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News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

Filing of nominating petitions for the June 28 primary election is scheduled to begin March 14.

The first day of spring is March 20.

A flood warning was in effect until Wednesday evening for the Big Muddy River near Murphysboro. The river borders Union County on the northwest. River levels were expected to drop this week, thanks to dry weather.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School is voicing pride in student Alex Little, who received a Southern Illinois University Carbondale Chancellor's Scholarship.

With the arrival of March, spring sports seasons at Union County high schools are just around the corner.

Members of the Union County Fair board attended an annual meeting in Springfield. The lineup for 2022 grandstand events at the fair will be similar to last year. The carnival will be the same as in 2021, with an abbreviated schedule planned.

Kelli Wood has purchased the former office building of the late Bill Cunningham on North Main Street in Anna. Plans are for Wood to move her Edward Jones office from Jonesboro.

The Cunningham Electronics warehouse building across from the post office on North Main Street in Anna has been sold. The buyer intends to use the facility to rehab high-end vehicles, according to his representative.

A cannabis growing facility is planned south of Cobden, across from Anna Nursery.

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Face coverings now optional in most public places

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SPRINGFIELD – Facial coverings are now optional in most public places in Illinois, including schools, after Gov. JB Pritzker issued new guidance Monday to comply with new U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines. “Across the state, Illi-

noisans are taking their masks off today knowing that most eligible adults are boosted, and our hospitals have much more capacity to save lives,” Pritzker said in a statement Monday.

“I’m proud that Illinoisans have done the hard work that has made our state a leader in the Midwest, with more of our residents vaccinated than any other state in the region.”

Under a new executive order issued by Pritzker on Monday, masks are no longer required in most indoor public places, including K-12 schools and day cares.

But schools and private businesses can continue to require masks at their own discretion.

Face masks are still required in health care settings and on public transportation such as buses,

trains and airplanes, as well as transportation hubs like airports and bus stations.

Those developments came after the Illinois Supreme Court on Friday declined to hear the state’s appeal of a temporary restraining order issued Feb. 4 by a Sangamon County judge, calling the issue “moot.”

In its ruling late Friday, the court, in a 5-2 vote,

echoed a 4th District Court of Appeals decision from a week earlier that said the issue of the TRO was moot because the emergency rules that the Illinois Department of Public Health had issued in September had expired and the legislative Joint Committee on Administrative Rules voted Feb. 15 not to renew them.

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Winter storm occurs Feb. 23-24 in parts of Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri, Western Kentucky

Sleet, freezing rain, lightning, thunder recorded

Union County thawed out this week after another round of wintry precipitation and cold temperatures.

Parts of the region were under a winter storm warning from 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, until 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24. The winter storm warning was issued by the National Weather Service office in Paducah.

Waves of sleet and freezing rain moved through the Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky region Feb. 23-24, the weather service reported.

The wintry precipitation produced hazardous driving conditions across much of the area.

Isolated power outages occurred due to tree damage from freezing rain which had accumulated.

The greatest totals of freezing rain occurred across Southeast Missouri into southwest Illinois, where 0.1 to 0.4 of an inch of icing was reported.

The weather service showed that sleet and snow totalled in the range of 0.25 to 0.75 of an inch in the Union County area. Freezing rain totalled 0.10 to 0.40 of an inch.

Local weather observer Dana Cross reported a total of .31 of an inch of ice pellets/sleet on Feb. 23 with a trace of the frozen precipitation measured on Feb. 24.

Sleet accumulations of 0.1 to 0.75 of an inch were observed across much of



Ice-covered landscape

Trees coated in a layer of ice were shining in the winter sunshine last Saturday afternoon. The trees were along Illinois Route 127 in Alto Pass and had been covered with ice during a winter storm which happened last week in the area.

the region, though an isolated higher amount up to 1.25 inches was reported in Carter County, Missouri.

On Feb. 24, many of the freezing rain and sleet showers across Southeast Missouri into Southern Illinois were accompanied by numerous lightning strikes and rolls of thunder.

A thunderstorm in Hopkins County, Ky., produced pea-sized hail as well.

At around midday on Feb. 24, heavy rain began to fall in Anna. The heavy rain

was accompanied by lightning and thunder. Heavy rain, lightning and thunder continued, on and off, until about 3:30 p.m.

The weather service reported that two pileups occurred on major highways in Western Kentucky. Both occurred on bridges.

One of the pileups was on Interstate 24 over the Tennessee River bridge, where one fatality was reported.

The other pileup was on the Western Kentucky Parkway over the Green

River bridge. Both involved multiple semis.

No major accidents were reported in Union County.

The wintry precipitation and icing led to numerous closings in the Union County area.

The Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro was closed Thursday, Feb. 24.

The weather also led to the closing of schools in the county.

The impact of the winter storm was a topic of discus-

sion at last week’s regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners. The meeting was Friday morning at the courthouse.

Union County Highway Department engineer Jeff Denny said that last week’s heavy rain and wintry precipitation had an impact on local roads.

Highway department crews were kept busy into the night working to clear roads; the work included the removal of downed trees.

Illinois State Board of Education Those Who Excel award

Shawnee District 84 administrative team honored

The Illinois State Board of Education, ISBE, has announced the 2022 finalists for Illinois Teacher of the Year and 196 Those Who Excel award recipients.

Those Who Excel recognizes administrators, teams, volunteers and school support personnel for their extraordinary contributions to education throughout Illinois.

Shawnee Community Unit School District No. 84’s administrative team, The Excellence Exceeders, were selected to receive the 2022 Those Who Excel award.

Members of the District No. 84 administrative team include Amy Reynolds, elementary principal; Karen Schaefer, junior-senior high

principal; and Beth Marks, director of student services.

“I knew this trio was amazing, but the pandemic highlighted their exceptional skills,” Shawnee Community Unit School District No. 84 superintendent Shelly Clover-Hill said in a news release.

“In a situation that was out of control, these la-

dies worked through every bump in the road for months and months. They continued working over the summer, even when they were technically ‘off the clock,’ to ensure student success because that is who they are.”

“The Teacher of the Year and Those Who Excel programs recognize the people

who make education in Illinois exceptional,” Illinois State Superintendent of Education Dr. Carmen I. Ayala said.

“Our students have been in the most capable hands despite the challenges of the past two years.

“Our Illinois educators and their level of commitment, passion and dedication have been a guiding light for students and communities in a time when we have needed it the most.

“I am so proud of each and every one of our honorees and especially our finalists for Illinois Teacher of the Year. This recognition is the highest honor in our profession.”

Those being honored were selected by a committee of administrators, teachers, educational service personnel, student support personnel and past Illinois Teachers of the Year.

ISBE plans to honor all of the Teacher of the Year and Those Who Excel recipients at a banquet which is scheduled later this summer.



Administrative team

Members of the Shawnee Community Unit School District No. 84 administrative team include Beth Marks, director of student services; Karen Schaefer, junior-senior high school principal; and Amy Reynolds, elementary school principal. Photo provided.



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Two in custody in connection with weekend incident

A man and a woman from Gary, Ind., were in custody and facing multiple charges following an incident which occurred last weekend in Union County and eventually involved an extensive ground and aerial search.

Union County Sheriff Dale Foster said that the incident began to unfold at approximately 11:31 p.m. Saturday in Jonesboro. A Jonesboro Police Department officer made a traffic stop which involved a passenger car. Two persons were in the car.

Subsequent to the traffic stop, the car fled from the scene and went west on Illinois Route 146.

The Union County Sheriff's Office K-9 deputy joined in pursuit of the vehicle.

The car went to Ware and then traveled south on Illinois Route 3. The car ran off the road, went into a ditch and then went into a field.

The two persons in the car left the vehicle and fled on foot into flooded fields, going west, in the direction of the Mississippi River levee.

The woman who had fled from the car hid in brush. She was discovered by the Union County Sheriff's Office K-9 deputy.

The woman was transported to Union County Hospital in Anna for treatment. She then was transported to the Union County Sheriff's Office

in Jonesboro and then to the Jackson County Jail in Murphysboro.

A search continued for the man who was in the field. Illinois State Police and the Anna Police Department joined in the search.

The search continued until about 3:30 a.m. Sunday. After a pause, the search was resumed at daylight on Sunday morning and continued. A Life Beat helicopter joined in the search.

Around the middle of the afternoon on Sunday, the driver, who had returned to the Ware area, was taken into custody by Union County Sheriff Foster and Jonesboro Police Chief David Wilkins when he was seen coming out of a field. The suspect may have gone to Cape Girardeau before coming to the Ware area.

Three other male subjects, also from Indiana, also were reported to have been involved in connection with the incident. They were released without charges.

The Union County Sheriff's Office, Jonesboro Police Department, Anna Police Department, Illinois State Police and Life Beat joined in the investigation.

The sheriff said that assistance in the search was provided by two persons who made infrared equipment available to assist in search.

No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

Face coverings

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Because the issue of the TRO was moot, the state's high court said Friday, the order itself was vacated and the case was remanded back to Sangamon County to be heard in its entirety.

Justices Michael J. Burke and David K. Overstreet dissented in the decision. The court said a written dissenting opinion would be forthcoming.

"We are pleased the court acted quickly to vacate the TRO, as the state requested," Attorney General Kwame Raoul's office said

in a statement.

"However, as the case is returned to the circuit court, we will continue to defend the governor's executive orders to protect all Illinois residents and mitigate the spread of COVID-19."

The Supreme Court's ruling, however, was one that left both sides in the dispute claiming victory.

"I'm gratified that the Supreme Court vacated the lower court's restraining order, meaning that if a school mask mandate needs to go into effect in the future, we continue to have that

authority," Pritzker said in a statement released by his press secretary.

But Republican lawmakers who have questioned Pritzker's use of executive orders and criticized the Democratic majority in the General Assembly for not exercising oversight, said the ruling will serve as a check on the governor's powers.

