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News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area



The moon could be seen shining in a bright blue afternoon sky over Union County last Saturday afternoon.

In the FYI category: March's full moon, which was slated to be seen in the sky Wednesday night, March 20, is called a "worm moon," according to space.com.

Union County officials continue to monitor river flood conditions, especially in light of the flooding which is going on in the Upper Midwest.

Performances of "Disney's The Little Mermaid" are scheduled at 7 p.m. March 29-30 and 2 p.m. March 31 at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

The ninth annual Union County Child Abuse Prevention Month proclamation day ceremony is planned Monday, April 1. The ceremony will be at 9 a.m. at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Congratulations to Anna-Jonesboro Community High School's Amiyah Hart, who has won a state wrestling championship.

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Lincoln National Heritage Area expansion set

A federal Land Use Bill signed into law last week, S47, included legislation introduced by U.S. Senators Tammy Duckworth, D-Ill., and Dick Durbin, D-Ill., and U.S. Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill., to honor the legacy of the 16th president of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, by expanding the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area in Illinois to include Livingston County, the City of Jonesboro in Union County and the city of Freeport in Stephenson County.

The Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area Amendment Act, which is part of the Natural Resources Management Act, is designed to increase economic opportunities for Illinoisans working to preserve the historic sites and create new recreation, tourism and educational projects.

Kinzinger was joined by U.S. Rep. Mike Bost, R-Ill., U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos, D-Ill., U.S. Rep. Rodney Davis, R-Ill., U.S. Rep. Darrin LaHood, R-Ill., and U.S. Rep. John Shimkus, R-Ill., in sponsoring the legislation.

"President Lincoln is a true American hero who expanded liberty and freedom for many and worked tirelessly to steer our country through some of its most challenging times. Our democracy would not be what it is today without his leadership," Duckworth said in a news release.

"Our bipartisan law honors Lincoln's legacy and will bring new opportunities for economic growth to local communities across central Illinois. I'm proud

the president signed it."

"Expanding the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area will give future generations of Illinois residents and visitors the chance to learn about President Lincoln's lasting legacy in our great state," Durbin said.

"This bill will also support Illinois communities and help grow the local economy by increasing access to federal grants for preservation and education. I was proud to work with Senator Duckworth to pass this bill in the Senate."

The existing Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area was established in 2008 and preserves the rich legacy of President Lincoln.

The region includes 42 counties across Central Illinois, stretching from the Indiana border to the Mississippi River, and is one of the largest heritage areas in the nation.

The National Heritage Area generates approximately \$260 million in economic impact, supports more than 3,000 jobs and generates \$25.5 million in tax revenue.

"I am grateful to our Illinois Congressional delegation for their efforts to pass this legislation and look forward to working with them," Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition executive director Sarah Watson said.

"By expanding the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area to 43 counties in Central Illinois and the communities of Freeport and Jonesboro, we continue to increase the economic benefit of Heritage tourism through telling the nation-

ally significant story of the life and times of Abraham Lincoln's 30 years in Illinois."

The parts of Illinois that would be added to the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area under this legislation are of special significance to President Lincoln's personal and professional life.

These areas are where Lincoln developed his legal career within the Eighth Judicial District.

They are also home to the sites of the historic Lincoln-Douglas debates. One of the debates was in Jonesboro.

"I'm proud to be part of the critical lands package legislation, and thrilled that it has officially been signed into law. In addition to protecting and preserving millions of acres of wilderness across our homeland, the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area will now expand to include Livingston County, Jonesboro and Freeport," Kinzinger said.

"This is great news for the Land of Lincoln, as we continue to share the life and legacy of our 16th president with generations to come."

The Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition is the coordinating entity for the 43-county Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area.

The coalition is a partnership of organizations and individuals dedicated to enhancing the communities and landscapes of Central Illinois through recognition and support of their significant natural, cultural and historical legacies.



Lincoln's heritage

Abraham Lincoln's legacy is recalled by a Lincoln Heritage Trail sign along North Main Street in Jonesboro.

Mississippi, Big Muddy have river flood warnings

Flood warnings continue this week for the Mississippi River and Big Muddy River in Southern Illinois.

The warnings come at a time when major flooding has been occurring in the Upper Midwest.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported that as of early Monday:

- Moderate flooding was occurring along the Mississippi River at Cape Girardeau and Thebes.

- Minor flooding was occurring along the Big Muddy River at Murphysboro.

Both the Mississippi and Big Muddy rivers border Union County.

Mississippi River at Thebes

At 8 p.m. Monday, the Mississippi River's stage at

Thebes was 37.5 feet. Flood stage is 33.0 feet.

The forecast called for the river to continue rising to near 40.5 feet by Saturday evening and then begin a slow fall.

Mississippi River at Cape Girardeau

At 8 p.m. Monday, the river's stage was 37.3 feet. Flood stage is 32.0 feet.

The river is expected to continue rising to near 40.5 feet by Saturday evening and then begin a slow fall.

Big Muddy River at Murphysboro

At 8 p.m. Monday, the river's stage was at 24.0 feet. Flood stage is 22.0 feet.

The river was expected to continue rising to near 24.1 feet by Tuesday morning and then start a slow fall.

Members of FFA chapters help local food pantry

By Benjamin Marxer

Members of two Union County FFA chapters have raised over \$1,000 to purchase canned goods and other items for a local food pantry.

In a joint effort, the Dongola High School FFA raised over \$500, while the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School FFA raised \$600 through donations from classmates and local businesses in under two weeks. This included a \$400 donation from Blazing Cane Vending, a local Dongola business.

The students worked with Sam O'Neal, the manager of the Jonesboro Save-A-Lot, to purchase canned goods and other non-perishable items to restock the shelves of the food pantry.

O'Neal also provided a trailer to help deliver the food to the Shawnee Development Council's Union County food pantry.

The council's food pantry is located on the grounds of the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center at 1000 N. Main St. in Anna.

This project began when both groups participated in the #10GallonChallenge, a social media inspired campaign encouraging people and organizations to buy gallons of milk to donate to their local food pantries.

When FFA officers delivered the milk to the Union County food pantry, they

saw the need for further assistance.

The food pantry operates solely on donations, and this time of year can be especially difficult to stay stocked up on supplies.

"After the holidays we have very few donations come through," said Paula Stairs, Union County coordinator for the Shawnee Development Council.

The pallet of food was delivered to the food pantry on Thursday, March 14, to correspond with the observance of National Agriculture Day. Students of both FFA chapters were

on hand to help unload the shipment.

"Union County is very giving," said Stairs. "If there is a need out there, they are willing to give."

The Shawnee Development Council's Food Pantry served 336 area families in the month of February, including 182 seniors. The food pantry is open every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

For more information on the food pantry or to learn more about how you can help, call Paula Stairs at 833-7437.



Food items delivered

Items were moved into the Shawnee Development Council food pantry after they were delivered on Thursday, March 14. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.



FFA members

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School and Dongola High School FFA members worked to raise funds to help support the Shawnee Development Council's food pantry in Anna. A pallet of food was delivered to the pantry on Thursday, March 14. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.





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Legislators propose reopening, repurposing at correctional facility

Two Southern Illinois legislators are hoping to see part of the now-closed Tamms Correctional Center reopened and repurposed.

State Rep. Terri Bryant, R-Murphysboro, and State Rep. Patrick Windhorst, R-Metropolis, said they joined last week in Springfield to pass legislation that creates a task force to study the reopening and repurposing of part of the shuttered correctional center in Tamms.

Bryant was the chief sponsor of HB 210, and Windhorst served as chief cosponsor of the measure.

“Reopening and repurposing the minimum security facility in Tamms would be helpful in reducing our crowded prison population, and would provide badly needed, good paying jobs for Southern Illinoisans,” Bryant said in a news release.

“I have worked very hard to get this legislation to move beyond the committee process. I have been a strong advocate for reopening the minimum security facility in Tamms since before I started running for office.

“There are very powerful forces that closed the supermax, and I want everyone

to know that this task force will not be studying reopening the supermax.

“I’m hoping that my colleagues will see how well the Murphysboro reopening and repurposing has gone, and that the task force would look deep into the economic impact that Tamms had on the area when it was up and running as a supermax, and the economic impact to the entire region since the facility was closed.”

Windhorst said that the Tamms Minimum Security Task Force will be made up of two members of the Illinois House and Senate, the director of the Illinois Department of Corrections, a representative of AFSCME, a person appointed by the president of Shawnee Community College, a person appointed by the president of Southern Illinois University, the mayor of Tamms and a member of the Alexander County board.

“The goal of the task force will be to study the regional impact that the facility closures had on Southern Illinois, and to study the feasibility of reopening the shuttered minimum-security facility,” Windhorst said.

“Reopening Tamms’ minimum-security facility could help alleviate overcrowding, make our correctional officers safer, and provide good paying jobs to an area that has been economically devastated.”

Having earned unanimous committee support on Wednesday night, March 13, HB 210 moved to the Illinois House floor for consideration.

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Shawnee Community College recently hosted a regional band performance. Outstanding student musicians from area middle schools performed under the direction of Shawnee Community College music director Lee VanAlstine.

A career fair was scheduled Wednesday, March 20, at Shawnee Community College. More than 30 employers were expected to participate.

The Anna City Council this week is interviewing candidates to fill an assistant administrator post (or posts).

Clean-up at the Jonesboro Cemetery is scheduled to begin on April 1. City officials note that all grave blankets and flowers should be removed by that date.

Thank goodness... Wednesday, March 20, was the first day of spring.

A spring Johnson County Junque Jamboree is planned Saturday, April 6, in Vienna.

Anna man sentenced for biting officer

Union County State’s Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds reported on March 14 that Tyler Michael Henderson, 25, of Anna, has been sentenced to three years in the Illinois Department of Corrections after pleading guilty to one count of aggravated battery, which is a Class 2 felony.

Henderson will also serve a two-year period of mandatory supervised release.

Henderson bit the arm of an Anna Police Department officer in February as he was being arrested for another offense.

State's attorney reminds public about ID theft, tax refund fraud

Union County State’s Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds is alerting the public about identity theft and tax refund fraud associated with April’s tax filing deadline.

Tax refund fraud commonly occurs when stolen identity information is used to file a tax return in the victim’s name and the thief then obtains the refund that would be due to the victim, the state’s attorney explained.

Tax refund fraud has previously been reported in Union County. The state’s attorney’s office urges the public to protect identifying documents and information as the tax deadline approaches.

The IRS has completed its annual “Dirty Dozen” list of tax scams with a warning to taxpayers about aggressive telephone scams continuing from coast-to-coast during this filing season.

Along with aggressive and threatening phone calls, e-mail phishing schemes are among the “Dirty Dozen” tax scams.

Members of the public with questions, or those who want to report suspicious activity, can call the Union County state’s attorney’s office in Jonesboro at 833-7216 or the IRS toll-free at 1-800-908-4490.

The IRS list of “Dirty Dozen” tax scams include the following:

Phishing and Malware

Taxpayers should be alert for a continuing surge of fake emails, text messages, websites and social media attempts to steal personal information.

These attacks tend to increase during tax season and remain a major vector of identity theft.

Phone Scams

Taxpayers should be alert to tax time phone scams where aggressive criminals pose as IRS agents in hopes of stealing money or personal information.

Phone scams or “vishing” (voice phishing) continue to pose a major threat.

The scam has cost thousands of people millions of dollars in recent years, and the IRS continues to see variations on these aggressive calling schemes.

Identity Theft

Despite a steep drop in tax-related identity theft in recent years, this scam remains a serious issue.

Taxpayers should continue to protect their sensitive tax and financial data to help defend against identity thieves.

Preparer Fraud

With recent tax law changes, some taxpayers may choose to have a paid professional prepare their tax returns this year even if they’ve done it themselves in years past.

The IRS reminds taxpayers to be careful when selecting a tax professional. Though most tax professionals provide honest, high-quality service, a minority of dishonest preparers operate each filing season perpetrating refund fraud, identity theft and other scams that hurt innocent taxpayers.

Falsified Income

Taxpayers should avoid schemes involving falsifying income, including the creation of bogus Forms 1099.

Con artists commonly use this trick as well as related scams designed to get taxpayers to erroneously claim tax credits to which they aren’t entitled.

Inflating Deductions

Taxpayers should watch for areas frequently targeted by unscrupulous tax preparers that include overstating deductions such as charitable contributions, medical expenses, padding business expenses or falsely claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit and other tax benefits.

Fake Charities

Taxpayers should be alert to scam groups masquerading as charitable organizations.

Using a tax deduction as bait, these fake charities often lure victims into making ineligible donations, ultimately leaving the unsuspecting donor in the lurch.

Improper Business Tax Credits

Taxpayers should avoid improperly claiming various business tax credits, a common scam used by unscrupulous tax preparers.

Two credits often targeted for abuse by shady tax return preparers are the Research Credit and the Fuel Tax Credit.

Each of these credits has very specific eligibility criteria.

Additional information is also available online at <https://unioncountyil.gov/sa> and at <https://www.irs.gov/identitytheft>.

The full list of the “Dirty Dozen” tax scams is available at <https://www.irs.gov/uac/newsroom/dirty-dozen>.

Two Union County men sentenced for DUI charges

Union County State’s Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds reported on March 15 that two men had been sentenced on charges of driving under the influence.

William Marion May, 51, of Dongola, has been sentenced to six years in the Illinois Department of Corrections after pleading guilty to one count of aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol (a Class X felony).

May will also serve a three-year period of mandatory supervised release.

May was arrested in January following a traffic stop conducted by Union County Sheriff’s Office deputies.

The charge was elevated to a Class X felony based upon prior DUI convictions.

David Carl Dover, 59, of Anna, has been sentenced to three years in the Illinois

County-wide emergency notification system slated to be in operation soon

Telephone-based mass notifications systems are used by thousands of public safety agencies across the United States to warn citizens about local emergencies, hazards and other threats.

Union County officials announced on March 14 that they have selected Hyper-Reach to help bring this same life-saving capability to the area.

Hyper-Reach is a state-of-the-art mass emergency notification system which is designed specifically for public safety.

The county expects to have the service fully operational by the end of March.

The new emergency alert system will provide rapid notification of hazardous and urgent situations using a mix of telephone calls, text and email messages, and even TTY/TDD service for the hearing impaired.

The system sends thousands of these messages to geographically targeted households in seconds, and can simultaneously deliver them to an even broader audience by way of social media.

The system also can send broadcast messages to most current mobile telephones (those made since 2011) in an affected area by providing access to FEMA’s Wireless Emergency Alert, WEA, system.

“Our job is to protect the citizens of Union County as effectively and cost-effectively as possible,” Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel said in a news release which announced plans to implement the program.

“We reviewed all the major vendors for emergency notification service, and Hyper-Reach gave us everything we needed at an unbelievable price. We’re really excited about this new capability.”

The county plans to use the service primarily for alerts about weather and environmental hazards, criminal activity and missing persons.

Residents and people who work in Union County

are being encouraged to enroll now, either by calling or texting “Alert” to 618-661-0591 or by going to the website at <https://hyperreach.com/ilunion-signup.html>.

Citizens also can download the Hyper-Reach app anywhere on their smartphone.

Hyper-Reach is a free smartphone app that allows individual citizens to manage and monitor the alerts they receive, both for their home and office addresses and for other addresses they care about, such as those of elderly relatives or friends.

“We’re honored to have been selected by Union County to provide its emergency alerts,” Hyper-Reach president Sam Asher said. “It’s gratifying to be part of an effort to save lives and protect property and we take that responsibility very seriously.”

Flood safety preparedness encouraged

Nearly every day, flooding happens somewhere in the United States.

Flooding can cause more damage than any other weather-related event.

As part of Severe Weather Preparedness Month during March, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, IEMA, and local emergency management officials remind everyone that good preparation and knowing what to do in a flood can increase chances of survival when flooding occurs in your area.

“We are monitoring rivers and streams across the state, and working with local governments to ensure Illinoisans are prepared for potential flooding this spring,” IEMA acting director Alicia Tate-Nadeau said.

“Now is the time for all homeowners to prepare for potential flooding. Be aware of the flood risks in your community and know the steps to take to keep your family safe in the event of an emergency.”

THANK YOU

P.A.S.T. wishes to thank everyone who donated soups, chili and desserts and attended our annual dessert auction at St. Anne's Church on March 15th.

A special thanks goes to the Carl Dillow and Robert Craft families for auctioning the desserts and making the event a fun evening.

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"Tuesdays with Morrie"

Saturday, March 23
2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 24
2 p.m.

