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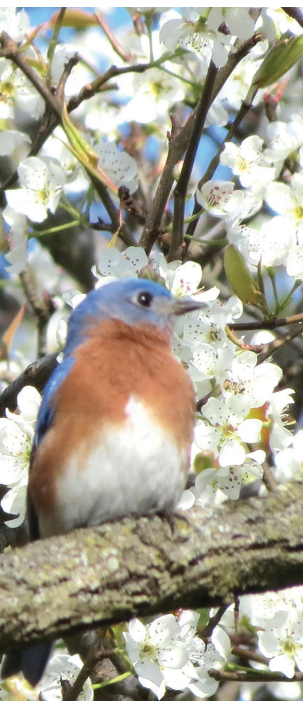
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## News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area



A male bluebird found a perch on a branch amid bright spring blossoms on a tree in Union County.

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The Shawnee School District posted information on social media about a Traveling Tribe Parade on Friday, March 27. The parade gave teachers a chance to see students in the district from East Cape Girardeau to Grand Tower...with social distancing in place. "We miss our students so much and can't wait to see your smiling faces," a social media message shared.

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Thanks to donations, the Union County Ambulance Service was treated to lunch last Friday.

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Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel says every effort is being made to ensure the safety of deputies, dispatchers and the people they come in contact with. "We're just exercising more caution," the sheriff said.

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A number of local churches are continuing to livestream their services.

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WSIL-TV reported that Farmers State Bank in Marion arranged to have 3,000 face shields available to 26 hospitals in Southern Illinois, based on need.

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## Remote Learning Days begin for Illinois schools

Illinois State Superintendent of Education Dr. Carmen I. Ayala on Friday, March 27, declared that Remote Learning Days would begin for schools statewide on March 31 and continue until in-person instruction can resume.

During Remote Learning Days, schools may implement either an E-Learning Plan or a Remote Learning Day Plan that provides students with instruction and access to educators through whatever means possible.

Schools may use up to five Remote Learning Planning Days at any time after March 30 to work on Remote Learning Day Plans in partnership with their collective bargaining units.

Remote Learning Days, Remote Learning Planning Days, and Act of God Days count as actual student attendance days.

All of these days count toward the minimum length of the school year and absolutely do not need to be made up.

The Illinois State Board of Education, ISBE, convened a Remote Learning Advisory Group of teachers, students, paraprofessionals, related service personnel, principals, and district and regional superintendents to make recommendations to support educators, students, and families during Remote Learning Days.

The recommendations provide overarching best practices for instruction, grading, communication, social-emotional needs, content selection and delivery, family engagement, and other important concerns, as well as specific guidance for different grade bands, English Learners, and students with disabilities.

"I am deeply grateful to the 63 members of the Remote Learning Advisory Group for giving their time and their expertise to help ISBE and schools across the state navigate a new way of teaching, learning, and caring for our students," Ayala said in a news release which announced the plans.

"We continue to be awed

by the phenomenal creativity, resilience, empathy, and problem-solving prowess of Illinois' educators, administrators, and students. The stories we see every day on social media, in the news, and in our email show us just how focused our educators are on supporting our children in this time of crisis."

The Remote Learning Recommendations strongly encourage that school districts' local grading policies during Remote Learning Days embrace the principle of "no educational harm to any child" and that school districts adopt grading models of pass or incomplete.

The Recommendations state that "Grading should focus on the continuation of learning and prioritize the connectedness and care for students and staff. All students should have the opportunity to redo, make up, or try again to complete, show progress, or attempt to complete work assigned prior to the remote learning period in that time frame."

A focus on keeping children emotionally and physically safe, fed, and engaged in learning should be our first priority during this unprecedented time."

ISBE has partnered with other agencies and advocates to provide additional clarity on other key topics.

ISBE released joint guidance with the Illinois Board of Higher Education and Illinois Community College Board to advise secondary and postsecondary institutions in Illinois on supporting and accommodating students who are enrolled in dual credit courses during the suspension of in-person instruction.

ISBE also met with the Illinois Federation of Teachers, Illinois Education Association, Illinois Association of School Administrators, and Illinois Principals Association to update the joint guidance regarding pay and work-

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## Bears are out there...



## 'Teddy Bear Hunts' are helping children to feel safer during coronavirus lockdown

Take a drive around town these days in the Union County area when it is possible, and you might see a bear out there.

The bears are a way to help make children feel a little safer during a very challenging time.

Stuffed animals are appearing in windows, and in other places, around the world as part of "Teddy Bear Hunts" for children.

USA TODAY reported on its website that the "Teddy Bear Hunts" are "uniting neighborhoods and giving children an exciting, social-distancing-safe scavenger hunt activity during coronavirus lockdowns."

"The hunts are inspired by Michael Rosen's 1989 children's book 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt,' which opens with the lines, 'We're going on a bear hunt/We're going to catch a big one/What a beautiful day!/We're not scared.'"

TIME magazine shared online that "with families

around the world abiding by social distancing guidelines recommended by health experts and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) officials to curb the further spread of coronavirus, neighborhood 'bear hunts' are becoming all the rage in some areas."

"Taking a page from Rosen's, members of a number of communities across the globe are placing teddy bears and other stuffed animals in their homes' windows to create a scavenger hunt-esque activity for kids who are stuck at home."

"While taking walks or drives around the neighborhood with their parents, kids in participating communities can have some fun by keeping an eye out for any number of stuffed animals that have been put on display at other houses."

Two moms in Union County, Rebecca Middleton Nesbit and Jessi Clark Watson, posted on social media

that they wanted to join in encouraging "a fun and safe and healthy local activity for our children during this tough time."

Martha Ann Webb reported in her Anna News column for this week that Watson wanted her twins to have something to do while they were quarantined so she asked people to put bears in their windows.

People in Anna, Jonesboro and even in the country joined in putting bears and stuffed animals in windows, on porches and in their yards. Even on a mail box with a monkey in a tree.

Last count there were over 50 homes and businesses with bears or other stuffed animals. Young and old were joining in the safari to find the bears.

The accompanying photographs of stuffed animals were seen last Saturday morning during a drive through parts of Anna.

## Union County Courthouse welcomes special visitor



### A special visitor

Snowball was keeping an eye on the world from high on a ledge at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro late last Friday morning.

The appearance of a special visitor has brought some cheer to the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro in the midst of the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

The visitor is a white dove who has become known at the courthouse as Snowball.

Snowball showed up at the courthouse at about the same time that the pandemic was becoming a focus of concern.

Nobody is sure where Snowball came from, or why it decided to visit the courthouse.

At one point, Snowball was captured and taken to the Union County animal control shelter, which is located between Anna and Cobden.

The animal control program posted a message

about Snowball on social media.

The message explained that the "beauty...was hanging out at the UC Court House. It was banded with the number 16, but no other marks. We found out that is the year it was hatched. Who do we contact for found doves? Is there anyone around here that has some that would like to add a bird to their flock?"

Snowball was taken home by a local resident, but apparently got loose and made its way back to the courthouse in Jonesboro.

As of late last week, Snowball could be seen perched on a ledge at the courthouse, high above the ground.

Food is being made available for the special visitor. It's said that Snowball especially likes black sunflower seeds.



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**A message to remember**

An electronic sign on the campus of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School has been sharing a special message during the past week. Union County public schools are closed due to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

**News Notes**

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A community yard sale which had been scheduled for May 9 in the Village of Cobden has been cancelled. The event may be rescheduled for October.

Due to evolving concerns related to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, the Village of Cobden has postponed a meeting of the village's TIF Joint Review Board until Thursday evening, April 23.

The Bald Knob Cross of Peace is posting "Inspiration from the Cross" messages on Facebook.

"Operational adjustments" have been made for the 2020 Census in response to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

Meanwhile, the City of Anna reported on social media that the Union County community's 34.2 percent Census response rate is one of the top 10 response rates in the country.

A Cobden Village Board of Trustees Scholarship Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday evening, April 27.

The Union County Country Club in Anna posted a

**Remote learning**

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Additionally, Gov. JB Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-15, issued Friday, suspends state assessments for spring 2020, including the Constitution exam.

This action officially ends assessment activity statewide for the Illinois Assessment of Readiness, Illinois Science Assessment, SAT and Dynamic Learning Maps-Alternate Assessment for the 2019-20 school year.

ISBE recognizes that the free SAT provided by the state is the only opportunity many students get to take a college entrance exam.

ISBE is working with the College Board on developing options to allow current 11th grade students to take the SAT in the fall.

ISBE has refreshed its comprehensive guidance document with all of this information, as well as updated guidance on driver's education, nutrition, flexibility in expending grant funds, and Early Childhood Block Grant recipients providing child care to the children of essential workers.

More information can be found at [www.isbe.net/covid19](http://www.isbe.net/covid19).

message on March 21 that it was closed until further notice.

The first Illinois spring turkey hunting season is scheduled April 6-10. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources noted on social media that "while Illinois' state parks, fish and wildlife areas and historic sites remain temporarily closed, hunters and anglers who wish to hunt or fish during the 'Stay at Home' order may do so provided they have the appropriate licensing and permits and are hunting or fishing on private property or at sites which are currently open to the public."

Railroad crossings at Spring Street, Green Street and Kratzinger Hollow Road in, and near, Anna were scheduled to be closed Tuesday, March 31, and possibly Wednesday, April 1, for repair work.

The City of Anna noted on social media that it is still accepting applications for pool manager and head lifeguard positions. The application deadline is April 3. For details, contact Anna City Hall.

Something "normal"? Folks have been mowing their lawns in Union County.

Another sign of the time? Folks are grateful to be able to purchase a package of toilet paper.

The Southern Illinois Earth Science Club has cancelled its 2020 gem, mineral, fossil and jewelry show, which had been scheduled for April 4-5 in Marion.

**Cairo bridge closing planned**

The Illinois Department of Transportation, IDOT, is alerting motorists traveling in the Cairo area that the U.S. Route 60/62 bridge over the Mississippi River was scheduled to be closed to all traffic for routine inspection.

IDOT reported that the closures were scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. Monday, March 30.

The closures are scheduled to continue through noon Thursday, today, and from 8 a.m. Monday, April 6, through noon Thursday, April 9.

The bridge is scheduled to be open to all traffic from 5:30 p.m. to 7 a.m. each night.

IDOT District 9 updates can be found on Twitter and at <http://twitter.com/IDOTDistrict9>.

Southern Seven Health Department executive director Rhonda Andrews-Ray on March 27 shared the following update about the coronavirus/COVID-19 situation:

To the Residents of the Southern 7 Counties,

At this time Southern Seven Health Department is still implementing measures to keep our residents and staff safe from COVID-19.

Southern Seven Health Department is open and

continuing to see WIC and Public Health patients via our "pull-up" policy.

Head Start sites are still closed. Meals are being prepared a week at a time and handed out to the Head Start children and any child that wants them.

In the Southern 7 Region (Alexander, Hardin, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski, and Union counties), NO people have tested positive for COVID-19. I anticipate this fact to change in the days and weeks ahead.

**State reports 461 new COVID-19 cases**

By Jerry Nowicki  
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SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Public Health reported 461 new cases of COVID-19 and eight new deaths in the state Monday as an outbreak worsened at Stateville Correctional Center in Crest Hill.

IDPH said one of the deceased was an inmate at Stateville, and 12 other inmates from the facility are now hospitalized with several requiring ventilators. IDPH said 77 others imprisoned at the facility have symptoms and are in isolation, and 11 prison staff members are isolated as well.

