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## News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

With many area residents continuing to face financial hardships due to the severe economic impact of COVID-19, the Shawnee Community College Board this week announced a tuition rate freeze for the upcoming fiscal year.

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The 85th annual Easter sunrise service at the Cross of Peace on Bald Knob Mountain near Alto Pass is set for 6:30 a.m. Sunday, April 4. This year, the service will be both livestreamed and in-person, with social distancing standards in place. Food trucks are scheduled to be on hand to start serving as early as 5 a.m.

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The Union County Soil and Water Conservation District is taking orders for stocking ponds and small lakes until April 2. Pick up is set for April 17 at the USDA service center in Anna.

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PAWS is planning to have its annual fish fry on Friday evening, April 2. Pick up will be available at Lou's Room in Anna.

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Folks in the Jeep'n Shawnee group stepped up to help repair vandalism on the grounds of the Pine Hills Campground near Wolf Lake. WSIL-TV made note of the effort.

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The Cobden Volunteer Fire Department has acquired fire-fighting gear with grant funding.

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A successful COVID-19 vaccine clinic was conducted Monday at the Anna VFW post by the Southern Seven Health Department.

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Another successful COVID-19 vaccine clinic was offered last Saturday in the parish hall at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

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Looking ahead...Daylight Saving Time begins on March 14...and the first day of spring is March 20.

## Rescheduled Civil War Weekend activities set

Rescheduled Civil War Weekend activities are planned during March at the Anna Arts Center in Anna and at the Heritage House in Jonesboro.

The Civil War Weekend originally was scheduled in February. The weekend was postponed due to bad weather.

The arts center has hosted the Civil War Weekend for a number of years.

The Civil War Weekend will feature a variety of events and activities, including a Blue and Gray Dinner, a special traveling exhibit, guest speakers who plan to talk about local history and an open house at a local landmark.

### Blue and Gray Dinner

On Friday, March 12, at 6 p.m., the Shawnee Hills Arts Council/Anna Arts Center plans to kick off the Civil War Weekend with The Blue and Gray Dinner at the Anna Arts Center, which is located at 125 W. Davie St., in Anna.

The guest speaker is scheduled to be Dr. Trevor

Steinbach, who portrays Dr. James R.M. Gaskill from the 17th Corps Field Hospital.

His topic is scheduled to be "The Lincolns in Sickness and in Health."

Steinbach will discuss the Lincolns, some little known trivia and other diseases and medical practices of the time.

The Kitchen of Lafayette will cater the dinner. The menu will feature baked glazed ham or chicken with mushroom sherry sauce (a selection will be made with an order), mashed potatoes, country green beans, a butter milk biscuit or cornbread, a fresh, tossed salad with house vinaigrette and cobbler with ice cream.

Tickets for the dinner are \$25 per person. Those who want to order dinner are asked to RSVP by Tuesday, March 9, with your choice of meat, by email to vabchlee@gmail.com or by calling 1-904-625-1109.

### Saturday Schedule

On Saturday, March 13, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., the Anna Arts Center is

scheduled to be open so everyone can visit and see The Illinois Freedom Project traveling exhibit and listen to the guest speakers about the effects of the Civil War in Southern Illinois.

The Illinois Freedom Project traveling exhibit highlights inspiring stories from the past. The exhibit features a total of 12 panels that tell the story of the struggle for freedom.

The exhibit is sponsored by the National Park Service, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Looking for Lincoln, the Shawnee Hills Arts Council and the PAST organization of Union County.

Saturday's activities also are scheduled to feature the following guest speakers and topics:

10 a.m., Bite the Bullet: Civil War technology and Technical Change in Medicine, by Dr. Trevor Steinbach. His presentation includes audience participation and show and tell about various items.

11:05 a.m., Getting to Know Gladys, A Slave Descendent: Beginning at the End, by Dr. Susan A. Whitemountain.

1 p.m., The Emancipation of Harry Dougherty in Union County, Illinois, by Darrell Dexter.

2:05 p.m., A Family Divided, by Duane Hileman.

### PAST Open House

On Sunday, March 14, the PAST organization of Union County plans to host an open house at the Heritage House Museum in Jonesboro, which is located at 102 S. Main St.

Items from the Civil War will be on display by Union County families.

Saturday's Civil War Weekend activities and Sunday's open house in Jonesboro are free and everyone is invited.

Due to COVID-19, everyone is asked to wear a mask. Social distancing will be practiced.

For more information, call 904-625-1109 or email vabchlee@gmail.com.



### Welcoming guest presenter

The PAST Heritage House Museum in Jonesboro plans to host an open house on Sunday, March 14. Open house hours are scheduled from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Exhibits and presentations will include stories about the struggle for freedom of all people. PAST's Barbara Bauer and Carolyn Tripp, left, welcome guest presenter Sarita Sawyer to help tell stories of the Civil War era. Photo provided.

## PAST Heritage House Museum open house set

After being "shuttered" for the past year due to the coronavirus/COVID-19 restrictions, the PAST organization of Union County's Heritage House Museum in Jonesboro plans to welcome guests during an open house which is planned Sunday afternoon, March 14.

The open house is scheduled from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Heritage House, which is located at 102 S. Main St. in Jonesboro.

The open house is a part of the Civil War Weekend commemoration sponsored by the Shawnee Arts Council, the Anna Arts Center and PAST.

The purpose of this program with its presentations, is for participants to hear and study stories about the past, in order to make wise decisions for the present and the future.

### Historical Collection

The Heritage House Mu-

seum archives a collection of historical items, literature and exhibits that reflect the past life of citizens since Union County's founding in 1818.

The house at 102 S. Main St. in Jonesboro dates to 1855. The house has been renovated and updated for comfort and convenience, while retaining period features and décor that provide guests a step back in time.

Hostesses in period dress will help to interpret the history of the 1860 to 1865 era.

The Lincoln Room features the life and works of Abraham Lincoln, especially his visits to Jonesboro and Anna during the Illinois campaign debates of 1858.

Other historical figures such as Frederick Douglass, Mary Todd Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas can be "found" there.

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### Illinois Freedom Project

Tim Townsend, from the Lincoln Home in Springfield, delivered and set up The Illinois Freedom Project exhibit that is on display at the Anna Arts Center's middle building at 127 W. Davie St. in Anna through March 13. The exhibit highlights inspiring stories from the past to inform and empower people to create a better future. The exhibit features 12 panels that tell the story of the struggle for freedom. The exhibit is sponsored by the National Park Service, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and Looking for Lincoln. Hours at the Anna Arts Center are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Photo provided.

## COVID-19 update

Union County had no new confirmed cases of COVID-19 on Monday, March 1.

The number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Union County since the start of the pandemic totaled 2,139 as of Monday, March 1, Southern Seven Health Department reported.

Total COVID-19 statistics for Union County since the start of the pandemic, as of March 1, follow:

2,139 cases. 2,095 recovered. 14 active cases. 30 deaths had been reported.

Southern Seven Health Department serves Union, Alexander, Hardin, Johnson, Massac, Pope and Pulaski counties.

As of March 1, the health department reported the following statistics for the seven area counties it serves:

Five newly confirmed cases. 25 newly recovered cases. 85 total active cases. 91 total deaths. 6,503 cumulative total cases.



### New judge sworn in

Surrounded by family members, Timothy D. Denny was sworn in as Resident Circuit Judge for Union County in the First Judicial Circuit by Illinois Supreme Court Justice David K. Overstreet. The swearing in was part of a ceremony held at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro on Monday afternoon, March 1, presided over by Judge Tyler R. Edmonds. Judge Denny was appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court to fill a vacancy created by the election of Judge Mark M. Boie to the Fifth District Appellate Court last November. Judge Denny grew up in Union County and worked in private practice in the region for over 15 years, most recently at the Law Office of Tim Denny in Anna. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.





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Commissioners meet Friday

## Use of ATVs/UTVs on county roads topic of discussion

A topic which comes before Union County officials on a regular basis returned for discussion last week.

The matter was on the agenda at last Friday morning's regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners.

The meeting was held at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Once again, the meeting was open to the public, with limited seating, due to guidelines related to the ongoing coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting also could be viewed online on the county's YouTube page. The Gazette-Democrat viewed the meeting online.

The topic addressed at Friday's meeting was the use of ATVs/UTVs on Union County roads.

County officials had received nearly 200 letters voicing support for allowing the use of the vehicles on local roads.

The county would have to draft and approve an ordinance to allow the use of ATVs and UTVs on local roads.

Friday's discussion about the matter at the county board meeting included comments by commissioners and other county officials.

Board of commissioners chairman Max Miller said that whatever action might be taken should take into consideration what is best for the entire county.

County engineer Jeff Denny addressed the potential costs of allowing the use of ATVs and UTVs on local roads. He said that installation of signs would be in the range of \$180,000.

It was noted that in order for such vehicles to be used, the speed limit on all county roads would have to be changed to 35 miles per hour or less.

Board chairman Miller said that a big concern

would be the increased cost of liability insurance for the county.

County commissioner Darryl Harvell suggested that a system could be established for the sale of stickers for ATVs and UTVs. Revenue generated by the sale of stickers could help to offset anticipated costs.

Harvell also suggested the possibility of phasing in the use of the vehicles on county roads. He also noted that those who use the vehicles generate revenue through taxes generated by the sale of gasoline to fuel them.

"There's a lot of things we can do to make this happen," Harvell said.

Harvell made a motion at Friday's meeting calling for the drafting of a motion to allow for the use of ATVs and UTVs on county roads. The motion died for the lack of a second.

On Monday, March 1, the Union County Board of Commissioners issued the following statement regarding the use of ATVs/UTVs on county roadways:

The Union County Board of Commissioners appreciates and recognizes the request from citizens supporting usage of ATV's on County Roads.

This has been an annual topic for many years. While at first glance this sounds like a great idea, the Union County Board of Commissioners would like to explain what must transpire per Illinois state statute for such an ordinance to be passed.

Per Illinois Statute 65ILCS 5/11-1426.1(d), before permitting the operation of non-highway vehicles on roadways, the County must consider the volume, speed, and character of traffic on the roadway and determine whether non-highway vehicles may safely travel on or cross the roadway and appropriate signage shall be posted.

In addition, per subsection b of this statute, if an ordinance is permitted for non-highway vehicle usage on the roadway, the posted speed limit must be 35 miles per hour or less.

Based on these current statutes mentioned above, prior to approving an ordinance allowing ATVs on County roads, the County would have to:

- 1) Conduct a speed study to determine the average speed and volume on each County road. The study would have to justify it is safe to reduce the speed limit and public safety will not be jeopardized;

- 2) Change the speed limit on the permitted roads to 35 miles per hour; and

- 3) Appropriate signage must be posted. The County's estimate for signs, poles and hardware alone is approximately \$180,000. This estimate does not include labor costs to install the signs.

