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News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

In honor of veterans day, students in the Cobden School District's FFA chapter and the new Cobden Youth and Community Advocates club wrote letters to veterans at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna. The students thanked the veterans for their service. ***

Students in the Cobden School District's government classes participated in a mock election project. The project concluded with a mock debate which was live-streamed on YouTube into classrooms and to remote learners. ***

Good luck to hunters who will be participating in the upcoming Illinois fire-arm deer hunting season. ***

Cobden's 2020 census self-response rate was reported to be 60.7 percent. ***

The Cobden Police Department is investigating a break-in which occurred last week at a building at the Cobden Cemetery. Maintenance equipment was reported to have been taken. ***

A disc golf tournament is planned Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Cobden Community Park. ***

Southern Seven Health Department is promoting the use of a Fecal Immuno-chemical Test kit which can be used at home to screen for colon cancer. ***

Southern Seven Health Department also reports there are new income guidelines for the Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program, perhaps better known as WIC. ***

A reception for a judged art competition and exhibition is scheduled from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, at the Anna Arts Center. ***

A note to our readers: due to the Thanksgiving holiday, which is Nov. 26, deadlines for next week's paper will be moved up a day.

Health department update, as of Nov. 16

2,535 COVID-19 cases in seven area counties

Southern Seven Health Department reported a cumulative total of 2,535 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in its service area as of Monday, Nov. 16.

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

Southern Seven Health Department on Monday

confirmed a total of 151 new cases of COVID-19 in the region it serves in Southern Illinois.

As of Monday, there were 1,067 active cases in the region.

Union County is closing in on having 1,000 cases. The county had a total of 950 confirmed cases, as of Monday. The county's

first case was reported on April 14.

The health department reported that the newly confirmed cases, by county, gender and age, included (with the total number of new cases in parentheses):

Union County (39): Three females 10's, one male 10's, four females 20's, one male 20's, two fe-

males 30's, two males 30's, four females 40's, three males 40's, one female 50's, two males 50's, three females 60's, three males 60's, three females 70's, three males 70's, two females 80's, two males 90's.

Alexander County (12): One male under 10, one male 10, one female 30's, one male 30's, one female

40's, two males 40's, one female 50's, one male 50's, one female 60's, two males 60's.

Hardin County (11): Two females 20's, one female 40's, one female 50's, one male 50's, two females 60's, one male 70's, one female 80's, one male 80's, one female 90's.

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Live streamed community Thanksgiving service set

The Union County Alliance of Churches is planning to have a Thanksgiving service next week.

As has been the case with many activities during the ongoing coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, the service will be a little bit different.

Due to mitigation protocols related to the pandemic, the Thanksgiving service will be live streamed on YouTube from Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna. The service is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24.

Organizers report that the service will follow a service which traditionally has been held at historic Kornthal Church near Jonesboro.

Music during the service will be presented by pastors from five Union County area churches and Carla Anderson.

Churches which are sharing in the service include Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, the First United Methodist Church in Anna, the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna, the First Baptist Church in Anna and the First Baptist Church in Jonesboro.

The sermon for the service will be delivered by Dr. David Fischler from the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna.

Veterans Day commemorated in Union County

Veterans Day during a pandemic year was commemorated with events in Union County on Wednesday, Nov. 11.



A community Veterans Day meet and greet event and ceremony were held Wednesday morning, Nov. 11, at the veterans memorial at the Cobden Community Park.



A Veterans Day ceremony also was held Wednesday morning, Nov. 11, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 near Anna.

CEO Christmas boxes feature local products

Motto for class business: 'A gift FROM the community is a gift TO the community'

Union County CEO program students have been posing a couple of questions to the community as part of their work on a special project for the upcoming Christmas holiday season.

The questions:

Do you want to support

your local businesses in Union County?

Wouldn't you love to safely holiday shop from your house?

The answers to both questions appear to be a resounding "Yes" from the community.

This year, the Union

County CEO program's class business is selling gift boxes of local products and services for "Christmas Around the Community."

Currently, the list of box contents includes samples of baked goods from Anna Baking Company and Davis Pastry, coffeeshop treats

from Kiki's and Hebrewz, apples from Flamm Orchards, a lavender product from Shawnee Hills Lavender, honey items from C's Bees, a locally made sugar scrub from Lilli of the Valley, locally made lotion from The Farmer's Granddaughter, lip balm

from Wildflower Meadow All Naturals, along with an item from Anna-Jonesboro National Bank. With the box will be a half gallon of Rendleman Orchards cider and an envelope of coupons and discounts to several local businesses.

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Christmas gift box

The Union County CEO program is creating and selling "Christmas Around the Community" gift boxes.



Union County CEO students

Union County CEO program students include, in the first row, from left, Madi Turner, Jaley Watkins, Julia Hall, Kyleigh Matuszewich, Olivia Capel, Aubrey Fisher and Lilli Mason. In the second row are Lexie Lingle, Darrian Quick, Nate Baggott, Nate Belcher, Maddox Thorpe, Will Halter and Emily White. Photo provided.



COVID-19 cases in region

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Johnson County (31): Three females 10's, one male 10's, four females 20's, two males 20's, one female 30's, three males 30's, four females 40's, three males 40's, one female 50's, one female 60's, one male 60's, one female 70's, two males 70's, two females 80's, one male 80's, one female 90's.

Massac County (38): One female under 5, two females under 10, two females 10's, three males 10's, six females 20's, three females 30's, two males 30's, one female 40's, two males 40's, two females 50's, two males 50's, three females 60's, one male 60's, one female 70's, four females 80's, two males 80's, one female 90's.

Pope County (4): One female 10's, one male 30's, one male 40's, one female 80's.

Pulaski County (16): One female 10's, one male 10's, one female 20's, two males 20's, three males 30's, four males 40's, one female 50's, one female 60's, one male 60's, one female 80's.

All of those with active cases of COVID-19 are being isolated.

The health department reported 28 new recovered cases of COVID-19 in its service area as of Nov. 16.

As of Nov. 16, there were 1,438 people in the health department's service area who had recovered since

the start of the pandemic in the United States.

Twenty-eight deaths had been reported in the region since the start of the pandemic.

The health department on Monday reported one new death in the region. The individual was a woman in her 70's from Johnson County.

The number of individuals confirmed to have COVID-19 in the area counties served by the Southern Seven Health Department as of Nov. 16 follows:

Union County: 950 cas-

es. 589 had recovered. 337 active cases. 21 deaths had been reported in the county. (The department noted that three deaths had been retracted in the county.)

Alexander County: 207 cases. 110 had recovered. 96 active cases. One death had been reported.

Hardin County: 98 cases. 53 had recovered. 45 active cases.

Johnson County: 589 cases. 323 had recovered. 266 active cases. One death had been reported.

Massac County: 314 cases. 125 had recovered. 187

active cases. Two deaths had been reported.

Pope County: 59 cases. 42 had recovered. 26 active cases. One death had been reported in the county.

Pulaski County: 318 cases. 206 had recovered. 110 active cases. Two deaths had been reported.

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, in Illinois there were 11,632 new individuals with COVID-19 identified on Nov. 16, bringing the confirmed total in the state to 585,248 individuals, with 10,779 deaths.

Area projects included in Rebuild Illinois funding announcement

The Illinois Department of Transportation, IDOT, on Friday, Nov. 13, announced that \$112 million is being awarded to 31 downstate transit providers as part of the Rebuild Illinois capital program.

The grants are designed to help to expand and improve service, providing more transportation options and promoting an enhanced quality of life in communities throughout the state.

Projects include the purchase of new vehicles as well as the construction of new bus shelters, stations and maintenance facilities.

Projects in Union County and Pulaski County are among those which are planned.

Shawnee Mass Transit District has been apportioned \$2.724 million through the Rebuild Illinois program.

Funding will be used to purchase land, to design and build a new office building/depot with an attached maintenance garage in Union County.

Included will be a parking lot large enough to house 15 various size buses and minivans with employee/customer parking equipped with handicap accessible parking spaces.

Also included will be funds to design and build a new administration facility in Pulaski County.

Rebuild Illinois identifies a total of \$4.5 billion, in-

cluding \$3 billion in bonding and \$1.5 billion in new pay-as-you-go funding, to invest in transit throughout the state.

State officials said the Nov. 13 announcement was the first installment of \$355 million being distributed via grants in three cycles to transit providers outside the Chicago area.

The remaining funds will be distributed in two more distributions, with the next call for proposals in 2021 and 2023.

Passed in 2019, Rebuild Illinois is investing a total of \$33.2 billion over six years into the state's aging transportation system, creating jobs and promoting economic growth.

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SIU receives national recognition

Southern Illinois University Carbondale is one of just nine institutions across the country to receive national recognition this year for leadership and commitment to continuous improvement in preparing people for careers as educators.

The university is a 2020 recipient of the Frank Murray Leadership Recognition for Continuous Improvement from the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation, CAEP, the accrediting organization for

about 700 teacher education programs nationwide.

This is just the second group to receive the recognition named after Frank Murray, the founding president of the Teacher Education Accreditation Council, a precursor of CAEP.

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County board meeting held Friday

The Union County Board of Commissioners had a regular meeting on Friday morning, Nov. 13.

The meeting was at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

With new mitigation guidelines in place as a result of the ongoing coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was not open to the public.

The meeting was live streamed on the "County of Union, Illinois" YouTube page.

Work on the county's Fiscal Year 2021 budget was discussed at Friday morning's meeting.

The county's new fiscal year begins on Dec. 1 and continues through Nov. 30, 2021.

County administrator Angie Johnson reported that she has been meeting with officeholders and department heads to finalize the details of a new budget.

Johnson said that due to the pandemic, uncertainty surrounds revenue which the county can anticipate.

"It's very hard to predict," Johnson said. She said every effort is being made to take a conservative approach to the budget situation.

Special meetings are anticipated for the board as



Board meeting

Commissioners David Gould, Max Miller, Dale Foster and Bobby Toler Jr. were in attendance at last Friday morning's county board meeting. Commissioner Kent Pitts could not be present. The image was captured during a live stream viewing of the meeting on YouTube.

work continues to finalize the budget.

Also on the agenda for Friday morning's meeting was the appointment of a new Union County engineer.

Long-time county engineer Kevin Grammer is

planning to retire from the post in mid-December.

Commissioners on Friday approved a resolution to appoint Jeff Denny as the county engineer.

Denny's appointment is effective Dec. 15. He cur-

rently is serving as the Alexander County engineer.

In related business, the commissioners approved a resolution setting the salary of the county engineer, as well as an employment agreement for the post.

Driver services facilities closed due to pandemic

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White last week announced that driver services facilities would be closed to the public for in person transactions effective Tuesday, Nov. 17, and will reopen on Monday, Dec. 7, 2020, due to the worsening COVID-19 pandemic. A driver services facility is located in Anna.

Previously had been closed from March through early June due to the pandemic.

White is encouraging the public to take advantage of online services.

In addition, White announced that expiration dates for driver's licenses and ID cards will be extended until June 1, 2021.

This June 1, 2021, extension also includes those who have February, March, April and May 2021 expiration dates.

As a result, expired driver's licenses and ID cards will remain valid until June 1, 2021.

CDL (Commercial Driver License) holders and commercial permit holders are excluded from this extension due to federal requirements.

"After careful consideration, we have decided to close all driver services facilities until December 7, 2020, due to the worsening COVID-19 pandemic," White said in a news release.

"The health and safety of employees and the public remains paramount and

face-to-face transactions potentially increase the further spread of the virus.

"We have extended expiration dates to assist people during this difficult time. I am also encouraging customers to consider using online services which are available for many office transactions."

As White noted, many transactions with the Illinois Secretary of State's office may be conducted online at www.cyberdriveillinois.com, some of which include:

Renewing a license plate sticker. Renewing a valid driver's license for qualifying drivers.

Renewing a valid ID card for those age 22-64 (seniors 65 and older have free, non-expiring IDs).

Obtaining a driver record abstract. Filing business services documents, such as incorporations and annual reports.

Customers with issues involving administrative hearings can contact adminhearings@ilsos.gov.

Those who are eligible for online driver's license renewal will receive a letter from the Illinois Secretary of State's office with a PIN necessary for online renewal.

Those whose driver's licenses or ID cards expired between Feb. 1, 2020, and Jan. 31, 2021, who qualify for online renewal should receive their PIN letter in December 2020 or January 2021.

Those whose driver's licenses or ID cards expire after Feb. 1, 2021, will receive their PIN letter approximately 90 days before their expiration date.

Shawnee College planning inter-session courses in Anna

Shawnee Community College continues to find ways to help students get ahead and stay ahead during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year, during winter break, students can sign up for an accelerated opportunity to earn full college credit in just a fraction of the time by enrolling in one of the inter-session courses being offered at Shawnee Community College's Anna Extension Center.