Anna Arts Center

\$15.00

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Notice

The Saint John’s Cemetery board would like to inform everyone that cemetery cleanup and mowing will begin the 1st of April. Please remove any flowers or other items from the ground to allow for mowing and weed eating. We greatly appreciate your help with this in order that the cemetery can be maintained properly.

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Sports

A-J’s Amiyah Hart wins girls’ wrestling state championship



State champ
Anna-Jonesboro Community High School’s sophomore Amiyah Hart won the 111-pound weight class at the Illinois Wrestling Coaches Organizational Association girls’ state championship in Springfield, March 9-10. Photo provided.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School sophomore Amiyah Hart won the 111-pound weight class at the Illinois Wrestling Coaches Organizational Association girls’ state championship in Springfield. The competition was March 9-10.

Hart defeated Leyden High School’s Samantha Javier with a pin in 1:58 to win the state championship.

In the first round, Hart defeated Maine East’s Hannah Suboni-Kaufman with a pin in 4:08.

In the quarterfinals she defeated Metamora Township’s Cera Jones by an 11-1 decision.

A-J baseball team opens season with 1-2 record

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School baseball team posted a 1-2 record to open the spring season.

Chaffee, Mo., 11, A-J 2: Dalton Seip, Trent Mason, Noah Watkins and Wyatt Johnston pitched in the loss in the second game of a doubleheader at Chaffee Saturday, March 16.

Seip pitched 2 innings and allowed 4 hits to go with 4 walks and a strikeout. Mason pitched 2 innings and allowed 4 hits to go with a walk and a strikeout.

Watkins pitched 2 innings and allowed 3 hits to go with 2 walks and no strikeouts. Johnston pitched an inning and allowed a hit to go with 2 walks and no strikeouts.

Steen Vaca Diez was 1-for-1 to lead the Wildcats at the plate. Carson Reynolds was 1-for-2. Blake Pena, Jackson Laster and Mason were each 1-for-3.

A-J 13, Meadow Heights, Mo., 9: Avery Goines and Reynolds were each 3-for-4 to lead the hitting in the win in the opening game of the doubleheader Saturday.

J.D. Mains was 2-for-3 and Pena and Jacob Schaefer were each 2-for-4. Laster was 1-for-3. Watkins and Ethan Ames were each 1-for-4.

Laster, Goines and Nick McGrath pitched in the win. Laster pitched 3 innings and allowed 3 hits to go with a walk and 3 strikeouts.

Goines pitched 3 innings and allowed a hit to go with 2 walks and a strikeout. McGrath pitched the final inning and allowed 2 hits

In the semifinals she defeated Taft’s Kaila Del Toro by a 13-2 decision.

“She wrestled four girls, all with different techniques,” A-J coach Chase Hargrave said. “Her second match was probably her hardest. But she won the whole thing and it wasn’t even close.”

Hargrave is an assistant wrestling coach at A-JCHS.

Hargrave said she won All-American honors last year in the freestyle wrestling in the 106-pound class.

“She has a possibility of being a team leader next season” for the Wildcat wrestling team, Hargrave said. “I look for her to have a good high school career.”

to go with 2 walks and a strikeout.

Egyptian 8, A-J 0: Mains was 2-for-3 to lead the Wildcats at the plate in the season opening loss at the Shawnee Community College ball diamond Tuesday, March 12.

Reynolds was 1-for-3 with a double to lead the hitting. Watkins and Schaefer were both 1-for-3.

Goines and Laster pitched in the loss. Goines pitched 3 innings and allowed 2 hits to go with 4 walks and 6 strikeouts.

Laster pitched 2 innings and allowed a hit to go with 2 walks and 2 strikeouts.

A-J is scheduled to play at home Saturday in a doubleheader against Marion and Niles North. The Marion game is set for 9 a.m. and the Niles North game is at 3 p.m.

Umpires needed this summer

The Southern Illinois Baseball and Softball Association needs umpires for games this summer at the Anna City Park.

Prospective umpires should be at least 16 years old and have good knowledge of both baseball and softball.

Umpire training sessions will be held at the Anna City Park ball diamonds.

The first training session is set for 2 p.m. on March 31. Six more training sessions are planned.

The season begins May 13 and runs through the end of June.

For further information, call Marlin Burd at 697-1799.

First-year coach leads A-J/Cobden girls’ soccer

First-year Anna-Jonesboro/Cobden high school co-op girls’ soccer team coach Trish Burkhardt-Cripps has a goal of improving on last season, when the team posted only a single win.

“Basically, it will be a rebuilding year,” Burkhardt-Cripps said. “We’ll take it one day at a time.”

Four seniors are on the team: goalie Kristen Brimm, center/midfield Maddie Johnston, right midfield Carla Guerrero, left wing Jenna Gomez and Taylor Archey, a player who is injured and is serving as the team’s manager.

Tuscola blanks Appleknockers

The Cobden High School baseball team loaded the bases in the 7th inning with no outs, but failed to score in a 7-0 loss to visiting Tuscola on Saturday, March 16.

Landon Britt was 1-for-3 with a double to lead the Appleknockers at the plate.

Noah Franklin, Zane Nance, Chandler West and Alex Ramsey were each 1-for-3.

West, Nance and Bayden Ditterline pitched in the loss.

West pitched 3 2/3 innings and allowed 7 hits to go with a walk and 3 strikeouts.

Nance pitched 1 1/3 innings and allowed 3 hits to go with 2 walks and 4 strikeouts. Ditterline pitched an inning and allowed no hits to go with no walks and 2 strikeouts.

Cobden, 0-1, plays Thursday, today, at home against Pinckneyville and Friday at Marion Agape.

Cobden softball team begins spring season with 1-2 record

The Cobden High School softball team started spring season play with a 1-2 record.

Marion 22, Cobden 7: Megan Rhodes was 3-for-3 with 4 RBIs to lead the hitting for the host Appleknockers in the loss Friday, March 15.

Emily White was 1-for-2. Lauren Sweitzer was 1-for-3 with an RBI. Lily Britt was 1-for-3.

Lexi Miller, Aubrey Fisher and Makenzie Howell pitched in the loss and scattered 22 hits to go with 8 walks and 2 strikeouts.

Du Quoin 11, Cobden 5: Katelyn Shadowens was 2-for-3 with 3 stolen bases in leading the host Appleknockers at the plate in the loss Wednesday, March 13.

Howell was 2-for-4 with 2 RBIs. Abby Clover and

A-J softball team opens season with four losses

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School softball team struggled to open the season with four losses.

Mount Vernon, Mo., 11, A-J 1: Cori Turner was the losing pitcher in the second game of a doubleheader at Chaffee, Mo., Saturday, March 16.

Turner gave up 8 hits to go with 2 walks and no strikeouts.

Julia Ellis, Mayci Penrod and Turner were each 1-for-2 to lead A-J’s hitting. Katie Shepard and Morgan Wendling were both 1-for-3.

Scott City, Mo., 8, A-J 4: Wendling was the losing pitcher in the first loss on Saturday.

Wendling pitched 7 2/3 innings and allowed 6 hits to go with 7 walks and 5 strikeouts.

Shepard was 2-for-4 to lead the hitting. Petey Foster

Juniors in the mix are left midfield Morgan Keller, right defense Ashley Hoekstra, right midfield Jenna Watkins and left defense Molly Adams.

Sophomores who could also see playing time are left defense Bailey Bible, right field Celi Martinez, center/defense Evan Keller, left wing Karina Flores, center defense Kayranna Carter, center/forward Ki-ersten Wright, right wing Kyleigh Matuszewich and left defense Rayline Frankell.

A freshman who could see action is left wing Karina Griffin.

The A-J/Cobden squad opens its season Thursday, today, at home against Carterville. The home field again will be behind Jonesboro School.

“I’m proud of them,” Burkhardt-Cripps said. “We’re going to have a good season.”

Shawnee falls to Tuscola

Kaden Baltzell was 2-for-3 at the plate to lead the Shawnee High School baseball team in a season-opening 24-4 loss to visiting Tuscola on Saturday, March 16.

Ryan Schaefer was 1-for-1 with an RBI for the Redskins. Koby McLane was 1-for-1 and Braden Freeman was 1-for-2.

Schaefer, McLane, Baltzell and Devin Clendenin pitched in the loss, combining for 19 hits to go with 6 walks and 5 strikeouts.

Shawnee, 0-1, is scheduled to play Friday at Elverado.

Saluki Sports Update

By Fred Huff

What a coincidence. Sunday’s announcement of this year’s NCAA basketball pairings.

One of the last announced...Murray State, a No. 12 with a 27-4 record vs. Marquette, a No. 5 with a 24-9 record.

Hardly a big deal, but as I watched with my wife, Ann, I said, “What a coincidence. They met and played in the only NCAA university-division tournament ever held in the SIU Arena and it was exactly half-a-century ago: 1969.” Fifty years.

Yes, there have been NIT, but not NCAA, games since.

The SIU Arena was a true showplace at the time. Opened in the fall of 1964, it had hosted several major games. All sell-outs. More than 10,000 seats. Notre Dame played Ohio Wesleyan in the other game of the Saturday afternoon matinee.

SIU’s Athletics Department received compliments from the NCAA and two of the participating teams for its expertise in hosting the games. Just compliments... no additional games in later years.

I remember well Marquette’s coach, Al Macguire, being well-pleased. He should have been as his club blasted Murray State by maybe 20 points. Can’t recall exactly.

Of course, many fans might remember that he had been on the sidelines just two years earlier when the Salukis trimmed Marquette in the championship game of the 1967 NIT. Al was a gentleman...and an entertainer...as well as being a fine coach.

We had developed a friendship with several on Marquette’s staff in 1967 and they remembered us. One called after learning the team was playing in Carbondale with an unusual request.

He said something like, “Fred, Macguire doesn’t like for fans to know where the team is staying the night before a big game. The NCAA has assigned us to the Holiday Inn in Carbondale. Do you know of some out-of-the-way motel we could stay at instead?”

“Oh yeah,” I remember answering. “There’s a motel

Trail society plans hike

The River-to-River Trail Society plans to have a guided hike on Saturday, March 23. The hike is free and open to the public.

Hikers plan to meet at 10 a.m. at the Rim Rock parking lot on Karbers Ridge Road, also known as Pounds Hollow Road, which is 8 miles east of Route 34 and 3 miles west of Route 1.

The hike will make a loop from Rim Rock, west to Blackridge Road, then east around the northern side of Pounds Hollow Lake, and back to the starting point.

The hike will be about 6 miles long; it will require some off-trail hiking and some uphill hiking, as well as at least one creek crossing.

The hike is intended for people who have done some hiking. The trail society noted that boots or sturdy shoes and hiking sticks are strongly recommended.

Hikers are advised to bring their own water and a snack, and to not bring dogs. More information is available by calling 630-470-7692.

in Du Quoin, 20 miles north of Carbondale. No one would even think of that one. It’s called the Hub.”

The Hub was never a showplace. For years, it has been a problem for Du Quoin authorities. It took Marquette’s request and I’ll never forget being there when the team checked in around 9 p.m.

Marquette’s key player was a player named Thompson who had been a problem for the Salukis two years earlier. He got off the bus, walked to Main Street in front of the motel, turned to a teammate and said, “Coach has really done it to us tonight. There ain’t anything around here.”

He was right, but probably got a good night’s sleep and led his teammates to a second-round game in the tournament the next day.

Coach Macguire later thanked us, personally, and as a matter of fact, spoke at SIU’s first banquet honoring 1967 team members a couple of years later.

Imagine, Marquette vs. Murray State...again meeting in the NCAA tournament. Fifty years after playing in the SIU Arena. It’s been half a century. Exactly.

A big deal? Not hardly. Only to us and others who enjoyed the shellacking the Warriors administered in the Arena.

This is a new year...a different year and we wouldn’t be a bit surprised if Murray State upsets Marquette when the two teams meet in this year’s tournament.

The rest of the tournament? As always, there will be surprises. Upsets in the NCAA are common. Fans can expect them as under-rated teams surprise heavily-favored clubs.

Disapproving some of the ratings, and pairings, is part of the enjoyment of the event. We even will feel a little sorry for some teams, like No. 15 Bradley, having to go against No. 2 Michigan State.

Sure. Right. It’s a mismatch, but strange things happen. Remember Loyola’s success in the tournament last year? The Braves don’t have Sister whatever her name is/was on their sideline, however, and they’ll just have to hope for the best.

Play ball.

Jonesboro School names honor students

Jonesboro School announces third quarter honor roll students.

High Honor Roll
Raegan Jones, Kayleigh Wheaton, Kenzie Miller, Heidi Miller, Brody Gullledge, Blake Dillow, Grant Lingle, ALeah Box, Travis Burgher, Graydon Edmonds.

Reese Jones, Aidan McFadden, Lucas Tehandon, Sierra Beggs, Zoe Jones, Logan Abernathy, Thomas Coleman, Ben Hauser, Lucas Salazar, Lizbeth Carrillo, Alexandria Keller.

Ella Lingle, Miranda Bunden, Alyson Hasty, Torie Ralls, Lily Baker, Jaden Ebberts, Lia Mays, Jaycee Miller, Isabel Tehandon.

Honor Roll
Chloe Biggerstaff, Landon Brown, Blake Cast, Miles Delashmutt, Avery Poole, Chesnee Marks, Ellie Penrod, Mya Laster, Jason McAlister.

Om Patel, Brilea Yarber, Cadence Black, Bailey Mix, Austin Adams, Jonah Westbrooks, Parker Mayberry, Emilie Mowery, Sydney Waun.



STEAM night at Cobden Elementary
The Cobden School District hosted its STEAM family night on Friday, March 15. The evening showcased student projects and featured interactive exhibits in the fields related to “STEAM,” including science, technology, engineering, arts and math. Students had an opportunity to try out the Lego Cleaner, a creation of 1st-grade inventor Gadiel Uribe. The device used a vacuum attachment to suck up Lego blocks and deposit them in their storage container. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

During the Sunday morning worship service, congregational songs were led by Pastor Randy Wright, Abby Barlow, Harley and Madison Schnaare and accompanied by Jack and Nina Shepard followed by an altar service.

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

Special music was provided by Patti Mulback.

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

The message, “Building Up Hedges,” was brought by Pastor Wright from Job.

A missionary service was held Sunday evening in the fellowship hall, with 75 in attendance for a chili cook-off with 10 participants.

Herman Wells was named as Anna Nazarene’s 2019 chili cookoff golden ladle winner and Lea Wright placed second in the contest.

Mark Smith shared some of the evangelistic ideas

of the church and will be having a meeting soon with those who are interested in participating.

Bible study is planned in the fellowship hall every Friday at 6:30 p.m. Those who plan to attend are asked to bring finger foods and snacks to share.

On March 24, Bob Kuhn, a preaching ambassador, and Joy Miller and Andrea Rios Quinones, music ambassadors from Olivet Nazarene University, are scheduled to be at the church during the morning worship service.

A Men of Purpose conference is planned March 30 in Shelbyville.

Team day is planned April 6 in Decatur.

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

Youth services are at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. Children’s Bible quizzing is planned at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday and 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Union County Hospital earns lab accreditation

Union County Hospital in Anna has earned The Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval for Laboratory Services Accreditation by demonstrating continuous compliance with its performance standards.

The Gold Seal of Approval is a symbol of quality that reflects an organization’s commitment to providing safe and effective patient care.

Union County Hospital underwent a rigorous on-site survey on April 5, 2018.

During the review, a Joint Commission expert surveyor evaluated compliance with laboratory standards related to several areas, including document and process control, health care-associated conditions, risk reduction, and staff qualifications and competency.

The surveyor also conducted on-site observations and interviews.

The Joint Commission has accredited hospital laboratory services since 1979 and freestanding laboratories since 1995.

More than 1,500 organizations, including laboratories in hospitals, reference labs, blood transfusion and donor centers, public health laboratories, and point-of-care test sites, currently maintain Laboratory Services Accreditation from The Joint Commission, awarded for a two-year cycle.

“Joint Commission accreditation provides laboratories with the processes needed to improve in a variety of areas from specimen collection to result reporting,” said Heather Hurley, executive director of laboratory business development for The Joint Commission.

“We commend Union County Hospital for its efforts to have laboratory services contribute and

support the overall health care delivery system.”

“Union County Hospital is pleased to receive accreditation from The Joint Commission, the premier health care quality improvement and accrediting body in the nation,” Union County Hospital CEO Jim Farris said.

“Pathologists and other laboratory staff continue to work together to develop and implement approaches and strategies that have the potential to improve care for the patients in our community.”

The Joint Commission’s laboratory standards are developed in consultation with health care experts and providers, measurement experts and patients.