"The Illinois Department of Corrections is taking a number of steps to control the spread of COVID-19 in its correctional centers," according to a news release.

"Staff who work with individuals in isolation and quarantine, as well as in the health center, are wearing full personal protective equipment (PPE) and all staff are wearing some PPE. Staff are also having their temperature checked daily as they enter the facility."

IDPH said correctional centers with a confirmed case are placed on lockdown, meaning the only movement in the facility is for medical care, and incarcerated individuals who show symptoms are being tested.

The eight deaths reported Monday were all in people over 50 years of age, with five in their 60s and one in their 70s across four counties.

Clark, Crawford, Marion, Randolph and Saline counties are now reporting cases, meaning the disease has been confirmed in 52 counties in the state, although medical experts have repeatedly warned that the spread is much wider than has been tested.

Our most immediate message to our community is: STAY ALERT!

COVID-19 is quickly spreading throughout the United States and State of Illinois!

The first confirmed case of COVID-19 was diagnosed in the United States on January 20, 2020.

Within two months, the United States has more confirmed cases of the coronavirus than any country in the world, surpassing China, where the pandemic began.

There are now more than 85,000 cases in America and nearly 1,300 deaths, according to Johns Hopkins University.

In Illinois, the first case of COVID-19 was diagnosed on January 24, 2020.

Within two short months, there has been 2,583 diagnosed cases in Illinois of which 673 were diagnosed just yesterday.

To date, there have been 26 deaths in 37 counties in Illinois.

To put all of this into perspective, throughout the entire H1N1 pandemic in 2009, in Illinois there were a total of 3,387 state confirmed cases of H1N1 with 111 deaths. Only one H1N1 case was diagnosed within the southern seven counties.

In Illinois, the number of cases can be reduced by adhering to public health

guidance on social distancing which includes staying at home.

Other guidance includes; washing hands frequently, disinfecting commonly touched surfaces, and staying home when you are ill. COVID-19 shares many symptoms with more common respiratory diseases.

If you have a fever, cough or difficulty breathing, you need to call your health care provider for further guidance.

There have been four, COVID-19 hotlines established for residents of the Southern 7 region. These are:

Massac Memorial Hospital, 1-618-638-1344 (7 a.m. to 7 p.m. line).

Southern Illinois Healthcare, 1-844-988-7800 (24-hour line).

3. St. Francis Medical Center, 1-573-331-4200 (7 a.m. to 5 p.m. line).

Baptist Health, 1-888-227-8478 (24-hour line).

For more information, please visit [cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://cdc.gov/coronavirus) or [idph.illinois.gov](http://idph.illinois.gov).

You can also call the IDPH Hotline with questions at 1-800-889-3931.

We have established a page on our website ([southern7.org/coronavirus](http://southern7.org/coronavirus)) where you can find information. You can also follow us on Facebook or Instagram for updates.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Village of Cobden will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 20, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at the Cobden Village Hall for the purpose of consideration of the Revised Budget for 2019-2020 and the proposed Budget for fiscal year 2020-2021. After such hearing, the proposed Budget, as presented or as revised after the Public Hearing, shall be passed without any further inspection, notice or hearing. Copies of the proposed budgets are available at the Village Hall. The hearing is open to the public.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



**April 12 - Easter Sunrise Service**  
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**April 26 - Blessing of the Bikes**  
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**May 9 - Blessing of the Jeeps**  
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**Answering the call**

Even in the midst of the nationwide coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, emergency services personnel are answering the call of those in need. The Cobden and Alto Pass volunteer fire departments responded to a call for a house fire which occurred at about 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26. The residence was located along Vines Road near Cobden.

**Community supports Union County Hospital**

Union County Hospital in Anna on March 25 put out a call for N95 masks and other items.

The hospital shared the following information about its need for the masks...and the response:

**March 25**  
Surplus N95 Masks? We

are currently reaching out to local businesses and industries that use commercially manufactured masks (N95), goggles that provide full eye protection (front and sides) and clear plastic face shields, like the construction industry.

While our current sup-

plies are not low right now, we want to be prepared for our community.

If your organization has surplus masks and other PPE that you can donate to our hospital, we ask that you please call and talk to our Materials Management Director to make arrangements.

We are all in this together and together we can beat COVID-19.

**March 27**

Do we have the greatest community or what?!!!!

Thank you Wally Britt and Cobden Jr-Sr High!

They responded to our request to local businesses and industries that utilize N95 masks, and other Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and provided us with these important supplies.

We appreciate their donation and wanted to let everyone know of their generosity during this time.

Please know that while our N95 mask supplies are not low right now, we want to be prepared for our community.

If your organization has surplus N95 masks that you can donate to our hospital, we ask that you please call and talk to our Materials Management Director to make arrangements.

Right now we are not accepting donations from individuals. We are all in this together and together we can beat COVID-19.

**Kiwanis egg hunt canceled**

An Easter season tradition in Anna has been canceled for 2020.

The Anna Kiwanis Club has sponsored an Easter egg for the children of the community for many years.

This year's egg hunt had been scheduled for Saturday, April 4.

However, due to the ongoing impact of the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, this year's egg hunt will not be held.

**Cobden cancels board meeting**

An April 6 meeting of the Cobden Village Board of Trustees has been cancelled.

As of early this week, an April 20 budget public hearing remains scheduled as part of a board meeting. Social distancing will be enforced.

Those who may want to see a copy of the revised budget, and the 2019-2020 revised budget, can contact Cobden Village Hall by email at cobdenvillage@gmail.com or by calling 893-2425.

**River flood warnings continue this week in area**

Flood warnings continued this week for the Mississippi River at Cape Girardeau and Thebes and for the Big Muddy River near Murphysboro.

The website for the National Weather Service office in Paducah shared the following information about flooding in the region:

**Mississippi River at Cape Girardeau**

At 7:43 p.m. Monday, March 30, the river's stage was 36.7 feet. Flood stage is 32.0 feet.

A flood warning remains in effect until further notice.

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

The river was expected to fall to a stage of 36.3 feet by Wednesday morning, April 1.

**Mississippi River at Thebes**

At 7:43 p.m. Monday, the river's stage was 36.0 feet. Flood stage is 33.0 feet.

A flood warning remains in effect until Wednesday, April 8.

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 April 8.

**Big Muddy River near Murphysboro**

At 10:30 a.m. Monday, the river's stage was 25.0 feet. Flood stage is 22.0 feet.

A flood warning continues until Sunday morning, April 5.

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

The river is expected to continue to fall to below flood stage by Sunday morning.

**Health department launches 2020 'Census Challenge'**

Southern Seven Health Department is working hard to promote participation in the 2020 Census by area residents.

This week, the health department has launched a "Census Challenge."

The health department shared the following message about the "Challenge":

"The 2020 Census is a great activity to do while you're sheltering in place because it can be done online at 2020Census.gov, by phone, and by mail.

"Simply take a photo or video of you and/or your family completing your census and post it on the

Southern Seven Health Department Facebook page.

"Then share to a friend's page asking them to do the same.

"Let's keep this challenge going. The prize is... the more people who complete their census, the more \$ our communities will have for emergency preparedness (such as pandemics/earthquakes/flooding), schools, hospitals, clinics, meal programs, senior citizen programs, roads, and many more services for the next 10 YEARS! Let's go!"

**Weather Stormy Saturday; high of 80 degrees**

Severe weather swept through parts of the region last Saturday.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported that a tornado watch was in effect Saturday for parts of the area, including Union County. The watch was in effect until 10 p.m.

Temperatures during the period of March 24-30 in Union County ranged from a high of 80 degrees to a low of 40.

Precipitation during the period included .33 of an inch on March 24, .01 of an inch on March 25 and .90 of an inch on March 28.

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

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Tuesday, March 24	51 41
Wednesday, March 25	62 45
Thursday, March 26	80 46
Friday, March 27	77 58
Saturday, March 28	74 46
Sunday, March 29	70 49
Monday, March 30	68 40

**A-J celebrates Spirit Week**

Online Spirit Week is underway at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

A-JCHS is joining other area schools in having Online Spirit Week activities in response to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

Online Spirit Week began March 30 and continues through April 3.

Activities, which were posted on social media, include:


Monday: Quarantine Crazyness Day, "take a picture of what you've been doing while quarantined."

Tuesday: Pet Day, "snap a picture of you and your pet."

Wednesday: One Team Day, "wear your favorite team jersey/shirt."

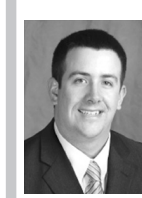
Thursday: One School Day, "wear your blue and white A-J gear. Go Wildcats."

Friday: One Family Day, "take a pic with your fellow quarantines."



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- 2. Is my money safe at A-JNB?**  
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- 3. What if I don't have online banking, the mobile app, or tele-banking already set up?**  
Please call (618) 833-8506 or (618) 833-4546 and we can help you get set up.
- 4. What if I have lost my job or my hours have been cut back due to COVID-19?**  
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- Personal protection equipment
- Police & Fire Departments
- Public health & medical services staff
- Supplemental meal programs
- Emergency Responders


**It also means more money for:**

- Head Start
- Schools & Hospitals
- WIC
- Public Housing
- Medicaid/Medicare
- Transportation

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**Questions?**  
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[www.southern7.org](http://www.southern7.org)  
[www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov)



# Sports

## New sport at Anna Park

By Mike Estel

Recently, I've noticed several metal type baskets scattered throughout the Anna City Park.

I thought originally they were some type of bird feeders, but the other day I actually found out what they are.

While walking my dog around the race track, I noticed several younger boys throwing a disc around the park grounds near one of those metal contraptions.

I asked one of them what the metal baskets were that were located close by them. They said they were for playing disc golf, which they were doing.

Similar to a regulation golf course, I found out later when I looked it up on the internet that the sport has actually been around since the 1970s. Matter of fact, there are several of these type courses throughout the area.

The sport is played much like golf, but instead of using a ball and club, players use a disc or frisbee to throw and try to get it in that basket.

Just like golf, the object of the game is to complete each hole in the fewest strokes or fewest throws.

The target the disc throwers are aiming at was that elevated mysterious looking metal basket. As a player progresses down the freeway (park), they must make each consecutive throw from the exact spot where the previous disc or Frisbee landed.

Similar to regular golf, from different holes (marked areas with a small white flag for disc golf) the golfer throws the disc or Frisbee and can actually have a hole-in-one if it's made on the first throw.

Each throw counts as a stroke, and the object is to have the least number of throws in getting the disc (Frisbee) in the basket.

Trees, shrubs and terrain changes are located around the freeway (park) and provide challenging obstacles for the golfer.

Disc golf courses are usually nine or 18 holes, considering the size of the course.

Just like in golf, when the final "putt" lands in the metal basket the hole is complete.

The sport looks like it would be interesting to at least try. I'm looking forward to the challenge to at least try my luck at it.



### Playing disc golf at new course in Anna

Local disc golf enthusiasts were playing last Saturday morning at a new 18-hole course which was created at the Anna City Park. Those on hand included Cyrus Lingle, Kyle Lingle and Bryson Lingle, all of Jonesboro, Mike Eddings of Anna and Josh Flamm of Cobden.



