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News

Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area.



The grass was greener on the other side of the road. This snake crossed the State Forest Road last Saturday morning.

Have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day.

Be sure to attend a Memorial Day service.

Alto Pass is planning to host its annual Springfest this Saturday.

Congratulations, once again, to all of Union County's 2016 graduates.

The American Red Cross encourages people to be blood donors during the summer months.

U.S. Rep. Mike Bost, R-Ill., is scheduled to be the guest speaker at a June 2 Union County Chamber of Commerce meeting. The meeting is set for noon at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Oops: Union County's administrator is Kelly Carter, not Kevin, as it appeared in last week's paper. The editor erred.

Plans are moving forward on a River to River yard sale event. Yard sales are being planned Aug. 4-6 from East Cape Girardeau to Golconda.

Routine business was on the agenda at last week's regular meeting of the Lick Creek School District Board of Education.

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Memorial Day commemorated on Monday, May 30

Mound City National Cemetery to host service

The Mound City National Cemetery in Mound City is planning to host an annual Memorial Day service on Saturday, May 28. The service is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

A free shuttle bus service to the cemetery will be available at the former St. Mary's Church, which is located at the corner of Diamond and Walnut streets in Mound City.

The shuttle bus will provide transportation to and from the cemetery, starting at 9 a.m.

The program is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. with a processional from Mound City to the national cemetery.

This year, the service will honor veterans of Operation Desert Storm.

The processional is scheduled to include various motorcycle organizations.

The Southeast Missouri Military Vehicle Association will transport Desert Storm veterans.

The program will include patriotic music, historian notes by Richard Brumley, recognition of Desert Storm veterans and a roll call of honor.

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Memorial Day observances planned
Memorial Day services are planned in coming days throughout the area. Memorial Day will be observed on Monday, May 30.

Memorial Day services set in Union County

Services are planned in several Union County communities to commemorate the observance of Memorial Day.

Memorial Day is Monday, May 30. All of the services which are planned in the area are open to the public.

The Alto Pass Veterans Organization has scheduled three services in commemoration of Memorial Day.

A service is set for 1 p.m. Saturday, May 28, at the veterans memorial in downtown Alto Pass.

A service is planned at 9 a.m. Monday at the Alto Pass Cemetery. A service is scheduled to follow at 10 a.m. Monday at the Dutch Ridge Cemetery north of Alto Pass.

A service is planned at 9 a.m. Monday at the St. Joseph Catholic Church Cemetery in Cobden.

A service is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Cobden Cemetery in Cobden.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 near Anna plans to have a service at 11 a.m. on Monday.

Alto Pass plans to host annual Springfest celebration Saturday

An annual Springfest celebration is planned Saturday, May 28, in downtown Alto Pass.

Springfest is presented by local sponsors and the Alto Pride Community Group.

Funds raised at the celebration will help to pay the remaining balance of the cost of construction for

restrooms in the park in downtown Alto Pass.

Here's a look at the schedule of events which are planned during Springfest:

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., pancake breakfast, with pancakes, sausage links and drinks.

8 a.m. to 4 p.m., trade fair.

8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., silent auction in community center.

9 a.m., bake sale.

9 a.m., fire department water fights. All area fire departments are invited to participate. For more information, or to register for the event, contact Alto Pass Fire Chief Luke McCann at 618-697-0199.

11 a.m. to 1 p.m., kids games in the park.

11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., lunch in the community center; barbeque, ham and beans, cornbread, slaw and drinks will be served.

1 p.m., veterans memorial service.

2 p.m., Alto Pass school reunion roll call.

3 p.m., meat raffle drawing, 50/50 drawing.

For more information about Springfest, or to learn how to support the event, call Christie Tripp at 967-6243 or Jackie Grammer at 893-2490.

Annabelle Festival slated

The third annual Annabelle Street Festival is planned Saturday, June 11, in downtown Anna.

The festival is held to celebrate the Annabelle hydrangea plant. The plants were discovered in 1910 near Anna.

For the festival East Davie Street in downtown Anna is scheduled to be closed to traffic from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Vendors will be selling food, drinks, antiques and crafts.

The Anna-Jo Garden Club will be selling potted Annabelle hydrangeas, the native shrub for which the festival is named.

Live music will be presented throughout the festival. Some of the bands which are scheduled to perform are the Anderson family, Mays and Bradley, Free Range Chicks, Southern Soul and Steve Hornbeak.

Children's activities and horse and buggy rides are planned.

Monument dedication scheduled in Cobden

A three-foot by four-foot gray, granite monument is being placed by the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society in the Cobden Cemetery.

The monument will be placed at the Grand Army of the Republic, GAR, burial plot. The monument, with the names of the nine Civil War veterans who are interred at the site, is scheduled to be unveiled at a dedication ceremony on Monday, May 30.

The dedication ceremony will follow a Memorial Day service which is set for 9:30 a.m. at the Cobden Cemetery.

The plot was established in 1889 by the Cobden Post of the GAR. This is the 150th anniversary of the founding of the GAR.

The GAR was a national organization whose primary purpose was to preserve the names of those who gave their lives in defense of their country and to assist their widows and orphans. Gen. John A. Logan of Murphysboro served three terms as the commander-in-chief of the GAR.

An exhibit including the original 1882 Cobden GAR charter, Civil War weapons, Gen. Logan- and GAR-related memorabilia of the period is being sponsored by the historical society and will be available for viewing in the cemetery chapel.

The Cobden Women's Club plans to host a reception in the chapel following the ceremony. The public is invited and all of the events are free.



A-JCHS commencement held Saturday

Members of the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School class of 2016 graduated last Saturday evening. The commencement ceremony was held outdoors on the football field at the Union County school. A big crowd was on hand for the special event.





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Anna City Council asked to consider proposal to sell beer, wine at county fair

The Anna City Council has been asked to consider allowing the sale of beer and wine during the Union County Fair.

The proposal was discussed at a regular meeting of the city council which was held last week. The meeting was Tuesday evening, May 17, at Anna City Hall.

Representatives of the Southern Illinois Fair Association/Union County Fair presented a proposal to sell beer and wine to the

city council.

The fair is scheduled each summer in August at the Anna City Park.

In order for beer and wine to be sold during the fair, the city council would have to act to amend its existing ordinance to allow for such sales. Alcohol currently is forbidden at the park.

County fair officials see the sale of beer and wine as a way to boost revenues. A local businessman has indicated that he wants

to have a beer tent at the fair. The businessman has said that he would make a donation to the fair from proceeds generated by sales at the tent.

Fair board representatives presented a draft resolution regarding the sale of beer and wine to the city council. The representatives told city officials that the resolution had been approved at a recent fair board meeting.

County fair officials have insisted that sales of

alcohol would be strictly controlled.

Anna Mayor Steve Hartline said that the city would have to draft its own resolution regarding the sale of alcohol.

The mayor asked that the county fair draft a letter which would formally request what action is being requested. Once that letter has been received, the matter will be brought before the entire city council, the mayor said.

News Notes

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The Miss Illinois pageant is planned June 13-18 in Marion. Crystal Davis of Anna is the reigning Miss Illinois.

University of Illinois Extension notes that the next 2016 Southern Illinois Summer Twilight Series event is scheduled for Monday evening, June 20, at G&C Meyer Farm & Greenhouse in Steel-ville.

The Crossflame youth choir and orchestra from North Carolina are scheduled to perform Friday evening, June 17, at the Cross of Peace at Bald Knob Mountain near Alto Pass.

The U.S. Forest Service reports that Shawnee National Forest Kid's Fishing Derbies are scheduled June 4 at the Oakwood Bottoms Interpretive Site near Grand Tower and at the Lake Glendale Recreation Area at Glendale.

The Illinois Native Plant Society plans to have its 2016 annual gathering June 3-5 at the Touch of Nature Environmental Learning Center near Carbondale.

Shawnee Community College's Small Business Development Center is planning to offer a Quick-

Books Pro course June 7-8.

Area community leaders are scheduled to take part in "Singing with the Stars 2016," which is scheduled Friday night, June 3, at McLeod Theater on the campus of Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

A garden tour is planned Sunday, June 5, in Carbondale. The event is sponsored by the Keep Carbondale Beautiful program.

The annual rendezvous at Fort de Chartres near Prairie du Rocher is planned June 4-5.

A farmers market/trade days event is planned June 4 in downtown Olmsted.

An Aug. 18 Volbeat concert has been added to the entertainment lineup at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield.

A note to our readers, and especially our regular correspondents: due to the upcoming Memorial Day holiday, the schedule at the paper will be a little bit different. We would appreciate it, a lot, if you could get your news to us on Thursday (today) or Friday. Thank you for your help and consideration.

Mound City Cemetery

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The guest speaker is scheduled to be David Gillarm Jr. Gillarm is a native of Mounds who served two combat tours with the 3rd Infantry Division. He now serves as executive director of the Columbus Black History Museum in Columbus, Ga.

The program at the Mound City National Cem-

etry continues to be an ongoing remembrance of all soldiers, from the Civil War to the present. Organizers of the program encourage the public, veterans, and especially Desert Storm veterans, to attend the service.

Placing of Flags

The public is invited to help place flags on the graves at the cemetery starting at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, today.

Privacy legislation passes

A bill backed by state Rep. Brandon Phelps, D-Harrisburg, which is designed to increase the privacy of residents in Southern Illinois was recently signed into law.

"It is important that residents take steps to protect their sensitive information," Phelps said. "Unfortunately, even the most prepared people can be impacted by information breeches."

Phelps supported House Bill 1260, which amends the Personal Protection Act by expanding the definition of private information and what data collectors are required to do in the case of a breech in their system.

The new law will ensure that faster action be taken by data collectors to inform people who have been af-

ected by a breech and the process on how the Illinois attorney general's office becomes involved once a breech has been officially declared.

Phelps said that House Bill 1260 passed the House in December with 110 votes and passed the Senate in March with no opposition.

The bill officially became law on May 6 when the governor approved its passage. The measure will take effect on Jan. 1, 2017.

"The passage of this legislation into law will give Southern Illinois residents more peace of mind because it will hold businesses accountable when they don't have the safeguards in place to protect important information like credit card numbers," Phelps said.



Portable toilets located at the Anna City Park in Anna.

Vandalism at Anna City Park addressed at council meeting

Vandalism of portable toilets at the Anna City Park in Anna has been an ongoing problem for a number of years.

The situation took a new turn last week, when vandals set fire to one of the portable toilets at the park. The unit was destroyed.

Concerns about the vandalism were discussed at a regular meeting of the Anna City Council. The meeting was Tuesday evening, May 17, at Anna City Hall.

It was reported at last

week's meeting that due to the ongoing problems with vandalism, only one vendor is willing to provide portable toilets at the park.

Portable toilets are located at sites throughout the park.

One suggestion which surfaced during discussion about the vandalism was to move the portable toilets to one or two central locations at the park.

Further discussion about the matter is expected.

Shawnee School District Board accepts project bids

Project bids and personnel matters highlighted business at May's regular meeting of the Shawnee School District No. 84 Board of Education.

The meeting was May 17 at Shawnee Junior-Senior High School in Wolf Lake.

Highlights from the meeting follow:

The school board accepted two campus improvement project bids:

•From Fager-McGee in the amount of \$463,804.82 for parking lot, driveway and sidewalk replacement.

•From D.E. Martin Roofing in the amount of \$83,173 for roof repairs on the gymnasium and locker room areas.

In personnel matters: David Patrick was hired as technology director.

Kaleigh Zeigler was hired as a speech-language pathologist to be shared with the Murphysboro School District.

The board hired the following coaches for the 2016-2017 school year:

Mindy Livesay, athletic director. Chad Pitts, high school girls' basketball. Russ Marsh, high school boys basketball. Stephanie Lingle, high school girls volleyball.

Russ Marsh, high school softball. Chad Pitts, high school baseball. Stephanie Ellet, high school cheerleading. James Thompson, high school track.

Shaun Pitts, junior high boys' basketball. Nathan Pitts, junior high girls' basketball. LaDonna Bachmann, junior high boys' baseball.

Russ Marsh, junior high softball. Stephanie Lingle, junior high volleyball. Bobbie Pinkerton-Boyd, junior high cheerleading. Johnathon Cauble, junior high track.

The board accepted Kathy Myers' letter of retirement after 21 years of service effective May 31.

In other business, the board approved a pre-kindergarten plan for the 2016-2017 school year.

The plan calls for two half-day programs: one morning class with an enrollment of 20 students and one afternoon class, also with an enrollment of 20 students.

What Is The Value Of A Community Newspaper?

What is the value of a community newspaper?

What does it bring to that community that no other institution can provide?

The local newspaper is a basic institution in any community, like the post office, the schools and the churches.

The local community newspaper, whether it be a 2,000 circulation weekly or a 50,000 circulation daily, serves to keep people connected to their community, by telling them what's happening with their neighbors, as well as the institution serving the community.

'The community newspaper's value to its community is unquestioned.'

The publication of obituaries, birth announcements, weddings and other significant events in our lives remind us of poet John Donne's words, "no man is an island."

Community newspapers alert members of the community to problems needing attention.

The community newspaper facilitates the exchange of ideas and opinions through its editorial page and letters to the editor.

There are so many things of value community newspapers provide: the recording of local history and helping to maintain a healthy local economy through effective advertising for local businesses are just a few areas of value.

The community newspaper's value to its community is unquestioned.