The standards are informed by scientific literature and expert consensus to help organizations measure, assess and improve performance.

U.S. Forest Service: spring weather ideal for prescribed burns

The U.S. Forest Service says that spring’s arrival comes with ideal weather conditions for prescribed burning.

With that in mind, the Forest Service notes that Southern Illinois residents may see fire across the landscape: from the Shawnee National Forest to state and privately owned lands.

Prescribed fire has many benefits, the Forest Service explains, including helping to maintain healthy forests and the native plants and animals they support.

By bringing fire back to the Shawnee National Forest, the Forest Service aims to:

- Encourage the growth of a diverse array of plant life, including sun-loving plants and grasses.
- Ensure oaks and hickories remain keystone species in eastern forests.
- Oaks and hickories provide food for about 100 different animals.

Using fire to bring light into the forests helps oaks and hickories get established and grow.

Without fire, shade-tolerant species will take over and eventually replace oak and hickories as the dominant species in the forest.

- Protect human property by reducing the amount of down, dead wood in the forest.

That way if a wildfire happens, it would be less intense, and potentially easier to control.

- Perpetuate prairie and savannah remnants found within the forest.

These remnant plant communities provide habitat for several early-successional song bird species, such as prairie warblers and Henslow’s sparrow.

Maintaining these open woodland conditions with prescribed fire increases biodiversity in both plant and animal species.

“Fire rejuvenates the forest. It increases nutrient availability, favors some plants over others, and can remove dead vegetation and smaller trees and brush,” U.S. Forest Service/Shawnee National Forest fire management officer Scott Crist said in a news release.

“This lets more sunlight into the forest floor, which is important for oak trees, the dominant tree in Illinois’ forests, and many sun-loving plants.”

Prescribed fire is a planned fire that is overseen by professionals. It is performed under specific weather conditions and is designed to mimic fire that historically occurred on the forest.

The size of each prescribed burn varies but people located near the burn may notice smoke during and after the burn.

The Forest Service monitors smoke generated during prescribed burns.

On most burns, members of the public can expect smoke to be visible in mid-afternoon and dissipate within a few hours.

Information about prescribed burning is available by contacting Crist at the Shawnee National Forest’s headquarters in Harrisburg, phone 618-253-7114.

Hummingbird program planned

A program titled “Hummingbirds – Winged Jewels” is planned from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at the Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands Center near Cypress.

The wetlands center is located at 8885 State Route 37 South.

The program will feature information about hummingbird feeders, types of food, native plant gardens, nesting sites and more.

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2019 Consolidated Election
April 2, 2019

Early Voting Schedule

Starting Thursday, February 21, 2019, through Monday, April 1, 2019, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Excluding weekends except dates listed below:

Saturday, March 30, 2019 - 8 a.m. to Noon
Sunday, March 31, 2019 - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.


Grace Period Voting Schedule

Starting Wednesday, March 6, 2019, through Monday, April 1, 2019, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Excluding weekends except dates listed below and Tuesday, April 2, 2019, Consolidated Election Day.

Saturday, March 30, 2019 - 8 a.m. to Noon
Sunday, March 31, 2019 - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Consolidated Election Day is Tuesday, April 2, 2019, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Early and Grace voting will be held at the Union County Clerk's Office, located at:
309 W. Market Street, Room 116
Jonesboro, IL 62952


Lance Meisenheimer
Union County Clerk



Pinewood victory
Xan Smith placed first in his Boy Scout den at the local Pack 44 Pinewood Derby on Saturday, March 2. After competing with top finishers from other dens, Smith went on to place first overall in the derby and qualified to participate at the regional competition scheduled at the University Mall in Carbondale on March 23.



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Survey shows growing teacher shortages in Illinois

By Peter Hancock
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SPRINGFIELD – The shortage of teachers in Illinois has gotten more serious over the past year, reaching into virtually every subject area and region of the state, and forcing schools to either cancel programs, enlarge class sizes or use teachers who are not fully licensed in a particular subject area.

Those are the conclusions of a new report released last week from the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools, which was based on survey responses from 527 of the 858 district superintendents in Illinois.

Of those, the report said, 85 percent reported experiencing some level of teacher shortage this year, up from 78 percent in a similar survey conducted in 2017. Nearly one-third

(32 percent) reported a “serious” shortage.

Nearly two-thirds of those responding (63 percent) also reported having a “serious shortage” of substitute teachers.

As a result, the report stated, the superintendents who responded to the survey reported a total of 1,032 vacant positions that still had not been filled by the time classes started last fall, or were filled by people who were not fully qualified for the position.

“Ultimately, what’s not really stated in there, is that there are about 120,000 kids who are being impacted directly by positions that are going unfilled this year,” said Kelton Davis, the regional superintendent for Monroe and Randolph counties, and chairman of the regional superintendents association.

The report said shortages were reported in almost every subject area, with

foreign languages, various special education fields and computer science leading the list of classroom subjects. There were also significant shortages of school psychologists and library and media specialists.

Shortages were also reported in every region of the state, although they were more severe in Southern and Central Illinois than in the suburban districts around Chicago.

In Southern Illinois, 94 districts reported seeing “significantly fewer qualified applicants” than they did five years ago.

That compares with 90 percent of the districts in Central Illinois, 78 percent in northwest Illinois and only 42 percent in the Cook County and surrounding suburbs.

As a result of those shortages, the report said 99 districts reported canceling a total of 225 course offerings due to a lack of qualified

teachers, while 86 districts reported converting more than 200 classes to on-line learning because they lacked a qualified teacher for the subject.

Davis, however, said he knows of many districts that have resorted to putting more students into a classroom, or using teachers who are working with a temporary license or an emergency substitute license to fill in gaps.

Nancy Latham, executive director of the Council on Teacher Education at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, said it’s difficult to pinpoint all of the causes of the growing teacher shortage.

One of the factors, she said, is that there are more teachers from the “baby boom” generation now retiring than there are young people graduating from schools of education. And a big part of that, she said, is about money.

She noted that more than 90 percent of the vacancies reported in 2017 were in schools that received “below-adequate” funding and which had been reducing their staff in recent years.

But another factor, she said, is that the teaching profession no longer has the same kind of allure it once enjoyed.

“If you look at the national media reports over the last five years, the profession has taken a hit,” she said.

In fact, the report referenced a 2018 poll by Phi Delta Kappa, a nationwide professional organization for educators, which found that 54 percent of the adults it surveyed said they would not want their children taking up teaching as a career: the first time a majority of respondents said that in the 50-year history of the survey.


Democratic State Sen. Andy Manar of Bunker Hill

commented about the report on Twitter, saying the report bolsters his argument in favor of a bill he is sponsoring to phase in an increase in the minimum wage for full-time teachers to \$40,000 by the 2023-2024 school year.

Davis, however, said there are many districts that could not afford to do that without significantly more state funding, or raising local property taxes.

The report recommends the state take at least three steps to address the shortages: streamlining the process for obtaining substitute teacher licenses, especially for retired teachers who want to go back to work in their old districts; expanding programs for developing new teachers, such as the Grow Your Own Teacher program; and gathering more data to more accurately predict, by district, where shortages will occur and to identify unique challenges facing each district.


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APRIL 2, 2019


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MUNICIPAL

CITY OF ANNA

FOR MAYOR
(Vote for ONE)

☐ STEVE HARTLINE

☐ EARL MILLER

FOR CITY COUNCILMAN
(Vote for not more than FOUR)

☐ ALFRED E. KAMP

☐ BRYAN S. MILLER

☐ KATHY BRYAN

☐ MARTHA ANN WEBB

☐ MICHELLE "SHELLY" GLASCO-PEARL

☐ QUINN EDWARDS

☐ MICHAEL BIGLER

CITY OF JONESBORO

FOR ALDERMAN
WARD ONE
(Vote for ONE)

☐ BRANDI BOYD

CITY OF JONESBORO

FOR ALDERMAN
WARD TWO
(Vote for ONE)

☐ BEVERLY K. SCHAEFER

CITY OF JONESBORO

FOR ALDERMAN
WARD THREE
(Vote for ONE)

☐ MICHAEL S. STEGLE

VILLAGE OF ALTO PASS

FOR VILLAGE PRESIDENT
(Vote for ONE)

☐ SCOTT TRIPP

MUNICIPAL

FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEE
(Vote for not more than TWO)

☐ MILA MARING

☐ JOEL MURRAY

FOR VILLAGE CLERK
(Vote for ONE)

☐ KELLI ELLIS

VILLAGE OF COBDEN

FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEE
(Vote for not more than THREE)

☐ PATRICK BRUMLEVE

☐ ALMA GOMEZ

☐ LOUANN ELWELL

☐ TODD DIETTERLE

☐ LARRY HACKETHAL

VILLAGE OF DONGOLA

FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEE
(Vote for not more than THREE)

☐ RICHARD MICHAEL

☐ JOHN L. SNELL

☐ PATRICK "JOEY" FERGUSON

FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEE
TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM
(Vote for ONE)

☐ DONAVAN WRIGHT

VILLAGE OF MILL CREEK


FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEE
(Vote for not more than THREE)

☐ LORETTA WALLS

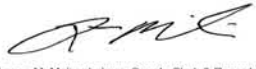
☐ VALERIE BYRD

☐ JASON STROUD

Write-in

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SCHOOL

CYPRESS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 64

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM
(VOTE FOR FOUR)

☐ RICHIE OLIVER

☐ MANDY MOORE

☐ MICHAEL SCHULTZ

☐ HOWARD PENROD

Write-in

Write-in

Write-in

DONGOLA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 66

FOR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM
(VOTE FOR ONE)

☐ PHILIP MILLER

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM
(VOTE FOR THREE)

☐ BRENDA HOGUE

☐ WAYNE BROWN

☐ MARK EDDLEMAN

SCHOOL

SHAWNEE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 84

Instructions to voter: Membership on the board of education is restricted to a maximum of 3 members from any congressional township.

ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERS MAY BE ELECTED IN THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS FROM EACH CONGRESSIONAL TOWNSHIP.

NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 10S RANGE 4W

NOT MORE THAN 2 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 10S RANGE 3W

NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 11S RANGE 4W

NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 11S RANGE 3W

NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 11S RANGE 2W

NOT MORE THAN 2 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 12S RANGE 3W

NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 12S RANGE 2W

NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 13S RANGE 3W

NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 13S RANGE 2W

NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 14S RANGE 4W

NOT MORE THAN 2 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 14S RANGE 3W

NOT MORE THAN 3 MAY BE ELECTED FROM TOWNSHIP 14S RANGE 2W

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM
(VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF ONE)

NO CANDIDATE

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM
(VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF THREE)

TOWNSHIP 14S RANGE 3W

☐ TRENTON COYLER

TOWNSHIP 12S RANGE 2W


☐ JENNIFER WEBB

TOWNSHIP 12S RANGE 3W

☐ ANGIE MCMAHAN

TOWNSHIP 11S RANGE 3W

☐ JASON STEGLE

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LIBRARY

DONGOLA LIBRARY DISTRICT

FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE
TO SERVE A FULL 6-YEAR TERM
(Vote for not more than TWO)

☐ AMY K. ULRICH

STINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY DISTRICT

FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE
TO SERVE A FULL 6-YEAR TERM
(Vote for not more than TWO)

☐ JANET HUNTER

☐ MARILYN KELLER

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE REGION

REGIONAL BOARD

FOR MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES (FRANKLIN, JOHNSON, MASSAC & WILLIAMSON COUNTIES)
TO SERVE A 6-YEAR TERM
(Vote for not more than TWO)

☐ MARLEIS TROVER (JOHNSON COUNTY)

☐ JEAN CHAMNESS (FRANKLIN COUNTY)

FOR MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES (FRANKLIN, JOHNSON, MASSAC & WILLIAMSON COUNTIES)
TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM
(Vote for ONE)

NO CANDIDATE

REGIONAL BOARD

FOR MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES (ALEXANDER, JACKSON, MASSAC, PULASKI & UNION COUNTIES)
(Vote for not more than TWO)

☐ GRANT WOODSIDE (PERRY COUNTY)

☐ LARRY HOUSTON (ALEXANDER COUNTY)

SCHOOL

LICK CREEK COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO.16

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM
(VOTE FOR FOUR)

☐ BOYD BLAYNE HOLSHOUSER

☐ AARON STOVER

☐ ALLEN E. PLOTT

☐ RONALD J. THORN

SCHOOL

ANNA COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 37

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM
(VOTE FOR FOUR)

☐ GRANT L. CAPEL

☐ DAVE "SULLY" SULLIVAN

☐ TINA WALLER

☐ CRAIG DILLMAN

COBDEN UNIT SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 17

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM
(VOTE FOR THREE)

☐ LISA TOMAZZOLI

☐ ROBERT FURLOW

☐ TERRA LYERLA

☐ GERALD BRITT

JONESBORO COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 43

Instructions to voter: The board of education shall be composed of members from both the incorporated and the unincorporated area; not more than 5 board members shall be selected from any city, village or incorporated town.

ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING BOARD MEMBERSHIP, NOT MORE THAN 4 MAY BE ELECTED FROM THE INCORPORATED AREAS.

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM
THE AREA OF RESIDENCE OF THOSE ELECTED TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERMS IS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN DETERMINING THE WINNERS OF THE FULL TERMS.
(VOTE FOR THE TOTAL OF ONE)

NO CANDIDATE

Write-in

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM
(VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF THREE)

☐ CASEY JOHNSON

☐ JUSTIN SNELL

☐ ROBERT W. MCALISTER


BUNCOMBE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 43

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM
(VOTE FOR THREE)

☐ SHANE CASEY

☐ HEATHER MCILWAIN

☐ DEBRA GODDARD

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SCHOOL

GOREVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 1

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM
(VOTE FOR FOUR)

☐ MARK SHUMAKE

☐ JUDY BILLINGSLEY

☐ TERESA BAKER

☐ SCOTT PATTERSON

☐ STEPHEN BENARD

ANNA-JONESBORO HIGH SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 81

FOR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM
(Vote for ONE)

NO CANDIDATE

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM
(VOTE FOR FOUR)

☐ SHANE OSMAN

☐ DEDRIA BLAKELY

☐ CRAIG PARTRIDGE

VIENNA HIGH SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 13-3

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TO SERVE A FULL 4-YEAR TERM
(VOTE FOR THREE)

☐ DAVID STEWART

☐ KIMBERLY SHOEMAKER

☐ RANDY HUCKELBERRY

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SHAWNEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT NO. 531

FOR TRUSTEES OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
TO SERVE A 6-YEAR TERM
(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO)

☐ SAMUEL K. STRATEMEYER

☐ STEVE HEISNER

☐ MAXINE RUSSELL

☐ ANDREA WITTHOFT

☐ MICHAEL KERLEY

FOR TRUSTEES OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2-YEAR TERM
(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE)

☐ JOHN WINDINGS

☐ WILLIAM NICHOLS

WATER

LAKE EGYPT WATER DISTRICT

FOR THE BOARD
(Vote for not more than THREE)

☐ JEFF HOPE

☐ GARRY W. JENKINS

☐ DANIEL L. SCOTT

☐ DOUG PEEBLES

☐ PETE WOOLLEY

PROPOSITION

UNION COUNTY

PROPOSITION TO IMPOSE COUNTY SCHOOL FACILITY SALES TAXS

Shall a retailers' occupation tax and service occupation tax (commonly referred to as a "sales tax") be imposed in the County of Union, Illinois, at a rate of 1% to be used exclusively for school facility purposes?

☐ YES

☐ NO

Obituaries

Mary Elizabeth Landreth Winn

Mary Elizabeth Landreth Winn, 95, of Cobden, died Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

She was born on May 30, 1923, in Cobden, the daughter of Floyd F. Sr. and Esther Aldridge Landreth.

She married the love of her life, Carl Lee Winn, on June 4, 1949, in Jonesboro. He preceded her in death on March 9, 2009.



She is survived by sister-in-law, Deloris Landreth of Jonesboro; nieces Carolyn (George) Sauer, Marcia (Bob) Moore, Pam (Rick) Castrey, Linda (Jay) Pickett, Charlotte (Doug) Clover, Karen (Steve) Shakiba, and Shirley Major; a nephew, Steve (Patty) Landreth; several great- and great-great-nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Carl Lee Winn; three brothers, Stanley, Dorris and Floyd Landreth Jr.

She worked for 35 years for the Florsheim Shoe Factory until her retirement in 1980. She was a lifetime member of the Walnut Grove United Methodist Church. She loved to garden, go fishing and to spend time with her family and church family.