### Bundren signs with Greenville University

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School student athlete Mikayla Bundren has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball for Greenville University in Greenville starting in the fall. Coaches, teammates, friends and family joined Mikayla for the signing on Monday, March 16, at A-JCHS. Those present with Mikayla for the signing included her mother Marcy Bundren (left), father Andy Bundren (right) and A-J basketball coach Matt Denny (back). Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

### Umpire training on hold

The Southern Illinois Baseball and Softball Association, SIBSA, is in need of umpires for this year's summer league.

As of this week, league play is scheduled to begin May 11.

Prospective umpires should be 16 years of age before applying.

Once the season begins, games are scheduled to be played from 5:45 p.m. through 10:15 p.m. Monday through Saturday at the Anna City Park.

Umpiring equipment will be provided by the SIBSA.

Training sessions were scheduled to begin March 22. Training has been put on hold due to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

Marlin Burd, who is in charge of the SIBSA, said he is hoping things get better soon. He is hoping to be able to start training April 16.

For more information, call Burd at 618-697-1199.

### Anna: changes in trash pick up services noted

The City of Anna on March 25 posted the following message on social media about trash pick up:

Effective immediately, there will be some changes in the residential trash services due to the public health emergency caused by the coronavirus-19 (COVID-19) outbreak.

All trash must be bagged and placed in a Republic cart.

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These measures are effective in all communities that Republic Services provides trash service.

We appreciate your support and understanding as we know everyone is working hard to prevent exposure during this pandemic.

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### Anna has new disc golf course

Anna is the home of a new disc golf course. The course is located at the Anna City Park. The course features 18 holes and a practice hole. Work to install the course was done in recent works. City employees Scott Cast, left, and Lonnie Lewis, are shown with one of the disc golf baskets and a disc used to play the sport. The course was laid out by local disc golf enthusiast John Wingate. He also helped to lead the development of a disc golf course in Cobden. Photo provided.

## Spring sports on hold

By Mike Estel

High school spring sports schedules have been on hold due to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

The state's schools were closed March 17 and now are to remain closed through April 7 in response to the pandemic.

Players, parents and fans will have to wait at least until then to see if they will get to begin practicing again for the extended spring season.

The last time most teams practiced on school grounds was March 13.

Student-athletes are allowed to continue practicing during the shutdown, but not on school grounds or under the supervision of coaches. Student-athletes can work out either at their homes or at local parks.

Schools also are looking into extending the spring sports season if approval is given to continuing practice. Extending the season would provide more opportunities for students to participate in spring sports.

Seniors, who will be making their final year at high school sports, are above all else looking forward to a decision on the matter.

The senior season should

be the most memorable for those graduating and they would look forward to cherishing those fond memories in years to come.

Hopefully, for the students and the entire country, this virus scare will eventually peak and people can start living a normal productive life again real soon.

We can only hope something positive in the regard happens after April 7. Let's just hope the end is in sight.

### Trail society hikes cancelled

The River-to-River Trail Society on March 25 announced that its remaining hikes which had been scheduled during the spring have been cancelled.

This includes public hikes previously scheduled for April 4, April 11, April 18, April 25, April 26, and May 2.

In a news release which announced the cancellation of the hikes, the society thanked all of its members and friends for their support.

The society hopes that it will be able to offer another series of free public hikes in the fall.

## Spring Sports Memories

The coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic has closed Union County public schools – and put a halt to the spring sports season. Beginning this week, we'll take a look back at some Spring Sports Memories from past Union County school sports action.



### Wildcat hits a home run – Spring 2010

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School player David Frank was greeted by his teammates after slugging a two-run home run against host Marion in recent high school baseball action. The home run gave visiting A-J a 6-4 win. Photo provided by Lana Livesay.

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**Union County Museum welcomes visitors from St. Louis**

Members of the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society board met recently with staff from the St. Louis Art Museum's Department of American Art. The meeting was at the Union County Museum in Cobden. A piece from the Union County Museum's collection has been selected to be included in an upcoming Missouri bicentennial exhibit in 2021. Those on hand for the meeting included Beth Rubin, Paulette Aronson, Fran Swedlund, Melissa Wolfe, Raina Chao, Judy Travelstead, and Amy Torbert. Aronson, Swedlund and Travelstead are historical society board members. Photo provided.

**News from**

**Camp Ground Church, Community**

Rev. Dee Ann Thompson's sermon Sunday, March 29, was titled "Hope," with scripture from Ezekiel and the Gospel of John.

Both Biblical selections are familiar passages: From Ezekiel, the narrative of the pile of "dry bones" having new life breathed into them; and from John, the story of Christ raising Lazarus from the dead.

The message shared that "with the pandemic raging around us, what do we say? Do we say if God were with us, this wouldn't be happening? Or do we wait for His next blessing?"

"Standing in the middle of a pile of bones, how

foolish Ezekiel must have felt when God told him to preach to them.

"Like Martha, we want God to come and stop the pandemic and dying. When death comes we think God doesn't care for us.

"With just one call, Lazarus came to life! Giving us a glimpse of Jesus' ability to transform our lives here on Earth.

"Jesus invites us to come 'out' of all that affects us - anger, frustration, financial situations, grief, pity, mar-

ital discord, doubt - and allow the Holy Spirit to breathe new life into our dry existence.

"When things seem hopeless, God will not leave you alone; if you believe, He will give you life with Him forever."

The church's prayers are for our community, our country and the world as we endure this "new world order."

The sermon is posted on the church's Facebook page at "Camp Ground Cumberland Presbyterian Church" and on YouTube.

Until further notice, the church will be worshipping electronically each Sunday at 11 a.m. All are welcome to join in worship.

Karen Vaughn is our lead elder for April.

Happy birthday to Sara Rogers Poole on the 6th.

**Arts council revises 2020 calendar of events**

Even penguins need a home these days.

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council's Anna Arts Center is planning to give folks in the community a chance to adopt a penguin.

"The March of the Penguins" event is planned during June.

The penguin event, along with other activities at the Anna Arts Center, have been postponed due to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

On March 23, the arts council announced that the Anna Arts Center would be closed until June 1.

For those who want to participate, penguins can be adopted for \$5 each.

"Well-dressed penguins" are to be returned to the arts center on June 1 or 2.

An exhibit featuring the penguins is scheduled to open on June 4. An awards reception and auction are planned on June 28. Prizes will be awarded in three

categories: best dressed, most original and funniest.

Details about helping penguins to find a home are available by contacting Lee Hackney at 904-625-1109 or vabchlee@gmail.com.

Other activities which are on the arts center's rescheduled calendar include:

A judged art competition, June 4-28.

Beethoven chamber music, June 4.

Klassics for Kids, June 10.

Young artists from Southern Illinois University perform, June 13.

Summer art camps, June 2-5 and June 8-12.

Annabelle Festival activities, June 12.

Smokey Bear poster contest, June 13.

Young artists program opera scenes performance, June 13.

Edwin Linson in concert, June 20.

"Nonsense," July 31 and Aug. 1.

**News from**

**First Baptist Church, Jonesboro**

On Sunday, March 29, Pastor Perry Williams livestreamed a message about seeing things from God's perspective which can be found on the church's Facebook page: @jonesborofbc. Scripture for the message was from Isaiah.

Other messages can be found under the video tab, including a Bible study which was recorded Wednesday, March 25.

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

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

Birthdays: Juanita Wills, March 29; Melvin Harvell, March 31; Gerry Boehne, April 1; Gerry Smith, April 2.

Anniversary: Eugene and Kim Benefield, April 5, 40 years.

The schedule for worship at the church includes a livestream Bible study and prayer meeting Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and a livestream worship service Sunday at 10 a.m.

**Union County Hospital announcements**

Union County Hospital in Anna shared the following announcements March 26 on social media:

We're temporarily adjusting our hours at Union County Hospital Convenient Care Clinic/Family Practice.

The clinic will be open 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Friday through Monday and 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

As always, call 911 or visit the Hospital's Emergency Room for urgent needs.

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Simply call the clinic at 618-833-2295 to ask about availability or to schedule an appointment.

**News from**

**Anna Nazarene Church**

Services at 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 being 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.us 2 and download.

The link to these Zoom services may be found on the Anna First Church of the

Nazarene Facebook page.

You will be able to listen to Sunday morning's worship service on the church's website at annanaz.com and on the Anna First Church of the Nazarene Facebook page following the morning service.

Be sure and check out "Pooh Bear" in the church's window as the church has joined the community "Bear Hunt" for the kids of the community during the "shelter at home" order.

Birthdays: Bob Kimber, March 29; Phil Ray, March 30; Rin Ray, April 2.

You may contact the church during this time by calling the church office at 833-6702 and leaving a message if necessary or by calling Pastor Wright at 618-534-7103.

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*Jesus said to the Jews: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever keeps my word will never see death." So the Jews said to him, "Now we are sure that you are possessed. Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'Whoever keeps my word will never taste death.' Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? Or the prophets, who died? Who do you make yourself out to be?" Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is worth nothing; but it is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' You do not know him, but I know him. And if I should say that I do not know him, I would be like you a liar. But I do know him and I keep his word. Abraham your father rejoiced to see my day; he saw it and was glad." So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old and you have seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham came to be, I AM." So they picked up stones to throw at him; but Jesus hid and went out of the temple area.*

*From the Gospel of John*

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Ezra	Nehemiah	Nehemiah	Isaiah	Isaiah	Isaiah	Isaiah
8:15-36	9:1-25	9:26-38	40:1-31	51:1-23	52:1-12	52:13-53-12

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**Spring time on the square**

Once again this year, trees in bloom are creating a special spring time display on the square in Jonesboro. The photograph was taken last Friday afternoon.

**Shawnee School District names third quarter honor students, those with perfect attendance**

Shawnee School District No. 84 announces honor roll students for the third quarter.

The school district also announces students who had perfect attendance during the quarter.

**Shawnee Elementary School Honor Roll**

1st grade: Easton Bigham, Drake Chapman, Titan Cobin, Bailee Duran, Kenzie Duran, Randi Ellet, Kamedyn Gregory, Ayden Griffin.

River Kelley, Camden Keppner, Joselyn Matlock, Charles Moore, Tally Myers, Mykell Presutti, Christopher Trandel, Jackson Weber, Keri Wills.

2nd grade: Kinleigh Brown, Carlie Chapman, Clayton Chapman, Ty'Liayah Davis, Aubree Davison, Adalyn Follis, Mia Griffin, Journey Hubbs.

Ryder McAlister, Kash Mikel, Clayton Myers, Bentley Parker, Madelyn Patrick, Carter Phillips, Tinley Qualls, Chase Temke, Madison Ticer, Rae-Anne Turner, Cohen Webb.

3rd grade: Gabby Barnes, Gracelynn Bigham, Thia Boucher, Nolan Ellet, Spencer Griffin, Nolan Hubbs, Rozetta Partain.

Jacob Pickel, Maeby Presutti, Katie Randles, Hunter Ross, Riley Shelton, Payton Sims, Avery Sissom.

4th grade: Amie Crowden, Eliza Ford, Eva Ford, Lillie Griffin, Tucker Hale, Berkli Holtman,

Brayden Howell, Sterling Livingston, Brody Maeser, Emma Neilson, Ashlynn Presutti, Kyle Shirley, Matthew White.

5th grade: Adyson Chocate, Nick Dallas, Brock Ellet, Crown Ford, Roxie Griffin, Zoe Myers, Madalyn Schuster, Savannah Verble.

