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## News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

### First Case

**Southern Seven Health Department on Tuesday afternoon, April 14, confirmed the first case of COVID-19 in Union County**

The health department said the person with the case was a male in his 20s who was being isolated.

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A River to River Relay exchange point was marked in downtown Cobden. Like many, many other events, this year's relay has been postponed. The 2020 Relay had been scheduled for Saturday, April 18.

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The folks at the Bald Knob Cross of Peace voiced appreciation in a social media posting to all of those who contributed to the success of last Sunday's Easter sunrise service, including Mark Kiesling, WSIL TV, Chris Parton, Midwest Music, the Union County Sheriff's Office, board members, sunrise service participants, Bald Knob Cross staff, WXAN Radio "and everyone who prayed for the rain to hold."

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A "pink moon" was rising April 7 in the night sky over Union County

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### Low of 30 possible Wednesday morning

## Weather service issued freeze warning for region

A freeze warning was issued for Tuesday night and Wednesday morning in parts of Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported that the warning was in effect from midnight Tuesday until 8 a.m. Wednesday.

Sub-freezing temperatures as low as 30 degrees were possible.

A freeze warning meant that sub-freezing temperatures were imminent or highly likely. "These conditions will kill crops and other sensitive vegetation," the weather service stated.

The weather service warned that "frost and freeze conditions could kill crops, other sensitive

vegetation and possibly damage unprotected outdoor plumbing."

The weather service also was calling for the possibility of snow flurries before 8 a.m. on Wednesday. A high temperature of 58 was in the forecast.

Areas of frost also are in the forecast before 7 a.m. on Thursday, today. Sunshine and a high temperature near 62 are in the forecast.

### Frost, Freeze Climatology

The weather service also posted statistics about spring frost and freeze climatology in the Paducah and Cape Girardeau regions.

### Paducah

From Dec. 3, 1937, to June 1, 2018

Average last freeze (32

degrees): April 6.

Earliest last freeze: March 7, 2010, and 1977.

Latest last freeze: May 7, 1944.

Average last hard freeze (28 degrees): March 25.

Earliest last hard freeze: Feb. 28, 1977.

Latest last hard freeze: April 20, 1983.

**Cape Girardeau**  
From June 1, 1960, to June 1, 2018

Average last freeze: April 6.

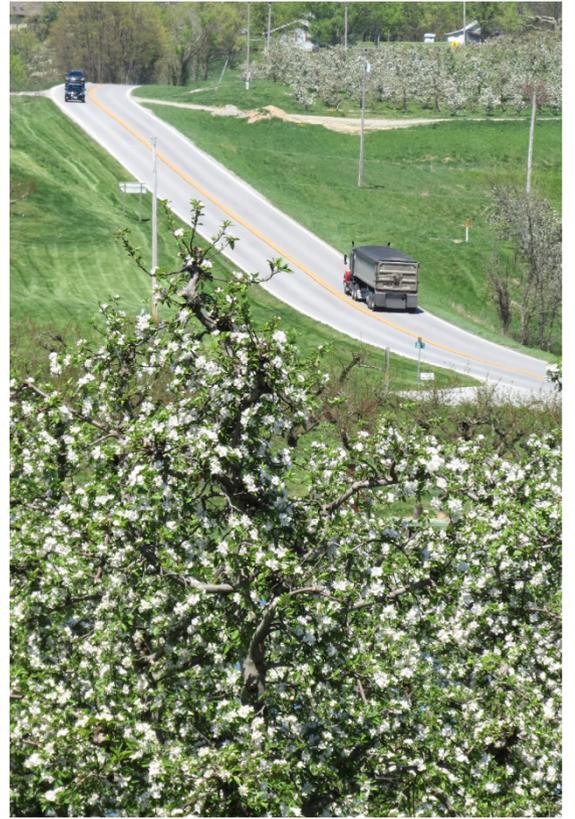
Earliest last freeze: March 7, 2010, and 1977.

Latest last freeze: May 17, 1968.

Average last hard freeze: March 25.

Earliest last hard freeze: Feb. 28, 1985, and 1977.

Latest last hard freeze: April 18, 2001.



### Trees in bloom

Apple trees were in bloom last Friday in Alto Pass.

## Rural hospitals in Illinois brace for COVID-19 surge

By Peter Hancock  
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SPRINGFIELD – Although the COVID-19 outbreak in Illinois so far has been mainly concentrated around the Chicago area, public health officials are bracing for a surge of cases in rural areas of downstate Illinois, including areas that already have shortages of hospital beds, health care providers and equipment.

"So, we're keeping a close eye on that," Illinois Department of Public Health director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said Wednesday, April 8.

"As we look right now, I think our hot spot is more Northern Illinois...but we're keeping an eye on all the beds, the ICUs, the ventilators and the availability of those, and we potentially, we'll have to do some moving of things, but we are also looking at what the needs will be there."

Despite health care shortages in some areas, Danny Chun, a spokesman for the Illinois Health and Hospital Association, said in an interview that most rural

hospitals in Illinois should be well prepared for the surge, at least in terms of strategy.

"They are very prepared," he said, citing two major trends in health care: industry consolidation over the past five to 10 years into health care "systems" that have the ability to share resources, and regional planning.

"A lot of small and rural hospitals, critical access hospitals, are now part of large systems, like OSF, HSHS, Carle, Southern Illinois Health," Chun said.

"Then there's an existing structure within the State of Illinois – they're called Regional Health Care Coalitions," he added.

"There are 11 coalitions throughout the state covering every area of the state, including Southern and Central Illinois, where all the health care providers in that region get together in terms of emergency planning, pandemic planning, emergency exercises. That's been in place for years."

According to IDPH, each of those 11 regions has one main hospital designated as

the coordinating center. For example, the Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana serves as the coordinating center in the Champaign region, which covers 18 counties in east-central Illinois.

Anita Guffey, who serves as the emergency management coordinator and readiness and response coordinator for that region, was unavailable for an interview April 8 due to the immediate demands on her time, as were her counterparts in other regions.

But she issued a statement through a spokesperson saying the planning process for COVID-19 is not significantly different from the planning they go through for other emergencies.

"In this region we need to be prepared for tornadoes, blizzards and even earthquake risk, in addition to pandemic planning," she said. "Every incident is different, but we work on this at all times so when the time comes, we're already familiar with each other."

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## Union County Johnson County test results has first case

More than 50 confirmed negative COVID-19 test results had been reported for Union County as of April 10.

The number was shared in a situational update from Southern Seven Health Department executive director Rhonda Andrews-Ray.

Andrews-Ray said that as of April 10, the health department had reported two positive COVID-19 cases in Massac County and four in Pulaski County.

As of April 10, 159 confirmed negative tests had been reported to Southern Seven Health Department.

Both the Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, and private laboratories are testing for COVID-19 in the southern seven counties.

The county breakdown on negative results was as follows:

Union County 53. Alexander 9. Hardin 13. Johnson 26. Massac 34. Pope 10. Pulaski 14.

Southern Seven Health Department on Monday, April 13, reported the first case of COVID-19 in Johnson County.

The individual is a male in his 20s and was being isolated.

Southern Seven Health Department reported that the number of individuals confirmed, as of Monday, with COVID-19 in the seven counties it serves included:

Massac County: one female in her 60s, one male in his 60s.

Pulaski County: one female in her 40s, one male in his 20s, two males in their 30s and one male in his 40s.

Johnson County: one male in his 20s.

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, in Illinois there were 1,672 new individuals with COVID-19 identified on April 12, bringing the confirmed total in the state to 20,852 individuals, with 720 deaths.



### Delivering meals

Meals were being delivered to Anna School District No. 37 students Wednesday morning, April 8. District 37 employees Kristie Menees and Kim Yoast were bringing meals to students who live along George Street in Anna. Union County public schools remain closed due to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. Local school districts are delivering meals to students.



### Easter bunny greets children

With a little bit of help from the Cobden Volunteer Fire Department, the Easter bunny greeted children last Saturday morning. The Easter bunny handed out plastic eggs which were filled with treats to children as they came by the fire station in Cobden. The eggs and treats had been donated to the fire department. Firefighters said they were glad to be able to brighten the Easter holiday for children, saying that it was "all about making kids happy." One of the children who stopped by voiced thanks to the firefighters and said: "Hi firemen – be safe." Postings on social media shared that with some help from the Dongola Fire Department, the Easter bunny also made an appearance in Dongola.



# Health centers receive \$6.2 million

Five health centers in Southern Illinois have received over \$6.2 million in grants to help combat the spread of coronavirus.

The grants were awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through the Health Center Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security, CARES, Act Funding program, which was signed into law March 27.

U.S. Rep. Mike Bost, R-Ill., announced the awarding of the grant funds April 8 in a news release.

"Through these uncertain times, our medical workers and hospital staff have made incredible sacrifices to keep us safe," Bost said.

"These grants will provide much-needed resources to Southern Illinois health centers so they can continue to treat patients and protect our communities from coronavirus."

Southern Illinois centers which are receiving funds include:

Rural Health Inc., which has its main site in Anna: \$761,120. Rural Health also has medical clinics in Dongola, Goreville, Vienna and Metropolis.

Southern Illinois Health Care Foundation, Inc. in East St. Louis: \$2,311,505.

Shawnee Health Service And Development Corporation in Carterville: \$1,063,805.

Christopher Rural Health Planning Corp. in Christopher: \$1,247,930.

Community Health & Emergency Services, Inc. in Cairo: \$878,615.

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A number of folks have commented about what may have been one of the strangest Easters ever.

Drive-by visits with the Easter bunny proved to be quite popular last weekend in several Union County communities. Thanks to everyone who made the visits possible.

The City of Anna posted on social media that the following places in the community offer free wi-fi in their parking lots: the Shawnee Community College extension center and McDonald's, both in Anna, and Dixie BBQ in Jonesboro. "Please remember to keep social distance a priority and stay in your vehicle when using the free wi-fi," the message noted.

Some sports-related social media postings suggest that "60 feet between bases" might be enough when it comes to social distancing.

Rural Health Inc. chief executive officer Cindy Flamm said the grant funding will help to keep staff members on the job and also will be utilized in the purchase of supplies which are needed in the fight against coronavirus/COVID-19.

All of Rural Health's 94 employees continue to be on the job. Some have been working at home. Schedules for clinical staff are being staggered.

Flamm and Rural Health Inc. chief operating officer Jodie Stewart said in a telephone interview that efforts have been underway

since mid-March to meet the challenges presented by the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. The goal is to ensure the ongoing safety and well-being of Rural Health's staff and patients.

At this time, a limited number of patients are actually coming to the Rural Health clinic in Anna. Those who do come to the clinic are screened when they arrive.

Telehealth resources are being utilized to assist patients.

Rural Health has ordered and is expecting to receive testing kits which are seen as key tools in meeting the

challenge of the pandemic.

As of early this week, no positive coronavirus/COVID-19 tests had been reported in Union County. Positive results have been reported in Jackson, Williamson, Johnson and Pulaski counties - all of which border Union County.