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Grant funds Jonesboro School field trip to Cahokia Mounds

More than 120 6th, 7th and 8th grade students and their teachers from Jonesboro School had an opportunity to explore the Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site in Collinsville, thanks to an Illinois Biodiversity Field Trip Grant. The school received over \$3,000 to pay for transportation and fees for the field

trip, which was April 27. Jonesboro School teacher Pamela Turner wrote the grant. Steve Haldeman, a retired teacher from the Shawnee School District, was a guest speaker in Jonesboro teacher Josh Staple's classes before the trip. Haldeman shared his

knowledge about Cahokia Mounds and its profound effect in Southern Illinois. Haldeman also went on the field trip with the Jonesboro students and served as a guide as they explored the grounds. The remains of the most sophisticated prehistoric native civilization north of Mexico are preserved at Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site.

Within the 2,200-acre tract, located a few miles west of Collinsville, lie the archaeological remnants of the central section of the ancient settlement that is today known as Cahokia. One of the greatest cities of the world, Cahokia was larger than London was in AD 1250. At its peak from about 1050 to 1100 CE, Cahokia was home to as many as 15,000 people. Outside, the students walked up nearly 100 feet to explore Monks Mound "America's Pyramid," as the landmark is referred to by some, was constructed as the city's symbolic center: a towering, rectangular series

of terraces topped with a large public building, perhaps a temple. Scientists believe that it took around 250 years to build Monks Mound alone. There are nearly 80 mounds total at the site. At the historic site's interpretive center, students saw a recreated village and many artifacts that have been found at the site. In addition, the newest exhibit features a 700-year-old canoe which was discovered on a sandbar in Arkansas and painstakingly restored at Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site. "Wetlands and Waterways: the Key to Cahokia" focuses on life along the rivers and wetlands of the Mississippi Valley that gave rise to Cahokia Mounds, America's first city. The permanent exhibit includes a 52-foot-long mural depicting a backwater lake, river bluffs, forests and fields typical of the American Bottom floodplain. The mural serves as a backdrop to a life-size



Learning about mounds
Jonesboro School students Shaely Hennesy and Jera Reynolds learned more about the mounds that the Mississippian people built. Photo provided.

diorama showing a woman harvesting squash, other native crops, a lake and a man and a boy loading their canoe for trading with a nearby village.

Students learned how the abundant natural resources around Cahokia, and Southern Illinois in general, allowed the city to grow to the massive society that it became.



Native American games
Jonesboro School students Jacob Cross and Tyler Sutton tried their hand at playing early Native American games at the Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site. Photo provided.

Shawnee Community College plans to offer GED classes

Shawnee Community College Adult Education Services plans to offer GED classes this summer in Anna and at the college's main campus near Ullin. The classes are offered at no cost to students. GED classes are scheduled at the college's extension center in Anna beginning on June 2. Classes are scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. A mandatory GED orientation is scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. May 31 at the extension center

in Anna. At the college's main campus, GED classes are scheduled to begin on June 2. Classes are scheduled from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday in room J2050. A mandatory GED orientation is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. May 31 on the college's main campus. To register for summer GED classes, or for more information, contact Kyle Echols at 618-634-3222 or Stacy Simpson at 618-634-3266.



Old-time farm engines
Visitors to a tractor and antique car show last Saturday in downtown Cobden also could get an up-close look at old-time stationery farm engines. Jeremy Hartle of Cobden had five of the engines on display, including a 1911 model which belonged to his great-grandfather, Ernest Hartle of Millersville, Mo. Saturday's event was sponsored by the FFA chapters at Cobden High School and Shawnee High School at Wolf Lake.

Weather High 87, low 46

High temperatures ranged from 56 degrees to 87 degrees during the period of May 17-23 in Union County. The low temperature for the period was 46. Precipitation for the period included .56 of an inch on May 17 and .08 of an inch May 20. Following are temperatures for the period as recorded by weather observer Dana Cross in Jonesboro:

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Tuesday, May 17	56	48
Wednesday, May 18	69	49
Thursday, May 19	74	56
Friday, May 20	71	54
Saturday, May 21	76	53
Sunday, May 22	82	48
Monday, May 23	87	50

Swamp Tigers CD release set

The Swamp Tigers are planning to have a CD release Friday night at The Old Feed Store in downtown Cobden. WSIU-TV is scheduled to be on hand to film for "Little Egypt Live." Promoters bill the Swamp Tigers as "hands down the best rockabilly band in Southern Illinois, and maybe the state." The Swamp Tigers' newest CD, and their second release, is "To Sing a Life." Friday's performance is set for 7:30 p.m. The doors and kitchen at The Old Feed Store open at 6:30 p.m. For ticket information, visit <http://www.theold-feedstore.com/event/may-27-friday-swamp-tigers-cd-release/>.

Anna pool set to open

The Anna city swimming pool is scheduled to open on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30. The pool is located at the Anna City Park. Public swim hours are planned from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. A lap swim is scheduled from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. The pool is scheduled to be open seven days a week. Admission will be \$3 each day - except for Wednesday, when the cost will be \$2.

Anna farmers market begins

The popular farmers market has started in Anna. The market is sponsored by the Union County Chamber of Commerce. The farmers market is scheduled from 7 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays along East Davie Street in Anna.

Closings noted

Illinois Secretary of State Monday through Friday offices and facilities will be closed on Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day. In addition, all Tuesday through Saturday driver services facilities will be closed on Saturday, May 28. All offices and facilities will be open for business on Tuesday, May 31.

Thank you Union County Country Club and Brandon Bierstedt!



Anna-Jonesboro National Bank recently held a Family Fun Night for their employees at the Union County Country Club. Scott Wilson, president of Anna-Jonesboro National Bank, stated, "It was a great venue for bringing our employees and their families together for an evening of fun and it is always good when we can keep it local."

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Union County Chamber of Commerce
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Mike Bost - U.S. Congressman

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Sports

Cobden baseball team wins Century regional

The Cobden High School baseball team scored wins over Egyptian and host Century on its way to a Class 1A regional championship.

With the regional title in hand, Cobden advanced to sectional play. The Appleknockers are the defending state Class 1A champions.

In first-round action, Cobden had no trouble with Egyptian on its way to a 32-0 victory last Thursday.

J.T. Moore was the winning pitcher for the Appleknockers.

Cobden's Trevor Middleton went 4-for-6 with 5 RBIs. Austin Lewey was 3-for-4 with 5 RBIs. Zane Nance was 3-for-3 with 3 RBIs. Dylan Duty went 3-for-3 with 5 RBIs. Logan Spalt was 2-for-3. Brayden Clark was 2-for-3 with 3 RBIs.

In the regional championship game on Saturday, Cobden scored a 3-2 win

over Century in 8 innings.

The Appleknockers scored the winning run in the bottom of the 8th inning.

J.T. Moore doubled, stole 3rd base and scored the winning run on a passed ball.

Moore went 2-for-3 at the plate and scored all 3 of Cobden's runs. Jacob Furlow was 1-for-3 with an RBI. Dylan Duty was 1-for-2 with an RBI.

Moore also was the winning pitcher. He worked 6 innings, struck out 11, allowed 4 hits and walked 7.

Theron Sweitzer pitched the final inning for Cobden and earned a save. He allowed a hit.

Cobden, 21-9, was scheduled to play at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, today, against Woodlawn in the Goreville Class 1A sectional.

The winner of the game plays host Goreville at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 28.

A-J baseball falls at regional

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School baseball team lost 3-2 to Murphysboro in first-round action of the Chester Class 2A regional Thursday, May 19.

Collin Prather was 1-for-3 with a double and an RBI to lead the Wildcats at the plate. Brayden Benefield was 1-for-2. Hunter Ralls was 1-for-3.

Blake Klett and Prather pitched in the loss. Klett pitched 5 innings and allowed 5 hits to go with a walk and 7 strikeouts. Prather pitched an inning and allowed a hit to go with no walks or strikeouts.

A-J finishes its season at 10-19 overall.

Honey records hole-in-one

Jim Honey had a hole-in-one while playing golf Thursday, May 19, at the Union County Country Club course in Anna.

Honey aced the 115-yard, par 3 sixth hole. He was using a 9 iron.

The shot was witnessed by Ron Hubbs and Chuck Steinbach.



Regional champions

The Cobden High School softball team won the Shawnee Class 1A regional championship with an 11-1 win over Century Saturday, May 21. The team, which claimed Cobden's first regional title since 2010, also finished undefeated in the South Egyptian Conference with a 7-0 record. In the first row are, from left, Harleigh Braden, Carley Washer, Keileigh Britt, Sara Millis, Anna Renzaglia, Josi Braden and Brooke Bailey. In the second row are head coach Michelle Burris, Alaina Hartline, Meredith Flamm, Inna Kinsey, Addy Aspen, Lexi Miller, manager Maddye Childers, Makynzie Peterman, Megan Rhodes and assistant coaches Kayla Quertermous and Becky Hale. Photo provided.

Cobden softball wins regional

Addy Aspen was 2-for-3 with a double and 2 RBIs to lead Cobden to an 11-1 win over Century for the Class 1A regional championship at Shawnee High School in Wolf Lake Saturday, May 21.

Keileigh Britt was 1-for-2 with a double and 2 RBIs. Josi Braden was 1-for-2 with a stolen base and an RBI. Carley Washer was 1-for-3 with 2 RBIs. Sara Millis was 1-for-3 with an RBI. Meredith Flamm was 1-for-3. Brooke Bailey had 2 stolen bases.

Flamm was the winning pitcher with a two-hitter to go with no walks and 3 strikeouts.

Cobden 16, Egyptian 6: Alaina Hartline was 2-for-4 with a home run and 4 RBIs to lead Cobden to the first round regional win Wednesday, May 18.

Megan Rhodes was 2-for-4 with a double and 3 RBIs. Braden was 1-for-3. Millis was 1-for-4 with a double and an RBI. Flamm was 1-for-4 with a stolen base and an RBI.

Inna Kinsey was 1-for-4. Bailey was 1-for-5 with a stolen base and an RBI. Britt was 1-for-5 with 3

RBIs. Anna Renzaglia had a stolen base and an RBI.

Flamm was the winning pitcher with a three-hitter to go with 5 walks and 5 strikeouts.

Cobden, 14-11, hosts the Class 1A sectional this

week. Trico was to have played Pope County on Tuesday and the host Appleknockers were to have played Steeleville Wednesday. The championship is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday.



Cobden pitcher Meredith Flamm pitched for Cobden in its regional championship game against Century last Saturday in Wolf Lake.

A-J baseball closes regular season with win over Century

Isaac Pender was 5-for-5 with a double, 2 stolen bases and an RBI to lead visiting Anna-Jonesboro to a 14-7 non-conference win over Century to close out regular season play Monday, May 16.

Jake Wright was 2-for-3 with 2 stolen bases and 2 RBIs. Brayden Benefield was 2-for-3 with an RBI. Collin Prather was 2-for-4 with a home run and 3 RBIs. Sean Plott was 2-for-4 with an RBI. Blake Klett was 2-for-5 with a double and an RBI.

Conner Jerolds and Jade Gillis were each 1-for-1 with an RBI apiece. Bryce Osman was 1-for-3 with a stolen base.

Osman, Plott and Prather pitched in the win. Osman pitched 5 innings and allowed 4 hits to go with 3 walks and 5 strikeouts.

Plott pitched 2/3 of an inning and allowed no hits to go with 6 walks and no strikeouts.

Prather pitched 1 1/3 innings and didn't allow a hit to go with no walks and 3 strikeouts.

A-J softball season ends

Anna-Jonesboro was limited to a pair of hits in a 7-0 loss to host Murphysboro in the Class 2A regional high school softball tournament Wednesday, May 18.

Lexi Macy was 1-for-2 and Lexi Smith was 1-for-3 for all of the Lady Wildcats' hits.

Makenzie Carter was the losing pitcher, scattering 7 hits to go with 4 walks and 6 strikeouts.

A-J closes out its season with a 7-21 overall record.

A-J's Reach 10th at state

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School's Hannah Reach finished in 10th place in the pole vault at the Class 1A girls state track meet at Charleston last weekend.

Reach cleared 9-6 in the pole vault competition at state.

Anna-Jonesboro Basketball Camp

Cost: \$30 - 1 Camper • \$50 - 2 Campers in same household
Location: AJ Union Hall Gym at A-JCHS



June 6-8 from 9:00 - 10:30 A.M.

Boys and Girls entering grades 4-8 in the fall 2016.

Instruction will be provided by the A-JCHS basketball coaches and players. We will have guest speakers and daily prizes and giveaways. Each camper will get a certificate of completion and T-shirt.

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Grade _____
Shirt Size _____ (adult sizes)

Parent or guardian release: I certify that the applicant is in good health and I hereby authorize the director of said camp to act according to their best judgment in an emergency situation.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Questions: Contact Mike Chamness (618) 201-1935. Bring registration form to first day of camp. Checks payable to AJ Basketball.

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Sports



Awards presented
The Deanna Schott Awards were presented at the Jonesboro School athletic awards program on May 16. Blake Pena was the recipient for baseball. He is the 8th grade son of Anthony and April Pena of Cobden and Michael and Rachel Harvel of Jonesboro. The softball award winner was Shaely Hennesy, a 7th grade student. Her parents are William and Teresa Hennesy of Jonesboro. Photo provided.

Coach Ron/Willie Smith camp slated in Jonesboro

The Coach Ron/Willie Smith Camp is scheduled to start June 20 in the Jonesboro Grade School gymnasium. Coach Ron and Willie Smith will begin their 23rd year doing sport speed development camps in Southern Illinois. This year will mark the fifth consecutive year doing a camp in Jonesboro. The first speed camp was in Jonesboro in 1994. Willie competed in the 1976, 1980 and the 1984 Summer Olympic games. In the 1984 Olympics, he ran on a leg of the winning U.S. 1600-meter relay team.