The winter inter-session offerings are scheduled to run for eight days, between Dec. 28 and Jan. 7, during the college's winter break.

"Inter-session courses provide a great opportunity for SCC students and for university students who are returning home for the winter break," said Rob Betts. Betts is the college's director of communications.

"Due to COVID-19, students may have fallen behind on their path towards graduation or perhaps want to get ahead in anticipation for the upcoming spring semester."

Classes which are scheduled to be offered in person at the Shawnee Community College Anna Extension Center, which is located at 1150 E. Vienna St. in Anna, include:

Weather

High 78, low 28; strong winds Sunday

Temperatures ranged from a high of 78 degrees to a low of 28 in the Union County area during the period of Nov. 10-16.

Precipitation during the period included .02 of an inch of rain on Nov. 10, .02 of an inch of rain on Nov. 11, .11 of an inch of rain on Nov. 14 and .74 of an inch of rain on Nov. 15.

Weather during the period also was highlighted by strong winds on Sunday.

The National Weather Service on Sunday issued a wind advisory for parts of Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky.

Wind gusts up to 45 miles per hour were expected in the region on Sunday. Gusts up to 33 mph were recorded Sunday in the Union County area.

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

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Tuesday, Nov. 10	78	54
Wednesday, Nov. 11	56	35
Thursday, Nov. 12	61	33
Friday, Nov. 13	53	34
Saturday, Nov. 14	68	34
Sunday, Nov. 15	69	36
Monday, Nov. 16	63	28

Sociology 212 (3 credits). English 112 (3 credits). Business 210 (3 credits).

For more information about the program, call 618-634-3454 or email blakeg@shawneecc.edu.

Holiday project

a success

A new holiday lights route which is planned in Anna appears to be meeting with success.

The City of Anna on Nov. 3 announced plans for a new holiday light route called Gumdrop Drive.

The city announced at the time that it was seeking businesses to help decorate the route.

This also will be a fund-raiser for a local charity: the Pay It Forward program.

By Nov. 9, the city had announced it had officially sold out trees for Gumdrop Drive.

The city was still welcoming sponsorships for holiday season light poles.

The goal is to have light displays on South Main and Davie streets in Anna, as well as along Herman Wright Drive in the Anna City Park.

The Gumdrop Drive holiday lights route is scheduled to be lit up on Small Business Saturday, which is Saturday, Nov. 28. The display is scheduled to continue through New Year's Day.

Church offers dinner for

Thanksgiving

A Union County church once again this year is planning to offer a free Thanksgiving dinner for members of the community.

The dinner will be provided by the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna.

The church plans to deliver meals to those who request them on Thanksgiving Day, between 11 a.m. and noon. Thanksgiving Day is Nov. 26.

Those who would like to have a meal delivered to them are asked to do two things:

- Make a reservation by calling 618-833-5225 by noon on Monday, Nov. 23.

- Take a moment to "give thanks" for all of your blessings during the past year.

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Vacuuming leaves in Anna

City crews worked to vacuum leaves in the City of Anna in early November. In a message posted on social media, it was noted that another round of leaf pick up is planned during the first week of December. Those who would like to have leaves picked up can contact Anna City Hall for more information. Photo provided.

Newspaper publisher's columns featured in new book

David Porter, a newspaper publisher in Tuscola, has published a 300-page compilation of his award-winning Ramblin' Man columns.

Called "The Make-Out Room & Other Stories," the title column won the 2020 best humor column award from the National Newspaper Association.

Over the past 26 years,

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the column also has received first-place honors from the Illinois Press Association and Southern Illinois Editorial Association.

The self-syndicated column has appeared in more than a dozen Illinois newspapers.

The stories draw from the everyday experiences and musings of the author. Topics frequently include family, cigars, reflections on the news and oddball stuff.

Dave Barry, a Pulitzer Prize-winning humorist quipped, "David Porter is

without question the finest newspaper columnist on the planet that I am aware of who is based in Tuscola, Illinois."

The book, available on amazon.com, is illustrated by Lana Weatherford Hill of Arcola.

Hill, who was a classmate of Porter's at Tuscola High School, also writes an award-winning column and illustrated the children's book "Ten Little Sisters."

The Make-Out Room also is available for Kindle readers on amazon.com. A link can be found online at ramblinman.us.

Public health alert issued in Jackson County as COVID-19 cases surge

The Jackson County Health Department reported on Nov. 12 it had been notified in the previous 24 hours that 87 Jackson County residents were confirmed to have contracted COVID-19.

As of Nov. 12, 395 active cases were being managed, which the health department said was a record high.

The health department reported that as of that date, there had been 2,077 confirmed cases in the county, including 28 related deaths.

Seventeen individuals were released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines, bringing the total released to 1,654 individuals.

The Jackson County Health Department on Nov. 12 also issued a public health alert.

The health department said in a news release that the alert was issued to raise awareness and to elicit public action to stem the tide of rising COVID-19 infections.

This was the second time

the Jackson County Health Department had issued such an alert during the pandemic.

Multiple factors being monitored locally were at record levels as of Nov. 12.

The health department advised that residents of, and visitors to, Jackson County should immediately and consistently take the following actions:

Stay home as much as possible. Only go out for work or essential items, if possible.

Avoid parties and gatherings of all sizes. The health department warned that "crowds are an ideal environment for spreading COVID-19."

Keep at least six feet of space between yourself and others as much as possible.

Wear a face mask when around others. The latest research shows cloth masks protect the wearer, as well as others, the health department said.

Stay home if you are sick, even if you only have mild symptoms. Get tested. Self-isolate while awaiting test results. Stay home when placed on isolation or quarantine.

Workplaces should follow all guidance published by IDPH and DCEO, as well as the Restore Illinois resurgence mitigations.

Return calls to public health officials and follow their instructions.

If you have a fever, cough, difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle aches, loss of taste or smell, nausea, diarrhea, or other symptoms, call your health care provider for further guidance.

16 teachers honored as Outstanding Educators

Sixteen Southern Illinois area teachers have been selected as 2020 McDonald's Teach it Forward Outstanding Educators from a pool of more than 880 nominations.

The award honors educators who exhibit the ultimate dedication to their students and contribute to the improvement of education in our most challenging times.

Local McDonald's owner/operator Stephanie Bishop says supporting teachers is always a top priority, but this year is more important than ever.

"Our teachers are constantly adapting to whatever is thrown at them, while making sure our students succeed," Bishop said in a news release.

"We're excited to recognize those who go above and beyond for our students through the Outstanding Educator awards."

Bishop partnered with other local McDonald's

operators, including John Moreland, Brad Short and Tina Short to honor educators.

Among the educators who have been honored were:

Hannah Maze, Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

Pam Barr, Carbondale Community High School.

Sherie Smith, Vienna High School.

Winners of the Outstanding Educator award each receive a \$100 Visa gift card to use toward their classroom, a t-shirt; and certificates and McDonald's coupons to "teach it forward" to parents with outstanding students throughout the year.

"We love the idea of paying it forward, or 'teaching' it forward, to recognize students who are also working so hard to keep up with the ever changing landscape of education today," Tina Short said.



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The art of carving the turkey

There was a time when, a gentleman's education was not complete until he had mastered the art of carving.

Those days are long since forgotten. By 1928, Emily Post had dropped the section on carving from her book on etiquette all together.

Many a noble bird has been hacked to shreds at the hands of unskilled knife-wielding relatives and friends, as horrified cooks looked on.

This year, avoid the public carnage. Learn the simple art of carving like a pro.

Whether the bird is carved in the kitchen or at the dining room table, it simply must be done before anyone can eat. And it's not that difficult.

Tools: Meat fork with long tines, sharpened carving knife or chef's knife, small cutting board on the side and a kitchen towel or napkin.

Allow the turkey to rest 20 minutes after cooking. This lets juices saturate the bird evenly again for better slicing. Remember that you must cut the bird apart at the

joint, hacking though the bone is not an option.

With an air of confidence, start with the dark meat. Secure the turkey at the breastbone with a carving fork or better yet, use a folded napkin.

Cut through the skin between the leg and body. Press the leg downward until it is lying flat against the platter. Now you can see the hip joint. Cut through the joint and remove the leg and thigh to a cutting board.

Cut the thigh and drumstick apart at the joint. Remove the skin and slice around both sides of the thighbone, removing the meat. Leave the drumstick whole. Repeat on the other side.

For the breast: Hold the turkey with a large fork at the breastbone. Slice about 2 inches down one side of the breastbone, gently separating the meat from the bone. Now make a horizontal slice across the grain of the meat. Remove the entire section of breast meat to a cutting board. Holding with a fork, cut into slices. Place slices on platter. Repeat pro-

cess on the other side.

For the wing: Cut into the joint slightly above the wing and remove it to the cutting board. Cut the wing in two pieces at the joint. Slice from the meaty part or serve whole. Save the tip for soup.

For the drumstick: Cut slices parallel to the bone, turn and repeat.

Practice on a chick-

en during the off-season. Nothing to it!

Turkey is the most popular entrée for the holiday season and its arrival at the table is the highlight of the meal. Whether you carve the turkey at the table or in the kitchen, sharpen the knife and get to it.

(Source: University of Illinois Extension)

Storing leftovers

Plan ahead, clean out the refrigerator and make room for leftovers several days before the holiday feast.

Leftovers should be stored in the refrigerator within 2 hours after cooking is completed.

Why just 2 hours? Because bacteria that cause food poisoning can multiply to undesirable levels on perishable foods left at room temperature for longer than that.

Large quantities should be divided into smaller portions and stored in several shallow containers. Food in small amounts will chill faster keeping it safer and fresher.

If a large amount of tur-

key is left, consider freezing some for later use. Do not wait until the turkey has been in the refrigerator for 4 days to freeze it.

Freezing will not improve the quality of the turkey. If the turkey is frozen while it is fresh the quality will be better upon defrosting.

(Source: University of Illinois Extension)

Gobble, Gobble!

Only the adult male turkey makes the gobble, gobble sound. The adult male is called the "tom" turkey. The female or hen turkey makes a gentle clucking or clicking sound. The hen never gobbles. From University of Illinois Extension.

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Much like the holidays that preceded it in 2020, Thanksgiving figures to be different this year. An ongoing pandemic has changed the way much of the world lives their lives, including how holidays are celebrated.

As the novel coronavirus COVID-19 spread across the globe beginning in the winter of 2019-20, the World Health Organization recommended a host of behaviors designed to prevent the spread of the virus and protect those who are most vulnerable to it. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also noted the importance of keeping distance from others, especially for those who are most likely to get seriously ill if they're exposed to COVID-19, such as the elderly and people with underlying medical conditions.

The WHO and the CDC continue to recommend social distancing, which means Thanksgiving in 2020 will be unlike any other. Families must make their own decisions about getting together this holiday season, but hosts who intend to welcome guests into their homes this Thanksgiving can take certain steps to keep everyone as safe as possible.

- Scale back the guest list. Families accustomed to large Thanksgiving gatherings can scale the festivities back this year in an effort to keep everyone safe. Consider hosting a meal for immediate family members only, as the Environmental Protection Agency notes that COVID-19 may spread more easily in indoor environments via airborne particles. Extended family members can visit each other over the long holiday weekend to ensure everyone still sees each other, but keep such visits outdoors when possible.
- Consider eating Thanksgiving dinner

outside. If the weather permits, consider eating Thanksgiving dinner outside this year. Doing so may limit everyone's exposure to the respiratory droplets that researchers say can spread the virus when inhaled. If necessary, serve the meal earlier than you normally would so everyone can eat in midday when it's still warm outside. Hosts also can consider serving something more convenient than turkey, which takes a long time to cook, and limiting side dishes to one or two items.

- Assign seats. If the meal will be served indoors, then hosts can assign seats to protect those most vulnerable to serious illness from COVID-19. Instead of cramming everyone in at one table, set up temporary tables and have guests sit in every other seat rather than next to one another. Isolate the vulnerable as much as possible while still ensuring they can engage in conversation.
- Discourage guests from attending if they feel sick. A list of COVID-19 symptoms can be found at www.cdc.gov. In the days prior to Thanksgiving, hosts can share that list with guests via email or social media and discourage guests who are feeling ill on or around the holiday from attending the festivities.

If necessary, make a to-go plate for ill relatives and drop it off at their homes so they can still enjoy Thanksgiving dinner.

- Stock up on hand soap and hand sanitizer. Hosts should make sure hand soap and sanitizer is readily available throughout their homes. When guests arrive, make sure everyone washes their hands immediately, and encourage guests to continue doing so throughout the day.

Thanksgiving will be different in 2020. Hosts need to adjust their normal Thanksgiving routines to ensure the safety of their guests.

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2. Place turkey breast side up on a rack in a shallow (about 2 inches deep) roasting pan. Insert meat thermometer in thigh. Add 1/2 cup water to the bottom of pan, if desired.