"The Illinois Supreme Court found the governor's mask mandate moot and not enforceable thanks to a bipartisan group of legislators who decided to strike it down earlier this month," Senate GOP Leader Dan McConchie, of Hawthorn Woods, said in a statement.

"Pritzker will now have to go back to those same legislators if he wishes to issue a similar order, where he is likely to meet the same fate," he added.

"The governor should accept defeat and allow us to begin to govern the way we ought to be – through collaboration of the legislature and local stakeholders."

Pritzker had previously announced that the general statewide mask mandate would expire Monday if the state's hospitalization usage and other metrics continued on a downward trend. He had previously planned to leave school mask mandates in place, however.

Since he made the announcement at the beginning of the month, the governor's office said in a statement Friday, the number of people in the hospital with COVID-19 has been cut in half and the number of intensive care beds available increased by 24 percent, while the state's weekly COVID-19 case rate has also decreased by 70 percent.

While previous guidelines were based on metrics

such as case counts and test positivity rates, the new guidelines are based on factors such as the number of hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area.

According to CDC data, most counties in Illinois are considered low or moderate transmission areas.

Counties designated as high transmission areas are located mainly in Southern Illinois and in pockets along the state's eastern and western borders.

(As of Feb. 24, the CDC showed Union County as a low transmission area.)

The status of individual counties throughout the United States is available on the CDC's website, [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html).

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Weather

Heavy rain, sleet, snow; high 65, low 22

Wintry weather, heavy rain and wide fluctuations in temperatures highlighted weather in the Union County area during the period of Feb. 22-28.

Temperatures ranged from a high of 65 degrees to a low of 22.

Precipitation during the period included:

- 1.10 inches of rain measured on Feb. 22.
- .31 of an inch of ice pellets/sleet (.20 of an inch of melted precipitation) on Feb. 23.
- A trace of ice pellets/sleet and a total of 1.33 inches of precipitation (mostly rain) on Feb. 24.
- A trace of snow and melted precipitation on Feb. 25.

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

	H	L
Tuesday, Feb. 22	65	31
Wednesday, Feb. 23	31	24
Thursday, Feb. 24	32	24
Friday, Feb. 25	30	24
Saturday, Feb. 26	35	24
Sunday, Feb. 27	49	23
Monday, Feb. 28	59	22

February Weather

The high temperature for the month of February was 66 degrees, which was recorded on Feb. 1 and Feb. 16. The average high for the month was 47.

The low for the month was 11, which was recorded on Feb. 13. The average low

Union County COVID Cases Update

Feb. 27: 5,329 total cases. 63 total deaths.

Feb. 24: 5,327 total cases. 63 total deaths.

Feb. 23: 5,323 total cases. 63 deaths.

Feb. 22: 5,311 total cases. 63 deaths.

Feb. 21: 5,306 total cases. 63 deaths.

Feb. 17: 5,289 total cases. 63 deaths.

Source: Illinois Department of Public Health website. Numbers represent statistics since the start of the pandemic.

was 24.

Precipitation for the month totalled 8.08 inches.

The most rain in a 24-hour period was 3.53 inches, recorded on Feb. 17.

Frozen precipitation (including snow, ice pellets/sleet and freezing rain) measured 3 inches for the month.

The most frozen precipitation recorded during a 24-hour period was 2.5 inches, measured on Feb. 3.

Precipitation for 2022, as of the end of February, totalled 11.34 inches.

Weekly new COVID-19 cases reported in Illinois

Feb. 25: 13,028

Feb. 18: 20,896

Feb. 10: 29,939

Feb. 4: 60,389

Jan. 28: 123,812

Jan. 21: 183,722

Jan. 14: 207,203

Jan. 7: 201,428

Dec. 30: 128,246

Dec. 23: 77,246

Dec. 17: 59,312

Dec. 10: 49,668

Dec. 3: 42,559

Nov. 24: 21,034

Nov. 19: 28,280

Nov. 12: 22,600

Nov. 5: 17,462

Oct. 29: 14,616

Oct. 22: 15,131

Oct. 15: 15,669

Oct. 8: 19,244

Oct. 1: 18,735

Sept. 24: 21,787

Sept. 17: 25,956

Sept. 10: 26,062

Sept. 3: 30,319

Aug. 27: 25,636

Aug. 20: 24,682

Aug. 13: 21,334

Aug. 6: 16,742

July 30: 11,682

July 23: 7,983

July 16: 4,449

July 9: 2,945

July 2: 2,120

June 25: 1,744

June 18: 928

Source: Illinois Department of Public Health

Bost tests positive for COVID

U.S. Rep. Mike Bost, R-Ill., on Tuesday, March 1, released the following statement after receiving a positive COVID-19 test result that morning:

"Following a routine test, I learned early this morning that I have tested positive for COVID-19.

"I am fully vaccinated and experiencing no symptoms.

"However, for the safety of my constituents, staff, and colleagues, I will be adjusting my schedule for the week and isolating according to the guidance of the Office of the Attending Physician."

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Cliff View Park in Alto Pass was a busy place last Saturday afternoon. Lots of folks were stopping to take in a view of the ice-covered landscape following last week's freezing rain, sleet and snow.

Utility rate increases (for gas, water and sewer) are set in Jonesboro as of April 1.

The City of Jonesboro is accepting applications for a full-time city hall employee and for a part-time seasonal cemetery employee.

Jonesboro Cemetery clean-up is set to begin April 1.

Job well done: thank you to all of those who were involved in last weekend's Civil War Weekend at the Anna Arts Center.

The River-to-River Trail Society is planning to offer a series of guided hikes in and near the Shawnee National Forest in Southern Illinois. The first hike is scheduled Saturday, March 12, in the One Horse Gap area in Pope County.

Southern Seven Health Department is planning to present a "Strollin' through the Colon" colorectal cancer awareness event from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 19, at the Big John Grocery store in Metropolis.

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Civil War history comes to life

Civil War history came to life last weekend with events which were held in Anna and Jonesboro. Civil War Weekend activities were held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 25-27, at the Shawnee Hills Arts Council's Anna Arts Center and at the PAST organization's Heritage House Museum in Jonesboro.



Illinois Road Scholar Brian “Fox” Ellis presented “Walt Whitman’s Lincoln” Saturday morning at the Anna Arts Center. Fox’s presentation recreated a program which poet Walt Whitman delivered about the life of Abraham Lincoln. The presentation was woven with Whitman’s Civil War poems and commentary about the poet’s experiences caring for soldiers in hospital tents.



Civil War reenactor John Kissel of Carbondale talked about items he and his father, Joseph Kissel of Jonesboro, had on display at the Anna Arts Center with Jack and Dori Bigler of Anna.

Soil, water conservation district offers fish sale

Union County Soil and Water Conservation District is taking orders for its spring fish sale.

Pick up of orders is set for 2 p.m. Saturday, April 9. Fish will be picked up at the USDA Service Center at 201 Springfield Ave. in Anna.

Species which will be available include:

Albino catfish, 4 to 6 inches; channel catfish, 4 to 6 inches and 6 to 8 inches; largemouth bass, 3 to 4 inches; bluegill, 2 to 3 inches and 3 to 5 inches.

Black crappie, 3 to 4 inches; redear, 3 to 4 inches; fathead minnows, 1 to 3 inches, approximately 150 per pound; and triploid grass carp, 8 to 11 inches.

The soil and water conservation district said that all orders for grass carp must be submitted by Friday, March 25.

All other fish orders must be submitted by Friday, April 1.

The district noted that only exact cash and check will be submitted. The district cannot process

debit/credits for payments.

Orders can be placed, and more information is available, by calling the soil and water conservation district office at 833-5666, extension 3.

Stocking information is available by calling Andry’s Fish Farm LLC at 812-389-2448.

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Rural hospitals stop offering some services due to staffing challenges

By Tammie Sloup
FarmWeek

A rural health care advisory and analytics provider has found nearly half of rural hospitals have refrained from admissions because of nursing shortages this past year.

Additionally, more than a quarter of rural hospitals have ceased offering some services due to staffing challenges.

“Alarm bells should be ringing on this topic. This is a very big deal,” said Michael Topchik, the national leader of The Chartis Center for Rural Health, during the National Rural Health Association’s Policy Institute on Feb. 8.

Utilizing analytics and data to understand and address issues challenging the rural health safety net including health disparities and inequity, provider vulnerability and sustainable performance improvement, Topchik said that while pandemic funding has provided temporary stabilization to rural hospitals, the emerging nursing shortage continues to worsen.

“This is the number one need in our surveys and across a variety of ways we’ve looked at this, this is the biggest challenge rural hospitals tell us they have is staffing, staffing, staffing,” Topchik said.

The majority of nurses who have left rural hospitals exited for more lucrative positions, while others report being burned out from the pandemic and having to cover as a result of shortages.

Staffing shortages have also impacted services. While some services were suspended by law during the pandemic, Chartis data highlighted trends with obstetric and chemotherapy services, which did not fall under that umbrella.

Between 2011 and 2021, 198 rural hospitals ceased to provide obstetrics, while 311 rural hospitals ceased to provide chemotherapy between 2014 and 2017.

“I’m afraid to say that it’s really the story behind the story of the hospital closure crisis. It’s the story behind the story of the pandemic, which is that we’re seeing the loss of these services in rural areas,

creating virtual deserts of care for very important services,” Topchik said.

Nearly half of rural hospitals are operating with a negative margin (excluding relief funds), with two rural hospitals closing in 2021, he said.

The \$12.6 billion in pandemic relief payments has helped, but only temporarily. And Topchik anticipates relative stability through 2022.

“There’s been some bright news, which is last year we didn’t see that many closures and we are predicting this year we won’t see that many either,” he said.

Those who attended the policy institute also met with members of Congress, including a handful from Illinois, to discuss emerging issues facing rural communities.

