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News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

Almost Time to Spring Forward

Remember to "spring forward" on Saturday night. Set your clocks ahead one hour for the start of Daylight Saving Time.

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The Dongola School Music Department is planning to host a Union County pep band festival on Thursday evening, March 14. The event, which begins at 6:30 p.m., will feature pep bands from Dongola, Cobden and Anna-Jonesboro high schools.

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Severe Weather Preparedness Week is March 3-9 in Illinois.

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Spring clean-up work was scheduled to start Monday, March 4, at the Anna City Cemetery.

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An American Red Cross blood drive is scheduled Friday, March 8, at the Dongola School.

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The Cobden Cemetery Board of Managers plans to meet at 6 p.m. Monday, March 11. The meeting will be at Cobden Village Hall. Upcoming projects is one of the items on the agenda for the meeting.

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The Anna Junior High School Beta Club is planning to sponsor a dance on Friday evening, March 15. The event, which will have a Hawaiian theme, will be at Anna Junior High School. The dance is open only to Anna Junior High School students.

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Presentations of the play "Tuesdays with Morrie" are scheduled March 23-24 at the Anna Arts Center in Anna.

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Work continues on plans to develop a disc (Frisbee) golf course at the Cobden Community Park and adjoining Cobden School property.

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The Dirty South Roubaix 2019 bike event was conducted last Saturday in Union County.

Excessively wet weather during February in region

Excessively wet conditions highlighted weather in Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky during February.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported on its website that the "main headline for the month was the excessively wet conditions that were relentless from February 6th through 23rd."

The weather service reported that Western Kentucky "saw the brunt of the heavy rainfall with totals of 9 to 15 inches common."

Elsewhere, 5 to 9 inches occurred across most of Southern Illinois and Southeast Missouri.

Precipitation; 7.74 Inches in Jonesboro

Local weather observer Dana Cross recorded 7.74 inches of precipitation during February in Jonesboro.

The most precipitation that Cross recorded during a 24-hour period during February was 1.48 inches on Feb. 6.

Cross reported that through the end of February, he had recorded a total of 13.03 inches of precipitation.

The weather service noted that many locations received from 4 to 11 inches above their normal February precipitation.

Many cities across the region finished in their top three wettest Februarys on record.

Paducah had its second wettest February on record, with 10.42 inches of precipitation.

Record daily precipitation amounts during February in Paducah included 1.31 inches on Feb. 7 and 1.09 inches on Feb. 19.

Cape Girardeau had its fifth wettest February on record, with 7.31 inches of precipitation.

Record daily precipitation amounts in Cape Girardeau during February included 1.76 inches on Feb. 6 and 1.17 inches on Feb. 7.

Moderate to major river flooding was observed due to the repeated rounds of heavy rainfall.

Snowfall was below normal for the month across most of the area, except for a corridor from Perryville, Mo., to Carbondale and Marion in Southern Illinois, where 3 to 5 inches of snow fell on Feb. 15-16.

That same system brought ice accumulations in excess of a quarter of an inch across portions of Western Kentucky, including the Paducah area.

Temperatures

Temperatures during the month of February finished above normal by 3 to 4 degrees, the weather service reported.

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Weather

High 60, low 10;

March snow falls

Mild temperatures gave way to bitter cold and snow during the period from Feb. 26 through March 4 in the Union County area.

The high temperature reached 60 degrees on Feb. 26. On March 4, the high was only 24, after a morning low of 10.

Precipitation during the period included snow, freezing rain and rain.

Precipitation included .06 of an inch of rain on Feb. 28, .01 of an inch of rain on March 1, a trace of snow and melted precipitation on March 2, and .10 of an inch of snow (and .20 of an inch of melted precipitation) on March 3.

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

	H	L
Tuesday, Feb. 26	60	25
Wednesday, Feb. 27	58	31
Thursday, Feb. 28	34	29
Friday, March 1	37	30
Saturday, March 2	40	35
Sunday, March 3	35	16
Monday, March 4	24	10

Cobden High School hosts Scholar Bowl regional

Nine schools from across the region were represented in the 2019 Illinois High School Association regional Scholar Bowl tournament, including Cobden High School and Shawnee High School at Wolf Lake. The regional event was held at Cobden High School on Monday, March 4. The Nashville High School team was the tournament champion, defeating Belleville Althoff High School 260-250.



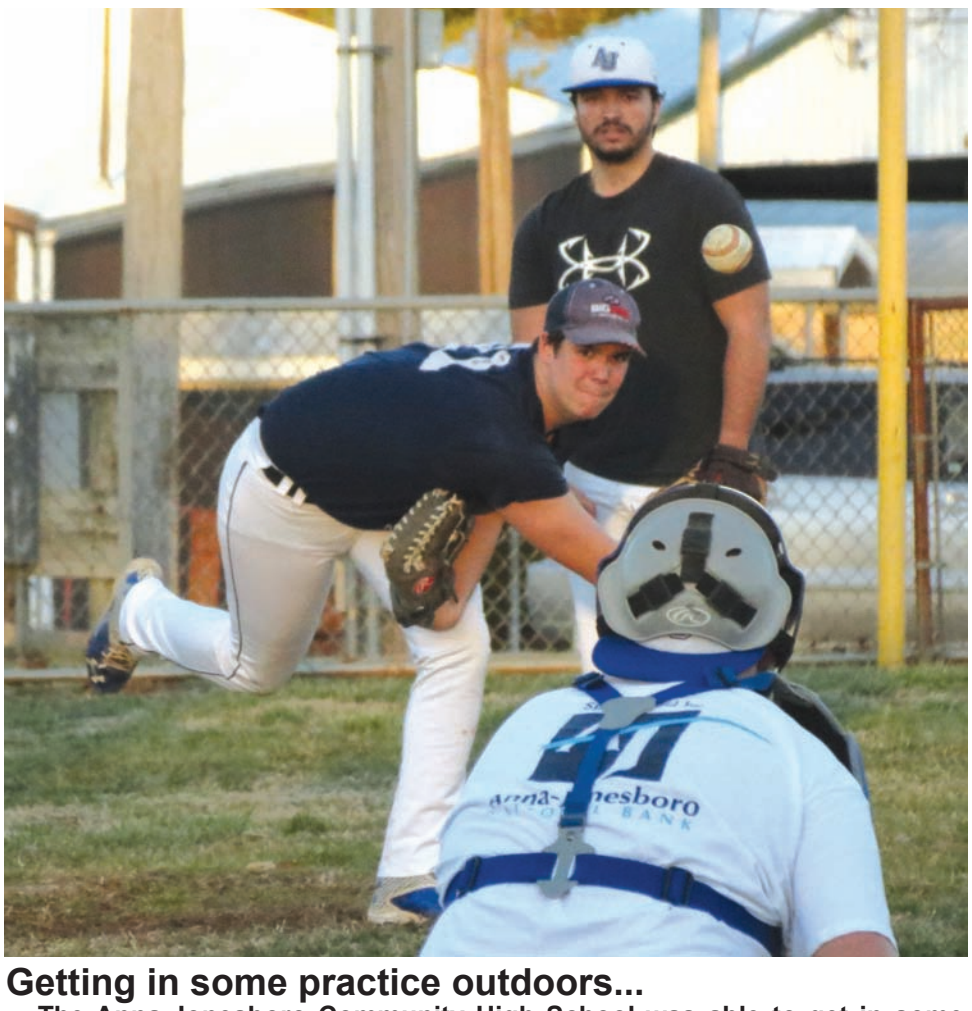
Cobden scholars

The Cobden High School Scholar Bowl team hosted the 2019 IHSA regional Scholar Bowl tournament. The Appleknockers lost in the quarterfinals to the team from New Athens. The Cobden scholars were, from left, Olivia Brumleve, Emily White, Kate Staley, Noah Franklin, Aubrey Fisher, Christian Goins, Alex Kinsey, Maddie Bundren, Gage Lingle and Kennedie Marks.



Shawnee scholars

The Shawnee High School Scholar Bowl team lost to Goreville High School in the quarterfinals of the regional Scholar Bowl tournament. The scholar bowl team included, in the first row, from left, Jayclynn Presutti, Katie Charles, Olivia Jackson, Rachel Fox and Jesse Ellet. In the second row are coach Jamie Nash-Mayberry, Tre Rains, Ryan Schaefer, Josh Hammonds, Austin Warren, Courtney Smith, Jeremiah Hale, Koby McLane, Connor Benbrook and Kyliegh Harris. Photos by Benjamin Marxer.



Getting in some practice outdoors...

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School was able to get in some practice outdoors on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 26. The team was practicing at Kiwanis Field at the Anna City Park in Anna. Dalton Seip was pitching to Jacob Schaefer while Damien Chrisp watched.



...before winter returns

Just a couple of days later, on Thursday morning, Feb. 28, icicles were hanging on a dugout at Kiwanis Field when freezing rain was falling on the Union County area.

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Lick Creek FFA hosts food drive

The Lick Creek School FFA chapter recently hosted a canned food drive. Students in pre-kindergarten through 8th grade collected cans throughout the month of January. There were over 700 individual food items collected within 19 days. The Lick Creek FFA delivered the items to Bethany Village in Anna last month. In the picture are, left front, Chaice Henard, Brinley Corbit, Kenzie Stover and Malayna Korb; right front, Sophie Smiley, Gunnar Myers and Sandy Browning; right middle, Kaylee Stover, Brodie Denny, Drew Holshouser, Sammi Turner and Matti Houseman; left back, Hailey Wright, Kiley Dailey, Payton Denny, Hunter Chapman, Clayton Smith, Luke Vaughn and Timothy Plott; and right back, Macie George, Madison Tweedy and Noah Cavins. Written by: Gunnar Myers, Lick Creek FFA Reporter.

Winter weather in region warmer, wetter than normal

The winter season in Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky was warmer and wetter than normal, the National Weather Service office in Paducah reported.

The meteorological winter season included the period from Dec. 1, 2018, through Feb. 28. On the calendar, spring begins March 20.

The weather service reported that temperatures finished around 3 to 4 degrees warmer than an average winter season.

Paducah and Cape Girardeau finished with the seventh and ninth warmest winters on record, respectively.

All three months of the season finished warmer than normal, but December observed the greatest departure, finishing around 4 to 5 degrees above normal.

The weather service reported: "If you thought it felt different than similar warm winters like the 2016-2017 and 2015-2016 seasons, you would be correct."

Temperatures

Those winters observed around twice the number of days with temperatures reaching 60 degrees in Paducah, compared to only 14 days this season.

Even last winter, which finished near normal, had 10 more days reaching 60.

This winter was characterized by many days in the 40s and 50s and a lack of truly frigid air.

Paducah only observed eight days with temperatures dipping below 20 degrees.

Precipitation

The entire region finished wetter than normal, with most locations picking up at least 15 inches for the season.

Western Kentucky had the highest amounts with totals over 20 inches common.

The highest total observed was 26.83 inches at a CoCoRaHS station in southeastern Graves County Kentucky.

All three of the weather service's official climate stations finished in the top five wettest winters on record.

Paducah experienced the wettest winter since the 1988-1989 season and Evansville, Ind., observed its wettest winter since the 1949-1950 season.

All three months of the season finished wetter than normal, but February was by far the wettest, ranking as one of the top three wettest on record in numerous locations.

Snowfall

Seasonal snowfall finished below normal across much of Western Kentucky, the southern half of Southeast Missouri, far Southern Illinois and portions of southwest Indiana.

It finished near or even above normal across much of Southern Illinois along and north of Route 13 and into portions of southwest Indiana.

The highest snowfall total over the three months was 17.6" at a CoCoRaHS station in Marion.

February weather

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Paducah recorded an average high of 52.3 degrees, which was 3.4 degrees above normal. The average low was 34.0 degrees, which was 4.5 degrees above normal.

Paducah's warmest high was 70, recorded on Feb. 3, which was a record. The coldest high was 32, recorded on Feb. 8.

Paducah's warmest low was 57 on Feb. 6, which was a record. The coldest low was 19, recorded on Feb. 8-9.

The warmest high recorded in Jonesboro was 68 on Feb. 3. The average high for the month was 50.

The coldest low temperature in Jonesboro was 16, recorded on Feb. 8-9. The average low was 31.

Music, art exhibit set at arts center

Music and an art exhibit reception are planned this weekend at the Shawnee Hills Arts Councils' Anna Arts Center. The arts center is located at 125 W. Davie St. in Anna.

Celtic Music: Back Porch Company plans to present Celtic music at 7 p.m. on March 9.

Members of Back Porch Company are Warren and Carla Anderson, Stuart Anderson and Richard Johnson.

Admission is free; an offering is planned.

The Heart of Art Exhibit: An opening reception is planned from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. March 10 for The Heart of Art Exhibit.

The exhibit will feature the art of James Thomas Gowin of Anna, who is legally blind.

Shawnee Community College president to 'pursue new avenues for students success'

On Monday night, March 4, joint statements from Dr. Peggy Bradford and the Shawnee Community College Board of Trustees were released.

The statements were released regarding Bradford's future role with the college. Bradford is serving as the college's president.

The joint statements follow:

In February of 2019, Dr. Peggy Bradford approached the college board regarding the possibility of shifting her current focus as President of Shawnee Community College to primarily work towards bolstering community and legislative partnerships for the college.

Dr. Bradford has proposed, and the board of trustees agrees that the best interest of the college is served through Dr. Bradford's continued efforts to increase further the partnerships that she has been able to obtain on behalf of the students at Shawnee.

Based on this mutually agreed upon proposal, Dr. Bradford will continue to work on behalf of students at Shawnee through the remainder of her contractual obligation.

This new role requires significant absence from our campus, but the benefits of these actions are anticipated to produce positive outcomes for the students attending Shawnee Community College.

Dr. Bradford will be working within our Region as well as beyond as previously agreed upon by the Board.

President Bradford's accomplishments as an advocate for the institution have led to many successes during her time as president.

Her accomplishments are numerous and include the opening of Extension Centers in both Cairo and Vienna, negotiating an agreement with Labor Union officials that provides critical parts of the education for apprenticeship applicants, bringing new career training opportunities such as Drone Piloting Certification, and revitalizing the Shawnee Community College Foundation.

President Bradford, commenting on the upcoming changes in her role as the president, said "I am excited about what the future holds for Shawnee Community College. We have seen many positive changes in areas of financial stability, increased community partnerships internships and additional educational agreements with four-year institutions.

"Additionally, we have also gained significant positive connections with state and local leaders that will continue to benefit student success at Shawnee College in the future.

"I am confident in the ability of the vice-presidents that we selected to maintain and continue to improve conditions on the campus of Shawnee College in my absence as I work to increase the opportunities for Shawnee."

Speaking on behalf of The College Board of Trustees, Mike McMahan stated:

"Dr. Bradford's ability to reach into the legislative community to seek out support on behalf of our students is undeniable.

"We are confident that by agreeing to allow Dr. Bradford to pursue new avenues for students success in this manner, she can help us to fulfill the mission of Shawnee Community College."

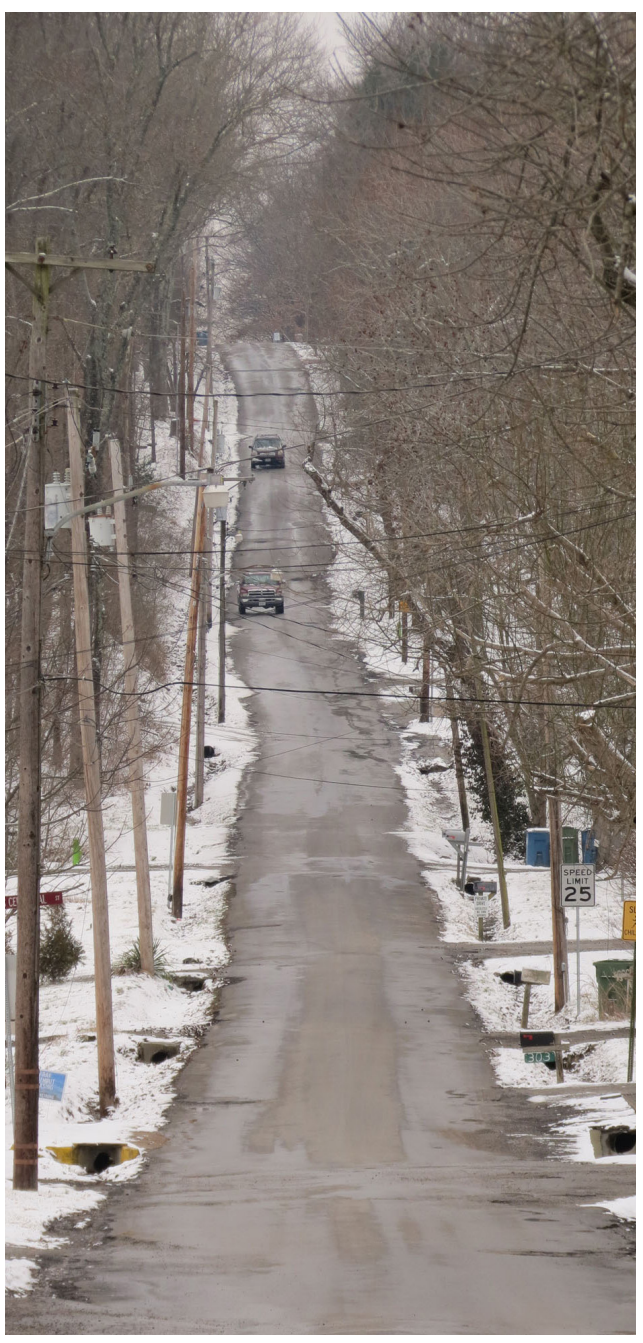
Shawnee's Mission is "to serve the needs of the student and our diverse community by providing quality higher education, community education, training, and services that are accessible, affordable, and promote life-long learning."

In assuming these responsibilities, Dr. Bradford turns over day-to-day operations of the College on June 15, 2019, to an interim team that will rely on the capable administrative staff currently in place at Shawnee.



Celebrating Dr. Seuss

Read Across America is a nationwide reading celebration that takes place annually around March 2 in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday. Jonesboro School kindergarten students recently celebrated the life and legacy of Dr. Seuss and his books with lots of fun activities. As part of the celebration, the school welcomed guest reader Josh Staples, who is with his son, Collin Staples. Photo provided.



Another round of wintry weather

Mountain Glen Road in Cobden was clear early last Sunday afternoon after another round of wintry precipitation fell on the Union County area. The snow was accompanied by bitterly cold temperatures.

