNKD Coop & Cam	“Skyscraper”	“Alien: Covenant”	Shameless
<b>7 PM :30</b>	Grey’s Anatomy (HD)	Bang (HD) (:31) Fam	iHeartRadio Music Awards <i>Songs and artists.</i>	Superstore A.P. Bio		Seinfeld		Raven	“Date Night” <i>Mistaken identity.</i>	“The Foreigner” (‘17) <i>Vengeful father.</i> (R) (HD)	
<b>8 PM :30</b>	(:01) Station 19 (HD)	Young Fam (HD)		Brooklyn Will (HD)	Basketball	Bang (HD)		BUNKD			
<b>9 PM :30</b>	For the People (HD)	S.W.A.T. (HD)	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Law & Order: SVU	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	“Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban” <i>Magic and mystery.</i>	BUNKD	“Tag” (‘18) Ed Helms. <i>30-year game of tag.</i> (R)	(:40) “Wishmaster” (‘97, Horror)	“American Pie” <i>Lessons in love.</i>
<b>10 PM :30</b>	Local Jimmy Kimmel Live	Local (:35) Late Show (HD)		Local (:35) Tonight (HD)	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD) Seinfeld		Raven	Adnan Syed (HD)	(:15) Strike Back (HD)	Desus & Black Mon.
<b>11 PM :30</b>	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Conan		Stuck Mid.	Leaving	★½ “Anacondas” (‘04)	Desus & America

## MARCH 14, 2019

THURSDAY
<b>7:00pm</b> <b>FOX iHeartRadio Music Awards</b> Special live performances are featured from musicians and music groups in celebration of the most played iHeartRadio songs and artists. TV14
<b>10:35pm</b> <b>NBC The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon</b> Award-winning comedian Jimmy Fallon hosts the long-running late-night talk show, featuring humorous monologues, comedic sketches and celebrity interviews. TV14 (HD)

## FRIDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM :30</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Burgers	Family	Raven	“Teen”	“Bad Girl”	“Pride & Prejudice”
<b>7 PM :30</b>	Boat (HD) Speechless	MacGyver (HD)	Man (HD) Cool Kids	Blindspot (HD)		Burgers	Family	Raven	Tonight	“True Lies” (‘94) <i>Secret agent tries to save his marriage.</i>	★½ “Mary Shelley” (‘18) <i>Outcasts in love.</i> (HD)
<b>8 PM :30</b>	20/20 <i>Investigative news.</i> (HD)	Hawaii Five-0 (HD)	Proven Innocent (HD)	The Blacklist (HD)	Basketball	“Central Intelligence” (‘16) <i>Unlikely partners.</i>	Family	“Cinderella” (‘15) <i>Abused lady aided.</i>	Comedy <i>Buddy cops.</i> (R) (HD)	Strike Back (HD)	“Winchester” <i>Widow haunted.</i>
<b>9 PM :30</b>		Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Dateline NBC (HD)		Family	Family	Coop & Cam	Real Time Maher (HD)		
<b>10 PM :30</b>	Local Jimmy Kimmel Live	Local (:35) Late Show (HD)		Local (:35) Tonight (HD)	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	ELEAGUE (HD)	Family	Raven	Adnan Syed (HD)	Strike	“Predators” <i>Aliens hunt killers.</i>
<b>11 PM :30</b>	Nightline	Corden	Local	Late Night		“The Change-Up” (R)	Law & Order: SVU	Stuck Mid.	(:10) Real Time Maher		Tiffany <i>Foster</i> care. Desus &

## MARCH 15, 2019

FRIDAY
<b>7:00pm</b> <b>DISN Cinderella</b> ★★★½ (2015, Fantasy) Lily James, Cate Blanchett. Forced into servitude by her wicked step-family after her father’s death, a humble woman meets a stranger and her godmother, possibly changing her destiny. PG
<b>7:30pm</b> <b>FOX The Cool Kids</b> “The Cool Kids Un-Retire” The friends get a sampling of the good life and Charlie’s delectable cookies when Sid is put in charge of housesitting a resident’s high-rise apartment. TV14 (HD)

## SATURDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM :30</b>	Local Programs	College Basketball	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Local News	College Basketball	“Central”	★★½ “Next Friday” (‘00) <i>Trouble finds a man.</i>	BUNKD	“Pacific Rim 2” (‘18)	“Fist of Fury” (‘72)	Billions “Ball in Hand”
<b>7 PM :30</b>	NBA (Live)	One Night		Dateline NBC <i>Investigative news.</i> (HD)	Basketball	Bang (HD)		BUNKD			
<b>8 PM :30</b>	NBA Basketball <i>Golden State vs Oklahoma City</i> (Live)	Ransom (HD)	Postgame MasterChef Junior		College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	★★★ “Friday” (‘95, Comedy) <i>Los Angeles life.</i>	“Another Cinderella Story” (‘08)	★★ “The First Purge” (‘18) (R) (HD)	“The Warrior’s Way” (‘11) (HD)	“Baby Driver” (‘17, Action) <i>Ill-fated heist.</i> (HD)
<b>9 PM :30</b>		48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live (HD)		Bang (HD) Drop Mic		Raven	(:40) “Ram-page” (‘18) <i>Huge animals attack.</i>	(:45) ★★ “Elektra” (‘05) <i>Assassin aids girl.</i> (HD)	“Pulp Fiction” (‘94) <i>A day in the crimes of Los Angeles.</i>
<b>10 PM :30</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Gordon (HD)	Local Sat. Night Live <i>Sketch comedy.</i>	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Joker Wild	Temptation Island	Coop & Cam	Real Time Maher (HD)	Strike	
<b>11 PM :30</b>	Local Programs		Local Programs		Formula 1	“Good Luck Chuck”	“Next Friday” (‘00)	Andi Mack Stuck Mid.	“The Purge”	“The Condemned 2”	Desus &

## MARCH 16, 2019

SATURDAY
<b>7:00pm</b> <b>CBS One Night for One Drop: Imagined by Cirque du Soleil</b> Performance group Cirque du Soleil honors work done by One Drop with an exclusive performance that explores the themes of beauty, love, loss and nature.
<b>8:40pm</b> <b>HBO Rampage</b> ★★★½ (2018, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Naomie Harris. A gorilla is exposed to a chemical from a secret genetic experiment, which causes the gorilla, a wolf and a crocodile to grow to enormous size and wreak havoc. PG-13 (HD)

## SUNDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM :30</b>	Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	MasterChef Junior	Games (HD)	College GameNight “Bracketology” (HD)	★★★ “Thor: Dark” (‘13)	Law & Order: SVU	Fast Layne Sydney	★★½ “Ocean’s 8” (‘18) <i>Jewelry heist.</i> (HD)	“The Beguiled” (‘17)	Billions (HD)
<b>7 PM :30</b>	American Idol “204 (Auditions)” (HD)	God Friended Me	Simpsons	World of Dance “The Duels 1” (HD)		“Snow White and the Huntsman” <i>Queen vs. maiden.</i>	Law & Order: SVU	Fast Layne	“The A-Team” (‘10) <i>Team seeks justice.</i> (HD)		The Circus Black Mon. Billions (HD)
<b>8 PM :30</b>		NCIS: L. A. (HD)	Fam Guy		NBA Basketball <i>Minnesota vs Houston</i> (Live) (HD)		Law & Order: SVU	Raven	Adnan Syed (HD)		
<b>9 PM :30</b>	(:01) Shark Tank (HD)	Madam Secretary	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Good Girls (HD)		“Thor: The Dark World” (‘13, Action) <i>Dangerous mission.</i>	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	High Maint	“Dunkirk” (‘17) <i>Historic rescue.</i>	Black Mon. SMILF
<b>10 PM :30</b>	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Local Programs		Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>			Family	Fast Layne	High Maint		Billions (HD)
<b>11 PM :30</b>	(:35) Local	Local Programs	Local		(:45) SportsCenter (HD)		Family	Sydney	Adnan Syed (HD)	★★½ “Victory” <i>WWII soccer game.</i>	Desus & Black Mon.

## MARCH 17, 2019

SUNDAY
<b>8:00pm</b> <b>SHOW Billions</b> “Chuckie Rhoades’s Greatest Game” Axe, feeling determined to destroy Taylor, begins closing ranks; Chuck struggles to regain power; Taylor does what it takes to keep their new company afloat. TVMA (HD)
<b>9:00pm</b> <b>MAX Dunkirk</b> ★★★ (2017, Action) Fionn Whitehead, Tom Glynn-Carney. The historic evacuation, in the midst of battle, of surrounded Allied forces from the beaches of Dunkirk, France, during the early days of World War II. PG-13 (HD)

## MONDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM :30</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Wmn Select (HD)	Fam Guy	NCIS “Lockdown” (HD)	Raven	“Tomb Raider” (‘18) <i>Daughter’s mission.</i> (HD)	“Girls Trip” (‘17)	“Thieves”
<b>7 PM :30</b>	American Idol “205 (Auditions)” (HD)	Bang (HD) Plan (HD)	The Resident (HD)	The Voice “The Blind Auditions, Part 6” (HD)	NBA Basketball <i>Golden State vs San Antonio</i> (Live) (HD)	Fam Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	Raven	Strike	(HD)	The Circus Billions (HD)
<b>8 PM :30</b>		Bang (HD) Neighbor.	9-1-1 <i>Meet parents.</i>			Fam Guy		Coop & Cam	“Inventor: Out for Blood” (‘19) (NR) (HD)	(:50) ★★ “Bad Girls” (‘94) <i>Women turn out-law.</i>	SMILF Black Mon. Billions (HD)
<b>9 PM :30</b>	The Fix “Pilot”	Bull (HD)	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	The Enemy Within	NBA Basketball <i>Indiana vs Portland</i> (Live) (HD)	Dad (HD)		Raven	Adnan Syed (HD)	“The Newton Boys” (‘98) <i>Brothers rob banks.</i>	Black Mon. SMILF
<b>10 PM :30</b>	Local Jimmy Kimmel Live	Local (:35) Late Show (HD)		Local (:35) Tonight (HD)		Dad (HD)	Family	Coop & Cam	High Maint		The Circus
<b>11 PM :30</b>	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night		Conan	Family	Sydney	High Maint	“Cop Out”	“American”

## MARCH 18, 2019

MONDAY
<b>7:00pm</b> <b>FOX The Resident</b> “Betrayal” The surgeons must choose between saving their Quovadis source and a younger patient; Marshall endangers himself to take down Gordon Page. TV14 (HD)
<b>8:00pm</b> <b>FOX 9-1-1</b> “New Beginnings” Bobby is first introduced to Athena’s patients; Doug works his way deeper into Chimney’s life after Maddie tries to put an end to her marriage. TV14 (HD)

## TUESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM :30</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	2019 NIT Basketball “First Round” (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	Real Time Tonight	“Me, Myself & Irene”	“The Death of Stalin” <i>A dictator’s demise.</i> (R)
<b>7 PM :30</b>	Housewife The Kids	NCIS (HD)	MasterChef Junior	Games (HD)		Bang (HD)	WWE SmackDown (HD)	Raven	“The Wolfman” (‘10, Horror) (HD)		Billions (HD)
<b>8 PM :30</b>	black-ish Splitting	FBI “A New Dawn”	Mental Samurai	This Is Us (HD)	2019 NIT Basketball “First Round” (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)		Coop & Cam	(:45) Case Against Adnan Syed	(:40) “The Lonely Guy” (‘84) (HD)	Black Mon. SMILF
<b>9 PM :30</b>	The Rookie (HD)	NCIS: New Orleans	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	The Village “Pilot”		Bang (HD) Miracle	Temptation Island	Raven	High Maint	(:15) Strike Back (HD)	Billions (HD)
<b>10 PM :30</b>	Local Jimmy Kimmel Live	Local (:35) Late Show (HD)		Local (:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan	Law & Order: SVU	Andi Mack	“Love & Other Drugs” (‘10) (HD)	“Funny Games” (‘08)	“Molly’s Game” (‘17)
<b>11 PM :30</b>	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld Conan	Law & Order: SVU	Sydney	Bizaard		

## MARCH 19, 2019

TUESDAY
<b>7:00pm</b> <b>FOX MasterChef Junior</b> “Under the Big Top” The 20 junior home cooks prepare meals for Circus Vargas performers; a birthday cake pressure test will send two contestants home. TVPG (HD)
<b>9:01pm</b> <b>NBC The Village</b> “Pilot” A group of residents, who reside in the same apartment complex in Brooklyn, come together to help one another with their personal struggles. TV14 (HD)

## WEDNESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM :30</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA Basketball <i>Boston vs Philadelphia</i> (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	“Deadpool 2”	★★★ “The Italian Job”	(:45) “Friends” (‘06)
<b>7 PM :30</b>	Goldbergs Schooled	Survivor <i>Deserted Island.</i> (HD)	Empire Clean mess.	The Voice “The Best of the Blinds” (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	Tonight		
<b>8 PM :30</b>	Family		Star (HD)			Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Sydney	“The First Purge” (‘18) (R) (HD)	“Term Life” (‘16) <i>On the run.</i> (HD)	(:15) “Maid in Manhattan” (‘02) <i>Unlikely love.</i>
<b>9 PM :30</b>	Single Whiskey Cavalier	SEAL Team (HD)	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Bublé! <i>Musical event.</i>	NBA Basketball <i>Toronto vs Oklahoma City</i> (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD) Frontal	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	(:45) “The Miseducation” (‘18)	“True Lies” (‘94) <i>Secret agent tries to save his marriage.</i>	SMILF
<b>10 PM :30</b>	Local Jimmy Kimmel Live	Local (:35) Late Show (HD)		Local (:35) Tonight (HD)		Conan	Family	Sydney	First Look	“Inventor: Out for Blood” (‘19)	“What’s Love Got to Do with It?” (‘93) (HD)
<b>11 PM :30</b>	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld Conan	Family	Bizaard	“Barbershop” (‘02)		“Furlough”