In addition, the insurance carrier for the County was contacted and strongly advised not to approve any such ordinance unless all conditions in the statute were met.

The insurance company also advised even if all conditions were met, the County's liability risk would increase by allowing vehicles not built for on road use to occupy County roadways.

It is also a concern, if all state laws are not followed, the liability risks could fall entirely on the finances of Union County.

After taking everything under consideration, the majority of the Union County Board of Commissioners do not feel the changes are in the best interest of the citizens of Union County.

If the requirements in the Illinois state statutes are changed, the Union County Board of Commissioners would be happy to reconsider this matter.



### Care packages presented to Illinois Veterans Home

Gabriel Wrye, 2021 Illinois Ms. United States Agriculture, recently presented care packages to the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna. The packages were presented to Melissa Tripp, the activity therapist at the veterans home. One package was presented for each resident at the veterans home.

Some of the items in the packages were Valentine's Day cards, a toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, snacks, drinks, things to write with, Chapstick and a nice bag. One item that Wrye said that she specially wanted to include was an item she had made: a flower pot for residents to enjoy and grow in their rooms...to see the seeds grow and to experience the flowers that will come.

Appreciation was voiced to Freeman Dental, Adam Lock and the Illinois Army National Guard for the items that they contributed. A special thank you went to Toni French and the students at Vienna High School for the Valentine's Day cards they made. Wrye, who is from Massac County, said that she wanted to thank all of those who have served and are serving the country to make it a safer place to live in. Photo provided.

## Health department promotes screening for colon cancer

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of death for both men and women in the United States. It is effective at detecting blood in the patient's stool, which could be an indicator of colorectal cancer.

Southern Seven Health Department reports that according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC, around 140,000 people in the country are diagnosed with colorectal cancer and 50,000 people die from it each year. March is National Colorectal Cancer, CRC, Awareness Month.

In an effort to reduce the number of CRC deaths in the southern seven county region in Illinois (including Union County), Southern Seven Health Department again is offering a free, at-home colon cancer screening FIT (Fecal Immunochemical Test) kit to those 45 and older who haven't had a colonoscopy in the last 10 years.

The health department said FIT is easy to use and requires no preparation or prescription. Results are 97 percent

effective at detecting blood in the patient's stool, which could be an indicator of colorectal cancer.

Data presented by the Hope Light Foundation, a charitable foundation in Illinois whose mission is to increase cancer awareness, shows that the CDC documented death rate from CRC in the lower seven counties is 15.8 percent, compared to 14.7 percent in Illinois and 13.7 percent in the United States.

An estimated 4,500 excess deaths from CRC are expected in the next decade due to missed or delayed colorectal cancer diagnosis.

Southern Seven Health Department said the good news, however, is that data shows that the recent trend indicates that death rates from CRC are falling in the southern seven region.

This can be attributed, in part, to education and patient participation in early detection of colorectal cancer.

When found early, CRC can be prevented and cured. Annual screenings with a FIT kit, followed by regular tests as prescribed by your doctor, can detect early cancerous polyps to be removed.

To request a free FIT kit from Southern Seven Health Department, call 618-634-2297, extension 9161; visit [www.southern7.org](http://www.southern7.org); or visit [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search for the Fecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) kit demonstration with S7HD to watch a video on how to use the kit.

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## Tiptons to sing at Oasis of Grace

The Tiptons singing group from Cave City, Ark., plan to be at the Oasis of Grace in Anna at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 14.

Oasis of Grace is located at 110 E. Davie St. All are welcome.

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# Salukis defeat No. 1 North Dakota State

CARBONDALE, Ill. - Southern Illinois rocked the world of college football on Saturday with a stunning 38-14 win over North Dakota State, ending a 39-game winning streak for one of the nation's most dominant programs of the last decade.

The Salukis (2-1, 1-1) overpowered the No. 1-ranked Bison (2-1, 1-1), dictating the action for 60 minutes.

"The talk before the game was that, in life, you just don't get many opportunities like this," said SIU head coach Nick Hill. "You get an opportunity to knock off the number-one team in the country and do something that leaves a legacy. This game will be recognized for a long time."

Making his first-career start at quarterback, soph-

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## Cobden outscores Joppa

Noah Franklin had a season-high 36 points to lead host Cobden to a 74-52 win over Joppa in South Egyptian Conference high school boys' basketball Monday, March 1.

Franklin also had 10 rebounds and 6 assists in the game.

Tyler Franklin scored 19 points to go with 6 rebounds and 4 steals for Cobden. Elliott Lowndes had 15 points, 8 rebounds and 2 blocked shots.

John Eck had 2 points,

The Rangers were 9 of 46 from the floor, 3 of 23 from 3-point range and 5 of 7 from the charity stripe. Cobden, 9-0, plays Thursday, today, at Shawnee at 5 p.m.

## Four-year Salukis Forever campaign supports SIU athletics

A four-year, \$25 million fund-raising campaign will provide necessary funding to support the future of athletics at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Salukis Forever was launched Feb. 26 by Saluki Athletics and the SIU Foundation. The entities are working together to raise private funds to support the mission of the SIU Athletic Department. The campaign is scheduled to end on June 30, 2024.

The new effort will be part of the ongoing Forever SIU campaign, which the SIU Foundation launched in 2017 and extended in 2019.

Like so many other aspects of daily life, Saluki Athletics has been greatly affected by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. This campaign gives donors and alumni a chance to reconnect with the programs and student-athletes.

"During difficult times, the Saluki community demonstrates teamwork, toughness and resiliency," said SIU director of athletics Liz Jarnigan.

"For the past year, fans have had extremely limited opportunities to purchase tickets and to cheer on our teams. This campaign gives everyone the chance to rally around the Salukis."

Donors will have the opportunity to support Sa-

4 rebounds and 3 assists. Brock Reynolds had 2 points and 2 rebounds and assists. Sippy Zamora had 7 steals and 5 assists.

The Appleknockers were 24 of 41 in shot attempts from the floor, 8 of 19 from 3-point range and 2 of 4 from the free throw line.

The Rangers were 9 of 46 from the floor, 3 of 23 from 3-point range and 5 of 7 from the charity stripe.

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luki Athletics in general or a particular program. SIU has 17 sport programs, which bring hundreds of student-athletes to the university.

"Our student-athletes are some of the best students on campus," Jarnigan said. "Our teams have produced more than 100 Academic All-Americans and have GPAs that rank among the best in the country."

The on-the-field success is just as impressive. The Salukis have won eight national championships, dozens of conference titles and featured 60 Olympians.

From Walt Frazier hoisting the 1967 NIT Championship trophy to hammer throwers DeAnna Price and Gwen Berry representing the U.S. in the 2016 Olympic Games, SIU's history is rich with tradition and success.

"Saluki Athletics is the front door to SIU," said Matt Kupec, CEO of the SIU Foundation. "Our teams spread awareness of our brand, which aids the university when recruiting potential students across the country. When the Salukis win, we all win."

Beyond giving directly to Saluki Athletics or a particular sport, donors will be able to support the Saluki Athletic Scholarship Fund, the AD Excellence Fund, the Women's Initiative Fund and the Salukis Well-Being Fund.

"Whether it's supporting scholarships, coaching staffs, a specific sport fund, or simply giving to Saluki Athletics in general, every dollar helps," Jarnigan said.

"We appreciate every one of our fans, and we are thrilled to finally be able to invite some back for games. The Saluki spirit is the tie that binds generations of fans and alumni together. This is the opportunity to make a tremendous impact."

Since 2011, Rossetti Productions has produced over

## Rural Health Inc. offers scholarship opportunities

Rural Health Inc. is funding and administering eight healthcare scholarship opportunities. A deadline is approaching to apply for the scholarship program.

A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior at each of the following schools:

Anna-Jonesboro, Cobden, Dongola, Goreville, Joppa, Massac County, Shawnee in Wolf Lake and Vienna.

Home-schooled students in Union, Johnson and Massac counties are welcome to apply as well.

Applicants will be recognized for their desire to pursue a career in the healthcare field.

Application packets are available from the guidance counselor at each of the eight high schools.

Home-schooled students who are interested in applying for the scholarship pro-

gram can call Rural Health at 833-4471 to learn how to obtain an application packet.

Rural Health Inc. noted in a news release that the program has two upcoming deadlines.

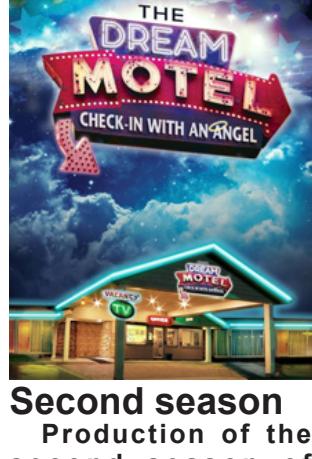
All application packet materials are to be returned by March 10 to the guidance counselor at the student's school/school district.

All application packets are due March 12 at Rural Health Inc. in Anna. Home-schooled students can return their application packet to Rural Health Inc. in Anna.

For more information about the scholarship program, contact Rural Health Inc. at 833-4471.

Rural Health Inc. is a not-for-profit healthcare organization which serves Union, Johnson and Massac counties, with locations in Anna, Dongola, Vienna, Metropolis and Goreville.

## 'The Dream Motel' series slated to begin production at Southern Illinois locations



25 feature films and TV shows, all in the Christian, faith based and family friendly genres.

"I thought that Southern Illinois would be a great place to continue this series," Rossetti said. "There are a lot of great locations in the area, and a wealth of talent to help on the series."

"We're delighted to welcome Chip back to the region for what we hope will be the first of many projects to come," said Jon Musgrave, one of the founders of the Southern Illinois Film Commission, which has been promoting the state's 30 percent film production tax credit as a lure to recruit filmmakers to the region.

"The fact that it's a limited series rather than a feature film highlights some of the flexibility our tax credits offer low productions," he added.

"The Dream Motel" has been called "a cross between 'Touched By An Angel,' 'Quantum Leap' and 'The Twilight Zone,'" has a five-star rating on Amazon and has become a "Favorite" on PureFlix.

"The Dream Motel" is a series about a motel where the guests have a chance to change their past, their present or their future, but while "getting a do over" on something in their lives.

Season two will be a four episode mini series, and stars Jeff Rose as Matteo Peters. Rose is best known for his roles in "Night School" (with Kevin Hart), "Drop Dead Diva," "Army Wives," "Turbulent" (with Rossetti Productions) and "Woodlawn."