The athlete will work and play a variety of drills designed to improve their overall speed, agility and quickness. The little details of athletic motion will be polished and new training methods will be learned. Athletes will learn each component of speed and how to develop it. The agenda of activities includes Frisbee drills, z-ball drills, get-ups, relays with assorted teams, loose ball drills, acceleration drills with basketballs and z-balls, ladder drills and hurdles.

Willie was named All-American in football in high school. In 1974 he was named National High School Athlete of the year when he set records in the 100-yard dash (9.3) and the 220 yard dash (20.6) at Uniondale High School in New York. The marks are still records today. While attending Auburn University in Alabama, he was the Southeastern Conference track champion from 1974-78 in the 200 and 400 meter dash and the 1600 meter relay. Willie is a five-time All-American at Auburn University and World Champion in the 1600 meter relay in 1979, 1980 and 1981.

What Are Speed Camps?
Speed camps are devoted to improved reactions, quicker movement, effective directional changes and

Goreville 2 Shawnee 1
Goreville defeated Shawnee 2-1 in an 8-inning game at the Pope County high school baseball Class 1A regional Saturday, May 21.

Nick Crane and Dylan Boston were each 2-for-4 at the plate to lead the Redskins. T.J. Foeste was 1-for-2 with an RBI. Crane was the losing pitcher, scattering 6 hits. Shawnee finishes its season at 11-15 overall.

Joppa 13, Dongola 8
Delaney Eddleman and Mackenzie Rowan were each 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Dongola in a 13-8 loss to Joppa in the Lady Demons' Class A regional in high school softball Wednesday, May 18. Journey Rushing was 2-for-4 for Dongola. Megan Micheal was the losing pitcher, scattering 14 hits to go with 4 walks and 7 strikeouts. Dongola finishes its season at 7-14 overall.

Men's golf scramble results
A men's golf scramble was played May 18 at the Union County Country Club in Anna. Results from the scramble follow:
First: Jim Harris, Greg Lence, Phil Stein, Rick Tweedy.
Second: Max Miller, Dan Smith, George Warren.
Third: Al Hardin, Matt Laster, Ricky Williams.

A scramble also was played May 11. Results follow:
First: Ron Hubbs, Tom Huffman, George Warren, Blake Wiggs.
Second: Mike Chamness, Chase Hargrave, Jim Harris, Johnny Schneider.
Third: Colby Burns, John Mowery, Brad Sherrill, Joe Wendling.



Tractor, antique car show held
A tractor and antique car show was held last Saturday morning in the park in downtown Cobden. The event was sponsored by the FFA chapters from Cobden High School and Shawnee High School in Wolf Lake.

Saluki Sports Update

By Fred Huff
It's an annual highlight. Just like Christmas for the young. The "old-timers get-together" each spring, which is an excuse for about a hundred former coaches, administrators, officials of one kind or another to gather and exchange stories from the past. Some, not many, but some, may even be true. Despite two or three passing away each year, or simply unable to travel any longer, this year's gathering seemed to be larger than any in our memory. It probably wasn't, but just like fish stories, they get bigger and better every year. And, too, it seems that there's always a newcomer attending. Some one who is attending for the first time as a result of just being in the area at the right time. Our most interesting surprise this year was former Carbondale prep star Ron Acks.

Acks was a standout in the late 1950s, if our mind is working. If Merle was only still around, we'd be able to find out for sure, as well as Acks' personal records, since Merle Jones never forgot much, if anything. And, of course, Merle's name came up several times during the five- to six-hour get-together. As enjoyable as it was, it's somewhat sad when you get back into your car, start the engine and drive away, knowing that at least a couple of your friends probably won't be back next year. Nevertheless, the stories will live on and be better than ever. And, on a more pleasant topic, the Salukis, as we projected a week ago, finished second in the Missouri Valley Conference's all-sports championship race. Wichita State claimed top honors for the fourth year in a row, while SIU was a close second, a repeat of their 2014-15 finish. The Salukis gained the honor by winning three titles in the men's/women's competition and finishing second in four sports. Postseason competition is not included in the calculations, as only regular-season finishes are involved. SIU's baseball team, which finished fourth during the regular-season with an 11-10 record, is hoping to have an outstanding week coming up as it's one of eight teams competing at Indiana State for the post-season tournament title. Regardless, Ken Henderson's outfit has enjoyed a fine season, finishing 30-23 overall.

Wildcat boys advance three to state track meet

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' track team placed in three events at the Class 1A sectional held at Fairfield last weekend. The three will advance to the Class 1A state track meet at Charleston this weekend. First place finishes for the Wildcats were recorded by Izzy Markovic in the high jump with 6-3 effort and Trenton Turner in the discus with a 149-2 effort. A-J's Dylan Fox finished in second place in the pole vault with 9-6. The top two finishers and state qualifying times advance to the state tournament. A-J finished in fourth place in the 13-team tourney with 41 points. Host Fairfield won with 139.

Bradley's 5K to End Duchenne set at Cobden Community Park

Bradley's 5K and Silent Auction to Cure Duchenne are planned June 4 at the Cobden Community Park in Cobden. The events are scheduled from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The race starts at 9 a.m. The events are being held in honor of Bradley Jones, who has Duchenne muscular dystrophy. Farmers State Bank sponsors the events, which will raise funds and awareness for CureDuchenne. CureDuchenne is a non-profit organization; its mission is to cure Duchenne. Duchenne is a fatal genetic condition, which is characterized by muscle deterioration. The condition affects every muscle in the body, including the heart and breathing muscles. There are no survivors. To learn how to participate in the 5K, visit <http://www.crowdrise.com/Bradleys5KtoCureDuchenne>, or contact Lisa Jones at 618-697-4194. Volunteer helpers are needed, and donations are being accepted for the silent auction.

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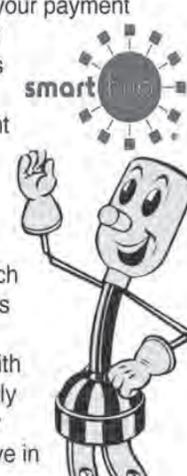
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June 20-23 • Jonesboro Grade School

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Child's Name _____ School _____
Grade _____ Age _____
Address _____
T-Shirt Size (Circle One)
Sm. Youth Med. Youth Lg. Youth Sm. Adult Med. Adult Lg. Adult X-Lg. Adult
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Emergency Contacts:
Name _____ Phone # _____
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Please mail your child's enrollment form to Coach Ron at P.O. Box 346, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952. Make check payable to Coach Ron's Basketball 101. Any questions, call Coach Ron at 697-3172 (After 5 P.M.). Session times will be: 2nd & 3rd grades 8:30 - 10 A.M.; 4th & 5th grades 10:30 - Noon; 6th, 7th & 8th grades 1:00 - 2:30 P.M. each day.

Parental Waiver and Consent Forms
In addition to giving my full consent for my child's participation, I do hereby waive, release and hold harmless the organization named Coach Ron's Basketball 101 and sponsors, supervisors and representatives for any injury that may be suffered by my child in the normal course of participation in designated activity. There is, however, one million dollars of liability insurance purchased by Coach Ron for said camp on June 20-23, 2016 at the Jonesboro Elementary School District #43.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

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(735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1))

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1. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Tom Jones, % Farmers State Bank of Alto Pass, P.O. Box 70, Alto Pass, IL 62905 (618) 893-2464.

2. The common addresses and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 270 Big Creek Church Road, Anna, IL 62906.

3. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: House.



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Alma McVey
400 N. Main Street
Anna, IL 62906

Terry Bartruff
Union County Clerk
21-23gc

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

IN THE INTEREST OF AZZMARIAH KASPER, A Minor. NO. 2014-JA-14

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

YOU NATHAN MILLER AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN FATHERS, and to All Whom It May Concern, take notice that on April 11, 2016, a Motion for Termination of Parental Rights and for Appointment of Guardian with Power to Consent to Adoption was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by Heather Heaslett, Union County Assistant State's Attorney, in the Circuit Court of Union County entitled "In the Interest of Azzmariah Cornilla-Nevaeh Kasper, a Minor" and that in the courtroom of Judge Charles Cavaness presiding in the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois, on July 28, 2016 at 1 p.m. or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held on the Termination of Parental Rights and for Appointment of Guardian with Power to Consent to Adoption. The Court has authority in this proceeding to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor, to terminate your parental rights, and to appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption. You may lose all parental rights to your child. If the petition requests the termination of your parental rights and the appointment of a guardian with power to consent to adoption, you may lose all parental rights to the child. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition to terminate parental rights.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment by default entered.

Dated: May 13, 2016

Lorraine Moreland
(Clerk of the Circuit Court)
22-24gc

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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 13th day of May, 2016, under the Assumed Name of Shawnee Hills Lavender with the place of business located at 480 Brown Section Road, Cobden, Illinois 62920 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the Sole Owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Douglas E. Clover
Charlotte S. Clover
480 Brown Section Road
Cobden, IL 62920

Terry Bartruff
Union County Clerk
22-24gc

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

IN THE INTEREST OF AUSTIN KLEMP, A Minor. NO. 2015-JA-19

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU KIMBERLY KLEMP, ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN MOTHERS, AND KENNETH ADAMS, ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN FATHERS, and to All Whom It May Concern, take notice that on October 22, 2015, A Petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by Heather Heaslett, Union County Assistant State's Attorney, in the Circuit Court of Union County entitled "In the interest of Austin Klempe, a Minor" and that in the courtroom of Judge Charles Cavaness presiding in the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois, on June 16, 2016 at 1 p.m. or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held on the Termination of Parental Rights and for Appointment of Guardian with Power to Consent to Adoption. The Court has authority in this proceeding to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor, to terminate your parental rights, and to appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption. You may lose all parental rights to your child. If the petition requests the termination of your parental rights and the appointment of a guardian with power to consent to adoption, you may lose all parental rights to the child. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition to terminate parental rights.

judiciary hearing will be held upon the Petition to have the child declared a ward of the court under the Act. THIS COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOST ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment by default entered.

Lorraine Moreland
(Clerk of the Circuit Court)
Dated: May 18, 2016
23-25g

STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT JONESBORO, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

DITECH FINANCIAL LLC FKA GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF GARLAND BANEY AKA GARLAND B. BANEY AKA GARLAND DEAN BANEY, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF GARLAND BANEY AKA GARLAND B. BANEY AKA GARLAND DEAN BANEY, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF GARLAND BANEY AKA GARLAND B. BANEY AKA GARLAND DEAN BANEY, DECEASED, CHRISTINA CRABTREE, MATTHEW BANEY, DESTINY BENNETT and ALLEN JAMES, as Special Representative of GARLAND BANEY AKA GARLAND B. BANEY, DECEASED, Defendants.
CASE NO. 14-CH-35

PROPERTY ADDRESS:
307 N. GREEN ST.
ANNA, IL 62906

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Garland Baney aka Garland B. Baney aka Garland Dean Baney, deceased, Unknown Claimants and Lienholders against the Estate of Garland Baney aka Garland B. Baney aka Garland Dean Baney, deceased, Unknown Claimants and Lienholders against

the Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Garland Baney aka Garland B. Baney aka Garland Dean Baney, deceased, Defendant, this case has been commenced in this Court against you and others, asking for foreclosure of the Mortgage held by the Plaintiff on the property located at 307 N. Green St., Anna, IL 62906, more particularly described as:

i. The names of all plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.

ii. The court in which said action was brought is identified above.

iii. The names of the title holders of record are: Garland B. Baney

iv. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:

Lot numbered one (1) in George W. Norris' Second addition to the City of Anna, situated in the County of Union and State of Illinois.

Permanent Index Number: 14-00-08-634

v. A common address or description of the location for the real estate is as follows:

307 N. Green St., Anna, IL 62906

vi. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

Names of the Mortgages: Garland Baney

Name of the Mortgagee: MERS, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for First Guarantee Mortgage LLC

Date of the Mortgage: January 5, 2007

Date of the recording: January 29, 2007

County where recorded: Union County

Recording document identification: Document No. 2007R0252

UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the Office of the Clerk of this Court at the UNION County Courthouse, 309 West Market St., Rm 101, Jonesboro, IL 62952 on or before June 27, 2016, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE.

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

FARMERS STATE BANK OF ALTO PASS, Plaintiff,

vs.

CHRISTIE FRIZELL, INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF ROGER MOSS, DECEASED; WORLDWIDE ASSET PURCHASING, II ASSIGNEE OF DIRECT MERCHANTS BANK, NA; UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
No. 2016-CH-8

NOTICE OF COURT SALE OF REAL ESTATE
(735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1))

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court in the above entitled cause, the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

1. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Greg Taake, %Farmers State Bank of Alto Pass, P.O. Box 70, Alto Pass, IL 62905, (618) 893-2464.

2. The common addresses and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 270 Big Creek Church Road, Anna, IL 62906.

3. The legal descriptions of the real estate are:

Part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 34, Township 13 South, Range 1 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Union County, Illinois, described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Quarter-Quarter; thence Southerly along the West line of the said Quarter-Quarter a distance of 566.64 feet to the Southerly Right-of-Way line of the public road and the point of beginning; thence South 77°-58'-20" East along the said Right-of-Way line a distance of 120.39 feet to the point of curvature of a tangent curve to the right, having a radius of 356.97 feet and a central angle of 41°-04'-35"; thence South-

easterly along said curve a distance of 255.92 feet; thence South 36°-53'-45" East along the said Right-of-Way line a distance of 62.54 feet; thence North 88°-27'-33" West a distance of 371.90 feet to the West line of said Quarter-Quarter; thence North 1°-32'-27" East along the said West line a distance of 200.00 feet to the point of beginning; the tract containing 1.183 acres, more or less;

Per Plat of Survey filed on January 11, 1994 in Record Book 110 at Page 180 in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for Union County, Illinois;

Permanent Index Number: 06-03-04-308-z1

4. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: House.