Following his meeting with Illinois rural health representatives, U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., issued a news release about the discussion in which he highlighted the \$1 billion secured in the American Rescue Plan for the National Health Service Corps and Nurse Corps to build a more diverse pipeline of clinicians and recruit more health providers to serve in shortage areas.

To address other rural health care workforce issues, Durbin has introduced the bipartisan Rural America Health Corps Act, which would create a National Health Service Corps pilot program to test whether an expanded loan repayment award and service commitment – \$200,000 over five years – would improve retention in rural communities, according to the news release.

The Chartis Group also announced the 2022 Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals and the 2022 Top 100 Rural & Community Hospitals.

Based on the results of the Chartis Rural Hospital Performance INDEX, this annual recognition program honors outstanding performance among the nation’s rural hospitals.

A handful of Illinois hospitals made the lists, including Wabash General Hospital in

Mount Carmel (critical access hospital); and HSHS St. Joseph’s Hospital in Breese, Jersey Community Hospital in Jerseyville and OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center in Ottawa (rural and community hospitals).

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Heart Health talk offered by A-J Rotary

Anna-Jonesboro Rotary Club is planning to sponsor a Heart Health talk on Thursday, March 10.

The program is set for 6 p.m. at El Jalapeno restaurant in Anna. The restaurant is located at 101 Leigh Ave.

The talk will be presented by Brandon Edwards, who is a hospitalist at Union County Hospital in Anna.

The event will feature light appetizers, a Heart Health discussion and an opportunity to learn about Rotary.

Those who attend the program will receive a certificate for free glucose and lipid screening.

Those who would like to attend the program are asked to RSVP by Monday, March 7.

An RSVP can be made by email to mschramm@qhcus.com.

Smoke alarms available

The Makanda General Assistance Committee reports that it has received 12 smoke alarms from the local American Red Cross.

The alarms are to be installed in the homes of people in need who do not have a smoke alarm.

The alarms are for Makanda Township and village residents.

Those who would like to receive one of the alarms, or those who know of someone who may need an alarm, can contact Makanda Township trustee Debbie Stanley at 618-521-1454 for more information.

Friday, February 25, A-J National Bank employees wore blue for fallen Pulaski County Deputy Jon David Utley.



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Sports

Goreville tops Cobden in regional title game

The Cobden High School boys’ basketball team let a lead slip away in the final quarter in a 64-54 loss to Goreville in the Class 1A regional at Egyptian High School in Tamms Friday, Feb. 25.

The Appleknockers led 12-5 after one quarter and 21-20 at the half. Cobden led 40-37 going into the final quarter but was out-scored 27-14 down the stretch.

“We played well,” Cobden coach Wendell Wheeler said. “But they wore us down with their press and bench.”

The Blackcats also made nine 3-pointers in the win. Tyler Franklin led Cobden with 27 points. Elliott

Lowndes added 17 points, Brock Reynolds and Drake Campbell 5 apiece, Edwin Funes 3 and Cooper Flamm 2.

Cobden 53, Cairo 50: Lowndes and Franklin combined to score 50 points to lead the Appleknockers to the win in semifinal regional action at Egyptian Wednesday, Feb. 23.

Lowndes scored 31 points and Franklin added 18 points. Flamm added 2 points and Funes 1.

Cobden led 16-13 after one quarter, 27-22 at the half and 40-32 after three periods.

Cobden finishes the season with a 22-8 overall record.

Cobden’s Wheeler coaches final game

By Mike Estel

Cobden High School boys’ basketball head coach Wendell Wheeler coached his final Appleknockers game after a season ending loss to Goreville in the Class 1A regional.

Wheeler, who was planning on resigning after the final game, has coached at Cobden for the last four years and has recorded two, 21 game winning seasons.

In 2020, his team finished with an undefeated 18-0 record in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. His team won a regional title for Cobden for the first time since 1964.

“We’ve had a good run,” Wheeler said. “I’ve been able to put four good years together.”

Former Cobden head coach Dick Ruggles, who coached the 1964 Appleknocker team, was able to attend and sit on the bench with Coach Wheeler at a game near the end of the regular season.

There were several draw-backs to the Appleknockers this past season.

Wheeler said they lost All Stater (Noah Franklin) and three starters to grad-

uation and played with a limited roster this season.

They didn’t have a home gymnasium because of renovations on the Cobden gymnasium and played all games on the road away from home.

Coaching high school basketball takes a toll on a coach.

“It’s 12 months a year,” Wheeler said. “You never stop coaching if you do it right.”

Wheeler has been coaching basketball for the last 27 years, including the past four seasons at Cobden and also coaching stints at Pato-ka, Newton and Du Quoin.

“I’ve been around a lot of good people coaching,” Wheeler said. “They grew up and became good fathers and men. I am still in contact with a lot of them.”

Wheeler will still be involved in basketball. His son, Connor, is an assistant basketball coach at Southern Illinois University Carbondale and he plans on attending and watching their games.

Wheeler said he won’t be out of coaching entirely and plans to continue coaching golf at Carbondale High School.

A-J’s Dover competes at state

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School’s Orié Dover competed at last week’s Illinois High School Association girls’ state tournament.

The tournament was Friday and Saturday, Feb. 25-26, in Bloomington.

Dover, a junior, wrestled in the 125-pound weight class. The A-J wrestler was defeated in two matches.

Dover made history as the first girl representing the A-J wrestling squad to advance to state.

Hunter safety course scheduled

An Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, hunter safety education course is planned Friday and Saturday, March 18-19, at the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church’s Main Street Center in Anna.

The center is located along South Main Street in Anna.

Hours for the course are scheduled from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on March 18 and from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 19. Students must attend both classes.

The course is being sponsored by Anna-Jonesboro National Bank.

A 1996 state law requires all hunters born on or after Jan. 1, 1980, to successfully complete a hunter education course before they can receive their first hunting license.

Those who complete the course will receive a hunter education certification card. The card verifies that they have passed the course of instruction.

The course will include instruction in wildlife management, firearms safety, hunter ethics, game identification, first aid, survival techniques and regulations.

More information about the course is available by contacting the coordinating instructor at 618-697-0286.



Jonesboro wins tournament championship
This is the first year that the Southern Illinois Conference has had a junior high volleyball tournament. The Jonesboro School Lady Bulldogs won the championship. Jonesboro defeated Meridian in first-round action, Cobden in the second round and Vienna in the championship game. Other teams in the conference are Century, Anna, Shawnee and Egyptian. Vienna finished second in the tournament, Cobden third and Century fourth. Photo provided.

Hunters harvested preliminary total of 147,004 deer in 2021-2022

Hunters in Illinois harvested a preliminary total of 147,004 deer during all 2021-2022 archery and firearm seasons that concluded Jan. 16.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, reports that a total preliminary deer harvest for all seasons compared with a total harvest for all seasons of 162,752 deer in 2020-2021.

During the 2021-2022 deer seasons, hunters took 43.75 percent does and 56.25 percent males.

IDNR reported the following results for the hunting seasons:

Archery: Archery deer hunters in Illinois took a preliminary total of 67,637 deer during the season that began Oct. 1 and concluded Jan. 16. The total archery harvest during the 2020-2021 season was 75,106 deer.

Youth: Youth deer hunters harvested a preliminary total of 1,829 deer during the three-day Illinois youth deer season Oct. 9-11, compared to 2,322 in 2020.

Traditional Firearm Season: Hunters took a preliminary total of 69,990 deer during the Illinois firearm deer season Nov. 19-21 and Dec. 2-5, compared with 77,160 deer taken during the 2020 firearm season.

Muzzleloader: Hunters using muzzleloading rifles harvested a preliminary total of 3,043 deer during the muzzleloader-only deer season Dec. 10-12, compared with a harvest of 3,451 deer in the 2020 muzzleloader season.

Late-Winter Seasons: The 2021-2022 late-winter antlerless-only and special CWD (chronic wasting disease) deer seasons concluded Jan. 16 with a combined preliminary harvest total for both seasons of 4,505 deer. Season dates for the seven-day late-winter and CWD seasons were Dec. 30-Jan. 2 and Jan. 14-16. During those seasons in 2020-2021, a harvest of 4,713 deer were taken.

Sixteen Northern Illinois counties were open to the special CWD season, which is used to assist in slowing the spread of chronic wasting disease in the Illinois deer herd.

A total of 21 counties were open for the late-winter antlerless season in 2021-2022. Counties that are at or below their individual deer population goal for two consecutive years may be removed from the late-winter season, IDNR noted.

Area Counties

IDNR reported that hunters in Union County harvested a total of 2,067 deer during the 2021-2022 seasons.

The total included 23 deer in the youth hunting season, 51 in the muzzleloader season, 1,143 in the firearm season and 850 in the archery season.

Totals for other area counties included:

Alexander County: Youth season, two. Muzzleloader season, 25. Firearm season, 359. Archery season, 192. Total, 578.

Jackson County: Youth season, 43. Muzzleloader season, 57. Firearm season, 1,848. Archery season, 1,121. Total, 3,069.

Johnson County: Youth season, 14. Muzzleloader season, 49. Firearm season, 1,154. Archery season, 806. Total, 2,023.

Massac County: Youth season, 10. Muzzleloader season, 380. Archery season, 376. Total, 787.

Pulaski County: Youth season, seven. Muzzleloader season, 13. Firearm season, 274. Archery season, 273. Total, 567.

Williamson County: Youth season, 21. Muzzleloader season, 54. Firearm season, 1,601. Archery season, 1,366. Total, 3,042.