**Shawnee Junior-Senior High School High Honor Roll**

6th grade: Landon Smith. 7th grade: Kelci Baber, Miranda Crowden, Noah Mayberry, Jaeda Qualls.

8th grade: Olivia Clover, Kiersten Holloway, Karsynne Livingston, Allie Myers.

Sophomore: Alexis Miller.

Juniors: Rachel Fox, Courtney Smith, Ashlin Tweedy.

Seniors: Jesse Ellet, Caleb Gabelman, Olivia Jackson, Koby McLane, Noveda Qualls, Ryan Schaefer, Scott Schmedeman.

**Honor Roll**

6th grade: Keira Lietz. 7th grade: Savannah Andrews, Gracie Davison, Mallory Follis, Lincoln Ford.

8th grade: Luke Choate, Kayman Ford, Marissa Harris, Ryan Libbert, CJ Schaefer, Jace Williams.

Freshmen: Abigail Smith, Grace Robinson.

Sophomores: Autumn Derossett, Laythan Holtman, Dalton McLane, Cyleigh Pearl, Gabriella Smith, Xander Wigley.

Juniors: Kassidy Baber, Kaden Baltzell, Mariah Faire, Jasmine Graham, Kyliegh Harris, Madisen Luttrull, Hunter Sullivan.

Seniors: Anthony Buie, Jeremiah Hale, Nicholas McAlister, Kirsten Pitts, Jaylynn Presutti, Colton Ross, Maddison Smith.

**Perfect Attendance**

6th grade: Amberlyn Dodson, Lily Ellet, Keira Lietz, Justin Lemke.

7th grade: Kelci Baber, Gracie Davison, Mallory Follis, Lincoln Ford, Noah Mayberry, Jaeda Qualls.

8th grade: Luke Choate, Olivia Clover, Kayman Ford, Marissa Harris, Kiersten Holloway, Ryan Libbert, Karsynne Livingston, Allie Myers.

Freshmen: Braden Rains, Rylie Wahaib.

Sophomores: Autumn Derossett, Dustin Smith.

Juniors: Devin Clendenin, Rachel Fox, Jasmine Graham.

Seniors: Jesse Ellet, Caleb Gabelman, Olivia Jackson, Koby McLane, Ryan Schaefer, Scott Schmedeman.

**Jonesboro Grade School names honor roll students**

Jonesboro Grade School announces third quarter honor roll students.

8th grade, high honors: Miranda Bundren, Lizbeth Carrillo, Ally Hasty, Torie Ralls.

8th grade, honors: Cadence Black, Dylan Harvel, Alexandria Keller, Ella Lingle, Jason McAlister, Shaylee Moore, Hannah Morris, Om Patel, Brileia Smith.

7th grade, high honors: Logan Abernathy, Sierra Beggs, Thomas Coleman, Zoe Jones, Chesnee Marks.

7th grade, honors: Ben Hauser, Olivia Schaefer, Lucas Salazar, Emily Stearns.

6th grade, high honors:

Travis Burgher, Blake Dilow, Raegan Jones, Reese Jones, Grant Lingle, Aidan McFadden, Heidi Miller, Kenzie Miller, Jayci Needling, Lucas Tehandon, Kayleigh Wheaton.

6th grade, honors: Graydon Edmonds, Brody Gulleddge, Amelia Lingle, Jack Smith.

5th grade, high honors: Blake Abernathy, Mackenzie Barnhart, Kylee Campbell, Hannah Hale, Elizabeth Hill, Norah Kelley, Presley Knupp, Kinley Leek, Brooke Sheffer.

5th grade, honors: Emma Craig, Connor Stanley, Mackenzie Turner, Matthew Turner, Haydyn Williamson.

**Anna District No. 37 names honor students**

Anna School District No. 37 announces third quarter honor roll students.

**5th Grade, High Honor Roll**

Mackenzie Alonso-Aragon, Lyra Casper, Revolution Chaput, Hunter Craft, Tilman Dallas, Grayson Garner, Liz Hammer, Tyler Haywood, Milla Hunter, Evan Inman, Bodhi Laws, Dillon Moreland, Chloe Ridgel, Maxwell Rud-dick, Jaron Taliseo, Brian Thompson, Beckett Thorpe, Connor Webb, Ethan Winn, Lizbeth Zamora.

**5th Grade, Honor Roll**

Levi Alvis, Kaden Bartolomucci, Courtney Brame, Zaiden Cockrum, Nicholas Cook, Taylor Crews, Jaxon Cruz, Joseph Edging, Jimena Flores, Halle Haas, Spencer Holland, Camiah Lowe, Daelan McNelly, Joselyn Navarro, Zane Plummer, Lucas Wright, Holly Yana.

**6th Grade, High Honor Roll**

Jaylen Althoff, Presley Bierstedt, Zoe Chen, Adam Clark, Kansas Craig, Justin Damian, Kaci Davis, Olivia Eddleman, Emma Edwards, Jordan Gentry, Maggie Gooden, Alexa Hinkle, Alexis Houseman, Harmony Key.

Sophia Lin, Natasha Martin, Mariel McGrath, Jake Menees, Madison Moore, Danica Morgan, Layne Murray, Foster Needling, Ethan Plott, Raelynn Sadler, Ally Simmons, Drue Teske, Logan Thompson, Kale Waller, Mason Yates.

**6th Grade, Honor Roll**

Drake Bible, Addison Bonner, Dawson Brunner, Elias Harner, Lauren Jack-

son, Anastazia Kerr, Saige Street, Ava Tweedy, Bryan Wright.

**7th Grade, High Honor Roll**

Halsey Alonso-Aragon, Daylon Butler, Noah Chotner, Kayma Dawson, Mia DeHarpert, Brooklynn Eastman, Allison Fowler, Rylan Frazier, Cash Hodges, Kaitlyn Matuszewich, Kayla Matuszewich, Luke Menees, Drew Sadler, Zoe Sadler, Savannah Smith, Tess Wilkins, Ruby Yates.

**7th Grade, Honor Roll**

Tristan Belcher, Keara Bible, Dalton Cobb, Trevor Goins, Dylan Graham, Jacqui Harris, Taj Hodges, Nick Lingle, Gavin Moore, Michael Neal, Kacey Pearl, Candria Rogers, Raegan Sanders, Klayton Taylor, Jonah Watkins, Wyatt Wright.

**8th Grade, High Honor Roll**

Sam Allen, Addyson Bailey, Emily Belcher, Callista Borders, Brianna Brunner, Payton Brust, Lakelyn Carter, Eric Chen, Riley Cruse, Tyler Cunningham, Adriel Del Rosario, Presli Garner.

Drake Hartline, Bree Hazelrigg, Zachary Henry, Angel Hernandez, Ben Keller, Devon McNelly, Alayna Menees, Jossilin Needling, Victoria Perez, Jady Samuels, Peyton Samuels, Katie Sullivan, Jason Swink, Hannah Webb, Joshua Williams, Elvia Zamora.

**8th Grade, Honor Roll**

Isaac Archey, Yoselin Avila, Elizabeth Back, Reese Belcher, Brooke Carmack, Kyle Kerr, Carter Lannom, Janie Ozment, Whitley Quick, McKayla Treat.

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As the apostle Paul neared the end of his third missionary journey, he wrote a letter to the church in Rome. As it began, Paul said: "I am debtor both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians, both to the wise and to the unwise. So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, to the Jew first and also to the Greek" (Rom. 1:14-16). It's the message of these verses I'd like us to briefly consider.

Notice Paul's repeated use of the personal pronoun "I" in these 3 short verses:

1. "I am debtor." Paul had an obligation to preach the gospel both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians (Romans) - that is the debt he owed - the duty he held - toward the Greeks & Romans. He had been saved from sin and that he had an obligation to all men to preach to them the Gospel.
2. "I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also." He was at this time ready to go to Rome, the great "center of the world" where every class of people could be found, civilized and savage, wise and unwise. Paul was ready to preach.
3. "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ." Paul was ready to preach it in Rome, in the very heart of heathen pride and power. If there was any place where one would be ashamed of a crucified Savior, that place was Rome during the reign of evil Nero.

The word "gospel" means "good news" or "glad tidings." Why was he not ashamed of the Gospel? For this reason: it is "the power" not "a power" or "one of the powers," but the only power that God uses for man's salvation. Right there is the purpose of the Gospel! Salvation through the Gospel comes only to those who possess an active, obedient faith, not "faith only" (James 2:24).

Paul was not ashamed of the Gospel! Neither should we be! We must emphasize that the power by which God saves men is the gospel, the message of God's redeeming love for all of mankind. It's the power appointed by God for the salvation of all!

R.W. McAlister, Minister  
Anna church of Christ 16G

# 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.

## Bear Hunt

Jessie Watson wanted her twins to have something to do while they were quarantined so she asked people to put bears in their windows. Ian and Jewels loved to go on the bear hunts.

People in Anna, Jonesboro and even in the country joined in putting bears and stuffed animals in windows, on porches and in their yards. Even on a mail box with a monkey in a tree.

Last count there were over 50 homes and businesses with bears or other stuffed animals. Young and old were joining in the safari to find the bears.

A special thanks to Jessie for cheering up the people in our towns. They were even on TV.

## Face Masks for SIH Hospitals

The Anna-Jo Garden Club had asked people to make face masks for SIH hospitals.

Union County HCE homemakers members Lois Clutts, Suzie Kessler, Debbie Rossberg and Jane Bauer made 46 face masks and deposited them in box at Betty Sirles house in Alto Pass this past week.

They donated the material and had their own

elastic. Betty took them to the hospital.

Betty and Lois belong to the Anna-Jo Garden Club. Jane, Debbie and Suzie also belong to GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club.

## Florida Visit

On a recent visit to Florida Collin Boyd and Barbara Bauer were pleased to visit with their sister Jane Gimbel in Jacksonville.

Jane is doing well in her studio apartment in a senior living center. She sends regards to her Anna and Jonesboro friends and relatives.

Alice Boyd and Norm Bauer visited with their sister-in-law Jane Gimbel. They enjoyed taking Jane out to eat at Cracker Barrel in spite of a brisk Florida breeze.

The story goes that you can take the boy off the farm but you cannot take the farm out of the boy.

When Collin Boyd got to his River Ranch lot in Florida this year, he discovered he had brought along a soybean.

Farmer that he is, he planted that bean, and took great pleasure in watching it grow. As of March 30, he had six beans in two pods.

Sharing Collin's joyous farm report are Alice Boyd and Norm and Barbara Bauer. A Union County soybean creates conversation and brings joy in Florida.

## Anniversaries

March 23 Dale and Carla Foskey, Richard and Mary Ann Stout 46 years, March 24 Gary and Debbie Hileman 47 years, Dusty and Hillary Miller 14 years.

## Birthdays

March 24 Melinda Young, 25 Sam Bradley, Alice Kerns, Bryan Kluesner, Larry Landes, 26 Donna Hunt, 27 Jimmy Jones, Chris Wells, Kathy Tucker, 28 Cindy Hammer, Kevin Starr, 29 Sarah Agne, Mona Trambley, Jax Watkins.

## Red Hat Ladies

Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies lost one of their members last week.

Claudia Walker, 93, went to be with our Lord last Friday. Her daughters are Cathy Ziegler and Corinne Stevenson.

All three ladies have been members of red hats for many years. Claudia will always be remembered by her sweet smile.

## Sympathy

Prayers for the family of David W. Siebert. He went to be with our Lord last week. David's daughter is Molly a dear friend of our family.