More information can be found online at [www.thedreammotel.com](http://www.thedreammotel.com).

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Anna 1 & 2	Main Street Center	400 S. Main St., Anna
Anna 3 & 4	Anna City Hall Com. Room	103 Market St., Anna
Anna 5 & 6	Nazarene Church	100 Kirk St., Anna
Anna 7	Jo-Co Pools	1009 Enterprise Dr., Anna
Jonesboro 1 & 2	First Baptist Church	201 W. Walnut St., Jonesboro
Jonesboro 3	Jonesboro Fire Station	102 W. Market St., Jonesboro
Cobden 1 & 2	First Baptist Church	200 S. Walker St., Cobden
Dongola 1 & 2	Community Center	105 Oak St., Dongola
Alto Pass	New Alto Pass Civic Center	19 Elm St., Alto Pass
Mill Creek	Mill Creek Baptist Church	8525 St. Rt. 127 South, Mill Creek
Balcom	Big Creek Baptist Church	485 Big Creek Church Rd., Anna
Lick Creek	Lick Creek School	7355 Lick Creek Rd., Buncombe
Stokes	Camp Ground Church	50 Tunnel Lane, Anna
Union	Wolf Lake Community Center	4720 St. Rt. 3N, Wolf Lake

The polling places will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Dated March 4, 2021

Lance Meisenheimer, Union County Clerk

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you."

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son."

As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son. Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing – all this because you obeyed my command." From the Book of Genesis

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Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died – or, rather, was raised – who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. From the Letter to the Romans

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Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus.

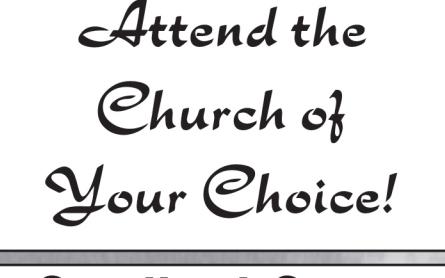
Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant. From the Gospel of Mark

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## HAVING THE FAITH to fly



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Man dreamed of flying long before the Wright brothers finally achieved success. After innumerable attempts, they succeeded where others had failed. What faith they must have had to believe that they could do what no man had done! We all have the potential to do great things. We must use the gifts God has given us and have faith in His Word. Worship this week and meet others who will encourage and counsel you...you will find the faith to fly toward your dream.

### Daily Scripture Readings

Psalm 36	Psalm 79	Psalm 80	Psalm 84	Psalm 85	Psalm 86	1 Kings 3:1-15
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## News from

**Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna**

Sunday was the second Sunday in Lent. Ms. Paula gave the children's sermon, which explained different seasons of the church, Lent being one of them.

## News from

**Anna Nazarene Church**

A morning worship service was held Sunday, Feb. 28, at 10:35 a.m. in the church and on Zoom. Pastor Randy Wright and the worship team led the singing.

Jessica Elkins, Madison Schnaare, Lottie and Jaida Smith provided special music.

The pastor's message on Sunday was titled "God Gives Us Patience." Scripture was from Galatians.

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

Winners of a Snowman Contest were announced by the pastor. They included Jaida and Kaylee Smith, first place; Jaida, Peacelyn, Chris and Brookie Benefield, second place; Blake Wells, third place; Lilly Hancock and Madison Schnaare, fourth place.

James Hammer, Tonya Hammer, Emily Hammer, Liz Hammer, Gabe Hammer and Bradley West were welcomed into the membership of the church.

Birthdays: Terry Wiseman Jr., Feb. 28; Brandon Wright, March 3; Bob McClure, Sarah Treece, March 5.

Friday night Bible study is planned at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 5, on Zoom. Pastor Wright can be texted for the password prior to the meeting.

Illinois District Virtual Team Days are planned through March 31. The courses are available on the district's website at <https://illinoisnaz.org/event/teambay-south-2021/>.

Adult Sunday School

## News from

**First Baptist Church,****Jonesboro**

On Sunday, Feb. 28, Pastor Perry Williams spoke at the morning service.

The message was titled "What Do You and What Will You Stand For?" Scripture was from Joshua.

The sermons on Feb. 21 were 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 messages also were live streamed on Facebook, where they can be viewed.

The church's Facebook page has videos and the latest information about possible closings.

During the morning service, music director Dee Rose led worship. Debbie

York was pianist. Dee Rose sang the special, "Well Done."

The Sunday evening service was a "Love Through the Decades" banquet, which included a meal and a time of fellowship.

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**Cobden church planning to serve fish dinners during Lent**

Lenten Friday night fish dinners are planned at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cobden.

Dates for the dinners are March 5, 12, 19 and 26.

Dinners will be available, by pick up only, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

For a \$10 donation, you will be served your choice of fried fish, baked fish, or a combo of both, along with baked beans, cole slaw, cucumber salad and a cookie.

Dinners will be by reservation only. Contact Sherry at 618-559-4347 before 8 p.m. on Thursday to place an order and to select your

pick up time of 4:30 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 5 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 6 p.m. or 6:15 p.m.

For your safety, workers will all be masked and gloved. Workers ask everyone to please wear a mask when you pick up your order.

Drive up to the front doors of the parish hall on the church grounds and someone will bring your order to you. The church is located at 101 N. Centennial in Cobden.

Make checks out to St. Ann's Sodality or have correct change.

at their advanced ages, were able to have their son Isaac."

The pastor also explained the word "reckoning." He compared it to "what we do when we settle our bank accounts: we reconcile with God.

"When God told us to 'deny yourselves take up your cross and follow me,' He did not intend for us to act in an overly Christian way every minute of every day.

"We are human; He means for us to show the Love of God in our actions and live a life that shows others we are doing exactly that.

Prayers were offered for the people of God, for the sick and suffering and for families who have lost loved ones.

Lenten services are scheduled to alternate each week between Mt. Moriah and Salem. It was held this week at Mt. Moriah and is scheduled March 10 at Salem.

Each service begins at 7 p.m. This year, there is no dinner before the service.

The youth group (grades 7-12) plans to meet March 7 and 21 at Salem at 6:30 p.m.

Hands of Faith plans to meet March 9 at 9 a.m. in the basement of Mt. Moriah to work on quilts for children and adults.

Adult Bible study for both Mt. Moriah and Salem is scheduled March 9 and 23, at Salem. They plan to meet at 7 p.m. each night.

Scholarship application deadline is May 1.

A Wednesday night service is planned at 6:30 p.m. on March 10, with praise and worship in the sanctuary and on Zoom and Children's Bible quizzing in the fellowship hall, with CDC guidelines being followed by wearing masks and social distancing. The pastor can be texted prior to the meeting for the password.

A free grocery giveaway is planned from 10 a.m. to noon on March 20. Those who would like to receive groceries are asked to enter the church parking lot by way of Kirk Street and proceed to the fellowship hall.

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.

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When you have an emergency, turn to the emergency department at Union County Hospital with confidence.

## News from

**Camp Ground Church, Community**

Rev. Thompson's sermon for the second Sunday of Lent was titled "How to Withstand Satan's Temptation," with scripture from Mark.

The message shared that "regardless of how Satan had tempted Jesus, Jesus knew that His purpose was to go to the cross."

In the selected scripture, "Jesus knew Satan was 'getting into' Peter's head as Peter rebuked Him for speaking of His death."

The message shared that "Satan is always looking for someone to 'devour.' This means that as Christians, we have to be alert and ready to withstand Satan."

"Satan was so bold and brazen that he tried tempting Jesus, so he's certainly going to come after us."

"Jesus overcame the forces of evil on the cross, but Satan

will not be completely destroyed until the second coming of Christ."

"Until then, we must access the power of God through prayer: that our eyes will be opened and we will see Satan for how he is attacking/tempting us."

Rev. Thompson closed by sharing: "May God grant us the strength and knowledge to rid Satan's grip on us."

Before the sermon, the intercessory prayer and children's time were shared.

Those who feel comfortable with in-person study and worship are invited to come to Camp Ground Church for Bible study at 9:30 a.m., followed by worship at 10:30 a.m.

Services are also available via Zoom. Any member of the congregation can be contacted to be connected to the link.

This week, happy birthday wishes go to Amanda Batts. Her birthday is Thursday, today.

**Virtual job****fair planned**

Shawnee Community College Career Services is planning to host the college's annual job fair virtually this year.

The event is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on March 17.

The event is open to the public. Shawnee Community College has been working with local employers to increase participation in the upcoming event.

For more information about the job fair, contact Cornelius-Weldon by phone at 618-634-3337 or by email at [lesliec@shawneecc.edu](mailto:lesliec@shawneecc.edu).

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# Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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

## Lost Family Pet

Lori and David Ray are very sad Quincy, their male cat of 13 years, has gone missing. He has a white face and chest, grey ears, head and back with a red collar.

They think he could be in Lick Creek area. They live going toward Vienna from Anna on Route 146.

A FedEx truck made a delivery to their home last Thursday morning. They think he might have gotten in it and traveled to Lick Creek.

You can notify them on Facebook if you see him. Prayers that Quincy comes home safe.

## Anna Moose Lodge

Women of the Moose Chapter 1181 is collecting items for the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna.

Donation receptacles are set up in the lodge. Items they are collecting include hygiene items, socks, t-shirts of varying sizes and monetary donations.

Any monetary donations which are collected will be matched (up to \$250) by the Anna WOTM and given to the home for special project needs.

As a group, providing for community service projects is one of their priorities. If



**Hope Singleton** celebrated her 96th birthday on Feb. 27.

you would like to drop off a donation or two, the lodge is open Tuesday through Saturday, beginning at 4 p.m.

In support of the WOTM community service projects, they are selling raffle tickets for a quilt.

The quilt top was hand-pieced by Mary Jones and Marie Newberry and quilted by Sue Ann Zimmerman.

It fits a full-size bed with a 7-inch hangover on the sides, for a dimension of 73 inches by 90 inches.

Tickets can be purchased by any WOTM member or by stopping by the lodge where you can see the quilt.

The quilt was generously donated by Karen Sperry and Audrey Davis.

Anna Moose Lodge Chapter No. 1346 is again hosting an 8-ball pool tournament for Districts 10, 9 and 7 on March 12, 13 and 14.

Any paid-up/current Moose member is welcome to register a team. If you are not a current Moose member, you are welcome to join. Call the lodge at 833-2733 for more information.

They will be serving food this entire weekend, and they are open to the community.

Friday, March 12, they will have a wide variety of food options including grilled burgers on a toasted bun and dressed to your liking or cheese curds, waffle fries, pickle chips and much more.