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New business opens in Anna

The Farmstead Market opened Friday, March 1, in Anna. The new business is located at 5600 E. Vienna St. Jonathan and Regina Beachy are owners of the business. Hours are from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The business is housed in a new, 6,800-square-foot building. The business employs about seven to eight full- and part-time workers. The market features meats, cheeses, jarred goods, candy, baked items, bulk food and more, with several additions already planned. The market was a busy place last Saturday morning, when the photograph was taken. Owner Jonathan Beachy said he was very pleased with the turnout for the opening.



Shawnee Beta Club members receive awards

Members of the Beta Club at Shawnee High School at Wolf Lake won four awards at this year's state Beta Club convention in Springfield. Tre Rains placed second in creative writing and second in painting in the 12th grade division. Nick Rose placed second in math for the 12th grade division. Koby McLane placed first in agricultural science for the 11th grade division. Shawnee took eight Beta Club members to the state convention. Photo provided.

Anna-Jonesboro Rotary Club offers scholarship

Rotary is an international charitable organization comprised of professional and business leaders whose goals are humanitarian service, high ethical standards and the promotion of goodwill and peace around the world.

The motto of Rotary is "Service Above Self." The Anna-Jonesboro Rotary Club has served the Union County area since it was officially chartered in 1946.

The Anna-Jonesboro Rotary Club is offering a $1,000 scholarship to eligible high school seniors.

Shawnee Community College will match this scholarship, should the student enroll and attend Shawnee.

Funds will be deposited into the student's escrow account with SCC.

Eligibility requirements are as follows: a student must be graduating in May 2019 from a Union County high school and planning to enroll at Shawnee Community College for the matching contribution or planning to enroll in a continuing education school program of two or more years, without the SCC match, by the fall of 2019.

The primary criteria for selection are the student's demonstrated commitment to community service during his/her high school and the student's acceptance into a continuing education program at Shawnee Community College.

Applications are available at guidance offices at Union County high schools.

Applications must include the student's, parents' and school guidance counselor's signatures.

Completed scholarship applications, along with a copy of the student's transcript, are to be returned to: Anna-Jonesboro Rotary Club Scholarship Committee, PO Box 574, Anna, Ill. 62906, by April 14.

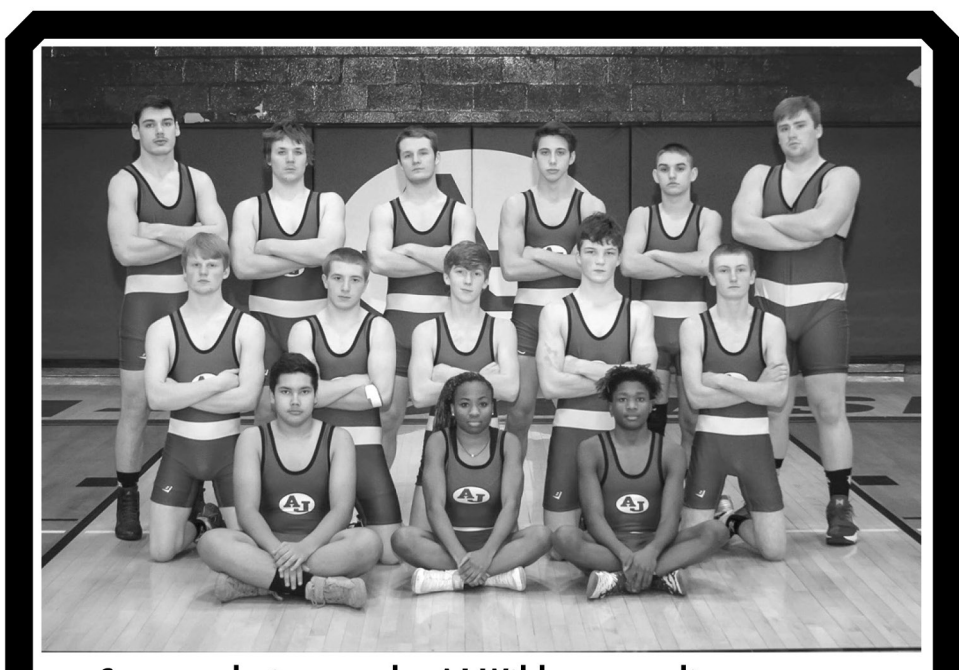
Questions regarding the application can be directed to high school guidance counselors or to Mary Nash-Swink, Rotary Club scholarship committee chairperson.

All applications will be reviewed and selections made entirely at the discretion of the scholarship committee of the Anna-Jonesboro Rotary Club. Scholarship awards will be announced by early May.

The recipient of the Rotary scholarship will be required to attend a regular meeting of the Anna-Jonesboro Rotary Club by Dec. 31, 2019. The recipient will be presented with a certificate.

For those enrolling with SCC, funds will be deposited into the student's SCC account once the student is registered/in attendance at SCC and can present proof of enrollment (tuition statement, textbook receipt, ID card, class schedule, etc.) to the club.

For those enrolling with an institution outside of SCC, once the student is registered/in attendance at a post-secondary school and can present proof of enrollment (tuition statement, textbook receipt, ID card, class schedule, etc.) to the club, a check in the amount of $1,000. will be given to the student.



Congratulations to the AJ Wildcat wrestling team on finishing the season 21-9, being named regional champs, Mississippi division conference champs and sweeping both sides of the River to River conference.
Special congrats to Arojae Hart and Nate Kisat on winning at sectionals!
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Legislator hosts office hours in area communities

Senate lawmakers were scheduled to return to the Capitol in Springfield on March 5 to continue to resume spring session.

In the meantime, State Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg, returned to the 59th District in Southern Illinois to host mobile office hours in Benton.

Part of Union County is in the 59th District.

Fowler also planned to host mobile office hours March 4 in Vienna.

During the mobile office hours, constituents are encouraged to come out to these events to speak with the senator and ask their questions.

"These events have been a great success so far, giving me the opportunity to speak one-on-one with area constituents and getting firsthand feedback on the issues happening within our communities," Fowler said in a weekly review of his activities for Feb. 25 through March 1.

"I was elected to be a voice to the people of the 59th Senate District, and it is critical that they have every opportunity to vocalize their concerns, speak to staff and know that their lawmakers are representing their interests."

In other news, Fowler joined the Vienna Grade School 8th grade class for a conversation about state government on Feb. 27.

Fowler spoke with students about his role and responsibilities as a lawmaker for Southern Illinois.

Fowler also addressed those who attended and were honored at this year's Egyptian Region Student Recognition Breakfast.

He noted the importance of giving back to the community and dedicating themselves to their goals.

This year's breakfast, hosted by the Illinois Principals Association, took place in Mt. Vernon.

The event is about celebrating students, encouraging future leaders and recognizing their achievements, the senator noted.

Fowler also joined administrators and other guests for the unveiling of a new Southern Illinois University Carbondale Saluki logo on Feb. 28.

The new logo features a Saluki dog and will be the official logo for the school's athletes.

Anna Fire Deparment responds to two calls

The Anna Fire Department responded to two calls on Tuesday morning, March 5.

Fire Chief Gary Rider said the department responded to the scene of a traffic accident which occurred at about 7:30 a.m. Tuesday along South Lick Creek Road.

The accident involved a passenger car which had run off the road and came to a rest upside down in a ditch.

The car was driven by a young woman, who was transported from the scene by helicopter for treatment.

Other emergency services agencies also responded to the call, including the Union County Rescue Squad and the Union County Ambulance Service.

The second call, which occurred later in the morning, involved a semi tractor trailer rig which was traveling through Anna on East Vienna Street.

Rider said the brakes on the semi's trailer locked up and started smoking after an air line apparently broke. No injuries were reported.

Cobden church hosts fish fries

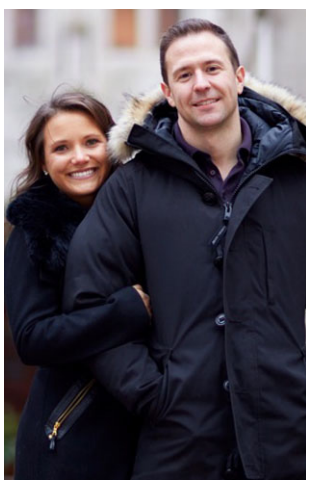
Lenten season fish fries are planned at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cobden.

The fish fries will be served on Fridays beginning March 8 and continuing through April 12.

Serving will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. each week in the parish hall.

Prices are $11 for adults and $5 for children 12 and under. All are welcome.

Tracy, Cope announce engagement



Kelsey Tracy
Travis Cope

Jim and Jil Tracy of Quincy announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelsey Colbrooke Tracy, to Travis Warner Cope. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Taylor Cope of Flossmor.

Miss Tracy, of Chicago, is a 2009 graduate of Brown County High School and a 2013 graduate of the University of Missouri.

She previously worked in marketing at the Merchandise Mart in Chicago and is now pursuing a master's degree in nutrition at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Mr. Cope, also of Chicago, graduated from the Latin School in Chicago and the University of St. Andrews. He is employed by William Blair in Chicago as a stock analyst.

The couple will be married on June 15, 2019, in Chicago at St. James Chapel.

Miss Tracy is the granddaughter of Betty Odum of Anna.

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Author plans book signing

Author Mike Estel of Anna has had his 15th book published by Chaplain Publishing in Lubbock, Texas.

The book, a work of historical fiction titled "Civil War Soldiers: White Lies and Redemption," is about a boy who is underage who joins the Union army during the Civil War.

A book signing is scheduled at the Union County Museum in Cobden from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 9.

Copies of the book will be available at the museum.

The museum is located at 117 S. Appleknocker in downtown Cobden.

Sports

High school teams set to open spring seasons

Spring sports seasons are set to start for Union County high school sports teams.

At Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, the baseball team kicks off the spring season Monday, March 11, at Egyptian.

The Lady Wildcats softball team opens on Tuesday, March 12, at home against Johnston City.

The A-J girls' soccer team will begin action Thurday, March 21, at home against Carterville.

The A-J girls open their track season on Tuesday, March 26, at home against Massac County.

The A-J boys' track team opens at the Benton Spring Fling on Saturday, March 30.

At Cobden, the girls' softball season begins Tuesday, March 12, at home against Benton. The baseball team begins play Friday, March 15, at home against Murphysboro.

At Shawnee, the baseball team opens its season at home against Tuscola on Saturday, March 16. The Lady Reds' softball team opens on Monday, March 18, at Zeigler-Royalton.

The Dongola spring schedule had not been completed by press time this week.

A-J baseball looks to replace nucleus of last year's squad

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School baseball team lost the nucleus of last year's 17-13 squad.

"We lost a lot of guys," A-J coach Aaron Roberts said. "We'll be a much different team this season. We've got a lot to replace."

The pitching and hitting duo of Bryce Osman and Hunter Ralls will especially be missed.

"We have a lot of holes to fill," Roberts said. "We've got the guys to fill them, they are just going to have to earn their spot."

Returning seniors are first baseman/pitcher Jackson Laster; 3rd baseman/pitcher/catcher Carson Reynolds and outfielder Wyatt Johnston. Other seniors on the squad are outfielder/pitchers Dalton Seip and Damian Chrisp.

Juniors in the mix are catcher Jacob Schaefer; 2nd baseman/pitcher Avery Goines; utility players J.D. Mains and Steen Vaca Diez; pitcher Tyler Jerrell and shortstop/pitcher Blake Pena.

Sophomores who could contribute are outfielder/3rd baseman/pitcher Nick McGrath and utility player Trent Mason.

Roberts looks for a competitive Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference race. He tabs Nashville, Carterville and Du Quoin to be three of the top teams in the conference race.

"There's a lot of parity" in the conference, Roberts said. "A lot of teams can beat you on a given day. It's going to be exciting to see what will happen this season."

The Wildcats are scheduled to open their season Monday, March 11, at Egyptian.

IDNR reports on bobcat season harvest

Hunters and trappers in Illinois with 2018-2019 bobcat hunting and trapping season permits harvested a preliminary total of 343 bobcats.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, reported that the 2018-2019 season was open from Nov. 10, 2018, until Feb. 15, and 1,000 permits were issued to hunters and trappers for the season.

The harvest limit for the 2018-19 season was 375 bobcats.

In Union County, a total of eight bobcats were harvested, IDNR reported.

Hunters and trappers apply for permits for the bobcat season online through the IDNR website during the month of September.

A table with the 2018-2019 season's preliminary harvest totals by open county can be found online at https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/news/Documents/ILBobcatHarvest-18-19.pdf.

Student athletes honored

Players on Union County girls' high school basketball teams have earned 2018-2019 postseason honors.

In the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division, Anna-Jonesboro Community High School senior Angel Helm was named to the first team. Teammate Mikayla Bundren, a junior, was selected to the second team.

In the South Egyptian Conference, Shawnee senior Autumn McMahan earned first team honors. Teammate Laycee Presutti, also a senior, was selected to the second team.

Cobden's Jenna Hartline. a junior, also was selected to the second team.

One SIRR team left in playoffs

The Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division had one final boys' high school basketball team left in the Illinois High School Association playoffs as of early this week.

Nashville defeated Alton Marquette Friday, March 1, to win the Class 2A Du Quoin sectional.

The Hornets were to have played Teutopolis earlier Tuesday at the Carbondale super sectional.

The winner will advance to the Class 2A state tournament in Champaign.

All of the South Egyptian Conference teams have been defeated in Class 1A.

Senior pitcher returns for A-J softball team

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School softball team will not have a lot of experience returning this season.

"We're going to be real young this year," A-J coach Rodney Seip said. "It could be a learning opportunity for our young girls."

The Lady Wildcats finished 9-19 last season.

Senior hurler Morgan Wendling returns to the lineup for A-J this spring.

"Morgan's capable of throwing a lot of innings," Seip said. "We need to be able to play defense behind her."

Other seniors are outfielders Katie Mays and Julia Ellis and utility player Kaitlyn Daniels.

Juniors are catcher Tobie Treece and infielder/pitcher Cori Turner.

Sophomores in the mix are third baseman Katie Shepard and utility players Shaeley Hennesy and Petey Foster.

Freshmen include shortstop Payton Seip, pitcher/utility player Abigail Dahmer, utility players Natalee Brown and Allison Toler and infielder Mayci Penrod.

Though they will be a young squad, Seip looks to have a competitive team.

"We're looking to compete with everybody and win the ballgames we're suppose to and compete in the others," Seip said.

Seip looks for a very competitive conference again this spring.

"It's going to be tough in the River-to-River Conference race with Nashville, Pinckeyville and Du Quoin," Seip said.

The Lady Wildcats are set to open their season Tuesday, March 12, at home against Johnston City.

Cobden softball team rebuilding this season

The Cobden High School softball team will be rebuilding this season, with only four upper classmen in the lineup.

"We're going to be young," first-year Cobden coach Anthony Howell said. "It's going to be a learning year for us."

The two seniors on the team are pitcher/first baseman Lexi Miller and second baseman Megan Rhodes.

Juniors are third baseman Lauren Sweitzer and first baseman/right fielder Jenna Hartline.

Sophomores include pitcher/left fielder Aubrey Fisher and first baseman/catcher Emily White.

Miller and Fisher should handle the main pitching duties.

The squad will consist of a strong contingent of freshmen in shortstop Makenzie Howell, catcher/third baseman Lily Britt, left fielder Hannah Stillman, center fielder Abby Clover, right fielders Olivia Brumleve and Halle Short and left fielder/2nd baseman Katelyn Shadowens.

"We have a pretty good athletic class with our freshmen," Howell said.

Howell has a lot of experience coaching summer league softball for the last seven seasons.

The Appleknockers are set to open their season Tuesday, March 12, at home against Benton.

Coach earns recognition

A-J Junior Wildcats Wrestling Club wrestlers headed to state



Head coach Andy Sadler

The Anna-Jonesboro Junior Wildcats Wrestling Club is sending four wrestlers to state competition.

The team's head coach also has earned special recognition.

Head coach Andy Sadler was selected as the south sectional coach of the year in the Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation. He will be among eight coaches in the running for coach of the year at the state championship.

Anna-Jonesboro Junior Wildcats Wrestling Club members Drew Sadler, Nile Chotner, Aaron Scheffer and Caleb Mays advanced to state competition.

Sectional competition was Saturday in Highland. The state championships are set for March 7-9 in Rockford.