Rural Health urges Union County residents to see the pandemic as a situation which is very real - and to take health care precautions very seriously.

Rural Health will continue to work hard to ensure that health care for all patients is maintained.

## Activities around Anna

Several projects are underway in the City of Anna. The city also continues to respond to the ongoing coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. Photos provided.



Pickleball and basketball courts at the Anna City Park are closed in response to the ongoing coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.



Work is underway on a new parking lot for the administrative building at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.



Removal and replacement of old sidewalks along South Main Street in Anna is underway. The work is a grant-funded project.

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## Rural hospitals

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The one thing rural hospitals have not been prepared for, however, is the financial pressure resulting from dealing with the pandemic.

Chun said hospitals throughout the state postponed most outpatient and elective surgeries, a significant amount of their annual revenue, in order to free up space and medical staff for treating COVID-19 patients. They are also "ramping up" for the pandemic, he added.

"We are urging the state to take all the steps that they can to increase cash flow to hospitals, because as you know, they're facing a double whammy," he said.

"...On the one hand, they're losing money because they're not doing elective surgeries and procedures, and then money's going out the door because of the preparations for the virus."

Chun noted that in March, the state comptroller's office used inter-fund borrowing to increase its Medicaid payments to state hospitals, paying down about \$200 million in past-due bills.

But the comptroller's

## New case in Massac County

Southern Seven Health Department on Tuesday, April 14, reported a new case of COVID-19 in Massac County.

The individual was identified as a male in his 20s who was being isolated.

office has already indicated that there will likely be additional payment delays in the coming months: the tax filing deadline was pushed back to July 15, and the economic slowdown brought on by the statewide stay-at-home order and closure of nonessential businesses.

The federal government temporarily increased its share of Medicaid funding by 6.2 percentage points, retroactive to Jan. 1. That reduces the state's share of Medicaid costs, freeing up general revenue funds for other purposes.

The biggest boost hospitals will see in the near term will come from the \$2.2 trillion federal recovery package Congress recently passed, known as the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act.

Chun said that package includes more than \$100 billion for hospitals across the country to help offset the cost of responding to the pandemic, including some automatic funding increases and some reimbursement programs that hospitals must apply for.

But even with that, Chun said, hospitals across the country will need additional assistance.

"We are now preparing to ask the Illinois General Assembly for help on the state level with Medicaid funding for our hospitals," he said.

"So whenever the legislature finally returns... you know, maybe in May, maybe in June...we will be asking the General Assembly for help for our hospitals."

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Quorum Health Corporation financial restructuring and Union County Hospital

# 'Critical step toward long-term financial stability'

Quorum Health Corporation, which leases Union County Hospital in Anna and owns or leases 22 other community hospitals across the country, last week announced it has entered into a financial restructuring agreement.

The corporation said in a news release that the agreement will protect its employees and ensure its hospitals can continue to care for patients during this uncertain time.

Union County Hospital is unaffected by this restructuring and remains open and available to provide care to patients.

Hospital employees will continue to receive their wages and benefits for the work they perform, and patients and families should experience the same care that exists today.

Quorum Health said in the news release that it has been transparent about the need to reduce the large amount of debt and the associated high interest rate it inherited when it was formed in 2016.

By working with key investors in advance, the company has been able to utilize the rules under Chapter 11 of



Union County Hospital is located at 517 N. Main St. in Anna.

the U.S. Bankruptcy Code to recapitalize the company.

The financial reorganization is expected to be complete within two months and will better position the hospital for future growth.

Under the terms of the plan, which is subject to court approval, all suppliers, including local businesses providing goods and services, will continue to be paid in full.

Quorum Health has created a dedicated website, www.QuorumForward.com, to provide additional information and answers to questions about the restructuring.

**Hospital Statement**

Union County Hospital on Friday, April 10, issued the following statement regarding the reorganization:

"This financial reorganization is a critical step toward the long-term financial sta-

bility of our parent company.

"Our hospital will benefit from this reorganization as it will provide us with more resources and better cash flow to address the COVID-19 crisis and to continue serving our patients and the community.

"This will allow us to move forward with the renovation of our pharmacy, as

well as upgrading one of our radiology rooms.

"Though this is a challenging time, we expect to continue providing care in our community now and well into the future."

Union County Hospital is a 25-bed facility which offers inpatient and outpatient care, including emergency, medical and surgical services.

The hospital is a Joint Commission-accredited facility which offers a wide range of services, some of which include digital mammography, on-site MRI services, sleep studies, cardiopulmonary rehabilitation, in-patient and out-patient therapy services, aquatic therapy, outpatient infusion and transfusion services, wound care and more.

## March wetter, warmer than normal in region

March was yet another wet month in Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky.

Temperatures also were above normal in the region, the National Weather Service office in Paducah reported on its website in a March climate summary.

**Precipitation**

In Paducah, precipitation has finished above normal in 23 of the past 27 months. Many locations observed 2 to 4 inches above their normal March precipitation totals.

Amounts ranged from 5 to 8 inches across much of the region.

A few higher amounts were observed, including 10.93 inches at a station near Dexter, Mo.

Local weather observer Dana Cross recorded 5.84 inches of precipitation during March in Jonesboro.

**Temperatures**

Temperatures during March averaged around 4 to 5 degrees above normal.

Paducah registered above normal temperatures on 22 of the 31 days, with the greatest departures occur-

ring from March 26-28.

Highs soared into the 80s in many locations on the 26th, achieving a record high in Paducah.

The month finished as the sixth warmest March on record in Cape Girardeau and tied for the eighth warmest in Paducah.

The high temperature

reached 80 degrees on March 26 in Jonesboro.

**Severe Weather**

March also was an active severe weather month, with several systems impacting the region on March 2, 12, 19 and 28.

There were a total of seven confirmed tornadoes with these events.

## 'Stretch It Out' presented at garden club meeting

The Anna-Jo Garden Club met March 10 at the United Methodist Church in Anna.

In addition to regular business activities, a program titled "Stretch It Out" was presented by Marilyn Boysen.

Boysen demonstrated stretches which are useful for help when conducting gardening activities.

The club members participated in a session which was motivational and somewhat comical to watch.

Each of the members stated their favorite spring blooming plant.

A horticulture tip encouraged gardeners to spread several layers of wet newspaper

before adding mulch to help with weed control.

Several upcoming club activities were discussed, but have since been suspended due to the coronavirus guidelines.

The club's annual spring plant sale, which had been scheduled for May 2, has been postponed. The club reported that if conditions are suitable, the plant sale will be rescheduled for a later date.

The club encourages all gardeners to enjoy the spring and spring gardening in their own space.

## Flood warning continues

A flood warning continues until Thursday, today, for the Mississippi River at Cape Girardeau.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported that as of 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 13, the Mississippi River's stage at Cape Girardeau was 32.7 feet. Flood stage is 32.0 feet.

Minor flooding was occurring. Minor flooding was in the forecast.

The forecast called for the river to continue to fall to below flood stage by early Thursday morning, today.

## Weather High 85, low 32

Temperatures ranged from a high of 85 degrees to a low of 32 during the period of April 7-13 in Union County.

Precipitation during the period included .40 of an inch of rain on April 8, .03 of an inch on April 11, .09 of an inch on April 12 and .02 of an inch on April 13.

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

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Tuesday, April 7	79 54
Wednesday, April 8	85 59
Thursday, April 9	63 44
Friday, April 10	57 32
Saturday, April 11	63 35
Sunday, April 12	61 53
Monday, April 13	57 39



### Trees planted in Cobden park

New evergreen trees have been planted in the community park in downtown Cobden. The trees were supplied by Anna Evergreen LLC, which is located near Cobden. From left are David Stewart, a trustee on the Cobden Village Board of Trustees; and Tina Goetz from Anna Evergreen LLC. Photo provided.

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## Galilee Baptist Church

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*will hold a business meeting on Saturday, May 2, 2020, at the Wolf Lake Community Center in Wolf Lake, IL at 10 a.m. Any member of the Galilee Baptist Church is welcome to attend.*

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# Sports Memories

The coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic has closed Union County public schools – and put a halt to the sports season. In the absence of competition, we are taking a look back at some memories from past Union County school sports action.



## High school soccer action, 2010

Anna-Jonesboro senior Julia Hayward, number 00 in white jersey, beats a Kennett, Mo., player to the ball during a high school soccer game. The game was played Thursday afternoon, April 8, in Jonesboro.



## Heading for home, 2010

Cobden's Taylor Orsburn connected for a home run during a high school softball game played Saturday afternoon, April 10. Host Cobden was facing Lebanon in the contest. Orsburn, number 20, was greeted at home plate by her teammates after hitting the home run.

## Anna VFW plans fish fry; 'to go' only

Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 plans to serve a fish fry on Friday, April 17, starting at 5 p.m. The post is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna.

The menu will include two pieces of fish, potato salad, slaw and a pickle for a donation of \$10.

Due to restrictions placed by the state, and to keep everyone safe, the fish fry will be served with "to go" orders only.

To make a reservation for a meal, call 833-7737 before 10 a.m. Friday, April 17.

Those who order meals will be met under the awning at the VFW post and the meals will be delivered to their car.

The VFW asks that everyone have exact change ready for their meals.

## Local McDonald's thank health care workers with free beverages

Local McDonald's owner/operators and their teams want to thank local health care employees who are working around the clock taking necessary measures to keep communities prepared and safe.

In a program which began April 10 and continues through the end of business on Friday, April 17, participating McDonald's locations will provide the option of one free medium hot drip or iced coffee, large sweet tea or large soft drink to local health care employees during each visit to the McDonald's drive thru.

McDonald's locations in Anna, Carbondale and Vienna are among those offering the program.

"We know that during the toughest of times, we can count on our health care heroes to be there for us," said Amanda Campbell, public relations and communi-

cations manager for local McDonald's restaurants, in a news release.

"We hope through this gesture, they know we're here for them, too, and appreciate their sacrifice."

McDonald's is extending this offer of thanks to local health care employees in the drive thru only.

To redeem the offer, employees will be asked to show their health identification badge when ordering. No purchase is necessary. Hours may vary by location.

## Southern Illinois Music Festival Postponed

Restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic are prompting postponement of the annual Southern Illinois Music Festival.

Edward Benyas, festival director, said he hopes to run a scaled-down music festival later this year, either in mid-August just before Southern Illinois University Carbondale fall 2020 classes are set to start, or in mid-December, after

fall semester finals.

"It all depends on the course of the virus and when it is safe to program," said Benyas, who is also professor of oboe in the SIU School of Music.

There are plans to run the "same ambitious festival, including two Italian operas, Beethoven's 9th and much more, in June 2021," he added.

This year's regularly scheduled festival was

set for May 31 through June 14, with performances and concerts in various locations throughout the region, including Shryock Auditorium, Marion High School, University Museum at SIU Carbondale, University Mall in Carbondale, Carverville High School, the Du Quoin and Cairo public libraries, Christopher Civic Center and the Anna Arts Center.

The pandemic did force the Southern Illinois Symphony to cancel performances in March and April.