Saturday, they will be serving breakfast, lunch, and a fish fry dinner which begins at 5 p.m.



**David and Linda Hale** celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary Feb. 22.



**Marshall and Jackie Burns** celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary Feb. 20.



**Larry and Glenda Goldsmith** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 27. They were married on Feb. 27, 1971. Their wedding cake was a gift from still good friends Jim and Sandra Davis, owners of Davis Pastry.

Sunday they will be serving breakfast and lunch. Again, the community is invited to enjoy some good food, fellowship and watch the tournament.

The Anna Moose Lodge scholarship is open to all Union County high school graduating seniors.

The applications have been sent to each guidance counselor but can also be picked up at the Anna Moose Lodge. Deadline for submission is April 16.

To help support this scholarship, the WOTM have a huge snack basket to raffle. This galvanized steel tub that can be used to ice down your favorite beverages, will be overflowing with a wide variety of snack items.

For a chance to win, visit the lodge beginning March 12. Thanks to Tina Waller for the Moose news.

## Anna Kiwanis Club

The Holcomb-Kiwanis Shawnee Community College Scholarship originated in 1993 and is named after Howard Holcomb.

The Kiwanis have been awarding these scholarships each year to qualified Anna-Jonesboro, Century, Cobden, Dongola and Shawnee high school graduates.

For information on how to apply, please see your guidance counselors, contact your advisor at Shawnee Community College, or visit <https://shawneecc.edu/academics/works.com> if you have an active Shawnee Community College email.

Deadline for submission is March 15.

Tina Waller says keep your fingers crossed, that they will be able to host their annual Easter egg hunt at the Anna City Park.

The pandemic of last year caused the cancellation of the activity, but they are hopeful to see its return this year.

If you would like to join this amazing group of community members by joining the Kiwanis Club, please contact any member or comment on the Anna Kiwanis Facebook page [www.facebook.com/anna-kiwanis](https://www.facebook.com/anna-kiwanis).

## Anna VFW

On Mondays, the post hosts Xtreme Bar Bingo. The kitchen opens at 6 p.m. and bingo starts at 7 p.m. No cost to play bingo.

Friday, March 5, the post will be holding a drive thru or dine in fish fry from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. for a donation of \$10. Please call 833-5182 any day after 1 p.m. to make your reservation to dine in or drive thru. Reservations must be made by 9 p.m. Thursday, today.

Peggy will be there with her Star Karaoke starting at 6 p.m.

Thursday, March 11, the auxiliary plans to have its monthly business meeting at 6 p.m. The post will have its monthly business meeting at 7 p.m. The post will hold nominations of officers at this meeting.

Friday, March 12, the auxiliary will serve a drive thru or dine in chicken and dumpling dinner from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. for a \$10 donation. Please call 833-5182 any day after 1 p.m. to make your reservation to dine in or drive thru. Reservations must be made no later than 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 11.

Unlike the fish that they can thaw quickly chicken and dumplings takes more time and effort and they need to know ahead of time how many they are fixing for.

Saturday, March 13, Mystify Music will be at the Post from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

## 8th Anniversary

Zach and Callie Dismore

celebrated their wedding

anniversary March 1.

## Birthday

Marilyn Meisenheimer celebrated her birthday Feb. 28.

## Former Anna Resident Honored

Brandon Rider of the Denver Police Department, and formerly of Anna, went above and beyond his duties to make a little boy feel very special when his bike got pretty beat up in a bike car wreck.

Officer Rider took a few moments to build a rapport with him and later took him a Denver Police lanyard.

Around Christmas time Brandon gave his mother some money to purchase a new bicycle for her son.

Most of us here had the honor of watching Brandon grow up and know how kind he was and always looking for ways to help others.

When Brandon lived here he worked as a volunteer fireman and was attempting to get a volunteer Boy Scout group working with the fire dept.

His dad was our fire chief for several years and worked for our fire department for many years, Gary Rider, and his mother is Dawn who is employed at Kroger in Anna. Grandparents are Jack and Sue Ann Zimmerman.

I know there are also a lot of proud teachers out there. Thank you Officer William Brandon Rider. We are proud of you.

## Birthday Celebration

Nancy Hooks celebrated her birthday Feb. 25. On Feb. 20 Nancy and Bill went to Millstadt. Nancy was honored with a birthday party at the home of her daughter and family, Lindsey, Jeff and grandchildren Nora and Seth. Jeff's mother Karen Houston was there, also along with Nancy's sister and brother-in-law from Anna, Ronnie and Kathie Watkins.

Lindsey prepared a wonderful dinner and supper for them with a beautiful decorated bundt cake.

## Guests from Minnesota

Barbara House was honored on her birthday Feb. 17 by her sister-in-law Alice and niece Carrie visiting her from Minnesota.

They brought her a beautiful decorated birthday cake and a basket full of plants. They enjoyed dinner from El Jalapeno.

## Nashville Trip

Mike and Marilyn Meisenheimer enjoyed a weekend in Nashville, Tenn. They toured the Tennessee state capitol, shopped at the Opry Mills Mall. Had a great evening meal at Paula Deen's Restaurant. Patsy Cline Museum, lunch at Blake Shelton's Ole Red Restaurant, with some good music. Walking all over town to all great places like Tootsie's. The Grand Ole Opry with Travis Tritt, Chris Jansen, Mark Willis, Carley Pierce and several other performers.

## 45th Wedding Anniversary

Bill and Debbie Hess celebrated their wedding anniversary Feb. 27 in Marion at Logan's.

## Birthdays

Feb. 24 Carolyn Hunziker, Ellen Eads, Beth Harvel, Brooke Miller, 25 James Housman, 26 Chris Plott, 27 Rick Lingle, Ron Alstat.

## 96th Birthday

Debbie Rossberg's mother Hope Singleton celebrated her 96th birthday Feb. 27 in Arizona.

## Birthday Celebration

Dennis and Kathy traveled to Godfrey to visit Kathy's daughter and family. They honored Kathy with a birthday party at Josephine's Tea House.

## Anniversary

This is the fourth-year



**A group of Anna Heights Baptist Missionaries recently traveled to Butler to serve at Love Packages. This ministry collects used and non-used Bible study material, Bibles and books and sends them all around the world. The group that went sorted and packaged materials. Those who went were Alexis Houseman, Luke Sadler, Corban Barringer, Maelin Walker, Bryanna, Ann and Bill Pace, Audrey, Lily and Cheyanne Greer, Jeannine Myers and Judy Halter.**



**This is the Love Package warehouse in Butler, where a group from Anna Heights Baptist Church went.**



**Lisa Lowe from Enchanted Garden Florist of Anna was one of the guest speakers at the Anna-Jo Garden Club meeting.**



**David and Lori Ray's 13-year-old male cat Quincy has been missing from Shawnee Meadows and Lake Shannon/Camp Ground Road. Please help them find him. He is wearing a red collar.**

anniversary for Hebrewz. Thank you Robbie and Amy Ralls.

## Sympathy

Sympathy to Jimmy Page and his family on the loss of his mother Sherri. Arlene Bires and her family on the loss of Arlene's mother Annetta J Dale Makahm. Annetta was in the class of 1954 at A-JCHS. To Kenny Swink Jr. and his family on the loss of his dad.

## Guests

Guests of Betty Eagle were Karen Toler and Sharon Goines. Betty had back surgery Feb. 5 and they cleaned her house for her since she is not able to do much yet. Then they had a surprise visit from Carol Bauer. Betty really appreciated them for helping her.

## Congratulations

Hannah Dover graduated from Edwardsville December 2020 with her BSN, magna cum laude. Hannah worked as an RN for a year and half while she was finishing school.

Her proud parents are Idegail and Wade Dover.

## Special Thanks

Got a phone call from Marsha Walter thanking me and Barbara Bauer for the nice article a couple weeks ago in the paper about her dad.

Then there is a speaker, sometimes two. One was on the uses of the herb camomile. The other on the different types of fertilizers and soils and which to use for different purposes. Then the owner of the

house and gardens speaks about their place, then they all tour the gardens. The owner explains everything.

Each meeting someone brings a plant or fruit or craft to give away. It's done by raffle. Gretchen and David took home pears and a pumpkin. There are about half men, half women in the club.

#### Iron Kettle

Pam Miles sent me more information about her parents Phil and Pat Bridwell and the Iron Kettle in Anna.

Emily Meyer had an old copy of The Gazette-Democrat from back in late 1960s. Joe Boyd was part owner with the Bridwell's for a short while.

The newspaper article told what was old and new in the restaurant. A lot of black pots that were 100 years old were used to cook and serve in.

#### Anna Arts Center

The Civil War Weekend has been postponed to March 12-14 due to the weather.

Due to COVID, temperatures will be taken at the door, everyone is asked

to wear a mask and social distancing will be practiced.

#### Enchanted Garden Florist Shop

A special thanks to Lisa for giving everyone who came in her florist shop a flower last Friday.

#### Anna Heights Baptist Church

Pastor Darryl Williams continued his series on Ruth the Road to Redemption. This week The Law and Love.

Be sure to look on Anna Heights social platform on Facebook or YouTube for up to date Bible studies and Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. for worship and Bible study and at annaheights.com.

An intercessory prayer group meets Monday through Friday in the church foyer at 8 a.m. All are welcome.

**BIRTHDAYS:** March 2 Beverly Boyd, Cathy Evans, 5 Kenny Taylor, March 6 Malyna Korb, Lydia Williams, 8 Hope McFarland.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** March 4 Darrell and Patti Hannah, 5 Aaron and Sarah Wright.

Feb. 21 attendance: Sunday 8 a.m. service 78, 10:30 a.m. service 106. Small groups study 189.

WMU and BYW are taking orders for a variety of tea sampler packs through March 7. Proceeds will go to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. If interested you can pre order with the women and teas will be ready for pick up on March 14 from 2 to 3 p.m. in the church basement.

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#### United Methodist Church, Anna

Wednesday night, an Ash

Wednesday service was held. The Vienna church was also in attendance where Rev. Tim Gossett also preaches.

Carla Anderson played At Calvary and Nearer the Cross for the prelude, Rev. Tim greeted everyone. Carla sang Amazing Grace. Rev. Tim prayed the evening prayer.

Scripture was from Matthew. The message was titled "Humbleness of Ashes." Invitation to the observance of Lenten discipline. Thanksgiving over the ashes. Imposition of ashes. Confession and pardon.

Closing hymn was sung by Carla. Lord, I want to be a Christian in My Heart.

In church service and also on Facebook and the church website.