## MARCH 20, 2019

WEDNESDAY
<b>8:00pm</b> <b>FOX Star</b> “Watch the Throne” Star’s problems with the law escalate while Noah tries to balance his new priorities; Gigi and Alex compete to see who the label’s top artist will be. TV14 (HD)
<b>8:45pm</b> <b>HBO The Miseducation of Cameron Post</b> ★★★ (2018, Drama) Chloë Grace Moretz, Sasha Lane. When a teenage girl is caught having a relationship with another girl, she is sent to a conversion therapy center for teens attracted to the same sex. NR TVMA (HD)



# Opinion and Commentary

## Commentary

### Protecting our borders

By John Reppert

As I am sure all your subscribers have noticed, our media have recently flooded us with stories about concerns in protecting our borders and the consequence of the inflow of unregistered immigrants.

At one level this strikes me as odd, since in truth we are a nation of immigrants, as our few Native Americans would be glad to remind us.

On the other hand it can be difficult to be comfortable with people who may not look like us, especially when they speak a language we do not understand.

However, as our history has clearly shown, this diversity of people is one of the treasures of America. I hope the people of our nation and our town will see this an opportunity and not a risk and seek to benefit from different perspectives.

Most of us do not have too go back to far in our family tree to find those born outside the United States who grew up speaking different languages. We should help in our schools, community organizations, and neighborhoods to be instruments of immigration.

This represents a special opportunity for young people to understand and appreciate other cultures. Because of a military background, I have had the privilege of living in other countries – Germany, Russia, Korea, Vietnam and shorter terms in others for a total of 17 years. I regret none of them, although I wished they had not been shooting at me in Vietnam.

As we read the articles of concern about refugees entering our country, I hope that many of you will seek ways to help them integrate into our culture, learn our language and to discover what they have to contribute.

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## Letter to the editor

### Candidate addresses voters

To the voters of Anna,  
I am pleased to announce my candidacy for re-election for Mayor.

It has been my pleasure to serve this community for the last four years as your Mayor.

During this time we have accomplished many goals. They include new park improvements totaling nearly \$500,000. We have completed Phase III of our Downtown Sidewalk Improvement Project. We have spent nearly one million dollars to date in these efforts.

In addition, we have made numerous improvements to our Water, Sewer and Natural Gas Systems.

These improvements are important for us to keep our infrastructure in the best condition possible.

The improvements were accomplished without raising your Property Taxes. With careful planning and grant funding we were able to pay for all of these important improvements.

During my tenure as Mayor, I am pleased to report the City of Anna has been in the black the last 20 years on their budget.

However, the work is not done. We are currently in a \$400,000 Housing Rehabilitation Grant Program which will result in 10 homes being repaired. This program is at no cost to the homeowner.

In addition, the City is partnering with the Illinois Department of Transportation on a one million-dollar project to pave from the 4-way stop to the square in Jonesboro. This project is slated for this summer.

The City also has several abandoned properties scheduled for demolition.

This is an important imitative to continue to improve the appearance of our community. We have plans for additional Water System Improvement projects scheduled over the next two years.

I need your vote and support to continue the Future of Anna. Early voting begins February 21 at the courthouse and General Election is April 2 within the city precincts.

Please cast your vote for Steve Hartline for Anna Mayor.

Sincerely, Steve Hartline, Anna Mayor

## 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.

Letters will not be published during the week immediately prior to the election because there would no opportunity for a response. The newspaper reserves the right to edit a letter for clarity, brevity and legal purposes.

# Please read this...

By Geof Skinner



Flattering portrait? Nope. Especially if you happen to be a goose. Oh, well.

## Dabbling with some more goose pictures...

Oh, no, you’re saying to yourself, not more bird pictures. And they are geese...again...  
...even better, they are geese caboosees.

A number of years ago, another traveler on The Journey Through Life suggested that we stop using so many photographs of white-tailed deer in the newspaper.

My thought was, and is, that the white-tailed deer is a rather important critter in our little corner of the world. Besides, they are beautiful, graceful creatures, which happen to be great for pictures.