Funeral services were at noon Saturday, March 16, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden, with Pastor Bobbie Shultz officiating. Interment was in the Anna Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Walnut Grove United Methodist Church.

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

Janet Capel

Janet Capel, 84, of Anna, died at 1:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at the Union County Nursing Home in Anna.

She was born on Sept. 26, 1934, in Indianapolis, Ind., the daughter of Paul and Virginia Lawson Linzie.

She married Wilburn Capel on Aug. 16, 1953, and they shared 65 years of marriage together.

She built her life around her family and her faith. She was a wonderful homemaker and a very active member of First Baptist Church of Anna. She served the church for 50 years as a member, a Sunday School teacher and as the church librarian.

After she and Wilburn opened the Capel Pharmacy, inside was Mrs. Capel's Porch, where she loved providing gift selections to the community.

She is survived by her husband, Wilburn Capel of Anna; a daughter, Dale (Randy) Thady of Gulfport, Fla.; sons Kim (Tonio) Capel and Grant (Kathy) Capel, both of Anna; grandchildren Evan (Jeff) Chastain of Winter Garden, Fla., Jeremy (Stephanie) Capel of Palmetto, Fla., Andrea (Tim) Goodman of Tijeras, N.M., Lauren (Alex) Siegfried of Anna and Olivia Capel of Anna; great-grandchildren Ellyette Chastain, Elizabeth Capel, Ben Capel, Paige Goodman and Logan Siegfried; many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Virginia Linzie, and a granddaughter, Taylor Thady.

Funeral services for Janet Capel were at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 16, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro, with Kim Capel officiating. Interment was in the Anna City Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Anna First Baptist Church library, the Baptist Children's Home in Carmi or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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



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

Ruby Mae Treece

Ruby Mae Treece, 88, of Anna, died Thursday, March 14, 2019, at the Jonesboro Rehab and Nursing Center.

She was born on March 22, 1930, in McClure, the daughter of Fred and Evelyn Limp Morrison.

She married James E. "Jim" Treece on Aug. 10, 1948, in Piggott, Ark. He preceded her in death on May 13, 2009.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Karen Treece of Anna; one grandchild, Joshua (Kellie) Treece of Marion; two great-grandchildren, Claire and Caden Treece; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jim Treece; two sons, James D. Treece and Gary D. Treece; and one brother, Glenn Morrison.

Graveside services were at 1 p.m. Monday, March 18, at the Jonesboro Cemetery, with Bill Littrell officiating. Interment followed.

Memorials can be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

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

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

George L. Tison

George L. Tison, 84, of Cobden, died Monday, March 18, at the Cobden Rehab and Nursing Center in Cobden. He was born on Sept. 9, 1933.

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

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

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



Harold Norman Davis

Harold Norman Davis, age, 74, of Anna, died Sunday, March 17, 2019, at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

He was born on July 15, 1944, in Anna, the son of Nolan and Hazel Brown Davis.

He married Barbara Sue Davis. She preceded him in death.

Survivors include his three daughters, Pamela Sue Davis of Aurora, Lisa Jo Johnson of Karnak and Tamara Kay Beggs of Anna; 12 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; one sister, Constance Young of Coello; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and by his wife, Barbara Sue Davis.

He served in the U.S. Army. He was a member of Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna.

Funeral services will be at noon Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with the Rev. Jack Richardson officiating.

Graveside military rites will be conducted by Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna and the Illinois National Guard funeral honor team of Marion. Interment will be in the Anna City Cemetery.

Friends can call from 10 a.m. until the service hour at noon on Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro.

Memorials can be made to the activity fund at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna.

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

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



Bonita 'Bonnie' Inman

Bonita "Bonnie" Inman, 97, of Jonesboro, died Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at the Life Care Center in Cape Girardeau.

She was born on Sept. 22, 1921, in Jonesboro, the daughter of Dennis Beloved and Bessie Beatrice Ferrell Toler.

She married James Woodrow "Woody" Inman on Aug. 23, 1939, in Cape Girardeau. He preceded her in death on Jan. 4, 1990.

She is survived by her four daughters, Carole (Bill) Childers Carver, Joyce (Jon) Lutz, Marsha (Sam) Sparks, and Jan (Eric) Cantley; 11 grandchildren, David (Michelle) Childers, Todd (Megan) Childers, Jenifer Lutz Ritchie (Dan), Jon Lutz (Sophia Frydman), Jimmy (Maggie) Lutz, Jodi Lutz Essary (Scott), Jared (Jordan) Sparks, Katie Sparks Hendricks (Steven), Kimberly Sparks Jokerst (Scott), Erica Cantley Kerr (Josh) and Micah (Emily) Cantley; 27 great-grandchildren and one on the way; many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, James Woodrow "Woody" Inman; a brother, Gene Toler; a sister, Mary Belcher, and an infant sister, Janis.

She was a dedicated lifelong member of the First Baptist Church in Jonesboro. She first attended at the age of 5, and continued to serve her church in various capacities wherever she was needed over the next 90 years.

She was a talented seamstress and assisted her husband, Woody, with the bookkeeping for his business for 30 years.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 20, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with Pastor Jared Sparks officiating. Interment was in Jonesboro Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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

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



Brenda Stokes

Brenda Stokes, 65, of Anna, died Saturday, March 16, 2019, at her home.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 19, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with Bill Littrell officiating. Interment was in the Anna Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois.

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

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



Randy Gene Mills

Randy Gene Mills, 61, of Elco, died at 1:06 a.m. Monday, March 18, 2019, at his home.

He was born on Dec. 17, 1957, in Brady, Texas, the son of Samuel and Carrie Scarbrough Mills.

He worked as a carpenter and laborer. He enjoyed ginseng hunting and being outdoors.

He is survived by his daughter, Amy Lynn Scott-Larsen of Tucson, Ariz.; a brother, Allen and Cheryl Mills of Elco; and a sister, Carrie Doreen Ferrone of Blythe, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and by a son, Billy Mills.

There will be no services. At his request, cremation was accorded.

Memorials can be made to Crain Funeral Home to assist the family with funeral expenses.

Crain Funeral Home in Tamms was in charge of arrangements.

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



Arthur Clinton 'Jack' Poole

Arthur Clinton "Jack" Poole, 90, of Anna, and formerly of Mill Creek, died on March 13, 2019, at Integrity Healthcare in Anna.

He was born at home in Mill Creek, the son of Carlos and Aretta Poole.

He married Mary Elizabeth James on May 16, 1947. To this union two children were born: Jackie "Butch" Poole and Alan Poole.

Survivors include his children, Jackie "Butch" (Joyce) Poole and Alan Poole; grandchildren Randy (Sherri) Poole, Traci (Matt) Chamness, April (Tim) Merriman, Jeremy (Heather) Poole, and Cody (Sarah Rogers) Poole; eight great-grandchildren, Matthew (Parris Noble) Chamness, Brooke Chamness, Clayton Merriman, Jake Merriman, Hannah (Hunter) Summers, Amy Scott, Devin Poole and Ian Poole; three great-great-grandchildren, Knox Chamness, Gage Sterna and Hari Scott; brothers, Barry Poole, Bruce (Helen) Poole; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carlos and Aretta Poole; his wife, Mary Elizabeth Poole; a brother, Bonnard Poole; and a sister-in-law, Carol Poole.

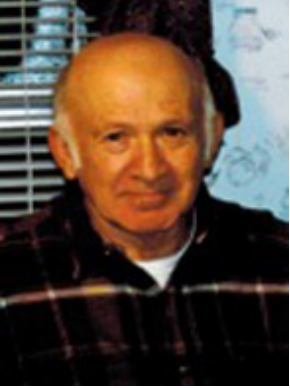
He enjoyed cattle farming, baseball, hunting, fishing and spending time with his friends and family.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 17, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with Pastor Darryl Williams officiating. Interment was in St. John's Cemetery near Dongola.

Memorials can be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois or to Anna Heights Baptist Church.

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

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



Juanita Brimm Fuller

Juanita Brimm Fuller, left this world on Friday, March 15, 2019, as peacefully as the 97 years she lived in it.

She was born on Feb. 5, 1922, in Kratsinger Hollow and lived her life there until she married the man that she spent the next 67 years of her life with, Homer W. Fuller. He preceded her in death on Sept. 29, 2006.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Gary Keller; a granddaughter and "grandson," Toni and Rusty Flamm; great-grandchildren Jordi and Chad Pitts, Ellie and Kyle McDaniel, Joseph Flamm, Sydne Kel Miller, Eric Flamm and Bea Miller; a niece, Kathy Rion; and the latest loves of her life, the Skittle eating great-great-grandsons, Kellen Pitts, Lucas and Beckett McDaniel; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dent and Bea McMillion Brimm; her husband, Homer W. Fuller; a beloved granddaughter, Tami Miller; a sister, Ruth Tweedy; and a niece Brenda Laster.

Funeral services were at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with the Rev. Billy Carter officiating. Interment was in Casper Cemetery near Anna.

Memorials can be made to the Tamara Miller Nursing Scholarship Fund.

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

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



Geraldine Namen

Geraldine Namen, 89, of Phoenix, Ariz., died on Friday, March 15.

She was born on Aug. 9, 1929, in Alto Pass, the daughter of Arthur Lee and Jessie Girtman Casey.

Funeral arrangements were pending at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Alto Pass.

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

Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Alto Pass is in charge of arrangements.



Marie Belle Rednour

Marie Belle Rednour, 70, of Anna, died Friday, March 15.

She was born on Nov. 11, 1948, the daughter of Rollie and Valda Popejoy Rednour.

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

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

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



NOTICE

Clean-up in the Jonesboro Cemetery will begin April 1, 2019.

The City of Jonesboro is asking that all grave blankets, flowers, or anything else on the ground be removed by April 1st.

Anna City Council Candidates

Michael Bigler



Name: Michael Bigler
Address: Anna
Occupation: Owner, Goosehead Insurance, Bigler Agency.
Office being sought: Anna city commissioner.
Incumbent: Not an incumbent; formerly served as Anna Council member.

Why are you seeking office? The knowledge and experience I have gained working 13 years in the public sector and the past four years in the private sector gives me a balanced viewpoint that will be of value to the next council.

My focus will be on developing a short- and long-term plan that will give Anna its best chance to prosper now and for our future generations.

What are your goals if elected? Restore the key service of removing leaf/small limbs seasonally.

Invest in our city park/pool to add to the attractions for local families and visitors recreational use.

Work with the area’s youth program leaders to ensure Anna is doing its part to foster our youth programs not hinder them.

Tap into our ideal location as a destination for the growing tourism industry that is thriving in our region.

Why should someone vote for you? I understand that if elected to the council I will be one of five votes when making decisions for our community.

It’s key that our elected officials work together and focus on what is best for the greater good of the community with each vote they make.

I would appreciate your vote and if elected your input and continued support. Together we will grow “Anna Strong”!

Kathy Bryan



Name: Kathy Bryan
Address: Anna
Occupation: Business owner, teacher for Union County CEO program.
Office being sought: Anna city commissioner.
Incumbent: No.

Why are you seeking office? Since moving to Union County and becoming a business owner six years ago, I quickly became involved in the community and have enjoyed being a part of this smaller community.

As someone not born and raised here, I may view Anna differently than others and from a new perspective.

To some people, this is “just Anna.” To me, this IS Anna, the city I have chosen to live in, and the community that I support.

I want it to be the best it

can be for everyone. I want to have an opportunity to directly affect the local community in a positive way.

As a small business owner and teacher for the Union County CEO program, I am aware of many issues that face businesses in Anna and the rest of Union County in a way that others are not.

Given the extensive number of business owners that I have met with, it gives me a very unique view of the city of Anna and the challenges of maintaining a successful business in a small community.

This is knowledge that I will use when making decisions for the city.

What are your goals if elected? In attending city council meetings, I have observed the type of decisions that city commissioners are faced with making.

I do not have a specific agenda other than to make reasonable, well thought out decisions for the city and its people.

That being said, there are things that I would like to see happen for Anna.

I would like for it to be the most welcoming and cleanest city that it can be. That can include signage as well as everything from leaf removal to cleaning up yards and dilapidated buildings.

I would like to see Anna continue to grow with an emphasis on local tourism.

Through my experience in Union County CEO, I have seen the importance of tourism on our local economy and the need to maximize this.

Injecting those outside dollars into our economy is more important than our local population realizes. The beauty and ease of living is easily taken for granted.

I would like to see the excellent recreational facilities maintained and expanded as the need arises.

We want people to choose to remain here and raise their families even if their work takes them 30 minutes away.

I want for Anna to continue to be a safe community and support fire, and police departments and all others who add to our sense of security.

Why should someone vote for you? I bring additional ideas and experiences from out of the area while respecting the traditions of the community.

I have had experience with dozens of business owners and leaders and community groups.

I am an Anna business owner. I work closely with our schools and see the importance of our children as the future. I base my judgment on reason rather than opinion.

Michelle ‘Shelly’

Glasco-Pearl



Name: Michelle “Shelly” Glasco-Pearl
Address: Anna
Occupation: Supervisor for Illinois Department of Children and Family Services/social work.
Office being sought: City

commission, City of Anna.
Incumbent: No.

Why are you seeking office? As a social worker and a lifelong citizen of Anna, I would like to see the City of Anna thrive and be able to extend opportunities to our children, families and visitors.

What are your goals if elected? If I am elected, I want to be able to hear our citizens and act upon their wants and needs to the best of the ability of the board members.

Our citizens need to feel safe, empowered and needed.

Why should someone vote for you? I have worked for the State of Illinois for almost 20 years and can bring my experience of finding resources and listening to the citizens of Anna.

We need to grow our city, promote tourism and maintain safety, as well as listen and provide citizens an opportunity to have a voice in their community.

Steve Hartline



Name: Steve Hartline
Address: Anna
Occupation: Retired, Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center, Anna.

Office being sought: City of Anna, Mayor.
Incumbent: Yes.

Time served in office: 18 years as mayor, two years as a city council man.

Why are you seeking office? To provide strong, effective leadership in the mayor’s office.

If has been my pleasure to serve the City of Anna as mayor.

During this time, we have accomplished many goals. They have included new park improvements and we have completed Phase III of our downtown improvement project.

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.

These improvements were accomplished without raising property taxes. With careful planning and grant funding, the city was able to pay for all of these improvements.

What are your goals if elected? To actively and aggressively lead the City of Anna in providing other grants and programs for the development and future growth of the City of Anna.

These plans include the housing and rehabilitation program and continuing to partner with the Illinois Department of Transportation to pave from the 4-way stop to the square in Jonesboro.

Additional water system and gas projects are scheduled in the future. Additional projects at the Anna City Park also are planned.

As an incumbent, what would you consider to be your accomplishments while in office? While mayor, I have led the city in millions of dollars in grants and projects which were accomplished without raising

property taxes.

During my tenure as mayor, I am pleased to report the City of Anna has been in the black for the last 20 years on its budget. I will continue to the best of my ability to keep this practice of financial stability.

Why should someone vote for you? I have served the City of Anna to the best of my ability and consider it an honor and privilege to serve the citizens of Anna.

I have been an honest, hard-working and effective leader and I ask for your vote in the upcoming city election.

Together we can continue the future of Anna. I thank you in advance for your vote and support.

Al Kamp



Name: Alfred (Al) Kamp
Address: Anna
Occupation: Retired police sergeant.

Office being sought: Anna city commissioner.

Incumbent: Yes.
Time served in office: Eight years.

Why are you seeking office? I have worked for the citizens of Anna for over 30 years, first as a police officer and then as a city commissioner. I wish to continue that service to the citizens of Anna.

What are your goals if elected? To keep the city moving forward, build on the fiscal progress that the city has made and do my best to improve the city.

As an incumbent, what would you consider to be your accomplishments while in office? The first thing is that the city budget has continued to remain in the black (over 20 years).

The improvements: to the parks, Main Street. We also made upgrades to the water, sewer and city gas systems, without raising city property taxes.

Why should someone vote for you? In both my positions with the City of Anna, I have always tried to treat everyone fairly and with respect, and make decisions based on what is best for the City of Anna.

If elected, I will continue to put the citizens and city first in my decisions.

Bryan Miller



Name: Bryan Miller
Address: Anna
Occupation: Owner of Miller Tile and Marble, co-owner Jus10’s, co-owner H&R Block.

Office being sought: Anna City Council.

Incumbent: No.

Why are you seeking office? Being a business owner has allowed me to meet many citizens and business owners.

I see the greatness in our community, but I also see the many needs we have.

I recognize the potential we have to grow our city in many different areas.