3. Cover turkey loosely with a tent of heavy-duty aluminum foil. Roast the turkey until temperature in the innermost part of the thigh reaches 165°F as measured with a food thermometer. Check the wing and the thickest part of the breast. You may choose to cook the turkey to higher temperatures. Cooking time will vary. For example, a 20 pound turkey will take 4 1/4 to 5 hours to cook, check the temperature on the thermometer after 4 1/4 hours.

4. Meanwhile, mix the stuffing or dressing. Place in a casserole and pop it into the oven during the last hour or so of roasting time.

5. Remove the foil tent after 1 to 1 1/2 hours of cooking time to brown the skin. Brush with vegetable oil to enhance browning, if desired.

6. A whole turkey (and turkey parts) is safe when cooked to a minimum internal temperature of 165 °F as measured with a food thermometer. Check the internal temperature in the innermost part of the thigh and wing and the thickest part of the breast. For reasons of personal preference, consumers may choose to cook turkey to higher temperatures.

7. Allow the turkey to set 20 to 30 minutes before carving to allow juices to saturate the meat evenly.

Note: Cooking times do vary. Why? There are many reasons: oven temperature may not be completely accurate, the turkey may be very cold or partially frozen, and/or the roasting pan may be too small which inhibits the flow of heat. The USDA highly recommends use of a meat thermometer to determine doneness of turkey.

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Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one - to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money.

"After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.'

Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.'

Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.'

His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'" From the Gospel of Matthew

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Daily Bible Reading

Psalm 121	Psalm 122	Psalm 124	Psalm 125	Psalm 126	Psalm 127	Psalm 128
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News from

Anna Nazarene Church

A drive-in service was held on the church parking lot Sunday, Nov. 15, at 10:35 a.m. and by Zoom inside the sanctuary.

Singing was led by Pastor Randy Wright and the worship team. Special music was provided by Madison Schnaare.

The pastor's message on Sunday was titled "What is a Christian?" Scripture was from Matthew.

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

Birthdays: Makenzie Mulback, Tammy Vicenzi, Nov. 15; Makenzie Turner, Nov. 16; Matt Odum, Madilyn Smith, Nov. 21.

Friday night Bible study is planned at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, in the fellowship hall. CDC guidelines will be followed, with the wearing of masks and social distancing. The Bible study also will be available on Zoom. Pastor Wright can be texted for the password prior to the meeting.

Sunday School for children is planned from 9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. on Nov. 22.

News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

Due to the spike in COVID-19 cases in Union County, Camp Ground Church has temporarily returned to Zoom only worship services.

Following the call to worship, the intercessory prayer was offered on behalf of the spoken and unspoken requests.

Rev. Thompson's sermon was titled "The Parable of the Talents." The sermon was based on scripture from Matthew, chapter 25.

Following last Sunday's sermon challenging everyone to be prepared for Christ's return, this week's message shared what everyone is to do while awaiting His return.

The message shared that in the scripture parable, "the master was leaving town, and gave five, two and one talents (money) to three of his servants according to their abilities.

"When the master returned, two servants had doubled what had been entrusted to them, but the one with one talent had hidden it away. For doing nothing, the master cast him out into the darkness.

"When Christ returned to heaven after His resurrection, He entrusted His work to His followers according to their abilities, even to us, to share the Gospel.

"We have been saved by the grace of God and are

A parking lot service is planned at 10:35 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 22, if the weather permits, and on Zoom. Services will be inside the sanctuary if the weather is bad following CDC guidelines by wearing masks, social distancing and families sitting together.

Bible quizzing is planned at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 22, in the fellowship hall, with CDC guidelines being followed by wearing of masks and social distancing.

A Wednesday night service is planned at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 25, with praise and worship in the sanctuary and on Zoom. The pastor can be texted prior to the meeting for the password.

Children's Bible quizzing is planned at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 25 in the fellowship hall, with CDC guidelines being followed by wearing masks and social distancing.

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

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Nov. 15, Pastor Perry Williams spoke at drive-up church, which was held in the church's lower parking lot.

The message was sent via transmitter for worshippers who stayed in their cars on the church's lower parking lot while tuned in to their radios on station 87.9 FM.

The morning message addressed a passage from Luke which tells the story of a woman with an alabaster box who anointed the feet of Jesus. The main emphasis was "a person who has been forgiven much loves much."

The building was closed this past weekend due to some positive COVID-19 tests. The church also was scheduled to be closed Wednesday, Nov. 18.

News from

First Baptist Church, Anna

John Turner led worship music for the morning worship service on Sunday, Nov. 15.

Pastor Nick's sermon was titled "How to Have Joy in a Pandemic," part 3. Scripture was from Philippians.

Due to COVID-19, the church plans to have two services on Sunday morning, one at 10 a.m. and one at 11:15 a.m.

Wednesday evening Bible study continues. Pastor Nick is teaching about the Book of Revelation. Bible study starts at 6 p.m.

Information about services is available by contacting the church. Office hours are between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

The church is located at 409 Morgan St. in Anna. The phone number is 833-5416.

The church had a month-

The church is planning to have a community Thanksgiving drive-up service in the lower parking lot at 4 p.m. on Nov. 22, weather permitting. All are welcome.

Birthdays: Jean Hunter, David Wilkins, Nov. 18; John "Wes" Cripps Jr., Daniel Williams, Nov. 19; William Molter, Nov. 21.

Currently, the regular schedule for worship at Jonesboro First Baptist Church for the coming week includes Sunday School classes on Sunday at 9 a.m., Sunday morning worship at 10 a.m. and Sunday evening worship at 6 p.m.

Prayer and Bible study, as well as youth group meetings, are scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

ly food giveaway on Nov. 12. The next food giveaway is planned Thursday, Dec. 10. The giveaway will be in the parking lot behind the church and is open to anyone in the community.

The church shares the following message: "We pray God will bless you and keep you safe during these times. We know Thanksgiving will be different than we are used to, but remember to hold your loved ones close and worship God for all He means in our lives."

Anna VFW, Auxiliary planning to serve fish fry, pork steak meal

A fish fry and a pork steak meal are planned at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455. The post is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna.

Fish Fry

The VFW plans to serve a drive-thru fish fry dinner on Friday, Nov. 20. Serving is scheduled from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The menu will include fish, potato salad, baked beans, a pickle, and hush puppies for a donation of \$10.

Fish only will be available for a donation of \$2 per piece.

Those who would like to order a meal are asked to call 833-5182 before noon on Nov. 20 to make reservations for pick up.

The VFW asks those who pick up meals to have the correct change; no credit cards or debit cards can be accepted.

Pork Steak Meal

The Auxiliary to the VFW plans to serve a drive-thru meal on Monday, Nov. 23. Serving is scheduled from 4:30 p.m. until 6 p.m.

The menu will include pork steak, cheesy potatoes, green beans and dessert for a \$10 donation.

Those who would like to order a meal are asked to call 833-5182 before noon on Nov. 23 to make reservations for pick up.

You will then drive under the awning in front the VFW post building at the

time you select, give them your name and they will bring the meal out to you.

The Auxiliary asks those who pick up meals to have the correct change; no credit cards or debit cards can be accepted.

The Anna VFW and its Auxiliary continue to thank the community for its support during this difficult time.

State cannabis regulators form association

State cannabis regulators from across the United States, including Illinois, on Nov. 12 announced the formation of a nonpartisan organization, the Cannabis Regulators Association, CANNRA.

The goal of the association is to better share institutional knowledge and regulatory best practices.

Cannabis regulators from Illinois and 18 other states have joined in filing documents to establish CANNRA, which is being created in order to assist federal, state and local jurisdictions that have approved or are weighing legalization of cannabis.

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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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Union County Atlas

Dr. Susan A. Whitemountain and Dr. Norma Lee Hackney completed The First Atlas of Union County Illinois Territory 1809 to 1818, a historical reference for the lands encompassing Union County in the Illinois Territory from 1809 to 1818.

At the time Union County included land that now makes up Alexander and a part of Pulaski counties in Southern Illinois.

The reference book includes illustrated township plats that document the names of settlers, squatters, and speculators who occupied the land.

The paths, trails and roads and the ferries that operated on the Mississippi, Ohio and Cache rivers are plotted showing the westward movement.

Stories are included about the settlement of Southern Illinois, an area

that came to be known as "Egypt," and the spirit of the people who were once a part of its citizenry.

The history is grounded in the enlightenment period that followed the Revolutionary War and highlights its impact on the establishment of a newly formed country.

The historical reference book is on sale for \$55 at The Gathering Place, 313 S. Main St., Anna, Ill., phone 833-6525.

Historical Map

Historical View of Southern Illinois 1787 to 1818 is a map created and published by local historical researcher Dr. Susan A. Whitemountain and Anna Arts Center director Dr. Norma Lee Hackney.

The map documents the location of roads, ferries and towns as discovered through careful research.

As viewed, the map serves as a reference for

plotting the westward movement of early settlers into Southern Illinois.

The map illustrates the evolution of paths and trails into roads over time.

The map is a valuable resource for anyone who is interested in early Southern Illinois history.

The historical map is on sale for \$35 at The Gathering Place, 313 S. Main St., Anna, Ill., phone 833-6525.

Proceeds from the map sales will go to Shawnee Hills Arts Council/Anna Arts Center.

Guests

Recent guests of Elaine Crain were relatives from Hot Springs, Ark., Terry and Linda Thompson.

They enjoyed the beautiful fall scenery at Bald Knob Cross, and the bluffs near Lick Creek and went on into Johnson County.

They drove to the confluence of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers in Cairo and had a long conversation with a former river boat captain who is retired and now supplies the tug boats going south to New Orleans with food supplies.

It is a complicated way of transferring the large boxes of food from a small boat to the tug boats, especially in rough weather.

A storm was coming in as they talked to the man and he was apprehensive of making the transfer.

They ended up at Honey's Quick Stop in Ullin to have fish dinners and their delicious ice cream after driving through the rain storm.

40th Anniversary

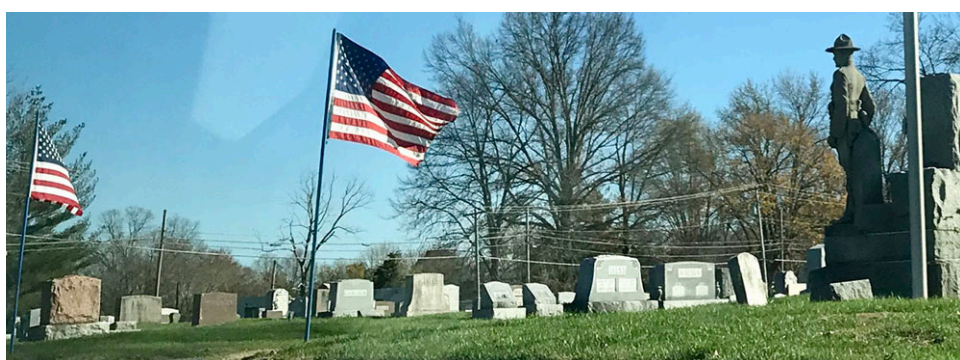
Paul and Lynn Steveson will celebrate 40 years together on Sunday, Nov. 22.

They met while teaching junior high school together at Giant City School near Carbondale and later moved to rural Anna.

In 1995, they celebrated their 25th anniversary at St. Anne's historical church in Anna. Their renewal of their wedding vows, was the first event held at St. Anne's after it was restored to its former beauty and much more.

Baby Congratulations

Ivan and Cali Basler on the birth of their sweet baby girl Stevie Kay Basler, who was born Nov. 10 at 1:25 a.m. and weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces.



A special thanks to Frankie Williams for placing the large American flags at the entrances to our Anna Cemetery on Veterans Day.

Loaves and Fishes

The Poshard Foundation has made a generous donation to Loaves and Fishes, the United Methodist Church Anna church's food pantry ministry.

The donation will allow the purchase of food for children and their families. It also helps to continue the mission of the church in this ministry, reaching out to the people of our community with food and love.

Sympathy

Sympathy to Weldon and Judy Brown on the death of Weldon's cousin, Leroy Fox from Paducah. He was 105 years old, would have been 106 on Jan 6.

Leroy was a member of the Anna Masonic Lodge. Weldon says rest in peace good cousin we will miss you for sure. I know God will welcome you and keep you by his side. Until we meet again goodbye.

Get well wishes to Weldon, who was not able to attend his cousin's funeral because of the COVID.

Honor Wreaths For Veterans

A special thanks to Richard and Evelyn Gillespie for their donation for a wreath in memory of Richard's dad Clarence Gillespie.

Diane Kirby in memory of her uncle Kenneth Millis and for a veteran who doesn't have a wreath. Darlene Lingle for a veteran who doesn't have a wreath. A donor for six veterans who don't have a wreath in honor of her six grandchildren.