Sunday morning was the second week of Lent. Lenten candle litany by Sue Ann Zimmerman. Pastoral prayer. The Lord's Prayer. Carla Anderson sang A Mighty Fortress in our God.

Rev. Tim Gossett's sermon was Let the Real Jesus Stand Up with scripture from John.

Carla Anderson played the organ and Marcy Morris played the piano. A special thanks to Dean Corbit for bringing everyone eggs.

Church is at 10:45 a.m. Sunday mornings for anyone who doesn't have a church to worship at you are welcome to come worship.

I was asked to give the address of the church for

anyone wanting to send money for Loaves and Fishes. If you are wanting to do this please make your checks to the church but on the left of your check in the memo put Loaves and Fishes. The address is 111 W. Monroe St., Anna, Ill. 62906.

Loaves and Fishes food give away is on the third Tuesday of the month. Times may change but usually starting at 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. A special thanks to the Poshard Foundation for the donation for food.

#### Passover Seder Meal

Darryl Parks and his team will be hosting a Passover seder meal on Palm Sunday, March 28, at 5 p.m. The meal will be held in a yet to be determined location to

obtain a better understanding of the first Passover.

Please let Darryl know you are planning to attend no later than March 21, the fifth Sunday of Lent. They have to determine how much food they will have to have and need to know how many are coming for planning purposes.

#### Military Prayer List

Trace Faire, John Michael Brimm, Kaleb Meier, Nathaniel Moss, Derek Nelson, Nick Pearson, Nate Frankell, Alex Gratz, Reagan Morrison, Garrett Goins, James McWhorter, Jennifer Ann Bishop, Arin Whitemountain, Katelynn Williams, Lindsey Keene, 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 Jorden 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	Local Programs	Women's College Basketball (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU Chrisley	Raven Jessie	(4:30) "Lincoln" ('12) "Bowfinger" Unique casting ploy.	"Ready or Not" ('19) "The Kingdom" ('07) Hunt for terrorist. (HD)	(15) Shameless (HD)
7 PM 30	Celebrity Wheel of B Positive	Young Hell's Kitchen (HD)	Mr. Mayor Superstore	Local Programs Local info.	College Football (HD)	Go-Big Show Chrisley	BUNKD BUNKD	Real Sports BUNKD	"Assassination of Jesse James by Robert Ford" ('07) Brad Pitt. (R)		
8 PM 30	The Chase (HD) (:01) Mom Unicorn	Call Me SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Dateline NBC (HD)	Wipeout New couples.	Chrisley	Big City The Rev	(:40) Allen v. Farrow	"King Arthur: Legend of the Sword" ('17)		
9 PM 30	The Chase (HD) Clarice (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Local	Local	Scoreboard	"The Wedding Ringer" ('15) Fake best man.	BUNKD	Sydney	"Bridget Jones: Reason" ('04)	DESUS & Supervillain "Power"	
10 PM 30	Local Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)	Local	Local	Local	Go-Big Show SportsCenter (HD)	Jessie	Jessie	★★★ "Mari-gold Hotel"	DESUS &	
11 PM 30	Nightline	Corden	Late Night	Local Programs	Conan	Conan	Chrisley	Jessie			

### MARCH 4, 2021

	THURSDAY										
7:00pm	<b>NBC Mr. Mayor</b> A retired businessman, who becomes the mayor of Los Angeles, must determine what he stands for and earn respect from his biggest critic. TVPG (HD)										
7:29pm	<b>USA Chrisley Knows Best</b> Multimillionaire Todd Chrisley runs life at home with his wife and five children as he would a business, but they deal with real issues like any other family. TV14 (HD)										

### FRIDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM 30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Football (HD)	Seinfeld Seinfeld	Chicago P.D. (HD)	"Movie" BUNKD	★★ "Adventureland" ('12)	★½ "Devil Inside" ('12)	"Mamma Mia" ('08)
7 PM 30	Shark Tank (HD)	MacGyver (HD)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live) (HD)	The Blacklist (HD)	Dateline NBC Investigative news. (HD)	"Hitch" ('05, Comedy) Romance coach. (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Secrets Unstable	"Our Brand Is Crisis" Strategist competes.	"Gangs of New York" ('02, Drama) Street gang revenge.	"Summerland" A reclusive writer.
8 PM 30	(:01) 20/20 Investigative news. (HD)	Magnum P.I. (HD)	Name That Tune (HD)	Dateline NBC Investigative news. (HD)	Scoreboard	"Movie"	Unstable	Real Time Maher	"Rocky" ('76, Drama) A boxer trains.	(:45) "Made In Italy" ('20) A London artist.	
9 PM 30	Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Local	Local	Scoreboard	"The Wedding Ringer" ('15) Fake best man.	BUNKD	Beartown (HD)	"Rocky" ('76, Drama) A boxer's fame.	(:48) ★★★ "In Secret" ('14) Young wife's affair.	
10 PM 30	Local Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)	Local	Local	Local	"Fake" ('15) Family	Secrets	Beartown (HD)	"Rocky" ('76, Drama) A boxer's fame.	Supervillain "Power"	
11 PM 30	Nightline	Corden	Late Night	Local Programs	Scoreboard	"Ace Ventura" ('94)	Unstable	Real Time Maher (HD)	"Rocky" ('76, Drama) A boxer's fame.	"Inheritan."	DESUS &

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	FRIDAY										
7:05pm	<b>HBO Our Brand Is Crisis</b> ★★½ (2015, Comedy) Sandra Bullock, Billy Bob Thornton. A strategist comes out of retirement to join an American management team hired to help a Bolivian presidential candidate rise in the polls and beat her nemesis. R (HD)										
8:00pm	<b>CBS Magnum P.I.</b> "The Long Way Home" An Army ranger becomes consumed by survivor's guilt and disappears after coming back from deployment; Higgins and Ethan search for a lost engagement ring. TV14 (HD)										

### SATURDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM 30	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	★★★ "Crazy Rich Asians" ('18) Wealthy family.	(5:30) "Movie" Raven	"Safe House" ('12)	"The Fighter" ('10)	Shameless (HD)	
7 PM 30	Shark Tank (HD)	NCIS: New Orleans 9-1-1 "Jinx" (HD)	Dateline NBC Investigative news. (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	NBA Preseason Basketball	Champ. NBA Preseason Basketball	Jessie Jessie	★★★½ "Rocky" ('76, Drama) A boxer trains.	"The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" ('08, Drama)	Shameless (HD)	
8 PM 30	American Idol "401 (Auditions)" (HD)	Bull (HD)	Name That Tune (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Scoreboard	Bang (HD) Big City	Big City	★★★★ "Rocky" II ('90, Drama) A boxer's fame.	"Rocky" ('76, Drama) A boxer trains.	★★½ "Becky" ('20) Convicts invade.	
9 PM 30	48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Sat. Night Live (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Frontal	Bang (HD) Big City	Big City	(:47) ★★★ "Ad Astra" ('19) An astronaut goes on a mission.	"Astronaut" ('19) Private detective. (HD)	"The Rental" ('20) Two couples.	
10 PM 30	Local Programs Local info.	I Can See Your Voice	Local	Local Programs Local info.	SportsCenter (HD)	Frontal	Secrets	Jessie Jessie	"Astronaut" ('19) An astronaut goes on a mission.	(05) Shameless (HD)	
11 PM 30	Local Programs Local info.	Sketch comedy.	Local	Local Programs Local info.	Sketch comedy.	Frontal	Secrets	★★★★ "Rocky III" ('82)	"The Transporter"</td		

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attorney is Howerton, Dorris, Stone & Lambert, 300 West Main Street, Marion, IL 62959.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market, Jonesboro, IL 62952, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 26, 2021, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated: February 23, 2021.

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Request for Proposal

Notice is hereby given that the City of Anna is accepting proposals for the OPERATION OF THE ANNA PARK AND POOL CONCESSIONS for the 2021 Season. Sealed proposals from qualified vendors will be received by Anna City Hall at 103 Market St. Anna Illinois, 62906 until 12:00 p.m. on April 6, 2021. Proposals will be opened at the April 6, 2021 Council meeting held at 5 p.m. at Anna City Hall.

Qualified vendors must be in compliance with all City of Anna insurance requirements and in compliance with all Illinois Department of Public Health requirements. For more information contact Anna City Hall at (618)-833-8528.

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**State of Illinois SS County of Union**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or

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Devyn Guthrie  
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**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID HENRY, deceased**

No. 2021-P-2

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# Obituaries

## Glenn R. Woods

Glenn R. Woods passed away due to complications from pneumonia on Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021.

Glenn lived a full life of 84 years. He is survived by the love of his life, Janet Woods. Janet and Glenn were married for 65 years and shared the truest of loves.

He was preceded in death by his great-granddaughter, Adelynn Dieckman; his brothers, Lawrence Woods, Donald Woods; and his sisters, Fae Jaco and Janet Bowers.

He is survived by children Paula Ehorn of St. Charles, Ill., and Allen Woods of Dallas, Texas.

Glenn was a dedicated grandpa to his five grandchildren, Matthew (Gia) Ehorn, Angelina (Conar) Dieckman, Courtney (Matthew) and Kristina Woods (Christopher). He was also a proud great-grandpa to Joscelyn Dieckman, Camden Dieckman, Keaton Dieckman, Susannah Barcus, Bennett Barcus and Andrew Ehorn.

He will always be fondly remembered for his giant bear hugs, huge smile, stubbornness and for his famous saying "bushel and a peck and a hug around the neck".

Glenn was born on April 19, 1936, in Anna. He was one of 10 children.

He met and married his one true love, Janet, in April of 1955. They soon moved to Elgin, Ill., where they would create a life together for 65 years.

Glenn started painting street sweepers and then, because of his love of old cars and trucks, extended his career of painting vehicles for over 50 years. He would often dream of painting even when his 8-5 day was over.

Glenn was a people lover and would strike up a conversation with anyone. He made friends wherever he went. He touched and changed many people's lives just by knowing him. As a beautiful life comes to a happy end, he died as he lived, everyone's friend.

Glenn had many hobbies, including finding a good bargain at a garage sale or local flea markets, where he found many antique treasures. Glenn was skilled in the art of making the best deal on ANYTHING that he had to purchase. He never paid full price.

Another one of Glenn's hobbies was coin collecting. There was never a proof set that did not catch his eye.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Sycamore, but due to living at DeKalb Nursing Home the past five years, was unable to attend church services. However, he attended church services weekly at the nursing home with a humble serving heart.

His family said that while words cannot describe the void that his passing will have on them, they know that he is in a better place and they will see him again.

"That man is a success – who has lived well, laughed often and loved much, who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of children, who has filled his niche and accomplished his task, who leaves the world better than he found it, who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it, who looked for the best in others and gave the best he had." – Unknown.