Same goes for geese. For the most part, they are graceful creatures, unless, of course, they happen to get caught in what might seem like a rather unflattering pose.

The geese you see were on the loose one day last week at one of the places where your intrepid photographer happens to visit while on a daily walk.

The walk itself was much nicer than some of the excursions that I’ve been on in recent weeks, mainly because my face did not freeze and I could still feel all of my fingers, which made taking the pictures a little bit easier.

I am going to guess that I have seen geese in such poses in the past. However, on this particular day, the bottoms up images just seemed to catch my attention.

Turns out that when a goose has its backside on the upside, so to speak, the image is “a classic pose,” at least according to the naturestories.org website.

The website explains that the image comes to be when “a duck or other waterfowl is swimming along when it upends itself with its head underwater and its tail in the air.”

Turns out this behavior is called “dabbling.” And it’s a feeding behavior. It allows for the critters “to reach aquatic vegetation in shallow water without being fully submerged.”

To be honest with you, I have no idea what kinds of munchies the Canada geese were enjoying while I was watching them dabble. The geese did not offer to share any of their treats.

I did allow my simple little mind to wander a bit while pondering dabbling. Suppose other creatures engaged in the same sort of behavior.

Can you imagine what cows might look like if cows happened to dabble? Picture that in your mind: 10 or 20 cows in a field, back ends up, straight in the air, while they graze.

And what if people dabbled? You walk into your favorite restaurant and a room full of folks are munching on burgers and fries, back sides on the upside.

I shared my ideas about dabbling cows and people with The Other Half. As she often does, she rolled her eyes and shook her head. The message, I think, was pretty simple: maybe I should dabble in something other than dabbling.



This image might be a little bit nicer...

## Severe weather preparedness encouraged

As a record number of tornado outbreaks in December demonstrated, severe weather can happen at any time of the year.

To help people better prepare for weather emergencies, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, IEMA, and local emergency management agencies are promoting Severe Weather Preparedness Month throughout the month of March.

The National Weather Service and state and local emergency management officials strongly encourage people to have a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, NOAA, all hazards weather radio with battery backup.

The radios can be programmed to receive alerts for specified counties to keep people apprised of impending weather and post-event information for all types of hazards including natural (earthquakes), environmental (chemical spills) and public safety hazards (AMBER alerts).

When an alert is issued for the programmed area, the device will sound a warning alarm tone, followed by the essential information.

“Having a weather alert radio in your home can save your life,” IEMA acting director Alicia Tate-Nadeau said.

“Much like a smoke detector or carbon monoxide detector, these devices can alert you while you are sleeping in order to give you the time you need to get your family to safety.”

In this day and age of families constantly on the go, officials said it is also critical for people to have multiple ways to receive notifications and updated information about severe weather warnings.

FEMA offers a free mobile app that provides fast and reliable weather alerts from the National Weather Service, NWS. The app can be tailored to offer alerts for up to five different locations nationwide.

The mobile app can also help people locate open shelters and disaster resource centers near them in the event of an emergency.

For more information about what to do before, during

and after a storm, visit [www.Ready.Illinois.gov](http://www.Ready.Illinois.gov). The site offers a Severe Weather Preparedness Guide, developed by IEMA and NWS, which provides tips on how to prepare for all weather emergencies.

Additional tips and information are available on the Ready Illinois Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/ReadyIllinois](http://www.facebook.com/ReadyIllinois)) and Twitter page ([www.twitter.com/ReadyIllinois](http://www.twitter.com/ReadyIllinois)).

## A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, March 13, 1969

A meeting was held Tuesday night in the A-J C.H.S. library to discuss the need for reform in the area school districts. Gordon Hanson, Director of the Department of School District Organization, spoke on the subject of “The Advantages of the Unit System Over the Dual System” and presented some extremely convincing arguments.

A new industry has located in Union County. Old Orchard Homes, Inc. will soon begin producing mobile homes in the 33,000 square foot former Metzler Orchard building on Rt. 51 north of Anna. The property will be purchased by the Anna Industrial Committee and leased to the new corporation with a purchase agreement.

Cobden American Legion Post 259 will hold its 50th Birthday Party tonight in Cobden.

Unusual low for this time of year of 17 degrees was recorded for Monday, March 10.

Easter Sunday is not far away and stores in Anna are well stocked with merchandise to brighten your day.

The Illinois Department of Personnel has announced that written Civil Service examinations will no longer be given at Anna State Hospital. This order was effective March 1.

Behind some hot shooting by David Day and Dick Pitts, the Anna Moose beat the KXOK All-Stars by the score of 65-54.