Ronald Shepard and Della McMahan-Shepard for two wreaths. Sarah Hensch for two wreaths, Judy Teller in memory of her husband Glenn and a veteran that has no one to buy for them.

Mike and Ranae Smith for their Honor Wreaths in memory of Russell B. Brown and Howard R. Davie.



Lisa Lowe, owner of Enchanted Garden Florist, and Cara Follis, owner of Island Tan on East Davie Street, are very proud of the new sidewalk in front of the businesses on that street. They wanted to thank the city employees for the nice work.



President Jane Bauer, representing the Anna-Jo Women's Club, presented a check to Lee Hackney for the Anna Arts Center.



President Jane Bauer and Martha Ann Webb of the Anna-Jo Women's Club presented a check from the club to Barbara Casper at Jonesboro City Hall for the Shop with a Fireman program.



Martha Ann Webb and president Jane Bauer of the Anna-Jo Women's Club presented a check to the Anna Veterans Home for them to use for a soda, cookie or to play cards with.



Anna Fire Chief Mike Dammerman was presented a check for Shop with a Police Officer and Fireman by Martha Ann Webb and president Jane Bauer representing the GFWC Illinois Anna-Jo Women's Club.



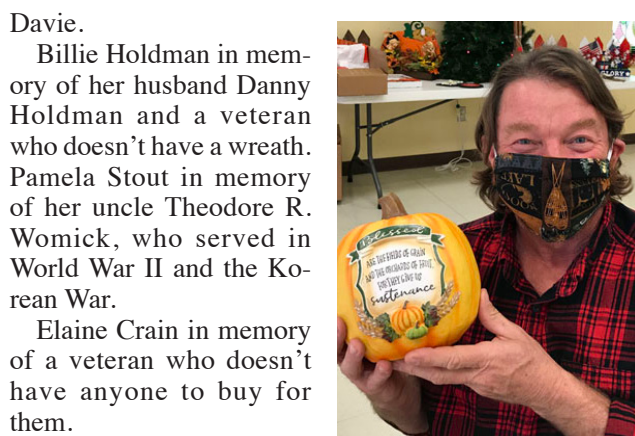
Steve Haldeman and Dr. Norma Lee Hackney are holding the Historical View of Southern Illinois 1787 to 1818 map. The historical map is on sale at The Gathering Place in downtown Anna. Proceeds from the map sales will go to Shawnee Hills Arts Council/Anna Arts Center.



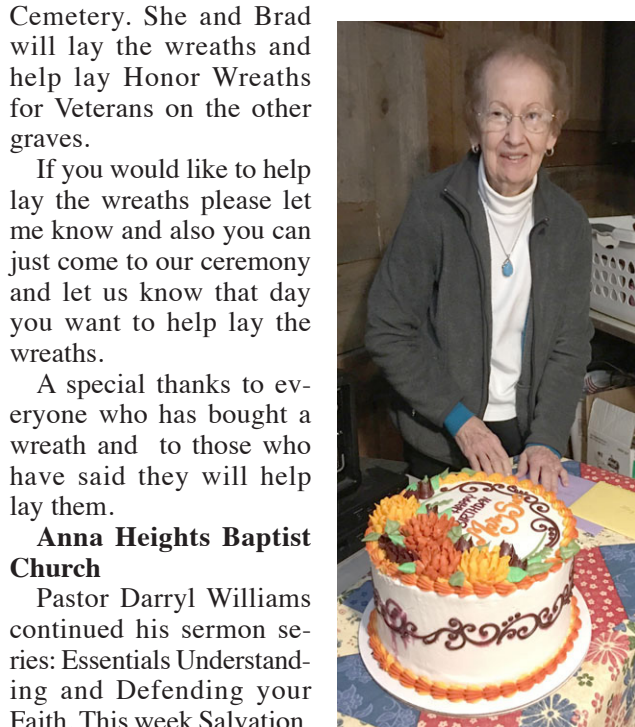
Pictured are Steve Haldeman holding The First Atlas of Union County Illinois Territory 1809 to 1818 with Dr. Susan A. Whitemountain. The historical reference book is on sale at The Gathering Place in downtown Anna.



Pete Housman and Martha Ann Webb were hosts at the Anna-Jo Garden Club meeting Nov. 10 at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall Anna.



Tom Caldwell won the door prize for being the youngest at the Anna-Jo Garden Club meeting Nov. 10. The club is looking for new members and will have some of its meetings during the evening next year so people who work during the day will be able to attend.



Birthday celebration: Guests of Mary Sue Treece for the week end to help her celebrate her birthday Nov. 13 were her daughter and husband Carole and John Scaggs from Springfield.

san Grisby, Angela Ralls. Anniversaries: Nov. 25 Paul and Sarah Gibson, 27 Ralph and Darlene Glasford.

Look on their social media platforms, Facebook and YouTube, for up to date Bible studies, services and other announcements. And Sundays morning at 10:30 for worship service and Wednesday at 7 p.m. for Bible Study online at www.annaheights.com.

Anna Heights continues to have 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in house services and 9:30 a.m. Bible study on Sundays.

Lord's Supper will be Sunday, Nov. 22. No services on Wednesday, Nov. 25.

There will be a Love Packages Mission Trip to Butler, Ill., leaving Friday,

Dec. 4, at 5:30 p.m. and returning Saturday, Dec. 5, by 6 p.m. Sign up in Missions Corner by Nov. 29, cost is \$10.

Momma Lou's crafters will meet Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel. Class is full for this month.

The church is missing a yard/cart trailer from the bus barn. If you know where it is please return it or call the church office.

United Methodist Church, Anna.

Rev. Tim Gossett's sermon was Using Your Talents Wisely with scripture from Matthew.

Carla Anderson said a special prayer for Rev. Tim before his sermon.

The handbell choir played a beautiful song Be Thou My Vision.

Wednesday men's and

women's Bible study groups met. Rev. Jimmy Keller will be preaching Sunday, Nov. 22.

New Restaurant

Bill and Jennifer Cleg-horn's diner, named Margaret, located on the corner of the historic square in Jonesboro just before you get to the PAST House, is open for carry outs. Lots of people have enjoyed their food.

Light House Outreach

Light House Outreach meets on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. The church is located on the corner of West Chestnut and North Green streets. Gary Broadway is the pastor.

Anna VFW

The Anna VFW will be serving drive-thru meals on Monday and Friday, from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The post plans to have a drive-thru Friday night fish fry on Nov. 27 if there is enough interest. This is the day after Thanksgiving so they are hoping you will continue to support the post while it remains closed. You can purchase extra pieces of fish for only \$2.

Honor Wreaths For Veterans

The ceremony will be at our Anna Cemetery Dec. 19 at 11 a.m. Social distance and masks will be required.

The deadline to buy an Honor Wreath for a Veteran will be Monday, Nov. 30. If you haven't sent money yet for your loved one a wreath they are \$15.

We have a lot of veterans buried in our Anna Cemetery who have no living family if you would like to sponsor one of them.

Our goal this year is to put an Honor Wreath on every veteran's grave in our Anna Cemetery. They served our country now it's time to give them this day of honor.

If you would like to help the check can be made to Honor Wreaths For Veterans and mailed to Martha Ann Webb, 118 W. Monroe St., Anna, Ill. 62906. You can also drop your check off at Anna City Hall but please be sure you make it out to Honor Wreaths for Veterans.

A special thanks to everyone who has sponsored a veteran.

If you would like to help put the wreaths on the graves we would really appreciate the help.

Military Prayer List

Trace Faire, John Mi-

chael Brimm, Kaleb Meier, Nathaniel Moss, Derek Nelson, Nick Pearson, Nate Frankell, Alex Gratz, Lukas W. Davis, Reagan Morrison, Garrett Goins, James McWhorter, Jennifer Ann Bishop, Arin Whitemountain, Katelynn Williams, Lindsey Keene, Jacob Schaefer, Jerod Schaefer, Creighton Laster, Josh Steveson, Josh Williams, Jim Bonner, Nick Harvel, Nona Elizabeth Luke, Lucas J. Strickland, William Nathaniel Frankell, Ethan Maze, Tanner Anderson, Hayden Young, Kiefer Stull, Davis Jordan Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, C.J. Youngerman, Freddy Morse and wife Megan in Alaska.

Television Listings

THURSDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Pre-Game	Local Programs	Countdown College Football Tulane vs Tulsa (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Chrisley Chrisley	(5:15) "Movie"	The Undoing (HD)	"The Others" (01)	Moonbase 8 Moonbase 8
7 PM :30	Station 19 <i>Animal call.</i>	Young B Positive	Thursday Night Football <i>Arizona Cardinals at Seattle Seahawks</i> (Live)	Superstore Connecting		Bang (HD) Bang (HD) Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Chrisley Chrisley Chrisley Chrisley	TBA Disney Fam	The Undoing (HD)	"Bordertown" (07) <i>Mysterious murders.</i> (HD)	Shameless (HD) Shameless (HD)
8 PM :30	Grey's Anatomy (HD)	Mom (HD) Unicorn		To Be An- nounced	Dateline NBC (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Chrisley Chrisley	Just Roll TBA	★★ "Little" (19) <i>Adult to child.</i> (HD)	★★★ "The Debt" <i>Nazi war criminal.</i>	Shameless (HD)
9 PM :30	A Million Little Things	Star Trek: Discov- ery			Local (HD)	Bang (HD) Conan	Miz & Mrs Chrisley	Austr/Ally Austr/Ally	His Dark Materi- als		DESUS & MERO (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local (:35) Tonight (HD)	Local (HD)	Seinfeld Seinfeld	Chrisley Chrisley	Austr/Ally Wizards	Winning (HD)	(:50) Warrior (HD)	The Best
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld Conan	Chrisley Chrisley	Jessie Jessie	Winning (HD)	"Hobbs" "John Wick"	

NOVEMBER 19, 2020

THURSDAY

9:00pm

SHOW Shameless "Survival of the Fittest" Lip is close to graduating from high school and is eager to celebrate the achievement; Fiona and the family prepare a surprise party for Lip. TVMA (HD)

CBS Star Trek: Discovery "Si Vis Pacem, Para Bellum" The U.S.S. Discovery is tasked with a high-priority mission to travel to planet Pahvo and learn the science behind the Klingon's cloaking technology. TV14 (HD)

FRIDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Pro- grams	Local Programs	College Football Syracuse Or- ange at Louis- ville Cardinals (Live) (HD)	Seinfeld "Movie"	(5:25) ★★ "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse" (10)	(5:25) "Movie"	(:15) The Undo- ing	"Assault on Precinct 13" (05)	"Equals" <i>Illegal love.</i>
7 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	MacGyver (HD)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live) (HD)	To Be An- nounced				Jessie Jessie	(:05) "City Slickers" (91) <i>Men on cattle drive.</i>	★★½ "The Hunt" <i>Twelve strangers.</i>	The Reagans "21 Bridges" <i>A citywide hunt.</i> (R)
8 PM :30	(:01) 20/20 <i>In- vestigative news.</i> (HD)	Magnum P.I. (HD)		Dateline NBC <i>In- vestigative news.</i> (HD)	Scoreboard	(:15) "Movie"	"The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn: Part 1" (11) (HD)	Raven Just Roll	Real Time Maher (HD)	Warrior (:48) Warrior (HD)	(:40) DESUS & MERO
9 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Local	College Football UCLA Bruins at Oregon Ducks (Live)	Family ELEGUE (HD)	Family	Disney Fam	How To	"The Punisher" (04, Action) (HD)	(:40) The Reagans "Young"
10 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local (:35) Tonight (HD)		Family	Stuck Mid.	Real Time Maher (HD)		
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local (HD)		Family	Jessie	How To		

NOVEMBER 20, 2020

FRIDAY

7:05pm

HBO City Slickers ★★★ (1991, Comedy) Billy Crystal, Daniel Stern. Three friends from the city head west for a two-week cattle drive, and along the way, they learn things about themselves and their traveling companions. PG-13 (HD)

7:30pm

MAX The Hunt ★★½ (2020, Thriller) Ike Barinholtz, Betty Gilpin. Twelve strangers wake up with no clue of where they are or how they got there, and a group of elites gathers to hunt the humans for sport. R (HD)

SATURDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Scoreboard	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Pro- grams	Local Programs	College Football "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	(5:30) "Movie"	(4:30) "Dawn 1" (11)	TBA	★★½ "Battle- ship" (12)	Warrior	The Reagans
7 PM :30	College Football "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	NCIS: New Or- leans	College Football "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Dateline NBC <i>In- vestigative news.</i> (HD)	2020 MLS Cup Playoffs "First Round" (Live)		"The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn: Part 2" (12) (HD)	BUNK'D BUNK'D	Between the World and Me (HD)	"Rambo" (08) <i>Thai missionar- ies.</i>	The Good Lord Bird
8 PM :30		48 Hours (HD)				Bang (HD) Bang (HD)		Jessie Disney Fam	"Underwater" (20, Horror) (HD)	★★★ "8 Mile" (02) Eminem. <i>Rapper vs. con- flict.</i>	★★½ "First Reformed" (18) <i>A pastor's life.</i> (HD)
9 PM :30		48 Hours (HD)		Sat. Night Live (HD)	Scoreboard	Bang (HD)	(:29) "The Twi- light Saga: Breaking Dawn: Part 2" (12)	Big City		(:15) Warrior (HD)	"The Gentle- men" (20) <i>American expa- triate.</i>
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	PBC Fight	Local	College Football "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Jokers Jokers		Amphibia	(:05) Between the World and Me		
11 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	PBC	Sat. Night Live <i>Sketch comedy.</i>	Local (HD)	The Misery The Misery		Mickey Jessie	Undoing	"Planet Apes" (11)	

NOVEMBER 21, 2020

SATURDAY

7:00pm

USA The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn: Part 2 ★★½ (2012, Fantasy) Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson. Bella experiences a new life and new powers after the birth of her daughter Renesmee, but the family is soon threatened once again. PG-13 (HD)

8:00pm

DISN Jessie A naïve 18-year-old from rural Texas moves to New York after she finally moves out of her parents' house, and she is given the chance to be a nanny. TV G (HD)

SUNDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Home Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	NFL (Live) The OT	Football America (HD)	Sports	Grinch Elf (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	★★★ "Won- der" (17, Drama) <i>Afflicted boy.</i> (PG)	(:20) "Underwa- ter" (20) <i>Crew of researchers.</i>	"Halloween II" (81)	The Reagans
7 PM :30	2020 American Music Awards <i>Music awards.</i> (HD)	NCIS: L. A. (HD)	Simpsons The Harts	Sun. Night Foot- ball <i>Kansas City Chiefs at Las Vegas Raiders</i> (Live) (HD)	2020 MLS Cup Playoffs "First Round" (Live)	"The Wizard of Oz" (39) <i>A magical land.</i> (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven Just Roll	The Undoing (HD)	★★ "Unforget- table" (17) (R) (HD)	The Reagans
8 PM :30		NCIS: New Or- leans	Burgers Fam Guy				Law & Order: SVU	Big City BUNK'D	Murder on (HD)	"Abraham Lin- coln: Vampire Hunter" (12)	"BELUSHI" (20, Drama)
9 PM :30		NCIS "Requiem" (HD)	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>		2020 MLS Cup Playoffs "First Round" (Live)	"The Wizard of Oz" (39) <i>Trans- ported to a mag- ical land.</i> (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Family BUNK'D	The Undoing (HD)	(:50) Moonbase 8 (HD)	
10 PM :30	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Local Programs		Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	SportsCenter (HD)	"Jungle"	Family	Jessie	Murder on (HD)	"Cursed" (05) <i>Werewolf at- tacks.</i>	The Reagans
11 PM :30	(:35) Local	Local	Local				Family	Jessie		Moonbase 8	

NOVEMBER 22, 2020

SUNDAY

7:00pm

ABC 2020 American Music Awards Host Taraji P. Henson presides over the world's largest fan-voted award show, which features live performances by nominees and other musicians. (HD)

8:00pm

HBO The Undoing "Trial By Fury" The prosecution presents stunning evidence while the defense places suspicion on the investigation; Henry decides to reveal a certain secret to Grace. TVMA (HD)

MONDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Local	Local Programs	Monday Count- down	Fam Guy Fam Guy	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Disney Fam Disney Fam	(5:45) "Godzilla: King of the Monsters" (19)	"The Kingdom" (07)	The Reagans
7 PM :30	Dancing with the Stars "Finale" (HD)	Neighbor. Bob Hearts	L.A.'s Finest (HD)	The Voice <i>Hopetuls coached.</i> (HD)	Monday Football <i>Los Angeles Rams at Tampa Bay Buccaneers</i> (Live)	Fam Guy Fam Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (T) (HD)	Disney Fam		Warrior (:45) "Equilib- rium" (02) <i>Out- lawed emotions.</i>	"BELUSHI" (20, Drama)
8 PM :30		All Rise (HD)	Filthy Rich (HD)			Fam Guy		Jessie	His Dark Materi- als		
9 PM :30	The Good Doc- tor	Bull (HD)	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Weakest Link (HD)		Dad (HD) Dad (HD)		Jessie Jessie	Industry "Notting Hill"	½ "Asylum" <i>A dorm with a past.</i>	"Shaft" (00) <i>NYPD detective.</i> (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	(:15)	Conan	Family	Sydney	Axios (HD)		Moonbase 8 (HD)
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter with Scott (HD)	Seinfeld Seinfeld	Family Family	Sydney Sydney	His Dark Materi- als	"This Means War"	The Reagans
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local	Late Night	NFL Rewind	Conan	Family	Jessie	Industry		Moonbase 8

NOVEMBER 23, 2020

MONDAY

7:45pm

MAX Equilibrium ★★★ (2002, Science Fiction) Christian Bale, Emily Watson. Tasked with enforcing a ban on emotions and freedom of expression, an elite government agent begins to doubt the fascist regime that he works for. R

9:00pm

NBC Weakest Link Host Jane Lynch welcomes contestants to answer general knowl- edge questions to accumulate prize money up to \$1 million and build chains of correct answers. (HD)

TUESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Pro- grams	Local Programs	CFB Playoff: Top 25	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	"Zombies" "Zombies 2" (20) <i>Attend prom.</i>	Real Time (:45) Axios	"8 Mile" (02) Eminem.	"Our Idiot Brother"
7 PM :30	The Bachelorette (HD)	NCIS (HD)	Cosmos	The Voice (HD)	2020 MLS Cup Playoffs "First Round" (Live)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU		(:20) "Underwa- ter" (20) <i>Crew of researchers.</i>	★★★½ "The Fighter" (10) <i>Boxing brothers.</i> (HD)	Ray Donovan "Tulip"
8 PM :30		FBI (HD)	NeXt "FILE #5" (HD)	This Is Us (HD)		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	ZOMBIES Raven			Inside the NFL (HD)
9 PM :30	(:01) Big Sky (HD)	FBI: Most Wanted	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Transplant (HD)	2020 MLS Cup Playoffs "First Round" (Live)	The Misery	Law & Order: SVU	Raven Raven	Real Sports (HD)	"Serpico" (73, Drama) <i>Police corruption.</i> (HD)	The Best
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	(:15)	Conan	Family	Sydney	The Undoing (HD)		Inside the NFL (HD)
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter with Scott (HD)	The Misery	Family	Sydney	His Dark Materi- als	"This Means War"	Moonbase 8 (HD)
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	Sports	Conan	Family	Jessie	Industry	(:15) Warrior (HD)	Moonbase 8 "Our Idiot"

NOVEMBER 24, 2020

TUESDAY

8:00pm

FOX NeXt "FILE #5" Shea is reunited with a figure from her past by NEXT while she gets ready to check on Ethan and Ty; Ted comes up with a plan to stay in the company. TV14 (HD)

9:00pm

CBS FBI: Most Wanted "Execute" A family of three is killed in a car crash that was caused by a hacker who makes increasingly extreme ransomware demands and is being pursued by the team. TV14 (HD)

WEDNESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Pro- grams	Local Programs	College Basket- ball (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	NCIS "Ready or Not"	Big City Big City	"The Dead Don't Die" (19) <i>The dead rise.</i> (R)	"The Debt" (11) (HD)	"Robin Hood" "Apollo 13" (95) <i>An explo- sion aboard a spacecraft.</i> (HD)
7 PM :30	Goldbergs Housewife	Amazing Race (HD)	The Masked Singer	Chicago Med (HD)		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	WWE NXT (Live) (HD)	Big City Big City		"Rise of Planet of Apes" (11)	
8 PM :30	Conners black-ish	Amazing Race (HD)	I Can See Your Voice	Chicago Fire (HD)	College Basket- ball <i>Baylor vs Arizona State</i> (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)		Big City Big City	"Mystery of D.B. Cooper" (20)	(:45) "John Wick: Chapter 3 - Parabellum" (19, Action)	"Armageddon" (98) Bruce Wil- lis. <i>Asteroid threatens.</i> (HD)
9 PM :30	For Life (HD)	S.W.A.T. (HD)	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Chicago P.D. (HD)		Frontal Conan	"Harry Potter and the Sor- cerer's Stone" (01) <i>Orphan learns magic.</i>	Big City Big City	The Undoing (HD)		
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	(:35) Tonight (HD)	Seinfeld Seinfeld		Big City Big City	Industry "Notting Hill"	★★ "Border- town" (07)	Inside NFL
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(

Local high school student launches lotion, soap business

Most high school seniors are focusing on SAT's and college applications, but one Anna-Jonesboro Community High School senior is doing that while starting her own business.

Madilyn Gawrych-Turner, 17, of Jonesboro, is the founder of The Farmer's Granddaughter: Southern Illinois Scents.

Turner came up with the name because her grandfather, Don Rich, has farmed in Union County, all of his life.

He and his wife, Lucille, have two children and five grandchildren, but Madilyn is their only granddaughter.

Turner said she is excited to provide the local community with quality lotions, soaps and other beauty products that spotlight scents inspired from Union County.

"Anna's Annabelle" is a popular scent from the native hydrangea plant that is featured in almost all of her products including: whipped lotion, foaming hand soap, bubble bath, shower gel, linen/room spray and body mist.

"Pink Cookies," a sweet sugar cookie smell inspired by the local pastry shop, and "Shawnee Hills," an outdoor, rugged scent, are other year-round scents offered in her product line.

For the holidays, Turner has some special scents that will invoke scents from our rural area, including: Hometown Holiday, Country Christmas, Fireside Flannel, Candy Cane and O Christmas Tree. "A Union County Christmas" is the scent of her featured three-wick candle.

Turner's first scent that she made as a limited edition gave her grandmother recognition. She has nearly sold out of the whipped shea lotion "Grandma's Pumpkin Pie."

Currently, the "Candy Cane" hand sanitizer is a very popular item. It is \$4 for a two-ounce bottle.

"Lavender Fields" bath bombs and soap bars with scents "Blueberry Hill" and "Candy Cane Christmas" are also available.

Other scents in some products are Wild Honey-suckle, Wine Trail, Peachy

Clean, Backroad, Farm Fresh, Apple Orchard, Grandma's Garden, Flower Garden, Country Morning, Rockabye Baby, Country Cabin, Gunpowder & Lead and Sunrise.

Turner is working on adding more scents for Valentine's Day, Easter, Spring, and Summer.

While Backroad, Shawnee Hills, and Gunpowder & Lead are more masculine scents, others like Blueberry Hill, Apple Orchard, Farm Fresh, and Fireside Flannel are gender neutral.

Turner considers Anna's Annabelle, Wild Honey-suckle and Wine Trail feminine scents. Pink Cookies seems to be a favorite of kids.

Turner said she is proud to feature the local area where she grew up in her product line.

"We live in a beautiful area filled with gorgeous scenery and friendly locally owned stores. Even if you had to move away from Union County, hopefully the scent of my products can make you feel at home," Turner noted.



Founder of new business

Madilyn Gawrych-Turner, founder of The Farmer's Granddaughter: Southern Illinois Scents, is shown at the debut launching of her business in front of the Mud Dress in downtown Anna at an October event. Photo provided.

The Farmer's Granddaughter: Southern Illinois Scents plans to have a booth on Saturday, Nov. 28, at the Holiday Bazaar at The Anna Arts Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On Dec. 5, her booth will be located at the Hometown Craftsman Celebration at The Barn Event Center on Lick Creek Road from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Orders can also be made

by emailing thefarmer-sgranddaughterscents@gmail.com or follow The Farmer's Granddaughter Facebook page (Southern Illinois Scents) at Madi Turner. Items can be mailed for a shipping fee.

Products range in price from \$4 to \$18. Most items are in the \$5 to \$10 range. Turner is also making an assortment of gift baskets for the holiday season.

When not making her products, Turner is extremely busy attending school, working part-time at A-J National Bank and is a member of the Union County CEO program and local MCML 4-H Club.

She plans to attend Southern Illinois University Carbondale next fall to major in public relations. She is the daughter of Pamela and Rodney Turner.

'Christmas Around the Community'

(continued from page 1)

"Christmas Around the Community" gift boxes were being pre-sold on the CEO program's website, unioncountyceo.org, and on their Facebook page, Union County CEO.

Orders were taken starting last Friday – and the response has been very, very good.

As of early this week, the CEO program reported the fewer than 50 of 200 Christmas gift boxes which had been created were still available. The gift boxes were expected to sell out

by Thursday, today.

Drive-through, no contact pickup is set for Saturday, Nov. 28, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at CEO's festive booth.