IKWF South Sectional Results for the Anna-Jonesboro Junior Wildcats Wrestling Club follow:

Intermediate 62

Jase Holshouser's place is 2nd and has scored 20.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Jase Holshouser (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Jase Holshouser (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) won by major decision over Eli Faus (Bulls WC) (Maj 12-2)

Semifinal - Jase Holshouser (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) won by fall over Bryce Smith (Alton Little Redbirds WC) (Fall 2:15)

1st Place Match - Dawson Hawthorne (Granite City Wrestling Association) won by major decision over Jase Holshouser (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) (Maj 11-0)

Intermediate 70

Hunter Craft's place is unknown and has scored 2.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Hunter Craft (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) won by decision over Brody Johnson (Bulls WC) (Dec 8-3)

Quarterfinal - Nate Pitre (Belleville Little Devils WC) won by decision over Hunter Craft (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) (Dec 8-4)

Cons. Round 1 - Hunter Craft (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Semi - Max Philpot (Vandalia Jr WC) won by major decision over Hunter Craft (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) (Maj 13-0)

Intermediate 79

Jr Wright's place is unknown and has scored 0.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Brayden Learned (Team Mascoutah WC) won by decision over Jr Wright (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) (Dec 6-0)

Intermediate 89

Rage Henderson's place is 1st and has scored 28.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Rage Henderson (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Rage Henderson (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) won by fall over Brock Meyer (Jacksonville Area Wrestling) (Fall 0:56)

Semifinal - Rage Henderson (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) won by fall over Trevor Tucker (Jersey Junior Panthers Wrestling) (Fall 0:33)

1st Place Match - Rage Henderson (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) won by fall over Preston Camp (Centralia WC) (Fall 1:29)

Novice 74

Drew Sadler's place is 2nd and has scored 22.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Drew Sadler (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Drew Sadler (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) won by fall over Bradley Ralston (Junior Kahoks) (Fall 0:11)

Semifinal - Drew Sadler (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) won by fall over Jackson Bassett (O`Fallon Little Panthers WC) (Fall 3:25)

1st Place Match - Lyndon Thies (Roughnecks WC) won by decision over Drew Sadler (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) (Dec 11-4)

Novice 79

Zoee Sadler's place is unknown and has scored 4.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Zoee Sadler (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) won by fall over Cameron Cherry (O`Fallon Little Panthers WC) (Fall 2:10)

Quarterfinal - Noah Harper (Edwardsville WC) won by decision over Zoee Sadler (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) (Dec 8-4)

Cons. Round 1 - Zoee Sadler (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Semi - Mackenzie Pratt (Granite City Wrestling Association) won by decision over Zoee Sadler (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) (Dec 4-3)

Novice 84

Tate Miller's place is 4th and has scored 9.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Tate Miller (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Tate Miller (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) won by decision over Kj Jamison (Edwardsville WC) (Dec 12-8)

Semifinal - Brodey Durbin (Just Wrestling) won by fall over Tate Miller (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) (Fall 3:57)

Cons. Semi - Tate Miller (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) won by decision over Kahne Hyre (Crawford County WC) (Dec 12-5)

3rd Place Match - Aiden Colbert (Belleville Little Devils WC) won by major decision over Tate Miller (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) (Maj 12-1)

Novice 138

Aaron Sheffer's place is 2nd and has scored 18.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Aaron Sheffer (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) received a bye () (Bye)

Semifinal - Aaron Sheffer (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) won by fall over Brian Diser (Belleville Little Devils WC) (Fall 0:13)

1st Place Match - Owen Shaw (Saukee Youth WC) won by fall over Aaron Sheffer (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) (Fall 0:39)

Senior 101

Andrew Holshouser's place is unknown and has scored 4.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Andrew Holshouser (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) won by fall over Ian Rosborough (Crawford County WC) (Fall 2:50)

Quarterfinal - Zeke Rhodes (Roughnecks WC) won by fall over Andrew Holshouser (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) (Fall 2:30)

Cons. Round 1 - Andrew Holshouser (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Semi - Owen Miller (Vandalia Jr WC) won by major decision over Andrew Holshouser (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) (Maj 12-0)

Senior 108

Nile Chotner's place is 3rd and has scored 9.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Drew Landau (Edwardsville WC) won by decision over Nile Chotner (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) (Dec 6-0)

Cons. Semi - Nile Chotner (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) won by decision over Garrett Dothager (Vandalia Jr WC) (Dec 2-1)

3rd Place Match - Nile Chotner (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) won by major decision over Nathan Hollis (Edwardsville WC) (Maj 14-1)

Senior 115

Thomas Macy's place is unknown and has scored 2.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Thomas Macy (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) won by decision over Ethan Hacker (O`Fallon Little Panthers WC) (Dec 5-4)

Quarterfinal - Aidan Postma (Triad Knights WC) won by fall over Thomas Macy (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) (Fall 2:50)

Senior 115

Caleb Mays's place is 2nd and has scored 20.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Caleb Mays (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Caleb Mays (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) won by major decision over Zachariah Lusk (Belleville Little Devils WC) (Maj 10-2)

Semifinal - Caleb Mays (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) won by fall over Cameron Kelley (O`Fallon Little Panthers WC) (Fall 1:28)

1st Place Match - Antonio Briagas (Granite City Wrestling Association) won by decision over Caleb Mays (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) (Dec 8-3)

Senior 147

Levi Tanner's place is unknown and has scored 0.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Levi Tanner (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Jonathan Bell (Junior Kahoks) won by decision over Levi Tanner (AJ Junior Wildcats WC) (Dec 12-5)

Cobden baseball coach likes pitching depth

Cobden High School baseball coach Dana Pearson likes what he's seeing so far with the Appleknockers.

"We're got a good enough team to advance" in the postseason playoffs, Pearson said. "Our goal is to win the regional. I look for a good campaign this spring."

Pearson likes the depth Cobden has on the pitching mound.

The top two senior hurlers are Zane Nance and Chandler West. Bayden Ditterline is another senior hurler.

Junior pitching depth will come from Landon Britt, Josh Burgess or Alex Remsey. The lone sophomore pitcher is Noah Franklin.

When not on the mound, Nance and Ditterline will be in the infield and West in the outfield.

Britt will be on the infield or in center field when not pitching. Burgess will be on the infield or catching. Franklin will either be in the outfield or at first base.

Other seniors in the mix are infielder/outfielder Cody Weisesman, first baseman Braden Clark and catcher Bryce Reynolds.

Other juniors are infielder/outfielder Ryan Barr and outfielder Dylan Lewey. Juniors out who didn't play last season are outfielders Carlos Morales, Jesus Amezquita and Christian Goines.

Another sophomore who could contribute is outfielder Riley Gearhart.

Freshmen hopefuls are infielder/outfielders Brock Reynolds, Amon Ingold, Dustin Sutliff and John Fuhrhop and first baseman/outfielder Tristan Brummer.

"If we can hit, I feel like we'll be pretty solid," Pearson said. "We've got the depth in each position."

Pearson sees Steeleville, Goreville, Egyptian and Century to be some of the top area teams in Class 1A this spring.

Cobden opens its season Friday, March 15, at home against Murphysboro.

SIU unveils new athletics logo



New logo

Southern Illinois University and Saluki Athletics have unveiled a new, official logo. Photo provided/ Saluki Athletics website.

Southern Illinois University Carbondale and Saluki Athletics unveiled a new, official logo on Thursday, Feb. 28.

The new logo replaces the existing mark that has represented the brand since 2001.

The new logo refreshes the traditional Saluki "dog head" with a cleaner, streamlined appearance, university officials said in a news release. The news release was posted on the Saluki Athletics website.

"The Saluki is unique throughout collegiate athletics," said SIU director of athletics Jerry Kill.

"Our goal with the new logo was to retain the original look and feel of the Saluki, while giving it a sleeker, modern feel. There are exciting changes happening within Saluki Athletics and Southern Illinois University as a whole, and the new logo is symbolic of the progress we intend to make."

The logo is a product of the partnership between Southern Illinois University and IMG College Licensing and was more than two years in development.

"We are excited about the new logo and what it means for the future of the Salukis brand," said Denise Lamb, vice president of Partner Services for IMG.

"The updated, streamlined approach stays true to the history and tradition of SIU while meeting the increased demand for flexibility across digital and social platforms that is needed by top universities."

The logo was designed by Torch Creative, a Dallas-based design studio with a focus on branding, logo design and development, illustration and typography design.

Torch Creative has worked with numerous college and professional sports teams and conferences, as well as non-sports organizations and companies across the United States.

Discussions concerning a new logo began in 2016, under former director of athletics Tommy Bell.

Torch Creative was selected for the project based upon the firm's history of developing unique collegiate athletic logos.

The firm researched the history of the Salukis and presented ideas and sketches to the university.

A broad spectrum of university employees and community members provided feedback during the design phase until the final version was approved by director of athletics Jerry Kill and the chancellor's office in the fall of 2018.

Both Saluki Athletics and IMG College Licensing, the university's exclusive licensing agency, committed funds toward the project.

Saluki Athletics paid Torch Creative $3,450 for the creation of an official SIU Saluki type font. IMG College Licensing paid Torch Creative $10,000 for logo design services.

The SIU-IMG partnership renewal agreement in 2017 included a $12,000 signing bonus for Saluki Athletics to cover costs associated with the new logo.

The last revision of the Saluki logo was introduced in 2001. University officials said that the logo had a dated appearance and had fallen out of favor as the primary athletic mark, having been replaced in most instances by the bullet "SIU" mark.

The new logo is seen as modern and sleek, easy to reproduce digitally and on merchandise. The new marks are expected to provide a substantial increase in royalty revenue for the university.

University officials said that the release of the new logo coincides with several major projects that are in the works, including a new artificial turf playing surface at Saluki Stadium, so the release of the logo needed to precede work on these projects.

The Feb. 28 announcement was considered a "soft launch" of the logo.

The official website (SIUSalukis.com) and social media accounts were to be updated immediately. ESPN and other television visuals will be updated for the fall of 2019.

Uniforms will be updated within their regular replacement cycle. Facilities will be updated as regular maintenance is needed.

Fans can expect to see limited merchandise now at Seventen, the online team store and the University Bookstore on campus.

Broader inventory is expected by the fall, as 75 vendors have already signed non-disclosure agreements permitting them to produce new merchandise.

Saluki Sports Update

By Fred Huff

If you're one of several who divide the basketball season into three parts, non-conference, conference and the postseason tournament, you're two-thirds of the way home.

It's Arch Madness time in St. Louis and the Salukis seemingly are ready for it.

They're not necessarily in command, but appear to be set for a run at the title and a berth in the coveted NCAA tourney.

SIU won its third game in a row with an impressive finish Saturday afternoon over Illinois State.

It wasn't a wire-to-wire blue-ribbon effort, but playing well in the closing minutes is impressive.

It's a must if the Salukis want to bid for a postseason title and that will be decided in the next few days in St. Louis.

The Valley is somewhat of an unusual league this season.

We believe any one of at least four or five teams could walk off with the title without anyone insisting on blood tests. And, the Salukis are one of them.

Others, of course, are regular-season co-champions Loyola and Drake, as well as suddenly red-hot Northern Iowa and who knows about Missouri State. It's been a weird season.

We talked SIU officials out of a Valley press guide at Saturday's game and wish now we had made the effort three months ago. Believe me, it's a masterful piece of information.

Sure, we knew a lot of the facts and information included in the 288-page guide, but have forgotten a lot and never knew about much of the other stuff that Valley PR guys included. It's a keeper and we'll do just that adding to our already over-loaded collection.

Things included in the guide are the mention of the first Valley post-season tournament held in St. Louis being played in Kiel Auditorium.

That was in 1991 and the next two meets were held at the Saint Louis Arena before the event was switched to the more modern and attractive site downtown where it is now held.

Younger generation fans have no reason to know that the tournament was previously held at on-campus sites to schools/cities outbidding others for the privilege.

It was only after SIU lost a bitter two-point game to Illinois State in Normal that Saluki officials led a charge to get the tournament switched to a neutral site.

Since being invited to join the Valley in 1975, the Salukis have won their share of Valley tournaments, including three in a row (1993, 1994 and 1995) when Rich Herrin was in charge and two others. One in their first year in the league (1977) and another in 2006.

Only Ceighton has won more (12), although Northern Iowa has also won five and Wichita State, Illinois State and Tulsa have all won four titles.

There are so many stories involved in the postseason classics. And, the Salukis have been involved in many of them, such as being the only member to win three meets in a row.

It's a classic sporting event. Valley commissioner Doug Elgin and his veteran staff are true professionals. They know the ins and outs of what it takes to sponsor such an event and it hurts that we no longer feel strong enough to make the journey to see it.

The Valley affair and the Drake Relays, where our lifetime good friend Paul Morrison was in charge, will always, like forever, be the most memorable SIU happenings in our mind.

Of course, too, was a two-week visit in New York City when Walt Frazier and the Salukis took over the Big Apple to win the 1967 NIT by beating a local favorite team, Duke, Rutgers and Marquette.

Next up, however, is the Valley and Northern Iowa, a team which incidentally was swamped by lowly Indiana State over the weekend, 71-54. You never know.

Wakefield earns dean's list honor

Jacob Wakefield of Cobden has been named as a dean's list student at Missouri State University in Springfield, Mo.

For undergraduate students, criteria to earn dean's list recognition included enrollment in at least 12 credit hours during the fall semester and having at least a 3.50 grade point average on a 4.00 scale.

With tax filing underway, Illinois taxpayers encouraged to guard personal information

Since 2015, Illinois has stopped more than $120 million in attempted identity theft and tax refund fraud thanks to increased data analytics and partnerships with the Internal Revenue Service, IRS, and other states.

As criminals continue efforts to perpetrate fraud during the tax season, the Illinois Department of Revenue, IDOR, is reminding taxpayers everyone is in the fight together.

"With technology and analytics, the Illinois Department of Revenue continues to thwart efforts by criminals to perpetuate tax fraud and identity theft," said David Harris, IDOR director designate, in a news release.

"Last year, these efforts kept an additional $37.2 million in tax dollars from falling into the hands of criminals.

"While IDOR will continue and intensify its prevention efforts, we emphasize to taxpayers that they are the frontline in the fight against identity theft and tax fraud attempts.

"By utilizing commonsense steps, taxpayers can reduce the likelihood of falling prey to many of the most common deceptions."

IDOR suggests taxpayers protect personal information and tax data by following some simple guidelines:

•Use security software with firewall and anti-virus protections, selecting automatic updates.

•Be aware of phishing emails and phone scams that attempt to trick individuals out of personal information and money.

•Treat personal information as you would cash: don't leave it lying around.

More than 1.85 million taxpayers had filed their Illinois tax return within the first month of the 2019 tax filing season.

As fraud prevention efforts continue, taxpayers are reminded that if they receive an identity verification letter from IDOR, they may now authenticate their information electronically through IDOR's free online account management program, MyTax Illinois.

In the past, identity authentication required written documentation sent by paper mail, creating a time-consuming process for the taxpayer and IDOR.

For additional information and resources about reporting and preventing identity theft and tax fraud, visit IDOR's website at tax.illinois.gov.

Governor names IDOT secretary

The appointment of Omer Osman as secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation, IDOT, was announced Feb. 22 by Gov. JB Pritzker.

The appointment requires confirmation by the Illinois Senate.

Osman has over 29 years of experience in the civil engineering and management field at IDOT.

In his most recent role as deputy secretary for the office of project implementation, he was responsible for guiding day-to-day program delivery and developing both short- and long-term technical policies and procedures.

Prior to his current position, Osman served as the director of highways, deputy director of IDOT Region 5 and District 4 project implementation and operations engineer.

He has been a member of a statewide diversity and recruitment team that had managed to increase and integrate a diverse population of IDOT's technical staff.

Osman received his master of science degree in civil engineering from Bradley University and his bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Southern University.

Before the power goes out: take steps to preserve frozen food

When the power goes out at home, the clock starts ticking on the safety of meats, seafood, ice cream, cut produce and even leftover pizza.

When refrigerators and freezers suffer a loss of electrical power, the foods inside can become susceptible to foodborne contaminants in just a few hours, said Londa Nwadike, a food safety specialist with University of Missouri Extension and Kansas State Research and Extension.

According to the USDA, bacteria such as E. coli, salmonella, and campylobacter can grow within minutes of food entering the "danger zone": the temperature range of 40 to 140 degrees Fahrenheit.

The insulation in freezers and refrigerators are your best allies during a power failure.

A refrigerator in good working order can maintain its temperature for about four hours, Nwadike said. A full, reliable deep freezer can keep food frozen as long as 48 hours.

"One advantage of winter storms is that we often have 24 hours or more of advance warning," she said.

This lets you take some preemptive steps to preserve your food:

Share space with friends. If you have nearby friends and neighbors who have extra space in their freezer, consolidating frozen foods is a great strategy.

"A full freezer will maintain its temperature longer than a freezer that's only half full," Nwadike said.

Fill in the gaps. If you know a winter storm or blizzard is on the way, consider moving as much as possible from the refrigerator to the freezer.

Putting leftover pot roast, tuna casserole and plastic bottles of fruit juice in the freezer will keep these foods in a colder environment and help fill empty spaces in the freezer.

You can also use bottles, gallon jugs and plastic storage containers filled with water, Nwadike said.

"Just get them frozen before the power goes out. If you have a source for dry ice, consider adding a few blocks to your freezer. Dry ice can extend your safe zone by several hours."

Keep them shut: As much as you can, keep the doors closed, Nwadike said.

"Don't open them to peek in and check to see what the temperature is: just leave them closed. Avoid that temptation."

After that, the question is simple: Keep it or toss it?

The USDA provides a handy, printable chart (bit.ly/2wVMwxn) detailing which foods are most vulnerable (meats, seafood, dairy, ice cream) and which are a bit more stable (whole fruits and vegetables, condiments, hard block cheese).

When checking the freezer, ice can be a good indicator, Nwadike said.

"If an item is still frozen solid, or if you can still feel ice crystals, that's a good thing. But whatever you do, don't taste something and think, 'Well, if it tastes OK, it's still good.' Bacteria doesn't always reveal itself that way."

Some homeowners insurance providers will cover a certain amount of food loss that results from a power outage.

Nwadike advises homeowners to check with their insurance providers to find out what is covered and what kind of documentation will be required to make a claim.

Even if the loss of food creates a financial hardship, it pales compared to the risks of eating unsafe food, which can result in illness, hospitalization and even death.

Career fair set at A-JCHS

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School is planning to host a Union County Career Fair.

The event is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, today.

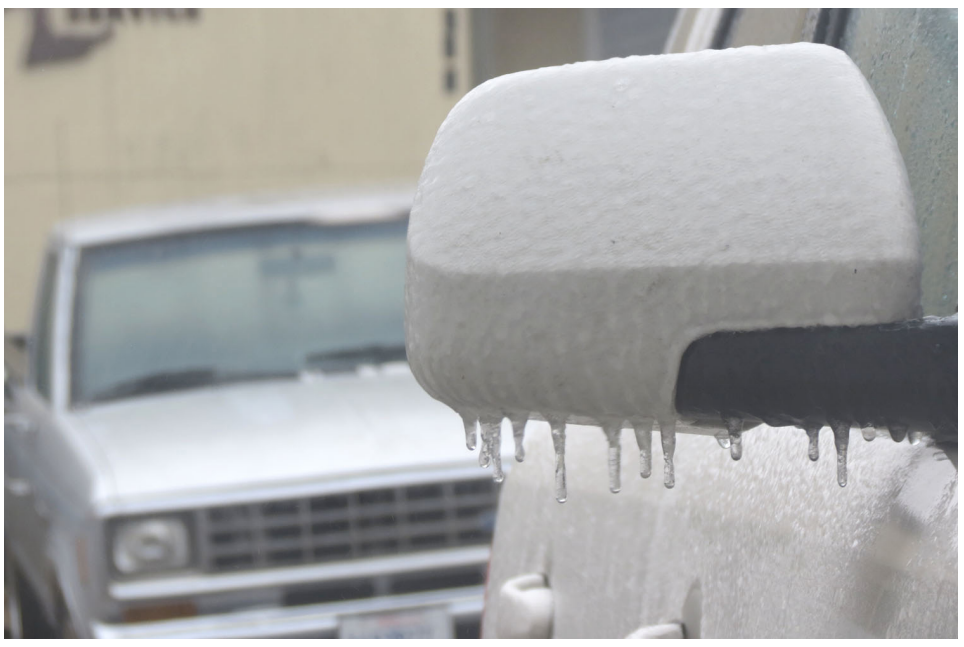
The career fair is open to all Union County high school students in grades 9 through 12.

The event will offer an opportunity for students to explore a variety of careers by speaking with local professionals.



Anti-bullying campaign

Shawnee Junior High School at Wolf Lake and Southern Seven Health Department's CATCH program partnered to begin a Do-Gooder-Anti-Bullying Campaign. Students are asked to do things throughout their day that go above and beyond what is asked of them. When a staff member witnesses the do-gooder act, the student is awarded a coin. The winners for January were 8th grader Shyla Pearl, 7th grader Peyton Samuels and 6th grader Cole Pender. The January winners are featured in the accompanying photograph with the Union County sponsor of the program, Amber Toler, and LaDonna Bachmann, physical education instructor at the school. Photo provided.



