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News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area



Pandemic humor? This image of the smiley face water tower in Makanda was shared on social media.

The Anna City Council planned to have a special meeting and a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 21. Both meetings were to have been conducted by teleconference.

A Jonesboro City Council meeting which had been scheduled for Monday, April 20, was cancelled due to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.

Due to the pandemic, offices at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro continue to be closed to the public, with the exception of appointments.

The Illinois High School Association Board of Directors planned to make a final determination about spring sports state tournaments at a video conference meeting which was scheduled Tuesday, April 21.

The Illinois Department of Transportation is announcing plans for a road construction project which is scheduled to begin as early as May 4 at the intersection of Lime Kiln Road and Spanish Bluff Road, just north of Anna.

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Cobden High School last Friday night.

Shining the Light on 2020 graduating class

For high school students, their senior year is a time of excitement, anticipation, proms, graduation, celebrations and special memories.

For members of the graduating Class of 2020 at Union County's four public high schools, their memories will include a year that was unexpectedly and disappointingly cut short by the global coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

Schools which had been closed in mid-March during the pandemic now will remain shuttered for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year.

Plans for 2020 graduation ceremonies were not immediately available as The Gazette-Democrat went to press early this week.

To help ease the disappointment of the abrupt end to the year, efforts are underway to give graduating seniors special memories which they can take with them for the rest of their lives.

Last Friday night, "Be the Light" events were conducted at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School

and Cobden High School. Shawnee High School at Wolf Lake plans to join in the #bethelight Campaign this Friday night.

Information about the special campaign is being featured on social media postings for the Union County schools.

The social media movement seeks to honor the senior Class of 2020 at school districts across the country, most of which have had their senior year cut short by the stay at home orders due to the pandemic.

Schools around the country illuminated their sports stadiums at 8:20 p.m. (2020 in military time) for 20 minutes in a show of support for their seniors.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School

Anna Jonesboro Community High School took part in the "Be the Light" campaign on Friday, April 17, at the A-JCHS football field.

On a blustery, chilly April night when conditions could have been the setting for a high school football game, Wildcat seniors gathered in their cars



Anna-Jonesboro Community High School last Friday night.

around The Pit.

The Pit is the home field for A-JCHS Wildcats football games. Friday Night Lights were illuminated at the The Pit for the special occasion.

Cobden High School

Cobden High School also joined in the #bethelight Campaign last Friday night.

Members of the class of 2020 were invited to drive by Blayne Smith Field at the school.

Many came and were given a special gift – their class t-shirts – as they drove through.

A special message for

Cobden's seniors was shared on social media prior to Friday night's event: "We haven't forgot about you and hope to shine a little light your way."

Shawnee High School at Wolf Lake

Shawnee High School will be joining in on the #bethelight Campaign to recognize the Class of 2020.

On Friday, April 24, at 8:20 p.m., Shawnee District 84 will be lit up and community fire trucks will run their lights for 20 minutes and 20 seconds in honor of our 2020 graduating seniors.

"To show your support, please follow the path through the parking lot and around the semi-circle. Feel free to flash your lights, wave signs, and honk your horns, but please remain in your vehicles. Staff will be parked in the north parking lot," a message on social media shared.

The school's graduating seniors also were told: "This is just one more way your class will ALWAYS stand out in our hearts and minds! We ask that all seniors pause at the main entrance to retrieve a token of our support."

Schools closed for remainder of academic year

By Rebecca Anzel
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SPRINGFIELD – Following the lead of nearby states, Gov. JB Pritzker on Friday announced Illinois' public and private schools will remain shuttered for the rest of the school year.

The announcement came one month after Pritzker first announced a temporary school closure amid the COVID-19 pandemic, and on the same day the state announced 62 more

deaths and 1,842 new confirmed cases – the largest single-day spike so far. That brought total deaths to 1,134 and total cases to 27,575.

Pritker said the state's COVID-19 curve is "flattening, not flat," and key metrics to watch are hospitalization rate and how long it takes for the number of cases to double.

Both are decreasing, but not at a level that indicates the curve is declining yet, he added.

As of Friday, the state

had 926 of 2,979 intensive care unit beds available statewide, or about 30 percent. There were 1,918 available ventilators of 3,213, or about 60 percent.

Illinois Department of Public Health director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said Friday's new case count appears so high because health care personnel are testing more people, and she and Pritzker agreed that fatality and case count increase rates have not peaked yet.

The state reported 7,574 more people tested in the

past day, the second largest daily total thus far. There now have been 130,163 people tested for the virus in Illinois.

As cases (as of Friday) had been confirmed in 92 of Illinois' 102 counties, Pritzker made the call Friday to cancel school, public and private, for the rest of the academic year.

Science: Students Can't Go Back to Normal Routine

"Folks, I've said time and time again, my decisions are hard ones, but they will

follow the science. And the science says our students can't go back to their normal routine," Pritzker said. "... My priority remains unchanged – how do we save the most lives during this very difficult time."

In an average day, Pritzker said, 2 million K-12 students would meet in large groups in hallways, classrooms and extracurricular activities before going home.

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Five COVID-19 cases in county

The number of cases of coronavirus/COVID-19 in Union County had climbed to five as of April 20, the Southern Seven Health Department reported.

The health department on Tuesday afternoon, April 14, confirmed the first case of COVID-19 in Union County.

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

The health department also reported on April 16 that the first case of COVID-19 had been confirmed in Alexander County. The case involved a woman in her 50s.

On Monday, the health department reported that the first case of coronavi-

rus/COVID-19 had been reported in Hardin County. The case involved a male in his 50s.

As of April 20, the number of cases in counties served by Southern Seven Health Department included:

Union County: five.
Alexander County: two.
Johnson County: two.
Hardin County: one.
Massac County: three (two of the three have recovered).

Pulaski County: nine.
Southern Seven reported that as of April 19, the Illinois Department of Public Health reported a total of 30,357 people with coronavirus/COVID-19 in the state. A total of 1,290 deaths had been reported.



Some more signs of the times

Blue wooden silhouette figures of girls and boys are on display throughout the Union County community in commemoration of April's observance of Child Abuse Prevention Month. During the ongoing coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, masks have been added to the figures on display at the Davie School Inn & Suites in Anna as a reminder to help prevent the spread of the disease.



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Schools remain closed

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That pattern “opens up a nearly limitless opportunity for potential COVID-19 infection in a time when our health care workers, our researchers, our scientists and our first responders need us to bend the curve downward,” he added.

Ezike said social distancing is working and needs to continue.

The governor said one of the difficulties in the decision was the fact that students would have fewer instructional hours, and

that Illinois is an education landscape in which some districts are better able to enact remote learning than others.

But Illinois administrators and educators are “stepping up to ensure that every child in this state receives the education they deserve,” he said, even if the method varies by community.

Guidance offered by the Illinois State Board of Education includes daily check-ins on each student by the teacher and grading reflective of “the unprecedented

circumstances in which students are attempting to continue their studies,” Pritzker said.