A memorial service was held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at Anderson Funeral Home in DeKalb, with the Rev. Steve Persson of First Baptist Church and the Rev. Kevin Spears of DeKalb County Nursing Home officiating.

Memorials can be made to the Michael J Fox Foundation, in memory of Glenn R. Woods, in care of Anderson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 605, 2011 S. Fourth St., DeKalb, Ill. 60115.

## Mildred L. McDonald

Mildred L. McDonald, 95, passed peacefully to her heavenly home on Friday, Feb. 26, 2021, at 8:20 a.m.

She was a resident at Cedarhurst Senior Living in Godfrey. She was born on March 13, 1925.

She was a long-time member of the First Baptist Church in Anna. She retired as a self-employed beautician.

Private graveside services will be held at the Anna City Cemetery, with Pastor Nick DiMauro officiating. Interment will follow.

Memorials can be made to First Baptist Church of Anna and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Crain Funeral Home in Anna is in charge of arrangements.

## John Jackson

John Jackson, 72, of Anna, died Tuesday, Feb. 23, at Mulberry Manor in Anna.

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

To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com).

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

## Peggy Dunn

Peggy Dunn, 75, of Ware, died Tuesday, March 2, at her home.

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

To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com).

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



## Kevin F. Widdows

Kevin F. Widdows, 34, of Carbondale, and formerly of Cobden, passed away unexpectedly on Feb. 2, 2021.

He was born on April 1, 1986, at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale, the son of John Warren and Alice Faye Rendleman Widdows.

He is survived by his mother, Alice Faye (Rendleman) Widdows of Alto Pass; brothers Brian Hoxworth of Alto Pass and Michael (Alex) Hoxworth of Crawfordville, Fla.; uncles Darrell Thomas Widdows of Alto Pass and Jerry Beeson of Casey; nieces Mindy (Brandon) Sanders of Florida, Jody White of Jackson, Mo., and Hailey (Jerad) Merriman of Jonesboro; nephew Brian Hoxworth Jr. of Carbondale; great-nieces and nephews Lucas, Nora, Rykan, Layla, Olivia and Stephen; several cousins; many other relatives and good friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Warren Widdows; grandparents John and Zelda Widdows and Frank and Georgia Rendleman; aunts and uncle Donna Beeson and Glenda and Darrell Coombes; and a cousin, Eugene Coombes.

He was a graduate of Cobden Unit Schools and Shawnee Community College. He was a member of several Scholar Bowl teams; he and his teams enjoyed much success in earning local and state awards.

His hobbies included a wide range of reading interests, playing the alto sax, piloting airplanes and hiking on the family farm and Shawnee National Forest trails.

From a very young age, Kevin and his dad shared a love of computers – not just gaming, but all aspects of it.

He was a licensed DSP and CNA, working at facilities in Cobden, Anna and Jonesboro. He loved all animals, especially his cats. They held a special place in his heart.

He was a loving and kind young man who loved his family so much. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Special thanks to Michael Rich for his support to the family and especially the concern and love for Kevin. He was like another brother. Kevin is at peace now.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 6, at 11 a.m. at the Alto Pass Cemetery, with the Rev. Davy Miller officiating. Everyone attending will be required to wear face coverings and to observe social distancing guidelines.

To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com).

**RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES** Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Alto Pass is in charge of arrangements.



## Kenneth Lane Lacy

Kenneth Lane Lacy, 77, of Jonesboro, entered Heaven's gates as a result of Covid pneumonia at 6:40 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, 2021, at Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau, with his family by his side.

He was born on Jan. 25, 1944, in Anna, the son of Ammon "Dub" and Mary Wilson Lacy.

He married Charlotte Frick on Nov. 10, 1961. This union produced two children, Carter (Roni) Lacy and Rhonda (Rodney) Tweedy; eight grandchildren, Cara Smith, Jamia (Justin) Marks, Paige Lacy, Austin, Logan, Cameron, Ashlin and Madison Tweedy; and seven great-grandchildren.

He married Robin Miller in Harvard, Ill., on Jan. 16, 1982. They came south to make their home in Jonesboro with their son, Kyle Aaron Lacy, who resides in Brooklyn, N.Y.

He is survived by his wife, children and grandchildren; one brother, Rodney Lacy; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Ammon "Gene" Lacy; and two sisters-in-law, Wilma Cook Lacy and Darlene Davis Lacy.

He enjoyed fishing and gardening. He was a self-employed carpenter.

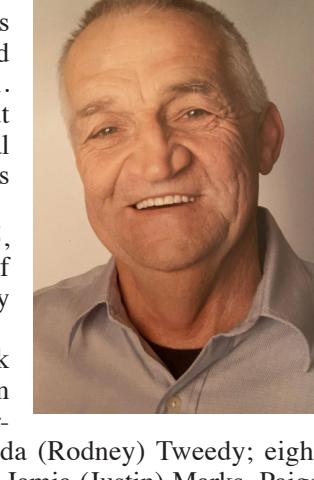
When he returned to Union County, he spearheaded the construction of Faith Assembly Church in Wolf Lake. Through the years, he attended several area churches, returning to Faith Assembly as a board member before his death.

He will be missed by his family, friends and the coffee boys at the Dixie in Jonesboro.

A celebration of his life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at Faith Assembly Church in Wolf Lake, with Ron Thorn officiating.

Memorials can be made to the compassionate care unit at Southeast Missouri Hospital or Southeast Hospice. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home and church.

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



## Mary A. Corzine

Mary A. Corzine, 85, of Perks, died at 5:40 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2021, at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

Her children were by her side during the last hours of her life.

Ms. Corzine was born on June 10, 1935, the daughter of William (Hal) and Mary Ethel Sullivan Corzine.

She was of the Pentecostal faith, Loved God, her children, grandchildren and her dog Flash.

Ms. Corzine is survived by daughter Phyllis Robertson, West Paducah, Ky.; two sons, Mike (Jodi) Robertson of Campbell Hill and Bruce (Paula) Rentfro of Tamms; three grandchildren, Justin (Hope) Robertson, Julie (David) Brooks and Joey (Kelly) Robertson; three great-grandchildren, Jayden, Kaleb and Meadow Robertson; three step-grandchildren, Blake, Blaze and Lennon; one brother, Anice Corzine; and two sisters, Patsy Johnson and Betty Sikes.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William (Hal) and Mary Ethel Corzine; five brothers, William, Donald, Amos, Wilburn, Kenneth Corzine; and a child, Anita Fay Robertson.

Funeral services were at noon Saturday, Feb. 27, at Wilson Funeral Home in Karnak, with Doug Stevens officiating.

Interment followed in the Cypress Cemetery in Cypress.

To leave an online message for the family, visit [www.wilsonfuneralhome1928.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome1928.com).

Wilson Funeral Home in Karnak was in charge of arrangements.



## Kenneth Swink Sr.

Kenneth Swink Sr., 82, of Anna, died on Feb. 25, 2021, at his home.

He was born on May 26, 1938, in Union County, the son of Boyd E. and Gertrude Westbrook Swink.

Mr. Swink is survived by his children, Kenny (Sharon) Swink Jr., David (Hortencia) Swink, Jason (Lorie) Swink and Bridget Doyle; eight grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; a sister, Janet (Homer) Hawk; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by two brothers, Bon and Don Swink.

There will be no services held at this time.

To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com).

**RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES** Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna is in charge of arrangements.

## Janet Dillman

Janet Dillman, 72, of Jonesboro, died Monday, March 1, at her home.

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

To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com).

**RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES** Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro is in charge of arrangements.

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## Pastor's Corner

by Pastor Don Cox

When Justice forfeits proper punishment, there is no learning of accountability. This is revealed true by repeat prison terms . . . and legal sin!

Congregational Church of Alto Pass

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Worship-Message at 10:30 a.m.

# Southern Seven offers adolescent health care program

**1X  
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**Teens and  
young adults  
should receive  
a well visit  
annually.**

A reminder from  
Southern Seven Health  
Department...

Living a healthy life starts with establishing good habits during a person's younger years.

Southern Seven Health Department notes that,

unfortunately, many adolescents experience a gap in regular doctor visits between their early years and early-20s – a time when many health and behavioral challenges can develop.

In response to increasing rates in cancer, heart disease, obesity, substance abuse and other health crises in Southern Illinois, Southern Seven Health Department has implemented the Southern Illinois Adolescent Health Program in Union County.

The program encourages young people ages 11-21 to get a yearly checkup with a health care provider.

"It is well known that adolescence is a critical transitional period of life, there's a lot going on between the ages of 11 and 21," Southern Seven health educator Sara Chapman

said in a news release.

"There are changes in physical, biological, psychological and behavioral functioning, and with such a wide area of change comes risk as issues in one area will spill over and effect functioning in all other areas," Chapman said.

"The good news is that at the same time, there is opportunity to provide adolescents with what they need to thrive."

Annual well visits are an important opportunity to discuss health development and other vital information with adolescents and their parents or caregivers.

Spending time with a health care provider helps young people learn to take charge of their health, to build trusting relationships with their providers and to discuss health topics im-

portant to them.

During the visit, health providers conduct a physical exam that includes a check of height, weight, blood pressure and behavioral and mental health concerns.

The provider will also offer advice and support on staying healthy, and update immunizations as needed.

Supported by a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services, Southern Seven Health Department contacted Union County schools and service agencies to encourage participation of young people in a wellness survey to determine need for the program.

Of the 235 who took part in the survey between August and November of 2020, reasons for not seeking health care included

the expense of a visit to the doctor, lack of health insurance, inability to miss work or other activities, not being comfortable or familiar with talking with doctors and not being aware a wellness visit was needed.

"It is so important that we as a community make the health and well-being of our adolescents a top priority, especially now during such a unique time in the world," Chapman said.

"The American Academy of Pediatrics notes that 'unmet health needs during adolescence and in the transition to adulthood predict not only poor health outcomes as adults but also lower quality of life in adulthood.'

"Southern Seven is committed to working with local providers to increase the number of adolescents that receive well-care visits, and to providing them

in a youth-friendly space and time so adolescents are more comfortable talking about the wide areas of change with their health-care provider."

For more information about the Adolescent Well Visit program, or for help in finding a health care provider, contact the Southern Seven Public Health Clinic in Anna at 833-8561 or 618-634-2297, or visit www.southern7.org.

The Southern Illinois Adolescent Health Program aims to empower adolescents, ages 11-21, to adopt health behaviors and improve their overall health by increasing the rate of adolescent well-care visits that are assessed in alignment with the American Academy of Pediatrics Bright Futures Guidelines.