Vehicles under ice

Vehicles were coated with a layer of ice on Thursday morning, Feb. 28, when freezing rain was falling on the Union County area.

Illinois Climate Network marks 30 years of monitoring weather, soils

It's been 30 years since the Illinois State Water Survey, ISWS, in Champaign launched the Illinois Climate Network, ICN, to monitor the state's weather and soils.

The 19 ICN stations around the state collect data on wind speed and direction, air temperature, humidity, precipitation, barometric pressure, solar radiation, soil temperatures and soil moisture.

Water Survey staff also calculate data on dew point, degree days, potential evapotranspiration, and temperature inversion.

All of this information, an annual total of 2 million records, is used by farmers, researchers, and businesses for decision making and planning.

"This type of long-term monitoring is critical to our ability to understand the state's waters, soils, and climate," said Jennie Atkins, the program manager for the Water and Atmospheric Resources Monitoring, WARM, program.

"I'm proud of the work we do to distribute timely, reliable data that supports Illinois' agriculture and is used by the USDA, USGS, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the National Weather Service and others."

"WARM is an example of how the state of Illinois had the foresight to build an infrastructure that collects and warehouses long-term climate data that specifically addresses the needs of a variety of stakeholders within Illinois," said Kevin C. O'Brien, director of ISWS and the Illinois Sustainable Technology Center.

"With the support of these stakeholders, we hope to grow and improve this network throughout the state."

ICN data, including current conditions, daily maps, graphs of weekly trends, and historical records, are available online at www.isws.illinois.edu/warm/.

The website also has growing and pest degree day calculators that allows users to customize the calculations to meet their specific needs.

"Illinois farmers value the network for data on both current environmental conditions, as well as historical trends. They rely upon the valid third-party data to help them make decisions on the farm, including tools like the growing degree day and pest degree day calculators," said Lauren Lurkins, director of Natural and Environmental Resources for the Illinois Farm Bureau.

The highest air temperature recorded by ICN was 106.2 degrees at ICN Dixon Springs in Southern Illinois on June 29, 2012.

The warmest daily minimum air temperature recorded by ICN was 85.2 degrees at ICN Olney on July 25, 2012.

Agricultural meteorologist Steve Hollinger, who retired from the Water Survey in 2004, remembers how the ICN evolved from an initial 16 locations with just thermometers and rain gages to more stations with increasingly sophisticated technology capable of measuring more variables and providing more data.

He said improvements in measuring soil moisture were particularly notable.

"The unique thing about the ICN is that we have one of the longest records of soil moisture taken on a regular basis from the surface down to about 2 meters. About the mid to late 90s we had regular, continuous soil moisture measurements," he recalled.

Data about the moisture of deep soils can help farmers anticipate how long crops can last without rain and when they will become stressed.

Hollinger also recalls some of the challenges from the ICN's early years.

"We had years when ice storms would freeze anemometers, and we would have to climb the towers and clean them off or take them down," he said.

"We had lightning issues for a long time, but then we figured out how to wire them so the tower could take a direct hit and we wouldn't lose them. It was a challenge and it was fun working through the issues."

Since ICN started collecting data in 1989, the highest wind gust recorded at any of the sites was 83.6 miles per hour at ICN Stelle on April 20, 2000. ICN also recorded 1.13 inches of rain that day.

The lowest air temperature recorded by ICN was 32.9 degrees below zero at ICN Big Bend on Jan. 16, 2009.

The coolest daily maximum air temperature recorded by ICN was 17.2 degrees below zero at ICN St. Charles on Jan. 18, 1994.

For more information, visit www.isws.illinois.edu/warm/ or follow the Water and Atmospheric Resources Monitoring Program on Twitter at @WARM_ISWS.

Department of Corrections top fund-raising agency for Law Enforcement Torch Run

The Illinois Department of Corrections, IDOC, is the top fund-raising agency for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois for the second straight year.

The announcement was made at a recent Torch Run Kick-Off event which was held in Bloomington.

IDOC raised a total of $169,215 in 2018, which broke the department's 2017 record of $148,042.

Throughout the year, staff at each of IDOC's 29 correctional facilities participate in Torch Run fundraising events such as Polar Plunges, Plane Pulls, Cop on a Rooftop and more.

They also coordinate their own events that raise thousands of dollars for Special Olympics Illinois.

"The Illinois Department of Corrections strives to be a good neighbor, and I am proud our agency is bringing awareness to such an important cause," IDOC director John Baldwin said in a news release.

"Staff take great pride in supporting athletes with intellectual disabilities and put a tremendous amount of passion and drive into raising funds."

The Law Enforcement Torch Run is the single largest year-round fundraising movement benefiting Special Olympics Illinois.

The Torch Run includes an annual intrastate relay conducted by officers representing every branch of law enforcement within the state.

Approximately 3,000 officers plan to carry the Flame of Hope nearly 1,500 miles June 10-15 to the opening ceremony of the Special Olympics Illinois Summer Games on June 7 in Normal.

SIU auto tech program assists in improving lithium batteries

By Pete Rosenbery
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Students in Southern Illinois University Carbondale's automotive technology program will be assisting a Scandinavian low speed vehicle and golf car manufacturer in research and development of improved lithium batteries for use in the company's vehicles.

Some of the research will involve how far the utility vehicles can go on a single charge under varying conditions, speed and acceleration programming and controller area network, CAN, communication.

In addition, students are also working with Garia Inc. to update the Denmark-based company's technical service manuals for dealers throughout the world.

Michael Behrmann, department chair, notes the project perfectly aligns with the SIU mission as the only automotive technology program in the world that is part of a major research university.

Students will not only learn cutting-edge technology but will work to further the development of "the next cutting edge."

"That's the type of project this is," he said. "Not only are we teaching the most up-to-date technology and systems, we are working with our students, faculty and Garia together to take everyone to the next level."

The different projects will be incorporated into students' classes and enable them to engage with the corporation, their personnel and product as they work on developing the next cutting-edge technology, Behrmann said.

The lithium battery technology and computers found on Garia vehicles are very similar to those on a Tesla or other electric vehicles, said James L. Seargent, the company's technical director for North America.

Utilizing the department's dyno and faculty and student expertise, the anticipated tests will help determine how to best build software to fit customers' needs for a myriad of uses.

Seargent explained some users, such as the Swedish postal service, Post Nord, utilize their vehicles daily while others might not use them for weeks.

Simulating charging behaviors and driving patterns in varying elevations, temperature and conditions will help in technology for extending battery life, he said.

Jessica Suda, an assistant professor in automotive technology, said the two-fold project is beneficial to her students.

The dyno testing will go to research involving vehicle range and different battery combinations and the service manual work will go toward transforming engineering documents into something technicians can use.

Seargent, a 2003 automotive technology alumnus originally from Madisonville, Ky., is an active member of the department's national advisory board.

Garia was a "really good fit" with students who came to the board suggesting a need for additional opportunities with electrical technology.

Many automotive schools across the country do not have access or opportunity to work with the same variety of vehicles as SIU, he said.

"When we saw the need that students were asking for, it was pretty easy for me to say, 'Hey, our electrical vehicle, although small, is highly technical and easy for them to get to the right components for testing'."

Christoffer Hansson, Garia's chief operating officer, then came to Southern Illinois earlier this year to meet with Behrmann and tour the facility.

Behrmann and Seargent each said there are growing markets for electric vehicles, both in the United States and Europe.

In several European communities, gasoline-powered trucks have limited access that require electric utility distribution deliveries within city limits.

In addition, retirement communities and many urban areas in the United States are seeing a growth in the use of electric vehicles.

Seargent is based out of Garia's U.S. headquarters in Houston, Texas. He spent a few days recently at the university's Transportation Education Center showing students the vehicle, reviewing engineering drawings and the wiring schematics for the service manuals.

Jamie Romo, a senior from Joliet, said key selling points for attending SIU were professors' years of experience with cutting-edge new vehicles and research projects, like the one with Garia, along with alumni support.

This project "will help me develop better technical writing skills and understand the new innovative technology Garia has in their vehicles," he said. "Someday that technology may be applied to the automotive industry."

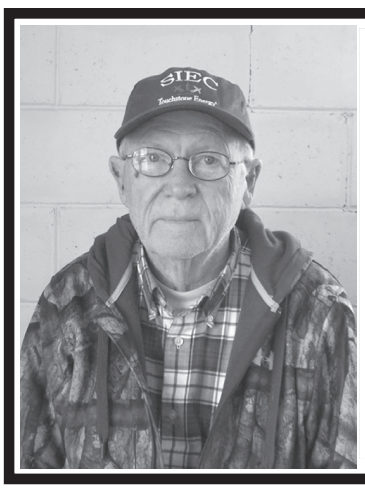
Christian Rodriguez, a senior from Oswego, said the project allows him to "think outside the box and test the knowledge that I already have."

Rodriguez said there are some items the group wants to add to the service manuals that will be created. He mentioned that auto manufacturers lack labeling wiring diagrams and do not have "how-to videos" in their procedures.

Sergio Rangel Jr., a senior from Aurora, agrees the research and work with the Garia project is beneficial.

Receiving "real-world" experience and having the opportunity to expand his knowledge on electric vehicle systems and components while improving his technical writing abilities is key, he said.

"Aside from having a good understanding of automotive systems that are out today, having the ability to communicate complex information to multiple groups in the industry is just as important," he said.



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JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association PLAINTIFF Vs. David Short a/k/a David E. Short; et. al. DEFENDANTS 2018CH6

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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-18-03790.

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

IN RE THE ESTATE OF BOB M. MARKS, DECEASED, No. 2019-P-1

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Bob M. Marks, of Union County, Illinois. Letters of Office - Letters Testamentary were issued on January 3, 2019 to Lisa Adams, 1895 Alto Waterworks Road, Cobden, IL 62920, whose attorney is Carl L. Favreau, 322 E. Walnut, Carbondale, Illinois, 62901.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952 or with the representative, or both, on or before August 30, 2019, which date is not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of any claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the representative's attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

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Dated: February 21, 2019

Circuit Clerk of Union County, Illinois

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

UNION COUNTY - JONESBORO, ILLINOIS

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association PLAINTIFF Vs. David Short a/k/a David E. Short; et. al. DEFENDANTS 2018CH6

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

ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK, an Illinois Banking corporation, Plaintiff, vs GREGGORY MOORE, MICHELLE MOORE F/K/A MICHELLE LYERLA, STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TAX LIEN UNIT A/K/A STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,

UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
Case No.: 2019CH4

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Greggory Moore, Michelle Moore f/k/a Michelle Lyerla, State of Illinois Department of Revenue Tax Lien Unit, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, by the said Plaintiff against you and other defendants to foreclose a certain Mortgage covering the following described premises, to-wit:

EXHIBIT A

Lots Number Seven (7) and Eight (8) in Block (11), Village of Alto Pass, Union County, Illinois.

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

Now, therefore, unless you, the said Defendants, Greggory Moore, Michelle Moore f/k/a Michelle Lyerla, State of Illinois Department of Revenue Tax Lien Unit, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, file your answer to the Complaint in the suit, or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, in the County Courthouse in the City of Jonesboro, Illinois, on or before the **21st Day of March, 2019**, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

Tiffany Busby
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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

ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK f/k/a ANNA NATIONAL BANK, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff, v. CHARLES F. MORGAN, JR and ELLEN MORGAN, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
Case No.: 2017-CH-38

NOTICE OF SALE

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EXHIBIT A

LOT NUMBERED 6 IN GATTINGER'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ANNA, SITUATED IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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Tiffany Busby
Circuit Clerk

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

ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK, an Illinois Banking corporation, Plaintiff, vs RICHARD A. ISAACS, DONALD W. DAILEY, JR, MELISSA L. MURPHY, UNKNOWN OWNERS And NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
Case No.: 2019CH3

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Richard A. Isaacs, Donald W. Dailey, Jr, Melissa L. Murphy, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, by the said Plaintiff against you and other defendants to foreclose a certain Mortgage covering the following described premises, to-wit:

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: SITUATED IN AND A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 13, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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

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NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois
SS
County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 28th day of February, 2019, under the Assumed Name of JM Coles Postcards and Novelties with the place of business located at 103 Ussery Street, Anna, Illinois 62906 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the Sole Owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Maria Nunez
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Lance Meisenheimer
Union County Clerk
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY

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

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Korena Free Hileman, Defendant, that this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for Dissolution of Marriage and other relief.

Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Union County, Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois, on or before the 3rd day of April, 2019, at 1 p.m., a Dissolution of Marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for by the Plaintiff.

Tiffany Busby
CIRCUIT CLERK
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Notice Of Public Hearing On Tentative Annual Budget Of the City of Anna

A Public Hearing on the Tentative Annual Budget of the City of Anna shall be held commencing at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday March 19, 2019, in the Chambers of the City Council at the Anna City Hall, 103 Market Street, Anna, Illinois.

After such hearing or any adjournment thereof, the Tentative Budget, as presented or as revised after Public Hearing, shall be passed without any further inspection, notice, or hearing.

The Tentative Annual Budget is available for public inspection on the bulletin board available in the public area in the Anna City Hall, 103 Market Street, Anna, Illinois commencing March 7, 2019.

Dated March 5, 2019

Steve Guined,
Budget Officer
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Television Listings

THURSDAY — MARCH 7, 2019

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball *"Teams TBA"* (Live) (HD)	Seinfeld	NCIS *"Double Back"*	BUNK'D	**"Mummy"**	(5:00) **"Silence"** ('91)	**"Get Shorty"** *Loan shark in L.A.*
:30						Seinfeld		Coop & Cam	Tonight		
7 PM	Grey's Anatomy (HD)	Bang (HD)	Gotham (HD)	Superstore		Seinfeld	NCIS *Parsa's location.*	Raven	**"O.G."** ('18) *Ex-con adjusts.* (HD)	★★★ **"Frantic"** ('88) *Kidnapping in Paris.* (HD)	**"Den of Thieves"** ('18) Gerard Butler. *$30 million heist.* (R)
:30		Young		A.P. Bio		Seinfeld		Raven			
8 PM	(:01) Station 19 (HD)	(:01) Mom	The Orville (HD)	Brooklyn	ESPN Original Documentaries	Bang (HD)	NCIS *"Bulletproof"*	BUNK'D			
:30		Fam (HD)		Will (HD)		Bang (HD)		Bizaard	(:50) 2 Dope Queens		
9 PM	For the People (HD)	S.W.A.T. *"Jack"* (HD)	Local Programs *Local info.*	Law & Order: SVU		Bang (HD)	NCIS *"Dressed to Kill"*	BUNK'D		**"The Snowman"** ('17, Crime) *Snowfall killer.*	
:30						Bang (HD)		BUNK'D	(:50) **"Tomb Raider"** ('18) *Daughter's mission.*		
10 PM	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan	NCIS (HD)	Raven			Desus &
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)		Seinfeld		Raven			Black Mon.
11 PM	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld	NCIS: L. A. (HD)	Stuck Mid.		(:05) Strike Back (HD)	Desus &
:30						Conan		Stuck Mid.	Leaving		America

FRIDAY — MARCH 8, 2019

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA Countdown (HD)	Last O.G.	Family	Raven	The Shop	**"The A-Team"** ('10)	**"Jones"**
:30						Last O.G.	Family	Raven	Tonight		**"Midnight Sun"** *Summer love.*
7 PM	Boat (HD)	MacGyver *Seed vault.*	Man (HD)	Blindspot (HD)	NBA Basketball *Philadelphia vs Houston* (Live) (HD)	**"Wonder Woman"** ('17, Action) *Princess of the Amazons leads battle.*	Family	★★★½ **"Cinderella"** ('15) *Abused lady aided.*	**"Green Zone"** ('10) Matt Damon. *Lies in Iraq.*	**"The Condemned"** ('07) *Killing for freedom.*	
:30	Speechless		Cool Kids				Family				★★½ **"Wildling"** *Girl fears creature.*
8 PM	20/20 *Investigative news.* (HD)	Hawaii Five-0 (HD)	Proven Innocent (HD)	The Blacklist (HD)			Family				
:30							Family				
9 PM		Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs *Local info.*	Dateline NBC (HD)			Family	Coop & Cam	Real Time Maher (HD)	Strike Back (HD)	
:30					NBA Basketball *Denver vs Golden State* (Live) (HD)		Family	Raven			**"I Feel Pretty"** ('18) *Insecurities.*
10 PM	Local	Local		Local		**"The Intern"** ('15, Comedy) *Older intern.* (HD)	Family	Andi Mack	Barry (HD)	Strike	
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)			Family	Raven	Barry (HD)	**"Elektra"** ('05) *Assassin aids girl.*	
11 PM	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night			Family	Stuck Mid.	Real Time Maher (HD)		Billions
:30							Family	Stuck Mid.			Desus &

SATURDAY — MARCH 9, 2019

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball	**"Ocean's 11"**	(5:00) **"San Andreas"** ('15, Action)	BUNK'D	**"Deadpool 2"** ('18)	(:10) Strike Back (HD)	Billions (HD)
:30						Bang (HD)		BUNK'D			
7 PM	NBA (Live)	Ransom (HD)	PBC Fight Night (Live)	Dateline NBC (HD)	College Basketball *"Teams TBA"* (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	**"Speed"** ('94, Action) *A bomber rigs a city bus to explode.*	**"Another Cinderella Story"** ('08)	★★★ **"Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom"** ('18)	**"Barbershop"** *Facing change.*	Shameless *"Lost"* (HD)
:30	NBA Basketball *Boston vs Los Angeles* (Live) (HD)					Bang (HD)					**"Winchester"** *Widow haunted.*
8 PM		To Be Announced		Dateline NBC (HD)		Bang (HD)		Raven		★★½ **"Barbershop 2: Back in Business"** ('04)	
:30						Bang (HD)					
9 PM		48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live (HD)	College Basketball *Oregon vs Washington*	Drop Mic		Raven	(:10) Veep		(:40) ★★½ **"Mary Shelley"** ('18) *Outcasts in love.*
:30						Joker Wild		Coop & Cam			
10 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs *Local info.*	Gordon (HD)	Local		Frontal	Temptation Island	Coop & Cam	**"Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom"** *Saving dinosaurs.*	(:35) Strike Back (HD)	
:30				Sat. Night Live *Sketch comedy.*		Miracle		Andi Mack			
11 PM	Local Programs		Local Programs		SportsCenter (HD)	★★½ **"The Cable Guy"**	NCIS *"Sight Unseen"*	Stuck Mid.		**"Covenant"**	Desus &
:30								Stuck Mid.			