Pritzker also announced another \$569 million in federal funding will be available to Illinois schools as part of the recent federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security, or CARES Act.

Districts will receive a portion of that funding proportional to how many low-income students they teach. ISBE officials will allocate additional money to communities most in need of resources, the governor said.

That funding may be spent on technology for students and teachers and meals to distribute to those youth that need them.

“Our school buildings may be closed, but the hearts and the minds of our teachers and students are wide open,” Illinois Superintendent of Schools Dr. Carmen Ayala said.

“This pandemic has altered the fabric of how we teach, how we learn and how we connect, but it has not shaken the core of what our schools do, and that is to take care of Illinois’ children and prepare them for what is next.”

She added state officials do not “expect” students

to learn everything they would have this year had in-person classes continued. The agency plans to release guidance to assist schools address “learning loss.”

Other Notes

Ezike said while some individual hospitals in Illinois may be at capacity, not all in a particular area are. IDPH divided the state’s 211 hospitals into 11 regions, and “there’s no region that has no beds,” she said.

Residents experiencing symptoms can find information about where they may get tested on the IDPH website at dph.illinois.gov COVID19.

“Please, for people who are experiencing illness and want to get tested, I do want to alert that we do have increased testing capacity,” Ezike said.

The governor said he is “managing through this time reasonable well” in response to a question about how he is faring mentally and physically. While it is “hard not to let (the daily statistics) get you down,” he added, “if everybody persists out there with the stay-at-home order, ... we’ll do better every day.”

Ezike added she is “finding the strength I need to carry on,” and she has no complaints.

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An opportunity to “adopt” 2020 graduates is highlighted on Facebook.

Some painting work was being done during the past week at the Anna City Park.

Earth Day was Wednesday, April 22. This year marked the 50th anniversary of Earth Day.

Arbor Day is Friday, April 24.

On an optimistic note: Rendleman Orchards near Alto Pass posted a message on social media that “baby peaches” will be picked “in just 10 weeks.”



Another hopeful sign: a purple iris was seen in bloom last week in Union County.

Frost on the pumpkin? Well, maybe not in April. But there was frost on windshields early Wednesday morning, April 15, in Union County.

The Illinois Department of Transportation is announcing plans for a road construction project which is scheduled to begin as early as May 4 at the intersection of Lime Kiln Road and Spanish Bluff Road, just north of Anna.

If you haven’t seen it yet, check out the “#SI-STRONG” video on the visitSI website. The video also has been airing on local television stations.

The Southern Illinois Miners are honoring the region’s 2020 high school graduates. A social media posting showed that graduates from Southern Illinois high schools will be saluted on the scoreboard at Rent One Park in Marion. Names of graduates can be submitted to the Miners by email by April 30.

Grants helping with emergency needs for Illinois college students

The Illinois Board of Higher Education, Illinois Community College Board and the Illinois Student Assistance Commission are rallying private sources of funding to support grants to meet emergency needs of low-income students at the state’s public colleges and universities.

Illinois public universities serve more than 50,000 low-income students, and the state’s community colleges serve more than 81,000 low-income students. As of April 18, the fund had raised \$550,000.

The money raised will be allocated to public universities and community colleges based on their percentage and number of low-income students.

Examples of students who are at risk of dropping out due to the impact of COVID-19 include:

•A student in quarantine at home awaiting a COVID-19 test, who is not eligible for paid time off

from his job. He cannot afford food or medication and worries how this will affect his education.

•A single mother in college who has lost her job and is no longer able to afford diapers or formula.

•A student studying from home whose only computer is too old to support the software needed for classes. Plus, her father, a restaurant worker, is concerned that he’ll lose his job.

The fund will be administered by the Southern Illinois University Foundation.

The institutions each have an established foundation capable of quickly receiving and distributing funds.

All part-time and full-time students in good standing are eligible. The money will be distributed as grants, which do not have to be paid back.

Students are advised to contact their school directly to find out how to access the emergency funds.

County assigned 1.0000 tax multiplier

Union County has issued a final property assessment equalization factor of 1.0000, the Illinois Department of Revenue, IDOR, reported April 14.

The property assessment equalization factor, often called the “multiplier,” is the method used to achieve uniform property assessments among counties, as required by law.

IDOR said the equalization is particularly important because some of the state’s 6,600 local taxing districts, such as school districts, junior college districts and fire protection districts, overlap into two or more counties.

If there were no equalization among counties, substantial inequities among taxpayers with comparable properties would result.

Under a law passed in 1975, property in Illinois should be assessed at one-third of its market value.

Farm property is assessed differently, with farm homesites and dwellings subject to regular assessing and equalization procedures, but with farmland assessed at one-third of its agriculture economic value. Farmland is not subject to the state equalization factor.

Assessments in Union County are at 33.14 percent of market value, based on sales of properties in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

The equalization factor currently being assigned is for 2019 taxes, payable in 2020. Last year’s equalization factor for the county was 0.9852.

The final assessment equalization factor was issued after a public hearing on the tentative factor. The tentative factor issued in February was 1.0000.

The equalization factor is determined annually for each county by comparing the price of individual properties sold over the past three years to the assessed value placed on those properties by the county supervisor of assessments/county assessor.

If this three-year average level of assessment is one-third of the market value, the equalization factor will be 1.

If the average level of assessment is greater than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be less than 1.

If the average level of assessment is less than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be greater than 1.

Help available

The Illinois Department of Human Services has launched a free emotional-support text line for people experiencing stress or despair related to the pandemic.

To speak anonymously to a health care specialist, text “talk” to 552-020 and a counselor from a local community mental health center will call you within 24 hours. For a Spanish option, text “hablar” instead.

A change in the equalization factor does not mean total property tax bills will increase or decrease.

Tax bills are determined by local taxing bodies when they request money each year to provide services to local citizens.

If the amount requested by local taxing districts is not greater than the amount received in the previous year, then total property taxes will not increase even if assessments increase.

The assessed value of an individual property determines what portion of the tax burden a specific taxpayer will assume. That individual’s portion of tax responsibility is not changed by the multiplier.

Union County Treasurer Leigh Burns said that work is underway to prepare local property tax bills.

Like nearly everything else, the tax bills are impacted by the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

Burns said she is hoping that bills can be mailed in time to have early August and early October payment due dates. She emphasized that the schedule remains very tentative.

Sheriff issues monthly report

Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel has released his department’s monthly activity report for March.

Highlights from the report follow:

Felony arrests, 15. Misdemeanor arrests, 22. Traffic arrests, 33. Warrant arrests, one. Total arrests, 71.

Cases opened, 40. Drug investigations, seven. Crash reports, nine. 911 calls received, 1,658. Miles patrolled, 11,009.

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Head Start students, families learning beyond classroom

As children throughout the region are studying and participating in activities with their classmates online, Southern Seven Head Start students, and their families, are too – and in ways that go beyond the classroom.