What are your goals if elected? My goal is to work successfully with fellow

council members and the mayor.

I want to be a voice for the residents of the city. I want to address their needs and to do what’s best for the community as a whole.

Why should someone vote for you? Thirty-three years of self-employment have taught me many skills.

First is how to listen and interact with different personalities.

Second is understanding their needs and being able to find creative ways to fulfill my clients’ needs while proposing new ideas.

Third is being able to put a plan into action and completing the project.

Earl Miller



Name: Earl Miller
Address: Anna

Occupation: Retired, telephone, GTE, Verizon, 1959 to 2010; First National Bank, Carbondale, 1962-1965.

Office being sought: Mayor of Anna.

Incumbent: No.
Why are you seeking office? To serve the people of Anna.

What are your goals if elected? Leaves, potholes, whatever comes up, transparency, we serve the people.

Why should someone vote for you? The change they are looking for, as evidenced by signed petitions and conversations.

Martha Ann Webb



Name: Martha Ann Webb
Address: Anna

Occupation: Retired from Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center, Anna.

Office being sought: Anna city commissioner.

Incumbent: Yes.

Time served in office: 10 years.

Why are you seeking office? I feel it an honor to represent our city, as well as to support and promote issues that I believe will

benefit the most people.

Many Anna citizens are conservative and believe in giving careful consideration to the use of our tax dollars.

I have considered the health, safety and well-being, especially of our youth and older population in my decision making.

I have listened to the voices of those around me and have voted to represent them, even when my choices have not been popular. I believe I have spoken for those I represent.

What are your goals if elected? My goals are to continue to work to provide a place for our yard waste and to seek solutions to old infrastructure (drainage) problems.

I am and will work to make sure all fire hydrants are working. I expect to continue to use the health, safety and well-being of Anna citizens as a guide when selecting projects, facing issues and making decisions for the city.

I know budgeting is a top concern for accomplishing project goals and believe we should be prudent with our spending.

As an incumbent, what would you consider to be your accomplishments while in office? Our Anna City park has had many improvements. Cameras have been added for security. Improvements have been made to the beautification of the park, and our city.

I continue to support our police department, fire department and city workers and help to keep them staffed and secure.

I support our schools, hospitals, new businesses and the Neighborhood Watch program.

Why should someone vote for you? I believe I represent a large and sometimes unheard segment of our population. I listen to the people and am concerned for my neighbors and what is going on around them.

I too am a taxpayer and will be honest and careful with our funds. I am proud of Anna and all the benefits it has to offer our families for daily life, worship, self-expression, education and entertainment.

I believe it is important for citizens of our community to feel a connection to city government by seeing their elected official active in the community.

I have made it my aim to be present at as many public functions as possible. You can usually see me at most community events.

I am proud to serve as your representative on the Anna City Council. I would appreciate your vote and continued support on April 2.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS CAUSE 2017-TX-1: TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS (AND IF DECEASED, TO THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES), AND TO THE ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE VEHICLE SERVICES, ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE, ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL AND UNION COUNTY CLERK, UNION COUNTY TREASURER, UNION COUNTY STATE’S ATTORNEY, AND TO OCCUPANTS AND UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED IN THE PARCELS HEREINAFTER NAMED:

Parcel Number	Owners/Parties Interested	Cert Number	Street Or Common Address
01-099-	WILLETT DAVID	2015-90002	507 MARTIN LN
01-099-	WILLETT, DAVID MICHAEL	2015-90002	507 MARTIN LN
01-099-	WILLETT, ROBIN	2015-90002	507 MARTIN LN
01-099-	WILLETT, ROBIN LYNN	2015-90002	507 MARTIN LN
02-033-	PRIBBLE, MITCHELL	2015-90004	200 MCCLOUD LOOP
02-033-	MITCH PRIBBLE, SHIRLEYTOYLE	2015-90004	200 MCCLOUD LOOP
05-331-	WALLACE, CYNTHIA CHARLENE	2015-90009	800 N GREEN ST LOT 16
05-331-	REYNOLDS, MICHELLE R	2015-90009	800 N GREEN ST LOT 16
06-037-	C/O EUGENE PERRY	2015-90012	420 E CROSS ST
06-037-	YOUNGBLOOD, EUGENE PERRY	2015-90012	420 E CROSS ST
06-037-	SEALS, RONNIE JR	2015-90012	420 E CROSS ST
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06-156-	WILLIAMSON, JEFFREY R	2015-90014	1785 BODY BARN RD
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06-156-	WILLIAMSON, PATTI ANN	2015-90014	1785 BODY BARN RD

TAKE NOTICE THAT THE ABOVESAID MOBILE HOMES WERE SOLD ON FEBRUARY 8, 2017, FOR DELINQUENT MOBILE HOME LOCAL SERVICES TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2016 AND PRIOR YEARS, AND THAT THE PERIOD OF REDEMPTION FROM SUCH SALE EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 12, 2019. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT A PETITION FOR ORDER DIRECTING ISSUANCE OF TAX CERTIFICATES OF TITLE HAS BEEN FILED IN THE ABOVESAID CAUSE AS TO THE ABOVE-NAMED MOBILE HOMES BY UNION COUNTY, AS TRUSTEE, AND THAT ON OCTOBER 2, 2019 AT 1:00 PM, SAID PETITIONER WILL APPLY FOR AN ORDER THAT A TAX CERTIFICATE OF TITLE ISSUE AS TO EACH ABOVESAID MOBILE HOME NOT REDEEMED ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 12, 2019. /S/ UNION COUNTY AS TRUSTEE, PETITIONER.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK
ADDRESS: 309 W MARKET ST ROOM 116, JONESBORO, IL 62952
TELEPHONE: (618) 833-5711

Jonesboro City Council Candidates

Brandi Boyd
Name: Brandi Boyd
Address: Jonesboro.
Occupation: Union County deputy clerk.
Office being sought: Jonesboro alderman, Ward 1.
Incumbent: No.

Why are you seeking office? I want to continue the work from the previous council members. I have lived in Jonesboro all my life and I am proud to be from this community.

What are your goals if elected? When I am elected I want to see the continued improvements around the city.

Why should someone vote for you? My previous employment was at Jonesboro City Hall.

I am familiar with the day to day operations of city hall.

During my employment with the city, I was appointed to the Jonesboro Library Board.

I have been on the library board for 15 years. I was the chair of Jonesboro Junefest and ColorFest for six years.

I helped the library receive a state grant for improvements on the library.

College to present Easter cantata

Area singers and church choirs are invited to both participate in, and attend, the upcoming presentation of an Easter cantata at Shawnee Community College near Ullin.

The cantata, "Redemption: The Power of the Cross," will be presented at the college's main campus.

Rehearsal for the cantata is planned from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 16.

The performance is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, April 18.

Rehearsal music will be made available for download by contacting Shawnee Community College director of music Lee VanAlstine at 618-634-3206 or by email leev@shawneec.edu.

McAlister earns scholarship, two awards

Holly McAlister of Jonesboro has received the Copper Dome Scholarship, Redhawks Achievement Award and Residence Life Leadership Award to attend Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau for the 2019-2020 academic year.

McAlister is the daughter of R.W. and Renee McAlister of Jonesboro.

She will be a 2019 graduate of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.



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Michael Stegle
Name: Michael Stegle
Address: Jonesboro
Occupation: Gas and water supervisor, City of Anna.
Office being sought: Alderman, Ward III, City of Jonesboro.
Incumbent: Yes.

Time served in office: 17 years.

Why are you seeking office? I am a lifetime resident of Anna-Jonesboro and would like to see that the City of Jonesboro move forward with a positive direction in the future.

What are your goals if elected? To help maintain low cost utilities and a safe and productive environment for the community for the City of Jonesboro.

As an incumbent, what would you consider to be your accomplishments while in office? Maintaining and providing services for the City of Jonesboro through the fire department, police department and labor department, and the welfare of the community.

Why should someone vote for you? I have a great deal of experience with city government and with daily operations of city utilities and maintenance required for keeping the city moving forward in a safe and positive direction.

Beverly K. Schaefer

Name: Beverly K. Schaefer
Address: Jonesboro
Occupation: Deputy clerk.
Office being sought: Jonesboro City Council member.

Incumbent: No.

Why are you seeking office? I am interested in how our city operates, and if I can help keep operations running, and have ideas for improvements.

What are your goals if elected? My goals would be to listen to the citizens of Jonesboro, with ideas that they would have to help our community.

Why should someone vote for you? I feel that I am an open minded person and take things into consideration, the problems and improvements to our town. I am not trying to change things, just would like to try to make improvements where need be, if possible.

Southern Illinois Made Expo planned this summer in Marion

After last year's impressive turnout, State Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg, said he is partnering with the Harrisburg and Southern Illinois Regional Chambers of Commerce to host the second annual Southern Illinois Made Expo on July 27-28.

Fowler state in a weekly review of activities for March 4-8 that the event is a premier opportunity for the business community of Southern Illinois to showcase Southern Illinois made products, speak with consumers and sell their goods.

The expo gives the public an opportunity to see what's being produced and offered by the businesses which are operating locally, employing residents and driving the economy.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday, the Southern Illinois Expo will be in full swing at The Pavilion in Marion.

To be a vendor at the Southern Illinois Made Expo, the following requirements must be met:

- Feature products produced in Southern Illinois or destinations available in Southern Illinois.
- Willingness and capacity to sell/showcase products/destinations to retailers and the general public at your booth during both days of the event.
- Agree not to exhibit or promote any products/destinations not made in Southern Illinois.
- Agree to all exhibitor rules and regulations listed in the participation agreement form section.

Interested vendors need to register for the event by April 1, with booth prices

starting at \$75. As of March 11, 68 vendors had registered for the event.

Registration information is available online at simade.org or by calling the Marion Chamber of Commerce at 618-997-6311.

Youth Advisory Council
In other news, Fowler welcomed more than four dozen students from the 59th District to the Capitol last week, bringing the students to Springfield to take part in the spring meeting of his annual Youth Advisory Council.

Students from 14 different schools toured the Capitol, heard from lawmakers and took part in a simulation of Illinois' legislative process.

Before coming to Springfield, Fowler invited members of his Youth Advisory Council to attend a Southern Illinois Salukis men's basketball game on March 2.

The students were welcomed by Jerry Kill, athletic director for SIU, who encouraged the students to get involved in their communities, take on leadership roles and continue their education.

Sportsmen's Caucus
Fowler also has been chosen to serve as secretary of the Sportsmen's Caucus. The bipartisan Illinois Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus seeks to protect and advance policies that promote hunting, fishing, trapping, and wildlife management.

"Southern Illinois is home to some of our state's greatest natural beauties, attracting visitors and providing our sportsmen and women a great venue to pursue the activities they

love," Fowler said. "I'm excited to serve in leadership for this caucus, working to represent and advocate for the hunters, fishermen and trappers of this state." The next meeting of the Sportsmen's Caucus is scheduled for later in March.

Weather service: elevated river levels expected in region until at least early part of April

The risk for spring flooding in the region is running from above normal to much above normal, the National Weather Service office in Paducah has reported.

The weather service posted a spring flood outlook on its website Thursday, March 7.

The outlook comes at a time when flooding is occurring along the Ohio River in Southern Illinois and Western Kentucky.

Flooding also has occurred in recent weeks along the Mississippi River in Southern Illinois and Southeast Missouri, as well as on the Big Muddy River in Southern Illinois.

The spring flood outlook covers the time period from mid-February through late May.

The outlook includes the mid-Mississippi River, the lower Ohio River and the two rivers' tributaries, for Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky.

The weather service reported that precipitation through the winter months in the region has been above normal.

Many areas have seen 150 to 300 percent of normal precipitation, as well

as top five February rainfall totals and top five winter rainfall amounts.

"Consequently, area rivers are running above to much above normal for this time of year," the weather service stated.

Moderate to major flooding was occurring on the lower Ohio River and some of its tributaries as of March 7.

Only a little snow existed in far upper portions of the Ohio Valley.

Snow in the Mississippi Valley was confined to the upper half of the region, where 10 to 30 inches of snow existed.

Soil moisture was running much above normal and conditions were nearly saturated across the region.

"Given all of these factors, flood risk is running above to much above normal for our region," the weather service stated.

"Additional flooding through the spring will be dependent on how the snow melts in the upper part of the Mississippi basin as well as the track of spring storm systems.

"Elevated river levels can be expected until at least the early part of April."

Card of Thanks

The family of Janet Capel would like to express our deepest gratitude for the love and support given to us from the community; the wonderful care given by Dr. Cerny, his staff, Union County Nursing Home staff and the great job by Crain Funeral Home. Your expressions of love will never be forgotten.

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"The Preaching Pen" Resist The Devil

The warfare for the souls of men has continued ever since Eve first fell prey to Satan's deceit in the great long ago (Genesis 3:1-6). At times, it seems that humanity has taken one step forward and two steps backward in this conflict between good and evil. The inspired Paul lamented: "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23), with the end result being that "the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).

While we never should underestimate Satan's power and ability, neither should we underestimate the power and ability of our great God and His Word. Satan may have the power to ensnare us, but God has the power to remove us from that snare (II Timothy 2:26). Truly, as Peter said in II Peter 2:9, "the Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation," but we have a part to play in that deliverance.

James wrote, "'Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7). "Resist" - oppose the devil. If we do that, he will flee from us. He'll come back, but we'll be free of him for a time, so this resistance must be ongoing, not a "once and we're done" action.

We do this by prayer. We must come before Him in fervent, believing prayer (Jas. 5:16; Heb. 4:16), telling Him everything that's on our heart. As we thus approach Him, we find that He will draw near to us.

Also, God will not allow us to be tempted beyond what we are able to endure. I Cor. 10:13: "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." God doesn't promise to spare us from temptation or testing, but He does promise to limit its intensity and to provide the way of escape. Reading this verse, one can't help but be struck by the tremendous comfort it has offered to tested saints of God through the centuries.

Dear Reader, the victory over Satan comes only through Jesus Christ our Lord and if you're not part of His church, then it's time to become part of it today. Let us help you at the Anna church of Christ. Have a great day!

R.W. McAlister, Minister
Anna church of Christ

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Section B

New book tells story of Southern Illinois University at 150 years

Since it began in 1869 as a small teachers college, Southern Illinois University Carbondale has evolved into an internationally known research university, with countless notable alumni, innovations and accomplishments.

“Southern Illinois University at 150 Years: Growth, Accomplishments and Challenges” tells the tale of that evolution through hundreds of photographs, personal recollections, records and stories.

Copies of the 384-page hardcover coffee table book are now on sale and a book signing is planned from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on March 22 at the SIU Student Center auditorium and International Lounge.

Editor John S. Jackson, visiting professor at the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute and political sci-

ence professor emeritus, along with many of the book chapter authors and contributors, will be on hand for the event.

SIU president J. Kevin Dorsey, chancellor John M. Dunn and Jackson will share remarks and a reception will follow. The public is welcome.

Books will be available for purchase on March 22, as well as online. The cost is \$40.

While the book recognizes the university and its history since its founding, the volume largely focuses on the last 50 years.

Dozens of people were involved in writing its 15 chapters, which touch on virtually every element of the university.

Stories and photographs highlight Saluki sports, student life, continuing education, Touch of Na-

ture Environmental Center, programs, art and campus buildings, programs and activities.

Little known historical details are included, along with spotlights on notable faculty, staff, alumni and guests.

The various authors lend personal perspectives to the narrative as they speak about parts of campus that they know well.

“The book is historical but it includes memories and puts them in context,” Jackson said. “Everybody can find something of interest in it.”

Indeed, Jackson has personally watched history unfold at SIU for the last half-century. He arrived on campus as a faculty member in 1969.

He clearly remembers the political unrest of the era, and tells how he and other faculty patrolled the buildings at night during the May 1970 anti-Vietnam War demonstrations and riots.

The university was concerned for the safety of the buildings since Old Main had burned on June 8, 1969. An arrest was never made in that arson, and no other buildings burned.

That wasn’t the first time fire struck SIU. Normal Hall was completed in 1874 to house Southern Illinois Normal College, as it was then known.

Fire destroyed the structure just nine years later, despite fire trucks coming via train from Cairo and Murphysboro to help battle the blaze.

Noting that the university’s first-year budget was \$24,000, Jackson said there were fears SIU would be no more since the legislature met just every other year and funding to rebuild wasn’t quickly available.

But classes met in downtown buildings and local residents gave money to rebuild what was later known as Old Main. This is but one of countless interesting facts detailed in the book.

SIU’s long history of diversity and inclusivity is illustrated with informa-

tion about SIU admitting African-Americans in the 1880s and 1890s, long before other universities were desegregated.