5. The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times: Contact the above-named individual and arrangements will be made to accommodate you.

6. The time and place of the sale are: June 22, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, IL.

7. The terms of the sale are: Ten percent (10%) down on the date of sale and the balance upon closing.

8. Title will be conveyed subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, but have not yet become due and payable, and special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record.

Farmers State Bank of

Alto Pass
By: Greg Taake

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*A tribute to
Roger Moss*

As a little boy you were the one I looked up to because you were a guy. When I needed advice, you were more than willing to try. Things haven't been the same without you. Dad, I cannot lie. I wish so much that I never had to say goodbye.

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DAR presents Community Service Award to Travelsteads

Will and Judy Travelstead of Cobden have received a Community Service Award from the Daniel Chapman Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The award recognizes unpaid individuals who have contributed to the community in an outstanding manner through cultural, educational, historical and other activities or by participating in community activities. Each chapter can issue two awards annually.

The award was presented to the Travelsteads by Lillian Milam Sunday, May 15, at the Union County Museum in Cobden. Milam is the chairperson of the chapter's Community Service Award committee.

The Travelsteads are active in the Union County Historical & Genealogy Society, the Cobden Lions Club and other community activities.

Reynoldsville News

by Sue Eudy

Danielle Shepard of Dexter, Mo., visited Thursday with her grandmother, Dorothy Smiddy of Reynoldsville. They enjoyed going to Cape Girardeau to eat and shop.

Heather, Chesleigh and Slayton Miller of Tamms visited Saturday with Maxine and Fred Pender of Fair City. Brad and Lori Pender of Jonesboro visited Sunday and Gary Gibbs of Jonesboro visited on Monday.

Congratulations to Doris and Ernie Rhodes of Jonesboro, who are celebrating 60 years of marriage on Thursday, May 26.

Daphne Huffman of Thebes and Darrell McRaven of Jonesboro visited Monday with Berniece and Don McRaven.

On Sunday, Shirley Miller of McClure and Ermadell Elkins of Anna enjoyed lunch together. Shirley then visited with Alma Linson and Deanie and Jerry Hinkle, all of Jonesboro.

Shirley Miller and Ermadell Elkins visited with Betty Miller of Ullin on Wednesday, May 18, which was Betty's birthday. She was 92 years old.

Shirley Miller attended a birthday party for Alexa Hinkle of Anna on Saturday evening. Alexa was 8 years old, Monday, May 23.

Recent visitors of Wilburn Gibbs at River to River in Anna were Fred and Wanda Schlenker of

Anna and Ira and Andrea Brown and sons of Jackson, Mo.

Wilburn Gibbs and Sandy and Jacob Partridge of Cobden attended the chicken and dumpling supper Saturday night at Immanuel Praise and Worship Center in Cobden.

Recent visitors of Sue and Steve Eudy were Norman Gibbs of Cobden, Ryan Wachter of Jonesboro and Kevin, Jennifer and Emma Eudy and friend Jonathon of Cape Girardeau.

Jonathan and Betsy Oxford hosted a graduation party at their home in Anna Sunday afternoon for the following graduates: Kynlee Needling, Anna pre-kindergarten; Madison Goines and Brylee Oxford, Anna Junior High; Valley Reynolds, Shawnee High School; Dylan Sharp and Jericha Carter, A-JCHS. There were approximately 70 people attending.

Congratulations to Valley Reynolds, daughter of Greg and Amy Reynolds, granddaughter of Jack and Dolores Reynolds, who graduated from Shawnee High School, and Brady Reynolds, son of Marissa and Adam Reynolds of Grand Tower, grandson of Rodney and Vicki Reynolds of Wolf Lake and great-grandson of Dolores and Jack Reynolds of Reynoldsville and Sammy and Cathy Ulen of Ullin. Brady graduated from Shawnee High School.

A-J, Shawnee students honored by SAR chapter

The Long Knives Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution presented the 2016 Outstanding Citizenship Awards to 17 recipients this May.

The award is given to high school seniors who exemplify a sincere academic attitude and good citizenship and who display the qualities of leadership, cooperation, dependability, congeniality and patriotism.

The students were honored at their schools' awards programs and graduation ceremonies.

Students from Anna-Jonesboro Community High School and from Shawnee High School at Wolf Lake were among those honored.

The award recipients included Jacob Stark at A-JCHS and Colby Kuberski at Shawnee High School.

The National Society of the Sons of the Ameri-

can Revolution, SAR, is a patriotic and historic organization which was founded in 1889.

The society honors the courage, sacrifice, tragedy and triumph of the people who struggled to gain American independence.

The SAR seeks to maintain American freedom, patriotism, respect for national symbols and citizenship.

Members are of direct lineage from an ancestor who supported the cause of American independence between 1774 and 1786.

The Long Knives Chapter covers 15 of the 16 southern counties in Illinois. The region contains 51 high schools.

The chapter congratulated each of the recipients on their accomplishments and encouraged them to continue their works as they go forward.

Student from Union County among those honored at SIU School of Medicine symposium

Young researchers at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine showed great promise as they pursued answers to scientific queries during the 26th annual Trainee Research Symposium held recently at the medical school.

One of the students recognized at the event is from Union County.

The two-day symposium offers trainees in Springfield and Carbondale an opportunity to gain experience in making formal presentations of their research findings.

Faculty advisors provided assistance for each project.

Physiology student Jessica Whitaker of Wolf Lake earned first place among graduate students for her oral presentation "Muscle-Specific Expression of Channelrhodopsin-2 in Chick Embryos."

Andy Sharp, an assistant professor of anatomy, served as Whitaker's advisor.

"These award recipients exemplify the caliber and dedication of students and residents at SIU School of Medicine," said Linda

Toth, PhD, associate dean for research and faculty affairs and professor of pharmacology.

"Their research accomplishments are fundamental to our efforts to improve patient care, advance existing treatments and procedures, and develop new therapies to help those impacted by cancer, vascular and gynecologic disease, hearing loss, diabetes, epilepsy and other serious health issues."

The top projects in each category, as judged by a panel of faculty, received monetary prizes.

Graduate students, medical students, fellows and residents broadened knowledge on:

- The impact of a rural location in thyroid and breast cancer detection and treatment.

- Reducing the risk of a stroke.

- Tracking neuromuscular activities in embryos.

- A potential improvement to sickle cell disease treatment.

Eight SIU School of Medicine resident physicians and fellows received accolades for their research.

Jonesboro announces fourth quarter honor roll students

Jonesboro School announces fourth quarter honor roll students:

High Honors

Austin Adams, Lily Baker, Isabel Tehandon, Lia Mays, Jacob Acklin, Ethan Carver, Anna Rodgers, Tabitha Smith, Camille Turner.

Jenny Carillo, Trevor Cochran, Kaya Coleman, Abigail Dahmer, Dylan Holderfield, Chloe McFarland, Marlee Smith, Alli Toler, Olivia Bowen.

Connor Hallam, Anna Hess, Taeborn Dewitt, Madilyn Gawrych, Lilly Hancock, Libby Smith, Ashlyn Voigt.

Jaley Watkins, Mikayla Bundren, Hannah DeWitt,

Peter Hauser, Luca Mays, Noah McFarland, Braden Bennis.

Avery Goines, Hannah Hileman, Noah Hobson, Ethan Palmer, Sydney Ralls, Selena Rogers, Emma Tweedy.

Honors

Malik Groh, Serena Tripp, Jaden Ebberts, Harrison Ford, Annie Hobson, Hannah Lincoln, Krishna Patel.

Jacqueline Wilkins, Heidi Jones, Alexis Hammack, Laura Brown, Kyleigh Hamel, Cristian Valencia.

Two events set at Fort Massac

Two events are planned Friday and Saturday, May 27-28, at Fort Massac State Park in Metropolis.

The 2015 film "Pan" is set to be shown Friday as a movie in the park presentation. The film will start at dusk, at about 8:30 p.m.

Admission will be free. Concessions will be available to purchase. Those who plan to attend are asked to bring a blanket or chair.

Reptiles will be the topic of a program which is planned from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on May 28. Admission is free.

The program will be presented by Scott Ballard of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Union County Hospital gift shop has new manager

The gift shop at Union County Hospital in Anna has a new manager.

The Union County Hospital Auxiliary announces that Linda Jackson is the gift shop's new manager.

Jackson was raised in Anna. She is a graduate of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

She retired from the telephone company after 33 years of service.

After retiring from the telephone company, she worked for Crain Funeral Homes for seven and a half years before retiring again.

Jackson spent the next four and a half years caring for her husband after he became ill. He received

a kidney transplant in July 2015 and is now doing well.

Jackson said that she is looking forward to working with the Union County Hospital Auxiliary and gift shop volunteers.

She said that she is open to any ideas and suggestions people may have for the gift shop. Jackson can be contacted on Tuesday afternoons at the gift shop.

The Union County Hospital Auxiliary voiced its appreciation and thanks to Mona Diefenbach for her 25 years of service as the gift shop manager, as well as for her seven years of service as the president of the auxiliary.

NOTICE

Rural Health, Inc. will be terminating its services at the Anna-Jonesboro School's Health Center, effective June 30, 2016. Patients wanting to continue their health care with Rural Health may do so at any of the Rural Health sites. Medical records currently housed at the Health Center will be relocated to Rural Health's main facility, located at 513 North Main St., Anna, IL. For appointments, questions or concerns, please call 618-833-4471.



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Allen family reunion planned

The family of Willis E. and Clara E. Nichols Allen plans to have their 46th reunion in the Trail of Tears State Forest near Jonesboro on Sunday, May 29.

Those who plan to attend are asked to bring a covered dish to share. Organizers ask that there be no pets.



Mable Margaret Smith

Mable Margaret Smith, 92, of Jonesboro, died at 4:17 a.m. Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at the Marion VA Medical Center.

She was born on Dec. 28, 1923, in Memphis, Tenn., the daughter of Edward and Letha Mettelle Kelly Hellingreen.

She married Leroy Smith on Feb. 16, 1957, in Dixon.

She is survived by her children, Bonnie (Tom) Riston of Tamms, Tom (Angie) Smith of Jonesboro, Micki Smith of Grand Chain and Staci (John) Dunn of Cobden; seven grandchildren, Danni Riston of Blytheville, Ark., Tyler Duarte of San Antonio, Texas, Tyler (Sissy) Townley of Anna, Meghan Smith of Jonesboro, Brandon Smith of Grand Chain, Bailee Smith of Grand Chain and Marlee Smith of Jonesboro; a great-grandchild, Danny Lynn Riston of Blytheville, Ark.; one brother, Edmond Hellingreen of Ottawa; all her special friends at Cache Valley Assisted Living in Ullin; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Leroy Smith; one brother, Arthur Hellingreen; and one granddaughter, Melody Smith.

She served in the military WAC (Women's Army Corps) in World War II. She was one of the first women to serve in the ranks of the U.S. Army, where she was a truck driver and mechanic.

In the early 1970s she owned and operated the Bald Knob Cafe in Alto Pass. She worked as a tech at the Manteno State hospital, and at the Anna State Hospital as a housekeeper.

After raising her children, she went back to work in the early 1990s and worked for the Sunshine Inn kitchen and delivered in the Meals on Wheels program. She also worked for Addus Healthcare and Shawnee Development Council as a home caregiver. She always joked about how most of her clients she cared for were much younger than herself. Mable was a feisty and hardworking lady and worked right up until she was in her 80s.

Funeral services for Mrs. Smith were at 1 p.m. Friday, May 20, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with Clark Short officiating. Interment was in the Jonesboro Cemetery.

Graveside military rites were conducted by Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna and the Illinois Army National Guard military honors team of Marion.

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

To leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemahilemanfh.com.

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

Doris Elizabeth Andrews West

Doris Elizabeth West, 94, of Marion, and formerly of Anna, died on May 18, 2016.

She was born on May 16, 1922, in Philadelphia, Pa., the daughter of George M. and Natalie Kuhlman Andrews. She married then-USAAF Staff Sgt. James Edward West on July 1, 1944.

After an adventuresome move from Philadelphia to Jim's air base assignment in South Dakota, they settled in Anna. Though raised in the American (Northern) Baptist tradition, she embraced membership at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna, singing soprano in the choir. Her wonderful voice and willingness to share it led her to sing at funerals and special times in her church. At her time of passing, she was the oldest member of Mt. Moriah.

She regularly volunteered at Stinson Library in Anna and for the Union County Hospital Auxiliary. For several years, she enjoyed the company of friends in their monthly Sewing Club. She was an avid reader and did needlework until her failing eyesight prevented it. She was a good mother and homemaker. She also worked at Hodges Furniture Store, retiring after 15 years selling furnishings and advising customers.

Doris and Jim shared 53 years of marriage until his passing in 1997. She will be remembered for her elegance and kindly manners, constant prayers and concern for her family and friends, as a witness to her faith, and showing a courageous nature; those who knew her say she always put her best-foot-forward and maintained remarkable decorum.

She was a devoted and loyal mother, grandmother and friend, always supporting loved ones with prayer and caring ways.

She is survived by son Kenneth Andrew (Veronica) West of Marion and daughter Betsy Ann (Dallas) Harris of Clinton; sister-in-law Barbara Andrews of Santee, Calif.; by grandchildren Bart Harris, Clinton, Bret (Sherrie) Harris, Clinton, Lexi West of Olmsted, Illinois, Melanie (Billy) Burkeen of Paducah, Sarah West of Marion, Caitlyn Conroy West of Cobden, Benjamin West of Marion, Natalie West of Sidney, Mont., and Samuel (Kelly) West of Nashville, Tenn. She leaves nine great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild, as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband; by a son, James Edward West Jr.; and her brother, George Kenneth Andrews.