## Performances Available Online

Benyas has uploaded roughly two dozen prior Southern Illinois Music Festival performances, including operas, ballets and orchestral programs on the SIU School of Music's YouTube channel for people to watch.

Once you reach the page, click "playlists," then the SIFest playlist. There are currently 26 SIFest videos available, in addition to Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra performances and other concerts.

## Social distancing practiced at Anna Council meeting

Social distancing was practiced when the Anna City Council met in regular session on Tuesday evening, April 7. The meeting was at Anna City Hall.

The use of social distancing, when people staying at least 6 feet from each other, is seen as one of the ways to prevent the spread of the coronavirus/COVID-19 virus.

The impact of the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic was among the topics addressed at the April 7 meeting, city administrator Dori Bigler said.

The city continues to take precautions to protect its employees and the community.

Workers in the city's public works department have been divided into two teams as a precautionary measure.

Until further notice, the city no longer will be disconnecting municipal utility service.

The city council's next regular meeting is scheduled April 21. It is anticipated that the meeting will be conducted by phone.

In other business at last week's meeting:

The city council approved a resolution for a tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

The city's fiscal year begins on May 1, 2020, and continues through April 30, 2021.

The city's budget, estimated to be about \$7 million, again will be balanced.

The city council ap-

## Boomer to coach girls' soccer

Mark Boomer serves as head coach of the Anna-Jonesboro/Cobden co-op boys' high school soccer team.

This spring, he will be coaching the girls' program as well.

The season, however, has been put on hold due to the coronavirus pandemic.



## Successful hunt

James "Rico" Synowiec of Toolshed Corner harvested a large turkey during this year's first spring season. The turkey weighed 27.6 pounds. The bird had an 11-inch beard and 1 1/4-inch spurs. Photo provided.

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The disciples of Jesus recounted what had taken place along the way, and how they had come to recognize him in the breaking of bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things." From the Gospel of Luke

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## Camp Ground Church, Community

Rev. Dee Ann Thompson's Good Friday devotion began with the reading of scripture from the Gospel of Matthew, the account of Jesus and His disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Rev. Thompson then shared "The Father's Cup: A Crucifixion Narrative," written by Rev. Rick Gamache, which is an account of the realities of what Christ endured as He took on the sins of the past, present and future on our behalf.

The message for Resurrection Sunday was titled "He's Alive!" Scripture was from the Gospel of Luke, the account of the women discovering the empty tomb and the disciples' disbelief at the women's words.

The message shared: "He's alive! Do you believe it? Even those closest to Him had given up; the women had gone taking burial spices to the grave. After what they had seen Him go through, those hearing did not believe the women's story.

"If you had been there, what would it take to convince you? What finally convinced them? Jesus ap-

peared to them! He walked with them, ate with them, and traveled with them.

"Because the tomb is empty, if we believe, one day we will be raised with Him! We rejoice because the tomb is empty; Satan and sin have been defeated.

"The resurrection is God's way of saying that one day everyone who is a child of His will be raised and have eternal life."

Rev. Thompson closed with an invitation: "If you have doubts, come to Jesus, accept His resurrection and be made whole. Replace your doubt with faith."

Both of the sermons are posted on the church's Facebook page: "Camp Ground Cumberland Presbyterian Church."

Until further notice, Camp Ground Church will be having services electronically. If you want to be a part of the live worship experience, contact any member of the congregation for the link to join.

Birthday greetings go to Raelynn Bonner, whose birthday was Easter Sunday.

Karen Vaughn is Camp Ground Church's lead elder for April.

News from

## Anna Nazarene Church

Services for the Anna Church of the Nazarene are scheduled on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Bible study is at 6:30 p.m. Saturday Bible study is at 6:30 p.m.

Services and Bible study are offered by using Zoom. Zoom is a web-based video conferencing tool with a local, desktop client and a mobile app that allows users to meet online, with or without video.

Zoom users can choose to record sessions, collaborate on projects and share or annotate on one another's screens, all with one easy-to-use platform. Go to Zoom and download the app.

A link to the Zoom services can be found on our Anna First Church of the Nazarene's Facebook page.

Sunday morning worship services can be heard on the church's website at annanaz.com and on the Anna First Church of the Nazarene Facebook page following the service.

The church extends sympathy and prayers to Curly and Shirley Ralls in the loss of their great-great-granddaughter, Drue Brienne Foster.

Birthdays: Marva Wall, April 16; Carolyn Murray, April 17; Christopher Wright, April 18.

Anniversaries: Scott and Marlena Wright, April 16; Chris and Brookie Benefield, April 17.

The church office can be contacted by calling 833-6702 and leaving a message if necessary or by calling Pastor Randy Wright at 618-534-7103.

# Union County Counseling Services, Inc. offering help through tele-health

In keeping with its mission, Union County Counseling Services Inc. continues to serve clients during the governor's shelter in place order by using tele-health.

The agency's mission is: "To meet the mental health needs of the community by providing the most effective prevention, early-intervention and recovery services available."

Union County Counseling Services Inc. staff provide adult outpatient, child and adolescent services remotely during normal business hours, which are scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

In addition, the agency's 24/7 crisis services and community support residential services remain operational.

Although therapy/counseling/intake services have been moved to tele-health, staff continue to provide on-

site essential services, such as psychiatric appointments and medication appointments.

The agency can be reached by calling 833-8551.

Individuals who would like to start services can call to schedule an intake appointment.

Established Union County Counseling Services Inc. clients who would like to schedule a phone session are encouraged to call and leave a message with name, number and counselor/therapist name.

Staff will respond to calls with scheduled tele-health appointments.

The agency's 24/7 crisis line can be accessed by calling 833-8551 and pressing 2 to leave a message for a crisis counselor to respond.

Union County Counseling Services Inc. is a partner in the Illinois Call4Calm Text Line Service. Text

"TALK" TO 552020 (or "HABLAR" for Spanish.

The Illinois Call4Calm Text Line is not a crisis hotline, but is a source of support for anyone experiencing stress and in need of a listening ear.

Union County Counseling Services Inc. is committed to all efforts in flattening the curve of COVID-19 and is abiding by Centers of Disease Control, CDC, Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, Illinois Department of Human Services, IDHS, and state/federal recommendations.

The agency has implemented safety measures such as screening for symptoms using the CDC questions; posting CDC/IDPH relevant signage including, but not limited to: proper hand washing, social dis-

tancing, contact tracing, self-care and others.

The agency is encouraging all staff and clients to exercise proper hand washing, hygiene and social distancing; it has increased the availability of hand sanitizing stations, increased the frequency of cleaning and sanitizing efforts, and implemented restrictions of on-site access until further notice.

Union County Counseling Services Inc. thanks the community for its understanding as the agency works through this difficult time.

The Union County Counseling Services Inc. staff and board shared that they wish "each and all much health. We are all in this together and we will get through this together."

News from

## First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, April 12, Pastor Perry Williams preached an Easter message via transmitter for drive-up church.

Worshippers stayed in their cars on the church's lower parking lot while tuned in to their radios.

Meghan Smith provided a message in song.

The message also was livestreamed and can be found on the church's Facebook page: @jonesborofbc. Other messages also can be found there under the video tab.

The pastor also is livestreaming a series of devotionals at 9 a.m. Monday through Friday on Facebook.

The pastor's messages also can be found online at YouTube.com: do a search

under Brother Perry Williams.

At the present time, all church activities are postponed, other than live-stream services. The Facebook site has updated messages.

The church prayer line can be called at 833-4021 to hear prayer requests and updates.

Birthdays: Brooke Sheffer, April 15; George McCommons, April 17.

Anniversary: Tom and Diane Wright, April 13, 35 years.

The schedule for worship at Jonesboro First Baptist Church includes live-stream devotionals, Monday through Friday at 9 a.m.; and a live-stream worship service Sunday at 10 a.m. on Facebook.

**Pastor's Corner by Pastor Don Cox**

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*We hope to see everyone once the virus and mandate is over. If you have any questions, please call 618-893-4916 and leave a message.*

## "The Preaching Pen" The Easter Holiday

The celebration of Easter is well-known in our society. Many traditions exist as to the origin of the word "Easter," but one thought appears to be present in most all ideas, Easter refers to the East and rising sun, and in many people's minds, it has a connection with the resurrection.

The observance of Easter represents a convergence of three particular events:

1) The Hebrew Passover (celebrated during the month of Nisan which is the first of the month of the Hebrew calendar. It always fell in the Spring of the year).

2) The commemoration of the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ (which happened to take place during the feast of the Hebrew Passover).

3) A pagan festival of Spring which fell at the vernal equinox on March 21. This pagan festival embodied the worship of the goddess of the Saxons in whose honor sacrifices were offered annually.

The merging of these three events became associated with the unauthorized festival of the resurrection which was celebrated each year at the time of the Passover.

The day on which Easter was to be observed has been much disputed. The council of Nicaea (325 A.D.) decreed it should be on Sunday but did not establish which particular Sunday. It was not until the 7th century that the rule was finally set and adopted. This same method of calculation is used today. Easter Sunday is determined to be: 1) The first Sunday after, 2) The first full moon after, 3) The first day of Spring (March 21).

Easter Sunday may fall anywhere between March 21 and April 25, a period of 35 days. This explains why Easter is on a different Sunday every year instead of on the same Sunday in the same month every year.

Does the Bible claim Easter Sunday is of greater significance than any other Sunday of the year? Indeed not.

New Testament Christians observe and commemorate the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ each and every Lord's day, the first day of the week (Sunday), in the observance of the Lord's supper (Acts 20:7; I Cor. 11:23-26).

The New Testament authorizes Christians to assemble and worship on every first day of the week. Since every week has a first day, the whole church assembles for worship and every Sunday is of equal importance. Give it some thought and learn more with us at the Anna church of Christ,

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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.

## Very Different Easter

A very different Easter for everyone but it didn't keep us from celebrating the day our savior Lord Jesus Christ rose from the dead to save us from our sins and lives in heaven and is preparing a place for all those who believe this.

## Baby Congratulations

The Rhymer family is proud to announce the birth of Jaxson Avery Rhymer, who was born on April 11, 2020, at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale. Jaxson weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounce

es, and was 22 inches long. Parents are Jordan and Alexis Rhymer of Anna. Great-grandparents are Willie and Terrie Rhymer of Dongola. Mom and baby are doing great.

## 1st Birthday

Elijah Guined celebrated an early birthday party Easter with his family.

## Enjoyed Being Home

John and Amy McLaughlin enjoyed being at home for Easter. They praised God for John being cancer free.

## Drive By

Cindy Allen did a drive by Easter for their grandchildren.

## Wanted to Visit

Tonya Thompson of Brandon, Miss., works for Delta Airlines. They asked them to take a month off.

She wanted to come visit her mother Linda Comte but because of the coronavirus quarantine she needed to stay in her state.

## 80th Birthday

Sandy Hewlett celebrated her 80th birthday at her daughter's Pam Needling with family April 11 with everyone keeping their 6 foot distance.