Public Record

from the files at the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro

Realty Transactions

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

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Karen Odual. Grantee: Jeremy Peeler. Subdivision Name: City of Anna. Lots 55, 54.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Kirk A. Mitchell. Grantee: Tyler Spurlock. Tract Section 18 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Irene Lingle. Grantee: Donald E. Mull, Marilyn Mull. Subdivision Name: City of Anna. Lot 124.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Mary McWhorter. Grantee: Etha Anderson. Subdivision Name: Hillcrest Addition Anna. Lot 11.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Nicole Butwell, Stuart Butwell. Grantee: Brittany J. Dixon, Dawnika L. Skipper. Tract Section 5 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: James T. Matuszewich, Kendra Matuszewich. Grantee: Adam Brock Goforth, Sarah Nicole Goforth. Subdivision Name: Anna Heights Subdivision. Lot 44.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: The Conservation Fund. Grantee: Department of Natural Resources, People of the State of Illinois. Tract Section 29 Township 12S Range 2W. Tract Section 20 Township 12S Range 2W. Tract Section 21 Township 12S Range 2W. Tract

Section 22 Township 12S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Kevin Starr. Grantee: Ashley Nicole Starr. Subdivision Name: Wiley’s Addition. Lot 12.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Paul David McKee. Grantee: Ryan Stuart. Tract Section 29 Township 13S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: 618 Whitetails LLC. Grantee: Kenneth E. McNeal II. Tract Section 10 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Dame Brothers Farms LLC. Grantee: Galilee Baptist Church, Mindy Livesay. Tract Section 30 Township 11S Range 3W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Galilee Baptist Church, Mindy Livesay. Grantee: Dame Brothers Farms LLC. Tract Section 19 Township 11S Range 3W.

Traffic Citations

The following people were cited for the indicated violations and were assessed the accompanying fines and court costs as recorded at the Union County circuit clerk’s office:

Drew C. Blevens, Dongola, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$257.

Joshua T. Hess, Anna, electronic communication device, \$257.

Nora Linda Guerra, Lansing, Mich., driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$257.

Lexi R. Stallings, Cape Girardeau, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Natasha Y. Oliver,

Carbondale, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$257.

Roberta L. Lively, Anna, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$731.

Howard L. Davis Jr., Chicago, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257.

Andrew M. Massino, Carbondale, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Kelly Q. Eggemeyer, Christopher, depositing material on highway, \$164.

Ralph M. Cole, Jonesboro, seat belt required/driver, \$164.

Roderick John Thompson, Jackson, Mo., disregard traffic control light, \$164.

Tracy A. Thompson, Cobden, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Kyle A. Velasques, Jonesboro, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Brian J. Maclin, Cordova, Tenn., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257.

Angelo Murray, Cape Girardeau, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$257.

Jimmy D. Smith, St. Louis, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$257.

Johnathan O. Pullett, Ullin, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$731.

Keller J. Gebbia, Dongola, mufflers, \$257.

Barry M. Denton, Carmel, Ind., driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$257.

Nathaniel A. Davis, Dongola, driving 15-20 mph, \$257.

Glenn B. Gibson, Dongola, mufflers, \$257.

Lucas Wayne Batchelor, Millersville, Mo., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.



Wintry landscape
A vehicle was making its way along old U.S. Route 51 on Friday, Feb. 25. Much of the landscape along the highway was covered with a layer of ice at the time. The photograph was taken at the intersection of old U.S. Route 51 and Kaolin Road.

Anna VFW menu includes Taco Tuesdays, chili dogs, fish fries, pork steak, chicken dinners

Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna is planning to have Taco Tuesdays and to serve chili dogs, fish fries, pork steak dinners and chicken leg quarter dinners during March.

All will take place at the VFW post. The post is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna.

Taco Tuesday: Taco Tuesdays are planned on March 15 and March 29.

Tacos will be served, with a \$2 donation for each taco. The public is welcome and carry outs are available.

Chili Dogs: Chili dogs, chili or hot dogs will be served on Thursdays.

Serving is planned from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. each Thursday. The public is welcome and carry outs will be available.

Fish Fries: Fish fries are planned on Friday, March 4,

and on March 18. Serving will be from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. each Friday.

The menu will include two pieces of fish, potato salad and baked beans for a \$12 donation.

The public is welcome. Carry outs will be available.

Drive thru will be available for this meal. Drive thru orders must be placed by no later than noon on March 3 for the March 4 fish fry and by no later than noon on March 17 for the March 18 fish fry.

Drive thru orders can be placed by calling 833-7737 to make a reservation for a pick up time.

Pork Steak Dinner: A pork steak dinner is planned Monday, March 7. Serving will be from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The menu will include thick cut pork steak, cheesy pota-

toes, baked beans, a roll and dessert for a \$12 donation.

The public is welcome. Dine in, carry outs and drive thru will be available. Drive thru orders must be placed by no later than 8 p.m. on March 6 by calling 833-7737 to make a reservation for a pick up time.

Chicken Leg Quarter Dinner: A chicken leg quarter dinner is planned Monday, March 21. Serving will be from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The menu will include a chicken leg quarter, roasted potatoes, baked beans, and dessert for a \$12 donation.

The public is welcome. Dine in, carry outs and drive thru will be available. Drive thru orders must be placed by no later than 8 p.m. on March 20 by calling 833-7737 to make a reservation for a pick up time.

News from Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna



An Ash Wednesday service was planned at 7 p.m. March 2 at Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro. The service was for families from both Salem Lutheran Church and Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church.

The men's group plans to meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, March 7, at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church. They will meet in the church parking lot.

Small group Bible study is planned at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, at Salem Lutheran Church. Photo provided.

Fish dinners to be served at Cobden church

Lenten season fish dinners once again are planned at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cobden.

Fish dinners are planned at the Cobden church on Fridays during Lent.

The fish dinners will be served March 4, March 11, March 18, March 25, April 1 and April 8.

Serving will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. each Friday in the parish hall on the church grounds. The church is located at 101 Centennial St. in Cobden.

Costs for a meal will be \$12 for adults and \$6 for children ages 5-12. Children 4 and under will eat free. Carry outs will be available.

Organizers note that due to rising costs, dinners will not be all you can eat, but one trip through the food line.

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Deut. 6:1-9	Deut. 6:10-25	Luke 11:1-13	Psalms 51	Psalms 68:1-18	Psalms 68:19-35	Psalms 71

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Jonesboro man charged with criminal sexual assault



Charles Mills
Illinois State Police, ISP, Division of Criminal Investigation, DCI, Zone 7 officials on Feb. 22 arrested Charles Mills, 58, of Jonesboro.

State police reported that Mills was arrested for two counts of predatory criminal sexual assault (a Class X felony), criminal sexual assault-victim under age 13 (a Class X felony), and aggravated criminal sexual abuse-victim under the age

Southern Seven Health Department conducts mass disaster training

Planning for a disaster takes many months of training, internal preparations and coordinating among those that could potentially be involved in the aftermath.

On Feb. 17, many response agencies and media groups which serve the southernmost seven counties of Illinois attended an online Table-Top Exercise, TTX, to discuss their roles in disaster response.

Following the deadly tornado outbreak on Dec. 10, 2021 that spanned multiple states in the Southeast leaving hundreds of miles of devastation, Southern Seven Health Department S7HD, began planning for such a disaster closer to home.

Through the coordinated efforts of S7HD emergency preparedness coordinator Bobi Cavins and Brent Orth, regional exercise and training coordinator for Region V Regional Hospital Coordinating Center, RHCC, a multi-county, weather-related, mass casualty disaster exercise was developed to involve agencies and media that serve the southern seven region.

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

“This TTX brought together many key commu-

of 13 (a Class 2 felony).

On Dec. 15, 2020, ISP DCI Zone 7 was requested by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, DCFS, to investigate allegations of sexual abuse.

After conducting an extensive investigation, DCI Zone 7 and agents from the Illinois attorney general’s office executed a search warrant on January 6th, 2021 at a residence in Jonesboro.

An arrest warrant was obtained. Mills was arrested on Feb. 22. He was taken to the Jackson County Jail, where he is being held on \$250,000 bond, 10 percent to apply.

Anyone with additional information regarding possible illegal conduct by Mills is asked to call ISP DCI Zone 7 at 618-845-3740, extension 281.

Union County connection to clearing of Iowa cold case murder investigation

A cold case dating back for decades which involved a murder in Iowa and the discovery of a body in Union County is reported to have been solved.

The investigation garnered wide media coverage early this week.

The body of a Southern Illinois man connected to the case was found in the Cobden area.

The Council Bluffs, Iowa, Police Department issued a press release regarding the investigation. Council Bluffs is in southwest Iowa.

The press release, posted by the police department on social media, follows:

Narrative: Council Bluffs Police detectives have cleared the cold case homicide of Lee Rotatori, who was murdered in June 1982.

Rotatori, a resident of Nunica, Michigan, had just started a job at Jennie Edmondson Hospital and had been staying at the Best Western Frontier Hotel, for several nights, while looking for a permanent place to live.

When she did not show up for work on the morning of June 25, 1982, her boss asked the hotel staff to check on her and her deceased body was discovered inside her rented room.

Rotatori died from a single stab wound and there was evidence of a sexual assault. No suspects were identified during the initial investigation.

In 2001, the evidence collected in 1982 was resubmitted to the State of Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) Lab for examination.

Advances in forensic technology revealed the presence of a male DNA profile.

When entered into the State and Federal DNA databases, there was not a match for this DNA. The DCI Lab would periodically check this unknown DNA over the years, without ever getting any matches.

In April 2019, Council Bluffs investigators submitted the unknown male DNA profile to Parabon Nanolabs to begin a genetic genealogy case.

In February 2021, researchers from Parabon and ES Genealogy, who examined familial relationships, concluded that Thomas O. Freeman, of West Frankfort, Illinois, was the source of the suspect DNA.

A sample of Freeman’s daughter’s DNA was subsequently analyzed by the Iowa DCI Lab, which con-

firmed that there was a parent/child relationship between the DNA found at the scene of Rotatori’s murder and Freeman’s daughter.