When schools were closed in March due to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, Southern Seven Head Start began to implement strategies to stay connected with families and ways to keep services available.

“Many activities are being done via social media,” said Jennifer Parks, Early Head Start administrator for the Southern Seven Head Start program.

“Some teachers are visiting the children via FaceTime for special wishes for birthdays, or if the child has questions about why they are not attending school.”

Teachers are preparing packets of activities for the families to do at home with their children.

Book readings, virtual dress-up days, science experiments and tips and ideas are given to the families.

While the Head Start centers have been closed, Head Start teachers and staff have been checking in on the families and helping them with any resources they may need during this time, including meals.

Children enrolled in Head Start are provided nutritious meals and snacks while at the centers. For many families, this is a vital resource. “Three centers are providing meals to the families given out as a grab and go,” Parks said. “That will feed the children for that week that meets all of the USDA requirements.”

Families can contact Southern Seven Head Start to arrange for pick up.

A questionnaire is being completed with each family to see what its needs may be and how they are being affected by the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

Loss or layoff from their job, concerns with their health, and consumables such as food or diapers etc.



Keeping busy
Even though the Anna Head Start center is temporarily closed, the students have been keeping busy at home. Members of the teaching staff have been working with families through a learning app called Class DoJo. A caregiver assists a child in completing certain activities that have been assigned by the classroom teacher. Parents have been sending in pictures of their children doing a variety of activities to keep themselves busy, from planting flowers and pet grooming to rolling out their first batch of dumplings. Photo provided.

that might be hard to find are among the questions.

Head Start will then assist families in getting them the resources they need.

Although their focus is on what is happening now, Head Start teachers are also looking ahead to a new school year.

Staff members have been using the time to brush up on professional development training for themselves. Enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year continues.

Families can contact their local center or the Southern Seven Head Start central office at 618-634-2297 to get the application process started with phone interview.

Head Start provides full-day classes and has dual enrollment with pre-kindergarten.

Southern Seven Head Start is a federally funded educational program for income-eligible families who live in the lower seven counties in Illinois.

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

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

For more information, search Southern Seven on Facebook and at www.southern7.org.

Legislators announce Southern Illinois Strong

METROPOLIS – As the COVID-19 crisis continues to cause economic hardship for small business owners across the State of Illinois and throughout the United States, members of Southern Illinois’ legislative delegation are endorsing a new Southern Illinois Strong t-shirt fund-raising drive.

State Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg, and State Senator Paul Schimpf, R-Waterloo, have joined with State Rep. Terri Bryant, R-Murphysboro, State Rep. Dave Severin, R-Benton, State Rep. Patrick Windhorst, R-Metropolis, and State Rep. Nathan Reitz, D-Steeleville, to promote and support Southern Illinois Strong.

The bipartisan delegation of legislators are supporting Southern Illinois Strong by sharing information on their respective Facebook pages to raise awareness.

Funds raised from t-shirt sales will be deposited into an account managed by the Southern Illinois Community Foundation, SICF.

Flood warning continues

A flood warning continues this week for the Mississippi River at Cape Girardeau.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported on its website that the flood warning continues until Saturday morning, April 25.

At 7 p.m. Monday, April 20, the river’s stage was 32.3 feet. Flood stage is 32.0 feet.

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

The river was expected to continue rising to near 32.5 feet by early Tuesday afternoon, April 21.

The forecast called for the river to fall below flood stage by early Saturday morning.



Southern Illinois Strong logo

Grants will be awarded to small businesses impacted by the coronavirus outbreak and will be awarded by SICF through a lottery.

The fund-raiser website is SouthernIllinoisStrong.com.

The website will allow for t-shirt orders, donations and for grant applications to be submitted.

Grant recipients will receive grants up to \$1,500 per business. Eligible busi-

nesses must have 25 or fewer employees.

The Southern Illinois Strong fundraiser began Thursday, April 16, and continues through Wednesday, May 6. Applications for grants are due by Monday, May 4.

For more information, visit SouthernIllinoisStrong.com or visit Southern Illinois Strong on Facebook @Facebook.com/SouthernIllinoisStrong.

National Day of Prayer service won't be held in Anna

Not knowing at the time if the governor’s “stay-at-home” order will be extended past April 30 or not, members of the Union County Alliance of Churches committee planning the National Day of Prayer event which had been scheduled for May 7 have decided that they will not hold the public event this year.

At the annual National Day of Prayer events, prayers are offered for the country, state and local government officials, and local businesses, law enforcement, emergency and health care personnel, schools, civic and service organizations, as well as every citizen from all areas of Union County.

Especially this year, the committee says that the community, state, nation and world need prayers.

Therefore, the committee encourages everyone to take some time on Thursday, May 7, to lift up the world and the current crisis to God

in prayer. The 2020 National Day of Prayer theme is “Pray God’s Glory Across the Earth,” with Habakkuk 2:14 as the selected scripture: “For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.”

The committee notes that the “National Day of Prayer belongs to all Americans. It is a day that transcends differences, bringing together citizens from all backgrounds. It is an unprecedented opportunity to see the Lord’s healing and renewing power made manifest as we call on citizens to humbly come before His throne.”

The National Day of Prayer website can be found online at <https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/>. The website features inspirational articles and other information on the National Day of Prayer.

The Union County Alliance of Churches extends appreciation to the City of Anna for its intention to support the 2020 event, which was to have been held at the Anna City Park.

The alliance planning committee also appreciates all of those who had agreed to participate in this year’s event.

Weather High 71, low 27; frost April 15, 16

Frost was recorded on the mornings of April 15 and 16 in the Union County area.

Heavy frost was recorded Wednesday, April 15, when the low temperature dropped to 27 degrees. Light, scattered frost was recorded April 16, when the low was 31.

The high temperature during the period of April 14-20 was 71. The low was 27.

Precipitation during the period included .09 of an inch of rain on April 17 and .01 of an inch of rain on April 19.

Fog was recorded on April 20.

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

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Tuesday, April 14	52	31
Wednesday, April 15	61	27
Thursday, April 16	62	31
Friday, April 17	58	41
Saturday, April 18	58	30
Sunday, April 19	62	40
Monday, April 20	71	38

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Sports Memories

The coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic has put an end to sports activities in the region. This week, we take a look back at memories from the annual River to River Relay. The Relay is run each April. The Relay's route begins in the LaRute/Pine Hills Area in Union County, not far from the Mississippi River. The Relay ends in Golconda, near the Ohio River. The accompanying photographs were taken in Cobden, where one of the Relay's exchange points is located. File photos.



2019 Relay



2018 Relay



2017 Relay



2016 Relay



Faithful fans

Union County is home to lots of fans of the St. Louis Cardinals and Chicago Cubs. The 2020 Major League Baseball season has been put on hold because of the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. Local fans, like those at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna, are still showing their support for the Cardinals and Cubs.

Commentary

Looking back at A-J basketball standout

By Mike Estel

I've often wondered what happened to Anna-Jonesboro Community High School's standout basketball player Kassie Drew.