Alexander Lane, the first black male graduate, was born in Mississippi but after graduating SIU, became a school principal and later a medical doctor and then one of the earliest African-American members of the Illinois General Assembly.

SIU admitted its first international student in the 1940s, Saad Jabr, from Iraq. Jabr was just the first of tens of thousands of internation-

al students from more than 100 countries who have come to Carbondale and graduated from SIU in the ensuing years.

The research and innovation that are an intrinsic part of SIU are noted as well.

The university holds numerous patents and is at the forefront of investigation and discovery, from finding ways to improve the use of coal and fossil fuels to brewing better beer in the Fermentation Science Institute.

SIU’s people have long been at the forefront of discovery, and the book tells of

such visionaries as R. Buckminster Fuller, the architect, futurist, inventor and sustainability advocate who was a campus architecture faculty member from 1959 to 1971. He holds a number of patents, including one for the geodesic dome and for the Dymaxion car.

Readers can also learn about campus leadership through the years, including the transformational Delyte Morris era, as well as the School of Medicine, the School of Law, Morris Library, the graduate school and programs and the campus facilities. There’s information about many of SIU’s special programs of distinction, including the:

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Transportation and Education Center, which houses nationally recognized automotive and aviation programs.

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Campus sustainability initiatives.

Cardboard Boat Regatta, which was conceived at SIU and then became a worldwide phenomenon.

The narrative not only features the programs, but also highlights various interesting aspects of them.

For instance, SIU’s University Honors Program, which draws some of the best and brightest students, also has notable leaders, as evidenced by the fact that Janice Jacobs, former assistant secretary of consular affairs for the U.S. State Department, is a visiting faculty member.

Photos and details about campus appearances by Coretta Scott King, Walter Cronkite, United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and many others are part of the book.

Readers can also discover some of the countless notable Saluki graduates, including NASA/space shuttle astronaut Joan Higginbotham, actor Dennis Franz, activist/actor Dick Gregory (who was a track star at SIU.) and so many others.

The text doesn’t shy away from the difficulties and issues the university has faced throughout the years as well, from budget concerns to campus riots.

More than 300 photographs, collected by longtime university photographer Steve Buhman, are woven throughout the narrative.

Vanessa A. Sneed, director of University Events and Protocol, assisted with the book, which is published by Southern Illinois University Press. It features a foreword by the late Chancellor Carlo Montemagno.

The book is available in both cloth and digital versions as well.

Additional book signings at various locations are planned and copies of the book will be available at a variety of 150th anniversary events in the coming year.

The book is also available for purchase at Southern Illinois University Bookstore on campus, at 710 Bookstore and on Amazon.

Teacher, student honored

Michael Bigler, owner of the Goosehead Insurance agency in Anna, has recognized an Anna School District No. 37 teacher and student athlete of the month for the month of January. Photos provided.



Heather Reynolds was selected as the teacher of the month. She received a \$50 gift card to El Jalapeno.



Megan Clark was recognized as the student athlete of the month. She received a \$50 Dick’s Sporting Goods gift card.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that at the consolidated election to be held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of April, 2019, the following proposition will be submitted to the voters of the County of Union, Illinois:

Shall a retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax (commonly referred to as a "sales tax") be imposed in the County of Union, Illinois, at a rate of 1% to be used exclusively for school facility purposes?

The polls at the election will be open at 6:00 o'clock A.M. and will continue to be open until 7:00 o'clock P.M. of that day.

Dated this 6th day of March, 2019.

Lance Meisenheimer
County Clerk, the County of Union, Illinois

Local students winners at academic competition

Shawnee Community College recently hosted an annual Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering, WYSE, academic competition.

Eleven of the 12 high schools in the Shawnee Community College district participated in the competition.

In the competition, students took tests in various subjects. Awards were presented to students who earned the highest scores in each category.

Students from Union County high schools were among the winners at the competition.

The local winners, by categories, including the following students, as provided by the college:

Division 300
Biology: Katherin Mason, Cobden, tied for second.

Chemistry: Aubrey Fisher, Cobden, tied for first. Joseph Brumleve, Cobden, tied for second. Autumn McMahan, Shawnee, tied for third.

Engineering graphics: Nick Rose, Shawnee, tied for second.

Math: Jamison Cowart, Cobden, first. Chandler

West, Cobden, second. Emily White, Joseph Brumleve and Mary Jane Cavaness, all from Cobden, tied for third.

Physics: Austin Warren, Shawnee, tied for second. Noah Walker, Cobden, tied for second. Chandler West, Cobden, third.

In Division 300, Cobden finished second as a team.

Division 700

Biology: Braden Benns, Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, second. Aiden Jacobs, Madison Johnston, both from A-J, tied for third.

Chemistry: Braden Benns, A-J, first. Bryn Keller, A-J, tied for second.

Computer science: Jakob Eddleman, A-J, first. Chloe Gamber, Madison Cunningham, both from A-J, tied for second.

English: Bryce Massey, A-J, first. Ashley Detering, A-J, third.

Math: Bryce Massey, A-J, first. Catie Mays, A-J, tied for third.

Physics: Jakob Eddleman, A-J, first. Bryn Keller, A-J, second.

In Division 700, A-J finished first as a team.



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month



In recognition of this special observance you're invite to attend the

9th Annual Union County Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation Day

**April 1, 2019 9:00 a.m.
Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, IL**

Representatives from local child abuse and advocacy agencies, law and safety enforcement, and city and county officials will be there to sign this year's Proclamation. By signing the Proclamation, you're showing others you stand against child abuse in Union County. *Please join us.*



For more information, visit
WIBH Blue Ribbons for Kids Campaign on Facebook or call 618-833-9424.

The Blue Ribbons for Kids Campaign is a collaborative awareness effort presented by these agencies, local law and safety enforcement and local city and county officials.



News from

Walnut Grove Church

On the first Sunday in Lent, Aubrey lit the altar candles while Johnathan Cauble played the musical prelude.

The congregation received Communion during the Eucharist service.

Pastor Bobbi Schultz read scripture from Proverbs, about the heart's physical and spiritual ability to determine the course of our lives, on earth and in eternity. She also discussed some aspects of the International United Methodist Conference in St. Louis.

Several members mentioned good health reports including for Tony and Debbie, Keith and Jennifer and Steve Brown.

On the second Sunday in Lent, Layleigh lit the altar candles, and Emma gave everyone in church a special Love Note.

Saturday was the service for Mary Winn, who died last week. Pastor Bobbi officiated and music was provided by Johnathan Cauble on keyboard, Loren Herold on flute and Doug Brown on guitar, who also sang one of Mary's favorite songs, "Go Rest High on the Mountain."

After her service, church members held a dinner at the church for her family. Flowers from her service were on the altar during church on Sunday.

She will be dearly missed by her church family, and her loved ones and friends. Prayers are requested for

her family.

On Sunday the men's choir sang "In the Garden," another one of Mary's favorite songs as a tribute to her.

Pastor Bobbi read the epistle from Philippians, and the gospel from Luke about God's promises to his people.

The church ladies plan to meet for lunch on Friday, April 5, at 11:30 a.m. at Downtown Abbey in Cobden.

The church's Sunday schedule includes Sunday school for the children and starts at 9:30 a.m.

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

News from

First Baptist Church, Anna

In the morning service, Pastor Nick DiMauro's sermon was titled, "Why Can't We Be Friends?" Scripture was from 1st Corinthians.

Don Kelley was the guest music leader.

The next free Soup and Service meal is planned Monday, April 8.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

The messages on Sunday, March 17, were brought by Pastor Perry Williams.

Dee Rose led the worship and provided special music.

Titus 2 Bible study is planned at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 23.

Birthdays: Austin

News from

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

March 17, St. Patrick's Day, was the second Sunday in Lent.

In the children's sermon, Pastor Mark told the children about Abram (whom we now know as Abraham) and God's promise to him that he would have many children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and so on. He said "we are all a part of Abram's family, because of the promise He kept to Abram."

In the main sermon Pastor Mark explained that "God is looking for any possible reason to say 'yes' to us. He wants to forgive our sins. It is us, as humans, who reject

Swink, March 20; Andrew Dial, Marc 23.

Anniversary: Robbie and Suzie Wright, 14 years, March 19.

The schedule for worship at the church for this coming week includes Bible study at 9 a.m. on Sunday, and worship services at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Him. We are stubborn and uncompromising. God doesn't ask for perfection. He only wants a contrite heart."

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, Virginia Housman, Sue Mowery and Clark Newton.

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

Adult Bible study at Mt. Moriah for both churches will be on March 26 at 7 p.m.

Youth meet at 5 p.m. on Sunday. Dig-In Children's Ministry is planned from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday and is for children from 3 years of age through 6th grade.

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

This week's Lenten service was held at Mt. Moriah, with a meal of ham and beans prior to the service. Next week the service will be at Salem.

Mt. Moriah is gathering Easter baskets to donate to LSSI foster children. They will include books or a small toy, as well as sweet treats, and should be at the church by April 1.

The Women of the ELCA magazine Gather is inviting anyone to sign up for free for their Lenten devotional through their email. They offer a brief devotional or a longer Bible study at www.gather-magazine.org/bible-study.

Dixie Melody Boys to sing

Ed O'Neal and the Dixie Melody Boys, a southern gospel music quartet, are scheduled to sing Friday, March 22, at the Marion Civic Center.

Singing begins at 7 p.m. The civic center is located at 206 S. Market St.

The Dixie Melody Boys have been singing for more than five decades.

Jonesboro School sets screening

Jonesboro Elementary School has scheduled kindergarten screening for Thursday, April 11, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Children who will be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2019, are eligible for kindergarten.

To make an appointment, parents can call Jenny or Cathy in the main office at 833-5148.

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

Each child's academic readiness skills will be checked along with hearing and vision screening.

News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

Rev. Rob Betts' sermon Sunday was "Being Transformed and Renewed," which comes from faith in God.

The sermon shared that "just as we reformat our hard drives to get rid of unwanted data, God will 'reformat' us when we ask Him into our heart.

"What we feed ourselves is what comes out of us. The most valuable thing we can do is to begin to get a steady diet of the Word of God.

"If we label ourselves Christians, our 'content' must match the label."

Prior to the sermon, Rev. and Mrs. Betts sang "Jesus at the Center."

During the opening part of worship, Donna Williams and Rachel Bonner gave the Lenten readings before extinguishing the second candle on the Lenten wreath of thorns.

Receiving the offering Sunday were Addie and Raelynn Bonner.

Those having birthdays the past week have been Mark Boaz on the 14th, Joshua Simmons on the 17th and Jeff Roach on the 19th. Mark and Michaela Boaz' wedding anniversary was Tuesday, the 19th.

Tony Gerard is the head elder for the month of March.

Sandy Boaz represented Camp Ground at the spring meeting of Covenant Presbytery Saturday in Paducah.

Camp Ground extends sympathy to Jhan Miller and the Pender family in the death of her brother Don Pender Sunday evening.

Congratulations to Addie Bonner, who achieved high honor roll this past quarter.

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

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Cobden Village Board Candidates

Patrick Brumleve

Name: Patrick Brumleve
Address: Cobden
Occupation: Retired.
Office being sought: Village trustee for Cobden.
Incumbent: Yes.
Time served in office: 34 years.

Why are you seeking office? I am interested in the well-being, development and growth of our town.

I have been active in several community activities and would like to see these events continued and promoted.

What are your goals if elected? To maintain the quality of services that the village conducts and to keep the village on a sound fiscal basis.

One of the biggest challenges that Cobden faces is the problem of abandoned and unkempt property. It is unfortunate that the village may be faced with spending considerable funds that it doesn't have to spare in order to address this problem.

Another challenge is the promoting and development of businesses. While it is easy to say the village should do this or do that, there is only so much that government can do.

We have been fortunate in the development of some new businesses recently and I will support and encourage the efforts of private enterprise in the village.

As an incumbent, what would you consider to be your accomplishments while in office? I supported the development of the Dollar General store in Cobden, the village has remained financially sound, the development of a business directory, promoting the annual community yard sale day, and maintaining a great staff of village workers who are dedicated to the betterment and maintenance of the village.

Why should someone vote for you? I have always tried to do what is best for the entire village. I have tried to be open-minded and to be available to listen to all sides.

I feel that I have worked well with the mayor and the other board members. Cooperation and common sense are important qualities which I believe I have. I enjoy serving on the board and ask for your support.

Todd Dietterle

Name: Todd Dietterle
Address: Cobden
Office being sought: Trustee, Village of Cobden.
Incumbent: No.

Why are you seeking office? To work with all stakeholders to creatively promote Cobden as a healthy place to live and start a business.

Build on existing assets to develop and pursue a realistic positive vision for growth in Cobden.

Encourage and develop incentives for residents and businesses to beautify the village.

What are your goals if elected? Advance cost-saving infrastructure improvements. Establish a train disaster preparedness plan.

Establish an annual community-wide clean up event. Actively seek new business starts.

Form a sister city relationship with Cheran, Mexico, and reestablish relationships with the municipalities named Cobden worldwide.

Why should someone vote for you? I have a demonstrated commitment and financial investment in Cobden through establishing Spruce Car and Pet Wash and completing a total rehab of the former American Legion Hall where I live.

I am working to establish 40 acres of pollinator habitat on a site that I own in Cobden (not in the Village), that hopefully will benefit local agriculture.

I am committed to and have the skills to assist Cobden to grow in positive directions.

I bring 30 years of accomplishments and knowledge in community engagement, planning and improvement, housing development, school improvement, community policing and grant-writing.

Louann Elwell

Name: Louann Elwell
Address: Cobden
Occupation: Owner, Southpass Beads & Fibers in Cobden and retired from Southern Illinois University Carbondale.
Office being sought: Cobden village trustee.

Incumbent: No.
Why are you seeking office? I want to learn more about village government and hope to help make Cobden an even better place to live, work and play.

What are your goals if elected? Improvement of Cobden's infrastructure, encouragement of current and additional businesses in Cobden, and continuing to keep Cobden clean and green.

Why should someone vote for you? It's always good to get new ideas for the community and I would love to see Cobden continue to grow and prosper.

Larry Hackethal

Name:
Address:
Occupation:
Office being sought: Village trustee, Cobden.

Incumbent: No. I have previously held this position for 18 years in the past.

Why are you seeking office? With the way the political climate in the State of Illinois is, the unknown factors of what is to come, and with the speculation I'm told from the various state representatives, I want to make sure that I do my part to try to keep the magic of what Cobden has protected best I can.

I feel that the state will spend foolishly in areas that will not benefit us, but will push unwanted costs to us, the people of Cobden, as well as Union County, we simply can't afford.

I want to be one who is able to stand up and do all I can, and those of you who know me, that's my style.

This small town has a magic of sorts that is here, based with the people, the past and present history, the morals, the religion, the brotherhood and connection that makes this town what it is.

I wish to try to keep that alive, and do what I can to enrich the town any way I can. Baby steps of growth will solidify a good base for years ahead.

What are your goals if elected? If elected I want to ensure the various functions are managed and handled in a cost effective way.

I would like to promote the fire, police and utilities of the town. To keep the health, life and safety of the community at an acceptable level.

I would like to see what is needed and then attempt to try to check for grants/funding to get what improvements we need, to keep the costs from being out of our own pocket.

I ask that you who don't know me: ask around, or stop in or text the Facebook page, Elect Larry

Hackethal. If you have any questions or comments, I'll try to answer them.

Why should someone vote for you? I think the reason I am a great choice: I'm a workaholic. I have been a business owner for over 30 years.

I have been a Cobden fireman for longer than that, and being the older fireman, I look at the group we have and I'm proud to say Cobden is a gold star fire department.

I have over 20 years-plus experience of holding elected positions. The many things I have been a part of include the school district, the Village of Cobden, the Cobden Fire Department and the Drug Enforcement Group.

I have written grants and had them awarded. I have written many budgets (I'm conservative).

With my morals, common sense and business background and as a researcher, I am fair and I am not a game player.

I that if you are elected by the people, you work for the people. I have no axe to grind or special agenda.

I simply see that with the state's condition's I feel that my experience may become needed to help the town keep its magic. Please vote for me and visit the Elect Larry Hackethal Facebook page.

Regional history fair set at SIU

More than 200 local middle school and high school students are gearing up to address "Triumph and Tragedy in History" at the 2019 Southern Illinois Regional History Fair at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

With 18 schools set to attend the annual event, students are preparing a variety of exhibits and performances that look at triumphs and tragedies in Illinois history.

The one-day event is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. on March 23 in the SIU Student Center ballrooms.