## E.P. Owen Drug Store

Stephen Burns in St. Louis found a medicine box from E. P. Owen Drug Store on eBay he bought.

Mr. Owen's first name was Ernest. He lived on East Chestnut Street. Aaron Hart, Stephen's cousin, lived next to him when he was growing up.

He had no children. Stephen said he is buried in the Anna City Cemetery.

## Anna VFW

Linda Jackson says thank you to everyone that has been able to come out and support the post during this pandemic at their weekly "to go" fish fry. They are going very well.

All you need to do is call 833-7737 before noon on Friday and let them know how many plates you want and they will set up a pick up time for you to pull under the front awning.

They will come out and hand you your meal(s) and collect the money. Dinners are only \$10.

They are thinking about having chicken leg quarters on April 17. More informa-



Cathy Ziegler and Corinne Stevenson with their mother Claudia Walker at a Little Egypt Red Hat meeting at Dinner Bell Two in Anna. Claudia went to be with our Lord last week.

tion to come on that.

You don't even have to get out of your car. They will continue to have these each Friday night until this is all over and the post can certainly use the support of all their post and auxiliary members, as well as the public, during these trying times.

They are in no way asking anyone to get out if they don't feel comfortable doing so. They are just trying to help the post stay solvent until this is all over and we can all resume our daily lives. Stay safe and stay well.

## Church Services

I have been thinking of all the blessings God has given us in this country and attending church was one of the greatest.

Now that we can't attend church it's wonderful to have our computers, TV and radio where we can still get church services and church songs.

I think of the countries that are not allowed to go to church or even have a Bible.

I hope when we are allowed to go to church again everyone is in a church of their choice on Sunday morning thanking God. There would not be an empty pew in any church in our city or probably country.

I remember growing up the church would be so full



Lois Clutts of Anna-Jo Garden Club and Suzie Kessler of GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club made face masks for SIH hospitals. Both ladies are also members of Union County HCE homemakers.



Correction: Morgan Wendling was a first-time voter in the primary election. She is with her parents Gretchen and James.



Logan Waynick celebrated his 7th birthday with a special drive by from the Anna Fire Department to wish him a happy birthday.



Lily and Cooper Dallas were the first to use the new Little Free Library at Lincoln School take a book leave a book.



Sharon Laster donated a plate of her First Class Cookies to Elaine Crain at the recent St. Anne's soup and chili supper. Carl Dillow auctioned off about 25 desserts. All proceeds are to help with the upkeep of the 1886 historic building on South Main in Anna. A crowd of over 50 enjoyed the food and the fun.



Alice Boyd from Anna visited her sister-in-law Jane Gimbel in Jacksonville, Fla.



Health advocates: cardiac rehabilitation advocate Barbara Bauer and cancer survivor Alice Boyd compare numbers of steps on their pedometers. The Anna women recommend walking as the most enjoyable form of exercise and enjoy challenging one another. "Alice always wins the 'race' hands down," says Barbara.



A Union County soybean creates conversation and brings joy in Florida, where it was planted by Collin Boyd on his River Ranch lot.



Happy 49th wedding anniversary Terry and Barbara House. Their anniversary is April 13.



Alice Boyd and Norm Bauer of Anna sharing their brother-in-law Collin Boyd's joyous farm report of growing his Union County soybeans where he now has six beans in two pods at his River Ranch lot in Florida.



Barbara Bauer, left, and her brother, Collin Boyd, sitting, visited Jane Boyd Gimbel, right, in Jacksonville, Fla.





**Correction: Maelin Walker, an A-JCHS senior, was a first time voter in the primary election. She is pictured with her parents Cindy and Jim. Maelin was also honored and received the Diamond award in 4-H for project learning. Diamond is the next highest award you can get. Emerald being top award. She was supposed to receive her award at a banquet in Champaign but cancelled like everything else. Her parents are very proud of her.**



**Marie Samuel exhibit at SIC is closed as the college is not open. When it reopens, there will be a reception for the group fiber juried show in the Hise Museum.**

chairs would be put down the aisles.

I am thankful that I grew up in a family where going to church was not a choice. Going to church Sunday was something we did. We went an hour early because my mother and dad Claude A. and Bessie Mae Davis were Sunday School teachers and my dad was a deacon at Anna First Baptist Church so they wanted to be there just in case there was a visitor they could welcome them.

We went to Training Union and church on Sunday night.

My aunt and uncle Lena and Mark Keller taught the young people and always took them to special places on weekends like hay rides, roller skating, swimming, picnics and parties at their home.

Aunt Lena would do our parts at Training Union we were supposed to give. She was always a softy and we could talk her into that so we didn't have to stand in front of the class and do those.

We went to church on Wednesday nights, attended choir practice, Sunbeams, G.A.s for the girls and R.A.s for the boys.

Attended week or two week revivals. Went to church camp in the summer. School activities were not planned on a church night.

In our home before we went to bed each night dad read a devotion, we always read our Bible and everyone prayed.

I received an email from my friend Clara Cates who was thinking like I was. She told me she just prayed for me. Said they usually got up on Sunday morning planning on going to church and hearing the word and seeing everyone.

She was thinking last night of the countries that cannot ever go to church or be caught with a Bible. Said we took it for granted that we could always do that.

Clara said she thinks this is a wake-up call for us all to realize that the day could come that very thing could happen to us. Then what?

Have we stored the word of God in our hearts that we know what the scripture says, so we could go

on with our life and not be swayed by something false that someone would come at us with?

We have never had to deal with things like we are dealing with now, so it's very important that we keep reading our Bible, praying and practice our faith.

Remember we're living for God and need to please him, not people, and he sees and knows our daily life as we go about in these trying days.

But remember he has promised never to forsake us, so we know He is with us and will see us through these difficult times.

So keep reading your Bible and praying and trusting him for every need right now. Take care, be safe and have a very blessed day. Clara said that was my Sunday School lesson for the day.

Praise God we still have our computers to keep in touch with our dear friends.

**Correction**  
Names under the first time voters in last week's paper were under the wrong pictures.

Morgan Wendling was under the picture that was Maelin Walker and Maelin's name was under Morgan's picture.

**Anna Heights Baptist Church**

The church will be streaming its worship services through its website in you tube and Facebook next Sunday.

All activities will be postponed.

**GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club**

The April and May meetings have been canceled.

**Have You Filled Out Your Census?**

The Census is a once every decade count of everyone living in the country.

When we know how many people live in your community, organizations, and businesses are better equipped to evaluate the services and programs needed, such as clinics, schools, and roads. It also determines how seats in Congress are distributed among the 50 states.

In March, the U.S. Census Bureau sent every household an invitation to



**Stephen Burns from St. Louis was going through his collection of Anna stuff when he ran across an aspirin box from the EP Owen Drug Store he found on eBay. Stephen said his cousin Aaron Hart lived by Mr. Owen when he was growing up in Anna on West Chestnut Street.**

complete a simple questionnaire about who lives at your address and to return by April 1.

You will have the opportunity to respond online, by phone, or by mail, and federal law keeps those responses safe and secure. Shape your future. Start here. Visit 2020CENSUS.GOV

**AFSCME Retirees Subchapter 90**

The Retiree Department is recommending that AFSCME Retiree Chapters and Subchapters postpone or cancel meetings for the

next eight weeks.

The subchapter meets at Anna Heights Baptist Church across from the Chapel room. Subchapter 90 meets the fourth Tuesday of each month unless notified different. All retirees are welcome and encouraged to attend the meetings.

**How Does the 2020 Census Affect Representation?**

An accurate count will determine how many seats your state will get in the U.S. House of Representatives. This representation



**Nancy Skoglund on N. Main St. Anna joined in the bear hunt with her stuffed animals.**

is based off your state's population.

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

If you have not sent your Census back by April 1 there will be someone coming to your home to show you how to fill this out.

**Military Prayer List**

Alex Gratz, Lukas W. Davis, Reagan Morrisson, Garrett Goins, James

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

# Television Listings

## THURSDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	To Be Announced Info unavailable.	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	"Movie"	(5:00) "Movie"	Black Mon.
<b>7 PM</b>	Station 19 (HD)	Young (31) Plan	To Be Announced Info unavailable.	Superstore Brooklyn	Will (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	BUNKD		"Movie"	Homeland (HD)
<b>8 PM</b>	Grey's Anatomy (HD)	(01) Mom Broke		Will (HD)	To Be Announced Info unavailable.	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	"Movie"		"Den of Thieves" (18) Gerard Butler. \$30 million heist. (R)
<b>9 PM</b>	Get Away with Murder	Tommy (HD)		Law & Order: SVU		Bang (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Coop & Cam Sydney		"Movie"	DESUS & VICE (HD)
<b>10 PM</b>	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (35) Tonight (HD)	Conan	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Unstable	"Movie"		DESUS & VICE (HD)
<b>11 PM</b>	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)		Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Brooklyn	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Just Roll	"Movie"	"Movie"	DESUS & VICE (HD)
<b>11:30 PM</b>	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Conan		Jessie			

## APRIL 2, 2020

## FRIDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	To Be Announced Info unavailable.	★★★ "We're the Millers" (13, Comedy) Fake family. (HD)	Chicago P.D. "Hit Me" (20)	"Zombies 2" (20)	"Movie"	(5:00) "Movie"	(5:30) "Clear and Present Danger" (94) (HD)
<b>7 PM</b>	Shark Tank (HD)	MacGyver (HD)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live) (HD)	Lincoln Crime cases.			Chicago P.D. (HD)	Sydney		"Movie"	Outcry (HD)
<b>8 PM</b>	(01) 20/20 Investigative news. (HD)	Hawaii Five-0 Crime fighters. (HD)		Dateline NBC Investigative news. (HD)	TBA	"Identity Thief" (13) Jason Bateman. Stolen identity. (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Disney Fam	"Movie"		"Mary Magdalene" Woman follows Jesus. (R)
<b>9 PM</b>	Local	Local	Local Programs Local info.	Local	To Be Announced Info unavailable.		Chicago P.D. (HD)	Just Roll		"Movie"	"Mary Magdalene" Woman follows Jesus. (R)
<b>10 PM</b>	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)		Local	(35) Tonight (HD)	Sports	Family	Coop & Cam Sydney	"Movie"		Outcry (HD)
<b>11 PM</b>	Nightline	Corden		Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	ELEAGUE (HD)	Family	Jessie	"Movie"	"Movie"	Outcry (HD)

## APRIL 3, 2020

## SATURDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b>	"The Ten Commandments" (56) Moses leads his people from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land.	Local Programs	(4:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	To Be Announced Info unavailable.	(5:00) To Be Announced	Family	Unstable	"Movie"	(5:00) "Movie"	"Why Did I Marry?"
<b>7 PM</b>	To Be Announced	Lego Masters (HD)	Dateline NBC (HD)	Dateline NBC (HD)		To Be Announced Info unavailable.	Family	Big City		"Movie"	"A Dog's Journey" (19) Pet promise. (HD)
<b>8 PM</b>	To Be Announced	9-1-1 (HD)	Dateline NBC (HD)	Dateline NBC (HD)	ESPN Original Documentaries		Family	Big City	"Movie"		"The Upside" (19) Unlikely chemistry. (HD)
<b>9 PM</b>	Local	Local	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live (HD)			Family	Owl House		"Movie"	"The Upside" (19) Unlikely chemistry. (HD)
<b>10 PM</b>	(44) Local	Local Programs Local info.	To Be Announced	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	TBA	Family	Coop & Cam	"Movie"		Black Mon.
<b>11 PM</b>	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.	SportsCenter (HD)	★★★ "Semi-Pro" (08)	Family	Jessie	"Movie"	"Movie"	Black Mon.