She made so much noise when she was a member of the Lady Wildcats basketball squad but very little has ever been mentioned of her collegiate career.

A very sought after athlete by a lot of major colleges, she ended up on a basketball scholarship at the University of Missouri in Columbia.

Her freshman season in college she averaged 3.4 points and 2.1 rebounds and was the Big 12 Rookie of the Week. Her sophomore year she started going down hill and averaged 3.2 points and 2 rebounds a game and by her junior year she was down to 2.1 points and a rebound a game.

So, what happened in her collegiate career? Under A-J's Kassie Drew on the internet, I found out what happened.

"It was a hard decision to make," Kassie told a sports columnist. "I got burned out on (basketball) really during my junior year. I was ready to move on."

She didn't play her senior season because of student teaching in Special Education.

Kassie said when she first went to the university she would leave basketball practice and help coach for Special Olympics. She said doing this sparked her interest in working with students with special needs. She graduated college with a degree in special education.

The 5-foot-11 shooting guard ended her prep career by scoring an unbelievable 3,000 points for A-J. This included 1,103 in one season for the second highest single season scoring in the state.

Kassie led the Lady Wildcats to a school-record 30 wins and their first ever state playoff appearance.

The versatile athlete tied for 2nd with the highest single-season scoring out put in state history with 73 points in a game against Chester.

She also set the record with the most 3-pointers in a game with 12, scored the most points in a season with 1,153 and averaged 32 points, 7.4 rebounds and 7 assists a game her senior season.

She was also a 4-time All-State Honoree by the Chicago Sun-Times newspaper.

Basketball wasn't the only sport she excelled in.

Besides making the All-State girls' prep basketball team for four years, she was also a two-time All-State volleyball player.

Her father, Jim, was the Wildcats' boys basketball coach for several years. She was coached in high school basketball by former A-J coach Jeff Hayden.

So, that's what happened to Kassie Drew's college experience.

According to her father, right out of college she took a teaching assignment at the high school in special education in Kansas City, Mo. She is now the assistant principal there and was asked recently to become head girls' basketball coach. However, her father said because of having three daughters she doesn't have the time.

Her fans and me as well expected her to excel at the collegiate level and possibly get a shot at a professional basketball career.

Illinois jobless rate 4.6 percent

The Illinois Department of Employment Security, IDES, on April 16 reported that the state's unemployment rate rose 1.2 percentage points to 4.6 percent, while nonfarm payrolls lost 34,100 jobs in March.

The rise in the unemployment rate reflected the initial impact of the coronavirus/COVID-19 outbreak on Illinois businesses and households, based on preliminary data provided by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, BLS, and released by IDES.

The February monthly change in payrolls was revised from the preliminary report from a loss of 200 jobs to a loss of 11,400 jobs.

The state's unemployment rate was 0.2 of a percentage point higher than the national unemployment rate reported for March, which was 4.4 percent, up 0.9 of a percentage point from the previous month.

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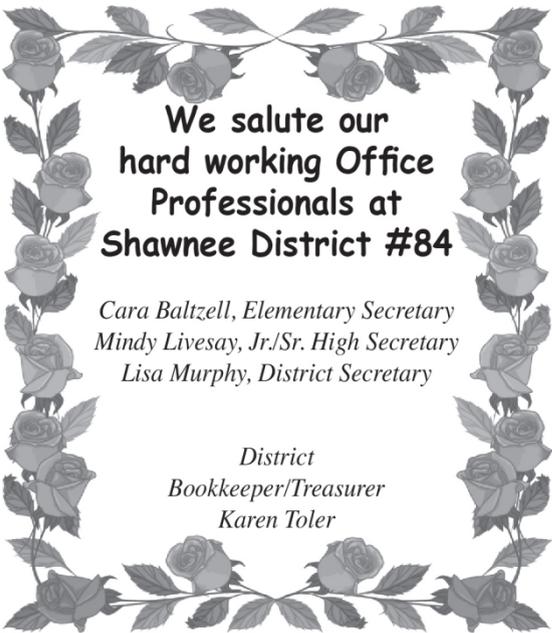
This holiday was created by the president of the National Secretaries Association – Mary

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The day in the life of an administrative professional is varied from moment to moment. While organization is key to their success, their

flexibility and ability to handle the unexpected make them valuable to any business. Some of their responsibilities include managing appointments, drafting letters and memos, booking business trips, coordinating appointments and planning meetings.

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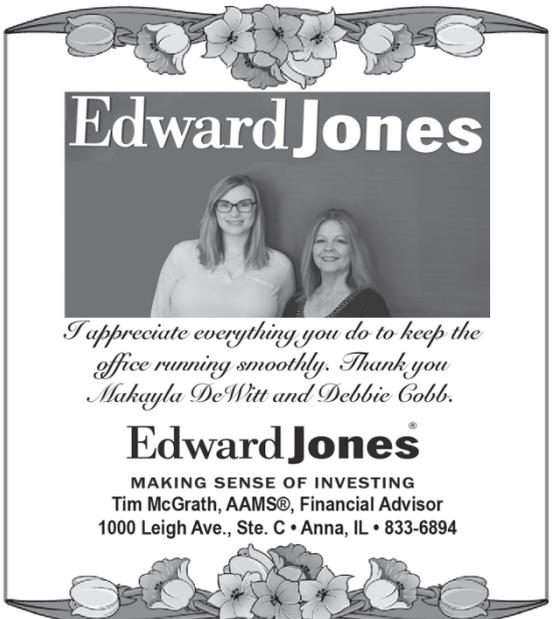
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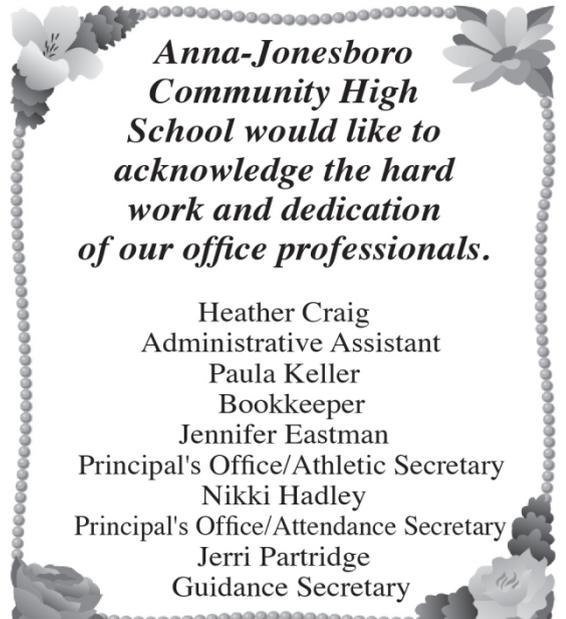
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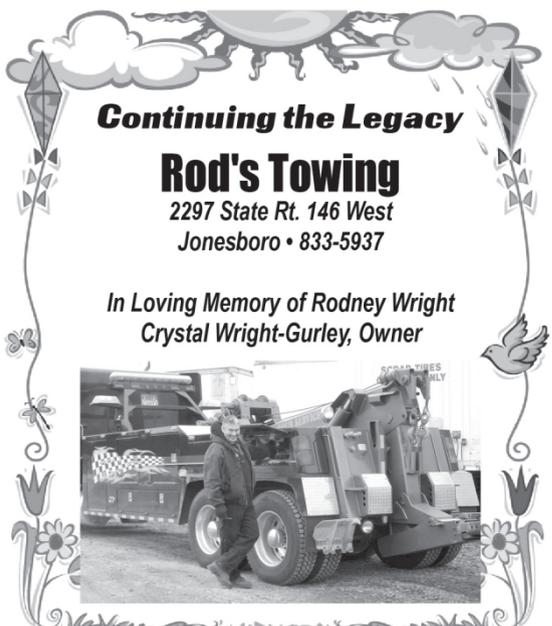
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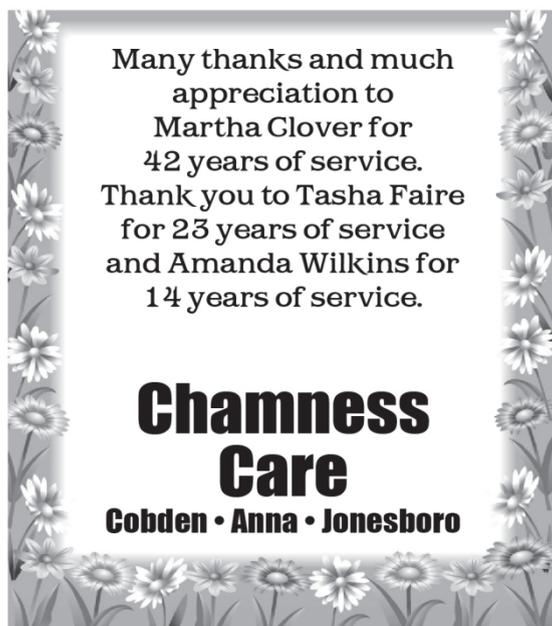