The booth is scheduled to be located along South Main Street at the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church's parking lot during the celebration of Small Business Saturday/Christmas in Downtown Anna.

Delivery that day also was being made available in Union County for a small fee.

"A gift FROM our com-

munity is a gift TO our community" has become the motto of this business.

Recently, Susan Odum, from University of Illinois Extension spoke to the students.

CEO program student Maddox Thorpe wrote: "She talked to us about our local economy and the importance of shopping local and how it will help our community. We talked about sales taxes and the money flow of our local economy. It was crazy to see how things like just buying small things from local businesses effects the community. I never really thought about this until Wednesday, and it really

made me rethink where I put my money."

This business could not have been so successful without the sponsors who have provided financial backing, goods and services. At the time of this writing, they include the following.

Gold Sponsors: Anna Baking Company, A-J National Bank, Quick's Skating Rink and C's Bees.

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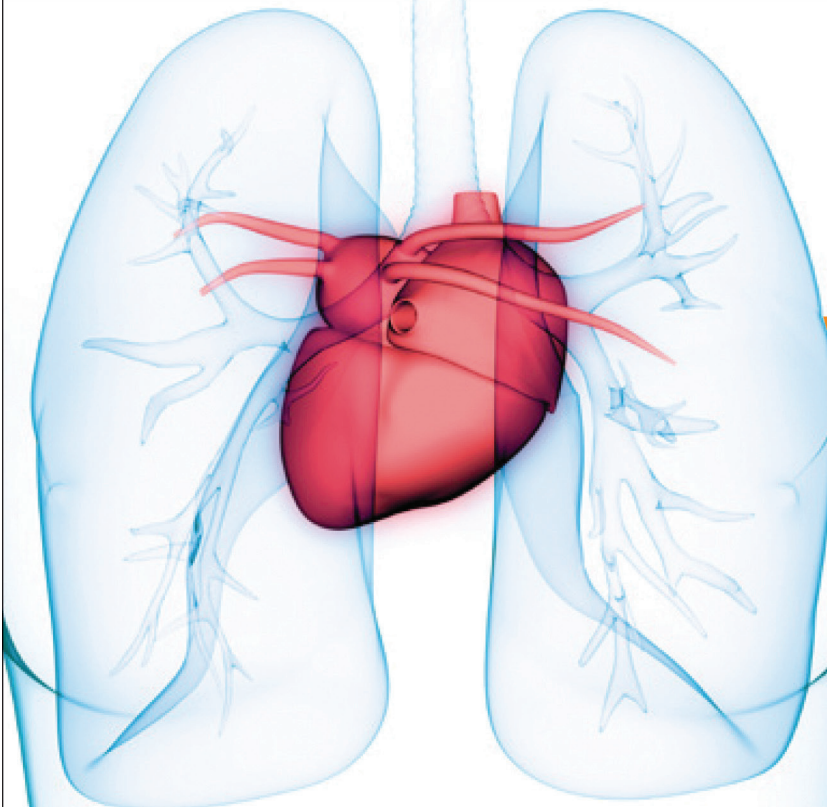
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ESTATE OF VALETTA J. STONER, DECEASED. IN PROBATE NO. 2020-P-27

NOTICE OF DEATH, INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Valetta J. Stoner of 157 Industrial Dr., Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on October 27, 2020, to Billie G. Stoner, Jr., 5912 Suson Pl., Apt. 1, St. Louis, MO 63139, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this Court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Administrator, or both, on or before May 5, 2021, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Independent Administrator is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Administrator and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed. Dated: October 28, 2020.

BILLIE G. STONER, JR. INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR

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ELVIS C. CAMERON ATTORNEY NO. 6244394 ATTORNEY FOR INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR 205B N. MAIN ST. ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906 PHONE: 618-833-2220 47-49g

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

ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK, a National Chartered Bank, Plaintiff,

vs.
WILLIAM CODY CAMPBELL, THE CITY OF ANNA, an Illinois municipal corporation, and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. CASE NO.: 2020CH15

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, William Cody Campbell, The City of Anna, an Illinois municipal corporation, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above-entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois,

A note to our readers.

The Thanksgiving holiday will be observed Thursday, November 26.

Due to the holiday and the important advertising which will appear in the November 26 issue of the paper, The Gazette-Democrat will make changes in our production schedule.

The deadline to submit classified and display advertisements will be 10 a.m. Monday, November 23.

The deadline to submit news and sports items will be Noon on Friday, November 20.

Thank you again for your cooperation and understanding.

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by the said Plaintiff against you and other Defendants to foreclose a certain Mortgage covering the following described premises, to-wit:

EXHIBIT A

Tract I: A parcel of land being a part of Lot 27 of the A.J. Menees' Addition to the Town of Anna, and being a part of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 20, Township 12 South, Range 1 west of the third principal meridian said parcel is described and recorded in Book 106, Page 595, in the Union County Courthouse in the name of Homer and Nadine Campbell, dated August 10th, 1993. Said parcel being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the northwest of said Lot 27, thence N89°45'28" E. 46.50 feet along the south right-of-way line of Williams Street (undeveloped) to an iron rod found at the northeast corner of the Whittington property (Book 196, Page 295), this being the point of beginning, thence N89°45'28" E. 150.00 feet along said south right-of-way line to an iron rod set, thence S00°03'43" E. 100.00 feet along the west right-of-way line of a private road to an iron rod set at the northeast corner of the Campbell property (Book 96, Page 441), thence S89°46'56" W. 146.57 feet to an iron rod set in the east line of said Whittington property thence along said Whittington property the following three (3) calls, thence N00°06'03" W. 49.90 feet to the point of beginning, said parcel to contain 0.340 acres, more or less, per survey by John M. Wallace, Illinois Professional Land Surveyor No. 3820, dated January 22, 2014, said parcel being subject to all rights-of-way and easements, recorded or otherwise all situated in the County of Union, State of Illinois.

Tract II: An easement for right of ingress and egress and for utilities being a part of Lot 27 of the A.J. Menees' Addition to the Town of Anna, and being a part of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 20, Township 12 South, Range 1 West of the third principal meridian, said easement is a part of property described and

recorded in Book 97, Page 441, in the Union County Courthouse in the name of Homer and Nadine Campbell, dated June 16th, 1961, said easement being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the southwest corner of said Lot 27, thence N89°45'59" W. 50.00 feet to an iron rod found at the southwest corner of said Homer and Nadine Campbell property, this being the point of beginning, thence with said Homer and Nadine Campbell property, the following two (2) calls, thence N00°06'03" W. 96.62 feet to an iron rod set, thence N89°46'56" E. 20.00 feet to a point, thence S00°06'03" E. 96.62 feet along a new line to a point in the south line of said Lot 27, thence S89°45'59" W. 20.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Said easement to contain 0.044 acres, more or less, per survey by John M. Wallace, Illinois Professional Land Surveyor No. 3820, dated February 12, 2014.

Said easement being subject to all rights-of-way and easements, recorded or otherwise, all situated in the County of Union, State of Illinois.

All in accordance with a revised plat of survey, dated January 22, 2014, and recorded February 18, 2014, as Doc. No. 2014R0264, and further indexed at Plat Book 11, Page 910, made by John M. Wallace, Illinois Professional Land Surveyor No. 3820, in the Recorder's Office of Union County, Illinois.

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

Now, therefore, unless you, the said Defendants, William Cody Campbell, The City of Anna, an Illinois municipal corporation, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, file your Answer to the Complaint in the suit, or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, in the County Courthouse in the City of Jonesboro, Illinois, on or before the 12th day of De-

ember, 2020, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

Tiffany Busby
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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Pre-Filing Notice for SCC Board of Trustee Nominations

The filing period for nomination papers will be December 14 - December 21, 2020. Nominating papers must be filed with the Administrative Assistant to the President on Shawnee Community College Main Campus. Papers can be filed between the hours of 8:00 am - 4:15 pm with the exception of the last day of the filing period on December 21, 2020, where they can be filed between 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. For questions, please contact Beth Crowe at (618)-634-3260. 49gpc

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

ESTATE OF: ROY EDWARD WALKER, Deceased. 20-P-35

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Roy Edward Walker, of Union County, Illinois, on April 10, 2020. Letters of Office were issued on October 27, 2020, to his Independent Administrator, Christina M. Walker, 1700 Morgan School Rd., Jonesboro, Illinois 62952, whose attorney is D. Brian Trambley, 803 W. Vine Street, P.O. Box 899, Vienna, Illinois 62995.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952 or with the representative, or both, on or before June 14, 2021, which date is not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of any claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

D. Brian Trambley,
Attorney at Law

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NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

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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 November, 2020, under the Assumed Name of L&M Painting with the place of business located at 102 Norris Street, Anna, Illinois 62906 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

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Obituaries

Ira Dugan Tripp Jr.

Ira D. Tripp Jr., 53, died suddenly and unexpectedly at home on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2020.

He was born in Muncie, Ind., on June 6, 1967. He was the son of Ira Dugan and Linda Irene Tripp.

His family moved back to Southern Illinois when he was 5. He graduated from Anna-Jonesboro Community High School in 1985.

Mr. Tripp loved working on the family farm in his teenage years. When he was 19 he joined IBEW Local 702 and for the first 18 years of his career he worked in outside telephone construction. In 2005 he began working at Southern Illinois University in the Grounds Department through the apprenticeship program with Laborer's Local 773 and most recently returned to IBEW at the SIU Telephone Service.

Mr. Tripp accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior as a child at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. He reaffirmed that commitment several years later and was baptized at Anna Heights Baptist Church. He loved the Lord and he loved people. He brought joy to those around him. Ira was loved by many and will be deeply missed.

Mr. Tripp is survived by his wife, Lisa and son Michael Glenn; his father, Ira Dugan Tripp Sr.; a brother and sister-in-law, Dustin and Adrienne Tripp and their children, Logan and Lexi Tripp, Madi Hartline and Kylie Tripp; along with several other nieces and nephews.

He is also survived by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Russell and Ann Middleton; a sister-in-law, Sheila Middleton; a brother-in-law, Alan Middleton; an uncle, Mike Moss and wife Lannie; an uncle Charles Tripp; a special aunt, Mary Howell; several cousins, including Shelli Herman, Terri Carter, Matthew and Joshua Tripp, along with many friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Linda Irene Tripp, and his grandparents, Glenn and Iragene Tripp, and Dan and Mable Moss.

Funeral services for Ira D. Tripp Jr. were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, 7240 Wing Hill Rd., Cobden, with Doug Bridgeman officiating. Interment followed at Ebenezer Hall Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Angels' Cove Maternity and Adoptive Care, 4243 Lincolnshire Dr., Mount Vernon, Ill. 62864.

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

RENDELMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna was in charge of arrangements.



Sybile Joan Gurley Dickerson

Sybile Joan Gurley Dickerson, 85, of Ullin, died Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020, at Parkway Manor-Liberty Village of Marion.

She was born on June 27, 1935, in Ullin, the only child of William Gurley and Gladys Stoner Gurley Cogger.

She attended the Ullin schools and graduated from Ullin High School in 1953. After graduation, she accepted a position with the Illinois Tuberculosis Association in Cairo, where she remained for eight years.

She met Richard Dickerson in Ullin, and they were later married on June 24, 1961.

They lived with Joan's mother Gladys until their home was built on Ullin Avenue in 1964. They resided there together until Richard's death in November of 2019. They were devoted to one another while married for over 58 years.

She loved antiques and collected them for years with her husband Richard. They bought and sold many collectibles in several states from their motor home. She also enjoyed camping, fishing and traveling.

They enjoyed many tours with the Chevrolet Motor Corporation, including trips to San Francisco, Detroit, Reno, Las Vegas and Orlando. They were awarded an extended trip to Caracas, Venezuela, South America, and the Dutch Island of Curacao in the Netherlands Antilles.

Mrs. Dickerson was an accomplished pianist, who gave piano lessons in her younger years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Ullin.

Mrs. Dickerson is survived by her sister-in-law, Justine Dickerson; a niece, Jane (Russell) Frizzell; nephews Bob (Robin) Dickerson and Tom (Kerry) Dickerson; cousins Beverly Kay Rendleman and Bill Carr.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Richard Dickerson; and a brother-in-law, Clinton Dickerson.

A graveside service was held at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 16, at the Ullin Cemetery, with the Rev. Dr. Bob Dickerson officiating. Interment followed.

Crain Funeral Home in Ullin was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials can be made to the Ullin Cemetery.

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



Deborah (Debby) Choate

Deborah (Debby) Choate, 68, of rural Marion, died Nov. 14, 2020, after a brief battle with cancer.

She was born on Oct. 13, 1952, in Christopher, the daughter of Edward and Bonnie Lee Rich Clark.