## APRIL 4, 2020

## SUNDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b>	Home Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	Simpsons Burgers	America's (HD)	(5:00) To Be Announced	"Central Intelligence" (16) Unlikely partners.	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	"Godzilla: King of the Monsters" (19)	★★★ "Wild Hogs" (07)	Homeland (HD)
<b>7 PM</b>	American Idol (HD)	ACM Presents: Our Country	Simpsons	The Wall (HD)	To Be Announced Info unavailable.		Law & Order: SVU	Raven	Missing Murder (HD)	★★★ "The Favourite" (18) Royal companion.	VICE
<b>8 PM</b>	Local	Burgers	Farm Guy	Zoe's Extraordinary		Last O.G.	Law & Order: SVU	Coop & Cam	Westworld (HD)		Homeland (HD)
<b>9 PM</b>	The Rookie (HD)	NCIS: New Orleans	Local Programs Local info.	Good Girls "Nana" Local Programs Local info.		Last O.G.	Law & Order: SVU	Disney Fam	Missing Murder (HD)	"American Dreamz" (06) (HD)	Black Mon.
<b>10 PM</b>	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs		Local Programs Local info.	SportsCenter (HD)	Last O.G.	Law & Order: SVU	Disney Fam	Oliver	"Grudge Match" Retired boxers.	Black Mon.
<b>11 PM</b>	(35) Local	Local	Local	Local		"Intelligence" (16)	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie	Oliver	"Movie"	Black Mon.

## APRIL 5, 2020

## MONDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	To Be Announced Info unavailable.	Fam Guy	Chicago P.D. (HD)	(05) Raven's Home	(5:40) "A Star Is Born" (18) Musical career.	(4:50) "Widows" (18)	Homeland (HD)
<b>7 PM</b>	Feud A competition.	Neighbor.	9-1-1 "Pinned" (HD)	America's Got Talent: The Talent showcase.		Fam Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	Shook (HD)		Strike	Black Mon.
<b>8 PM</b>	Feud Sitcom stars.	All Rise Lola's mother.	(01) Prodigal Son			Fam Guy		Descendant	Plot Against (HD)	(5:0) "The Pledge" (01) Aaron Eckhart. Cop seeks killer.	Homeland (HD)
<b>9 PM</b>	Who Wants To Be A	Bull No winners. (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	(01) Manifest (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Dad (HD)		Coop & Cam Sydney	My Brilliant Friend (HD)	VICE	Black Mon.
<b>10 PM</b>	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan Kevin Nealon.	Briarpatch (HD)	BUNKD		(55) ★★ "Doppelganger" (93) (R)	DESUS & Black Mon.
<b>11 PM</b>	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld	Family	Jessie	"The Scheme" (20)	Strike	DESUS & Black Mon.
<b>11:30 PM</b>	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Conan	Family	Jessie		"Death"	"Rambo"

## APRIL 6, 2020

## TUESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD)	"John Wick" (14) (R)	Raven	Real Time Maher (HD)	(4:45) "Enemy" (98)	"Incident Proposal"
<b>7 PM</b>	Conners	NCIS "Musical Chairs"	The Resident (HD)	Games (HD)	MLB Baseball (HD)	Bang (HD)	WWE NXT (Live) (HD)	"Descendants 2" (17) Life in Auradon. (HD)	"Blinded by the Light" (19) A music fanatic.	"The Change-Up" (11) Body switching. (HD)	Homeland (HD)
<b>8 PM</b>	mixed-ish black-ish	FBI "Outsider" (HD)	Empire "We Got Us"	This Is Us (HD)		Bang (HD)		Disney Fam	(15) Missing Murder	(55) ★★★ "Beaches" (89) Women share bond.	"Traitor" (08) Domestic terrorist. (HD)
<b>9 PM</b>	For Life "Day-Light"	FBI: Most Wanted	Local Programs Local info.	(01) New Amsterdam		Bang (HD)	"John Wick" (14) Ex-hit man, Kingpin. (HD)	BUNKD	(15) Plot Against (HD)		Black Mon.
<b>10 PM</b>	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan (HD)		Unstable	Just Roll		"Species" (95) Human-ET hybrid.
<b>11 PM</b>	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld	Family	Jessie	"The Scheme" (20)	Strike	DESUS & Black Mon.
<b>11:30 PM</b>	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Conan	Family	Jessie		"Zachariah"	

## APRIL 7, 2020

## WEDNESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b>	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA Basketball (HD)	Bang (HD)	To Be Announced Info unavailable.	Raven	Westworld (HD)	"Sky Captain" (04)	Twin Peaks "Part 14"
<b>7 PM</b>	A Modern Farewell	Survivor (HD)	The Masked Singer	Chicago Med (HD)		Bang (HD)		BUNKD	Westworld (HD)	"The Thing" Alien shape-shifter.	Twin Peaks "Part 15"
<b>8 PM</b>	Modern Family (HD)	(01) SEAL Team (HD)	(01) Lego Masters	Chicago Fire (HD)	MLB Baseball (HD)	Bang (HD)		Disney Fam	★★★ "Long Shot" (19) Writer & diplomat. (HD)	(45) ★★★ "Hanna" (11, Thriller) Teen assassin.	Twin Peaks "Part 17"
<b>9 PM</b>	Who Wants To Be A	S.W.A.T. (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Chicago P.D. (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Coop & Cam Sydney	My Brilliant Friend		Twin Peaks "Part 18"
<b>10 PM</b>	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	BUNKD	Just Roll		Twin Peaks "Part 18"
<b>11 PM</b>	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Frontal	Family	Jessie	"The Scheme" (20)	★★★ "The Judge" (14)	★★★ "Carrie" (76) (HD)
<b>11:30 PM</b>	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Conan	Family	Jessie			

## APRIL 8, 2020

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Look up address to see house online. Located on 2+ acres surrounded by fields. \$82,000.00. 4 to 5 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths. Private area close to Shawnee National Forest and at the back door of Trail of Tears State Forest. The address is 1290 Clear Creek Levee Road (hard road), Jonesboro. Watch for sign which is located 2 miles east of Ware on Hwy. 146. Call or text (618)-697-1934. I will get back with you as soon as I can.

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## FOR RENT

**This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination call HUD toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. The toll-free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.**

**FOR LEASE:** Commercial Property. Retail Space, 1,105 sq. ft. Available now. 125 Leigh Avenue, Suite B, Anna, IL 62906. Call (618)-833-5636 for an appointment to view.

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**FOR RENT IN DONGOLA:** 2 mobile homes. For information, contact Jim Etherton, (618)-697-8407 or (618)-827-4705.

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**FOR RENT ANNA:** Very nice 2 bedroom apartment, partially furnished. Available April 1. Call for information, (618)-833-6100 or (618)-697-1893.

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**FOR RENT DONGOLA:** Like the country and yard work? 4 bedroom farm house. \$550.00 per month plus electric. Available May 1. Taking applications now. Call (708)-935-4322.

16gc

**FOR RENT ANNA:** 603 Dewey, 2 bedroom, garage, all appliances and remodeled. No pets. \$550.00 per month plus \$550.00 deposit. Call (618)-827-4737 or (618)-697-1948.

16gpc

## HELP WANTED

**HELP WANTED:** Direct Support Person to assist in providing training to individuals with developmental disabilities in a vocational, day training & residential program. High school diploma or GED required. Must be 18 years of age or older. Benefits for full-time staff of dental, vision, life insurance and medical insurance are available. Workshop starting salary \$9.50 per hour and residential \$10.00 per hour. We have a dollar an hour differential increase for working the midnight shifts (\$11.00 per hour). Overtime hours available. Training and certification provided. Experience preferred. Apply at RAVE, Inc., 214 W. Davie, Anna, IL 62906. EOE.

13-18gp

**HELP WANTED:** Lick Creek CCSD# 16 is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2020-21 school year: Part-time office secretary, bus driver, part-time music/band teacher, and an art teacher for 1 day a week. Anyone interested can obtain an application from the school office or on-line at www.lickcreekschool.com If you have questions please call (618)-833-2545.

14-16gp

**HELP WANTED:** Jonesboro Elementary is hiring part-time kitchen help and part-time substitutes needed, \$9.50. Please call for more information, (618)-306-3834.

14-16gp

## JOB POSTING

Anna-Jonesboro CHSD #81 is accepting applications for the following vacancy:

- Custodian

(must have or be willing to obtain bus driver license) Interested applicants should pick up an application or print one from our website at www.aj81.net and return to Anna-Jonesboro CHSD #81, Attn: Rob Wright, Superintendent, 608 S. Main St., Anna, IL 62906. Please contact the Superintendent's Office at (618)-833-8421 for more information. The deadline for applying is April 17, 2020.

15-16gp

## WANTED

**LOOKING TO BUY:** A male & female cockatiel. Please call James at (618)-731-6436.

15-19gc

## BUSINESS

**TREECE Backhoe & Hauling Skid Steer Trenching Gravel & Sand (618)-833-6197 or (618)-697-0453**

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## BOBCAT/SKIDSTEER:

Bush hogging, tree clean-up, snow & ice removal. Insured. Terry Foster, (618)-697-1204

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**WANTED TO DO: House Washing, Roof Cleaning, Gutter Cleaning. Call Gross Busters for your exterior cleaning projects. Call (618)-697-5968**

13-24gpc

**DUCKWORKS LAWN CARE: (618)-201-5712 MOWING IS WHAT WE DO! Free Estimates! Other Services: Landscaping, Power Washing www.duckworkslawn.com gptfn**

## FREE

**FREETO GOODHOME: 2 indoor, neutered male cats. 1 orange & white, 1 orange. Friendly and used to other animals. Call (618)-713-4819 for more information.**

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## NOTICE

**CAN YOU BE SURE YOU WOULD GO TO HEAVEN? CALL (618)-697-2415 AND SEE.**

15-16gpc

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**FARMERS STATE BANK OF ALTO PASS, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**THE ESTATE OF CHARLES L. KINDER, KRISTEN L. GRIFFIN, as SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ESTATE OF CHARLES L. KINDER, KRISTIN L. GRIFFIN aka KRISTIN L. KINDER, and HEATH C. KINDER, as heirs to**

**CHARLES L. KINDER, ONEMAIN FINANCIAL and UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.) No: 20CH9**

**AMENDED NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION (735 ILCS 5/2-206, 5/2-413, 5/15-1501(c) and 5/15-1501)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO: UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants in the above-entitled case, of the real estate described in the Complaint for Foreclosure filed in the above-entitled case.

### Tract 1:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter, (NE ¼) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section Twenty (20), Township Twelve (12) South, Range Two (2) West of the Third Principal Meridian; thence Easterly along the North line of said Section 20 a distance of 1631.28 feet; thence deflecting right 90° 00' 00" a distance of 568.87 feet to the point of beginning; thence deflecting left 36° 31' 04", a distance of 322.38 feet; thence deflecting left 87° 12' 10", a distance of 193.55 feet; thence deflecting left 73° 41' 27", a distance of 272.26 feet; thence deflecting left 94° 19' 06" a distance of 292.12 feet to the point of beginning, situated in the County of Union and State of Illinois.