Further investigation revealed that Thomas Freeman was also the victim of a murder.

On October 30, 1982, Freeman’s decomposed body was found buried in a shallow grave near Cobden, Illinois.

Freeman had been shot multiple times; he was 35 years old at the time of his death. It was reported that he had been dead for about three months before his body was discovered. Freeman’s killer was never identified.

Council Bluffs investigators are currently working with the Illinois State Police to determine if Freeman’s murder was somehow linked to his involvement in Rotatori’s death.

The Council Bluffs Police Department would like to give thanks and credit to Parabon Nanolabs and Eric Schubert, of ES Genealogy, for their work on this case.

Council Bluffs Police Detective Steve Andrews and CSI Supervisor Katie Pattee have been leading the investigation locally.

An article about the discovery of a body in Union County appeared on page one of The Gazette-Democrat on Thursday, Nov. 4, 1982.

The article reported that “the badly decomposed body of an apparent homicide victim was discovered by hunters in northern Union County over the weekend.” The body was found in a wooded area approximately five miles northeast of Cobden.

Authorities found what appeared to be the body of a 25- to 35-year-old white male. The body had been at the location for approximately three to six months.

A subsequent article which appeared in the Nov. 11, 1982, issue of The Gazette-Democrat reported that the body which was found near Cobden “was identified as that of Thomas Oscar Freeman, 35, of West Frankfort.

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NOTICE FOR CLAIMS

NOTICE is given of the death of Susan M. Suttle. Letters of Office were issued on February 14, 2022, to David A. Suttle, 35 Bluff Lane, Goreville, Illinois 62938, as Executor, and whose attorney is Thomas Downey at SElder Law LLC, 201 West Main, Marion, Illinois 62959.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk at the Union County Court House, Jonesboro Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 24, 2022, which date shall not be less than 6 months from the date of the first publication. Any claims not filed on or before that date are barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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Capital One Bank (USA), N.A., Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Mary Ann Archey, Shannon Archey, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants.
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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:
DAMON ARCHEY
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF
MARY ANN ARCHEY
SHANNON ARCHEY
UNKNOWN OWNERS
AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: THIRTY-THREE (33) FEET OF EQUAL WIDTH

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PIN # 14-00-08-303
and which said Mortgage was made by:
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Television Listings

THURSDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	College Basketball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City Big City	"The Little Things"	"American Psycho" ('21)	½ "Insurrection" ('21)
7 PM :30	Station 19 (HD)	Young B Positive	For Richer or Poorer	Law & Order (HD)		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	★★★½ "Doctor Strange" ('16) Magical powers. (PG-13) (HD)	Big City Big City	Euphoria (HD)	★★★ "The Snowman" ('17) Snowfall killer. (HD)	(:55) "Philadelphia" ('93) AIDS victim's fight.
8 PM :30	Grey's Anatomy (HD)	Ghosts	Call Me	Law & Order: SVU	NHL Hockey Boston's Vegas (Live)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)		Jessie Jessie	Euphoria (HD)		
9 PM :30	Big Sky New place.	Bull "The Hard Right"	Local Programs Local Info.	Organized Crime (HD)		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	★★★½ "Doctor Strange" ('16) Magical powers. (PG-13) (HD)	Big City Big City	(:05) "Warm Bodies" ('13) (HD)	★★★ "The Counselor" ('13) Price of arrogance.	Super Pump (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local		Last O.G.		Miraculous	(:45) The Gilded Age	TBA (HD)	
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter with Scott (HD)	Young Young		Miraculous		"Let Him Go" ('20) (R)	Billions (HD)
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Frontal		Miraculous	Somebody		TBA (HD)

FRIDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA (Live)	(:03) "Movie"	Chicago Fire (HD)	Secrets	★★★½ "Free Guy" ('21) Guy in a video game.	"Ghost Town" ('08)	(5:00) "Whiskey" ('16)
7 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	Undercover Boss	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live) (HD)	The Blacklist (HD)	NBA Basketball Milwaukee Bucks at Chicago Bulls (Live)		Chicago Fire (HD)	Secrets		"Freaky" ('20) Body swap. (R) (HD)	Super Pump (HD)
8 PM :30	(:01) 20/20 Investigative news. (HD)	Magnum P.I. (HD)		Dateline NBC			Law & Order: SVU	Hobbie	The Gilded Age	★★★½ "After Yang" ('21) (NR)	
9 PM :30		Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs Local Info.		NBA Basketball New York Knicks at Phoenix Suns (Live)	"Movie"	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	Real Time (HD)	Babysitting mishap.	(:40) Super Pump (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local			Law & Order: SVU	Secrets	Painting	(:10) "Robin Hood" ('18, Action) Rebellion.	(:45) ★★½ "After Yang" ('21) (NR)
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)	SC (HD)	B/R Gaming (HD)	Chicago Fire "Two Ts"	Hobbie	(:25) Euphoria (HD)		
	Nightline	Corden	Local	Late Night				Jessie	Painting		

SATURDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local	Local Programs	FOX (HD)	Local Programs	College Basketball	(4:45) "Movie"	Chicago P.D. (HD)	(5:20) "Movie"	"Fast & Furious 9"	"The Empty Man" (R)	Billions (HD)
7 PM :30	Local		MLS Soccer Los Angeles Galaxy at Charlotte FC (Live)	To Be Announced	UFC Prelims (Live)		Chicago P.D. (HD)	Big City Big City	"F9" ('21, Action) Dom and the team fight Dom's brother.	"The Great Gatsby" ('13, Drama) Decadent world. (HD)	Super Pump (HD)
8 PM :30	NBA Basketball Golden State vs Los Angeles (Live) (HD)	Bull Trial consult.		Dateline NBC			Chicago P.D. (HD)	Big City		"The Djinn" ('21) (HD)	
9 PM :30		48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live (HD)	College Basketball USC vs UCLA (Live) (HD)	Christmas (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Big City	(:25) Euphoria (HD)	"The Aviator" ('04) Wealthy Texan's aeronautical fame.	(:20) Super Pumped: The Battle
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs Local Info.	I Can See Your Voice	Local		Christmas (HD)	Chicago P.D. Criminal justice. (HD)	The Ghost	Righteous		★★★½ "Boogie Nights" ('97) (HD)
11 PM :30	Local Programs		Local Programs	Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.	SportsCenter (HD)	Wipeout		The Ghost	(:15) "Nobody" ('21)		
								Miraculous			
								Miraculous			

SUNDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Home Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	Simpsons	America's Got Talent:	NBA (Live)	(5:00) "Movie"	Law & Order: SVU	"Movie"	(5:27) ★★½ "Diesel" ('21) Vin Diesel. Dom's brother.	"Risky Business" (R)	Billions (HD)
7 PM :30	American Idol "502 (Auditions)" (HD)	The Equalizer	Simpsons	The Courtship (HD)	(:45) NBA Basketball Toronto vs Cleveland (Live) (HD)	"Movie"	Law & Order: SVU		Winning	"Oblivion" ('13) Tom Cruise. Vital resources.	The Circus
8 PM :30		NCIS: L. A. (HD)	Burgers	Weakest Link (HD)			2022 Paralympic Games (Live)	Secrets	Winning		Billions (HD)
9 PM :30	The Rookie "Hit List"	S.W.A.T. (HD)	Family Guy		(:05) NBA Basketball New York vs Los Angeles (Live) (HD)	Christmas (HD)		Big City Big City	Winning	(:05) "Collateral" ('04) Hitman's hostage. (HD)	Super Pump (HD)
10 PM :30	Local Programs Local Info.	Local Programs	Local Programs Local Info.	Local Programs Local Info.		Christmas (HD)		Big City Big City	Oliver		Super Pump (HD)
11 PM :30	(:35) Local	Local Programs	Local		Sports	"Movie"		Big City Big City	Winning	"Vanilla Sky" ('01) (R)	Billions (HD)

MONDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Big City Big City	"Nightmare Alley" ('21) Conning a tycoon. (R)	"The Faculty" ('98)	"The Gentleman" (R)
7 PM :30	The Bachelor "Women Tell All" (HD)	Neighbor.	9-1-1: Lone Star (HD)	The Voice Hopefuls coached. (HD)		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (HD)	Big City Big City		"Biker Boyz" ('03, Action) Biker gangs. (HD)	Super Pump (HD)
8 PM :30		NCIS "First Steps"	The Cleaning Lady		College Basketball from Or-jeans Arena in Las Vegas (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)		Jessie Jessie	The Gilded Age		Twenties
9 PM :30	The Good Doctor	NCIS: Hawai'i (HD)	Local Programs Local Info.	Ordinary Joe (HD)		Close		Big City Big City	My Brilliant Friend	(:53) ★★½ "Universal Soldier" ('92)	"After Yang" ('22) Colin Farrell.
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local		Dad (HD)	(:02) Man	Big City Big City	(:05) The Gilded Age	★★★ "Setup" ('11) Friend's betrayal.	(:45) Super Pump (HD)
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Burgers	(:31) Man	Miraculous	My Brilliant Friend		Billions
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Burgers	(:31) Man	Raven	Raven		

TUESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City Big City	(5:50) ★★ "The Eyes of Tammy Faye" ('21)	"The Snowman" ('17)	Super Pump (HD)
7 PM :30	The Bachelor (HD)	FBI "Ambition"	The Resident (HD)	American Grand Crew		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	WWE NXT "NXT 660" (Live) (HD)	Jessie Jessie		★★★ "Let Him Go" ('20) Grandson rescue. (HD)	★★★½ "Monday" ('21) Two Americans. (R) (HD)
8 PM :30		FBI: International	I Can See Your Voice	This Is Us (HD)	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)		Jessie Jessie	To Be Announced		
9 PM :30	(:01) To Tell the Truth	FBI: Most Wanted	Local Programs Local Info.	The Thing About Pam		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	America's Got Talent: Extreme "Auditions 2"	Big City Big City	To Be Announced	(:55) "Vanilla Sky" ('01) Dreams and reality.	"Diary of a Teenage Girl" ('15)
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Last O.G.		Unstable	(:15) Winning		(:45) Super Pump (HD)
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Young	Law & Order: SVU	Sydney	"The Last Duel" ('21)	"Freaky" Body swap.	Billions
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Young		Raven			