She married Robert (Bob) Choate in West Frankfort on Nov. 25, 1980. Bob and Debby would have celebrated their 40th anniversary this year.

She was a 1971 graduate of Thompsonville High School, where she was the homecoming queen and was active in track and softball.

After high school, she worked for Smoler Brothers and Freeman Coal Company before starting her own business. She was the proud owner and operator of Debby's Grooming for 32 years.

Her love for animals and people led her to be a founding member of the Angelina Foundation. She served tirelessly as the president of the foundation. The foundation worked to promote animal adoption and provide care for thousands of animals.

She is remembered by her family as a loving wife, grandmother, sister and aunt.

She is survived by her husband, Robert (Bob) Choate; stepson Brad (Julie) Choate; sister Carol (Don) Kutscher of Christopher; brothers Charles (Aris) Clark of Opdyke, Dennis (Janet) Clark of Benton and Mike (Judy) Clark of Benton.

She is also survived by grandchildren Brent (Mary) Choate, Lauren (Chris) Bunch and Lindsey (Matt) Robidas; great-grandchildren Michael, Kate, Alex, Ben, Dylan, Lucas and Maya.

She also is survived by many special nieces and nephew, great-nieces and nephews, as well as great-great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her father-in-law; her mother-in-law; and a stepson, Brian Choate.

She leaves a legacy of unselfishness, kindness and generosity to both people and animals. She will be dearly missed by her family, friends, and acquaintances that were touched by her caring and giving personality.

Memorials can be made in Debby's name to the Angelina Foundation.

A Celebration of Life to honor Debby is being planned for summer 2021. Private inurnment will take place at the Jonesboro Cemetery.

Crain Funeral Home Egyptian Chapel in Energy is in charge of arrangements.

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



Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Recent visitors of Maxine and Fred Pender of Fair City were Russ and Patsy Pender of Olive Branch, Brad and Lori Pender and Gary Gibbs, all of Jonesboro.

Jackie Jennings and Gracie Wilson of Reynoldsville spent Saturday night with Dolores Reynolds of Reynoldsville.

Rodney and Vicki Reynolds of Wolf Lake and Dolores Reynolds enjoyed lunch together on Sunday at Dolores' home.

Penny Hill of McClure visited Tuesday with Shirley Miller of McClure.

On Thursday Joe Walker and friend Steve of Marion visited with Shirley Miller.

Penny Hill and Shirley Miller attended the visitation for Richard Graham on Thursday at the Anna First Church of the Nazarene. Afterwards they visited with Deanie and Jerry Hinkle of Jonesboro.

Penny and Kerry Hill and Shirley Miller went to St.

Louis over the weekend. Penny and Kerry stayed with Julie, Eric and Tessa Burtin in St. Peters, Mo. Shirley stayed with David and Kristy Miller in St. Charles, Mo. On Saturday night, Penny, Kerry, Shirley, David and Kristy enjoyed supper at the home of Julie, Eric and Tessa Burtin of St. Peters, Mo.

Hope everyone is obeying the health rules from IDPH and staying safe.

Thank you to Norman and Catherine Gibbs of Anna for renewing their subscription to The Gazette-Democrat and giving me the credit. Also thanks to another person whose name I did not get.

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

Phillip Robert 'Bob' Goins

Phillip Robert "Bob" Goins, 90, of Cobden, died Sunday, Nov. 8, 2020, at his home.

He was born on July 8, 1930, the son of Fred and Marie Chittick Goins.

He married Phyllis Sadler. She preceded him in death on Jan. 16, 2020.

He is survived by two sons, Tim (Debbie) Goins of Marion and Phillip Raymond (Leslie) Goins of Louisville, Ky.; his stepchildren, Pam Peterman, Leona Bone, Jim, Sue, Billy and Jennifer Stone; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; one sister, Betty Crippen of Carbondale; one brother, John Goins of Mounds; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Mr. Goins served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He later retired from the National Guard. He continued serving his fellow veterans as a maintenance worker at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis. He later worked as a security guard at Penn Aluminum in Murphysboro.

Graveside funeral services for Phillip "Bob" Goins were held at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 13, at Casper Cemetery near Anna, with the Rev. Carl Dillow officiating. Interment immediately followed.

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

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

RENDELMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro was in charge of arrangements.



Crain Funeral Home

Meisenheimer Cemetery Chicken/Dumpling Supper has been Cancelled

The Meisenheimer Cemetery Association Board regrets that its annual Chicken/Dumpling Supper, which would have been November 21, 2020, has been cancelled due to Coronavirus concerns. All the faithful supporters of this event are truly appreciated. Plans are to resume this event in November, 2021.

If anyone would like to send a monetary donation for the maintenance of the cemetery, it can be sent to:

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He Is Risen!

There are many words in the Bible that gives hope, but surely none greater than, "He Is Risen!" This rekindled hope in those who walked with Jesus during His ministry, and it brings hope to any who follow Him today. Isn't it logical that if the Lord didn't come forth from the grave, neither will we? Therefore, our hope is based on His resurrection! In fact, Jesus is the resurrection! He said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life" (Jn. 11:25). The resurrection is the very thing that declares Him to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness (Rom. 1:4). One cannot obey the Gospel without the resurrection. "For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection" (Rom. 6:5). Paul had just mentioned being buried with Him through baptism into death, and added: "that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (v. 4).

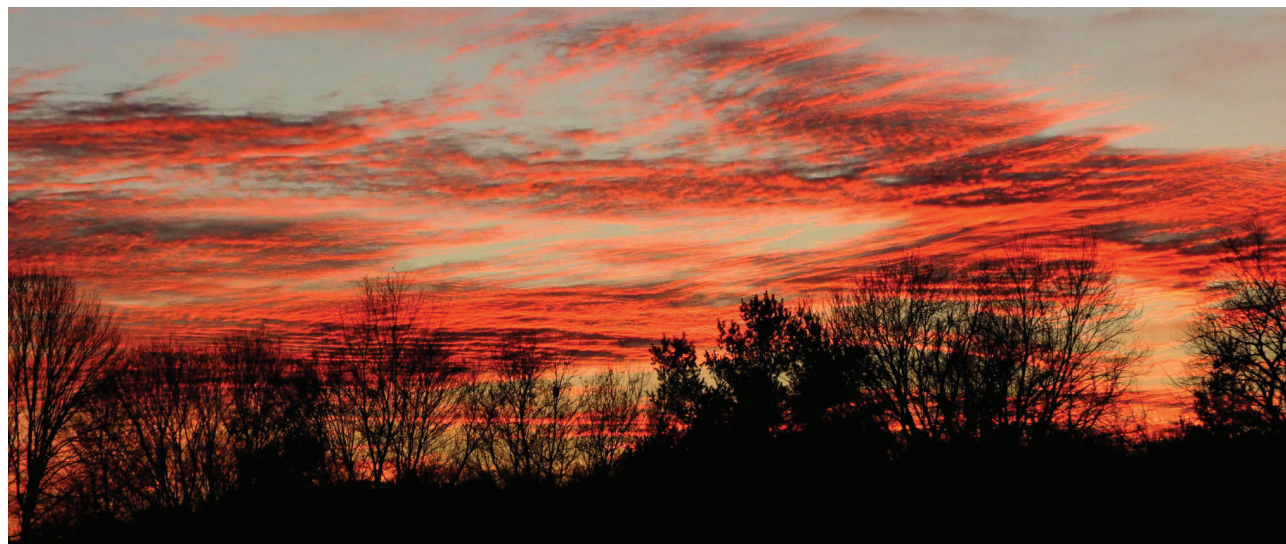
Thus, we can surely see how important the words, "He Is Risen" are, and the hope they have brought to millions over the centuries. "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable" (I Cor. 15:19).

Why would anyone refuse to be buried and raised with Jesus in baptism? Since our only hope is His death, burial, and resurrection, shouldn't we want to obey a form of these (Rom. 6:17)? If you have never obeyed the Gospel, what has kept you from doing so? Has it been weak faith? An unwillingness to repent? A refusal to confess Him to be the Christ? Or, a failure to be baptized for the remission of sins? Does it make sense to refuse obedience when He has become the author of salvation to all who obey Him (Heb. 5:9)?

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

R.W. McAlister, Minister
Anna church of Christ

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Sunset on a November evening

A colorful sunset could be seen in the sky over Union County on Friday evening, Nov. 13. The image was captured along Kaolin Road, between Anna and Cobden.

Governor warns that return to stay-home order is possible

Illinois urges residents to stay home for 3 weeks

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SPRINGFIELD – Illinois residents were being urged to stay at home as much as possible for at least the next three weeks as the second wave of COVID-19 outbreaks continues to sweep across the state.

The latest advisory from the Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, does not represent a renewal of the stay-at-home order that was in effect this spring, but Gov. JB Pritzker warned Thursday, Nov. 12, that if current trends continue, stricter mitigation orders could be in store.

(The advisory came on a day when Southern Seven Health Department reported 23 new cases of COVID-19 in Union County. As of Nov. 12, a total of 894 cases had been recorded in the county since the pandemic began.)

Chicago veterans' home opens

The opening of a new Chicago Veterans' Home was commemorated on Nov. 11.

The home is the first state veterans' retirement facility to open in 20 years and the first to serve the Chicago-land area.

Prior to construction of the Chicago home, the closest veterans' homes were located in Manteno and LaSalle, causing hardship for those who wanted to remain in their communities.

Completion of the long-awaited facility was made possible through funding in the State of Illinois' Fiscal Year 2020 budget.

The home will accommodate 200 retired Illinois veterans.

The new 187,000 square foot, five-story facility is located on the northwest side of Chicago.

"With many community leaders choosing not to listen to the doctors, we are left with not many tools left in our toolbox to fight this," Pritzker said during his daily COVID-19 briefing in Chicago.

"The numbers don't lie. If things don't take a turn in the coming days, we will quickly reach the point when some form of a mandatory stay-at-home order is all that will be left."

The latest guidelines urge all Illinois residents to stay at home as much as possible, leaving home only for work or school if they are not working or learning remotely, grocery shopping, visiting a doctor or getting a COVID-19 test.

He also said the state is increasing its testing capacity at the most-visited testing sites in the state: Aurora, Arlington Heights and Harwood Heights.

A full list of available testing sites statewide can be found at the Illinois Department of Public Health's website, <http://dph.illinois.gov/testing>.

Earlier on Nov. 12, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot issued a 30-day stay-at-home "advisory" for residents of that city, where the rolling seven-day average test positivity rate hit 13.9 percent on Monday, Nov. 9.

Both Chicago's and the state's advisories extend through the upcoming Thanksgiving Day weekend, and public health officials strongly urged people to avoid any type of gathering outside of their own households.

"With the rising prevalence of this virus, attending even the smallest gathering that mixes households or traveling to surrounding areas, that increases the risk of further spread of this virus," IDPH director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said during the briefing.

"Again, our goal is to reduce transmission. It's always been our goal, but

especially as we head into the holidays so that businesses, so that schools, so that our veterans' homes can be safe."

Ezike also spoke of recent outbreaks that have occurred at a number of state-run veterans' homes, including one in LaSalle, where more than 150 cases of COVID-19 and nine virus-related deaths have been confirmed among residents and staff.

The new stay-at-home advisory came as the state recorded a new record for the number of people hospitalized with the disease.

As of late Wednesday night, Nov. 11, 5,258 people were reported hospitalized, an increase of more than 200 from the day before. That included 956 people in intensive care units and 438 patients on ventilators.

Over the previous 24 hours, IDPH reported 12,702 newly confirmed or probable cases of the disease out of 100,617 tests performed, for a single-day positivity rate of 12.6 percent.

The preliminary seven-day rolling average case positivity rate was reported at 12.6 percent.

As the number of infections and hospitalizations have been rising in recent weeks, new unemployment claims continued pouring in to the Illinois Department of Employment Security.

During the week that ended Saturday, Nov. 7, IDES reported, 67,158 workers filed first-time unemployment claims, down roughly 9 percent from the previous week, but still more than six times the number who filed such claims during the same week a year ago.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, 338,899 Illinois workers were receiving continuing unemployment benefits during the week, down about 1 percent from the previous week.

In addition, another 9,726 people filed initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment

Assistance, PUA, a federally-funded program for gig workers, independent contractors and others who don't normally qualify for traditional unemployment insurance.

During his briefing, however, Pritzker noted that the PUA system has been plagued by fraud nationwide, and he blamed federal officials for failing to enact adequate controls to prevent fraud when Congress established the program earlier this year.

Meanwhile, Pritzker also used some of the strongest language yet in talking about local elected officials who have so far refused to enforce the state's mitigation orders aimed at controlling the spread of the virus.

"To the elected officials who have chosen to disregard public health guidance, those who have stood up at press conferences to question the data and fuel conspiracy theories, those who have taken their absurd crusade to the courts and lost nearly every single time, those who have flat-out told the businesses in their communities to ignore what their local and state public health departments and experts, some of the best in the nation, are telling them, what is it going to take to get you to be part of the solution?" Pritzker said.