The City of Anna would like to thank its office staff for all their hard work and dedication on this Administrative Professionals Day. You are appreciated!



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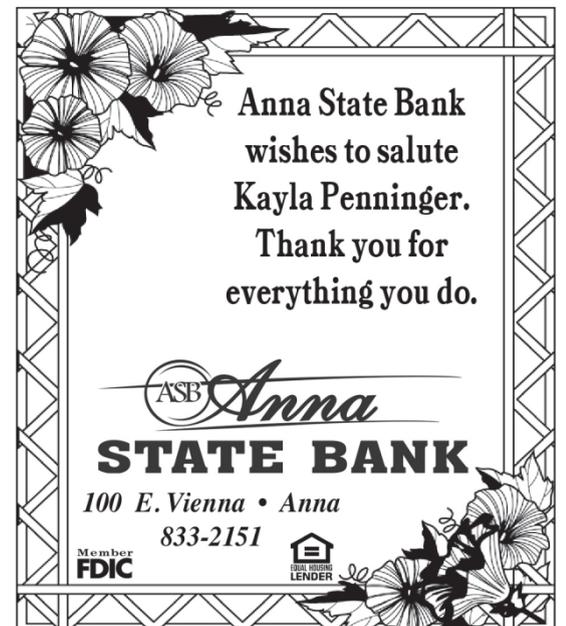
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When the court officers had brought the Apostles in and made them stand before the Sanhedrin, the high priest questioned them, "We gave you strict orders did we not, to stop teaching in that name. Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and want to bring this man's blood upon us." But Peter and the Apostles said in reply, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him." When they heard this, they became infuriated and wanted to put them to death. From the Book of Acts

The one who comes from above is above all. The one who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of earthly things. But the one who comes from heaven is above all. He testifies to what he has seen and heard, but no one accepts his testimony. Whoever does accept his testimony certifies that God is trustworthy. For the one whom God sent speaks the words of God. He does not ration his gift of the Spirit. The Father loves the Son and has given everything over to him. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever disobeys the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God remains upon him. From the Gospel of John

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1:1-14	2:1-18	3:1-19	4:1-13	4:14-5:10	5:11-6:12	6:13-20

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Alternate housing facility activated

At the request of the local government, the State of Illinois has activated a pre-staged alternate housing facility in Jefferson County to meet the identified needs of COVID-19.

State officials reported that Jefferson County authorities had indicated a recent spike in positive cases of COVID-19, including more than 17 cases linked to a long-term care facility, that will require additional resources to help slow the spread of the virus.

The purpose of an alternate housing facility is to provide a place where people can go to safely isolate or quarantine in order to not expose others in their home.

This facility will allow individuals to remain close to home, near family and his/her health care provider of record.

However, it is important to note, these facilities are not designed to provide medical care for individuals, state officials said.

"The State of Illinois has identified thousands of additional rooms in Northern, Central and Southern Illinois that can be activated once local jurisdictions exhaust the resources they have on hand to meet the needs of their community," IEMA director Alicia Tate-Nadeau said in a news release.

"This concept is truly a collaborative effort between state and local governments to ensure we have all the tools and resources necessary to help our residents, and effectively slow the spread of this deadly virus."

The local health department is the responsible party for referring individuals to an alternate housing facility.

The local health department will screen each individual prior to entry to determine health status and eligibility, monitor the individual throughout the stay, and will determine when an individual can safely return home.

Additional services are provided at the local level to limit the transmission of the virus. Cleaning services, a security detail, facility management and food services are among the items needed to ensure the facility runs safely for all those involved.

Many agencies are involved in the establishment of a state alternate housing facility.

An alternate housing facility is seen as an extension of a person's home. Public health experts agree that staying at home and limiting exposures to others is the best way to slow the spread of this virus.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

Services for the Anna Church of the Nazarene are being held on Sundays at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Bible study at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday night Bible study at 6:30 p.m. by using Zoom.

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

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

Sunday's message, given by Pastor Randy Wright, was titled, "The Emmaus Walk." Scripture was from Luke.

To keep everyone safe and to follow the guidelines of the president, the Illinois District cancelled the dis-

trict quiz at Pana, which had been scheduled on April 18. The district quiz will be conducted using Google Forms.

Anna quizzers who will be participating in this quiz will be Aaron Wiseman, Jaida Smith, Sophie Wells, Madilyn Smith, Blake Wells, Liberty Cook and Nicholas Cook.

Local leaders are Vonda Hill and Carolyn Murray, who have studied with the quizzers since September 2019 in the Book of Genesis.

Birthdays: Wanda Ames, April 21; Christopher Hill, Liberty Cook, Brookie Benefield, April 25.