The day concludes with an awards ceremony in the afternoon to recognize the students' work and honor those that move on to the Springfield competition.

After the competition, winners from the regional event will qualify for the next round, hosted by the State of Illinois in Springfield.

From there, winners go on to compete in Washington, D.C. at the national history fair.

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield and National History Day sponsor the annual event.

History fair held at Shawnee High School

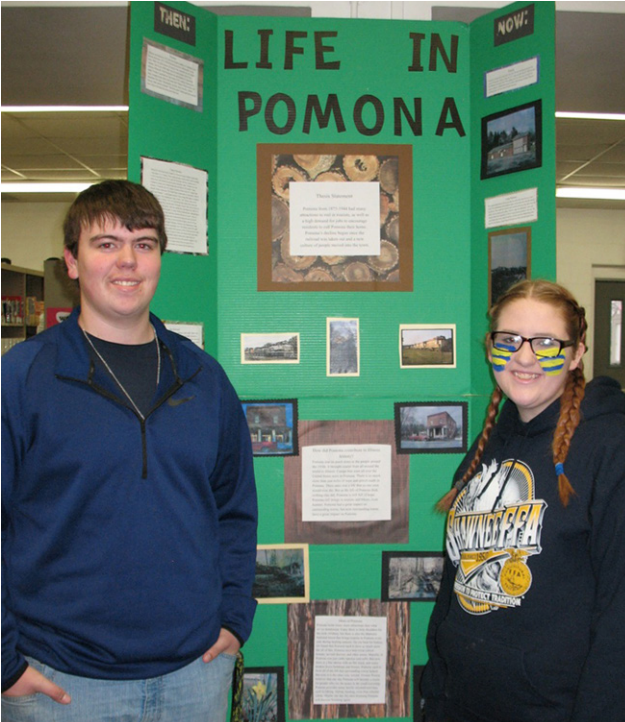
A history fair was held Thursday, Feb. 21, for teacher Jamie Nash-Mayberry's history class at Shawnee High School at Wolf Lake. Four judges reviewed nine projects. The history fair was sponsored by the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society. Cash prizes were awarded. Photos provided.



First place: From Goose Capital to Goose Ghost Town, by Scott Schmedeman and Koby McLane.



Second place: John Wayne Gacy: Killer Clown from Illinois, by Noveda Qualls.



Third place: Life in Pomona, by Jayclynn Presutti and Ryan Schaefer.

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MICHAEL BIGLER

for

ANNA CITY COUNCIL

GOALS

- Restore key services: Seasonal leaf/small stick removal. Will work to make sure all fire hydrants are in working order.
- Invest in our city park/pool to add to the attractions for local families and visitors recreational use.
- Tap into our ideal location as a destination for the growing tourism industry that is thriving in our region.

TOGETHER LET'S GROW "ANNA STRONG"

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Michael Bigler

VOTE

EARL MILLER

for

MAYOR

Ad paid for by Candidate.

Please Vote by April 2nd to re-elect

MARTHA ANN WEBB

Anna City Commissioner
Serving Anna

Ad Paid for by Candidate

Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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

Child Abuse Prevention Month

The ninth annual Union County Child Abuse Prevention Month proclamation day ceremony is planned Monday, April 1.

The ceremony will be at 9 a.m. at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Representatives from local child abuse and advocacy agencies, law and safety enforcement, and city and county officials will be there to sign this year's proclamation.

Guests

Phyllis Tow of De Soto and Loraine Reinhardt from Carbondale visited Anna

and attended the St. Anne's fund raiser supper and auction last Friday night.

Florida Trip

Christina Frampton and Stephen and Shawn Knupp enjoyed a trip to Daytona Beach, Fla., for bike week. They took their bikes in a trailer. The weather was nice.

Guest

Guest of Shirley West was her granddaughter Michele Jianakoplos from St. Louis. They enjoyed the St. Anne's fund raiser supper and auction.

Dinner Guests

Darla Womick had dinner guests with Darla's

fiancé Bruce family Charlie and Carolyn from Arkansas, Les and Jane from Texas and Bruce's 93-year-old father.

Darla and Bruce have a new dog Bayou who loves people and children.

Guests

Guests of Helen Sitter were her son and daughter-in-law Walter and Becky Sitter from Princeton, Texas.

They enjoyed attending the St. Anne's fund raiser supper and auction.

Southern California

Donna Pitts said Southern California is in absolute awe as thousands of beautiful painted lady butterflies are passing through migrating to Northern California from Mexico. Donna said she can't remember when this last happened.

Their weather is a beautiful 74 degrees. Donna said "Oh how, nature is wonderful. Spring is here at last."

Singing

David and Terrie Isom attended a singing at Park Avenue Baptist in Paducah where David sang.

Union County Pep Band Festival 2019

Dongola band director Rebecca Washington and the Dongola School hosted Union County Pep Band Festival last Thursday evening.

Bands were Dongola, AJCHS band director Renee McClain and Cobden band director Wendy Ronna.

The school was rocking with beautiful music from each band. Many happy memories are made for students of the bands.

United Methodist Church, Anna

On Sunday, March 17, Clara Cates provided special music. She sang "Because He Lives."

The children received their special mission offering which will be donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Ushers were Jack Zimmerman, Sue Ann Zimmerman, Clara Cates and Gaylon Cates.

Rev. Sullins invited those who wanted to be anointed for themselves or another to gather at the altar. Several individuals responded to his invitation.

Rev. Sullins preached a homily. His text was Philippians. He stated the need of being a model for others and encouraged the congregation during the season of Lent to examine their personal life in order to be a witness for Christ, a model for others.

Rev. Millie Sloan told about three women, Mary the mother of Jesus, Dorcas (Tabitha) who went around doing good and helping the poor, and Lydia a business woman and believer in God, for Women's History month.

The Loaves and Fishes meal for the community was scheduled to be served Tuesday evening, March 19.

The meal was a meat loaf dinner donated by Barbara House in memory of her friend Iggy Hadnik from Waukegan, who was 92 years old.

An invitation is extended by Rev. Sullins to all who do not have a church home to join us in worship and fellowship.

Sue Ann Zimmerman was honored with a gift, a mission pin, at the United Methodist Women meeting in March.

She does a lot of things for the United Methodist Church and always is willing to help.

Sue Ann is involved with making shawls for shawl ministry and maintains records of where they go.

She and her husband Jack make regular trips to Sam's



Dongola band at Union County Pep Band Festival.



A-JCHS band at Union County Pep Band Festival 2019 in Dongola.



Cobden High School Band at Union County Pep Band Festival in Dongola.



A special thanks to Jane Parrish, who made and donated these beautiful dog and cat blankets to PAWS, Pets are Worth Saving. Pictured with her are Carol Shepard and Reese Kelly.



Mary Ellen Ecker of Jonesboro, left, and Barbara House of Anna, right, show watercolor paintings done at the Giant City visitor center March 16 workshop. Instructor Marie Samuel, center, was pleased that 23 were able to attend the class including two on the waiting list.



Left to right representing three counties at the IAHCE state Home Extension conference in Effingham March 11-13 were Susie Kessler of Union County, Judy Huckleberry of Johnson County, center, and Marie Samuel of Williamson County, right.



Shown here is the quilt entry from Williamson County for the cultural arts exhibit in Effingham at the Illinois Association HCE state conference for Home Extension March 11-13. The hand pieced, appliquéed and hand quilted work made by Marie Samuel shown here is titled "Madonna of the Flowers." It received an honorable mention cash award in the juried holiday exhibit at the Hartley Gallery. Each county may submit only one quilt.



Sue Ann Zimmerman was honored with a gift, a mission pin, at the United Methodist Women meeting in March at the United Methodist Church for all the volunteer work she does.



Robert Needling was honored on his birthday March 13 with a party given by his wife Pam and granddaughters Kimber and Kaylor.

to keep paper goods available at the church.

She meets monthly with the two sewing groups in the church.

She, along with the Happy Scrappers, made a quilt that was donated to the Cunningham Children's Home in Champaign last year at their Festival of Quilts which was put up on auction and it sold for over \$500. The money raised is used for the Cunningham House to use for their work with the children.

Sue Ann machine quilts for people and keeps very busy making quilts for other people. She also makes quilts for her family and friends.

Sue Ann is a member of the bazaar committee in the church which makes meals, crafts, and plans parties for school children.

She keeps flowers for the different seasons on the tables in the fellowship hall in the church.

These are only a few of the things she does for her church in her quiet unassuming manner.

Sympathy to Katie Turner and Matthew Dunn on the death of their sweet



This is the United Methodist Church of Anna quilt that was made by the Happy Scrappers and donated to the Cunningham Children's Home in Champaign. It was put up for auction and sold for over \$500 at their Festival of Quilts. The money raised is used for the Cunningham House to use for their work with the children.



Special guest speaker at the Anna-Jonesboro Garden Club was Jeffrey A. Klingfuss from Mississippi, who spoke on Churning Up a Little Sunshine of Goodness for Your Table. The ladies learned how to make butter in a jar.

angel Isaiah Nathaniel Dunn, born March 13 and went to heaven March 15. Grandmothers are Debbie Janowski and Misty Petty. Please continue to keep Isaiah's twin Kayla Elizabeth in your prayers. She is at Cardinal Glennon in St. Louis.

Anna Kiwanis Club

The Anna Kiwanis Club plans to have a fish fry in support of the A-JCHS Band Boosters on April 13. Serving will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Kiwanis building at the Anna City Park.

Tickets are \$10. Please purchase tickets from any band member, band booster, or show up day of event to Kiwanis building.

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

A-JCHS Band Boosters

April 2. Election Day. Band Booster meeting, 6



Twins were born to Katie Turner and Matthew Dunn on March 13. Kayla Elizabeth weighed 1 pound, 2 ounces, and was born at 10:09 a.m. Isaiah Nathaniel weighed 1 pound, 1 ounce, and was born at 11:08 a.m. Nathaniel went to heaven on March 15. Kayla needs your prayers. She is in St. Louis at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital.

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. A big thanks to all of the members of the Kiwanis Club for sponsoring and supporting the band students. Students will be selling tickets, which are \$10 each. Students also will be helping with the fish fry.

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.

A-JCHS to Celebrate 100 Years

Is anyone planning anything for the 100th year of A-JCHS?

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

students graduating. **A-J Women’s Club** Members of the GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women’s Club plan to attend the District 25 Convention meeting March 26 at Eldorado Baptist Church. **Shop with a Cop and Fireman**

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.

At Christmas the firemen and police officers take children who have signed up at school for this program out to eat and shopping.

They get to ride in a fire truck and police car to Walmart. Walmart and other businesses are big supports in this program. A special thanks to everyone who helps.

Pam Needling has tickets and they can be purchased

through her, at Jim and Dot’s. Fire Chief Gary Ridler 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.

Rendezvous 2019 Jimmy and Cheyenne Trambley were at Ozark Mountain Man rendezvous in Glen Allen, Mo.

Kornthal Church A dedication service will be tonight March 21 at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Florida Guests Aaron Hart said he had guests from Anna, Leon

and Barbara Russell. He received the DVD set I sent him of the Civil War Weekend and was excited about Barbara Bauer’s picture being on one.

He set it out on his table because Barbara and Norm were visiting him that weekend and he wanted to surprise her.

Aaron was really happy to get the DVD’s since he was in Florida and didn’t get to attend the event in his hometown.

Friends of the Theater The A-JCHS musical “Disney’s The Little Mermaid” will be March 29-31. Tickets are on sale at A-JCHS.

Anna Arts Center April 6 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. there will be a indoor yard sale to benefit the activities there.

Chase away the winter blues and adopt a naked penguin for only \$5. Return

the well dressed penguin April 18 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. or April 20 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Prizes will be awarded for best dressed, most original and funniest penguins.

Exhibit opens April 23, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Awards reception and auction will be April 28 at 2 p.m. Auction of penguins to good homes starting at 3 p.m. Everyone is invited, refreshments, and it is free to attend the reception.

Call Lee at 904-625-1109 to get your penguin.

Bald Knob Cross of Peace

Easter sunrise service is April 21 at 6 a.m.

Anna Eastern Star 522 Anna Easter Star plans to meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, today at the Masonic Lodge in the Anna park across from the swimming pool.

State Retirees Meeting AFSCME Retirees Chapter 90 will meet at 1 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month at Anna Heights Baptist Church next to the chapel room.

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, Jerod Schaefer, Jennifer Ann Bishop, James McWhorter, Arin Whitemountain.

Television Listings

THURSDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	2019 NCAA Basketball Tournament "First Round" (Live)	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Wrestling "NCAA Championships: Second Round" (Live)	2019 NCAA Basketball Tournament "First Round" (Live)	"Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" <i>Dumbledore's Army.</i>	Raven Raven	"Rampage" Tonight	"The Ring Two" ('05)	(5:45) "The Running Man" ('87)
7 PM :30	Grey's Anatomy (HD)		Gotham "I Am Bane"	Superstore A.P. Bio				Sydney	★★★ "Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom" ('18)	★★★ "Resident Evil: Apocalypse"	(2:5) Billions (HD)
8 PM :30	(:01) Station 19 (HD)		The Orville (HD)	Brooklyn Will (HD)		(:45) 2019 NCAA Basketball Tournament "First Round" (Live)		Coop & Cam Raven		(:35) "Van Helsing" ('04) <i>Slayers join forces.</i>	"The Hunted" <i>Special Forces.</i> (R)
9 PM :30	For the People (HD)	2019 NCAA Basketball Tournament "First Round" (Live)	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Law & Order: SVU	SportsCenter (HD)		"Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" ('09) <i>Enemy's origin.</i> (HD)	Sydney Coop & Cam	(:15) "Tomb Raider" ('18) <i>Daughter's mission.</i>		Desus &
10 PM :30	Local			Local	SportsCenter (HD)			Andi Mack		(:50) Strike Back (HD)	Black Mon.
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Local	Local Programs	(:35) Tonight (HD)				Sydney			Desus &
11 PM :30	Nightline	Late Show		Late Night	SC (HD)	Conan		Bizaard	The Shop	"Secretary"	America

MARCH 21, 2019

FRIDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	2019 NCAA Basketball Tournament "First Round" (Live)	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	2019 NCAA Basketball Tournament "First Round" (Live)	Family	Raven	"Inventor" Tonight	★½ "Anacondas: Blood Orchid"	"Home Again" ('17)
7 PM :30	Boat (HD) Speechless		Man (HD) Cool Kids	Blindspot (HD)	College Wrestling "NCAA Championships: Semifinals" (Live)		Family	Sydney	★★★ "Entrapment" ('99) <i>Agent baits thief.</i>	★★★ "I Feel Pretty" ('18) <i>Insecurities.</i> (HD)	
8 PM :30	20/20 <i>Investigative news.</i> (HD)		Proven Innocent (HD)	The Blacklist (HD)		(:45) 2019 NCAA Basketball Tournament "First Round" (Live)	Family	Sydney	"Kim Possible" <i>New teammate.</i>	"127 Hours" <i>Mountain climber.</i>	
9 PM :30		2019 NCAA Basketball Tournament "First Round" (Live)	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Dateline NBC (HD)			Family	Coop & Cam	Real Time Maher (HD)	Strike Back (HD)	"A Bad Moms Christmas" ('17)
10 PM :30	Local			Local	SportsCenter (HD)		Family	Andi Mack	Adnan Syed (HD)	Strike	(:45) Billions (HD)
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Local	Local	(:35) Tonight (HD)			Family	Sydney	Bizaard	(:50) "The Warrior's Way" ('11)	Desus &
11 PM :30	Nightline	Late Show	Local	Late Night	SC (HD)	Last O.G.	Law & Order: SVU	Bizaard	(:10) Real Time Maher		

MARCH 22, 2019

SATURDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Basketball	Local Programs	Local Programs	College Wrestling "NCAA Championship" (Live)	2019 NCAA Basketball Tournament "Second Round"	Temptation Island	"Hotel" (:35) ★★★½ "Moana" ('16) <i>Girl's adventure.</i> (PG)	"Skyscraper" ('18)	(4:15) "Avatar" ('09)	Black Mon.
7 PM :30	American Idol "206 (Hollywood Week)" (HD)	2019 NCAA Basketball Tournament "Second Round" (HD)	MasterChef Junior	Figure Skating Champion. (T)			Temptation Island		★★★½ "The Meg" ('18) <i>Pre-historic monster.</i> (HD)	"The Condemned" ('07) <i>Killing for freedom.</i>	Billions (HD)
8 PM :30			9-1-1 <i>Meet parents.</i>			2019 NCAA Basketball Tournament "Second Round"	Temptation Island	Raven			SMILF
9 PM :30	20/20 (HD)	48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live (HD)	Top Rank Boxing (Live)		Temptation Island	Sydney	Adnan Syed (HD)	(:55) ★½ "The Condemned 2" ('15)	Funny Women of a Certain Age
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Gordon <i>Fine dining.</i>	Local			Chicago P.D. (HD)	Coop & Cam	(:10) Adnan Syed (HD)	Strike	"Molly's Game" ('17) Idris Elba. <i>High-stakes poker.</i> (HD)
11 PM :30	Local Programs		Local Programs	Sat. Night Live <i>Sketch comedy.</i>	SportsCenter (HD)	Inside Drop Mic	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Andi Mack Sydney	Bizaard	(:20) "The Meg" ('18)	