"There may be a vaccine on the way in just a few months, but a lot of lives can be saved before that happens," he added.

"And when this is over, there will be an accounting by your constituents of who worked to keep the public safe and who just ignored the science."

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PAST's Heritage House in Jonesboro. File photo.

PAST welcomes support as COVID-19 restrictions force cancellation of events

The board of directors of the PAST organization of Union County is sorry to announce that there will be no Holiday Luncheons at the Heritage House in Jonesboro this year.

As has been the case with all of PAST's other activities and fund-raisers this year, COVID-19 restrictions prevent the organization from having groups in the Heritage House.

Those who may be interested in supporting the Union County organization's work of Promoting Appreciation of Structural Treasures are invited to consider sending a donation to PAST, P.O. Box 778, Jonesboro, Ill. 62952.

PAST notes that donors can designate that they would like to purchase quilt tickets with their donation.

PAST has gift items for sale at the Annabelle Market, The Gathering Place (just knock if door is locked), and a World War II quilt and book raffle at the Here and Now Shop – all in downtown Anna.

Items also can be ordered to be mailed by Linda Hileman by email at hileman14@frontier.com or by calling 833-8745.

PAST notes that gifts will enable them to keep the utilities and other overhead expenses going until they can once again open the house museum to the public.

Members of the organization voice their appreciation to everyone for their continued support.

For those who may be looking for a unique holiday gift with a Union County/Southern Illinois connection, PAST offers the following items:

Anna walking tour books, \$10 to \$25. Local history DVDs, \$10 each. Jonesboro Debate Christmas ornaments, \$25 with stand.

Books which are available also include:

"A Trot Down to Egypt: The Lincoln-Douglas Debate in Jonesboro, Illinois," by Darrel Dexter, \$15.

"P.A.S.T. Remembers Anna on Her 150th Birthday," \$5.

"The Union County Atlas of 1908," \$20.

"The Union County Atlas of 1881," \$25.

"Torchbearers of Freedom," by Amanda Fullenwider, \$25 with supplement.

"Pioneers of Union County," with genealogy footnotes, by Darrel Dexter, \$25.

"Jonesboro, Union County Bicentennial Album," \$35.

Reprint of "History of Union, Alexander and Pulaski Counties," by Perrin, \$40.

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Opinion and Commentary

Quitting smoking and the pandemic

Southern Seven Health Department reports that according to the American Cancer Society, ACS, roughly 32.4 million American adults still smoke cigarettes – and smoking remains the single largest preventable cause of death and illness in the world.

Smoking causes an estimated 480,000 deaths every year, or about one in five deaths. And more than 16 million Americans live with a smoking-related disease.

On Nov. 19, Southern Seven Health Department joins with the ACS to encourage all smokers to take part in the Great American Smokeout by making it the first day to a life without cigarettes, vaping and other tobacco products.

For more than 40 years, the ACS has hosted the Great American Smokeout on the third Thursday of November.

The health department explains that within the first 24 hours of quitting smoking, your blood pressure begins to drop, decreasing the risk of heart disease from smoking-induced high blood pressure.

In this short time, your oxygen levels will have risen, making physical activity and exercise easier to do, promoting heart-healthy habits.

The health department encourages smokers not to stop at day one. By day two, your sense of smell and taste improves as your nerve endings start to heal. And this is just the beginning to the healing process your body will go through, the health department says.

Smoking and COVID-19

For those who smoke, and are concerned about COVID-19, the health department says there is little known at this time about the risk of SARS-CoV-2 infection associated with smoking.

However, tobacco smokers may be more vulnerable to contracting COVID-19, as the act of smoking involves contact of fingers, and possibly contaminated cigarettes, with the lips, which increases the possibility of transmission of viruses from hand to mouth.

Smoking waterpipes, also known as shisha or hookah, often involves the sharing of mouth pieces and hoses, which could facilitate the transmission of the COVID-19 virus in communal and social settings.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported in April that current or former cigarette smokers may increase their risk of severe illness from COVID-19.

According to the World Health Organization, WHO, smoking impairs lung function, making it harder for the body to fight off coronaviruses and other respiratory diseases.

Available research from WHO suggests that smokers are at higher risk of developing severe COVID-19 outcomes and death.

Smoking any kind of tobacco reduces lung capacity and increases the risk of many respiratory infections and can increase the severity of respiratory diseases.

No matter your age or how long you've been smoking, quitting improves health both immediately and over the long term, Southern Seven Health Department says.

Getting help through counseling and medications doubles or even triples your chances of quitting successfully.

The health department advises that if you need guidance or options on quitting or would like to help someone else quit, call the Illinois Tobacco Quitline at 1-866-QUIT-YES or 1-866-784-8937.

For more information about smoking, visit the American Cancer Society website at www.cancer.org, or contact your local Southern Seven Health Department office.

Letter to the editor Veterans, voting and respect

To the editor,

As I write this it is Veteran's Day 2020. I generally become somewhat somber and depressed by the now mainstream popularity of the generic phrase "Thank you for your service."

Don't get me wrong, the words are great coming from a grateful heart. The events of the past week have been particularly distressing to me.

Do we really appreciate, as a nation, the sacrifices of our citizens who serve our nation around the world, both past and present?

The children of our veterans serve and shrug at the reality. Do their votes really count?? Members of all parties should be embarrassed by the words "Stop the vote count."

They have both found advantage from time to time and continued to embrace our current system of voting. The electoral college has existed way past its usefulness. The United States, when it was considered a good idea, consisted of 13 states in one time zone.

Today, the voters in Hawaii may not even have had a chance to vote and it might be as long as 30 days in some states before legal mail in ballots are counted, when a newly elected president is taking bows and the loser is conceding the election.

How can it be fair to all our voters to have a losing candidate with millions of votes more than the winner? I hope some brave public servant will again introduce a constitutional amendment to make every vote count and we all support his or her bravery. Veterans and all citizens deserve at least that much respect.

Signed, David Karraker, Dongola, the son of a World War II veteran who had no one greet him at the train station or say "Thank you for your service."

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

Happy as a clam...with a box of rocks...

Let's start this week with a really important question in the form of the following headline: Should you upgrade to PlayStation 5?

This really important question was asked in a daily news publication which arrives in our mailbox on a fairly regular basis. Can't be sure that we'll get today's version today. Eventually, it shows up. Besides, as a wise person once told me, all news is old anyway.

The headline about upgrading to PlayStation 5 was in the November 9 issue of the publication...I think it showed up November 12 or 13. Oh, well.

Anyway, the answer is no. Until seeing that headline, I had given no thought whatsoever about upgrading to PlayStation 5. If you happen to make that upgrade, let me know how it goes.

Meanwhile...

We'll move on to the "good stuff." And we'll start with another question: Would you be happy to receive a box of rocks as a gift?

I'm guessing that lots of folks would probably respond in the same way that I did about upgrading to PlayStation 5. Nope.

That being said, yours truly has actually received a box of rocks as a gift...several times. Made me happy as a clam.

By the way, have you ever wondered about how happy a clam gets? A website I found on in the internet called The Phrase Finder (phrases.org.uk) shared: "It has been suggested that open clams give the appearance of smiling." Never looked that closely at a clam.

The Phrase Finder went on to explain that the idea of being happy as a clam "is more likely to come from the fuller version of the phrase, now rarely heard – 'as happy as a clam at high water.' Hide tide is when clams are free from the attentions of predators; surely the happiest of times in the bivalve mollusc world."

The author of the article which appeared on The Phrase Finder wrote that the earliest use of the phrase was from a frontier memoir titled "The Harpe's Head – A Legend of Kentucky": "It never occurred to him to be discontented... He was happy as a clam."

Turns out "The Harpe's Head – A Legend of Kentucky" is a real thing...a book written by famed author James Hall, whom I had never heard of until last weekend. The book was printed in 1833. I actually found a digital copy of the book on another website, archive.org, which is a great place to visit if you like "old books."

Now that I've bored you with that fascinating information, let's get to a box, or two, or a rock, or two...

Last week, a box of rocks from far away North Carolina arrived in the mail. The box was full of treasures, including



A tiny fossil coral (too bad it wasn't a clam) fell off a slab of rock which yours truly received in a box of rocks last week. The quarter did not come in the box of rocks.

a couple of slabs of rocks brimming with fossils of various creatures of the sea...but not any clams. I was still happy.

Several years ago, I received a box of rocks in the form of a Christmas gift. If I remember correctly, and that is highly questionable, the gift came wrapped very nicely. And was very heavy. Had no idea what might have been inside the package. Turned out the gift was a couple of fossil corals which were found near Cincinnati, Ohio.

Christmas brought another box of rocks a number of years ago from a gentleman who was a long-time coworker and friend at The Paragraph Factory. He knew I liked rocks, so he got me some for Christmas.

These rocks also came wrapped very nicely and was fairly heavy...just not as heavy as the fossil corals from Cincinnati.

Upon unwrapping and opening the gift, it was determined that I had been given...a box of...gravel... Really. We both shared a good laugh.

Well, the gravel was made of limestone. And limestone often has fossils. I started looking closely at the rocks. And, you guessed it, I found a fossil. Still have that rock. The rest of the gravel ended up in our driveway at home.

So, you see, even if you happen to get a box of rocks as a gift, it can be something special to treasure...and maybe make you as happy as a clam...

A Page from the Past from the files of The Gazette-Democrat Thursday, November 19, 1970

The Union County Board of Commissioners appointed R. Corydon Finch, Anna, as Union County's new state's attorney in a special session Wednesday morning, Nov. 18. Finch has been serving as assistant state's attorney.

He will replace former State's Attorney William A. Lewis, who was elected as Circuit Court Judge in the General Election, Nov. 3.

In this week's issue of The Gazette-Democrat readers will find a petition concerning the taxing of real estate property owners.

The annual Laymen's Breakfast will be held at the American Legion Community Center, Monday, Nov. 23, beginning at 6:30 a.m. Participating in the service will be laymen from the various churches of the area.

The United Christian Action Council of Union County will sponsor the annual Union Thanksgiving service in Anna, Wednesday, Nov. 25. The service will be held at the First United Methodist Church beginning at 7:30 p.m.

There will be Thanksgiving services at Korntal Union County Memorial, Sunday, Nov. 22, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Seven Union Countians went to St. Louis, Tuesday morning, Nov. 17, for physical examinations, according to the local Selective Service Board.

Anna State Hospital was host to the internationally known psychiatrist, Dr. Karl Menninger, on Wednesday, Nov. 18.

Work on the renovation of the American Legion Community Center is progressing very satisfactorily, according to Walter Cherrick, Chairman of the Building Committee.

"Tis the season to be jolly." The Anna-Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce will aid members and residents to get into the festive spirit for the Christmas season if they make their reservations now for the annual Chamber of Commerce Ladies Night Banquet. The time is 7:00 p.m. Monday, December 7.

The Union County area received its first hard freeze of the season when the temperature fell to 21 degrees Monday night, Nov. 16.

The Bunny Bread Company of Anna, Illinois, has been awarded the Gold Loaf Award for quality performance by the American Bakers Cooperative, Inc., of Teaneck, New Jersey.

Commentary

Enough is enough

By Mike Estel

President Donald Trump needs to concede the election to president elect Joe Biden.

For quite a few years in our country's history, former presidents, who have lost during elections, have conceded to the oncoming president.

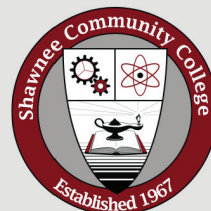
This year is no different. If there is widespread corruption in our voting system, I would be the first to say let's have the votes recounted. But from all indications of out and out voter abuse, there has been no evidence found anywhere throughout the country of any such illegal activities going on.

It's been said by many that deceased and unregistered people have voted during this 2020 election, but there has been no sound evidence found to collaborate those kind of accusations as well.

From what the television news station reports, the country's security is at risk the longer President Trump continues to not concede the election to the president elect. This should be a resounding reason to concede.

For it appears no widespread voting irregularities are going to be found. We must continue on the right path and repeat the history from previous administrations.

Thinking past this year, the present president should consider the possibility of running again in 2024. He came up with over 71 million votes. So, he has gained popularity during his four year reign. But, he definitely needs to concede this year and get the country moving forward again like it has in the past.



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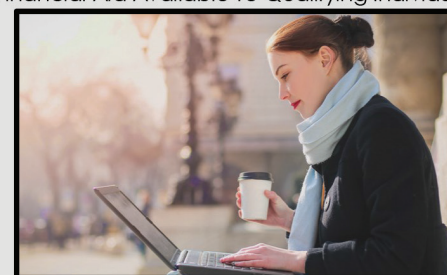
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