## Celebrating Easter

Rick and Paula Wright enjoyed their traditional Easter dinner.

Paula then painted a small wooden cross to hang in their kitchen. The most important part of their Easter



Walt and Robin Jackson celebrated 48 years of marriage on Easter. Their wedding anniversary was April 8.

ter was to remember Jesus is alive.

## Easter Dinner

Wilma Thomas and her sister Milly Halterman of Norris City, formerly of Anna, celebrated Easter with dinner together.

They enjoyed some caseroles Wilma's daughters had prepared for them earlier since they all couldn't be together.

## Keeping in Touch Easter

Kenneth D. Jobe watched the Bald Knob Cross service on Channel 3 TV and contacted family on Facebook to wish them a happy Easter.

## Coloring Eggs

Curt, Bessie and Elijah Ellis enjoyed spending Easter at home. Bessie colored Easter eggs.

Martha Ann Webb dropped them off some salmon cakes, mashed potatoes and green beans.

## Drive By Birthday Wishes

Sandy Bush celebrated her birthday Monday, April 6, with friends driving by her home and honking and leaving her birthday cards and gifts.

Then her daughter Cindy Allen and son-in-law Doug took her for a surprise drive around Anna ending up at her friend Janice Lewellyn's home where two other of her friends were waiting, Janice's sister Carol and their friend Peggy. Dogs Chipper and Mickey Jo also helped her celebrate.

Later that evening Sandy enjoyed a birthday supper and cake and ice cream at Cindy, Doug and her youngest grandson Sam's. Sam and Cindy made and decorated a beautiful birthday cake for her. Her son Todd was also able to visit with her.

## News from Arkansas

Got an email from Sherree Fahlberg, who lives in Jonesboro, Ark. I had been worried about them after that tornado that went

through their city.

Sheree said they were all right. She said she lives 4 miles from where her son's family lives.

The path of the tornado passed above her son's Duxmen Outfitters lodge in Ottwell, 11 miles south of Jonesboro and headed straight over the I-555 overpass and touched down exactly in the middle between them destroying much of the middle of town.

Businesses including their Turtle Creek Mall and many homes were completely destroyed as well as the airport. Surprisingly, there were no deaths.

Sheree said she was in her 25th day of isolation from the COVID-19. She does drive her two big dogs to the park (5 minute ride) and they walk around the lake at Craighead Forest Park. The inner path, nearest the lake, is 2.5 miles. The blacktop path is 3 miles around.

Sheree said watching spring coming to life in the woods is calming.

It was good to hear from Sheree and so glad God protected their family and that there were no deaths in that terrible tornado. Sheree said there was another tornado touched down 15 miles away last Wednesday night.

## Drive By Birthdays

A drive by was scheduled at Goddards Barn and Grill to show support to Sunshine Inn and all they have been doing to keep the seniors meals each day.

## Birthdays

April 8 Jamie Blaney, Karen Middleton, 9 Nicole Kohler, Heather Goins, Jessie Ellis, 11 Shelly Glasco-Pearl, Sue Ella Rich, Sandy Hewlett, 13 Elizabeth Corbit, Sharon Jackson, 14 Tammy Woodrum, Michael Tweedy, Tim Hubbs.

## Appreciates Special Friend

My friend Carol Gordon



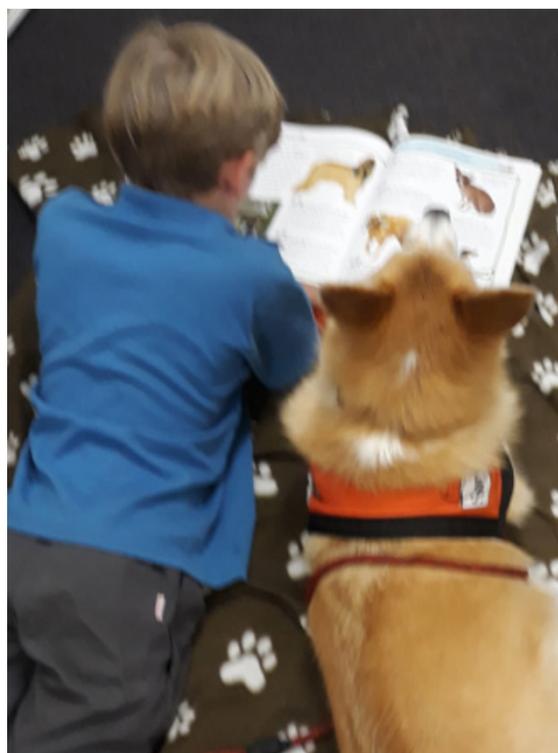
Sandy Bush celebrated her 78th birthday with a drive by birthday party planned by her daughter Cindy Allen. She sat in her front yard waving at everyone as they drove by waving and singing "Happy Birthday." Her grandson went to their car and got birthday cards and gifts and put on a table from those who brought them. Sandy said what an amazing and wonderful happy birthday and she really appreciated all their support, wishes and gifts.



Congratulations to Jordan and Alexis Rhymer of Anna on the birth of their son Jaxson Avery Rhymer, who was born on April 11, 2020.



Asher Knight celebrated his 1st birthday on Easter.



I met Suzanne Mortensen from Australia one year when we hosted the quilt show in Paducah. We have kept in contact ever since. Suzanne sent me a picture of her little Corgi Tyme with a student at their school. Corgi Tyme and Suzanne are Story Dog volunteers which means they go to a local middle school once a week where they have three remedial readers who read one on one to Suzanne's little dog. Tyme just loves her readers and the entire school loves her. It's such a successful program with amazing results as dogs are not judgmental. The children have two terms with her but once they move on they are often there to give her a cuddle before they start. They both just love going to school. Unfortunately at the moment they are not allowed to go. Their schools are open especially for the children of front line responders but volunteers are not allowed.



This cake photo came from a Bauer relative. For many years grandma Clara Bauer made this for them. Now in 2020, even the lamb cake wears a mask.

that lives down the street from me called me. She said there was a package addressed to me at her neighbors home.

The storm was about to hit. I drove my jeep down the street just in case it started pouring because I had an idea what the package was.

Sure enough and if she hadn't called me it would have been soaked. I didn't no more than get it in my jeep till it started raining and by the time I got back to my house it was pouring. I could never thank her enough.

Ever since they built the housing our mail has been getting mixed up. Most of the time it is mine being left there. My address is 118 W. Monroe St. and they put the housing just down the street in front of Lincoln School across the street.

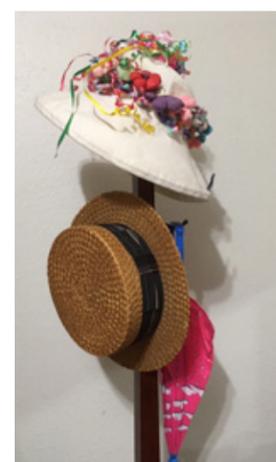
The first apartment just off West Monroe is 118 Grayland Court. You can see why someone that didn't know our city would think that was my address.

God is sure good to us. I had just walked in my door from walking Lady. The sirens had gone off while we were sitting at the post office so we decided to come home.

Carol was on the phone telling me about the package when I walked in my back door. I am so thankful to her for telling me about it. I still can't believe they left it there in front of that apartment.

At least I have a porch where it would have been dry. There was nothing there to protect it from anything. I sat in my jeep a long time when I got home before I got out because it was pouring. It may even had a little bit of hail in it. I felt something a couple times hit the jeep that sounded like it. Did you get hail where you live?

I just keep praying for



Barbara Bauer said they were asked to take photos wearing their Easter bonnets. She first thought that was a fun idea and started thinking pretty, funny, exotic. Then thought about the fix we are in with this coronavirus and didn't feel so joyous. So she put their bonnets on the hat stand saving them for a happier occasion. Barbara said they hardly fit with sweat suits for their in home Easter Sunday 2020.

God to protect us and keep us safe and all those poor animals that have to be outside.

Where in the world would the cows and horses go to get out of hail? The pigs and chickens. The dogs they leave tied outside. I always start praying for God to protect them when I hear we could get bad weather.

## Sympathy

To the family of Officer Roy Walker who went to heaven last week. Roy was an asset to our community.

Going to use a quote from one of our police officers Jason Leek. "I had the true pleasure of working side-by-side with Roy Walker during my career. He was the kind of guy who was always willing to help out in any way he could. Roy had one of the



Marie Samuel's first Quilt of Valor pieced top was long-arm machine quilted by Ann Collins. Ann is president of Little Egypt Quilters who make and present the QOV. Any veteran can be nominated and presented their quilt in a special public ceremony. Family and friends are invited when we are allowed to have public meetings again. The Little Egypt Quilters is a much newer organization and their focus is "Quilts of Valor," which they create and present to veterans, "from Mt. Vernon to Cairo," said Ann Collins, the founder and group leader of this energetic and enthusiastic group of area quilters.

biggest hearts and he truly cared about his Brothers In Blue. Let us remember always the wonderful legacy of service and help that Roy provided to so many throughout our community for so long. He will be greatly missed."

**News from Barbara Bauer**

Martha, you asked if I have any news. The big news for Easter 2020 is that there is no news. That is about family gatherings. Easter 2020, not only in Anna, Illinois, but all over the world was the strangest Easter Sunday that anyone can remember.

"Social distancing" and "stay at home" orders brought on by the Covid-19 virus pandemic made for the most humble Easter Sunday I can remember in

my 84 years. I expect our day was pretty much like most other families sequestered on a cloudy, dreary day.

We got up to watch the Bald Knob Cross of Peace service. No crowds of people were allowed at the Cross. I admired the few presenters who braved the cold and wind to make their service presentations near the base of the iconic structure.

Retired Pastor Steve McKeown used the words engraved at the base of the Cross to summarize his message.

Peace, Faith, Hope and Charity or Love are attributes to destroy despair and overcome the anxiety and selfishness that invades our world. He said the greatest command is that we love

God most of all and to love and care for our neighbors.

By the time we finished a bagel and coffee, it was time to get ready for Pastor Mark Hasty's YouTube service for Mount Moriah and Salem Lutheran Churches.

We had our Bibles, hymns and order of service so we could participate in hymns and prayers from the sofa in our living room.

Many other Union County churches sponsored this kind of service, as well. What a blessing to be able to worship together with our congregants even when we were sequestered in our own homes because of the Covid-19 virus guidelines.

The rest of the day we took advantage of the many other services, concerts and special Easter programs on TV.

For some of us this was a luxury we don't often experience. On a normal Easter we are busy with services, food and family with little time to ponder.

We are grateful we were able to fill the "emptiness" or lack of people around us, with stimulating messages of God's love in other ways.

We checked in with family members in other places and discovered they were having some of the same experiences.

We are blessed here in the heartland, to be as safe and well as we are.

We sincerely encourage everyone to be socially conscience of our obligations to one another, and follow guidelines for staying safe and healthy.

Wash hands, wear masks

and gloves, and observe social distancing until this pandemic is over.

**United Methodist Church, Anna**

Rev. David Reynolds will be conducting his messages from his home on Facebook at 10 a.m. on Sunday.