MARCH 23, 2019

SUNDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Videos <i>Talking dogs.</i>	60 Minutes (HD)	Simpsons Burgers	Games "Taste Buds."	2019 NCAA Women's "Second Round" (Live)	2019 NCAA Basketball Tournament "Second Round"	Law & Order: SVU	Fast Layne	★★★½ "The Meg" ('18) <i>Pre-historic monster.</i> (HD)	"Snatched" ('17) (HD)	SMILF
7 PM :30	American Idol "206 (Hollywood Week)" (HD)	God Friended Me	Simpsons Burgers	World of Dance "The Duels 2" (HD)			Law & Order: SVU	Sydney	(HD)		Black Mon.
8 PM :30		NCIS: L. A. (HD)	Fam Guy		2019 NCAA Women's "Second Round" (Live)	2019 NCAA Basketball Tournament "Second Round"	Law & Order: SVU	Fast Layne	Adnan Syed (HD)	"True Lies" ('94) <i>Secret agent tries to save his marriage.</i>	Action
9 PM :30	(01) Shark Tank (HD)	Madam Secretary	Fam Guy	Good Girls (HD)			Law & Order: SVU	Raven	(:10) Adnan Syed (HD)	Billions (HD)	
10 PM :30	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	SportsCenter (HD)	Inside	Family	Sydney	Oliver	★★★ "Getaway" <i>Race against time.</i>	Black Mon.
11 PM :30	(:35) Local	Local	Local		Sports	Last O.G.	Family	Bizaard	(:50) "The First Purge" ('18) (HD)	Billions (HD)	

MARCH 24, 2019

MONDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	2019 NCAA Women's "Second Round" (Live)	Fam Guy	NCIS <i>Ducky's mother.</i>	Raven	"Clash"	"Red Sparrow" ('18)	Action
7 PM :30	American Idol "207 (Hollywood Week)" (HD)	Neighbor. Plan (HD)	The Resident (HD)	The Voice "The Battles, Part 1" (HD)		Fam Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	Raven	"Breaking In" <i>Kids held hostage.</i>	Strike	Billions (HD)
8 PM :30		Magnum P.I. (HD)	9-1-1 (HD)		NCAA Wom.	Fam Guy		Sydney	To Be Announced	"The Warrior's Way" ('11) <i>Assassin in hiding.</i>	Black Mon.
9 PM :30	The Fix "Revenge"	Bull <i>Teen on trial.</i> (HD)	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	The Enemy Within	2019 NCAA Women's "Second Round" (Live)	Fam Guy		Raven	(:15) Case Against Adnan Syed	"The Invasion" <i>Alien epidemic.</i>	SMILF
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local		Dad (HD)	Family	Sydney			Billions (HD)
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(:35) Tonight (HD)	Sports	Conan	Family	Coop & Cam	"The Miseducation" ('18) (HD)	(:15) "Frantic" ('88) (R)	Black Mon.
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan	Family	Bizaard			SMILF

MARCH 25, 2019

TUESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	2019 NIT Basketball "Quarterfinal 1" (Live)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	Real Time	"Bad Girls" ('94) (HD)	"Black Hawk Down" <i>Ambush in Somalia.</i> (R)
7 PM :30	Housewife	NCIS "Silent Service"	MasterChef Junior	Games (HD)		Bang (HD)	WWE SmackDown (HD)	Raven	Tonight		
8 PM :30	The Kids				2019 NIT Basketball "Quarterfinal 2" (Live)	Bang (HD)		Sydney	★★★½ "The Meg" ('18) <i>Pre-historic monster.</i> (HD)	"Holy Man" ('98, Comedy) <i>Media mystic.</i> (HD)	Action
9 PM :30	Splitting	FBI "Apex" (HD)	Mental Samurai	This Is Us "R & B"		Bang (HD)		Coop & Cam	To Be Announced		
10 PM :30	The Rookie (HD)	NCIS: New Orleans	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Local		Bang (HD)	Temptation Island	Raven	(:15) Case Against Adnan Syed	"Hail, Caesar!" <i>Studio problems.</i>	Black Mon.
11 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Miracle	Law & Order: SVU	Sydney	Leaving Neverland "Part 2" <i>Michael Jackson.</i>	(:45) Strike Back (HD)	SMILF
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan	Law & Order: SVU	Bizaard		"In the Cut"	Billions (HD)
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Conan					Funny (HD)

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WEDNESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA Countdown (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	"Despicable"	"A Time to Kill" ('96)	"Midnight Sun" ('18)
7 PM :30	Goldbergs	Survivor (HD)	Empire <i>Career offer.</i>	Chicago Med (HD)	NBA Basketball <i>Indiana vs Oklahoma City</i> (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Sydney	"50 First Dates" <i>Memory loss.</i>	"12 Strong" ('18, Action) <i>Post 9/11 battle.</i> (HD)	"The Ides of March" ('11) <i>The Ohio primary.</i>
8 PM :30	Schooled					Bang (HD)		Coop & Cam			
9 PM :30	Family Single	Million Dollar SEAL	Star "Toxic" (HD)	Chicago Fire (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	(:45) "The Mummy" ('17) <i>Ancient terror.</i> (HD)	"127 Hours" <i>Mountain climber.</i>	Black Mon.
10 PM :30	Whiskey Cavalier	SEAL Team (HD)	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Chicago P.D. (HD)	NBA Basketball <i>Los Angeles Lakers at Utah Jazz</i> (Live)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Sydney			
11 PM :30	Local	Local		Local		Conan	Family	Coop & Cam	Andi Mack		
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)		Frontal	Family	Sydney	To Be Announced	"The Snowman" <i>Snowfall killer.</i>	Black Mon.
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night		Conan	Family	Bizaard	"Annabelle"		Tiffany

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THURSDAY

9:15pm	HBO Tomb Raider ★★★ (2018, Action) Alicia Vikander, Dominic West. A daughter of an eccentric adventurer must push herself to extreme measures when she ends up on the island where her father vanished. PG-13 (HD)
10:35pm	NBC The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon Award-winning comedian Jimmy Fallon hosts the long-running late-night talk show, featuring humorous monologues, comedic sketches and celebrity interviews. TV14 (HD)

FRIDAY

7:25pm	MAX 127 Hours ★★★½ (2011, Drama) James Franco, Amber Tamblyn. A mountain climber becomes trapped when a boulder falls on his arm, and he must resort to desperate measures to make it back to civilization. R (HD)
8:00pm	FOX Proven Innocent "A CinderHella Story" The Injustice Defense Group accept a case about a girl who was convicted for her mother's murder; Madeline faces unavoidable drama through the day. TV14 (HD)

SATURDAY

7:00pm	HBO The Meg ★★★½ (2018, Thriller) Jason Statham, Bingbing Li. When an undersea research group is attacked by a legendary creature, an expert diver must save the team and the entire ocean from a prehistoric monster. PG-13 (HD)
9:00pm	NBC Saturday Night Live NBC's award-winning late-night comedy showcase features sketch comedy, celebrity hosts and musical performances live before a studio audience. TV14 (HD)

SUNDAY

7:00pm	CBS God Friended Me "Return to Sender" Miles meets a couple who grieves over the loss of their daughter; Rakesh stumbles upon a possible link between John Dove and Simon Hayes. TVPG (HD)
8:00pm	HBO The Case Against Adnan Syed "Justice Is Arbitrary" People who worked in the original case recall concerns about the original trial; the Korean and Pakistani-Muslim communities share their grievances. TV14 (HD)

MONDAY

7:00pm	FOX The Resident "Emergency Contact" Chastain deals with the aftermath of Quovadis' corrupt practices; Devon learns what happened to Julian Booth; a young gymnast shows odd symptoms. TV14 (HD)
9:00pm	ABC The Fix "Revenge" While defense attorney Ezra Wolf tries to fix Sevvy Johnson's image, he finds a new suspect to take the spotlight off of his movie star client. TV14

TUESDAY

7:00pm	HBO The Meg ★★★½ (2018, Thriller) Jason Statham, Bingbing Li. When an undersea research group is attacked by a legendary creature, an expert diver must save the team and the entire ocean from a prehistoric monster. PG-13 (HD)
8:00pm	CBS FBI "Apex" Maggie and Dana are desperate to get justice for victims whose lives were taken by a serial killer who left a trademark of disfiguring his victim's faces. TV14 (HD)

WEDNESDAY

8:00pm	CBS Million Dollar Mile "Victory is Only a Mile Away" Host Tim Tebow puts a select group of challengers through a difficult one-mile course that contains elite athletes who aim to prevent their passage.
8:45pm	HBO The Mummy ★★★½ (2017, Adventure) Tom Cruise, Sofia Boutella. A fearsome ancient princess awakens and escapes her desert tomb, bringing terror and a hunger for vengeance from the sands of the Middle East to modern London. PG-13 (HD)

Opinion and Commentary

Commentary American ingenuity...

I have spent much of my life traveling the world. I have found many things that other nations do as well as we do, but one thing I have never found where they did something better is “ ingenuity.”

A recent article in The New York Times focused on “America’s Most Profitable Export.” I made several guesses on what that might be and considered appliances and agricultural products. The correct answer is 100 dollar bills. At first that made no sense, as many currencies can be exchanged for U.S. currency.

It turned out that the answer is correct. First, it is a fact that we are the only nation that can legally produce these bills. Second, there is currently a very high demand for U.S. currency in large denomination bills. U.S. Bonds, for instance. can be purchased only with U.S. dollars. Even the vast majority of Facebook purchases are in dollars. The \$100 bill is so popular that in 2017 the number of \$100 bills exceeded the number of \$1 bills (unfortunately not in my billfold).

The attraction is not exclusively for America’s friends and allies. When Saddam Hussein’s palaces were raided after his defeat in 2003 they discovered 650 million in U.S. \$100 bills.

What makes this particularly attractive for America and a tribute to American ingenuity is that according to the Treasury Department the cost of producing one of these bills in 2019 (paper, ink and press time is “14 cents.”) I am not a financial specialist, but that strikes me as a rather nice return on investment.

I hope that American ingenuity remains a strong element in our society.

Interesting political season...

This has turned into a very interesting political season. It is hard to keep an exact count, but I believe we have at least 15 (maybe 20) U.S. citizens who have at one time in the past year announced that they will run for the office of president.

I am not at all sure what this means for the leadership of our nation, but as a former educator, it strikes me as a wonderful opportunity for youth education.

I was raised in a simpler time: we had a Republican Party and a Democratic Party and each of them selected their candidate for our highest office.

Now it appears we have candidates announcing that they are running for president without a clear party identification. In some cases it appears that some have no previous experience in political office at any level.

Do our laws have provisions that require any experience? What are the criteria, other than citizenship? Should there be any such requirements?

This strikes me as a nearly perfect opportunity to sit down with young people to perhaps offer education, or in other cases to learn from their viewpoints

Were I able to work with high school youth, this would be an excellent opportunity to have an active discussion on how we select our president. Is party affiliation a requirement? Should our two dominant political parties have a major voice on selecting the candidates? Are there minimal requirements to run for the office of President?

We have certainly expanded the field of candidates after a long period of white male domination, but I believe the field may still be expanding. Our generations should consider this and learn from each other.

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A Page from the Past from the files of The Gazette-Democrat Thursday, March 20, 1969

The Union County Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring several events for Holy Week, March 31-April 6, which will provide members of all churches in the community an opportunity to worship and join together in Christian fellowship.

A large group of Legion and Auxiliary members and guests enjoyed the 50th Birthday Party of the American Legion at the Legion Home in Anna Tuesday evening.

Both the Anna and Jonesboro Fire Departments have been kept busy with nine fires being reported since Friday noon.

The annual spring meeting of the Union County Education Association will be held on Friday, March 28, in the Shawnee Junior-Senior High School Auditorium.

One hundred and sixteen members of seven Girl Scout troops in Anna had an all-day cook-out on the IC parkway (in Anna) Saturday.

Francis and Mary Edythe Woesthaus, owners and managers of Anna’s Western Auto Associate Store, celebrated 30 years in business last week.

The sun has been shining for the past week. A high of 72 degrees was recorded March 18. Spring has finally arrived, but will it stay?

From the Western Saratoga news: Quite a few people from here attended the Chili supper at the Lick Creek School Friday night.

From the Friendship news: We are all enjoying this beautiful weather, sunshine instead of so much foggy and rainy weather. Our first crocus bloomed last week which tells us spring will soon be here.

From the Barringer news: I am thankful for such beautiful weather.

Please read this... A squirrel...an eagle...and two robins...

By Geof Skinner

It probably wasn’t a good thing to write this when all of my cylinders weren’t firing. Anyway, here we go...

Yours truly spent a good portion of last week as a member of the Malady of the Month Club. Membership benefits included coughing, hacking, a bit of a low-grade fever, three nights without much sleep and probably some other things which I do not remember.

The Other Half took advantage of her membership in the club the week before I did. We had pretty much figured that since I did not immediately come down with whatever the affliction happened to be, then perhaps I would miss out. Wrong.

I don’t want to sound like I’m whining, even though I am. Just wanted you to know that the brain waves were not functioning at 100 percent when this masterpiece was crafted. Of course, I’m pretty sure it would be hard to tell this creation from one crafted when the brain waves actually were functioning.

Last Friday evening, while doing my best attempt to stay awake in spite of everything, I happened to run across an interesting item online.

I’m assuming the item was real. For one thing, it was online. And, as we have noted many, many, many times, if you happen to see something online, it absolutely, positively, most assuredly has to be true. Bona fide. Just like they said in “O Brother, Where Art Thou?”

Making it more likely to be true, the item was posted online by CBS News. CBS News...the former home of Walter Cronkite, who, if I remember correctly, had a friend of the female persuasion (that would be a “girl friend”) in Anna.

The item involved a standoff between a squirrel and a bald eagle. Maybe you’ve seen it. If not, just do a search for “squirrel eagle standoff.” You’ll learn that there are 235,000 results (at least on Google). I thought there would be more. I guess that “squirrel eagle standoff” isn’t nearly as exciting as doing a search “cute kittens.” That one pops up with something like 183 million results. Really. I saw it online.

The standoff between the squirrel and the eagle did indeed involve a tiny, furry mammal with a bushy tail and what I can assume had to have been the most patient bald eagle on the planet.

After about 10 minutes, the standoff came to an end. No, the squirrel did not end up as dinner. The bald eagle simply flew away. One squirrel, it would seem, had a very, very, very lucky day.



Two robins were engaged in a standoff one evening last week near, and on, a sidewalk in Anna. The two birds put on quite a display.

The eagle, by the way, flew to a golf course in Canada. The bird picked up a golf ball and dropped the ball in the hole. This really happened. Well, that’s what I heard on the radio.

I bring up the standoff only because it’s kind of a vague connection to a similar situation which I witnessed one evening last week in Anna.

What I saw was a standoff, of sorts, involving a pair of robins. Their standoff unfolded one evening on a sidewalk near Anna Junior High School/Davie School.

The robins engaged in a variety of standoff behaviors, which included staredowns, faceoffs, chest bumpings, wing flappings, back-and-forthings, and various other things which, as near as I could tell at the time, appeared to involve one robin trying to be the boss of the other robin. They were still going at it when I drove away after a few minutes.

No, the robins were not anywhere nearly as exciting as a squirrel and bald eagle standoff. Which brings us to the other picture you get to see this week.

The image was shared online with us by a fellow traveler on The Journey Through Life. The picture shows nearly 30 bald eagles which were in a tree one morning recently along Route 3 in Union County. The picture was taken by the fellow traveler’s mother-in-law.

Wish I could have seen the scene. The picture also got me to wondering if there might have been any squirrels in that tree...



A fellow traveler on The Journey Through Life shared this picture of many bald eagles which were seen in a tree along Route 3 in Union County.

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 initiative 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 began 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

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