SUNDAY — MARCH 10, 2019

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Home Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	Simpsons	Games (HD)	College Track & Field (T) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Fast Layne	★★★ **"Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom"** ('18)	(4:40) **"Furious"** ('17)	Shameless *"Lost"* (HD)
:30			Burgers			Bang (HD)		Sydney			The Circus
7 PM	American Idol *"203 (Auditions)"* (HD)	God Friended Me	Simpsons	World of Dance *"The Qualifiers 3"* (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Sydney		★★ **"The Snowman"** ('17) *Snowfall killer.* (HD)	SMILF
:30			Burgers			Bang (HD)		Coop & Cam			Shameless *"Found"*
8 PM		Aretha! Celebration *Pay tribute.*	Fam Guy		30 for 30 *"Survive and Advance"* (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	Adnan Syed (HD)		
:30			Fam Guy			Bang (HD)		Raven			
9 PM	(:01) Shark Tank (HD)		Local Programs *Local info.*	Good Girls (HD)		Miracle	Law & Order: SVU	Star Wars	Crashing	★★★ **"The Italian Job"** ('03) (HD)	Black Mon.
:30						Miracle		Fast Layne	High Maint		SMILF
10 PM	Local Programs *Local info.*	Local Programs		Local Programs *Local info.*	SportsCenter (HD)	Miracle	Family	Fast Layne	Oliver		Shameless *"Found"*
:30						Miracle	Family	Sydney	(:40) Adnan Syed (HD)		
11 PM		Local Programs				**"Step Brothers"** ('08)	Family	Raven		**"Bruce Lee: Fist of Fury"** ('72)	Desus &
:30	(:35) Local		Local		Sports		Family	Sydney	High Maint		Black Mon.

MONDAY — MARCH 11, 2019

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Fam Guy	NCIS *Hijacked vessel.*	**"Kim Possible"** *New teammate.*	**"Wonder"**	(5:00) **"Frantic"** ('88)	**"Furlough"**
:30						Fam Guy			Oliver		The Circus
7 PM	The Bachelor *A love journey.* (HD)	Neighbor.	The Passage *"Stay in the Light; Last Lesson"*	The Voice *"The Blind Auditions, Part 5"* (HD)		Fam Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)		**"Deadpool 2"** ('18) *Cyborg from future.* (HD)	Strike	Shameless *"Found"*
:30		Plan (HD)				Fam Guy		Coop & Cam		(:50) **"Mobsters"** ('91) *Allegiances tested.* (HD)	
8 PM		Magnum P.I. (HD)			College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Fam Guy		Raven			SMILF
:30						Fam Guy		Raven			Black Mon.
9 PM	The Good Doctor	Bull *"Jury Duty"* (HD)	Local Programs *Local info.*	The Enemy Within		Dad (HD)		Sydney	Adnan Syed (HD)		Shameless *"Found"*
:30						Dad (HD)		Coop & Cam		(:35) **"Red Sparrow"** ('18, Thriller) *Russian agent.* (R) (HD)	
10 PM	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan	Family	Andi Mack	High Maint		Black Mon.
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)		Seinfeld	Family	Raven	(:45) **"The Wolfman"** ('10, Horror)		SMILF
11 PM	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld	Family	Raven			The Circus
:30						Conan	Family	Sydney			**"Pulp"** (R)

TUESDAY — MARCH 12, 2019

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D	Real Time	(5:05) **"E.T."** ('82) (HD)	(5:30) **"Friends"** ('06)
:30						Bang (HD)		Coop & Cam	Tonight		
7 PM	The Bachelor *"After the Final Rose"* (HD)	NCIS *"Silent Service"*	MasterChef Junior *Lunch & breakfast.* (HD)	Games (HD)		Bang (HD)	WWE SmackDown (HD)	Raven	**"Breaking In"** *Kids held hostage.*	★★ **"George of the Jungle"** ('97)	★★ **"I Feel Pretty"** ('18) *Insecurities.* (HD)
:30						Bang (HD)		Raven			
8 PM		FBI *"Apex"* (HD)		This Is Us (HD)	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)		BUNK'D			
:30						Bang (HD)		Bizaard	Adnan Syed (HD)		
9 PM	Videos After Dark	NCIS: New Orleans	Local Programs *Local info.*	(:01) New Amsterdam		Bang (HD)	Temptation Island	BUNK'D		(:35) **"Out to Sea"** ('97) *Men are dance hosts.*	SMILF
:30						Miracle		BUNK'D	Crashing		Black Mon.
10 PM	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	(:10) **"Rampage"** ('18) *Huge animals attack.*		**"Den of Thieves"** ('18) *$30 million heist.* (HD)
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)		Miracle		Raven		Strike	
11 PM	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	Stuck Mid.		(:15) ★★½ **"Brüno"** ('09)	
:30						Conan		Stuck Mid.			

WEDNESDAY — MARCH 13, 2019

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA Basketball *Detroit Pistons at Miami Heat* (Live) (HD)	Burgers	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D	**"O.G."**	**"The Snowman"** ('17)	★ **"Show Dogs"** ('18)
:30						Burgers		Coop & Cam	Tonight		
7 PM	Goldbergs	Survivor (HD)	Empire (HD)	Chicago Med (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	★★★ **"Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom"** ('18)	★★ **"The Ring Two"** ('05) (HD)	**"How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days"** ('03) (HD)
:30	Schooled					Bang (HD)		Raven			
8 PM	Family	The World's Best	Star *Threaten work.*	Chicago Fire (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D			
:30	Single				NBA Basketball *Golden State vs Houston* (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)		Bizaard			
9 PM	Whiskey Cavalier	SEAL Team (HD)	Local Programs *Local info.*	Chicago P.D. *"Trust"*		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D	High Maint	(:50) **"It"** ('17) *Bullied preteens battle a demonic clown.* (R)	SMILF
:30						Frontal		BUNK'D	Crashing		★★ **"The Back-Up Plan"** ('10) (HD)
10 PM	Local	Local		Local		Conan	Family	Raven	**"Pacific Rim: Uprising"** *A new Kaiju threat*		
:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)		(:35) Tonight (HD)		Frontal	Family	Raven			
11 PM	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld	Family	Stuck Mid.		**"The A-Team"** ('10)	★★½ **"Bad Moms"** ('17)
:30						Conan	Family	Stuck Mid.			

Obituaries

Clyde E. Schluter



Clyde E. Schluter, 88, of Anna, died Saturday, March 2, 2019, at St. Francis Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

He was born in Dongola, the son of Clyde L. and Velma Johnson Schluter.

He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War and was captured when his B-29 bomber was shot down. He was a POW for 10 long months, returning home in September of 1953 to the arms of his loving family.

Not long after that, Clyde met the love of his life, Myrtle Bryan, and they married on Oct. 14, 1954.

Mr. Schluter was a deacon of the Lockard Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. He retired from Ford Motor Company in 1992 after 37 years of service and eventually moved back home to the "rolling hills of Southern Illinois" that he loved so much. He enjoyed fishing, skeet shooting, music and tending to his garden, among other things.

He is survived by his daughters, Jerri Schluter (Mike DaViera) of St. Anne and Nora Behrens (Tom) of Whiting, Ind.; grandchildren Amanda Fielder (Nick) of Whiting, Ind., and Zachary Behrens, also of Whiting, Ind.; a brother, Billy Schluter of Anna; many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Mr. Schluter was preceded in death by his wife, Myrtle Schluter; his parents; sisters Florence McIntosh, Gail McIntosh, Ruth Trampe and Fern McIntosh and an infant daughter, Terri Denise.

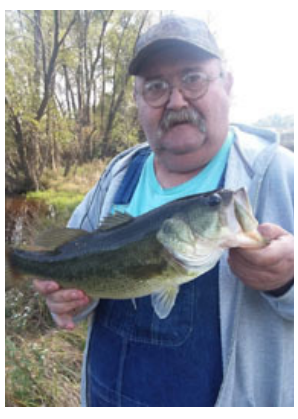
Funeral services for Clyde E. Schluter will be at noon Thursday, today, at Crain Funeral Home in Dongola, with the Rev. Jack Richardson officiating. Interment will follow in the Dongola American Legion Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Veteran's Honor Flight of Marion or to Lockard Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.

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

Crain Funeral Home in Dongola is in charge of arrangements.

Rick Alsip



Rick Alsip, 59, of Dongola, died Saturday, March 2, 2019, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

He was born on April 1, 1959, in Elgin, the son of Albert Lee and Mildred Reynolds Alsip.

He married Pam Maltby on Aug. 17, 1994, in Pine Hills.

Mr. Alsip is survived by his wife, Pam Alsip of Dongola; two sons, Mike (Sarah) Alsip of Anna and Justin Tyler Alsip of Dongola; two stepsons, Adam Smith of Cowden and Robert Smith of Clinton; five grandchildren, Aaleya, Makayelah, Autymn, Alexis and Arison Smith; a brother, Mitchell (Penny) Alsip of Cobden; several nieces and nephews; best friends Sam Vernon (Justin Waid) of Dongola; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant daughter, Cassandra Alsip; a brother, Albert Leon Alsip; a nephew, Christopher Dwayne Alsip; his father-in-law, Steven Maltby; and best friend Bill Shelton.

Mr. Alsip worked 16 years for the Anna Tree Nursery. He enjoyed the outdoors and enjoyed fishing with his family. He was an avid Chicago Cubs baseball and Kansas City Chiefs football fan.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with Pastor Ron White officiating.

Friends can call after 2 p.m. and until the service at 4 p.m. Thursday, today, at the funeral home.

Memorials can be made to Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home.

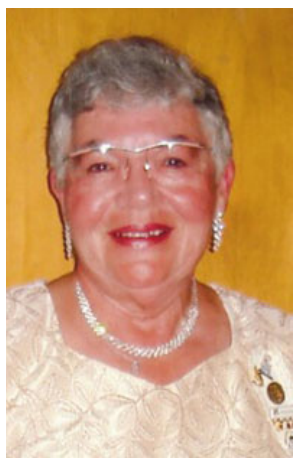
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Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna is in charge of arrangements.

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Patsy Sue 'Pat' Jones



Patsy Sue "Pat" Jones, 84, of Dongola, died Monday, Feb. 25, 2019, at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

She was born on Oct. 20, 1934, in Princeton, Ind., the daughter of Thomas Nathan and Mae Ricketts Pierce.

She married James Forrest Jones on Oct. 22, 1955, in Anna. He preceded her in death on Oct. 2, 2010.

Mrs. Jones is survived by her children, Timothy (Cindy) Jones of Anna, Tamara Sue (Alan) Siuciak of Jacksonville, Fla., and Matthew Alex (Angie) Jones of Dongola; eight grandchildren, Amanda (Rob) Sullivan, Ashley (Jimmy) Matsko, Stephanie (Andy) Prouty, Michael, Jennifer and Robert Siuciak, Alyson (Michael) Lasley and Olivia Jones (Tyler Shreves); eight great-grandchildren, Emma Lasley, Silas Jones, Kaitlyn Marie Sullivan, Hailie Sullivan, Daniel, Riley, Darcy Matsko and Madelyn Prouty; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, James Forrest Jones; a daughter, Pamela Kay Jones; and a son, Franklin Todd Jones.

She was a faithful member of Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna for many years.

She was very active in the Eastern Star. She held memberships with the Anna Eastern Star Chapter No. 522, Zeigler Eastern Star Chapter No. 841 and the White Shrine.

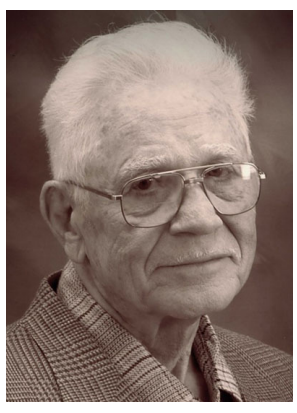
Funeral services were at 1p.m. Monday, March 4, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with Pastor Mark Hasty officiating. Interment was in Friendship Cemetery in Dongola.

Memorials can be made to Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna.

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.

Fred J. Wright



Fred J. Wright, 86, of Anna, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2019, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

He was born on March 30, 1932, in Jonesboro, the son of Fred Roosevelt and Lilly Mae Shepard Wright.

Mr. Wright is survived by his three children, Jacquelyn (Randall) Baldwin, Gwendolyn (Jerry) Fuller, and Danny R. (Rhonda Kay) Wright, all of Granite City; nine grandchildren, Cheryl Seemiller, Melissa Boss, Chris and Tim Baldwin, Tori Sanford, Scott Wright, Joscelyn Tatum, Branden Wright and Danielle Price; 15 great-grandchildren, Zac, Brett, Katelyn, Meredith, Jesse, Xander, Miranda, Samantha, Garrett, Tyson, Jack, Mick, Hailey, Caden and Jacob; a brother, James (Lillian) Wright of Scottsdale, Ariz.; a very dear and special friend, Shirley Downey of Jonesboro; nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Edna Martin; and three brothers, Everett, Carl and Archie Wright.

Mr. Wright worked for 30 years for General Motors in auto assembly until he retired. He dearly loved his family.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Sunday, March 3, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro. Interment was in the 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 Jonesboro was in charge of arrangements.

Donald S. Blakley



Donald S. Blakley, 66, of Cobden, died Friday, March 1, 2019, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

He was born on Oct. 13, 1952, in Springfield, the son of Arthur William and Mildred Lucille Lay Blakley.

Mr. Blakley is survived by his son, Forrest Blakley, and daughter, Mary Blakley, both of Cobden; a brother, Dallas (Sandy) Blakley of Roanoke, Texas; a sister, Sheri (Michael) Voiles of Springfield; many nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and by his step-father, Carl Rubison, who helped raise Donald.

He attended the Southern Range Cowboy Church. He was employed by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and also was a life member. He served in the U.S. Marines Corps during Vietnam.

Funeral services for Donald S. Blakley were at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 6, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden, with Jason Forby officiating.

Military rites were conducted by Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the V.F.W. in Anna. Interment will be in the Rose Lawn Memorial Park in Springfield at a later date.

Memorials can be made to the American Stroke Association.

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.

Annie Hupp



Annie Hupp, 76, of Olmsted, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2019, at her home.

She was born on Nov. 24, 1942, the daughter of Allie Francis Gosling.

She married Donald E. Hupp on April 12, 2011. He preceded her in death on Sept. 11, 2011.

She is survived by her son, Albert (Debbie) Carmack of Lake of the Ozarks; grandchildren Bobby Carmack (Robin Turner), Arica Carmack (Tony Harp), Melissa Carmack, Ralph (Robin) Carmack, Roy Jr. (Nikki) Turner, Ellis and Rocky Turner, Heather and Sheila Carmack, Albert and Donna Cormack; great-grandchildren Seara, and Lucas Carmack, Bryen Harp, Brooke, Mariah, and Brayden Carmack, Christopher Smith, Eeliana, Zariah, Savannah, Kelsi, Kadin, and Keaton Carmack, Logan and Ayden Hallett; and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother; her husband, Donald Hupp; one son, Roy Turner; two daughters, Karla Meeker, and Iretha Carmack; and several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro. Interment was in the Jonesboro Cemetery in Jonesboro.

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.

Betty L. Norton

Betty L. Norton, 90, of Cobden, died Tuesday, March 5, at Union County Long Term Care in Anna.

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

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

Richard D. Reynolds

Richard D. Reynolds, 70, of Jonesboro, died Tuesday, March 5, at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

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

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

Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Our sympathy to Jerry and Deanie Hinkle and family on the death of Jerry's mother, Marjorie Hinkle, on Feb. 21. Her funeral was held Tuesday, Feb. 26, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna.

Kacie and Derek Golliher of McClure visited Tuesday, Feb. 19, with Shirley Miller of McClure.

Those who enjoyed eating at the Golden Corral in Carbondale on Thursday, Feb. 21, were Dolores and Jack Reynolds of Reynoldsville, Joe Walker of Marion, Barbara and Edwin Livesay of Anna and Shirley Miller.

David and Kristy Miller of St. Charles, Mo., and Penny and Kerry Hill of McClure were supper guests of Shirley Miller on Saturday, Feb. 23.

David and Kristy Miller, Shirley Miller, Penny and Kerry Hill and Derek and Kacie Golliher all enjoyed lunch on Sunday, Feb. 24, at a Mexican restaurant in Cape Girardeau. They were celebrating Kacie's birthday, which was in January, and Penny's birthday, which was Feb. 21.

Kevin Eudy visited Sunday, Feb. 24, with Sue and Steve Eudy.

Happy belated birthday wishes to my sister, Linda Koch, of Cape Girardeau, whose birthday was Friday, March 1. Also belated birthday wishes to my sister-in-law, Marjorie Stark of Anna, on Monday, March 4.

Remember to turn your clocks forward one hour on Sunday, March 10, as Daylight Savings Time returns.

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.

"The Preaching Pen"

Wow, I Sure Didn't Mean It That Way!

Have you heard the story about the preacher who was trying to illustrate the destructive effects of alcohol and tobacco? To illustrate, the preacher put a worm in a sealed jar of alcohol and a worm in a sealed jar filled with cigarette smoke. By the end of his sermon, the preacher showed the assembly that both the worm in the alcohol and the worm in the cigarette smoke were dead. Looking at the audience, the preacher then asked, "Would anyone care to tell me what this means?" A young boy replied by saying, "Sure. If you drink and smoke, you won't have worms."

I'm quite sure the young boy's interpretation of what he saw wasn't what the preacher was trying to illustrate! However, this misunderstanding does illustrate the difficulty we often have in communicating. Sometimes, it seems that what we say is taken completely opposite of how we meant it. When this happens with my wife, I usually tell her to think of all the possible ways I could have meant what I said and assume I meant the best!

We need to remember that all of us are human, and therefore prone to saying and doing hurtful things through our own weakness (Rom. 3:23).

The point is this: before you allow yourself to be offended by someone's words, consider all the possible ways they might have meant them, and assume that they didn't mean any harm – give them the benefit of the doubt. If we have the love for one another that we should (I Cor. 13:7), what else can we do? Wouldn't you want to be treated the same way? (Matt. 7:12).

Just think how many arguments and disappointments and hurt feelings could be avoided if we just did this one, simple thing!

R.W. McAlister, Minister
Anna church of Christ

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Icy day at the park

Playground equipment at the Anna City Park in Anna was framed by ice on the windshield of the photographer's car. The photograph was taken early Thursday afternoon, Feb. 28.

Southern Illinois seeks funding for public works projects

By Peter Hancock
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SPRINGFIELD – Local officials from Southern Illinois told state lawmakers Monday, March 4, their highest priorities in a hoped-for public works package are upgrades to college and university campuses and expansion of regional highways.

That expansion would include a proposed Southwest Illinois Connector linking the Carbondale and Murphysboro areas to the eastern edge of the St. Louis metropolitan area.