**Anna Heights Baptist Church**

The church is still having online services through the church website and on Facebook Wednesday and Sunday services.

**Census**

An accurate count of your community helps inform how hundreds of billions of dollars will get used each year for public services like clinics, schools, public transit, and hundreds of programs.

If you have not sent your

Census back there will be someone coming to your home to show you how to fill this out at a later date.

**Military Prayer List**

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

# Television Listings

**THURSDAY**

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW	
<b>6 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	To Be Announced <i>Info unavailable.</i>	Raven BUNK'D	"Casino Royale"	"Z for Zachariah"	Homeland (HD)	
<b>7 PM</b> :30	Station 19 (HD)	Young (:31) Plan	Man (HD) (:31) Man	Superstore Brooklyn	SportsCenter Special (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)		Raven Raven	Run "Run" "It: Chapter Two" (:19)	"The Marine" (:06, Thriller) (HD)	"A Dog's Journey" (:19) <i>Pet promise.</i> (HD)	
<b>8 PM</b> :30	Grey's Anatomy (HD)	(:01) Mom Broke	(:01) Mental Samurai	Will (HD) Indebted	ESPN Original Documentaries	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)		Raven Just Roll	<i>Pennywise returns to finish Losers Club.</i> (HD)	(:35) "Deadpool 2" (:18) <i>Cyborg from future.</i>	"Poms" (:19) <i>Senior cheerleaders.</i>	
<b>9 PM</b> :30	Get Away with Murder	Tommy (HD)	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Law & Order: SVU		Bang (HD)	NCIS (HD)	Unsittable Coop & Cam				
<b>10 PM</b> :30	Local Jimmy Kimmel Live	Local (:35) Late Show (HD)		Local (:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan Last O.G.	NCIS <i>Tracking Ziva.</i>	BUNK'D		(:25) Westworld (HD)	(:35) Strike Back (HD)	"Hampstead" (:17, Comedy) (HD)
<b>11 PM</b> :30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Last O.G. Conan	NCIS <i>Missing person.</i>	Jessie Jessie	Brilliant	"Lights"		

**APRIL 16, 2020**

**FRIDAY**

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	ESPN Original	"Ted" (:12, Comedy) <i>Living teddy bear.</i> (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven Raven	"Cold"	"Assassination" (:07)	(5:55) "The Upside" (:19) <i>Unlikely chemistry.</i>
<b>7 PM</b> :30	Shark Tank (HD)	Hawaii Five-0 (HD)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live) (HD)	The Blacklist (HD)	★★★ "Miracle" (:04, Drama) <i>A hockey team fights against the odds.</i>		Law & Order: SVU	★★½ "Peter Rabbit" (:18, Comedy)	★★★ "War Dogs" (:16) <i>Over their heads.</i> (HD)	"The Chronicles of Riddick" (:04) Vin Diesel.	"Rambo" (:08) <i>Thai missionaries.</i>
<b>8 PM</b> :30	20/20 <i>Latest news.</i>	Magnum P.I. (HD)		Dateline NBC <i>Investigative news.</i> (HD)			"John Wick" (:14) <i>Ex-hit man, Kingpin.</i> (HD)	Raven Unsittable Coop & Cam	Real Time Maher (HD)	Strike Back (HD)	(:35) "Traitor" (:08, Drama) <i>Domestic terrorist.</i>
<b>9 PM</b> :30	20/20 (HD)	Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>					Unsittable Coop & Cam			
<b>10 PM</b> :30	Local Jimmy Kimmel Live	Local (:35) Late Show (HD)		Local (:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Family Family	Family Coop & Cam	Sydney Coop & Cam	Missing Murder (HD)	Strike	
<b>11 PM</b> :30	Nightline	Corden		Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	ELEAGUE (HD)	Family	Jessie	Real Time Maher (HD)	"Beavis Butt-Head America"	Black Mon.

**APRIL 17, 2020**

**SATURDAY**

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) ESPN Original	"Dark Knight Rises"	"John Wick" (:14) <i>Ex-hit man, Kingpin.</i> (HD)	"Peter Rabbit" (:18)	"Good Boys" (19) (R)	Strike Back (HD)	Billions (HD)
<b>7 PM</b> :30	Shark Tank (HD)	To Be Announced	9-1-1 (HD)	To Be Announced	ESPN Original Documentaries	★★★ "Black Panther" (:18) <i>African king is challenged by a rival.</i> (HD)		Big City Big City Big City	"Stuber" A <i>mild-mannered man.</i>	(:55) "Unfaithful" (:02) <i>A woman's affair.</i> (HD)	Billions (HD)
<b>8 PM</b> :30	American Idol "This Is Me Part 2" (HD)	To Be Announced	Gordon (HD)	Dateline NBC (HD)			★★★½ "John Wick: Chapter 2" (:17) <i>Out of retirement.</i> (HD)	Big City Owl House Owl House Coop & Cam	(:35) Westworld (HD)	"Revolutionary Road" A <i>suburban couple.</i>	"Charlie Says" (:19, Drama) <i>Killers learn.</i> (HD)
<b>9 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Beat Shazam (HD)	Local Sat. Night Live (HD)	ESPN Original	Frontal		Owl House Owl House Coop & Cam	(:35) Westworld (HD)		VICE Black Mon.
<b>10 PM</b> :30	Local Programs		Local Programs	Sat. Night Live <i>Sketch comedy.</i>	SportsCenter (HD)	Last O.G.	"The Hitman's Bodyguard" (:17)	Owl House Jessie	(:35) "It: Chapter Two" (:19)	Strike Back (HD)	Homeland (HD)
<b>11 PM</b> :30	Local Programs		Local Programs		SportsCenter (HD)			Jessie			

**APRIL 18, 2020**

**SUNDAY**

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> :30	Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	Simpsons Burgers	Little Big Shots (HD)	MLB Baseball (HD)	(5:30) ★★★ "Black Panther" (:18) <i>King is challenged.</i> (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	"Zombies 2" (:20)	(5:20) "Stuber" (:19)	(:08) Strike Back (HD)	Homeland (HD)
<b>7 PM</b> :30	American Idol "This Is Me Part 2" (HD)	God Friended Me	Simpsons Duncanvil.	The Wall (HD)			Law & Order: SVU	Raven Sydney	Missing (HD)	"Can You Ever Forgive Me?" (R)	VICE VICE
<b>8 PM</b> :30		NCIS: L. A. (HD)	Burgers Fam Guy	Zoe's Extraordinary			Law & Order: SVU	Coop & Cam Unsittable	Westworld (HD)	(:50) "The Change-Up" (:11) <i>Body switching.</i>	Homeland (HD)
<b>9 PM</b> :30	The Rookie <i>Big news.</i>	NCIS: New Orleans	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Good Girls "In-cen-tive"	SportsCenter (HD)	Last O.G.	Law & Order: SVU	Unsittable Coop & Cam	Insecure	Run "Kiss"	"The Longest War" (:20) (NR)
<b>10 PM</b> :30	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Local Programs		Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	SportsCenter (HD)	"The Wolverine" (:13, Action) <i>Enemy from the past.</i> (HD)	Family Family	Raven Just Roll	Westworld (HD)	★★ "Something Borrowed" (:11)	Homeland (HD)
<b>11 PM</b> :30	(:35) Local		Local		Sports		Family	Jessie	Run "Kiss"		VICE

**APRIL 19, 2020**

**MONDAY**

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	(5:00) SportsCenter (HD)	Fam Guy Fam Guy	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Raven BUNK'D	"Stumdog Millionaire" (:09) <i>Life in the slums.</i>	"Femme Fatale" (:02)	"Barbershop" (:02)
<b>7 PM</b> :30	The Bachelor: Listen to Your Heart "Week 2"	Neighbor. Bob Hearts	9-1-1 "Eddie Begins"	The Voice "The Knockouts Part 2" (HD)		Fam Guy Fam Guy Fam Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	Raven Just Roll	Plot <i>Ensure safety.</i>	(:50) "The Gunman" (:15, Action) <i>Lost love.</i> (R)	Homeland (HD)
<b>8 PM</b> :30		All Rise <i>Legal system.</i>	(:01) Prodigal Son			Dad (HD) Dad (HD)		Unsittable Coop & Cam	My Brilliant Friend	"The Old Man & the Gun" <i>Escaped convict.</i>	House Lies America VICE DESUS &
<b>9 PM</b> :30	The Baker (HD)	Bull <i>Trial consultant.</i>	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Songland "Luis Fonsi"		Conan Seinfeld	Total Bellas (HD)	BUNK'D BUNK'D	(:15) The Plot Against America		
<b>10 PM</b> :30	Local	Local		Local (:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld Conan	Family	Jessie		"Breaking"	"Semper Fi"
<b>11 PM</b> :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)		Family	Jessie	Brilliant		

**APRIL 20, 2020**

**TUESDAY**

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	MLB Baseball (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven BUNK'D	(5:55) Real Time (HD)	"Just Like Heaven"	"Donnie Brasco" (R)
<b>7 PM</b> :30	Conners Bless Mess	NCIS <i>Military crimes.</i>	The Masked Singer	Games (HD)		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	(:55) "Die Hard 2" (:90) <i>Airport terrorists.</i> (HD)	★★★ "Crazy Rich Asians" (:18) <i>Wealthy family.</i>	Ray Donovan (HD)
<b>8 PM</b> :30	mixed-ish black-ish	Grammy Salute to Prince <i>Musicians perform.</i>	Empire (HD)	Games (HD)		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Just Roll	Plot <i>Ensure safety.</i>		Escape "Part 1" (HD)
<b>9 PM</b> :30	For Life (HD)	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	New Amsterdam (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD) Last O.G.	Law & Order: SVU	Unsittable Coop & Cam	Real Sports (HD)	(:05) "The Dilemma" (:11) <i>Revealing a secret.</i>	(:05) "Green Book" (:18, Drama) <i>South tour.</i>
<b>10 PM</b> :30	Local	Local		Local (:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan Last O.G.	Family Family	BUNK'D BUNK'D	Plot <i>Ensure safety.</i>		
<b>11 PM</b> :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	New Girl Conan	Family Family	Jessie Jessie	(:15) Westworld (HD)	Strike	(:15) "Enemies" (:19)

