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Murder victim's remains identified

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Skeletal remains found last month in the Rock Island area have been positively identified.

DNA testing has concluded the remains are those of Daniel Mayo, according to District Attorney General Lisa Zavogiannis.

Mayo had been missing and presumed dead for more than four years. Prosecutors say he was shot in the face with a shotgun by Timmie Lee Bain after a drunken argument. Bain is charged with his murder.

It was as Bain was preparing to go to trial for first-degree murder in January that he reportedly told investigators the location of the body.

"It's in the vicinity of where we did multiple searches," said Zavogiannis. "It turns out, we had searched all around it and it was in a spot where the dogs were not able to find it."

Zavogiannis said the remains were located 15 to 20 feet underground in a cistern. She said the remains were slightly under water.

"It gives some resolution to the family and that's a good thing," said



BAIN



LANKFORD



MCKILLIP

Zavogiannis. "I am sad because I wanted to get his remains to his mother and we weren't able to do that before her death."

Zavogiannis said the murder charges against Bain have not been resolved. Now that the

remains have been positively identified, she says his case will be put on the docket.

Three people were charged with Mayo's murder, although two accepted plea deals to lesser charges in January 2017. Dustin Ray

McKillip was directed to serve five years for abuse of a corpse and Gary Lee Lankford Jr., was given one year for being an accessory after the fact. They were originally charged with first-degree murder.

Prosecutors say Bain killed Mayo, born in 1970, more than four years ago at their apartment that adjoined a hog farm where they worked at Mud Creek. The incident was allegedly witnessed by Marie Parsley who had come to the residence to bring Bain dinner. She testified during preliminary hearing she walked in on Bain and Mayo cursing and yelling at one another

and noted Bain pulled a shotgun.

Parsley said she advised Mayo to run but he didn't take her advice. Instead, he stood outside taunting Bain, saying he didn't even know how to fire a gun. That is when she said Bain walked out and shot Mayo in the face.

The woman recalled several people showed up shortly after the homicide. While she did not witness it, she said the men cleaned up blood and moved the body and threw it into a small pond on the hog farm. She said the body was later buried elsewhere on the hog farm.

Out of EXILE



Exile band members show they still have what it takes after 55 years, offering a crowd-pleasing performance at Park Theater on Friday night with songs like "Take Me Down," "Kiss You All Over," "Give Me One More Chance," "Woke Up in Love," and "She's a Miracle."

Lisa Hobbs photo

School shooting meeting set for Tuesday at WCHS

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Anger was transformed into cries of despair Friday in Florida as parents began burying their children killed in yet another school massacre.

"You killed my kid!" yelled Andrew Pollack during the funeral for his 18-year-old daughter, Meadow. "My kid is dead."

As the nation struggles to come to grips with the latest school shooting, officials at Warren County High School want the community to know they are dedicated to school safety.

"We're afraid and we're nervous too," admitted WCHS teacher Dana Mullican after 18 school shootings have already taken place in 2018. "It's a concern, but we know we have a good plan in place here. We have lockdown drills we practice so we know what to do if something should happen. We have SROs in every one of our schools and we are trying to alleviate any fears parents may have. We are doing our very best to protect your kids."

As a result of nationwide shootings, Mullican says a program is scheduled this Tuesday at WCHS called A Gathering of Hope: Unite Against School Violence. It begins at 6:30 p.m. in the WCHS auditorium.

"The purpose is to pray for our schools and to assure our parents and community that we have the safety of our students in the forefront of our minds and that plans are in place in the event of a school shooting," said Mullican.

There have already been 18 school shooting in 2018, according to a group called Everytown for Gun Safety. That puts the United States on pace for 145 school shootings this year, meaning will still have 127 more to go if the current pace continues.

Mullican says parents, students and anyone interested in the safety of our schools is encouraged to attend the meeting this Tuesday.

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WCHS TEACHER
DANA MULLICAN

Hotdogs, hot deals and a cool freezer

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The Southern Standard will show gratitude to our customers this Friday, Feb. 23, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Our Customer Appreciation Day will offer free hotdogs, chips, refreshing Dr Pepper, door prizes, and discounts on subscriptions.

"This is our way of saying thank you to our customers," said Standard publisher Patricia Zechman. "We've been offering this event annually for years and we continue the tradition because everyone enjoys it."



"This year we are giving away a freezer as one of our door prizes," said Zechman. "I want to encourage everyone to stop by and take advantage of our special rates and register for the freezer."

While enjoying free hotdogs and drinks, you can register to win the freezer, free subscriptions and Southern Standard gift packs.

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- 26 weeks, \$40 – a savings of \$6.75
- 13 weeks, \$27 – a savings of \$3.50

Puppy season begins

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One of the saddest seasons for people who work in animal shelters has begun.

"It's puppy season," said Warren County Animal Control and Adoption Center director Kim Pettrey. "We had 22 puppies at the end of the month. I'm not talking about older puppies. I'm talking about young puppies."

For people who work in animal shelters, the overflow of puppies signals an early start to the most dreaded time of the year: kitten and puppy season. Baby animals can be cute and cuddly, but they require extra attention.



Warren County Animal Control and Adoption Center has an overabundance of puppies. These cute and cuddly puppies are among 22 the facility currently has now that puppy and kitten season has started.

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