A memorial service will be held at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna on Wednesday, June 1, at 11 a.m., with the Rev. Marlin Otte officiating. Visitation will be prior to the service, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Interment will be at 1:30 p.m. at the Anna Cemetery.

Contributions in lieu of flowers can be made to Mt. Moriah or to the Friends of Stinson Library.

To leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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

Obituaries

Ethel Mae Blunt

Ethel Mae Blunt, 88, of Cobden, died at 6:46 a.m. Saturday, May 21, 2016, at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

She was born on June 2, 1927, in Cobden, the daughter of Fred and Mae Hodges Flamm.

She married Harold L. "Bud" Blunt Sr. on Oct. 28, 1958, in Cobden. He preceded her in death in August 1972.

She is survived by her four sons, Doug (Melody) Meadows of Anna, Chuck (Charlotte) Meadows of Cobden, Harold Blunt Jr. of Blue Springs, Mo., and Scott (Michele) Blunt of Lynn Haven, Fla.; 11 grandchildren, Mike Graham of Panama City Beach, Fla., Don Graham of Bakersfield, Calif., Richard (Jennifer) Graham of Parker, Colo., Mary Meadows and Douglas Meadows II, both of Cobden, Rhondalynn (Ken) Rushing of Russiaville, Ind., Jeff Meadows, Le Clark and Serenity Meadows, all of Cobden, Aaron Blunt, of Blue Spings, Mo., and Xander Blunt of Lynn Haven, Fla.; 12 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Charles (Virginia) Flamm of Cobden; one sister, Marlene Rich of Marion; many nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Harold L. "Bud" Blunt Sr.; a daughter, Janis Graham; a sister, Audrey Ann Vitt; and two brothers-in-law, John Vitt Sr. and Gordon Rich.

She was a faithful member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cobden, she served as church trustee for many years and was a member of the Ladies Sodality group. She was a dedicated military wife to her husband Harold during his military career, traveling extensively. She enjoyed crocheting and painting; but above all loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Funeral Mass for Mrs. Blunt was at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 25, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cobden, with Father Federico Higuera and Father Uriel Salamanca officiating. Interment was in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Cobden.

On Tuesday, May 24, the Rosary was said at 7:30 p.m. Memorials can be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

To leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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

Sue Lockard Brimm

Sue Brimm, 76, of Springfield, and formerly of Cobden, died Friday, May 20, 2016, at her home.

She was born on March 7, 1940, in Anna, the daughter of Louie and Mildred Mallender Lockard of Cobden.

She married Gene Brimm on Nov. 1, 1958, in St. Louis.

She is survived by her husband; son Allen (Terri) of Wimberley, Texas; four grandchildren, Hannah and Haileigh Black of Chatham, and Ben and Rachael Brimm of Wimberley, Texas; sister Kathy (Dennis) Thornburg of Anna; several nieces and nephews; a son-in-law, Reggis Black of Chatham; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Laura Black; and an older sister, Betty McIntire.

She was devoted to her family and a friend to many. She was a member of the Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church for many years. Sue was someone who never met a stranger. She was always interested in knowing and caring about people she met. She was a stay at home mom until starting to work for H&R Block. When her husband retired from the State of Illinois in 1988, she determined they were too young to quit working and then started her own tax and accounting business. After 21 years, they sold a successful business and officially retired.

She was always finding ways to help others through volunteering with PTA, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and her church. She was one of the first women to be recognized with the Silver Beaver, the highest award for a volunteer of a Boy Scout Council. She was an enrolled agent and a member of the NATP.

Graveside services for Mrs. Brimm will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 27, at the Cobden Cemetery. Friends are asked to go directly to the cemetery. Interment will be in the Cobden Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church at 501 S. Douglas Ave., Springfield, Ill. 62704.

To leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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

In
Memory
of
our Papa



If we had wings, we would fly to heaven
to see you Papa. We miss and love you so
much.

Love,
Nathaniel, Jordan, Taylor, Maddie,
Jalynn, Blake, Ally, Marshall,
Brittany and Austin

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Johnny Ray 'Bam Bam' New

Johnny Ray "Bam Bam" New, 58, of Cobden, died Sunday, May 22, 2016, at his home.

He was born on March 22, 1958, in Muncie, Ind., the son of Lee Hollis and Hazel Malone New.

He married Ruth Seals on Aug. 14, 1976.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth New of Cobden; a son, Johnny "Jay" (Hailey) New of Dongola; a daughter, Natasha (Ben) Casey of Anna; four grandchildren, Kailey and Paisley New, Keron and Kayleen; two sisters, Ginger "Twink" (Bryan) Morrison of Cobden and Patricia (Pete) Williams of Annapolis, Mo.; two brothers, Clyde (Cindy) New of Bryant, Ind., and Larry (Charlotte) New of Muncie, Ind.; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Zane; and one brother, Charles Maurice New.

He worked as a carpenter and truck driver for many years and was a Harley Davidson fan. He served in the U.S. Army.

Funeral services for Mr. New were at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden, with Jeff Starr officiating. Interment was in the Cobden Cemetery.

Graveside military rites were conducted by Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna.

Memorials can be made to the family.

To leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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

Katherine A. Swink

Katherine A. Swink, 72, of Anna, died at 2:05 p.m. Monday, May 23, at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

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

To leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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

News from First Baptist Church, Anna

In the morning service on Sunday, May 15, Pastor Sinks' sermon title was "Knowing Those About You," with scripture from Ezekiel.

Last Sunday, Anna First Baptist Church welcomed guest preacher Mickey Williams. Sunday, June 5, the church plans to welcome Christian comedian Tim Lovelace at 10 a.m. Admission is free. No tickets are required. An offering will be taken.

Obituaries Online at www.annanews.com

Jay "JB" Carl Hooker, 64, of Anna, formerly of Goreville died at 12:08 a.m., Feb. 16, 2016, in St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.



Celebration of Jay and his wife, Cherry's, life will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, May 28, at the Lakeview Shelter, Ferne Clyffe State Park in Goreville. There will be a potluck meal with BBQ, soft drinks and table service furnished. Side dishes appreciated. Interment of Jay & Cherry's remains will be held at a later date at the IOOF Cemetery in Golconda, Illinois.

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What Does the Cross Mean to Us?

How often do you think about the Cross of Christ? I daresay that most of us don't give it nearly enough thought, so in this brief article, let's consider a few things the Cross means to mankind.

The Cross means a ransom. Paul declares this very thing to Timothy - that Jesus brings a ransom. **In I Tim. 2:5-6**, Paul writes, **"For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time..."**

The word ransom means: "a price paid for the release or redemption of a captive." That's exactly what Jesus did for you and me by dying on the Cross. He loved us enough to pay the ransom with His life so that we might be set free from sin.

Jesus knew that He was going to do this for us, because he says in **Mark 10:45**, **"For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."** He died so that we may live.

The Cross means reconciliation. The prefix "re" means "again" or "renew," and the word "conciliate" means to gain friendship. Putting these together means to renew or gain friendship again, or to bring back a former state of harmony.

Before sin, God and man were the closest of friends, but this friendship was destroyed when Adam and Eve disobeyed God (**Gen. 3:6**). However, because of God's great love for mankind, He provided a way in which mankind could be reconciled to Him. **In II Cor. 5:19**, the Bible reads, **"...God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation."** If the Cross didn't mean reconciliation, we could never be friends with God, because it was mankind who chose to turn its back on God, not the other way around.

The Cross means grace. Grace is favor - God's favor - that no person on earth deserves, and is a gift of love that was given while man was in sin (**Rom. 5:8&9**). You see, without grace there would be no salvation. **"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men..."** (**Titus 2:11**). Paul further verifies this truth in Eph. 2:8: **"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God..."** Understand: not grace alone, but grace through obedient faith.

Dear Reader, we invite you to learn more with us at the Anna church of Christ at 104 Nile St. Join us this Sunday at 9:30 a.m. for Bible study, 10:30 a.m. & 5 p.m. for worship. Have a great day!

R.W. McAlister, Minister
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Jonesboro School pays tribute to longtime teacher Tex Lehr

A large, colorful banner on display in the Jonesboro School gymnasium shared a special message for a special person.

"We will miss you, Mr. Lehr," the banner declared. "Mr. Lehr" is Tex Lehr, who is retiring after 32 years of service to the Union County school.

Lehr has served as a teacher, coach and bus driver at Jonesboro School. And, on Friday morning before he was honored during an assembly at the school, Lehr was airing up a basketball for a student, too.

The assembly was held in the school gymnasium, where the banner created in his honor was prominently on display. Lehr's "official" retirement date was May 24.

Lehr began his career at Jonesboro in 1984. He worked as a physical education teacher, drove a school bus and served as an assistant coach in baseball, track and basketball.

His time at the school went by quickly, Lehr acknowledged in the moments prior to being recognized at Friday morning's assembly.

"I had the greatest job in the world. I got paid to play games with kids all day," he said, with a smile.

Lehr admitted that he would "miss the kids" and his colleagues at Jonesboro School. But now, he will have more time to spend with his wife and two grown children.

As he stood and talked to those at the assembly, an emotional Lehr said that he

would miss those who have meant so much to him at the school. Lehr was given a standing ovation when he was introduced to those at the assembly.

As part of the farewell, students and staff members had written special good-bye wishes which were on display.

Notes which were on display in the gymnasium had a special theme: "I will miss you a 'hole' bunch! DONUT forget the time..."

Kindergarten teacher Susan Ramsey read a special tribute to Lehr on behalf of Jonesboro School staff members and students:

"Mr. Lehr - there have been P.E. teachers before you, there will be P.E. teachers after you, but none will be like you!



Doughnuts were a special gift which were given to Tex Lehr.



Tex Lehr, right, listened while Jonesboro School teacher Susan Ramsey read a tribute to him. Jonesboro School principal Tom Stark was holding the microphone.



A banner shared a special message for longtime Jonesboro School teacher Tex Lehr.

"You had the perfect mix of tough and loving with your students. I never saw you tire of tying the little ones' shoes, checking their owies, praising good effort, or forgetting that P.E. is always a fun place to be!

"Your students knew that they did not have to be the best athletes while they were in your class.

"They did know that perseverance and fairness were valued, which just happen to be the two most important things in life.

"You have gotten to spend your career playing games and helping to mold the lives of countless children.

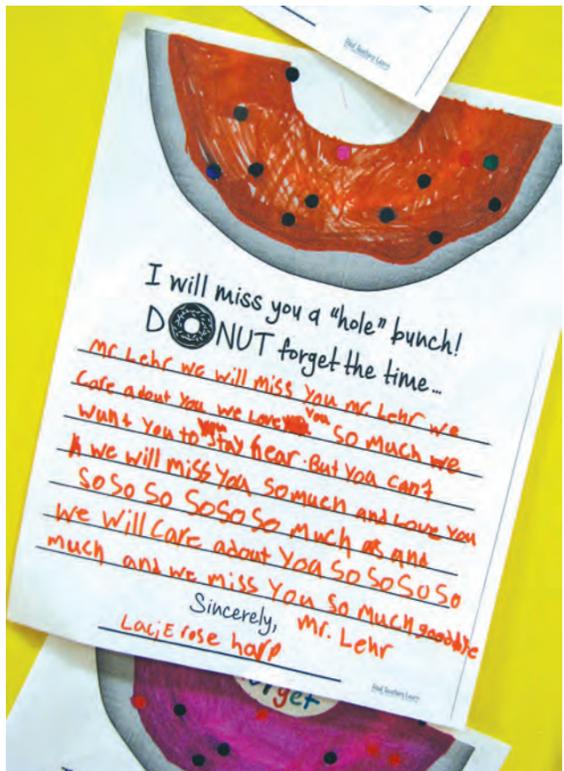
"It was obvious that you were also having lots of fun along the way! Enjoy this next chapter of your life.

"No one can ever fill your sneakers!"

Jonesboro School principal Tom Stark said that Lehr was more than a teacher.

"Mr. Lehr is beyond a teacher. He is an advocate for the kids - and for whatever it took to get the job done," Stark said.

Lehr won't completely stop working at the school. He plans to continue to drive a bus, and he will probably serve as a substitute, as needed.



Hand-written notes like this one were posted in the gymnasium. The notes had a special theme.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the School Board of Lick Creek CCSD #16 in Union County, IL, that a tentative budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July, 2016, will be on file and conveniently available for public inspection at the Lick Creek District Office, 7355 Cypress Rd., Buncombe, IL 62912, from and after 8:00 a.m., on the 16th day of May, 2016. Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 7:15 o'clock p.m., on the 20th day of June, 2016, at Lick Creek School CCSD #16.

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Section B

Boyd family reunion planned June 8 in Anna

Descendants of Jonathan and Almira Johnson plan to have a reunion on Thursday, June 9.

Eight generations of Boyds have lived and carved out destinies in Union County since Jonathan and Almira and their relatives arrived here by oxen or horse-drawn wagons in 1851.

Jonathan and Almira raised five children to adulthood on a farm east of Anna-Jonesboro. They were Christopher Jerry Boyd, Martha (Mrs. Giles) Corzine, James Richard Boyd, Jonathan Bell Boyd, and Margaret (Mrs. James Henry) Porter.

Descendants of these families are invited to attend the upcoming reunion to renew acquaintances and to share family stories.

Memorial Day concert set at Logan Museum

The Red Bank Civil War ReUnion Band, dressed in period costume, is scheduled to present a Memorial Day concert of patriotic Civil War music on Monday, May 30, in Murphysboro.