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 (Live)	Bang (HD)	9-1-1 "Fight or Flight"	Big City Big City	(:05) ★★½ "F9" ('21) Dom and the team fight Dom's brother.	(5:32) "Fun Size" ('12)	"Failure to Launch"
7 PM :30	Goldbergs	Survivor Deserted island. (HD)	The Masked Singer	Chicago Med (HD)	NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Milwaukee Bucks (Live)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	9-1-1 "Broken"	BUNK'D BUNK'D		"Dragon Blade" ('15, Action)	"The Vow" ('12) Amnesiac wife.
8 PM :30	Connors		(:01) Domino Masters	Chicago Fire (HD)		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	2022 Paralympic Games (Live)	Jessie	Winning	(:45) "Evolution" ('01) Dangerous aliens. (HD)	(:45) Super Pump (HD)
9 PM :30	A Million Little Things	Good Sam (HD)	Local Programs Local Info.	Chicago P.D. (HD)	NBA Basketball Portland Trail Blazers at Utah Jazz (Live)	Bang (HD) Frontal		Big City Big City	(:35) The Gilded Age	(:45) "Queenpins" ('21) Counterfeit scam. (HD)	
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local		Frontal		Unstable	My Brilliant Friend	"The Aviator" ('04) Texan's life.	
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)		Young		Sydney	Raven		
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night	SC (HD)	Young		Raven	"Wish Dead"		(:35) TBA

Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

Please have news to me by Sunday night. Email me at marthaannwebb@gmail.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.

Civil War Days

Despite the ice storm it was a great weekend at the Civil War Days at the Anna Arts Center and PAST Heritage House Museum in Jonesboro. Thanks to everyone who volunteers their time to bring back the memories of how our forefathers lived and fought for our freedom.

New Jersey Trip

Jesse and Lisa Lowe, Sienna Morrison, Emma Davenport, Bryan and Ginger Morrison went to Cape May, N.J., to see Jamieson Morrison graduate from Coast Guard boot camp.

Congratulations to Jamieson. We are all so proud



Congratulations to Jamieson Morrison who graduated from Coast Guard boot camp in Cape May, N.J., Friday, Feb. 25. He will be going to Cleveland, Ohio. Thank you for serving our country.



Dr. Susan Whitemountain and Debbie Davis welcomed everyone at the Blue and Gray Dinner at the Anna Art Center Friday night. The beautiful flower arrangements were made by Pete Housman and donated by Country Roads Florist Dave and Liz Wilkins.



Dr. Edward F. Finch and his wife Cathy visited Anna to attend Civil War Weekend. Dr. Finch portrayed Capt. Silas Wright Terry at the Blue and Gray Dinner Friday night at the Anna Arts Center and spoke Saturday about the U.S. Navy in the Civil War.



Dr. Nancy Kinsey Caldwell, musicologist, told and sang about the songs of the Civil War Saturday at the Anna Arts Center.

of you and thank you for your service to our country. Jamieson will be going to Cleveland, Ohio.

You may remember Jamieson working at Anna Subway. He also did construction with a couple of guys/companies, then with his dad doing commercial pipe insulation.

Only four were allowed to go to the actual graduation, due to Covid.

Texas Trip

Mike and Marilyn Meisenheimer enjoyed a trip to San Antonio, Texas. They went to the rodeo, River Walk, a Mardi Gras parade and shopping at Market Square.

Sibling Saturday

Feb. 26 Cathy Ziegler and Corinne Steveson had supper with their brother and sister for Sibling Saturday.



Nolan Rossberg celebrated his 1st birthday Feb. 17. Nolan is the grandson of Jay and Debbie Rossberg.

Lunch Guests

Feb. 27 Cathy Ziegler met two friends for lunch at Wok N Roll in Marion.

Sympathy

Willie and Terrie Rhym-er have been making frequent trips this past week to be with Willie's brother Kenny Rhymer and his family in Creal Springs.

Several visitors have been at the home this past week, however on Wednesday morning, Feb. 23, Kenny was called home to heaven.

His memorial service was Sunday, Feb. 27, in Creal Springs. He leaves behind his wife Tammy, sons Curt and Nathan, daughters Bridgett and Courtney and grandchildren, his brother Willie, sisters Sue and Dianna and many friends and other relatives.

Guest

Willie and Terrie Rhym-er's son Andy came home to visit from Junction City, Kan., Feb. 26. It was also Andy's birthday. Happy birthday Andy.

Anna Heights Baptist Church

Pastor Darryl Williams continued his sermon series Genesis the Beginning. This week The Tower of Babel, The Path of Pride and Independence from God.

Feb. 20 attendance: 8 a.m. worship 69. 10:30 a.m. worship 129. Small group Bible study 201. 6 p.m. worship 53.

There will be a walk thru the Bible event The Old Testament cost is \$10 a person and will begin on April 24. Sign up in the welcome center.

Operation Christmas Child Collection for March is girls' underwear.

March birthdays: 2nd Beverly Boyd, Cathy Evans, 5th Kenny Taylor, 6th Malyana Korb, Lydia Williams, 8th Hope McFarland, 9th Averie and Madison Dickinson, Jason Prater.

Anniversaries: 4th Darrell and Patti Hannah, 5th Aaron and Sarah Wright.

Birthdays

Feb. 25 Sarah Dawn. Feb. 26 JoAnn Keller, Cathy Lingle, Cathy Duty, Vickie Mays, Larissa Shoemaker Porter, Amie Wece, Moury Bass, Chris Plott, Jeremy Wheaton, Robbie Lingle.

Congratulations

Jeremy Stegle, steamfitter, employee of the month for January at Vienna Correctional Center Dixon Springs.

Anniversaries

Marsha and Jackie Burns, 57 years, Feb. 21; Dwane and Vanessa Sims Feb. 23.

Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club

Will meet March 7 at 1 p.m. at Rise Performance 618 for a tour and short meeting.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Transfiguration Sunday, Rev. Tim Gossett's sermon was A view from the Mountain when Jesus took Peter, James and John to the mountain and Moses and Elijah came from heaven to talk to Jesus. Scripture was from Matthew.

The children's moment Rev. Tim told them about Jesus ascending into heaven.

Beautiful Special Music was Lord of the Dance with Marcy Morris playing her flute and Carla Anderson playing the piano.

Prayers were said for the many ill and those who have lost loved ones.

Prelude by Carla Anderson and Marcy Morris was Blessed Assurance Jesus is Mine. Hymns were I Stand Amazed in the Presence of Jesus the Nazarene. O Jesus, I Have Promised. Take



Last Thursday, Feb. 24, this pine tree during the ice storm fell across Orange Street blocking the street close to the corner of Plum Street. Thanks to our Anna City employees who came back to work at 5:30 p.m. that evening and got the tree out of the street.



Cathy Ziegler and Corinne Steveson enjoyed supper with friends at Fugiyama's in Marion Feb. 22.

Time to Be Holy.

The Spirit Song was played at presentation of tithes and offerings. Chris Foster said a prayer for Rev. Tim before his Sermon.

United Methodist Women met Tuesday. Shirley West had the devotion.

Wednesday the men met at 7 a.m. for Bible study. Women's Bible study was at 1 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal for Palm Sunday was at 6 p.m. Ash Wednesday service was at Vienna at 6 p.m.

Thursday, March 3, the last confirmation class was at Vienna UMC. Sunday, March 6, will be Confirmation Sunday.

Loaves and Fishes event will be Tuesday, March 15, starting at 4:30 p.m. February Loaves and Fishes 104 adult bags, 37 kids treat bags were given out. A great big thank you to everyone who prays, helps with funds, helps organize and distribute during this wonderful event.

March birthdays: 10



Cathy Ziegler and a friend enjoyed Tablesapes in Murphysboro then had lunch at Cindy B's.

Kami LaFoon, 14 Linda LaFoon, 20 Lindsey Pippins, 22 Thomas Corbit, 29 Sarah Foster, 31 Shirley West, Jackson Boyd. Anniversaries March 1 Gary and Marcy Morris.

Time Change

March 13 spring ahead. Set your clocks one hour ahead.

March 20 will be the first day of spring.

VFW

Friday night, March 4, there will be a fish dinner from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Peggy will be there with her Star Karaoke from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Red Hat Ladies

The Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies will meet at El Jalapeno. Hostesses will be Kathy Milan, Brenda Loveless and Martha Ann Webb.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

A Sunday morning worship service was held Feb. 27 in the church and on Zoom.

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

An anointing service was held for a special need of the congregation.

The message given by Pastor Wright was titled "Spiritual Maturity." Scripture was from 1 Corinthians, Luke, James, Ephesians and 1 Thessalonians.

The message can be found on the church's website at annanaz.com and on the church's Facebook page.

A baptismal service was held following the morning worship service. Don Stamp from the Saratoga Church was baptized. Several from the Saratoga Church attended in support of Don and Shannon Thompson from the congregation at Anna First Church of the Nazarene being baptized.

The church's prayers and sympathy are extended to the Grimm family in the loss of their loved one, Homer Grimm. For several years, Homer attended the Anna Church of the Nazarene, where he served in many capacities, both district and local. Private graveside services will be held for the family. Interment will be in the Anna

Elkins are planned at 10:35 a.m. Sunday, March 6.

Children's church is planned at 10:35 a.m. Sunday, March 6.

Quizzing is planned at 5 p.m. Sunday, March 6.