"I don't think you can separate roads from an institution like (Southern Illinois University)-Carbondale," said Marc Kiehna, a Randolph County commissioner and a leading proponent of the proposed connector highway.

Kiehna was one of several people who spoke during a joint meeting in Edwardsville of two Senate subcommittees that are putting together a proposed multi-billion-dollar public works package, known among lawmakers as a "capital bill."

Illinois last approved a major public works package in 2009, during Democratic Gov. Pat Quinn's administration, and several people told the Senate panel that another is long overdue.

"During the last four years, we had a governor that wasn't helpful to Illinois, did not want to invest in our state and was willing to let our universities, roads and bridges crumble to achieve his political goal," said Charles "Totsie" Bailey, of the Southwest Illinois Building and Trades Council, referring to former Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner.

Officials from the Southern Illinois University system presented a long list of projects, starting with an $83 million plan to refurbish the aging mass communications and media arts building and a $98 million science building on the Carbondale campus.

The university is also hoping for a new education building for its medical school campus in Springfield.

In addition to those projects, however, John Dunn, interim chancellor of the SIU Carbondale campus said the school has a backlog of about $700 million worth of "deferred maintenance" projects.

"Visually, we need cranes on our campus," he said. "Cranes on the campus send a powerful message to the public at-large that we're alive and well, we're working forward and we're creating jobs."

The Southwest Illinois Connector project, meanwhile, is one that local officials in the area have been talking about for years. It calls for expanding a number of highway routes from two lanes to four in Jackson, Monroe, Perry and Randolph counties.

Although no formal cost estimates have been released, Kiehna said the entire project, including engineering, land acquisition and actual construction, would probably be around $400 million.

"I understand that maybe some things have to be built in segments," he told the panel. "I'm not opposed to that if we can see some movement."

As lawmakers listened to the presentations, though, there was little consensus among local officials about how to pay for the projects.

Some officials acknowledged that an increase in motor fuel taxes might be needed to fund highway programs, although some noted that the current motor fuel tax is already higher than in surrounding states.

Monday's meeting in Edwardsville was the second in a series of regional meetings that the Senate committees are holding around the state. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 18, in Decatur.

Anna-Jo Garden Club meeting slated

The Anna-Jo Garden Club plans to meet at noon on March 12 at the United Methodist Church in Anna.

Hosts are scheduled to be Sherry Lence, Dana Griffith, Tom Sadowski and Shari Sweeney.

Jeffrey Klingfull is scheduled to present a program titled "Churning Up a Little Sunshine of Goodness for Your Table."

For the roll call, members will be asked to share what they look forward to in their gardens when there is a hint of spring.

Tom Sadowski is scheduled to present a horticulture tip.

Anyone who is interested in learning more about the garden club is welcome to attend the meeting.

Robinson awarded scholarship

John K. Robinson of Anna is the recipient of a Dean's Transfer Scholarship at Southern Illinois University Carbondale for the fall 2019 semester.

Scholarships are based on academic merit and potential for superior academic achievement in college.

Robinson will graduate with an associate's degree from Shawnee Community College in Ullin in May.

He is the son of LaShonna Loveless of Anna and John R. Robinson of Rosiclare.

Robinson plans to major in marketing at SIU Carbondale.

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:

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Jennifer Brown. Grantee: Billy M. Travis. Tract Section 6 Township 13S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Charles Henry Darnell. Grantee: Beverly Boyd, Beverly Darnell, Beverly Stecher. Name: A.D. Finch's 2nd Add. of Anna, Lot 5.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Beverly Boyd, Beverly Darnell, Beverly Stecher. Grantee: Kathryn L. Meadows. Name: A.D. Finchs 2nd Add. of Anna. Lot 5.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Larry L. Cobb, Rodney T. Cobb. Grantee: Anthony N. Cobb, Cassie B. Cobb, Preston L. Cobb, Trisha J. Cobb. Tract Section 10 Township 12S Range 1E.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Kalli M. Corzine, Mark L. Corzine, Markus Kade Corzine. Grantee: Kalli M. Corzine, Markus Kade Corzine. Tract Section 14 Township 13S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Steven Myers. Grantee: Cheryl DuBois, Robert DuBois. Tract Section 22 Township 11S Range 1E.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: William Vanhoose. Grantee: David Fellows, Larry M. Franklin, Robert C. Goodman, James E. Hillary, Kevin Smith, Harry Stewart Jr., Harlon D. Swearengin. Name: Julia Flynns 1st Add. of Ware. Lots 12, 13. Tripps 1st Add. of Ware. Portion 8.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: William Vanhoose. Grantee: David E. Fellows, Larry M. Franklin, Robert C. Goodman, James E. Hillary, Kevin Smith, Harry Stewart Jr., Harlan Swearengin, Harlon Swearengin. Name: Julia Flynns 1st Add. of Ware. Lot 14.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Gregory D. George, Terri L. George. Grantee: Gregory D. George. Tract Section 30 Township 11S Range 1E.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantee: Beverly Baker, Joshua Baker. Grantee: Robin Norman. Tract Section 16 Township 13S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Douglas J. Dillow, Pamela K. Dillow. Grantee: Relo Director Government Services LLC. Tract Section 25 Township 13S Range 1W.

Traffic Citations

The following people were cited for speeding and were assessed $120 in fines and court costs as recorded at the Union County circuit clerk's office in Jonesboro:

Murlene Boy Causey, West Paducah, Ky. Kenneth Lee Semelsberger, Kimball, Mich. Aleah Renee Scott, Merrillville, Ind. Victor A. Martin, Carbondale. Madison Briann Calhoun, Jonesboro.

Beth A. Jones, Cape Girardeau. Jennifer Ann Weber Williams, Carterville. Mary Jane Crowell, Makanda. Bryce C. Godwin, Jonesboro. Bryan A. Pulliam, Carbondale. Lora A. Traylor, Carbondale.

Phillip D. Cain, Jonesboro. Jeremy A. Pickett, Mounds. Tebrea D. Harris, Cape Girardeau. Jose de Jesus Mancilla Campos, Chicago. Krysten Ann Green, Mounds.

Bartley R. Hall, Salem. Vanessa Lemon Buie, Chicago. Beverly J. Julian, Vienna. Victoria R. Smith, De Soto. Jerald E. Fox, Dongola.

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

Joseph E. Cresto, Anna, improper traffic lane usage, $120. Seth Michael Watson, Anna, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, $140. Jason W. Gearhart, Murphysboro, registration expiration, $120.

Brian Keith French, Alton, Mo., log violation, $120. Irma Zamora Villagomez, Tamms, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, $140.

Madison Briann Calhoun, Jonesboro, electronic communication device, $120. Alexandra Whitney Edwards, Dongola, electronic communication device, $120.

Heather K. Folly, Cobden registration expiration, $120. Mallory E. Everett, McCrory, Ark., seat belt required/driver, $60.

Stephanie Cheryl Allison, Jonesboro, electronic communication device, $120. Maurice E. Taylor, Carterville, seat belt required/driver, $60.

Nolan Ellis Knupp, Jonesboro, seat belt required/driver, $60. Carsten Robert Christy, Anna, seat belt required/passenger, $60.

Renee L. Sauerbrunn, Anna. seat belt required/driver, $60. Robert L. Miller, Cape Girardeau, seat belt required/driver, $60.

Athena M. Palmer, South Holland, speeding, 21-25 mph, $140. Trace Alexander Faire, Jonesboro, seat belt required/driver, $60.

Joseph Samuel Acuff, Anna, electronic communication device, $120. Brandon Jacob Osborne, Marion, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, $140.

Troy G. Raines, Murphysboro, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, $140. Bryce D. Richardson, Mill Creek, seat belt required/driver, $60.

Marriage Licenses

The county clerk's office issued a marriage license to:

James Jason Orange, 43, of Buncombe, and Angela Dawn Daniels, 43, of Buncombe.

Clayton Andrew Outlan, 19, of Anna, and Christine Marie Hankins, 20, of Anna.

Justin Kyle Barker, 20, of Jonesboro, and Emmelie Lauren Hawk, 19, of Jonesboro.

Aaron John David Sellars, 29, of Cobden, and Lacey Rae Cavins, 28, of Cobden.



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State-specific guidelines for use of dicamba in Illinois announced

The Illinois Department of Agriculture, IDOA, on March 1 announced that it will require Special Local Needs labels, including new restrictions, for the use of the herbicide dicamba on soybeans in Illinois for the 2019 growing season.

Dicamba is primarily used on soybeans to control post-emergence broadleaf weeds.

On Feb. 15, IDOA notified the manufacturers of the three dicamba-containing products approved for over-the-top application to dicamba-tolerant, DT, soybeans that additional application restrictions will be required for the 2019 growing season.

The affected formulations of dicamba are Engenia by BASF, XtendiMax with Vapor Grip Technology by Bayer and FeXapan plus Vapor Grip Technology by DuPont/Corteva.

IDOA stated in a news release that the additional restrictions beyond federally approved labels are:

•The implementation of a cutoff date of June 30, 2019, for application to DT soybeans.

•Prohibiting application when the wind is blowing toward adjacent residential areas.

•Required consultation of the FieldWatch sensitive crop registry before application, as well as compliance with all associated record keeping label requirements.

•Maintaining the label-specified downwind buffer between the last treated row and the nearest downfield edge of any Illinois Nature Preserves Commission site.

•A recommendation to apply product when the wind is blowing away from sensitive areas, which include but are not limited to bodies of water and non-residential, uncultivated areas that may harbor sensitive plant species.

The intent of these additional restrictions is to reduce the potential for off-target movement of these products, thereby reducing the potential for possible adverse impacts to dicamba-sensitive crops/areas.

IDOA reported that the decision to pursue state-specific Special Local Needs, SLN, labels was made in response to the record number of misuse complaints the department received during the past two years.

In 2017, IDOA received 430 total complaints, 246 of which were related to the use of dicamba on soybeans.

Those numbers rose to 546 total complaints, including 330 dicamba-related complaints, in calendar year 2018.

Prior to the 2017 introduction of these new formulations of dicamba for use on tolerant soybean varieties, total pesticide misuse complaints averaged 110 per year from 1989 to 2016.

Because of this significant increase in alleged pesticide misuse complaints, IDOA reviewed SLNs currently in place in other soybean-production states and worked with several Illinois stakeholder organizations before making the decision to require state-specific labels for Illinois.

"We now have two years of data showing how dicamba has the potential to drift off target," said IDOA acting director John M. Sullivan.

"It's obvious measures need to be put in place so farmers can continue to effectively use these products, while also protecting surrounding property and crops."

"Illinois Farm Bureau supports the Illinois Department of Agriculture in their administration of pesticide rules that they deem necessary to limit adverse effects to the environment," Illinois Farm Bureau president Richard Guebert Jr. stated.

"Dicamba-based products are useful and necessary tools in the fight against problematic weeds, helping farmers to remain productive and profitable.

"Illinois Farm Bureau will continue to work with IDOA and other partners into the future to find workable solutions for crop protection products."

"The Illinois Corn Growers Association supports on-label use of crop protection products, along with farmer or applicator adherence to any additional label requirements issued by the Illinois Department of Agriculture," Illinois Corn Growers Association president Ted Mottaz said.

"We know that acting director Sullivan takes seriously his obligation to protect the interests of many stakeholder groups, along with the preservation of public trust and transparency.

"We understand how the department came to this conclusion. It will no doubt cause difficulty for some farmers in certain areas and we are sensitive to that issue but encourage full compliance as per the 24(c) labels.

"Co-existence is paramount when it comes to pesticide use," Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association president Jean Payne stated.

"This proactive step demonstrates Illinois agriculture's commitment to stewardship, and IFCA will educate our commercial applicator members regarding these pesticide label changes to ensure the continued legal and judicious use of this soybean production tool."

"Volatilization and drift of pesticides are environmental issues that can impact our natural areas, water, and soil as well as Illinois' growing specialty crop industry," Illinois Environmental Council executive director Jennifer Walling stated.

"I appreciate the efforts by the Illinois Department of Agriculture and industry stakeholders to reduce drift from dicamba.

"These rules are a step forward to address these issues. We are looking forward to working with stakeholders to research and monitor the results of the new labels."

The three product registrants, BASF, Bayer and DuPont/Corteva, have each submitted formal SLN labels for their respective dicamba-containing products to IDOA, which include the additional restrictions noted above.

IDOA has submitted the resulting 24(c) registration packages for each product to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The SLN labels will be distributed in addition to the already federally approved labels with all Engenia, XtendiMax and FeXapan product sold for use in the State of Illinois for the 2019 growing season.

Baggott named to lead University Health Services at UW-Madison



Jacob 'Jake' Baggott

Jacob "Jake" Baggott, an accomplished and nationally respected leader in college health and well-being, has been selected to lead University Health Services, UHS, at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Baggott, one of three finalists for the job, brings to the position more than 30 years of experience in college administration. He is a former resident of Union County.

He currently is assistant vice president for student health and well-being at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where he was hired in 2013 to develop and implement a new comprehensive student health and wellness program.

Baggott is a fellow with the American College Health Association, ACHA. He has served as the president of both the ACHA and the Mid-America College Health Association.

Last year, Baggott received the ACHA's Edward Hitchcock Award for Outstanding Contributions in College Health.

"Jake brings excellent knowledge and experience in college health care from his on-campus work at two other universities and his national leadership in ACHA," says Lori Reesor, vice chancellor for student affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

"His commitment to students, campus public health, and diversity and inclusion will serve UW-Madison well."

Linda Scott, dean of the UW-Madison School of Nursing, served as chair of the 17-member search and screen committee.

UHS is the campus agency that provides UW-Madison students with health care services. As its executive director, Baggott will lead the development of university policies and programs that protect and promote the health of all members of the campus community.

Baggott grew up in Rudolph, Wis., and moved to Southern Illinois as a high school student.

He credits the military for his path to higher education: he served two years of active duty in the U.S. Army, then 19 years in the Signal Corps of the Army National Guard. He is a retired first sergeant.

As a first-generation college student, Baggott earned a bachelor's degree in electronics business management from Southern Illinois University Carbondale. He earned a master's degree in health law and policy from the Southern Illinois University School of Law.

Baggott spent the bulk of his career at SIU, beginning as an undergraduate in the student insurance office and rising to associate director of the student health center and later chief of staff for the chancellor.

His responsibilities at the University of Alabama at Birmingham include oversight of health, counseling, wellness prevention and promotion, campus recreation, disability support services and veteran support services.

During his presentation on campus as a finalist, Baggott said the UHS position is "a tremendous leadership opportunity in arguably one of the best programs in the country."

As demand for student health services escalates at colleges and universities across the country, there is much work to be done, he said.

"There's opportunity to be innovative and think outside the box and do something uniquely Wisconsin that might set standards and raise the bar for the profession as well," he said.

Baggott's appointment is effective May 1. He will report to UW-Madison vice chancellor for student affairs Lori Reesor.

He succeeds Sarah Van Orman, who left in June of 2017 to become the associate vice provost for student affairs and chief student health officer at the University of Southern California.

Arnold Jennerman has been serving as interim executive director and Bill Kinsey as interim chief health officer.



Hunter safety course planned

An Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, hunter safety education course is planned March 15-16 at the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna. The church is located at 315 South St.

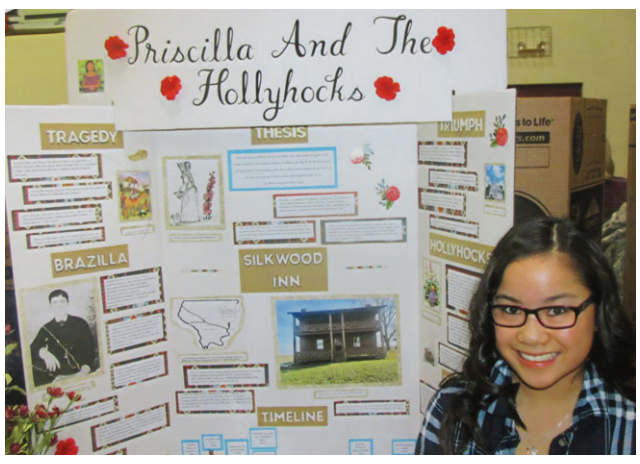
Hours for the course are scheduled from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. March 15 and from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 16. Students must attend both classes.

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.

All students must preregister. For more information about the course, or to preregister, contact coordinating instructor LaRue Parr at 618-697-0286.

History fair held at Cobden School

A history fair was held Tuesday, Feb. 12, at Cobden Junior-Senior High School. Students in the 8th grade class of teacher Ashley Taylor participated in the event. Twelve judges reviewed 33 projects which were entered in the history fair. The event was sponsored by the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society. Cash prizes were awarded. Winners are featured in the accompanying pictures. Photos provided.



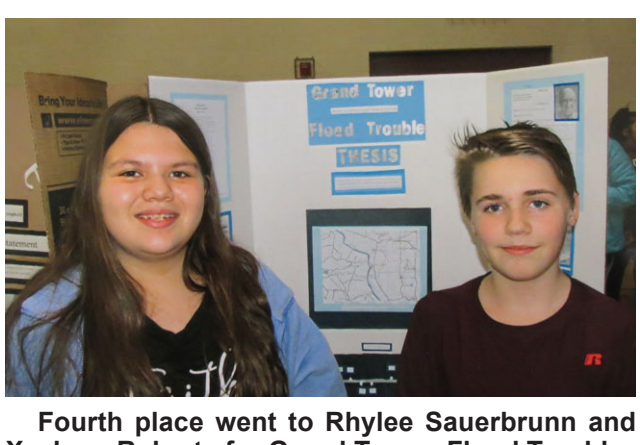
First place was awarded to Priscilla and The Hollyhocks by Leah Goins.



Second place went to Corrupt Illinois Politicians by Kirstin Guardian.



Third place went to Emma Phillippe for The Death of Emmett Till.



Fourth place went to Rhylee Sauerbrunn and Xachary Roberts for Grand Tower: Flood Trouble.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

Congregational songs at Sunday morning's worship service were led by Pastor Randy Wright, Abby Barlow, Harley and Madison Schnaare, and accompanied by Jack and Nina Shepard.

Ushers for the morning worship service were Robert Smith, Jason Elkins, Mark Smith and Terry Wiseman Sr. The offertory was provided by Abby Barlow.

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

The message, "Teachable Under Suffering," was brought by Pastor Wright from Matthew.

The Sunday evening worship service was opened with congregational songs led by Pastor Wright, Abby Barlow, Harley and Madison Schnaare, and accompanied by Jack and Nina Shepard.

Ushers for the evening worship service were Robert Smith, Jason Elkins, Mark Smith and Clayton Ramage. The offertory was provided by Jack and Nina Shepard.