The concert is set for 3 p.m. at the General John A. Logan Museum, which is located at 1613 Edith St.

The Red Bank Civil War ReUnion Band is made up of musicians who enjoy working together, are passionate about their music, and committed to sharing history with audiences of all ages.

The diverse group of doctors, lawyers, teachers, ministers, engineers, machinists and retired military have roots in Kentucky, Illinois and Indiana.

The band's members work to recreate the music of

The reunion will be at the Clear Creek Baptist Association building at 2825 E. Vienna St. in Anna. The location is next to Meller-James Veterinary Clinic.

Organizers invite folks to attend between 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Guests are invited to share memories, photos and mementos throughout the evening.

A potluck buffet is planned at 5:30 p.m. Carry-out fried chicken will be ordered and supper guests are asked to bring a side dish to share.

Those who plan to attend are asked to RSVP so that a count can be made. Call Emily Boyd Meyer at 833-9185, Barbara Boyd Bauer at 833-3228 or Beth Bauer Hileman at 833-3790.

the Civil War era, using the actual band arrangements and appropriate instruments.

The band's music is drawn from the Brass Band Journals of the 1850s, the Library of Congress and Collections in Historical Societies and Museums.

The Red Bank ReUnion Band also plans to participate in Carbondale's 150th Memorial Day service at Woodlawn Cemetery at 10 a.m.

Reptile program set at Fort Massac

Reptiles and snakes will be the topic of a program which is planned Saturday, May 28, at Fort Massac State Park in Metropolis.

The program is scheduled from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Lincoln, Davie schools raise more than \$9,000 for JDRF Kids Walk



Kids Walk at Anna City Park

A Kids Walk was held Friday, May 6, at the Anna City Park. Students took victory laps, played, had lunch and saw some of their teachers get "super soaked" by the top fundraiser from each grade. Photo provided.

Lincoln and Davie schools in Anna raised more than \$9,000 for the second annual JDRF Kids Walk.

Recently, Lincoln and Davie schools from Anna District 37 teamed up to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, JDRF.

Over the course of two weeks, the students participated in lessons that focused on Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes, proper nutrition and exercise.

During this time, students also collected donations from family, friends, and the community.

Organizers said that the students, from kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades, impressively raised a little over \$9,000 for the JDRF.

The fundraising was finalized with a Kids' Walk that was held at the Anna City Park on Friday, May 6.

Students took some victory laps, played, enjoyed lunch, and got to see some of the teachers get super soaked by the top fundraiser from each grade.

The top fundraisers also received goodie bags filled with items and coupons generously donated by the

community.

The top fundraisers included Holli Lopez, Blake Strunk, Holly Yana, Levi Alvis, Drew Sadler, Zoe Sadler, Kenlee Metzger, Logan Ebersohl, Zachary Henry and Drake Hartline, all who raised \$100 each.

Shaylee Sadler who raised \$101; Jayden Samuels who raised \$103; Reese Belcher who raised \$105; Zoey Mucher, Allison Fowler, and Liam Fowler who raised \$107 each.

Eli Huff who raised \$108; Hunter Partain who raised \$109; Logan Thompson and Jasmine Ledbetter who raised \$110 each; David Franklin who raised \$120; Adam Clark who raised \$125; Bree Hazlerigg who raised \$126. Tyler Cunningham who raised \$140; Max Ruddick who raised \$145; Kansas Craig who raised \$160; Presley Bierstedt who raised \$165.

Addison Bonner, Mariel McGrath, and Kale Waller who raised \$250; Raelynn Sadler who raised \$255; Jake Menees who raised \$257; and Chloe Biggerstaff who raised \$1060.

Class fundraising totals are as follows:

Kindergarten: \$136 from Mrs. Feloni's class, \$513 from Mrs. Rich's class, and \$465 from Mrs. Smith's class.

1st grade: \$360 from Mrs. Dallas's class, \$590 from Mrs. Suggs's class, and \$623 from Mrs. Youngman's class.

2nd grade: \$695 from



Top fundraisers

The top fundraisers received goodie bags. The bags were filled with items and coupons that were donated by the community. Photo provided.

Mrs. Rathjen's class, \$1262 from Mrs. Osman's class, and \$1,785 from Mrs. Boyd's class.

3rd grade: \$431 from Mrs. Hammer's class, \$283 from Mrs. Ligon's class, and \$477 from Mrs. Mucher's class.

4th grade: \$308 from Mrs. Marshall's class, \$409 from Mrs. Sadler's class, and \$440 from Mrs. Thurston's class.

Various donations totaling \$314 also were received.

Anna District 37 and the JDRF sincerely thank all of those who donated.

They give a special thank you to the local businesses that sponsored this event including:

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Southern Seven Health Department, Strike Zone, Union County Country Club & Brandon Bierstedt, Vince's DJ Show, Walgreens, Whiffle Boy's Pizza.

Blood drive scheduled

The American Red Cross and Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative, SIEC, are teaming up to host a blood drive in the area.

The blood drive is scheduled Tuesday, May 31, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Crossroad United Methodist Church near Ullin.

All presenting donors, who are SIEC members, will receive a \$10 utility bill credit.

An appointment to donate blood can be made by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Church welcomes Sons of the Father

The Sons of the Father are scheduled to be at Big Creek Baptist Church near Anna at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 29.

The church is located at 3820 U.S. Highway 51 South.

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Memorial Day

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MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

The Memorial Day holiday will be commemorated with a wide range of special events which are planned throughout the region.

Here's a look at the Memorial Day weekend activities, services and observances which are planned in the area:

Alto Pass

The Alto Pass Veterans Organization has scheduled three services in commemoration of Memorial Day. A service is set for 1 p.m. Saturday, May 28, at the veterans memorial in downtown Alto Pass.

A service is planned at 9 a.m. Monday at the Alto Pass Cemetery. A service is scheduled to follow at 10 a.m. Monday at the Dutch Ridge Cemetery north of Alto Pass.

Anna VFW Post

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna plans to have a Memorial Day service on Monday.

The service is set for 11 a.m. on the grounds of the post home near Anna.

Cobden Service

A service is planned at 9 a.m. Monday at the St. Joseph Catholic Church Cemetery in Cobden.

A service is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Cobden Cemetery in Cobden.

Mound City National Cemetery

The Mound City National Cemetery in Mound City is planning to host an annual Memorial Day service on Saturday, May 28. The service is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

A free shuttle bus service to the cemetery will be available at the former St. Mary's Church, which is located at the corner of Diamond and Walnut streets in Mound City. The shuttle bus will provide transportation to and from the cemetery, starting at 9 a.m.

The program is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. with a processional from Mound City to the national cemetery.

This year, the service will honor veterans of Operation Desert Storm.

The processional is scheduled to include various motorcycle organizations.

The Southeast Missouri Military Vehicle Association will transport Desert Storm veterans.

The program will include patriotic music, historian notes by Richard Brumley, recognition of Desert Storm veterans and a roll call of honor. The roll call will honor deceased veterans from all wars, beginning with the Civil War.

The guest speaker is scheduled to be David Gillarm Jr. Gillarm is a native of Mounds who served two combat tours with the 3rd Infantry Division.

The program at the Mound City National Cemetery continues to be an ongoing remembrance of all soldiers, from the Civil War to the present. Organizers of the program encourage the public, veterans, and especially Desert Storm veterans, to attend the service.



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News from

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

Trinity Sunday celebrated the God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit: Three in One.

Pastor Dennis explained that "God loves us and is in fellowship with us through the Holy Spirit."

The prayer list for healing included Craig Bass, Maddie Nichols, Mike Chase, Jean Graham, Charlene Kozora, Floy Sullivan, Jacob Wells, Glenna Tripp, Mildred Kohler, Daniel Seddon, Rena Hepburn, Shawn Knupp, Stanley Malnar, Mary Edmonds, Ivy Roach, Betty Sue Elkins, Randy Bland, Ann Shaw, Mat Page, Susan Hase, Paige Astin, Brad Rendleman, Jessi Watson, Bill Hensch, Jack Johnson, Will Eidson, Shirley Earn-

hart, Hadley Ashby, Linda Clark and Roger Lacy.

The families of Jim Gilmore, Barbara Brown, Brenda Roach, Tom Greenwood and Doris West were remembered in prayer for loss of their loved one.

Mt. Moriah member Marilyn Joiner is being recognized as the resident of the month at the Lutheran Home in Cape Girardeau. A reception is planned in her honor on Tuesday, May 31, at 2 p.m. Those who know Marilyn are welcome and encouraged to attend the event.

Hands of Faith Quilt Group will meet May 31 for a workshop to learn to assemble an embroidered theme quilt. On June 1, work will continue on Lutheran World Relief quilts.

The adult choir meets on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. The choir plans to sing as a part of the music program at the Annabelle Festival in downtown Anna on Saturday, June 11.

Church council president Mike Stegle announced that a pastoral candidate for the vacancy at Salem and Mt. Moriah Lutheran Churches will conduct services June 12 at 9 a.m. at Mount Moriah in Anna and at 10:45 a.m. at Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 20-24.

Regular Sunday worship is held at Mt. Moriah at 9 a.m., with Sunday School and an adult Bible class at 10:15 a.m.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

The offertory at Sunday morning's worship service was provided by Noah and Aaron Wiseman.

Matt Macy, Logan Wiseman, Curt Lyerla and Heath Brooks were ushers.

Graduates who were honored with a gift were Tobie Treece, Anna Junior High School graduate; Logan Wiseman, Dongola High School graduate; Makenzie Mulback, Anna-Jonesboro Community High School graduate; and Drake Wiseman, Shawnee Community College graduate. A prayer was led by Pastor McBride around the altar with the graduates and their families.

The Sunday morning message, "How We Can Trust In God," was brought by Pastor McBride from Hebrews.

The message shared that "we can trust in God when it doesn't make sense, because it's God's attributes that we can trust in Him, and we can anchor ourselves in him and never be moved."

At the Sunday evening service, "Happy Birthday" was sung to Nancy Smith, Terry Wiseman Sr. and Jessica Barlow.

The offertory at Sunday evening's worship service was provided by Nina Shepard, Carla Ramage and Marilyn Elkins.

Noah Wiseman, Matt Macy, Curt Lyerla and Curly Ralls were ushers.

The Sunday evening message, "Treading the Freeway of Failure," was brought by Pastor McBride from Exodus.

The message shared that "we can hinder ourselves by thinking we are failures if it doesn't happen immediately. Its takes the Lord blessing not our trying harder and harder. We do what we can and God brings the blessing."

Birthdays and anniversaries: May 23, Brian and Vonda Hill; May 24, Jessica Barlow; May 25, Terry Wiseman Sr., Nancy Smith, Joe and Wanda Ames; May 26, Bryan and Ginger Morrison; May 28, T.J. Macy.

A bridal shower for Jessica Barlow is planned from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. June 5.

Vacation Bible School is planned June 13-17.

Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. with classes for all ages. Worship services are Sunday at 10:35 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

News from

Walnut Grove United Methodist Church

Barb Norton had her family with her in church to celebrate her birthday. After church, everyone surprised her with a birthday party.

Keith and Loren Herold celebrated their anniversary.

Special music was presented by Carolyn Moore on the piano and Loren Herold on the flute.

Rev. Robert Fear's message was titled "A Resume for Jesus," with scripture from Mark.

The message shared that "giving our life to Jesus should be the most important job description we can have, but it's hard and sometimes lonely work to serve God. We must never

give up or get discouraged if we can't help our friends or loved ones with their own salvation."

Gary Hartline had order forms for the Walnut Grove United Methodist Church t-shirts that are supposed to be returned to him next Sunday.

The next ladies' lunch is planned Friday, June 3, at 11:30 a.m. at the Cracker Barrel in Cape Girardeau.

A music night is planned Tuesday, June 7, from 6:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All types of instruments and singing talents are welcome.

The Sunday service starts at 9:30 a.m. The church is located at 3195 Mountain Glen Rd., Cobden, near Route 127.

News from

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Anna



Austin Smith congratulated Shelby D. Schaefer, who graduated with a bachelor of science degree in communication disorders from Western Kentucky University on Saturday, May 14. She has been accepted for the master's program at the University of Memphis. Photo provided.

Father Federico Higuera's homily was about the Holy Trinity on Sunday. "Truly the most Holy Trinity is our heavenly family, our home forever," he said.

Vacation Bible School is planned July 24-29.

Congratulations go to all of the graduates.

Masses are celebrated Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

News from

First Christian Church, Anna

"Love is Greater Than..." was the title of the sermon preached by Senior Minister Dee Armes on Sunday, May 22.

Birthdays: John Schaefer, May 23; Jean Hall, Kyran Partridge, May 25; Michael Skelton, Madelyn Eastman, May 29; Diane Clayton, Holly Santasiere, Michael Black, Hallie Black, May 31.

A No Strings Attached event is planned from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 11 at the church. This will include car care, prayer, a nursery, food and gently used items which will be offered to the community with no strings attached.

First Christian Church meets at 200 Mallard Ln. in east Anna.

Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. The worship service begins at 10:30 a.m. The Sunday evening program begins at 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible study is at 6:30 p.m.

Erin Gould on dean's list

Erin Gould of Anna has been named to the spring semester dean's list at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn.

Dean's list eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5, with no grade below a C.

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Weekly Scripture Reading					
Acts	Acts	Acts	Acts	Acts	Acts
7:23-43	7:44-8:3	8:4-25	8:26-40	26:1-32	27:1-38 27:39-28:15

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A search for missing relatives during chaos of World War II

By Dr. Mark DePue
Cpl. Francis Callaghan, a long way from his home on the south side of Chicago, was a determined man on the morning of Feb. 4, 1945.