**APRIL 21, 2020**

**WEDNESDAY**

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Stephen A NBA Basketball (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	NCIS "Bullet-proof"	"Monkey Kingdom"	Westworld (HD)	★★½ "Annapolis" (:06)	"Sleepless" (:93) (HD)
<b>7 PM</b> :30	Goldbergs Schooled	Survivor (HD)	The Masked Singer	Chicago Med (HD)		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	WWE NXT (HD)	Born Wild: Day	Westworld (HD)	★★★ "Deja Vu" (:06) <i>Agent saves woman.</i> (HD)	The Affair (HD)
<b>8 PM</b> :30	Housewife Single	(:01) SEAL Team (HD)	(:01) Man (:31) Man	Chicago Fire (HD)		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)		"Penguins" <i>Search for home.</i> (G)	"The Nice Guys" (:16) <i>Huge conspiracy.</i> (HD)		Couples Work (HD)
<b>9 PM</b> :30	Who Wants to Be a	S.W.A.T. (HD)	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Chicago P.D. (HD)	NBA Basketball (HD)	Bang (HD) Frontal	Law & Order: SVU	Sydney	Run "Kiss"	"The Hurricane" (:00) <i>A boxer is wrongfully imprisoned.</i>	"The American President" <i>Oval Office love.</i>
<b>10 PM</b> :30	Local	Local		Local (:35) Tonight (HD)		Conan Frontal	Law & Order: SVU	Coop & Cam BUNK'D	Insecure		
<b>11 PM</b> :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Late Night	Sports	New Girl Conan	Family Family	Jessie Jessie	Plot <i>Ensure safety.</i>	"Got Game"	★★★ "Clear" (:94) (HD)

**APRIL 22, 2020**

**THURSDAY**

	SHOW
<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>NBC Brooklyn Nine-Nine</b> A talented but carefree detective must deal with an uptight new commanding officer and his odd co-workers while policing the streets of Brooklyn. TV14 (HD)
<b>7:31pm</b>	<b>CBS Man with a Plan</b> "The Ex Files" Adam and Don believe that Lowell might by trying to return to his cheating ex-wife; Bev is unhappy with a surprise side effect of Joe's pacemaker. TVPG (HD)

**FRIDAY**

	SHOW
<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>HBO War Dogs</b> ★★★ (2016, Comedy) Miles Teller, Jonah Hill. Two 20-something friends bid on U.S. military contracts and make big money, but they get in way over their heads when they must arm Afghan forces. R (HD)
	<b>DISN Peter Rabbit</b> ★★½ (2018, Comedy) Sam Neill, Rose Byrne. Peter Rabbit and his family are forced to take matter into their own hands when their new neighbor tries to bar them from a bountiful garden. PG

**SATURDAY**

	SHOW
<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>SHOW Billions</b> "The Conversation" Axe finds out Chuck has new evidence against him; Lara prepares for the Axelrod family to leave the country; Axe blames Wendy of the leak of information. TV14 (HD)
<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>USA John Wick: Chapter 2</b> ★★½ (2017, Action) Keanu Reeves, Common. Hitman John Wick is forced to come out of retirement when he learns that one of his former colleagues is plotting to seize control of an assassins' guild. R TVMA (HD)

**SUNDAY**

	SHOW
<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>HBO Atlanta's Missing and Murdered: The Lost Children</b> Local law enforcement is under tremendous pressure to make an arrest due to a rising death toll; the FBI finds a main suspect and arrest two other men. TVMA (HD)
<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>FOX Duncanville</b> "Jack's Pipe Dream" Jack decides to pursue his dreams of writing a rock opera when an alluring new plumber takes his clients away from him, but Annie tries to thwart his efforts. TV14 (HD)

**MONDAY**

	SHOW
<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>CBS All Rise</b> The complicated lives of judges, prosecutors and public defenders are explored as they work around a flawed legal process to serve justice in Los Angeles. (HD)
<b>8:30pm</b>	<b>TBS Family Guy</b> "Passenger Fatty-7" Quagmire sorts out free friends-and-family plane tickets for a guys' trip to San Francisco; the group questions Quagmire's skills of flying. TV14 (HD)

**TUESDAY**

	SHOW
<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>ABC mixed-ish</b> "All She Wants to Do is Dance" As the Johnson kids' first dance approaches, Bow must consider the social impact of her date choice for the event; Santamonica and Harrison spend time together. TVPG (HD)
	<b>NBC Ellen's Game of Games</b> "Party in the Goo, S.A." Contestants play "Runaway Bride," "Aw Snap" and "Don't Leave Me Hanging"; comics Jeff Foxworthy and Kenan Thompson join Ellen to play "Stink Tank." TVPG (HD)
<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>SHOW Couples Therapy</b> New York psychoanalyst Dr. Orna Guralnik helps a variety of couples dealing with relationship issues, including a couple revisiting a traumatic birthday. TVMA (HD)

**WEDNESDAY**

	SHOW
<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>MAX Deja Vu</b> ★★★ (2006, Science Fiction) Denzel Washington, Paula Patton. An ATF agent travels a couple of days back in time to save a woman whose body is found near a ferry explosion and winds up falling in love with her. PG-13 (HD)
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### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS

**UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING LLC, PLAINTIFF, VS.**

**SHANNON PALMIER, DEFENDANT. 19 CH 28**

**111 KIRK STREET ANNA, IL 62906**

**NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE**

**UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT**

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on January 21, 2020, Sheriff of Union County will on May 27, 2020, in UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 309 W. MARKET, JONESBORO, IL 62952, at 9:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment,

situated in the County of Union, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 14-00-08-681  
**COMMONLY KNOWN AS:** 111 Kirk Street Anna, IL 62906

Description of Improvements: White aluminum siding, one story single family home, no garage

The Judgment amount was \$45,952.30.  
Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

**IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.**

For Information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St. Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 271565

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. 13149958

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

**SOUTHERN BANK f/k/a CAPAHA BANK, Plaintiff, Vs JONATHAN CHARLES, MAEVE CHARLES, UNKNOWN OWNERS And NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No.: 2019-CH-10**

### NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above captioned matter on January 22, 2020, the Sheriff in Union County, will by public sale on **April 29, 2020, at 9 a.m.** in the Union County Courthouse, in Jonesboro, Illinois, sell at public vendue to the highest and best bidder, for cash, or cashier's check drawn on a federally or state chartered bank or savings and loan, the following described real estate:

#### Exhibit A

TRACT 1, THAT PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, AND THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST, OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 25; THENCE SOUTH 1 DEG. 45 MIN. 44 SEC. WEST ALONG THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, 408.40 FEET TO THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF ASH STREET AND THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 1 DEG. 45 MIN. 44 SEC. WEST ALONG SAID MERIDIAN, 250.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 85 DEG. 48 MIN. 53 SEC. WEST, PARALLEL TO SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY, 156.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 1 DEG. 45 MIN. 44 SEC. WEST, PARALLEL TO SAID MERIDIAN, 190.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 83 DEG. 48 MIN. 53 SEC. WEST, PARALLEL TO SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY, 106.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 16 DEG. 52 MIN. 59 SEC. EAST, 500.00 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH IRON ROD; THENCE NORTH 72 DEG. 28 MIN. 07 SEC. EAST 140.00 FEET TO THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF INTERSTATE ROUTE 57, AS FILED IN THE UNION COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE IN PLAT RECORD 4, PAGE 72; THENCE ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY WITH THE FOLLOWING COURSES: NORTH 2 DEG. 31 MIN. 32 SEC. EAST, 120.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEG. 28 MIN. 28 SEC. EAST, 80.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 2 DEG. 31 MIN. 32 SEC. EAST, 550.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 25 DEG. 05 MIN. 06 SEC. WEST, 125.30 FEET TO THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY OF THE COUNTY ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEG. 11 MIN. 22 SEC. WEST ALONG SAID

COUNTY ROAD 62.01 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, IN UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS, SUBJECT TO EXISTING EASEMENTS.

**TRACT 2.** A PERPETUAL, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS AND ALL UTILITIES, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FOREGOING TRACT 1, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, A 16 FOOT STRIP OF LAND LOCATED IN THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, THE CENTERLINE OF SAID EASEMENT BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 25; THENCE SOUTH 1 DEG. 45 MIN. 44 SEC. WEST ALONG THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, 485.20 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 18 DEG. 40 MIN. 38 SEC. WEST, 50.57 FEET, THENCE NORTH 56 DEG. 30 MIN. 12 SEC. WEST, 43.84 FEET; THENCE NORTH 82 DEG. 54 MIN. 03 SEC. WEST, 40.14 FEET TO THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF ASH STREET AND THE TERMINUS OF SAID EASEMENT. ALL PER PLAT OF SURVEY RECORDED ON FEBRUARY 25, 1994, IN RECORD BOOK 110 AT PAGE 944 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

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Tiffany Busby  
Circuit Clerk

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### NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

**State of Illinois SS County of Union**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County, Filed this 30th day of March, 2020, under the Assumed Name of The Little Hair House with the place of business located at 1505 Old Hwy. 51 N., Anna, IL 62906 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Natalie Bittle  
1505 Old Hwy. 51 N.  
Anna, IL 62906

Lance Meisenheimer  
Union County Clerk  
16-18gc

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

**ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK, f/k/a FIRST NATIONAL BANK a National Chartered Bank, Plaintiff, v. SUSAN DIXON,**

**THE CITY OF ANNA an Illinois Municipal Corporation, and UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No.: 2020CH10**

### PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Susan Dixon, The City of Anna, an Illinois Municipal Corporation, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, by the said Plaintiff against you and other defendants to foreclose a certain Mortgage covering the following described premises, to-wit:

#### EXHIBIT "A"

A PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4) OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4) OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE ONE WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, MORE PARTICULARLY BOUND-ED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: BEGINNING AT A STONE ON THE SOUTHEAST LINE OF SOUTH MAIN STREET IN THE CITY OF ANNA, ILLINOIS (SAID SOUTH MAIN STREET BEING KNOWN AS THE JONESBORO AND ANNA PUBLIC ROAD ALSO), AT A POINT OF SAID SOUTHEAST LINE WHERE THE SAME INTERSECTS WITH THE WESTLINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4) OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4) OF SAID SECTION 19; THENCE NORTH 69°, 10' EAST ALONG THE SAID SOUTHEAST LINE OF SOUTH MAIN STREET AFORESAID 2.02-3/4 CHAINS TO A STONE, THENCE SOUTH 4 1/4° EAST TO A POINT ON THE NORTHWEST LINE OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF THE STATE HARD ROAD, KNOWN ALSO AS STATE BOND ROUTE NO. 146, THENCE IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG AND UPON THE SAID NORTHWEST LINE OF SAID RIGHT OF WAY TO THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF SAID NORTHWEST LINE WITH THE AFORESAID WEST LINE OF THE SOUTH-WEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 19 AFORESAID; THENCE NORTH 4 1/4° WEST ALONG AND UPON SAID LAST MENTIONED WEST LINE TO THE INTERSECTION OF SAID WEST LINE WITH THE SOUTHEAST LINE OF SOUTH MAIN STREET AFORESAID TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF ILLINOIS, EXCEPTING THEREFROM SIXTY (60) FEET OF THE UNIFORM WIDTH OFF OF THE WEST SIDE OF THE FOREGOING-DESCRIBED TRACT, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

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

Now, therefore, unless you, the said Defendants, Susan Dixon, The City of Anna, an Illinois Municipal Corporation, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, file your answer to the Complaint in the suit, or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, in the County Courthouse in the City of Jonesboro, Illinois, on or before the 16th Day of May, 2020, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

Tiffany Busby  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Prepared by:

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**IN THE CIRCUIT  
COURT FOR THE  
FIRST JUDICIAL CIR-  
CUIT OF ILLINOIS**