Funding is provided in whole or in part by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

## Southern Seven Head Start open enrollment underway

Childcare is always a concern for families. For those facing economic difficulties resulting from the pandemic or other reasons, the challenge to afford quality childcare is ever present.

Southern Seven Head

Start, a federally funded, educational program for income eligible families, is enrolling children ages 6 weeks to 5 years old who live in the lower seven counties in Illinois, including Union County.

Head Start provides full-

day classes and has dual enrollment with pre-kindergarten.

Children in the program learn kindergarten readiness skills, receive health, dental and developmental screenings, participate in educational activities and socialization skills, and receive healthy meals and snacks.

Families with children in Head Start have access to mental health services, parent engagement and training tools and services to children of all needs and abilities. They are also able to volunteer in the program.

To enroll a child in Head Start, the following items will be needed:

The child's birth certificate or hospital certified legal document approved

by an ERSEA specialist.

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The child's health records that include an immunization record, physical/dental exams and a medical card.

If a child has a suspected disability, the family must provide professional documentation in order to receive additional selection criteria points for admission.

Classes for Head Start are going on now. For more information about Head Start, contact Sharity Gadis at Head Start at 618-634-9340, extension 127; or search Southern Seven Head Start on Facebook and at www.southern7.org.

## Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Our sympathy to my sister, Lois Crites of Jackson, Mo., on the death of her husband, Jim, on Feb. 18. Memorial services will be held on March 6, with private burial on March 8. He is also survived by a son, Darrin, and granddaughter, Anna, of Jackson, Mo., and a son, Jeff and Ashley, and four grandchildren of South Carolina.

Happy belated birthday wishes to my nephew, Darrin Crites, on Feb. 28; my sister, Linda Koch of Cape Girardeau, on March 1; and to my sister-in-law, Marjie Stark of Anna, on March 4.

Brian Eudy of Jackson, Mo., visited Saturday with Sue and Steve Eudy.

Emma Eudy and Jonathan Bohnert of Cape Girardeau were guests of Sue and Steve Eudy on Sunday, Feb. 28, for a country style breakfast.

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

Penny Hill and Julie and Tessa Burtin of St. Peters, Mo., visited Sunday, Feb. 28, with Shirley Miller.

Sunday visitors of Fred and Maxine Pender of Fair City were Brad and Lori Pender of Jonesboro and Russ and Patsy Pender of Olive Branch. Gary Gibbs of Jonesboro visited one afternoon.

Visiting Friday with Dolores Reynolds were Jessie, Rhiannon and Lane Livesay of Wolf Lake. Greg Reynolds of Reynoldsville brought them lunch.

Dolores Reynolds visited Saturday with Rodney and Vicki Reynolds of Wolf Lake.

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.

Ever been accused of doing something wrong that you didn't actually do, even though you may have been involved? Let me illustrate.

In legal terms, there's something called, "aiding and abetting" (abet means to encourage, support, or help). Here's the legal definition of that: A person is guilty of aiding and abetting if he willfully "aids, abets, counsels, commands, induces or procures" the commission of a crime. Whereas an accessory to a crime usually faces lesser punishment than the person who actually committed the crime, someone charged with aiding and abetting is punished as a principal in the crime, just as if they did the crime. That means, in essence, if I drive the "getaway" car in a bank robbery, I have aided and abetted in the commission of a crime and am as guilty as the one who carried the money out of the bank.

Concerning the idea of "aiding and abetting," we find in Acts 7, the Jewish leaders had charged Stephen with speaking against the law. He answers them by saying it was *they* who were stiff-necked. They were sons of their fathers in habitually resisting the Holy Spirit. Their fathers had persecuted the prophets who foretold the coming of Christ. Now they had betrayed and murdered Him.

How did they respond to Stephen's accusations? V. 57-58: "...they...cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul."

Saul of Tarsus, later the apostle Paul – held the coats of those who stoned Stephen. In Acts 22:20, the apostle Paul says to the Lord: "...when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him." Paul aided and abetted by holding the clothes of those who stoned Stephen. He never threw a stone, and yet he was guilty of that death. "Holding coats" is a sin, too.

Let us remember this principle when we're at the voting booth, or when we're asked to contribute to a cause that is contrary to the Bible, etc. James urges us to keep ourselves unspotted from the world (Jas. 1:27). Let us all strive to do so.

We invite you to worship with us any time at 104 Nile St. in Anna. We meet every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. for Bible study, and 10:30 a.m. & 5 p.m. for worship. We hope to see you soon!

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### Pesticide applicator, operator examinations available online

The Illinois Department of Agriculture, IDOA, in conjunction with the University of Illinois Pesticide Safety Education Program, PSEP, is offering the option to take pesticide applicator and operator exams online.

All exams are proctored through an exam proctoring service to be compliant with federal certification and licensing guidelines.

The cost for a three-year license remains unchanged; however, online testing will include a \$12 fee that is paid directly to the proctoring service.

For more information, or to enroll for an exam, visit <https://extension.illinois.edu/psep/training-testing>.

In place of traditional in-person pesticide training, the University of Illinois PSEP offers supplemental

online training courses to prepare applicators and operators for their exams. For more information, visit <https://extension.illinois.edu/psep>.

For those needing an alternative to online testing, IDOA is offering small capacity, in-person testing for all pesticide exams.

Due to COVID social-distancing requirements and occupancy restrictions, there will be limited availability of in-person testing sessions.

Those who are interested are advised to check the IDOA website often at <https://www.2.illinois.gov/sites/agr/Pesticides/Pages/default.aspx>, as occupancy restrictions and location availability may change frequently.

### Southeast Missouri State names fall President's List students

Students from the Union County area have been named to the fall semester President's List at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau.

Students named to the President's List earned a 4.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, completed at least 12 hours of standard graded credit, achieved no grade below an A and received no failing grades in enrolled, credit/no credit or pass/fail courses.

Students from the Union County area who were named to the President's List, as provided by the university, included:

Zoe Fuhrhop, Alto Pass. Gracey Lyerla, Alto Pass. Clair Boget, Anna. Kenzie Boget, Anna.

Hannah DeWitt, Anna. Savannah Edwards, Anna. Brittany Johnson, Anna. Morgan Keller, Anna.

Tanner Stadelbacher, Anna. Emma Tweedy, Anna. Hannah Falgout, Cobden.

Morgan Bunch, Jonesboro. Zach Clardy, Jonesboro. Britni Helton, Jonesboro. Nolan Knupp, Jonesboro.

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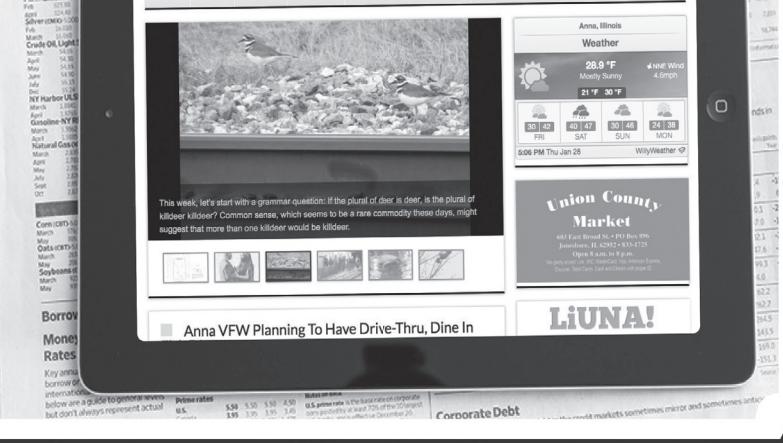
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## FSMA Produce Safety focus of virtual training

Illinois growers seeking FSMA Produce Safety compliance have the opportunity to attend a virtual two-day session to meet the conditions of the FSMA Produce Rule.

The Illinois Farm Bureau, IFB, the University of Illinois, the Illinois Specialty Growers Association and the Center for Agrarian Learning are planning to partner to host the 2021 Virtual Produce Safety Training March 23-24 during a live Zoom session.

The first-day session is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. and end at 2:15 p.m., with a 30-minute lunch break at noon.

The second-day session is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m., with a 30-minute lunch break at noon.

Organizers said that participants must be present for the entire program with their camera on to receive certification.

Instruction time over the two days will cover content contained in seven modules, including:

Introduction to Produce Safety. Worker Health, Hygiene and Training. Soil Amendments. Wildlife, Domesticated Animals and Land Use.

Agricultural Water (Part I: Production Water; Part II: Postharvest Water). Postharvest Handling and Sanitation. How to De-

velop a Farm Food Safety Plan.

IFB members can register through March 10 for \$5; non-members may register now through March 10 for \$25.

Certification seating is limited to 25 participants. Registration costs have been reduced through grant funding and include the cost of certification and manual, a value of \$100.

To register for the 2021 Virtual Produce Safety Training, visit [bit.ly/3k8MzMY](http://bit.ly/3k8MzMY).

Growers are advised to note that the annual IFB Live Local Conference will not be held in its traditional format in March.

Instead, IFB plans to transition to a workshop series focused on farmers, agritourism business, farmers market managers, nonprofits and value-added producers.

The series will provide business development, with monthly workshops scheduled March-May and September-December.

The two-day FSMA certification session will kick-off the Live Local Technical Virtual Series.

Additional workshops are in development and information will be forthcoming.

For more information, contact Raghela Scavuzzo at 309-557-2155 or [rscavuzzo@ilfb.org](mailto:rscavuzzo@ilfb.org).

## Illinois hemp production dropped slightly in 2020

**By Peter Hancock  
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SPRINGFIELD – Industrial hemp production declined slightly in 2020, which was the second year of legalized production in Illinois.

The Illinois Department of Agriculture, IDOA, said Wednesday, Feb. 24, that 2,392 acres of industrial hemp, or 87 percent of the acres planted, were harvested during the year. That was down from just over 2,800 acres in 2019.

That translated into just under 1.3 million pounds of hemp flower, 48,000 pounds of hemp fiber, 39,000 pounds of seed and 8,500 pounds of hemp grain.

"The hemp industry, just like many others, was hit by the pandemic," David Lakeman, manager of IDOA's Division of Cannabis, said in a statement.

"Workforce safety challenges, pandemic-related impacts on the market, and some initial issues with processing all contributed to a more difficult year for the hemp industry."

Hemp is a variety of cannabis that contains only a small fraction of the psychoactive substance THC found in marijuana.

It was a major crop in the United States until 1937,

when Congress passed the Marijuana Tax Act, which imposed a heavy tax on anyone who dealt commercially in hemp or marijuana.