The message, "Redemption is Drawing Near," was brought by Pastor Wright from Luke.

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.

A missionary service, which will be a chili cookoff, is planned March 17.

A preaching ambassador and two music ambassadors from Olivet Nazarene University are scheduled to be at the church on March 24.

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

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.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

Pastor Perry Williams brought the messages on Sunday, March 3.

Dee Rose led the worship. Special music was presented by Molly Williams.

A school ministry meeting is planned at 9 a.m. Thursday, today.

A River to River Sunday School class is planned at 9:45 a.m. Thursday, today.

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

Birthdays: Jim Ralls, Doris Rhodes, March 7.

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.

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 and prayer meeting is planned at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

News from

First Baptist Church, Anna

In the morning service on Sunday, March 3, the sermon shared by the church's new senior pastor, Nick DiMauro, was titled "The Two Lost Brothers," with scripture from Luke.

Don Kelly was the guest music leader.

The church welcomes the new senior pastor, Nick DiMauro, and his wife, Coco.

Bruce Henderson has retired as church custodian after nine years of faithful service and hard work. The church voices appreciation to Bruce.

Jim Jerolds is the church's new custodian.

The next free Soup and Service meal is planned from 4:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. on Monday, March 11, in the fellowship hall. Doors open at 4 p.m.

The menu will include potato soup, toasted cheese sandwiches, sugar cookies, sherbet, coffee, tea and lemonade. All are welcome.

District accepts orders for fish

The Union County Soil and Water Conservation District is accepting fish orders for stocking ponds until April 8.

The delivery of fish is planned on April 13.

Game species, fat head minnows and grass carp are available.

For more information about the sale, contact John Wingate at the USDA office in Anna, phone 833-5666, extension 101.

News from

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

Sunday was the last day of Epiphany, the transfiguration of the Lord.

The Lenten season began on Wednesday, March 6, with an Ash Wednesday service at Mt. Moriah for both parishes (Mt. Moriah and Salem in Jonesboro).

Sunday's children's sermon and the main sermon were about how to recognize Jesus' love.

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

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

The Hands of Faith plan to meet March 12 at 9 a.m. Along with making quilts for Lutheran World Relief, they have new projects.

The next Lenten service is planned March 13 at Salem, with a meal prior to the service.

The church is gathering items for Easter baskets that will be donated to LSSI for foster children. Donations of books, small toys and treats are welcomed. They are to be brought to church by April 1.

Lenten season fish fries set at St. Mary

Fish fries are planned on Fridays during the season of Lent at St. Mary Church in Anna.

Fish fries are scheduled March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5 and 12.

Serving is planned from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. each Friday in the church's parish hall at 402 Freeman St.

The menu will include fish, shrimp, cole slaw, french fries or baked potato, baked beans, mac and cheese, dessert and a beverage.

Prices are $11 for adults ($10 with a can of food) and $5 for children ages 4 to 12. Children ages 4 and under are free. Carry outs will be available.

Complimentary dinners will be served to all active duty service men and women.

River-to-River Trail Society plans two hikes

The River-to-River Trail Society plans to offer two hikes on Saturday, March 9, in the Southern Illinois area.

Both of the hikes are free and open to the public.

Cedar Creek Hike

Hike number one is scheduled to meet at the New Simpson-Tunnel Hill School on Route 45, between Ozark and Vienna, at 10 a.m.

The hike will follow Cedar Creek past four waterfalls: Indian Falls, Little Falls, an unnamed double waterfall and Cedar Falls, also known as Ondessonk Falls.

Part of the hike will cross private property, with the permission of the landowner.

This is a hike of moderate difficulty, about 4 1/3 miles long, and is intended for hikers in good physical condition who have done some hiking.

Boots or sturdy shoes and hiking sticks are strongly recommended. Hikers are advised to bring their own water and a snack. The trail society asks that there be no dogs.

Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge Hike

Hike number two is scheduled at 1 p.m. on March 9 at Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge.

The trail society noted that it will not be possible to take part in both hikes.

The trail society noted that because space is limited, hikers for the Crab Orchard hike must register in advance by calling 630-470-7692.

This hike will visit five cemeteries in the closed section of the refuge: Hess-Cole Cemetery, Grassy Creek Cemetery, Ogden-Wiley Cemetery, Craig Cemetery and Hampton Cemetery.

Transportation between the cemeteries will be by vehicle, but four must be reached on foot by walking over rough ground. Boots or sturdy shoes are recommended.

Hikers are advised to bring their own water and a snack, and to not bring dogs.

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Daily Bible Reading

Psalm	Psalm	Psalm	Psalm	Psalm	Psalm	Psalm
27	30	31	32	35	38	39

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Forecasters see modest economic growth, but warning signs ahead

By Peter Hancock
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SPRINGFIELD – The state of Illinois can expect to see moderate economic growth in the upcoming fiscal year that will lead to higher tax receipts for the state.

But there are warning signs on the national horizon that could signal an economic downturn in 2021.

That was the message Thursday, Feb. 28, from Marty Johnson, the acting chief economist at the Illinois Department of Revenue, who briefed Illinois House committee members on what they can expect to see in state revenues over the next 16 months.

"We just finished up a banner year for the national economy," Johnson said. "In 2018, (economic) output was expanding at the fastest pace since 2005. Unemployment was at a 49-year low. Consumer spending was robust."

And while Illinois has lagged behind the nation in a number of categories, Johnson said the state has experienced growth, particularly in personal income and in some employment sectors such as manufacturing and construction.

Those trends are expected to continue into the 2019-2020 budget year, which begins July 1, with overall tax receipts growing about 4.3 percent, to $33.5 billion.

And that will give lawmakers a little extra breathing room when they start cobbling together next year's budget.

The bulk of that growth is expected to come from what state officials call "the big three" sources of revenue: individual and corporate income taxes, and sales taxes.

Individual income taxes are expected to grow about 3.3 percent, to $18.8 billion. Johnson said that's mainly due to wage and salary growth, which is driven by a relatively low unemployment rate.

Only a small amount of that will come from the state's new, higher minimum wage, which takes effect Jan. 1, 2020, midway through the fiscal year.

Personal income growth is also expected to drive up sales tax receipts, which are expected to grow by 3.7 percent, to just over $8.5 billion.

State corporate income taxes, meanwhile, have not been affected by recent changes in federal tax law as much as forecasters had expected, Johnson said.

As a result, those receipts are expected to grow nearly 6 percent, to $2.3 billion, the result of what forecasters believe will be higher corporate earnings in the coming fiscal year.

All of that is the result of a continuing national economic expansion, which Johnson said is nearly the longest on record.

But she said there is also reason to believe that expansion might not continue for long.

"This particular expansion has been one of the most anemic that we've witnessed in this country since we have had economic recessions," she said.

Among other things, she said, the federal tax cuts that went into effect in 2018 gave a short-term boost to the national economy.

But she said that stimulus effect is expected to dissipate in the upcoming year.

"The fading fiscal stimulus combined with increasing market volatility will limit growth in 2020 and the out-years," Johnson said.

Rep. Steven Reick, a Woodstock Republican, responded saying a downturn in the national economy would be bad news for Illinois.

"We all know that when the United States gets a cold, Illinois gets pneumonia," he said.

But Revenue Department director David Harris, a former legislator, said there have been many trends in the current economic recovery that don't fit normal patterns, like the fact that wages have not grown as much as the historically low unemployment rate would suggest.

As a result, he said he is not sure economists should rely on traditional indicators of future economic trends.

"I'm not sure a lot of folks know what normal is anymore," Harris said. "There are so many topsy-turvy markers that don't seem to apply."



Soup, chili supper, dessert auction planned at St. Anne's Church, Anna

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

The supper and auction will help to support the upkeep of St. Anne's. Donations of desserts for the auction are welcome; however, it is asked that no cream desserts be brought.

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

Parking is half a block from the church, behind Stinson Memorial Library. The event is being hosted by the PAST organization of Union County, which invites the community to come for a bowl of hot soup or chili, the fellowship and an opportunity to bid on desserts. File photo.

Frogs, field biology, painting programs set at Giant City

Frogs, the life of a field biologist and watercolor painting will be the topics of upcoming events which are scheduled at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

"Storytime in the Park": Frogs will be the topic of a story time program which is planned from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 9, at the visitors center at the park.

The free program will be presented by Master Naturalist Lorie Allen. She will read interactive stories about frogs.

After the story, children will have an opportunity to make a craft with a nature theme.

The event is open to all, but is geared toward children ages 3 to 8. Registration is not required.

"A Day in the Life of a Field Biologist": The program is scheduled from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 10, at the visitors center.

Botanist Chris Benda is scheduled to present a program about the challenges and rewards of working outside in nature for a living.

Watercolor Painting: A beginning watercolor painting with spring wildflowers program is planned from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 16, at the visitors center.

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

The program is free; however, registration is required.

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

'Resilience' screening set

"Resilience: The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope" is a one-hour documentary that chronicles the birth of a new movement among pediatricians, therapists, educators and communities who are using brain science to disrupt cycles of violence, addiction and disease.

A free screening of "Resilience" is set for 6 p.m. Thursday, today, at Heartland Regional Medical Center at 333 W. DeYoung St. in Marion.

The event is being presented by Prevent Child Abuse Illinois in cooperation with Heartland Regional Medical Center.

The film screening is scheduled to be followed by a panel discussion with area educators, officials and providers who are part of a national discussion to prevent childhood trauma, treat toxic stress and improve the health of future generations.

For more information, contact prevention specialist Brittney Hale at 618-993-7122 or bhale@pacillinois.org.

SIU announces dates for 2019 Family Weekend, homecoming

Southern Illinois University Carbondale has announced the 2019 Saluki Family Weekend and homecoming dates.

Saluki Family Weekend is planned Sept. 13-15. The Saluki football team will be taking on the Skyhawks from the University of Tennessee at Martin on Sept. 14.

Numerous other special family-oriented activities are in the works throughout the weekend.

Details will be posted online at familyweekend.siu.edu .

SIU's 2019 homecoming celebration is planned Oct. 13-19, as SIU celebrates its 150th anniversary.

The university is commemorating its birth as a small teacher's college and growth to become an internationally known research institution with scores of special activities throughout the year.

The celebration will ramp up for homecoming as alumni return to campus.

Gridiron action sees the Salukis facing the Youngstown State Penguins on Oct. 19.

Special events are planned all week, including the homecoming parade, court selection, a big block party, tailgating and more.

Details will be posted online at homecoming.siu.edu.

Soil, water conservation district notes process for cost share funding

The Union County Soil and Water Conservation Distric is planning to administer an application process in which all stakeholders in Union County will have an opportunity to formally apply for cost share funding of approved conservation projects.

The soil and water conservation district, SWCD, released the following details about the program:

Applications will be solicited and accepted from all stakeholders without bias, following all applicable state and federal nondiscrimination guidelines.

Landowners will be ranked for funding by the SWCD's ranking process.

When monies are available, applicants will be asked to sign contracts to do the conservation work by ranking order and based on their readiness to start and complete the project within the funding period.

Sign-up will be taken continuously with allocation of monies made when funds are received for each category of projects.

Conservation projects will be funded through the PFC funding program of IDOA.

The practices funded are listed on the average cost list for conservation practices and percentage of cost share amount.

In all cases, applications will be objectively evaluated based upon current scientific information, to optimize long term natural resources benefits for the watershed.

Projects should avoid disturbance to existing natural communities.

If disturbance is required, it should be short term and justified by providing additional resource benefits.

All practices will be evaluated with EcoCat information and Cultural Resource Reviews will be done through NRCS.

All practices approved will follow NRCS job sheets for determining standards and specifications.

Illinois Department of Agriculture funds can be used with other federal incentives programs to provide landowners with cost share funds on the same project, but not on the same practice, unless prior approval is granted.

Landowners must sign up in both programs and be approved by both.

The state cost share funds paid out must be under $21/ton of soil saved over the life of the practice ratio.

Only Approved IDOA FY19 practices will be used.

The Union SWCD will fund 5 acres of pollinator habitat to help with the Illinois monarch initiative with the funds in this grant.

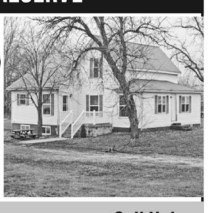
A maximum payment of $2,500 per landowner will be used to help fund more projects.

The cost share payment ratio will 65 percent IDOA funds to 35 percent landowner funds.

All cost share participants must sign contracts for work being done, sign landowner-contractor meeting certification sheet.

Bills must be turned in within 30 days of completion of project, with seed tags of seed used in the project.

Participants must also sign on the contract verifying the project is completed.

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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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

New Orleans Trip

Melinda Miller enjoyed visiting with Darcie and Jessica Hancock and Pamela Jones. They all went to the Mardi Gras parade.

Arizona Trip

Lillian Milam visited for two weeks in Payson, Ariz., visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Curt and Marla Milam, grandson Logan and granddaughter Ramsey Paughlu and great-grandson Leland in Punkin Center, Ariz.

Lillian left here to get out of the snow and it snowed 31 inches while she was out there. She said there was no wind and the snow was laying on the branches of the trees, looked like cotton and was so pretty.

Lillian had a great time. One funny thing happened on the way Phoenix, people in pickup trucks were putting snow in the back and taking it to Phoenix, either to sell or give away.

Guests

Jan Casillas and her daughter Jamie Richardson of Collinsville visited with Betty Eagle.

Jan and Betty have been friends for 57 years. They all enjoyed lunch and visiting with one another.

Trip

Betty Eagle and Sharon Goines of Paducah went to West Frankfort to the Outlet Mall shopping then had lunch at Bonnie Café. They also went to the Carbondale mall. They enjoyed the day as it was nice out for a change.

Birthday Celebration

Feb. 29, Lelia Spurlock's birthday, Roger took her to Outback in Cape Girardeau for steak and the blooming onion.

Visitors

Recent visitors of Lovella Graig and family were her daughter and son-in-law Monica and Tod Trimble from Missoula, Mont.

Joining the Graigs for the weekend were Monica's MacMurray College friends, Adrienne Travis-Zimmet from Austin, Texas and Betina Johnson from Indian Head Park.

On Saturday, Marcy Morris took the visitors on a tour of the Long Shadow Landscaping Factory in Pomona.

On Monday, Monica traveled to Chicago with her friends to do some social work before returning to Montana.

Northern Illinois Trip

Janice Lewellyn left on Amtrak to Chicago taking Metro to Elgin, where she was met by her son Ron Alford and very good friend Lynn Lawson, who Janice had come to help celebrate her 65th birthday.

Ron took Janice to his home to South Elgin, where they gathered with family.

Later Ron and his wife Ingrid took Janice to Portillos, her favorite Italian place.

One of Janice's twin grandsons, Nick, and wife Angela and 3 sons joined them. Janice was sorry the other grandson Ryan and Amanda were unable to be there.

Ron and Ingrid later took Janice to St. Charles, where Janice spent the night with her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Darrell and Edie Lewellyn, favorite people.

On Saturday, the Lewellyn's took Janice to West Dundee to Lynn Lawson's for her special celebration.

Lynn invited friends who inspired her during her 65 years of life.

One friend Marie Robinson was a ventriloquist with her puppet Henrietta, this is her ministry. Marie is Pastor Dave Robinson's wife, who has written several books.

Janice was so intrigued with Henrietta she wished she could bring her back to Anna to introduce Henrietta to her senior friends.

Sunday very early her grandson, Sean Lewellyn, delivered Janice to the train station to go back to Anna via Chicago. A very fast weekend of blessings and love.



Students from A-JCHS performed with the 2019 River to River Conference band at SIU's Shryock Auditorium. In the first row are Donald Rodgers, Caroline Hansen and Holly McAlister. In the second row are Ethan Palmer, Megan Tehandon, Zach Dudley, Abigail Barlow and Tyler Sutton.

Birthday Celebration

Nancy Ragain celebrated with her friend Anna Jeffords on Anna's birthday. They had a blessed day going to see Madea's movie, ate at Cracker Barrel and then went shopping at Michael's.

Birthday

John Parks and his grandmother Irma Frick share the same birthday.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Special music was "I'll Fly Away" by the youth puppet ministry.

Rev. Richard Sullins' sermon was The Transfiguration with Scripture from Luke. Holy Communion was taken.

Nancy Hooks told everyone Sunday was National Anthem Day. Everyone stood and sang The Star Spangled Banner.

An Ash Wednesday service was scheduled for 7 p.m. on March 6.

Shop with a Cop and Fireman

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

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

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

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

New Store

Congratulations to Jonathan and Regina Beachy on their new store Farmstead Market located on Highway 146 across from the Strike Zone, the Anna bowling alley.

Many were shopping their first day open last Friday. They will be open Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Soup and Chili Supper and Dessert Auction

March 15, 5:30 p.m. at St. Anne's Church. Cost $5. Donations of desserts for the auction are welcome. Proceeds go toward maintenance and utility bills at St. Anne's.

Parking half a block



At a shop in Anna, Stephen Burns of St. Louis bought this photo. Stephen is hoping that a reader can identify the persons and farm scene in the picture.



Edna and Jim Goddard are shown with a model of Potato Barn Gerald Myers built them. Edna and Jim are still very active helping with the Sunshine Inn, which meets at Goddard's Barn and Grill.

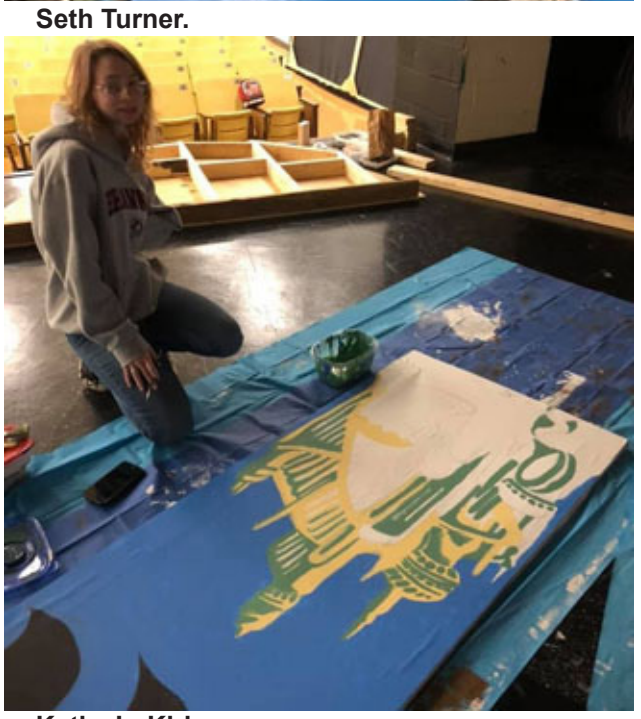


Virginia Housman with her son Pete Housman and daughter Kathy Wood of Carterville and great-granddaughter Lizzie Hall From Wes Frankfort. Kathy and Lizzie came to join their mother and brother in the World Day of Prayer/Women of Faith at the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

"Disney's Little Mermaid": Members of the cast and crew are working to present "Disney's The Little Mermaid" at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. Performances are scheduled for March 29-31 at the Union County school.