**UNION COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS**

**LAKEVIEW LOAN  
SERVICING LLC,  
PLAINTIFF,**

**VS.  
SHANNON PALMIER,  
DEFENDANT.  
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**111 KIRK STREET  
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**NOTICE OF SALE  
PURSUANT TO  
JUDGMENT OF  
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**UNDER ILLINOIS  
MORTGAGE  
FORECLOSURE ACT**

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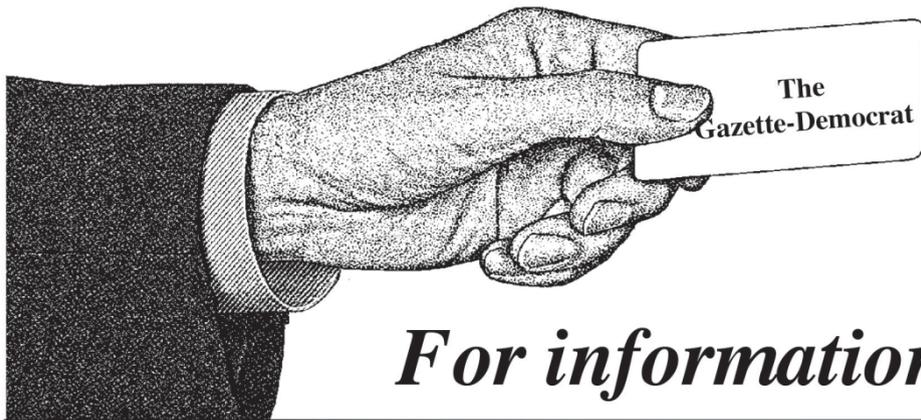
**Students participating in Guard & Discard campaign**

The Anna Junior High School Youth Advisory Committee, YAC, along with Teresa Goddard, preventionist from The Fellowship House, have been working to raise awareness about the importance of safe use, safe storage and safe disposal of prescription pain medications. A series of five Guard & Discard campaign materials have been distributed throughout Union County.

Anna Junior High School YAC members are, in the first row, Eric Chen, Payton Brust, Addyson Bailey, Zoee Sadler and Drew Sadler. In the second row are Presli Garner, Victoria Perez, Katie Sullivan, Tess Wilkins, Mia DeHarpert and Josh Williams.

Goddard said the "YAC members have taken action by stepping out to educate our community by providing information in the effort to 'End Opioid Misuse.' The YAC members also provided Permanent Drug Take Back location flyers to inform our community where they can safely dispose of unused or unwanted medications at any time throughout the year." In Union County, expired or unwanted medications can be dropped off at the Anna Police Department at 201 E. Vienna St. in Anna. Photo provided.

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# Obituaries

## Wilma Lula Loomis Egelston



Wilma Lula, nee Loomis, Egelston, 105, of Freeburg, and formerly of Salem, Chicago, Cicero and Jonesboro, died peacefully on Thursday, April 9, 2020.

She was born on June 23, 1914, in Salem, with a smile on her face and joy in her heart. She was the daughter of Lewis Leroy and Lula Schanafelt Loomis and grew up with her five siblings on the family farm, which she always treasured.

She shared stories about milking cows with her sisters and squirting their dad when he entered the barn. Wilma enjoyed sharing laughs with family and friends and had a special enthusiasm for life.

She graduated from Salem High School and on Dec. 16, 1933, married Rex Egelston in Charleston. They were married for more than sixty years until Rex's passing in 1994.

Wilma worked for many years, beginning with the Brown Shoe Company in Salem.

After she and Rex made their home in Cicero, she worked at Bradford Gear Company and then at Hotpoint as an assembler during the Second World War.

In 1947, they moved to Jonesboro, along with their sons, where she began working at the International Shoe Factory.

Wilma retired from the shoe factory and became the house mother for student nurses at Anna State Hospital, where she later served as a seamstress until her retirement.

In 2007 she moved to Cedar Trails Assisted Living Center in Freeburg, where she was closer to her son, Donald, and his family. She was a resident at Cedar Trails since the day it opened.

Wilma was a proud member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and an accomplished seamstress, having sewn most of her own clothes.

She had a zest for life and enjoyed fishing, playing cards, canning vegetables from her garden, attending family reunions, camping and traveling with family throughout the United States.

Wilma was a great teacher, sharing her skills for knitting, sewing, baking, gardening, playing cards and driving with many.

In her 80s, Wilma could be found sitting cross-legged on the floor playing games with her great-grandchildren and having lunch with friends at McDonald's.

She was devoted to her family and friends, even providing sanctuary to them in her home during the Depression.

She will forever be remembered for her chocolate chip cookies, her homemade noodles, her strawberry jam, her giggle and her spunk.

Wilma was a member of the Christian Church, (Disciples of Christ) in Anna, and frequently participated in church services offered by the Sanctuary Church at Cedar Trails in Freeburg.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rex Vernon Egelston; two sons, Asa Loomis Egelston, who died in infancy, and Richard Vernon Egelston; her parents; three sisters, Dorothea Loomis, Margaret Wheeler and Ena Williams Johnson; and two brothers, John Loomis and Earl Loomis.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Donald Rex and Elinor Egelston of Freeburg; five grandchildren, Diane R. (Troy) Johnson of DeKalb, Denise R. (Jeffrey) Burkett of Neenah, Wis., Dawn R. Egelston (Michael Schmidt) of Newark, Ohio, Chris (Robin) Egelston of Carterville and Victoria (Steve) Mausey of Arnold, Mo.; a daughter-in-law, Kathleen Egelston of Carterville; nine great-grandchildren, Daniel Burkett, Nicholas Burkett, Courtney Burkett, Adam Burkett, Katherine Johnson, Thomas Johnson, Kristin Johnson, Samuel Egelston Schmidt and Rachel Schmidt; two step-great-grandchildren, Sean (Carol) Greenlee and Sara (Ben) Greenlee Craft; four step-great-great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Maurine Millies of Burlington, Wis.; and special nieces Deanna Dent of Belleville and Linda Gudaitis of Twin Lakes, Wis.; in addition to many other nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Hoots Chapel Church, 5276 Hoots Chapel Rd., Salem, Ill. 62881 or to the Sanctuary Church, 998 N. State St., Freeburg, Ill. 62243.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.rennerfh.com](http://www.rennerfh.com).

Graveside services will take place at the East Lawn Cemetery in Salem. Due to the ongoing national emergency, graveside services will be private and a celebration of her life will take place at a later date.

George Renner & Sons Funeral Home in Freeburg is in charge of arrangements.

## Roy Walker

Roy E. Walker, 61, of Jonesboro, died Friday, April 10, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

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.

## Colleen Deppe

Colleen C. Deppe, nee Muren, 89, of Swansea, was born on Aug. 15, 1930, in Belleville, and died Tuesday, April 7, 2020, at Freeburg Care Center in Freeburg.

Mrs. Deppe worked as a bank teller for the firm Magna Bank before her retirement.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George Sr. and Vera, nee Wagner, Muren; and three brothers, George Muren Jr., Kenneth Muren and Bill Muren.

Surviving are her husband, Paul W. Deppe of Belleville; three sons, John Deppe (Cathy Robertson), of Marine, Tim (Sandy) Deppe of Belleville and Jeff (Maureen) Deppe of Belleville; four grandchildren, Brent Deppe, Taylor Deppe, Tom Deppe and Ali Deppe; three great-grandchildren, Cora Deppe, Cameron Deppe and Eden Deppe; two sisters, Janet (Ronald) Kuper and Carol Kassebaum; a sister-in-law, Mary Muren; and nieces and nephews.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.rennerfh.com](http://www.rennerfh.com).

Private graveside services will be held at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis.

George Renner & Sons Funeral Home in Belleville is in charge of arrangements.

## Jim 'John' Smith

Jim "John" Smith, 83, of Jonesboro, died Tuesday, April 7, 2020, in Cobden.

He was born on Oct. 18, 1936, in Salem, the son of Sam and Gladys Phelps Smith.

He married Betty J. Shepard on May 9, 1959. She preceded him in death on July 1, 2008.

He is survived by his daughter, Sandra (Charles) Clements; his grandchildren, Floyd, Stephen, Gene and Katie Smith and Jimmy Dodson; 13 great-grandchildren; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death his wife; his parents; two sons, Samuel and Scott Smith; and his siblings.

He had worked as a farm hand, primarily at local orchards.

Private graveside services and interment will take place at Casper Cemetery near Anna.

Memorials can be made to the family and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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.



## Street pantry in Anna

A street pantry offering free food for anyone was seen last week in the yard of a residence along West Lewis Avenue in Anna.



## Customer capacity limits announced

The Kroger Family of Companies on April 6 announced the adoption of customer capacity limits to further encourage physical distancing in stores. Beginning April 7, the retailer began to limit the number of customers to 50 percent of the international building code's calculated capacity to allow for proper physical distancing in every store. Kroger said that under its new reduced capacity limits, the number is 1 person per 120 square feet. Grocery carts were being used to create a pathway to enter the Kroger store in Anna.

## COVID-19 rules unlikely to ease by end of April

By Rebecca Anzel  
Capitol News Illinois  
[ranzel@capitol-newsillinois.com](mailto:ranzel@capitol-newsillinois.com)

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. JB Pritzker said Thursday, April 9, one month since he issued a state of emergency, it is "unlikely" his stay-at-home order can be lifted safely before April 30 and organizers of large summer events "need to think seriously" about canceling them.

The Illinois Department of Public Health reported an additional 1,344 confirmed cases of the novel coronavirus disease, COVID-19, bringing the state total to 16,422 in 81 of Illinois' 102 counties.

Dr. Ngozi Ezike, the department's director, said 66 residents died in the past 24 hours from Cook, DuPage, Effingham, Kane, Kankakee, Lake, Rock Island, St. Clair and Will counties. In total, the state has had 528 fatalities caused by coronavirus.

"From my perspective today, I do not see how we're going to have large gatherings of people again until we have a vaccine, which is months and months away,"

Pritzker said.

"I would not risk having large groups of people getting together anywhere, and I think that's hard for everybody to hear, but it's just a fact."

The governor added an increase in testing residents, tracing social spread of COVID-19 and treating those who are ill are "not enough" for him to greenlight large scale festivals, fairs and other events.

The number of cases and virus-related deaths in Illinois is still rising, Pritzker said.

"Everybody needs to know that if we are improving, and it's still up in the air, but if we are improving here in the state, it is because people are staying at home," he said.

"...We need this curve to bend, and then we can begin to talk about how we can begin to open things up a little bit more."

Even if the public health situation in Illinois begins to improve by the month's end, state officials will consider other rules and restrictions to implement moving forward.

"It isn't going to be that

all the sudden you're going to drop the stay-at-home and every other restriction," Pritzker said, "and that's because there is a propensity that if you do that, we're going to see a big spike upward and again, hospitalizations, ICU beds filled, vents filled and more death."