### Tract 2:

General Description: A part of the Northeast Quarter of the northwest Quarter and a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 20, Township 12 South, Range 2 West of the Third Principal Meridian, County of Union, State of Illinois.

Detail Description: Commencing at the Northwest Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 20, Township 12 South, Range 2 West of the Third Principal Meridian; Thence Easterly along the North line of the last aforesaid Section 20, a distance of 1631.28 feet to a point, Thence Southerly along a line with a deflection angle of 90°-

00'00" a distance of 568.87 feet to an iron pin monument at the Northeast corner of a tract or parcel of land as found described in a document recorded in Book 142 at Page 270, said iron pin monument being the point of beginning for this description; from said point of beginning, Thence Southeasterly along a line with a deflection angle of 36°-31'-04" to the left, a distance of 73.27 feet to a point; Thence Southwesterly along a line with a deflection angle of 105°-36'-23" to the right, a distance of 301.59 feet to a point in the centerline of a public road, said centerline also being the West line of the last aforesaid tract or parcel of land as found described in a Document Recorded in Book 142 at Page 270; Thence Northwesterly along the centerline of the public road. Also being the West line of the last aforesaid tract or parcel of land, with a deflection angle of 86°-18'-25", a distance of 10.06 feet to a point; Thence Northwesterly along a line with a deflection angle of 0°-50'-01" to the left, a distance of 56.61 feet to the Northwest corner of the last aforesaid tract or parcel of land as found described in Document Recorded in Book 142 at Page 270; Thence Northeasterly along the North line of the last aforesaid tract or parcel of land with a deflection angle of 93°-42'-30", a distance of 287.02 feet to the point of beginning for this description; containing 0.463 acres, more or less. Being a part of "Tract III" on a plat of survey prepared by Charles L. Garner, Illinois Land Surveyor No. 2316, Recorded on September 26, 1979, in Plat Record 7, Page 145, in the Recorder's Office of Union County, Illinois.

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1528 Morgan School Rd., Jonesboro, IL 62952 TAX PARCEL NUMBERS: 08-20-05-917-A

An identification of the mortgages sought to be foreclosed are filed for record on June 1, 2006 in the Union County Recorder's Office in Book 276 at Pages 917-923.

Said notice is give pursuant to the provisions of 735 ILCS 5/2-206, 5/15-1218 and 5/15-1502, that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said Defendants is the 10th day of April, 2020.

Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Bittle Law Firm, LLC.  
Todd P. Bittle  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
317 East Poplar, Suite D  
Harrisburg, IL 62946  
618/252-3536  
REG#6236717  
14-16g

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY - JONESBORO, ILLINOIS**

**U.S. Bank National Association PLAINTIFF**

vs.

**Ellen M. Bussert, as Trustee of the R&M Odle Irrevocable Trust Dated 9/27/2012; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants DEFENDANTS 2020CH8**

## NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

**NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU: Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants**

This case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 2115 N Lick Creek Rd Goreville, IL 62939 and which said Mortgage was made by: Raymond L. Odle Mildred I. Odle the Mortgagor(s), to U.S. Bank National Association ND, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Union County, Illinois, as Document

No. 2010R2413; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court,

Tiffany Busby,  
Circuit Clerk  
P.O. Box 450  
Jonesboro, IL 62952

on or before April 20, 2020, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 DuPage # 15170 Winnebago # 531 Our File No. 14-19-10959 NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector. 13148124 14-16g

**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 venue 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 THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, AND THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF 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 NORTHEAST 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.

Potential buyers may contact John R. Schneider of the law firm of Johnson, Schneider & Ferrell, L.L.C., 212 North Main Street, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701, Phone Number (573)-335-3300 for information regarding this real estate.

At said sale, the Court will give the purchaser a certificate showing the amount of the bid, a particular description of the property sold, and the time when the purchaser will be entitled to a deed for such property unless same shall have been redeemed according to law.

Tiffany Busby  
Circuit Clerk

Document prepared by: JOHN R. SCHNEIDER JOHNSON, SCHNEIDER & FERRELL, L.L.C. 212 North Main Street Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 Telephone: (573)-335-3300 Facsimile: (573)-335-1978 www.johnsonschneider.com 16-18g

## 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

# Obituaries

## Gene Wright

Gene Wright, 92, of Anna, died Sunday, March 29, 2020, at the Illinois Veteran's Home in Anna.

He was born on July 7, 1927, in Buncombe, the son of Audie Sherman and Vesta Mae Miller Wright.

He married Mary Lou Toler on June 23, 1956, in Anna.

Mr. Wright is survived by his wife of 63 years, Mary Lou Wright of Anna; children Marla Sue Rendleman of Anna, David Scott (Angela) Wright of Marion, Thomas Gene (Dianne) Wright and Robbie Sherman (Suzie) Wright, all of Jonesboro; 12 grandchildren, Brad Dexter, Angela Hand, Carri Odle, Cole Craft, Brett Wright, Brooke Anderson, Brady Wright, Jaime Wright, Jodie Dial, Jessica Wright, Matthew Brown and Sarah Brown; 30 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Ramona Hayes of Herrin; dear friends Floyd and Edna Dallas of Anna; many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Carla Welbaum; two grandchildren, Audie Clarence Wright and Rebecca Clemons; sisters Ethelene Lyerla and Nellie Mae Dillow; an infant sister, Carol Ann Wright; and a son-in-law, Leroy "Leepy" Rendleman.

Mr. Wright served in the Merchant Marines and in the U.S. Air Force. He was a longtime, dedicated member of the First Baptist Church of Jonesboro.

He loved to play golf and was a member of Union County Country Club for over 40 years. He also loved to play cards with family and friends.

Over the years, he had many hobbies, like talking on his CB radio, riding his Harley, spending time on his computer and going out to eat. He really enjoyed shopping for a new car.

Most of all, though, he loved spending time with his family as a husband, father and papa attending ballgames, going to birthday parties, playing games with the little ones and entertaining them with his childhood stories.

Early in his career he worked for Whitney Accounting and then he worked as comptroller for Presley Tours for over 30 years.

His family expressed a heartfelt thank you to the wonderful staff at the Union County Long Term Care and the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna.

Private graveside services will be for the immediate family. Interment will be in the Ebenezer Hall Cemetery in Lick Creek. The family will announce a public celebration of life at a later date.

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

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.

## David W. Siebert

David W. Siebert, 49, of Cobden, died Friday, March 27, 2020, at Evelyn's Hospice House in Creve Coeur, Mo.

He was born on January 2, 1971, in Dallas, Texas. He was the son of Lester Dean and Martha Leota Davis Siebert.

He is survived by his daughter, Molly Siebert of Anna; his parents, Lester and Martha Siebert of Cobden; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, John W. and Lydia K. Siebert; and his maternal grandparents, Robert and Gladys Davis.

Mr. Siebert was a member of the First Baptist Church in Cobden for many years. He worked as a security officer at the Lake of Egypt.

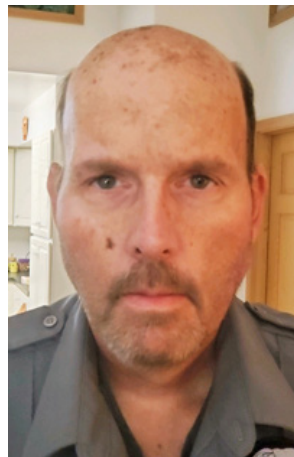
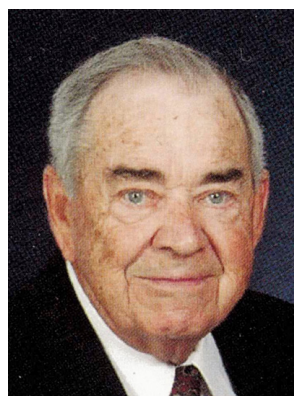
He loved playing golf and flying remote control planes. Most of all he loved playing board games with his daughter Molly.

Private services will be held for the immediate family. Interment will be in the Ebenezer Hall Cemetery in Lick Creek.

Memorials can be made to the Carmi Baptist Children's 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 Cobden is in charge of arrangements.



## Bonnie Lois Marie Penrod

Bonnie Lois Marie Penrod, 85, of Anna, died at 1:22 a.m. Friday, March 27, 2020, at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

She was born on Oct. 12, 1934, in Wolf Lake, the daughter of George V. and Clara R. Kenney Livesay.

She married Earl Wayne Penrod on Oct. 5, 1990, at Ware Baptist Church. He preceded her in death on April 8, 2012.

She was a retired nurse from Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna. She was a member of the Shiloh Baptist Church in Cobden. She loved quilting and instilled that passion in her granddaughters by passing the tradition on to them.

She is survived by her children, Patrick Copeland of Dittmer, Mo., Larry Copeland of Dittmer, Mo., and Candace (Greg) Randles of Alto Pass; grandchildren Marla (Steve) Latham, Jessica Copeland, Emily (Andrew) Lyons, Abby (Jesse) Richard, Ethan Copeland, Lisa (Andrew) Ellet and Kirk Randles; great-grandchildren Tyler Latham, Samantha Latham, Stephany Latham, Sydney Latham, Brittany (Mitch) Konersman, Alyssa Ellet, Lily Ellet, Randi Ellet, Katie Randles, Elijah McGee, Isaiah Richard, Leeyah Richard, Chloe Richard and Easton Richard; great-great-grandchildren Wyatt Latham, Gwen Konersman and Maverick Konersman; siblings Wayne (Barb) Livesay of Ware, Pat Ferguson of Dongola, Nancy Hobbs of Jackson, Mo., Linda (Mike) Brown of Anna, Bob (Betty) Livesay of Wolf Lake and Kay "Sis" Carver of McClure; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; and siblings Ben Livesay, Dorothy Easton, Betty Knight, Jim Livesay and Shirley Murakami.

Private graveside services will be held at Jonesboro Cemetery. The Rev. Larry Buckles will officiate.

Memorials can be made to the Renal Association or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro is in charge of arrangements.

To view the obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family, visit [www.crainsonline.com](http://www.crainsonline.com).



## Clifton E. 'Port' Moreland

Clifton E. "Port" Moreland, 83, of Jonesboro, died Sunday, March 29, 2020, at his home.

He was born on Oct. 23, 1936, in Union County, the son of Eual E. "Doc" Moreland and Irma Sronce Moreland.

He married Beverly Phillips on April 17, 1997. She preceded him in death on April 8, 2014.

Mr. Moreland is survived by his children, Bruce A. Moreland of Jonesboro, Terri (Tom) Pinnick of Westfield, Ind., Diane (Darryl) Harvell of Jonesboro and Brian Moreland of Jonesboro; his grandchildren, Clint Moreland, Dustin Moreland, Cassandra Cunningham, Charlotte Pilate, Cole Moreland, Bruce Moreland Jr., Crystal Duncan, Jessica Dean, Derek Harvell and Lindsay Pinnick; six great-grandchildren, Dillon Moreland, Brent Duncan, Payton Pilate, Matthew Pilate, Aria Dean and Brigham Dean; two brothers, Sonny (Sue) Moreland and Wayne (Juanita Land) Moreland, both of Jonesboro; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Beverly; and one son, Kenneth E. Moreland.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and farming.

Due to current health concerns, private graveside services with military honors for Clifton E. "Port" Moreland will be held at St. John's Cemetery near Dongola.