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

News from

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna



The sermon on April 19, via livestream, was about Thomas, who, because he was not there when Jesus first came to the disciples after His resurrection, did not believe, and stated that unless he touched the wounds on Jesus' side, he would not believe Christ had risen. After a week, Jesus came to them again and Thomas was there. He touched the wounds and then he knew. Thomas didn't want to believe; he wanted to know. He wanted Jesus to show up for him too. The sermon shared that "maybe we should all be like Thomas and want Jesus to show up for us too."

Prayers were offered for the whole people of God, for those who are sick and suffering, for families who are grieving the loss of loved ones, and for health care workers who are risking their lives to keep everyone safe.

The church voices appreciation to Joryce Crews, Jim Neisz and Mike Stegle for making the livestream service possible. Photo provided.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, April 19, Pastor Perry Williams preached via transmitter for drive-up church.

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

Dee Rose led in worship. Debbie York played the keyboard.

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

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

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

under Brother Perry Williams.

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

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

Birthdays: Ludine Cope-land, who was 99 on Tuesday, April 21; Donald Williams, April 21; Melinda Goodman, April 23.

Anniversary: Gerry and Cynthia Boehne, April 22, 42 years.

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

News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

Rev. Dee Ann Thompson's sermon this past Sunday was titled "Stop Doubting and Believe!" Scripture was from the Gospel of John.

The selected scripture was about the account of the apostle Thomas, who was not present with the other disciples when Jesus first appeared to them after His resurrection.

The message recalled that "fear and despair were thick in the air. They had thought He was their king and savior, and instead they had seen Him beaten and die."

"Think of the breath-taking experience of seeing Him alive with them. In their hopelessness, He had come to take away their fear and doubt and reassure them that He was with them."

"History has unfairly labeled the apostle Thomas as a doubter. Thomas was the apostle who, when they realized that Jesus was going to die, said to the other disciples "let us go that we may die with Him."

"When he met the risen savior, Thomas gave the most powerful testimony and confession of faith when he fell before Jesus and proclaimed 'My Lord and My God!'"

"Deep down, wouldn't we all like to see Jesus physically standing with us? Jesus doesn't have to be visible to know what is in our hearts; He is with each one of us to comfort and strengthen us, and to restore hope."

"Our hope rests in our relationship with the Prince of Peace."

Rev. Thompson closed with an invitation: if doubt or despair has stolen your

hope, come to Jesus and be made whole. Replace your doubt with faith.

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

Until further notice, the church will be having services electronically. Those who want to be a part of the live worship experience can contact any member of the congregation for the link to join.

Happy anniversary to Camp Ground Church's pastor and husband, Dee Ann and Kenneth Thompson, on Wednesday, April 15.

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

Hess News

By Glenn Heisner

Many of us watched the Bald Knob Easter service on television.

I would hope that will turn out as an annual event as many can't attend in person. When we were younger we attended in some cold and rainy weather.

This COVID-19 is causing so many changes for all.

We were planning on going to Texas for a grandson's graduation from the police academy, but had to settle for a picture of his diploma on the phone.

Danny was going to drive us to Alabama for Andrew and RaAnn's high school graduation, which will probably be cancelled.

Lawns are getting a lot of care and some neighbors are getting firewood for next winter.

We enjoy the fish fry every Friday at the VFW and seeing Brother Daniel preach on the phone each Sunday.

We do miss our church family.

Pastor's Corner by Pastor Don Cox

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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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Honoring A-J Seniors

A-JCHS joined the #bethelight Campaign to recognize the class of 2020.

The lights were turned on at The Pit last Friday night at 8:20 p.m. for 20 minutes and 20 seconds in honor of our A-J seniors.

You are always on our minds and we will always be here for you.

The seniors, parents and friends came to the school to show their support by sitting in their cars and would occasionally honk.

Prayers

Prayers and special thanks to all those who are working and to all those who are staying in unless you have to get out for something.

Cache River

How many knew the Cache River starts at our Anna City Park? Next time you look at the little creeks in Anna think about them being part of the big Cache River.

Jason Tabor and Tina Goetz of Evergreen Nursery, Tom Caldwell, Nancy

Kucera and Martha Ann Webb, of Anna-Jo Garden Club, and Gary Dahmer, Anna public works manager, attended a tree planting celebration of a bald cypress tree in honor of Arbor Day, which is April 24.

City employees had planted the tree earlier. The tree was planted at the approximate source of the Cache River.

The ceremony was in compliance with health protocols and social distancing was practiced.

This was made possible by Anna-Jo Garden Club in cooperation with Evergreen Nursery and the City of Anna.

The tree was supplied by Evergreen Nursery. A stone marker was supplied by Lotus Landscaping that reads Source of Cache River AJGC.

The ceremony inspired an informal discussion about establishing Anna as a Tree City USA through the National Arbor Foundation.

Tom Caldwell, an arbor-

ist, commented, "Southern Illinois is blessed with an abundance of remarkable natural areas, but the fact that the source of the Cache River is right here in Anna is often overlooked."

Special Thanks

Janice Lewellyn organized a drive through last Monday to show appreciation for all that the Sunshine Inn staff do for the seniors at Goddard's Barn and Grill to thank them for fixing meals and handing them to the seniors.

The seniors made signs and had balloons to thank Edna and Jim Goddard, Monica Belle, site manager for Sunshine Inn, Twilla Smith, meal delivery person, employees and volunteers Ron Yarbor, Shirley Bauer, Elizabeth Miller, Racheal Miller, Laura Miller, Weezie Clutts, Anita Hancock, Glenn Clutts, Christine Walker.

One of the signs said Bless you each and all. Without each of you this sun couldn't shine.

Photo of 1954 Centennial Parade

I got an email from Mildred Halterman from Norris City, formerly from Anna, who wrote about the float that was in my Anna News a couple of weeks ago.

She said she recognized the very tall gentleman at the front of the float as John Fuller. She believed he was a carpenter, working in the construction trade at the time.

The woman seated at the rear of the float would logically be Ruth Penrod, who was president of the American Legion Auxiliary. Although she could not recognize her features, her figure and posture convince Mildred it was Ruth.

During the years J.C. and Mildred were active in Legion activities, both John and Ruth were very much a part of it.

A special thanks to Mildred for the information. Stephen Burns from St. Louis will be very thrilled to receive this information.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ken Palmer, the oldest active official in the State of Illinois for high school athletics.

Ken just completed his 60th year of basketball and would be in his 60th season umpiring baseball had the coronavirus not delayed the start of the games.

Ken is retired from Chocate Mental Health and Developmental Center.

83rd Birthday

Eleanor "Miss Ellie" Echols celebrated her birthday April 15.

Birthdays

April 13 Mayor Steve Hartline, 15 Lisa Lowe,

Ashlin Tweedy, Brandi Wheeler, Erin Plemon, 16 Bill Bird, Jessi Watson, Ashley Patterson, Cindy Trexler, Sherry Rix, Bonni Littleton, Tracy Rendleman, 18 Janet Mixen.

Congratulations

Clayton Bridgeman will be attending the University of Memphis Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music next fall.