Since March 9, when the governor issued a disaster proclamation in response to the novel coronavirus pandemic, his administration limited gatherings to no more than 10 people, closed restaurants and bars to dine-in, enacted a stay-at-home order and shuttered schools.

State officials also increased Illinois' health care capacity by creating five alternative care facilities, ordered ventilators, purchased personal protective equipment in bulk and asked medical professionals who were retired or about to graduate school to staff institutions across Illinois.

"During the last month, we have experienced tremendous tragedy — we have lost hundreds of Illinoisans, each one a person of immeasurable worth to their families, their friends, and

their communities and to this state," Pritzker said.

"Thousands more are fighting in our hospital systems for their lives and many, many thousands more are recovering or have already recovered at home."

### Other Notes

The governor said implementing the next minimum wage increase in July, as dictated by statute the General Assembly approved last year, is still important. The minimum wage, which increased to \$9.25 from \$8.25 on Jan. 1 will increase again to \$10 on July 1.

The scheduled raise is "very small," Pritzker said, and the economic situation created by the pandemic should "indicate to you more than ever before" why it should be done.

Ezike said while some hospitals across the state might be reaching their patient capacity, there are other facilities nearby that can continue to receive ill Illinoisans. Her agency divided the 211 hospitals in the state into regions, and through monitoring, officials know how many beds and ventilators are free at which hospitals.

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# Opinion and Commentary

## Illinois drivers, farmers urged to practice safety

COVID-19 has hit the pause button for millions of people in Illinois – but that does not include the state’s farmers.

The warming spring weather sets the stage for a very busy time in farm fields across Illinois. This means a lot more farm vehicular traffic on Illinois’ roadways over the next few weeks.

While the state’s stay-at-home mandate has reduced vehicular traffic overall, it doesn’t change the fact that spring planting season is one of the most dangerous times for farmers – both on the roads and in the fields.

“Farmers are the backbone of our state’s economy, and I know how hard they work this time of the year. But in the rush to get the 2020 crop in, we urge them to use caution while sharing the road,” said Michael Kleinik, director of the Illinois Department of Labor. “We all want farmers to head home to their families safe and sound at the end of each day.”

Vehicle safety is an especially important focus this time of year. Tractor overturns are the leading cause of fatalities in the agriculture industry, according to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. These accidents result in about 130 deaths each year nationwide.

While tractor roll-over accidents most often occur on the farm, roadways also pose a major safety hazard. Too often a vehicle attempting to pass causes a collision before the tractor or farm implement can finish a left-hand turn. Such collisions occur simply because the driver fails to reduce speed for the slower moving farm implement.

Impatience and speed are a deadly combination on rural roads this time of year. Visibility is also a key to road safety. All agricultural vehicles using the public roadways must display the fluorescent orange Slow Moving Vehicle triangle.

Additionally, tractors and other self-powered farm vehicles must have proper lighting. According to Illinois law:

- Lighting is required from 30 minutes before sunset to 30 minutes after sunrise.

- There should be two white lamps on the front of the vehicle, visible from at least 1000 feet to the front of the vehicle.

- There should be two red lamps on the rear of the vehicle, visible from at least 1000 feet to the rear of the vehicle.

- There should be at least one flashing amber signal lamp on the rear of the vehicle, mounted as high as possible and visible from at least 500 feet, which can be used during daylight as well.

Drivers should remember that farm vehicle operators have limited visibility to the rear. Anyone passing such a vehicle needs to use extreme caution.

Modern farm equipment provides effective safety devices if they are used properly. Death and serious injury from tractor roll overs can be prevented by roll-over protective structures – a roll bar or cage designed to provide a safe space around the driver.

Too often workers fail to use a vital part of this safety device – a safety belt. Always buckle up.

Modern farm equipment can also invite farmers to push their limits. No one is as safe as they should be when they are tired, hungry or thirsty. Rest. Nutrition. Hydration. Tractors aren’t the only things that need maintenance and fuel to function properly.

## A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, April 16, 1970

The majority of school districts in Union County report a good vote cast in the election held Saturday, April 11, for members of the various Boards of Education throughout the county. The majority of the districts had contests.

The Illinois Central Railroad has received federal approval to discontinue two passenger trains serving the Union County area, effective as of Sunday, April 12.

Barring complications, such as hail, high winds or colder weather, the peach blossoms in the area will continue throughout the remainder of the week, according to local orchardists.

The Davie School Spring Carnival sponsored by the PTA of the school will be held tonight, Thursday, April 16, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

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### Peach Blossoms And Mountain Lions Both?

Peach blossoms have been the center of attraction in Southern Illinois each spring for the past 150 years, but nobody before has ever had the opportunity to enjoy the blossoms and go on an honest-to-goodness mountain lion hunt the same day.

Bill Baggott and Wayman Presley of Makanda, both experienced outdoorsmen, say that at least two of these great cats have been roaming the Shawnee and private forests west of Makanda for several months. Thousands of their tracks, as large as cow tracks, have been seen by many people and their screams have been heard many times but they have never been sighted.

Baggott and Presley want at least 400 people to help surround the area on foot and all walk around the thick pine forests in the center into which they hope the great cats will be driven. No guns will be allowed on the drive.

Everyone is invited, say Baggott and Presley. All should wear clothing suitable for rough walking. Those with portable walkie-talkies will be especially helpful. These animals are extremely shy and difficult to see, but this just might work, they hope. If it does, these will be the first wild mountain lions ever seen in Southern Illinois since the coming of (the) white man as far as can be learned.

Organization for the “drive” will begin at the McGuire and Son orchard three miles south of Carbondale on U.S. 51 at 12 noon Sunday, April 19. Peach blossoms may also be enjoyed there, especially by those arriving earlier. The area to be covered is about two square miles.

## Please read this...

By Geof Skinner



We’re sharing this image for the very simple reason that we just happen to like snakes. I’m guessing that most folks don’t think that a snake is anywhere near as cute as a young fox.

## Al Kaline...John Prine...and some other stuff...

This week, how about a challenge for all you song writers out there?

See if you can up with some sort of lyrical expression about Al Kaline and John Prine. Maybe a song about the two of them, with a little bit of the coronavirus thrown in, just because.

I’m guessing that a lot of folks around our little corner of the world know who John Prine is. Al Kaline, maybe not so much. Mr. Prine wrote a few songs. Mr. Kaline hit baseballs. Both passed away recently: Mr. Kaline on April 6, Mr. Prine on April 7.

Al Kaline was one of my boyhood heroes. Back in the day, Mr. Kaline, uniform number 6, played right field for the Detroit Tigers. I think I actually got to see him play in the now-just-a-memory Tiger Stadium in Detroit. I say “I think” because the memory is a bit uncertain.

For those of you who may not know such things, yours truly is originally from Detroit, Michigan. Well, Wayne, Michigan, to be more specific.

My dad was a big fan of Detroit’s professional sports teams: the National Hockey League’s Detroit Red Wings, the National Football League’s Detroit Lions and Major League Baseball’s American League team, the Detroit Tigers.

As a kid, yours truly wrote a letter to Al Kaline to see if he might send along an autograph. I did receive a postcard in response. I don’t think he signed the memento himself. I still have the postcard.

Long-time and legendary Detroit Tigers broadcaster Ernie Harwell wrote a book in 2001 titled “Stories From My Life in Baseball.” Thanks to a special person in our life, I have an autographed copy of Mr. Harwell’s book.

One of the chapters in “Stories From My Life in Baseball” is headlined: “Classy pro Kaline tops my Tigers.” Mr. Harwell described Mr. Kaline as “The consummate pro for 22 seasons. A brilliant fielder and clutch hitter. Too bad this great team player appeared in only one World Series.”

The Journey Through Life ended up bringing your writer to Southern Illinois. Along the way, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, of all places, I became a fan of the St. Louis Cardinals. Never forgot about Al Kaline, though.

Mr. Harwell mentioned that Mr. Kaline appeared in only one World Series. That was in 1968. Against the St. Louis Cardinals. The Tigers, and Mr. Kaline, defeated the Cardinals.

By the way – the Detroit Free Press newspaper noted on its website that in his obituary, Mr. Kaline’s family shared the following message: “In lieu of flowers or donations, the Kaline family asks that you reach out to someone you love and check in on them during this unprecedented and challenging time of need, and to be sure to thank our military, police, fire/EMS and front line care givers in any way you can.”

I honestly cannot tell you if John Prine wrote any songs about baseball. I know a couple of folks who probably know if he did. One of those folks actually met Mr. Prine, by chance, I believe.

For those of you who may be unfamiliar with Mr. Prine, NPR described him as a “a wry and perceptive writer whose songs often resembled vivid short stories.” Yup.

When I heard about Mr. Prine’s passing, memories of two of his songs stirred the dust in the bin between my ears.

One of the songs, “Please Don’t Bury Me,” features words that go...

“Please don’t bury me Down in that cold, cold ground No, I’d rather have ‘em cut me up And pass me all around” “Throw my brain in a hurricane And the blind can have my eyes And the deaf can take both my ears If they don’t mind the size” “Give my feet to the footloose Careless, fancy free And give me knees to the needy...”

The other John Prine song which flashed through my simple little mind is called “Paradise.” Maybe you know this one, which is about going “back to Muhlenberg County Down by the Green River where Paradise lay.”

Over the years, while motoring through Western Kentucky, we’ve gone back to Muhlenberg County many times...and driven on a bridge over the Green River. “Paradise” often has served as the sound track for our journey...

Enough about a baseball player and a song writer... but I’d still like to see/hear a song about Mr. Kaline and Mr. Prine...

...meanwhile...

Lots of folks are learning about homeschooling these days. We have experienced that educational adventure... not because of a pandemic, though.

Not all that long ago, we would have said something like “homeschool is not for everybody.” Well...how that has changed, at least for now.

Learning your young ‘uns at home can be a wonderful experience. You might especially want to focus on grammar. Just remember that you ain’t ‘posed to pay no attention to the scribbles of a third-rate journalist.

With that in mind, and just for fun, I’ll share a rather interesting “Homeschool Schedule” The Other Half discovered on social media:

9:00 Intro to Toilet Flushing

9:15 Lab: Turning Off a Light Switch and Closing a Door

9:30 Lecture Series: Why We Don’t Eat the Food Under the Cushions

10:00 Group Project: How to Stop Making Unnecessary Noise

10:30 How to Close a Cheez-Its Bag

11:00 Lecture Series: It’s Not All About You

11:30 Covering a Cough 101

12:30 Lecture Series: What Happens When We Eat All the Froot Loops in One Day

1:00 Advanced Chew with Your Mouth Closed

1:30 Lecture Series: The Importance of Changing Underwear

2:00 Field Trip: How to Have Fun Without Leaving the Porch

2:30 Lecture Series: Reading is Not Punishment

3:00 How to Fill Twelve Hours of Screen Time

Stay safe.



An early morning tip in the checkout line at the grocery store led the photographer to this special display at 106 Young Ave. in Anna. The display involved the creative efforts of Jacob Stamp, Matt and Christina Westbrook and Joshua Middleton. Maybe Jack Skellington was somewhere in the neighborhood...