Callaghan was a member of the 530th Engineer Company, which had fought its way down the length of Luzon Island in the Philippines and was just completing a bridging operation across the Pasig River in the heart of Manila.

Callaghan had other things on his mind, however.

Three area students graduate from McKendree

Three students from the Union County area are members of the class of 2016 at McKendree University in Lebanon. Cara Althoff of Anna earned a BSN degree in nursing. Amy Nance of Cobden earned a BBA degree in management. Melissa Chapman of Makanda earned a BSN degree in nursing. The university held its 176th commencement exercises on May 14 at the Lebanon campus for those who completed their degree requirements in December 2015, May and July.

He was determined to find his aunt and uncle, Sam and Cecilia Ladic, and their three young daughters who were imprisoned somewhere in a cluster of prison camps north of the Pasig River.

Before the war, Sam Ladic had managed a gold mine in northern Luzon, but the family was captured by the Japanese in December 1941 as they marched down Luzon Island toward the Bataan peninsula and Manila. Since their capture, the entire Ladic family had lived a nightmare existence.

Now three years later, the reports were that the Ladics, together with hundreds of civilian prisoners as well as 300 survivors of the Bataan Death March, were imprisoned in the notorious Bilibid Prison, just 2 miles north of where Callaghan's unit was bridging the Pasig River.

That bridge gave the Americans access into the heart of Manila's governmental sector, where a Japanese garrison was ready to defend the city to the last man.

Once the bridge was completed, Callaghan pestered his commander for permission to search for his relatives.

"He gave me permission after a while," recalled Francis during an oral his-

tory interview over 70 years later, "and then he said, I think you're crazy. There's still fighting going on!"

He left anyway, working his way north through the deserted streets of the city, past dead bodies and the debris of battle, along streets still infested with Japanese snipers.

There were no signs of Japanese guards when Callaghan reached Bilibid Prison. They had fled when an American armored unit moved through the area. There was also no sign of American troops, who had bypassed the prison in pursuit of the Japanese.

What Callaghan saw first at Bilibid were the Bataan Death March survivors in an enclosure built more like a lion's cage than a prison cell. They were little more than skin and bones.

"They reached through the wire fence and wanted to shake my hand, and wanted cigarettes and candy," said Francis.

When he asked about Sam and his family, someone pointed him in the right direction. Francis soon found his uncle.

"I said 'Francis Callaghan from Chicago,'" he wrote in a letter to his mother later that month. "Boy, he just hugged me all over. Who was behind him but his three daughters dressed

in bright yellow dress(es) and beautiful blonde hair."

The oldest of the Ladic girls, 12-year-old Mary Ann (Koucky), still remembers the horrors of Bilibid Prison, the awful stench of the makeshift graveyard where the Bataan boys who died were hastily buried, and the gnawing hunger that was her constant companion. She especially remembers the camp's liberation.

"Oh, it was exciting!" she said in her 2016 oral history interview. "We heard the rumble of tanks coming." Then one of the prisoners called out, "Those are tanks coming. They're Americans!"

Even though the tankers did not stop at the prison,

the next morning the Japanese guards were gone.

That's when Francis arrived at the camp and found Sam and the girls. Cecilia, Mary Ann's mother, was in an adjacent camp, near death from a severe case of amebic dysentery. The Americans' timely arrival saved her life.

After returning from the war, Francis went on to run a successful brick and stone contracting business in the Chicago area.

Mary Ann came of age in Taylorville, attended Loyola University for a couple of years, then left to get married in 1954.

Seventeen years and nine children later she finally earned her college degree

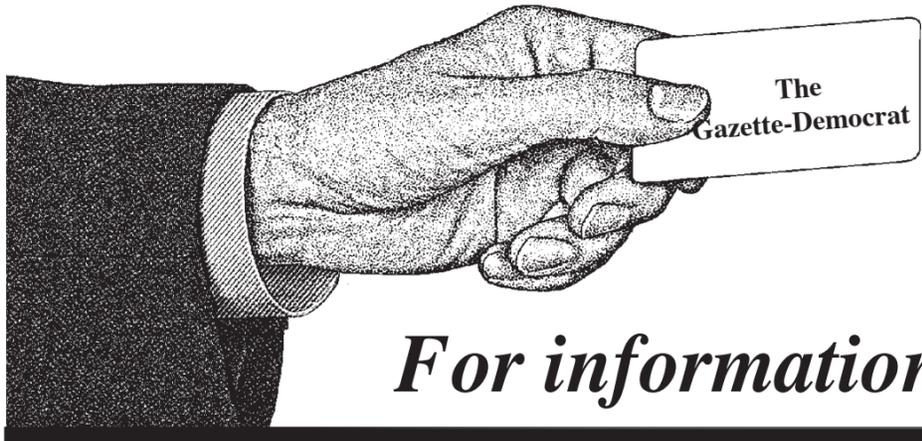
from Millikin University, then went on to a rewarding career as a teacher, administrator and, eventually, a financial consultant.

Some 70 years later, a unique bond unites Francis with his cousin Mary Ann. Although he now lives in LaGrange and Mary Ann lives in Decatur, they still keep in touch.

(Dr. Mark DePue is the director of oral history at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library. You can listen to both Francis Callaghan's and Mary Ann Koucky's version of their story at the program's website at www.oralhistory.illinois.gov. The library shared this story in commemoration of Memorial Day.)



Students honored for perfect attendance
Students at Lincoln Elementary School have been honored for achieving perfect attendance. The students are, from left, Sophia Lin, Mariel McGrath, Danica Morgan, Lucas Wright, Alexis Houseman and Kansas Craig. Photo provided.



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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.



Ed and Ella Earnhart celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary May 17.

VFW
Peggy Jerrell will sing at the VFW Saturday, May 28, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Arizona Trip
Roger and Lelia went to Willard, Mo., and picked up daughter Liz went to Alamogordo, N.M., where her husband Mike is working.

Liz stayed there and Roger and Lelia went on to Peoria, Ariz., where son Shane and Kathy, Emily and Kenzie live. They had a great time sightseeing and looking at all the flowers and cactuses.

Guests
Gayle Yarbrough and her mother Audrey Davis had lunch on Friday with lifelong friends who are in town visiting from Texas, Ruth Ann and Donnie Russell. They are originally from here.

Ruth Ann Newman Russell and Audrey graduated grade school together back in the mid 1950s.

Their daughters Gayle and Gina started kindergarten together and have been friends all this time. Gina and her folks are here visiting. They shared lunch and caught up on the years.

Relay For Life
The Union County Relay For Life for the American Cancer Society will be Friday, June 3, starting at 5 p.m., with the survivors



Robert Andrews and Geneva Jackson: Robert was baptized Sunday morning at the United Methodist Church in Anna by the Rev. Dr. Ray Long.



The Rev. Dr. Ray Long had a recognition of graduates at the United Methodist Church in Anna Sunday morning: Trystan Borders, Easton Corbit, Maria Piper, Allie Morris, Christian Goins and Elijah Glen Ellis.



The Rev. Dr. Ray Long at the United Methodist Church in Anna. Those joining the church Sunday morning, May 23, were Debbie Janowski, Eric, Amanda, Hayden, Ava and Paxton Boreup.

walk at 6 p.m. at the Anna City Park.



Anna Order of the Eastern Star has a new member: Lou Ann Reed was initiated and presented by Grand Lecturer Lenora Thomas of Zeigler.

Luminaries
Thanks to these people for luminaries in honor or memory of a loved one.

Honor Carrie Gibson, memory brothers Edward and Jimmy by Barbara House. In honor of all cancer survivors by Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club. Bobby and Floyd Ryals by Sherry Rix. Peggy and Ken Miller by Sherry Rix. Tweedy and Lewellyn families by Janice Lewellyn. Sloan Family by Rev. Millie Sloan.

Texas Trip
Tracee Foley enjoyed a trip to Austin to visit her grandchildren, Keira Ryan and Kellan.

On Saturday, they attended the annual Texas Blue Bonnet Festival, where Keira enjoyed the face painting and Kellan enjoyed the trolley rides.

On Sunday, they drove to Waco and shopped at Magnolia Market and Silos, which is owned by Chip and Joanna Gaines of the HGTV show Fixer Upper.

The kids loved the animals in the outdoor children's area, homemade strawberry crepes from the Magnolia Cafe.

They finished the evening with dinner at Jack Allens and donuts on Monday morning from the Donut Hole, voted best donuts in Austin.

4th Birthday
Keira Ryan celebrated her birthday May 22.

South Carolina Trip
Darla Lingle took her mother Mary Light to visit family in South Carolina.

They visited Mary's sister Janice and Harold Davis and other family. They enjoyed eating out, the beach and shopping.

Guest
Connie Ray's daughter Cheryl Ray-Strahm from St. Louis visited with her last week.

Guests
Elijah Glen Ellis' grandmother Kathy and aunt Karen from Greenville, aunt Alisha and family and aunt



Audrey Davis and her daughter Gayle Yarbrough had dinner with their friends Ruth Ann Newman Russell and daughter Gina from Texas.

Kelly from Carbondale came for Elijah's 8th grade graduation.

Red Hat Ladies
Several Red Hat Ladies groups met at Giant City Lodge May 18.

The dinner was hosted by Linda Clutts on her 75th birthday. Other birthdays celebrated for May were Cecile Caravello, Rita Downs, Ellen Cotten, Jennie Knapp, Peggy Denison and Martha Ann Webb.

Red Hat groups represented were Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies, Classy Red Hatters, Fire Bells of Lake of Egypt, Red Hats for God, Red Hats and Harmony, Heart Land Red Hatters, Scarlet Salukis, Rip Roaring Red. There were 88 in total celebrating the day.

Natalie Amrheim dressed as a big yellow rooster entertained the ladies. Elvira also stopped by.

Rev. Millie Sloan blessed the food. There were silent prayers for all our military serving our country.

Corinne Steveson led in prayer for her son, who has just left for his fourth tour in Afghanistan.

Linda Clutts played her banjo. Vernys Smith from Marion played the accordion. Their band is The Atta Girls. JoAnne Vaught played tambourine. They shared percussion instruments along with a sing a long with the Red Hat Ladies.

All the Queen Moms there led in the mother's song.

Everyone enjoyed Lillian Milam's display of Red Hat items.

Tickets were sold for the door prizes. There was a white elephant gift exchange.

The day ended with everyone standing and singing "God Bless America."

United Methodist Church, Anna
Recognition of graduates. Rev. Dr. Ray Long presented a Bible to each graduate and had a prayer for them.

Congratulations graduate's Trystan Borders Head Start, Anna. Easton Corbit pre-kindergarten, Lick Creek. Christian Goins 8th grade, Cobden, Elijah Glen Ellis 8th grade, Anna. Allie Morris high school, Cobden. Bryton West high school, Plainsfield, Tenn.

Bessie Mae Ellis, associate degree in nursing, Shawnee Community College. Maria Piper, bachelor of science, business management, minor in accounting, SIU Carbondale. Sarah Foster, MS in biology, College of Natural & Applied Sciences, Missouri State University, Springfield, Mo. The church family re-



Stacey Crain received a bouquet of flowers from the students at the sports award night at Anna Junior High School for all of her volunteer hours for the Boosters Club.

joined with the baptism of Robert Adams by Rev. Dr. Ray Long. Eric, Amanda, Hayden, Ava, and Paxton Boreup and Debbie Janowski joined the church.

Rev. Dr. Ray Long's sermon was on united members of God's family always moving forward with vision and hope striving toward perfection.

Chris Foster gave praises for Loaves and Fishes dinner and what a blessing it was for the church family as well as the community.

A special thanks for the dinner served by the Bazaar Ladies after church.

CPR Classes
A special thanks to Teri Goldsberry for teaching all the CPR classes this month. Teri says she is a little tired but glad to see so many people interested in learning how to save someone's life.

26th Anniversary
Shane and Lisa Murray will be celebrating their 26th wedding anniversary on May 25.

Birthdays
May 17 Suzanne Dillow, 18 Valerie Murray, Jill Treece, Pamela Jerrell, Joyce Sanders, Barbara Stefens, 23 John McLaughlin, 25 Amie McLaughlin, 29 Carol Lee Williams, June 3 Irene Stamp.

Anniversary
May 17 Jason and J. J. Miller, May 22 Christian and Emilia Davis.

Trip
Wanda and Rick Dillow visited their aunt Lucille Busenhardt and enjoyed the beach at Galveston Island.

They enjoyed Sunflower Bakery for lunch one day. They loved the sunset between the rain storms.

News from PAST
A yard sale will be at the Heritage House in Jonesboro Friday evening and Saturday morning, June 10-11.

Items may be brought to the house Friday morning, June 10, until noon; no clothing. The sale will be postponed if it rains.

Volunteers have been working hard behind the scenes both at St. Anne's and the PAST Heritage House.

There are beautiful new steps at St. Anne's that were paid for with donations at the soup supper and dessert

auction and other donations.

The Heritage House has a new furnace and air conditioner upstairs. Some light fixtures have been changed, carpeted two rooms and wall papered three and painted four since last year. A large sign is being designed to go in the front parkway.

Summer Sundays at the Heritage House will begin June 19. Bring family and friends any Sunday through October from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tour the house for free and see the new items and displays that have been added.

Connect Point Church
Poverty in Union County will be conquered in Jesus name prays Jena Guined.

Saturday, 25 families were served food through Connect Point Church. Thank you to all the people who help support this ministry financially and most of all with your prayers.

Those helping Saturday were Rev. Steve and Jena Guined, Kay McCord Phillips, Richard and Mary Stroh, Elvis Cameron, Kristen Cameron, Betty Eagle, Jeanie Haines, Jim McKinney, Judy Thomas and Norma Weaver.