Anniversary

April 17 Mike and Rhonda Shannon 49 years. Rick and Lana Livesay.

65th Wedding Anniversary

John and Una Tripp April 24. Una said they would have a quiet anniversary at home. They were used to always celebrating at their church Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church with everyone singing "Happy Anniversary" to them.

Bear Hunt

Congratulations to Abearham Lincoln at The Little Free Library at Lincoln School for winning the Southern Illinois Bear Hunt. The prize money will be used for something at Lincoln School. Thanks to everyone who voted.

Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies

Queen Mom Joan Graves Edwards sent a letter to all the ladies with their 2020 membership card.

She said for the first time in 20 years they were called off and it made her sad, but many groups have faced the same things world wide.

Each, take care of your health and soon everyone will be back together, stronger than ever, making new friends, sharing laughs, and helping each other when needed.

She told them how much she missed seeing all of them at their meetings and looked forward to when they could meet again.

When they are able to meet again hostesses are needed for the rest of the year. If you would like to be a host please call Joan at 618-614-6095.

A new membership list is also needed so Joan will be able to reach everyone quicker.

Her last request was for everyone to please smile at family, friends, and strangers as we are all in a time of need.

When any one of those people smiles your heart and that person's heart will thank you. Joan says she promises that you will be bound to make at least one person's day much brighter.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Interim Pastor Rev. David Reynolds will continue to conduct virtual, online worship as a Facebook live presentation every Sunday morning at 10 a. m. until



Jason Tabor of Evergreen Nursery, Tom Caldwell, Nancy Kucera and Martha Ann Webb of the Anna-Jo Garden Club, and Gary Dahmer, Anna public works manager at a tree planting of a bald cypress tree in celebration of Arbor Day at the approximate source of the Cache River. The ceremony was in compliance with health protocols and social distancing was practiced.



Tom Caldwell, an arborist, commented, "Southern Illinois is blessed with an abundance of remarkable natural areas, but the fact that the source of the Cache River is right here in Anna is often overlooked." In the picture Tom is adding topsoil to the bald cypress tree planted in celebration of Arbor Day in the Anna City Park at the approximate source of the Cache River.



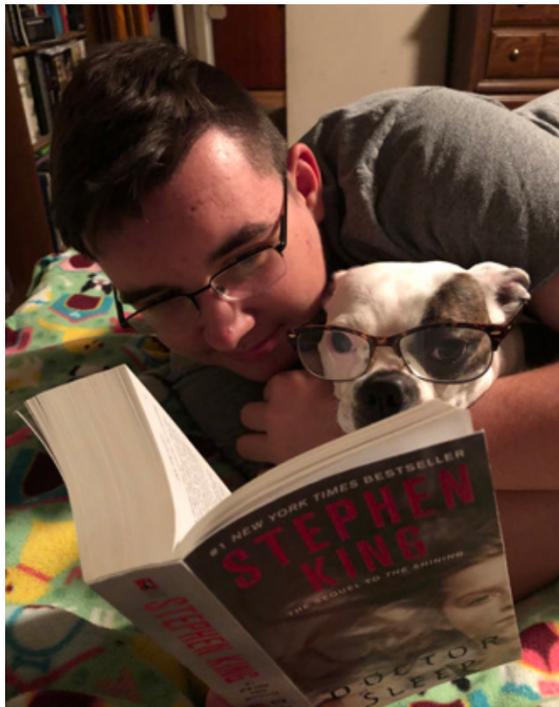
Congratulations to Ryan and Danyelle Dodd on the birth of their daughter Eleanor Elizabeth Dodd, who was born on April 14, 2020. She weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 19 1/2 inches long. Eleanor has one sister, Eva.



A Teddy bear protection mask was made by Mary Hackett of Carterville. She is very creative. Marie Samuel taught her three sons art. They are also creative.



Jane Boyd Gimbel shares a photo during a February visit from Collin Boyd. Jane was so pleased to have a photo from her A-J class of 1954 reunion. Thanks to Lucille Eddleman Rich for mailing that photo to her long-time friend. It continues to bring great joy to Jane as she remembers her A-J friends and classmates. Also making that February visit to Jane in Jacksonville, Fla., were Alice Boyd and Norm and Barb Bauer.



Elijah and Harley Ellis read a book during social isolation.

the end of this pandemic and the all clear that everyone may resume public worship.

Rev. David wants to thank everyone who is faithfully supporting the local church with your tithes and offerings during this worldwide crisis.

If anyone needs a word of encouragement and prayer from the pastor, please let him know. He is happy to do so via telephone ministry.

Rev. David will be using The Celebration Hymnal rather than the United Methodist Hymnal in the Facebook live online, virtual worship services for Anna UMC for April 26.

Anna Heights Baptist Church

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

AFSCME Retirees Subchapter 90

The retiree department is recommending that AFSCME Retiree chapters and subchapters postpone or cancel meetings until notified it is OK to have meetings again.

The subchapter meets at Anna Heights Baptist Church across from the Chapel room. Subchapter 90 meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month

unless notified different. All retirees are welcome and encouraged to attend the meetings when they are able to meet again.

Census

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

If you have not sent your Census back there will be someone coming to your home to show you how to fill this out at a later date.

Military Prayer List

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

What Are You Doing During Quarantine?

I asked the question

“Anyone have any news of anything they are doing at home to stay busy while we are quarantined? Stay home! Stay safe!” Here are the answers I got.

From Terrie and Willie Rhymer: Probably like every retired couple. Honey do projects. Mowing, planting gardens, we drained and cleaned our koi pond and it was a job. Filled it back up nice and clean and we can see all of our 28 fish. I normally babysit but not doing that but keeping busy.

From Amie McLaughlin: Digging a big hole in the back yard. Will not tell if for me or John but it looks great. LOL

From Lisa Hickam Lowe: I'm making Bible study videos. Spending more time reading and studying God's Word and praying.

From Jenna Elizabeth Herbst: Lots of home projects and getting ready for

baby projects. Teaching from my comfy chair and just finished up grad school.

Baby Congratulations
Congratulations to Gabe and Jenna Elizabeth Herbst. They are expecting a little boy the end of Aug. Jenna's mom and dad Janet and Scott Harner are excited for another grandbaby and Elias is excited it's a boy so he can have a new friend and even out the number of boys in the family.

Birthdays
April 19 John David Newman, Elaine Shepherd, Natalie Bittle.

News from Barbara Bauer
Martha, I guess I am writing news because I can't cook, clean, sort files, go through boxes and sew masks all the time during this social distancing situation.

As we think about news this week, we are still in “stay-at-home” mode and not much celebration news

to write about.

We are thankful for churches that broadcast services through the media. We are grateful that we can worship distantly, but still feel connected to our congregations as we sing, pray and hear God's Word.

How blessed we are to live in a relatively rural community with lots of fresh air, and not so much illness as other parts of our country and world.