A Wednesday night service is planned at 6:30 p.m. on March 9 in the sanctuary and on Zoom, with the youth group meeting and children's Bible quizzing in the fellowship hall. The pastor can be texted prior to the meeting for the Zoom password.

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

Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Jessie, Rhiannon and Lane Livesay of Wolf Lake visited with Dolores Reynolds of Reynoldsville and brought pizza for dinner.

Happy belated birthday wishes to my nephew, Darren Crites of Jackson, Mo., whose birthday was Monday, Feb. 28, to my sister, Linda Koch, of Cape Girardeau whose birthday was Tuesday, March 1, and to my sister-in-law, Marjie Stark of Anna whose birthday is Friday, March 4.

Visiting with Maxine and Fred Pender of Fair City were Judy and Gary Gibbs of Jonesboro.

Toni Mae Pender and

son Riley of Paducah and Bailey and Tony Pender of Metropolis visited Sunday with Maxine and Fred Pender.

Kevin Eudy and Jonathan Bohnert of Cape Girardeau visited Saturday with Sue and Steve Eudy. Ryan Wachter of Jonesboro visited with his grandparents on Sunday.

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

Obituaries

Judy Kay Smith

Judy Kay Smith, 66, of Anna, died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2022, at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital in Evansville, Ind.

She was born on Feb. 14, 1956, in Anna, the daughter of John William and Pansy Ann Clayton Jackson.

She is survived by her parents, John and Pansy Ann Jackson; daughter Ginger (Duane) Bailey; son Daric (Amanda) Smith; grandchildren Trevor, Aislynnne, Chesney and Savannah Smith, Haleigh, Emily and Alyvia Lawrence; great-grandchild Paizley Smith; brother Randy (Joy) Jackson; other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 1, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna. Interment was in the Anna Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Smith family, with checks made payable to Ginger Bailey.

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

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

William David ‘Frogg’ Elkins

William David “Frogg” Elkins, beloved son, brother, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, went home to be with the Lord on Dec. 21, 2021. He was 69 years old.

David (Frogg) was born on Sept. 18, 1952, in Anna. He was the son of Billy Donn Elkins and Betty Sue Manus Elkins. He was the third of four children born to them.

Early in his life, Frogg married and worked at Bunny Bread in Anna, before moving his family to Lampe, Mo., in 1987.

There, Frogg would go on to work as a bowling mechanic and manage two different bowling alleys, Hillbilly Bowl in Kimberling City, Mo., and Town and Country Lanes in Berryville, Ark.

Bowling was a large part of Frogg’s life. He would have the opportunity to develop and be a part of numerous youth leagues throughout his life. He would also go on to become a certified bowling coach.

One of his biggest passions in life was this sport and he would use this opportunity to pass on his knowledge and love for it to many different children and families.

Frogg was also an avid golfer, an active member of the Kiwanis and a friend to anyone he met. He shared his love of sports with everyone and he always had a story to tell and a laugh that was contagious.

He is survived by his two daughters, Christy Griffith (Greg) of Monett, Mo., and Mary Essary (Jason) of Kimberling City, Mo.; two sisters, Christy Tuttle (Ellis) of Columbia, Mo., and Claudia Lipusch (David Prucha) of Madison, Wis.; one brother, Dan Elkins (Michelle Kassel) of Cape Girardeau; two grandchildren, Dakota Kevin Williams of Kimberling City, Mo., and Nevaeh Robyn Griffith of Monett, Mo., and one great-grandson, James Dakota Melvin Williams of Kimberling City, Mo. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Per Frogg’s wishes, he will be cremated and a celebration of life memorial will be held in Berryville at a later date.

Memorials can be made the Kiwanis Club of Berryville, P.O. Box 652, Berryville, Ark. 72616; Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge, 239 Turpentine Creek Ln., Eureka Springs, Ark.; 72632; or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tenn. 38105.

Nancy Lee Lyerla

Nancy Lee Lyerla, 90, of McHenry, died on Feb. 15, 2022, at JourneyCare in Barrington.

She was born in Chicago on Aug. 31, 1931, the daughter of Gordon and Adele Nelson.

She is survived by her three children, Nora (Dale) Brown, Brad Lyerla (Dona Morgan) and Amy Stull; her grandchildren Cassie (Luke) Tessman, Claire Lyerla, Rachel (Joshua) Zbinden, Abbie (Mike) Redfield, Joseph Lyerla, Caleb Brown (Dana Neiswander), Jareb Brown, Micah (Lauren) Brown and Nina Lyerla (David Seyler); her great grandchildren, Ashton, Tessman, Camden Redfield, Gunner Redfield, Rylie Brown, Logan and Skyler Brown and Esther Lyerla Zbinden; her cousin Gloria McKinney; and her sister-in-law Shirley Nelson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Lyerla; her parents, Gordon and Adele Nelson; and her brother, Craig Nelson.

Mrs. Lyerla was an alumna of Carthage College, where she met her husband Ralph. They lived in Hoffman Estates for 20-plus years.

In 1976, Mrs. Lyerla was elected in a statewide election as an alternate delegate to the Republican National Convention in Kansas City.

In 1983, they retired to the family farm in Anna, where Mrs. Lyerla served on the board of Union County Hospital in Anna, was a member of the garden club and Home Extension, and was involved with the Cancer Society.

She was an active member of Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna and served there also. She moved to McHenry in August 2018 to be closer to family.

Services are being scheduled for May 2022. Memorials can be made to the Alzheimer’s Association.



Susanna Hartline

Susanna Hartline, 85, of Alto Pass, died Monday, Feb. 21, 2022, at her home.

She was born on Oct. 30, 1936, in Gary, Ind., the daughter of Frank and Wanda Weiloguerski Armenth.

She married Raymond Hartline on Feb. 4, 1955, in Indiana. He preceded her in death on July 17, 2021.

Mrs. Hartline is survived by her son, Russ (Mary Jo) Hartline of Alto Pass; three daughters, Rhonda (John) McGuire of Valparaiso, Ind., Roxanne (Delbert) Smallwood of Wheeler, Ind., and Rosiland Sedlacek of Murphysboro; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ray Hartline; her parents; a granddaughter, Baby Smallwood; and a brother, Fred Armenth.

Mrs. Hartline received her bachelor’s degree and master’s degree from Indiana University. She went on to teach music in the Portage School system in Portage, In., for many years.

She later worked for Tri-County Special Education for three years and substituted for all Union and Alexander county schools until her retirement in 2005. She attended St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Anna.

She was a life member of Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 VFW Ladies Auxiliary. She was the past district president for Illinois District 15 and was past president for the Anna Auxiliary.

Interment will be held privately in St. John’s Cemetery near Dongola.

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

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



Annie Brumley Duncan

Annie Brumley Duncan, 64, of Anna and formerly of Johnson County, died Tuesday morning, Feb. 8, 2022, at her home.

She was born on March 1, 1957, at the former Marion Memorial Hospital. She was the daughter of George Brumley Jr. and Norma Wright Brumley.

On May 24, 2002, she married Al Duncan in Cobden. He survives.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Duncan is survived by a daughter, Marie Ellen Adams of Harrisburg; two grandsons, Tyler and Benton; her siblings, Brenda Akins of Cape Girardeau, Gary (his wife, Sherry) Brumley, Sharon Chapman and Marlene Belden, all of Vienna; sisters-in-law Alma (her husband, Bob) Young and Rosalee Davis, all of Eldorado and Karen Brumley of Vienna; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by, a brother, Richard Brumley; a sister, Susie Kerley; a nephew, Jamie Kerley; brothers-in-law Herman Chapman, Alan Akins, Tony Belden and Charlie Davis.

She was a 1975 graduate of Vienna High School. She worked for over 20 years as a cashier at the Vienna IGA and later worked at Draper’s Grocery in Cobden. She was employed as a mental health technician II at Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna prior to her recent retirement.

She enjoyed listening to music, especially blues music. She was also an avid collector and enjoyed “junking.”

A graveside service honoring the life of Annie Brumley Duncan was conducted at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Vienna Fraternal Cemetery. Pastor Skip Duncan officiated. Interment followed.

Memorials can be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tenn. 38105-1905. To share a memory or to leave an online message of condolence for the family, visit www.baileyfh.com.

Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna was in charge of arrangements.



Richard Patrick Brewer

Richard Patrick Brewer, 67, of Makanda, died Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2022, in Makanda.

He was born on Oct. 6, 1954, in Anna, the son of Richard Lee and Barbara Ellen Wright Brewer.

He is survived by two brothers, Michael (Grace) Brewer and Danny Brewer, both of Makanda; nieces and nephews Michelle (Bill) Batula, Becky Baggett, Kimberly (Chris) Tyra, Kenneth Brewer and Kay (James) Morrow; great-nieces and nephews Cheyenne, Joshua, Jacob, Joseph, Sara, Jace, Oliver, Vincent and Lucas; and two aunts, Lois Goodnight and Ethel Barnett.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by two sisters, Vickie Baggett and Candi Clover.

Mr. Brewer was a retired union laborer. He enjoyed the outdoors, especially fishing, hunting and arrowhead hunting.

Graveside funeral services for Richard Brewer were at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, at Evergreen Cemetery in Makanda, with the Rev. Richard Bittle officiating. Interment followed.

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

To visit his memorial page and to leave online condolences for his family, visit the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home website at rendlemanhilemanfh.com.



Robert E. Hileman

Robert E. Hileman, 70, of Anna, died Thursday, Feb. 24, 2022, at Parkway Manor in Marion.

He was born on March 19, 1951, in Anna, the son of Lowell and Zelta Irene Simpkins Hileman.

Mr. Hileman is survived by his sisters, Linda Hoehner of Anna and Christine Dirden of Jonesboro; nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by two brothers-in-law, Scott Hoehner and Lester Dirden.