Special Thanks
Thanks to Elaine Crain for giving me credit when she renewed her subscription to The Gazette-Democrat.

Red Cross
The blood drive will be at Anna First Baptist Church June 9 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Annabelle Street Festival
Plans are being made for the Annabelle festival that will take place in downtown Anna June 11.

Call Lee at 904-625-1109 for more information. There will be food vendors, arts and crafts, lots of music. Currently looking for businesses, artists, arts n crafters, tail gate flea marketers to rent booth space.

Get Well List
Larry Bentley has had two heart attacks. Nancy Lyerla fell and injured her arm. Lois Clutts had surgery. Roger Crews had a blood clot. Please keep them in your prayers.

Harvest Church
Serving free hot delicious meals every Thursday to the community at Harvest Church from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

AFSCME Retirees
Ten thousand state retirees went to Springfield May 18 about the benefits



Kaitlin Casper graduated from Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Saturday night. Her family and friends honored her with a party before graduation.

and retirees benefits they were promised.

AFSCME Illinois Retirees Chapter 31 meets at Anna Heights Baptist Church at 1 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Healthy Seniors
The Healthy Seniors Action Team had their 10th annual Senior Fun Fest at John A. Logan College last Friday.

Valuable information from several sponsors and exhibitors were on hand to provide and share with seniors.

Fred and Linda Clutts were on hand to give out information provided by AARP. Entertainment was presented by The Good Ol' Band.

Military Prayer List
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David Ray was surprised with music, dancing and a chicken for his birthday: Nancy Regain, Linda Clutts, chicken Natalie Amrheim and Martha Ann Webb.

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Memorial Day established to honor nation's war dead

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Headstones for Civil War soldiers at the Cobden Cemetery.

Approximately 25 places have been named in connection with the origin of Memorial Day, many of them in the South where most of the war dead were buried.

The official birthplace was declared in 1966. Congress and President Lyndon Johnson declared Waterloo, N.Y., the "birthplace" of Memorial Day.

There, a ceremony on May 5, 1866, honored local veterans who had fought in the Civil War. Businesses closed and residents flew flags at half-staff.

By the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were being held on May 30 throughout the nation.

State legislatures passed proclamations designating the day, and the Army and Navy adopted regulations for proper observance at their facilities.

It was not until after World War I, however, that the day was expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars.

In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress, though it is still often called Decoration Day.

It was then also placed on the last Monday in May, as were some other federal holidays.

Some states have Confederate observances. Many Southern states also have their own days for honoring the Confederate dead.

Mississippi celebrates Confederate Memorial Day on the last Monday of April, Alabama on the fourth Monday of April and Georgia on April 26.

North and South Carolina observe it on May 10, Louisiana on June 3 and Tennessee calls that date Confederate Decoration Day.

Texas celebrates Confederate Heroes Day on Jan. 19 and Virginia calls the last Monday in May Confederate Memorial Day.

Gen. Logan's order for his posts to decorate graves in 1868 "with the choicest flowers of springtime" urged:

"We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance...Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners.

"Let no neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic."

The crowd attending

the first Memorial Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery was approximately the same size as those who attend today's observance, about 5,000 people.

Then, as now, small American flags were placed on each grave - a tradition followed at many national cemeteries today.

In recent years, the custom has grown in many families to decorate the graves of all departed loved ones.

The origins of special services to honor those who die in war can be found in antiquity.

The Athenian leader Pericles offered a tribute to the fallen heroes of the Peloponnesian War over 24 centuries ago that could be applied today to the 1.1 million Americans who have died in the nation's wars:

"Not only are they commemorated by columns and inscriptions, but there dwells also an unwritten memorial of them, graven not on stone but in the hearts of men."

To ensure the sacrifices of America's fallen heroes are never forgotten, in December 2000, the U.S. Congress passed and the president signed into law The National Moment of Remembrance Act, P.L. 106-579, creating the White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance.

The commission's charter is to "encourage the people of the United States to give something back to their country, which provides them so much freedom and opportunity" by encouraging and coordinating commemorations in the United States of Memorial Day and the National Mo-

ment of Remembrance. The National Moment of Remembrance encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nation.

As Moment of Remembrance founder Carmella LaSpada states: "It's a way we can all help put the memorial back in Memorial Day."

(Editor's note: this article appears on the website for the Office of Public Affairs for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.)



Headstones for Civil War soldiers at the Anna Cemetery.

Television Listing

THURSDAY MAY 26, 2016

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and networks (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW). Lists various TV programs like '500 Questions', 'Big Bang Theory', 'The Simpsons', etc.

FRIDAY MAY 27, 2016

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and networks (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW). Lists various TV programs like '500 Questions', 'The Simpsons', 'Dateline NBC', etc.

SATURDAY MAY 28, 2016

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and networks (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW). Lists various TV programs like 'MLB Baseball', 'Dateline NBC', 'NCAA Softball', etc.

SUNDAY MAY 29, 2016

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and networks (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW). Lists various TV programs like 'Funnest Home Videos', '60 Minutes', 'NASCAR Sprint Cup', etc.

MONDAY MAY 30, 2016

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and networks (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW). Lists various TV programs like 'The Bachelor', 'Supergirl', 'Think You Can Dance', etc.

TUESDAY MAY 31, 2016

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and networks (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW). Lists various TV programs like '500 Questions', 'NCIS: Personal Day', 'Hotel Hell', etc.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 1, 2016

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and networks (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW). Lists various TV programs like '500 Questions', '2 Broke Girls', 'MasterChef', etc.

Look for Union County yard sales in the classified ads.

ABSOLUTE FARMLAND AUCTION Friday, May 27th 6pm - E. Dix-Irvington Road, Dix, Illinois. Includes directions and contact info for Nathan D. Langham.

Keurig K155 OfficePRO Premier Brewing System. Includes product image and pricing: SALE \$199.99 Ea. or \$35.79 Ct.

REPPERT'S OFFICE SUPPLIES & FURNITURE. Includes product image and contact info: Home Office: 800-524-7911, Fax: 618-833-5813.

Opinion and Commentary

MEMORIAL DAY ORDER

Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic,
Washington, D.C., May 5, 1868.

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 11

I. The 30th day of May, 1868 is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion."

What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains and their deaths the tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of a free and undivided republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remains in us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of spring-time; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the nation's gratitude—the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the commander in chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.

By Command of -

John A. Logan,

Commander in Chief

N.P. Chipman, Adjutant General

(The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs notes on its website that this version of the "Memorial Day Order" appears on bronze plaques in several national cemeteries, including Fort Rosecrans in California, Fort Snelling in Minnesota and Fort Bayard in New Mexico. Different versions of the general order with slight differences in wording, spelling and punctuation exist elsewhere.)

Commentary

Destruction makes no sense

By Mike Estel

I thought I had seen it all. But no, I guess I really hadn't.

The other morning while walking my dog at the Anna City Park, a sight set me back just a little bit and had me shaking my head in disbelief.

On the tennis court, someone had burnt the portable toilet down that sits near the court.

You've got to be kidding me. I've seen portable toilets turned over in the past in the park, but that was nothing in comparison with this.

This was out and out destruction and will cost to be replaced. Who could get off doing something like that?

I guess every generation has someone like that in it. I can remember when I was in high school, switch blade knives were the big thing. A few individuals made reputations for themselves slitting car tires with them.

I knew one person who enjoyed that activity and I couldn't convince him of the errors of his way. I tried to impress upon him that someone, other than him, would have to pay for that damage done to those innocent people's tires. It didn't phase him one bit. It was like he could care less.

Similar to this, someone else is going to have to pay to replace that portable toilet. It for sure won't come out of the pocket of the culprit or culprits that inflicted this damage.

I guess every generation has this type of demented individuals. I'm just glad the majority of the good people aren't in to this type of waste and destruction mode. It would be a heck of a society if it was.

Surely, there has got to be a better way to enjoy oneself and have fun today.

Please read this. . .

by Geof Skinner



A sight that most folks don't want to see: a snake, coiled, and ready to strike. This reptile, however, was mostly about bluffing, but it was kind of fun to watch.

A flat tire, a snake and other adventures...



Another sight which most of us don't want to see: a flat tire on our vehicle...

Sigh...so I was getting ready to head home for lunch last Thursday....

...I exited The Paragraph Factory...walked to my vehicle...and saw the flat tire...

...rear tire, passenger side, to be exact...

...thanks to the kindness of several folks, including a nice gentleman with an air pump/compressor, I was able to motor to the fix-it place, where they fixed it...turned out that there was a very sharp piece of metal, as in a screw, in the tire...

...since the nice gentleman with the proper tire inflating tool was able to come to my assistance, I did not have to resort to putting what passes for a spare tire these days on my car...

...as I have mentioned many, many times before, I am not good with tools...as a matter of fact, it's a very, very good thing if I don't handle tools...period...

...this is not to say that I have never replaced a flat tire before...I have...

...once on a waste-of-money light blue Volkswagen Beetle which we owned many, many years ago...

...and another time on a Mercedes Benz...alongside a freeway...in the dark...near Adelaide, South Australia...as in Australia...as in the Land Down Under...really...

...as an aside, if you've never had an opportunity to drive in Australia, and I'm guessing that most of you haven't, let's just say that it's a little bit different than what we do here...well, except for everybody who drives crazy through the four-way stop in downtown Anna...

...in Australia, they drive on the wrong side of the road, except they think it's the right side of the road...and the steering wheels in their vehicles are on the wrong side of the car, except they think it's on the right side...in this case, for them, right is right, and left is not right...it's somewhat disconcerting...especially when one is driving, really fast, through the Outback...

...anyway, thanks to my adventure with a flat tire, I had to miss an appointment to see the dentist, which, I suppose, wasn't all that bad...

...after getting the tire fixed, I motored home, without incident, to get some lunch...

...then, I headed out to shoot some pictures that we could use for Memorial Day...and, I think, while I was shooting the pictures, I dropped my reading glasses somewhere...

...the key being somewhere, because I do not really know where they went...

...I went back to where I thought I had lost the glasses to do what proved to be an unsuccessful search to make what was lost found again...

...however, I did meet up with a snake which did not seem particularly happy about my presence...the creature kept flicking its tongue at me...and, just to make a point, the reptile made what amounted to a couple of strikes in my direction...but, as they say in Australia, there were no worries, mate...I just let the snake do its snaky thing and went on my way...never did find the glasses...

...this has happened before...as in losing some reading glasses...a couple of years ago, I lost a pair of reading glasses somewhere in a creek bed at the Trail of Tears State Forest...I'm guessing that a nearsighted raccoon or possum probably found them...

...the good thing is that the reading glasses I use are pretty cheap, as far as such things go...

...the aforementioned exciting adventures came on the heels of a discovery by yours truly, that would be me, that your favorite writer, that also would be me, had misidentified the name of a key figure who works in local government...

...truth be told, I gave this individual a new first name...it was a careless, unnecessary mistake...dumb, to be honest...the individual was gracious...I was embarrassed...need to be more careful...

...by the way...perhaps you are wondering why this week's column started with a sigh...

...well, it's my column, and I'll sigh if I want to...sigh if I want to...and you would sigh, too, if these things happened to you...

Page from the Past from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

50 Years Ago, May 26, 1966

Approximately 4,000 persons attended the formal opening of the new Florsheim Shoe Company, Saturday, May 21, a date which was an event of major importance for both Union County and the Florsheim Shoe Company. Many dignitaries from both the Florsheim Shoe Company and the City of Anna were on hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Commencement exercises for Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, Alto Pass High School, Cobden High School, Dongola High School and Shawnee High School are set for Friday, May 27.

The American Legion will observe Memorial Day Services at the Anna Cemetery Monday, May 30, at 11:00 a.m., with short services at both the World War I and World War II monuments.

Memorial Day will be observed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars at the Post Home, at 2:00 p.m., with members of the Ministerial Alliance officiating, Monday, May 30.

The Jonesboro Lions Festival will be held next week, beginning Monday, May 30, and running through Saturday, June 4. The final evening will be climaxed by the crowing of the Queen.

Mass of special intentions for the departed will be said Memorial Day at 9:00 a.m. at St. Anne's Episcopal Church. This will also be Father Meacham's last public Mass in Anna before leaving for his new assignment as Chaplain of Students in Bloomington.

Rain, hail (and) gusty winds again came to the Anna area this past week, with a variance of temperature on Monday, May 23, from 87 to 62 in a matter of minutes as a thunderstorm buffeted Union County and most of Illinois.

The Wildcat Baseball team closed out its season

with a 1-0 loss in Murphysboro in the finals of the Regional Tournament which was played in Joppa.

A group of former students of the Balcom School, and their families, gathered for a potluck supper Friday night, at the Lincoln Park in Jonesboro.

From the Casper Church news: This is the last week we will watch the Anna school bus pass by for a spell. We shall miss it, though, we are sure all the youngsters are happy.

From the Balcom news: Congratulations to the ones who are to graduate Friday night.

From the Barringer news: This writer was proud to see these sunny days again.

Letter to the editor Concerned about cemetery

To the editor,

Casper Cemetery needs help. This is for all the people in Union County, especially the ones who have a deceased family member, friend or otherwise.

The cemetery needs more decorations. It costs a lot to maintain the cemetery. The grounds keeper told me last year that we need more donations. If you have someone that you care about, we need to help with weed eating and any trash.

Please don't use the part of the cemetery that looks like a trash dumping site. Please take your used flowers and trash home with you.

As everyone knows, Memorial Day is right on us. There will be some nice people there to take donations. Please give.

Thank you, Jeannie Haynes, Anna