The fiber can be used in textiles, food and a wide range of other industrial purposes.

But in recent years it has become more popular as a source of cannabidiol oil, or CBD, which can be used to treat a variety of medical conditions.

Although it is now legal, production of the crop is still highly regulated. Growers and processors must be licensed by IDOA.

The agency also inspects crops to make sure they do not exceed the 0.3 percent THC limit.

Hemp testing above that amount is eligible for a retest, but hemp that tests above 0.7 percent THC must be destroyed.

IDOA is accepting applications for the 2021 hemp growing season.

People who are interested in growing or processing hemp can do so online at [https://agrlicensing.illinois.gov/Industrial\\_Hemp/](https://agrlicensing.illinois.gov/Industrial_Hemp/).

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# Opinion and Commentary

## Do you, like me, suffer from malaise?

By Jim Nowlan

In the 1970s, President Jimmy Carter supposedly worried that Americans were suffering from collective malaise, the French word for an underlying feeling of discomfort, uneasiness. Carter was roundly ridiculed. A few years later, President Ronald Reagan campaigned in 1984 on the theme, in sharp contrast: "It's morning again in America." Whether that were true, the Reagan positivity fueled his successful re-election.

But today, I do feel a sense of personal malaise about how things are going in our country. Do you feel like I do? And if so, why, and what can we do about it?

The present brutal winter doesn't help, of course, and the prolonged pandemic has made me appreciate how much I miss my former, lively social life with friends. Yet, I think my malaise goes deeper.

For example, I am sorely distressed by the continuing, deep polarization, even enmity, in Washington and across the country between otherwise generally decent people on both sides of the Trump/anti-Trump divide.

Second, the pandemic has resulted in a lost year of effective schooling for many, maybe most kids. I fear this will worsen the gaps that exist in American education. We can't seem to reduce much the yawning gap between the achievement of minorities and whites. Nor, for that matter, the big gap in achievement between whites and Asian-Americans, as well as overseas Asian students.

Further, there appears to be American – probably worldwide – obsession with the pursuit of "things," as if owning stuff will comfort, amuse, satisfy us. Yet, we seem no happier overall.

To me, the above adds up to a worry over general American decline. Worse, I have the sense that many of my friends are resigned to this.

Alas, malaise. But what to do about it?

First, short-term and practical, I think we need a massive program of summer school for kids of all ages, to help them catch up. Chinese students have not lost a school year, and as I have hectored readers before, we face intense economic competition from that former, extremely proud "Middle Kingdom." With apologies for this inapt comparison, I feel like Winston Churchill in the 1930s, crying out for his countrymen to take Hitler's military preparations very seriously, which plaints were ignored.

As for summer school, or some such show of determination not to fall behind, we should tax ourselves to pay the significant costs of operating a major summer program. We cannot continue to overheat the printing presses with the production of endless streams of what I call funny money. First it was the \$2 trillion Trump tax cut in 2017, paid for wholly with debt, and now the multi-trillions in pandemic relief, all unsupported by tax revenue.

On a larger scale, we could use "a nice little war," to rally Americans. As to a war, "That's a joke, son," as Sen. Beauregard Claghorn of old-time radio used to say. Yet rulers around the globe have done just so through history, to unify citizens and distract them from problems at home.

The only alternative issue I can think of that could conceivably rally most of us is that of, "Will it be good for our grandkids?" After all, I see bumper strips: "Ask me how much I love my grandkids!" I wonder if the people in the auto really know what we are bequeathing the little ones. The unprecedented amount of debt I speak of above (approaching that of World War II) will sure not be good for our youngsters.

My very smart young friend, Jake Sechrist of Farmington, suggests that our nation needs to think about updating our mission statement. Maybe, after "the pursuit of happiness," we should, I say, add, "the pursuit of harmony, at home and around the world." I don't know. You fill in the blank.

Can President Joe Biden, our governors and community leaders provide the leadership to rally us somehow? And would their leadership arouse energized followers? After all, if you and I don't rise to the occasion, it won't happen. Life is a struggle; always will be.

I know the above paragraphs sound hokey, yet it is bedrock. Civilizations rise and fall. Yet our present, relative national slide, if it be such, is not foreordained.

*For many years, Jim Nowlan was a senior fellow and political science professor at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. He has worked for three unindicted governors and published a weekly newspaper in central Illinois.*

## Anna VFW planning to have drive-thru, dine in fish dinner

A drive-thru or dine in fish dinner is planned at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455. The post is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna.

The VFW plans to serve the fish dinner on Friday, March 5. 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 any day after 1 p.m., but no later than 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 4, to make reservations for pick up or dining in so the VFW can make sure there are not too many people in the back hall and social distancing can be set up.

Those who order dinners are asked to have correct change; no credit or debit cards can be accepted.

Star Karaoke will be at the post starting at 6 p.m.

**Bingo:** Xtreme Bar Bingo is scheduled to return to the Anna VFW post on Monday, March 8. The kitchen is scheduled to open at 6 p.m. Bingo will start at 7 p.m.

A maximum of 50 people will be allowed at this time. There is no charge to play bingo.

## Please read this...

By Geof Skinner



**Yes, I know...you've seen a photo like this many times before. This particular spot at the Trail of Tears State Forest is one of the many reasons your writer is quite content to be living in a rural area.**

## No surprise...folks like living in a rural area

Let's start this week with a simple little thing, and then we'll get on to the "good stuff."

Last Sunday afternoon, while on a daily walkabout, I heard frogs...

That may not seem like a big deal, unless you remember that one day just a couple of weeks ago, the "high" temperature in Union County was 8 degrees.

Meanwhile...

A little item on page one of the Monday, February 1, issue of USA TODAY happened to catch my attention.

The item, tucked away in the lower left hand corner of that day's issue of "THE NATION'S NEWS" (which, by the way, arrived on February 23 or 24...but that's another story) was a "USA TODAY Snapshots" feature with a headline that read: "More Americans are ready for the country."

"Rural living has grown more appealing in the era of social distancing," the item shared.

The item which appeared in USA TODAY was based on the results of a poll conducted in December by the folks at Gallup. The results were featured in an article which you can find on the Gallup website at news.gallup.com/poll/328268/country-living-enjoys-renewed-appeal.aspx.

Indeed...country-living-enjoys-renewed-appeal...even without the hyphens...

Which reminds me about something I have seen once, or twice, maybe more often, about hyphens, as in when a hyphen is used to show that little bit of space between the years for when a person was born...and died. Wise use of the time represented by the hyphen often is suggested.

With that being said, the idea that country living is enjoying a renewed appeal in the United States does not come as a big surprise.

The folks at Gallup found that at the end of the year 2020, 48 percent of Americans said that if they were able "to live anywhere they wished, they would choose a town (17 percent) or a rural area (31 percent) rather than a city or suburb."

The poll found that: "On the whole, slim majorities of

Americans in cities and suburbs aspire to live elsewhere, whereas three in four town/rural residents are content where they are."

I'd certainly have to say that last weekend, contentment figured into the lives of two folks who live in a town in a rural area in Southern Illinois. It didn't hurt that we could actually venture outdoors without having to concern ourselves with the possibility of frostbite or slipping on a layer of snow, sleet and ice.

The Other Half spent much of the weekend working in her garden and getting plants ready for the 2021 growing season. Her endeavors this year include a newly acquired greenhouse, courtesy of a friend. The greenhouse now has a home in our backyard.

The Other Half already has a fair number of plants in various pots and trays. And, thanks to a cold frame on the front porch, we enjoyed fresh greens with dinner on Sunday evening. Can't beat that in February.

While she was busy with gardening, yours truly motored to the Trail of Tears State Forest last Saturday afternoon. Having a gem like the state forest close by is just one of the many reasons we are glad to call a rural area home. We can get in the car, drive for about 10 minutes, and be in the heart of a Southern Illinois woodland.

The state forest was relatively busy last Saturday afternoon. Folks may have been grateful to be able to get back outside. Saw one fellow with his dog. Somebody else on a bicycle. Some other folks having a picnic.

Yours truly spent some time wandering through a creek bed. Had my boots on...and it was kind of a nice way to spend the time...walking through the creek, with a pause...or two...or three...to listen to the water rippling over the rocks...

The Other Half and yours truly both have lived in a number of places during our Journey Through Life. I have called the city home. And suburbs. Now, the two of us call a little village in a rural area home. And, yes, we are content.

## A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

**Thursday, March 4, 1971**

Illinois State Police, District 13 A, Cairo, reported a number of accidents in the Union County area since Wednesday, Feb. 24. The accidents, totaling five, resulted in serious injury to five persons and minor injuries to 10 persons.

The Union County Board of Commissioners has met several times recently to discuss the possible remodeling of the Union County Courtroom, second floor.

The Union County Hospital, at present, has fifteen physicians serving the hospital. There are five on the Active Staff; two on the Courtesy Staff; eight on the Consulting Staff and two on the Dental Staff. One is on the Honorary Staff.

This week end has been set by the newly formed Anna Retail Committee as Spring Opening for Anna Merchants.

The Anna Chamber of Commerce conducted its quarterly dinner meeting Monday night at the Elks Club.

Boy Scout Month was climaxed in Union County with the Blue and Gold Banquet of Cub Scout Pack 44 Tuesday, Feb. 23, in the American Legion Community Center. Approximately 185 persons attended.

The Union County area received another inch of snowfall early Wednesday, March 3, raising the total snowfall for the winter thus far to approximately six inches.

The annual meeting and banquet of the Union County Hospital Auxiliary will be held on March 16 in the cafeteria of the Nursing Home.

Eli Eddleman, charge barber at the Anna State Hospital, retired March 1 after 35 years of service.

The Girl's Athletic Association of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School held its annual banquet Thursday, Feb. 25.

Saturday, Feb. 20, after a basketball game with Meridian High School, the Shawnee Chapter of FFA and the "S" Club sponsored a "Washington's Birthday Dance" featuring the "Rock Bottom" dance band.

The fifty-second birthday of the American Legion will be celebrated in Anna with a birthday party at the Legion Home on Tuesday, March 9.

More than 150 bowlers competed for \$490 worth of prizes during the 11th annual Handicap Tournament sponsored by the Anna-Jonesboro Bowling Association. Games for the tournament were bowled at the Anna-Jo Bowl from February 13 to 27.

Union County Beagle Club members reported a good turnout at their field trial for Beagle hounds held Saturday, Feb. 2.

From the Shiloh news: It really makes one wonder what is really happening today when we hear news like the bombing of our Capitol.

From the Friendship news: A good sign (that) spring is just around the corner: our first crocus is in bloom. Also the pussy willows are real pretty.

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