Mr. Hileman worked for many years on the riverboat for American Maritime Officers and Dravo Mechling until his retirement in 2000.

According to his wishes, there will be no services. To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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



Russell Keith Johnson

Russell Keith Johnson Sr., 71 of Jonesboro, died Sunday, Feb. 13, 2022, at his home.

He was born on Feb. 28, 1950, in Anniston, Mo., the son of Marshall A. and Mable L. Dover Johnson. He married Judy Smith on July 21, 1992.

He is survived by his wife Judy of Jonesboro; his children, Tiffany (Asa) Busby, Leon (Carrie) Alsip, Billie (Angie) Alsip and Brandy Alsip; his grandchildren, Keely Busby, Keaton (Morgan) Busby, Payton, Miles and Ava Alsip, Jenna Trammel, Grace Mowell, Hayden and Adley Lewis, Brandon (Geri) Johnson, Brett, Breanna and Chassidy Johnson; great-grandchildren Parker Busby, Colton, Gavin and Ellie Johnson and Liam Lyerla; a sister-in-law, Kay Johnson; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Russell Keith “Hokie” Johnson Jr.; and 11 siblings.

Mr. Johnson was a member of the Laborer’s International Union Local 773. He enjoyed fishing and hunting, but most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

To honor the life of Russell Johnson Sr., family and friends gathered from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro.

To visit his memorial page and to leave online condolences for the family, visit the Rendleman and Hileman Funeral Home website at rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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



Herman Ralls

Herman Ralls, 88, of Jonesboro, died Sunday, Feb. 27, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

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

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

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

Brenda Jerrell

Brenda Jerrell, 69, of Anna, died Thursday, Feb. 17. 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 Homes Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna is in charge of arrangements.

Notice

The Saint John’s Cemetery Board would like to inform everyone that cemetery cleanup and mowing will begin March 28th. 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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City of Jonesboro Cemetery Clean-up

The City of Jonesboro will begin cleaning up in the cemetery on April 1, 2022. All arrangements, grave blankets and miscellaneous items left on the ground after April 1, 2022, will be picked up and disposed of by the cemetery department.

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Opinion and Commentary

Better Politics, Smarter Government

Return of Congressional town halls would be a sign of healing

Editor’s note: This op-ed was distributed by Capitol News Illinois on behalf of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute. The opinions expressed in this article are the author’s own.

By John T. Shaw

Several years ago, the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute was invited to join a dozen universities in the United States to promote bipartisan collaboration and productive discourse at the state and local level.

The Institute developed a plan to strengthen how congressional town hall meetings are conducted in Illinois. Our recommendations outlined ways these meetings could be more informative, civil, respectful and productive.

We sent our ideas to members of the Illinois Congressional delegation and received encouraging responses. Then COVID-19 descended in 2020 and disrupted all our lives. In-person town hall meetings seemed ill-advised and unsafe during a pandemic.

Even if COVID-19 had not battered our world, we were aware that in-person town halls are threatened by other pervasive and pernicious diseases in the United States: the rise in political polarization, the decline of civility, and the atrophy of our collective ability as Americans to discuss contentious issues constructively, without rancor or acrimony.

The twin maladies of COVID-19 and political polarization upended in-person town hall meetings in Illinois and elsewhere.

The institute is not giving up on its conviction that town hall meetings are an important instrument to revive our democracy.

Congressional town hall meetings have been an important feature of America’s culture of representative democracy for more than two centuries. In their ideal form, they allow lawmakers to describe their work at home and in Washington and to listen to the concerns of their constituents. Open and vigorous dialogue benefits policymakers and the public.

However, the nature of the town hall meeting has changed dramatically in the last decade or so, driven by deepening political polarization and advances in technology, especially the revolution of social media.

Both conservative and liberal activist groups often regard town hall meetings as opportunities to confront lawmakers they oppose and create embarrassing moments that can be captured on camera and then disseminated through social media.

Even before COVID-19, many in Congress began to hold only virtual town hall meetings in which constituents attended via phone, internet or Zoom. These meetings are often tightly controlled and often fuel public anger and skepticism about the political process.

Paul Simon powerfully summarized the value of in-person town hall meetings: “It’s one thing to read about the farm problem, much different to talk to flesh-and-blood people whose agony is written on their faces and in what they say,” he wrote.

“It’s one thing to know unemployment statistics, another to talk to a mother who is worried about the mental health of her son because he can’t find a job. The people who took time to attend town meetings held in every corner of the state helped me to become a better senator.”

The institute believes that in-person town hall meetings can again become a constructive part of our political discourse.

However, we urge lawmakers and the public to approach them differently. Civility must be the coin of the realm. Town hall meetings should be restructured as listening and learning sessions that center on lawmakers hearing the views of constituents. They should be moderated by a nonpartisan community leader who sets the tone for a respectful discussion.

The range of people who attend town halls should be widened so the audience is more diverse and includes both partisans and independents.

There is no magic solution to rescue and revive town hall meetings. Success ultimately depends on the goodwill and respect of both the public and policymakers.

As we approach the spring of 2022, there are cautious reports that the pandemic is easing. Hopefully we can soon contemplate in-person events, albeit with appropriate public health precautions.

I will take it as a good sign about the health of our nation and our democracy when we are able to revive town hall meetings that are both safe and civil. It is important to relearn that we can exchange views with public officials and fellow citizens in a spirited and civil way. We are all custodians of a remarkable country and state...and citizens of the same political community.

John T. Shaw is the director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Shaw’s monthly column explores how Illinois can work toward better politics and smarter government.

Please read this...

Crocuses...wintry weather...gardening...

The Journey Through Life during the past week or so was highlighted by all sorts of interesting things... but mainly the weather... again... seems like that’s been a weekly thing for a while.

Crocuses finally started to bloom in our front yard last week. We had about a half dozen plants in bloom with bright yellow flowers...and then the ice came...

All of the flowers were coated in ice. The plants, and the flowers, seemed to do OK, though...especially in the sunshine and temperatures around 60 degrees early this week.

The ice accompanied a winter storm which swept through our part of the world last week. The National Weather Service office in Paducah began alerting us about the potential for wintry weather early last week...

The weather service issued a winter storm warning for last Wednesday and Thursday. The forecast was calling for a fascinating concoction of “moderate to heavy mixed precipitation...mainly freezing rain and some sleet.”

Well, if you happened to look out your window last Wednesday and Thursday, you know that the forecast turned out to be correct...and then some... Yup...we even had some lightning and thunder on Thursday. The end result was a bit of a frozen mess. I even got to figure out how to get into a frozen car...again.

However, when the sun finally made a return appearance by Saturday, the world around us took on a rather spectacular appearance.

The Other Half and her other half went on a ride early last Saturday afternoon. We motored along Skyline Drive in the direction of metropolitan Alto Pass...to see what we could see...

We made a stop at Cliff View Park in Alto Pass to see the sights...as did a number of other folks. If you’ve never been to that little park in Alto Pass, it’s well worth a visit.

One word sums up what we saw during our Saturday afternoon adventure: Wow. We said that several times.

While we were out and about, yours truly took lots of photographs, well, because that’s what I do. For the most part, the photos really did not do justice to the beauty we saw.

In the midst of the ice and sleet and snow and cold, The Other Half continues to get ready for the 2022 gardening season. She has all sorts of plants growing in various places in our house...on our front porch...and in her greenhouse in the backyard.

She’s even trying to convince yours truly that I should start cultivating a green thumb. That is probably much easier said than done. As I think has been mentioned in this space before, I like cactuses. They don’t need a lot of care, which I am very good at...and they have sharp, pointy things, too...

Since I like peppers, The Other Half has convinced me to try to start my own plants. With her kind and very, very patient help, I mixed up some potting soil and compost over the weekend (well, I think that’s the stuff I mixed up). Then, I dropped some pepper plant seeds in the mix. Can’t tell you how many, though.



A male cardinal was fluffed up in the cold and the ice...

A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat
Thursday, March 2, 1972

March 1 marks the initial delivery of Mobile Meals, a program of hot, nutritious, noon meals for people unable to prepare meals for themselves due to injury, illness or other infirmity.

Anna-Jonesboro Junior Women’s Club has volunteered to be the civic organization in charge of delivering the meals for the first week of operation.

Meals are prepared in the Union County Hospital kitchen under the supervision of a qualified dietitian. Recipients of the meals are referred by their physicians to the Tri-County Health Department.

After a week or more of cloudy skies and much precipi-

By Geof Skinner



A plant coated in ice looked like some sort of cut glass creation...

We are now eagerly waiting for the seeds to germinate. They either will...or they won’t... Seems that pepper plants aren’t exactly the easiest things to start from seeds. We’ll see how the novice Johnny Pepperseed does... Stay tuned...

One more thing as we finish up... hope you got to see the segment about local newspapers on “60 Minutes” last Sunday night...



Berries on ice...the photograph was taken Thursday night, Feb. 24...



Guessing the bird on the branch in the midst of all the icicles was a hawk...it was pretty far away, though...

tation, the Union County area basked under sunny skies for three days, with the thermometer soaring to a record breaking high of 75 degrees Tuesday, Feb. 29.

In Union County, the observance of World Day of Prayer is being held at the Presbyterian Church of Anna, Friday, March 3, at 2 p.m.

The first quarterly dinner meeting of the Anna Chamber of Commerce in the new year will be held Monday, March 6, at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Club in Anna.

The membership drive for 1972 for the Union County Hospital Auxiliary will be March 6 through 10.

Members of the Union County Christmas Parade Committee met Tuesday morning in Anna to discuss plans for the 1972 parade.

From the Mountain Glen news: We have had several spring like days lately. We all appreciate them very much.



Lighting up a wintry night

Lights from a freight train were shining in a landscape which was covered with ice Thursday night, Feb. 24. The train was heading through Cobden. Light wintry precipitation was falling at the time.