Clifton's family will announce a location and time to celebrate his life at a later date.

Memorials can be made to the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna activity fund 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 Jonesboro is in charge of arrangements.



## Hospital district auxiliary to award annual scholarships

The Union County Hospital District Auxiliary is accepting applications for its annual scholarships.

To be eligible for the scholarship, an applicant must be accepted and enrolled in at least one class in a health career program at an accredited College or University.

Preference in awarding the scholarship will go to applicants who are residents of Union County, or who are current employees of Union County Hospital in Anna.

## Walmart announces new measures

Walmart this week announced additional measures it is taking for the health and safety of its associates.

**Temperature Checks** Walmart will begin sending infrared thermometers to all stores, clubs and distribution centers.

It will take up to three weeks for thermometers to arrive. Once thermometers are there, Walmart will begin taking the temperature of its associates as they report to work.

**6-20-100 Guidance** Walmart is sharing its new guidance with associates to encourage healthy behaviors.

6 feet: amount of space between people to maintain social distancing.

20 seconds: length of time required to wash hands with soap and water.

100 degrees: if temperature is 100 degrees or higher, that person should stay home.

**Masks and Gloves** Walmart is sending masks and gloves to all its stores, clubs and distribution centers.

The masks will arrive in one to two weeks. Once there, any associate that wishes to use them can do so.

If a position is available at Union County Hospital upon completion of the program, the hope is that the student would consider employment with the facility.

The number of scholarships and the amount of the scholarships are flexible, depending on the funds available for the particular year and the number of classes the applicant is taking.

Applicants must complete the application, provide documentation of acceptance and enrollment in a health career curriculum, and must remain in good standing academically.

Applications must be postmarked no later than May 1 to be considered.

Interested applicants can request an application from the Human Resources Office, Union County Hospital, 517 N. Main St., Anna, Ill. 62906, or contact the human resources office online at [www.unioncountyhospital.com](http://www.unioncountyhospital.com).

## William E. 'Bill' Hileman

William E. "Bill" Hileman, 82, of Anna, died Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at Integrity Healthcare of Anna.

He was born on Aug. 10, 1937, in Anna, the son of Fred Jacob and Nellie G. Eddleman Hileman.

He married Bonnie Jones on Oct. 13, 1956, in Anna.

Mr. Hileman is survived by his wife, Bonnie Hileman of Anna; children Douglas E. (Elizabeth) Hileman of Anna, Kurtis N. (Melanie) Hileman of Jonesboro, Russell L. (Sherrri) Hileman of Anna, Lynn G. (Connie) Hileman of Anna and Brenda Hileman of Anna; 10 grandchildren, Sarah (Matthew) Song, Jacob E. (Nadia) Hileman, Lucas E. (Rachael) Hileman, Nicole (Ryan) Tygett, April R. (Patrick) Shields, Joshua (Tiffany) Hileman, Amy (Mark) Glasco, Rebecca Hileman, Daniel (Melanie) Hileman and Paul Hileman; 21 great-grandchildren, Joshua, Abigail, and Gideon Song, Finley, Emma and Leah Hileman, Averie and Madison Dickinson, Millie and Morgan Shields, Brad, Eli and Kooper Glasco, Drake, Leigha, Isaac, and Rosemary Hileman, Mattilynn Houseman, Ali, Averie and Lucie Hileman; one sister, Emma Hileman of Anna; a brother-in-law, John Ligon of Anna; many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and by a sister Louise Ligon.

He was a member of the Anna Heights Baptist Church for many years. He loved farming and was a talented carpenter. He worked for the Corps of Engineers on numerous construction projects.

Private graveside services were held for the immediate family.

Memorials can be made to Anna Heights Baptist Church.

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 was in charge of arrangements.

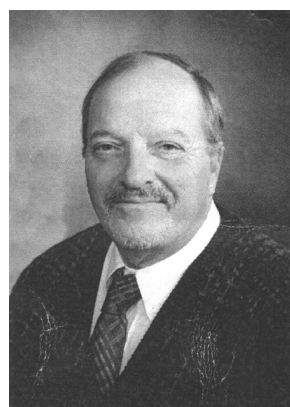


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## In Loving Memory of Our Brother Paul David Womick April 5, 1953 - August 13, 2015



In life we loved you dearly, In death we love you still. See you some day at the Gate of Heaven.

Nadine, Dennis, Sharon & Dale

# Opinion and Commentary

## State agencies address concerns about sheltering during severe weather amid current pandemic

With the arrival of spring, the risk of severe thunderstorms typically increases across the State of Illinois, including the risk for tornadoes.

In light of the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic and the recommended social distancing parameters, people who rely on public sheltering from tornadoes could be faced with the difficult choice of sheltering from the tornado in a community shelter or refraining from going to the shelter in order to limit potential exposure to COVID-19.

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the National Weather Service are recommending that your first priority should be to protect yourself from a potential tornado.

However, the decision to open a community shelter will ultimately be at the discretion of local officials.

Before you make the decision to go to a community shelter, you should first check with local officials to ensure they will be open.

This should be done ahead of any thunderstorm, well before any warnings are issued.

If you rely on community shelters, now is a good time to explore other options that might keep you safe from a tornado while also limiting your potential exposure to COVID-19.

The National Weather Service and state and local emergency management officials strongly encourage people to have a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, NOAA, All Hazards Weather Radio with battery backup.

These radios can be programmed to receive alerts for specified counties to keep you and your family apprised of impending weather and post-event information for all types of hazards including natural (earthquakes), environmental (chemical spills) and public safety hazards (AMBER alerts).

When an alert is issued for the programmed area, the device will sound a warning alarm tone followed by the essential information.

In addition to NOAA weather radios, Wireless Emergency Alerts, WEA, can provide life-saving information about impending storms and emergencies.

These alerts can be sent to your mobile device without the need to download an app or subscribe to a service.

Not only are these critical tools to surviving overnight storms, but they can be extremely beneficial for those who travel.

For more information regarding tornado and severe storm safety, as well as Illinois COVID-19 updates, visit ready.illinois.gov.

## Anna VFW plans 'to go' fish fry

Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 plans to serve a fish fry on Friday, April 3, 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 3.

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.

## Please read this...

By Geof Skinner



**Bob...one of our two cats...the one with, let's say, a "unique" personality, helped out with some work yours truly was doing at home one day last week. After writing this column together, he was pretty much worn out. Cats get exhausted when they have to spend very much time working.**

## This week's column is the cat's meow

Today is April 2, 2020. Yesterday was April 1, 2020. April Fool's Day.

On my own, I decided to make Thursday, today, April 1, so I could make a semi-big deal out of April Fool's Day. I also decided that I am going to make today April 1, 2021. That way, we can just go ahead and put 2020 behind us.

With that being said, I'll move on...

...don't know how many of you folks are working at home these days. In the interest of trying to keep my sweetheart safe, I've been trying to do as much work as possible at our humble abode.

Bob, one of our two kitties, noticed that I've been spending more time than usual at home lately. I think that's why he asked if he could help put this week's column together. He purrsisted. Even after I told him that I do not work at a newspaper. He promised that he would watch his grammar, and said the column would not have a claws which was unnecessary. After a bit of a paws, I agreed to his purrposal.

Bob proceeded to leap on my laptop's keyboard. I watched for a moment, then left him alone. About 15 minutes later, he looked at me with his big cat eyes and said he was done.

Turned out he had found a catalog of kitty jokes. I didn't think that cats were all that great about poking fun at themselves. Bob told me not to worry. He would get even some day.

After about 30 minutes of work, Bob was pretty tired. He went to sleep.

Here's what Bob came up with...and if some of this stuff is not funny, it's on him...

What do cats like to eat on a hot day? A mice-cream cone!

Why do cats always get their way? They are very purr-suasive!

How do two cats end a fight? They hiss and make up! What should you use to comb a cat? A catacomb!

What is a cat's favorite movie? The Sound of Mewsic! How do you know a cat is agitated? He's having a hissy fit!

What's a cat's favorite magazine? Good Mousekeeping! What's a cat's favorite color? Purr-ple!

Why was the cat afraid of the tree? Because of its bark! What did the cat say when it was confused? "I'm purr-plexed!"

What's a cat's favorite dessert? Chocolate mouse! Where does a cat go when it loses its tail? The re-tail store!

What do you call a cat who lives in an igloo? An eskimew!

How do cats stop crimes? They call claw enforcement! What do you call a cat who loves to bowl? An alley cat!

What do cats love to do in the morning? Read the newspaper!

How is cat food sold? Usually, purr the can! What do baby cats always wear? Diapurrs!

Why are cats great singers? Because they're very mew-sical!

Why can't cats play poker in the jungle? Too many cheetahs!

What's another name for a cat's house? A scratch pad! What should you say to your cat when you leave the house? "Have a mice day!"

What do cats use to make coffee? A purr-colator! How does a cat decide what it wants from the store? It flips through the cat-alog!

In what kind of weather is a vet the busiest? When it's raining cats and dogs!

What do you call a cat wearing shoes? A puss in boots! Why do cats always win video games? Because they have nine lives!

What state has a lot of cats and dogs? Petsyvania! What's a cat's favorite game to play with a mouse? Catch!

What do you call a pile of kittens? A meowntain! What do cats eat for breakfast? Mice Krispies!

Where do cats always fly out of when they travel? Kitty Hawk!

How does a cat sing scales? Do-re-mew!

Why did the cat eat the lemons? He was a sourpuss! What's a cat's favorite subject in school? Hissst-tory!

What types of cats purr the best? Purr-sians! What sports do cats play? Hairball!

Stay safe.

(By the way...Bob found the cat jokes on a website called bestlifeonline.com.)

## A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, April 2, 1970

All residents of Union County, as well as everyone across the nation, received a very official looking document in their mail over the week end. This is the Census Form 1970, which in the case of residents of Union County, are to be retained until picked up by a census taker.

Voters will go to the polls Saturday, April 11, to elect members to the various School Boards of Education in all districts in Union County.

State Fire Marshal Norman Hilton, at the request of the Union County Board of Commissioners, inspected the Union County Courthouse recently.

Tornadoes touched down in Southern Illinois Wednesday night, March 25, causing much property damage, especially to trailer

camp, the majority being occupied by Southern Illinois University students. Union County Civil Defense was on duty from early evening to late that night when the all-clear was sounded for Union County and surrounding areas, and the threat of the storms was lifted.

A meeting will be held tonight, Thursday, April 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Union County Courthouse concerning the formation of a unit school district.

Classes in the Day College and Evening College at Shawnee College opened Wednesday, April 1.

General Telephone Company of Illinois is in the process of changing parts of its Cobden and Dongola rural areas from multi or ten party service to suburban service.

Open House will be held at Anna-Jonesboro Teen Town Thursday, April 9, for members of the eighth

grades of Anna Junior High, Jonesboro and Lick Creek Schools.

If you are "in" for fun and entertainment, come to Shawnee High School and enjoy the "All-school variety Show" Friday evening, April 3, at 7:30 p.m.

From the Cobden News: "Drugs, their use and abuse" will be the subject of discussion at the Cobden P.T.A. meeting Monday, April 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The guest speaker will be Captain Kirk who is in charge of Security Police at SIU.

From the Shiloh news: Well, one is not surprised to look out and see snow anymore, are they? This is two Easters that I remember having snow. How many more of you are that old.

From the Bethel news: The children enjoyed an Easter egg hunt after church Sunday. They really enjoyed it.

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