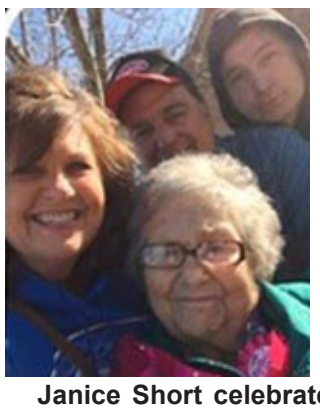
Seth Turner.



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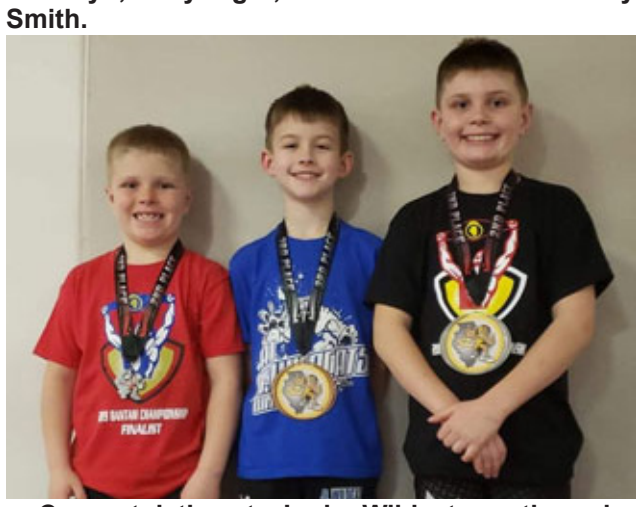




Janice Short celebrated her birthday with her family Feb. 25.



The Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies met at Anna Pizza Hut in February. Birthday ladies honored for their February birthdays were, from left, Janice Lewellyn, Mary Light, Brenda Lovelace and Judy Smith.



Congratulations to Junior Wildcat wrestlers who competed at the 2019 Bantam Championship in Bolingbrook: Titan Henderson, Bantan 84, second place; Jase Holshouser, 8U Elite 62, third place; Rage Henderson, 8U Elite 89, second place.



Congratulations to Jonathan and Regina Beachy on their new store in Anna, Farmstead Market, which is located on Highway 146 across from the Anna bowling alley, the Strike Zone.

away, behind Stinson Library in the First Baptist Church parking lot.

Trip to Ullin

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

Scams

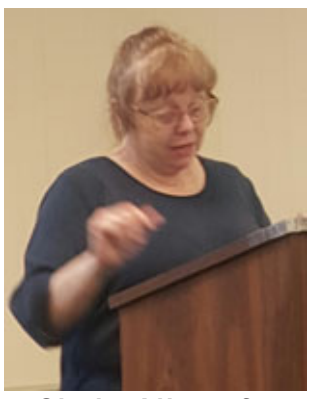
If you get a phone call from someone saying they are from Social Security, the government or an email from the phone company trying to scare you or make you think you are going to be cut off from your benefits or your emails are going to be put on hold.

Write the phone number down, take the email address and report it to the Social Security office or the sheriff's department, and report emails to Frontier. Frontier email will always have the word support or no reply in the email.

My email got really messed up and I clicked on something I shouldn't have. Then I had to reset my password. When I did I couldn't get on my Facebook page because I had forgotten that password.

The moral to the story, don't forget your password or email address you used for Facebook. Facebook created me a new Facebook page and wouldn't let me on the Facebook page I always use from my computer. I could get on it from my cell phone.

Finally after a couple weeks I found my email address and password for Facebook and my sweet daughter Bessie Mae got me back on my Facebook page I always use and deleted the other one. What a nightmare.



Cindy Allen from First Evangelical Presbyterian Church spoke at World Day of Prayer/Women of Faith prayer luncheon.

Union County Alliance of Churches

Union County Alliance of Churches sponsored a World Day of Prayer/Women of Faith prayer luncheon at First Evangelical Presbyterian Church's Main Street Center.

Pete Housman and Rev. Richard Sullins helped in the kitchen. Cindy Allen helped and printed the programs.

Carla Anderson played the piano while the ladies gathered and for the United Methodist Church women's choir to sing " Listen to Your Children Praying."

Gathering prayer and scripture reading were Psalm 100 and scripture was from Luke, read by Maryanne Fischler.

Prayers were prayed for our community and for the communities of the world were by Sarah Hench, Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, ELCA.

Prayer for the children of the world was by Dr. Sue Spellman, First Christian Church of Anna.

Prayer for those in distress was by Judy Neal, First Baptist Church of Cobden.

Prayers for those who are the caregivers were by Holly Wohlwend, St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Prayers for continued blessings of our home and for all the earth were by Martha Ann Webb, United Methodist Church Anna.



Roger and Lelia Spurlock's great-grandson Ethan Lipe was baptized by the Rev. Gerald Holmes on Feb. 24 at Union Hill Church near Carbondale. Matt and Brittney Lipe, his parents, Mason his older brother, Tammy, Harry, Tammy, Jamie, his grandparents, Josh his uncle and great-grandparents June, and Roger and Lelia enjoyed witnessing his promise and obedience to God. Lelia always enjoys visiting the church because she went there growing up and raised her family in the church.



Pete Housman helped to set the table for the Union County Alliance of Churches World Day of Prayer luncheon held at First Evangelical Presbyterian Church Main Street Center. Carla Anderson played the piano.



The youth puppet ministry sang "I'll Fly Away" at United Methodist Church Anna.

The program was by Linda Clutts, "In Faith We Plant Our Seeds."

Carla Anderson led in singing the Doxology. Closing was by Cindy Allen. Dismissal: Go in Peace Serve the Lord.

The dinner was the same dinner served around the world on this special day of prayer.

Bald Knob Cross of Peace

Board members for 2019 are Danny Cash, Marion, chairperson, Diane Meyerhoff, Sparta, vice-chair, Steve McKeown, Herrin, treasurer, Dee Blakely, Anna, secretary, William Minor, Jackson, Mo., Kyle Loyd, Vienna, John Reeder, Murphysboro.

Kornthal Church

A dedication service will be March 21 at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

AARP Chapter No. 504

Jackson County met at the senior center in Carbondale, 409 N Springer.

A potluck dinner was enjoyed with a short business meeting.

There was a program given by Rebecca Fletcher on "Heartland Women Healthcare."

National AARP members and interested community members are encouraged to attend the meetings.

Chapter No. 504, Jackson County, meets monthly, at 6 p.m. every fourth Monday each month. Linda Clutts is the president.

Anna VFW

Sympathy to the family of Ernest Elder. A memorial service was held at the post last Sunday in memory of him.

Thursday, March 7, the Auxiliary will have its monthly meeting beginning at 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 9, the Turkey Federation will have their annual dinner at the post.

Women's Club

The GFWC Illinois Anna Jonesboro Women's Club meets on the first Monday of the month. The March meeting was scheduled to be at Sunshine Inn.

They are always looking for new members if you would like to come join them.

The group supports our community in many ways: Donations to Safe Celebration, CEO class, Shop with a Cop and Fireman, school classes and others.

Civil War Weekend

A three DVD set has been produced by The Gathering Place to capture all of the historic presentations that were delivered that weekend and is being sold for just $10 with proceeds supporting next year's Civil War Weekend event.

Stop by and get your copy at 313 S. Main St. Anna. Watch and Listen to the history-filled presentations about Union County in the Civil War.

Ulysses S. Grant in Camp Following the Battle of Shiloh (Dan Haughey, Illinois Road Scholar).

President Abraham Lincoln: His General Remarks Concerning Politics and the War of the Rebellion (George Buss, Sharing Lincoln's Legacy).

The United States Sanitary Commission (Barbara Boyd Bauer).

On the Altar of Their Country: The Children and Grandchildren of Conrad Sitter in the War of the Rebellion (Glen Bishop).

They Trained in Union County: Discovering Civil War Training Camps in Anna and Jonesboro, Illinois (Dr. Susan A. Whitemountain).

Civil War Ghost Stories from Union County (Dr. Norma Lee Hackney, Bonni Littleton and R.L. Pete Housman).



The United Methodist Church women's choir sang at the World Day of Prayer luncheon: Kathie Watkins, Chris Foster, Teri Goldsberry, Nancy Hooks, Barbara House, Marilyn Sullins and Elizabeth Corbit.



Jan Casillas of Collinsville with Betty Eagle: Jan and Betty have been friends for 57 years.



Linda Clutts was guest speaker at the World Day of Prayer/ Women of Faith prayer luncheon last Friday. Her topic was "In Faith We Plant Our Seeds."



Barbara Bauer spoke on the United States Sanitary Commission at the recent Civil War Days held at the Anna Arts Center. If you would like a copy of the weekend on a three DVD set stop by the Gathering Place in Anna.

Friends of the Theater

The A-JCHS Musical "Disney's The Little Mermaid" will be March 29-31.

Donations are needed for the musical; if anyone would like to make a donation they can contact Brad Stamp at school.

The fund raisers will be at Jus 10's March 8, McDonald's pancake supper, TBA , Cardinals game tickets raffle.

Tickets for the musical: Adult tickets $10. Children tickets $7. Tickets will be available in the superintendent's office March 18 until the show. You may also purchase tickets the day of the show.

Please put on your calendar and attend the performance. The students work very hard to make each year the best.

A special thanks to all the sponsors. If you would like to be a sponsor and have your name and business listed in the playbill here are the prices $25 Sebastian's Orchestra, $50 Prince Eric's Shipmates, $100 King Triton's Court. Please made checks payable to Friends of the Theater. Please mail checks to Anna-Jonesboro National Bank attention: Sarah Clinton, 201 S. Main St., Anna, Ill. 62906.

Friends of the Theatre Board members are Kathy Capel, Brad Stamp, Steven and Jackie Beatty, Jennifer Cleghorn, Amy Casper, Sarah Clinton, Bessie Mae Ellis, John and Stacy Earnhardt.

The students and staff practice many long hours for the musical. It is open to the public so please put on your calendars and attend to help support them.

Anna Eastern Star 522

Will meet Thursday, March 21, 6:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge in the Anna park across from the swimming pool. They hope all members will attend the meetings.

Their February meeting supper was an Italian meal and dessert.

Brenda Allen and Jim Hinkle went from the west to the east to be Worthy Matron and Patron for the evening.

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.

'This is what really happened...

...some thoughts about newspapers
from the Oregon Digital Newspaper program website

"This is what really happened, reported by a free press to a free people. It is the raw material of history; it is the story of our own times." Henry Steel Commager

"Newspapers cannot be defined by the second word—paper. They've got to be defined by the first word—news." Arthur Sulzberg, Jr.

"A good newspaper is a nation talking to itself." Arthur Miller

"The newspaper is a greater treasure to the people than uncounted millions of gold." Henry Ward Beecher

"Were it left to me to decide if we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter." Thomas Jefferson

"Most of us probably feel we couldn't be free without newspapers, and that is the real reason we want newspapers to be free." Edward R. Murrow

"People don't actually read newspapers. They step into them every morning like a hot bath." Marshall McLuhan

"Every time a newspaper dies, even a bad one, the country moves a little closer to authoritarianism…" Richard Kluger

"I'd love to rise from the grave every ten years or so and go buy a few newspapers." Luis Bunuel

"All I know is what I read in the papers." Will Rogers

Opinion and Commentary

Help available for those with a gambling disorder

The Illinois Department of Human Services, IDHS, has launched a statewide website to provide access to treatment and recovery for those impacted by gambling disorder.

The website, WeKnowtheFeeling.org, will accompany 1-800-GAMBLER and provide another outlet for individuals experiencing gambling disorder and their families 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Individuals can also text ILGAMB to 53342 to find treatment options.

Support specialists who operate the helpline and website are trained in evidence-based approaches to help connect callers and web users with treatment and recovery support services.

The gaming industry is expanding and evolving at unprecedented rates. The global online gambling market alone is forecasted to grow to more than $59 billion by 2020.

A recent National Survey of Problem Gambling Services reported that more than 2 percent of adults in Illinois may have a problem with gambling. Treatment needs vary with each individual, but often stigma and shame prevent individuals with gambling disorder from asking for help.

"This website will provide another way for Illinoisans struggling with gambling disorder to access resources, treatment options and the support they need," said Deputy Gov. Sol Flores. "We receive thousands of calls to the 24-Hour hotline each month and we hope to see a large number of people utilize our website the same way. Our focus is providing support and treatment to individuals so they can get back on the right track and out of financial hardship."

The website helps individuals with gambling disorder find the best treatment options available. Individuals can take a quiz to help determine if they have a gambling problem, click to chat with a live specialist for advice about responsible gambling and get connected to local treatment providers.

The news of the website launch comes during Problem Gambling Awareness Month, which is held annually to help individuals have the conversation about problem gambling and to raise awareness for the services that are available. IDHS gambling treatment programs also participate in this National Council on Problem Gambling campaign.

"It is important for people struggling with problem gambling to know that they are not alone," IDHS Assistant Secretary of Programs Dr. Maria Bruni said. "The website not only serves as an important tool to connect individuals with gambling disorder to treatment, but it also provides a place for people to share their stories of hope and recovery."

The gambling website is funded by the State of Illinois. IDHS Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery partnered with Morneau Shepell, a human resources consulting and technology company that provides clinically driven, award-winning and customizable solutions in responsible gambling, to launch WeKnowtheFeeling.org.

If you or someone you know has a gambling disorder, call the state's hotline at 1-800-GAMBLER, text ILGAMB to 53342 or visit WeKnowtheFeeling.org.

A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, March 6, 1969

Four fires occurred in Union County during the past week.

Three automobiles were involved in three different accidents on the same stretch of icy highway on Route 127 early Saturday morning.

Union County Girl Scouts will observe Girl Scout Week, March 9 to 15.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce and their guests heard Loren Eddleman, superintendent of the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, tell of the proposed building program for the high school at their quarterly meeting held Monday night at the Whitehouse Coffee Shop.

The committee for the Laymen's Breakfast met to make final plans for the program for the Breakfast to be held at the American Legion Community Center in Anna Monday, March 31. Robert Rich is program chairman.

A Community Good Friday service with all churches in Cobden participating will be held Friday, April 4, from 1:00 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Cobden.

The students of Davie School will present their spring music program at Davie School on Thursday, March 6th, at 7:30 p.m. All grades will participate in the program.

Lot-O-Savings, a new discount store located on South Main Street in Anna, is in its second week of celebrating its Grand Opening.

Political letters to the editor

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

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

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

The deadline to submit a paid election letter, and payment for the letter, is noon on the Thursday prior to publication of the letter.

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

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner



Saturday afternoon...fallen brown leaves of autumn surrounded some yellow daffodils which were in bloom last Saturday afternoon in Cobden...



...by Sunday afternoon, barely 24 hours later, fallen flakes of snow surrounded the daffodils...

An open letter to Old Man Winter...

March 4, 2018

Mr. Old Man Winter
North Pole
Alaska, USA 00000

Dear Mr. Winter,

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. Let me begin by asking: Do you have a calendar in front of you? Did you know that it is March in Southern Illinois?

I ask these questions because when I was motoring to The Paragraph Factory early Monday morning, I happened to see an electronic sign at a financial institution in Anna which advised me that the temperature was 11 degrees.

Yup, Mr. Winter, 11 degrees. On the fourth day of March. That, sir, is just...not...right.

Mr. Winter, I'm not sure what spring is like at the North Pole. From what I understand, things are generally getting a little warmer in your frozen neck of the woods.

However, March in Southern Illinois is supposed to mean that the world outside our front door is starting to warm up. We should be thinking about seeing if the lawn mower will start again.

I guess we should have known what was coming when you paid us a visit in November. November, by the way, is one of the months of autumn in Southern Illinois. That's why we were a bit confused when snow covered the ground in the middle of November. Oh, well, at least you didn't make it snow on Halloween, like you did one time a number of years ago in our little corner of the world.

December wasn't too bad. On a personal note, we were grateful that you didn't share a blizzard with us when we had a couple of visitors for Christmas, like you did four or five years ago.

January, February were pretty disappointing, to tell you the truth. March doesn't seem to be starting much better. Seems like March came in like a polar bear, or at least a rather chilly lion.

Once again this winter, you also decided to share the Polar Vortex with us. We could have done without that little adventure. And things have been so wet. Rain, rain and more rain. For some of our friends and neighbors, it's bad enough that they have to deal with flooding. Again. Now, they have to put up with frozen flooding.

At least you were kind enough to share some sunshine with us on Monday. You've been pretty selfish in that department for the past month or two. If I didn't want any sunshine, I'd moved to Seattle and become a Seahawks fan.

I did manage to get some pictures of a local high school baseball team which was able to practice outdoors one afternoon last week. Guess you didn't like that much, 'cause two days later there were icicles hanging on the team's dugout.

I suppose there are some good things about 11-degree weather and another round of snow fall in March. Don't have to worry about that lawn mower thing that I mentioned earlier. Can't even see the lawn, as a matter of fact. Speaking of lawn mowers, do you ever have to cut grass at the North Pole. If so, where do you get your lawn mowers? I may need a new one this year.

And when it's 11 degrees, there aren't any mosquitoes buzzing around and biting when I'm trying to take a nap on the front porch. Then again, I don't think I've taken a nap on the front porch since last September.

I guess it all comes down to this: We've had enough of snow, cold, freezing rain, ice pellets, the Polar Vortex, wind chills that are 20 or 30 degrees below zero, special weather statements, hazardous weather outlooks, winter weather advisories, winter storm watches, winter storm warnings and all the rest of such stuff.

Let me close by sharing an item that a former scribe at The Paragaph Factory gave to me a few years ago, during another one of your special visits. The item is a cartoon, with a message that reads: "The air hurts my face. Why am I living where the air hurts my face?" Mr. Winter, I don't want the air to hurt my face anymore.

I'll close by hoping that you have a nice spring, summer and fall. Here's hoping that we don't see each other again...for a long, long time.

Thank you again, Mr. Winter, for taking the time to read this letter. I would have emailed the letter to you, but my computer froze.



Freshly fallen snow served as a backdrop for a male cardinal which was seen last Sunday afternoon. The cardinal offers at least a bit of a hint that warmer weather might be on the way – the St. Louis Cardinals are in the midst of spring training, and the start of the 2019 baseball season just around the corner.