We have news this week from Anna native and former resident, Jane Boyd Gimbel.

Jane is the sister of Anna residents Collin Boyd and Barbara Bauer. Jane lives in Jacksonville, Fla., in a senior care facility that helps her manage diabetes.

She has a one-room “apartment” with her own furnishings. Since the coronavirus pandemic was declared, she has been confined to her room with the door closed.

She tells that she does wear a mask to answer her door to receive medication and her meals.

These many days of confinement have not gone well. It is difficult for her and for her family in the area, because all face to face visits are prohibited.

Her family has not been able to visit either at her residence or when she was hospitalized. Even her regular doctor has to do video visits.

Jane has been hospitalized a couple of times recently to stabilize erratic blood sugars.

On one occasion she also was experiencing respiratory distress, so was placed on the COVID 19 floor for treatment. She expressed how scary it was to see all the strangely garbed care givers.

When a virus test proved negative, she was moved to another area. When she was stabilized and could

return to her Manor room, she thought maybe it felt better to be in the hospital with others around, than to go home to “20 more days of confinement.”

We tell this story because it probably has been repeated over and over again for other folks during this unprecedented coronavirus pandemic of 2020. It is a tough life for scores of people, and truly is our news of the day.

Driving Around Anna-Jonesboro

Took a drive around our city and the trees and flowers are so beautiful. I can't think of anywhere I would rather be. Even if we have to stay at home for a while we have a very nice community to be living in.

Please take time to thank all those who are working when you go shopping and try to only go when you just have to have something.

Please don't get mad at them if there is not some-

thing on a shelf, it's not their fault they only work at the stores.

Thank You Teachers and Staff

A special thanks to all teachers and staff for a great school year. Wishing you all a wonderful summer.

Of all the jokes going around in emails and face book I got a real kick from this one since my dad was a teacher and principal for many years. “People mad for having to watch their kids through this. You gonna learn today, the teacher wasn't lying!”

Prayers for the Students

Seniors of 2020 still hoping and praying you will be able to have your graduation. You are a strong class and have grown up very fast through all this. May God be with you in your future. Praying for all the students to have a wonderful summer.

Television Listings

THURSDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	Raven BUNK'D	(2:20) “American Pie” (99) <i>Lessons in love.</i> (R)	(4:45) “Savages” (12)	“The Upside” (19)
7 PM :30	Station 19 (HD)	Young (31) Plan	Man (HD) (31) Man	Superstore Brooklyn	SportsCenter Special (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	“Breaking In” <i>Kids held hostage.</i>	Shameless “Pilot” (HD)	Homeland (HD)
8 PM :30	Grey's Anatomy (HD)	(01) Mom Broke	(01) Mental Samurai	Will (HD) Will (HD)	ESPN Original Documentaries	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven Just Roll	We're Here (HD)	“Widows” (18, Drama) <i>Husbands' debt.</i> (HD)	DESIUS & (25) Calif.
9 PM :30	Get Away with Murder	Tommy (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Law & Order: SVU	Local	Bang (HD) Conan	NCIS “Dressed to Kill”	Unsittable Coop & Cam	Insecure Run “Kiss”	DESIUS & (25) Calif.	DESIUS &
10 PM :30	Local Jimmy Kimmel Live	Local (35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Local (35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan Brooklyn	NCIS (HD)	BUNK'D BUNK'D	We're Here (HD)	(4:0) Strike Back (HD)	VICE
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Brooklyn Conan	NCIS “Crescent City”	Jessie Jessie	“The Kitchen” (19)	“Thing”	DESIUS & “Wild Thing”

APRIL 23, 2020

FRIDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	ESPN Original	★★★ “San Andreas” (15) <i>Wake of earthquake.</i>	“Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2” <i>Three Horcruxes.</i>	Raven BUNK'D	Brilliant Run “Kiss”	“BlackKlansman”	“The Longest War”
7 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	Hawaii Five-0 (HD)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live) (HD)	The Blacklist (HD)	“Movie”	“Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2” (17) <i>Chris Pratt. Peter's lineage.</i>	Family	★★★ “Dr. Seuss' The Lorax” (12)	(2:20) ★★½ “Stuber” (19) <i>A mild-mannered man.</i>	“Grudge Match” (13) <i>Retired boxers.</i> (HD)	(15) “Peppermint” (18) <i>Woman's revenge.</i>
8 PM :30	(01) 20/20 <i>Investigative news.</i> (HD)	Magnum P.I. (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Dateline NBC (HD)	Local	Local	Family	Raven	Real Time Maher (HD)	“American Werewolf London”	SCB30 (R)
9 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs Local info.	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Local	Family	Just Roll Coop & Cam	“The Lucky Ones” (08) (HD)	“Seven Pounds” (08) <i>Will Smith.</i>	ShoBox: New Gen.
10 PM :30	Local Jimmy Kimmel Live	Local (35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Local (35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Local	Family	Coop & Cam	Real Time Maher (HD)	“Seven Pounds” (08) <i>Will Smith.</i>	ShoBox: New Gen.
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	ELEAGUE (HD)	Family	Jessie	Real Time Maher (HD)	“Seven Pounds” (08) <i>Will Smith.</i>	ShoBox: New Gen.

APRIL 24, 2020

SATURDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) ESPN Original	★★½ “Transformers” (09)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	“Seuss' Lorax” (12)	(4:35) “Hobbs” (19)	“Chan's First Strike”	Billions <i>A lot at stake.</i>
7 PM :30	TBA	To Be Announced	9-1-1 “Eddie Begins”	Dateline NBC <i>Investigative news.</i> (HD)	ESPN Original Documentaries	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Big City Big City	“Bad Education” (19) (NR) (HD)	“The Run-down” (03, Action) (HD)	Billions <i>Ball in Hand</i>
8 PM :30	To Be Announced <i>Info unavailable.</i>	To Be Announced	Gordon (HD)	Sat. Night Live (HD)	ESPN Original	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Big City	(5:0) We're Here (HD)	“Femme Fatale” (02) <i>Woman is blackmailed</i>	★★★ “Hustlers” (19) <i>A stripper's scheme.</i> (HD)
9 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs Local info.	Sat. Night Live (HD)	ESPN Original	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Owl House Owl House	Westworld (HD)	“American Werewolf London”	“The Upside” (19) <i>Unlikely chemistry.</i> (HD)
10 PM :30	Local Jimmy Kimmel Live	Local (35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Local Sketch comedy.	SportsCenter (HD)	Frontal Last O.G.	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Coop & Cam Owl House	(5:0) “Bad Education” (19)	★★½ “Chronicles of Riddick” (04)	“The Upside” (19) <i>Unlikely chemistry.</i> (HD)
11 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	“Transformers” (07)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Jessie Jessie	Real Time Maher (HD)	“Chronicles of Riddick” (04)	“The Upside” (19) <i>Unlikely chemistry.</i> (HD)

APRIL 25, 2020

SUNDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Home Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	Simpsons Burgers	Little Big Shots (HD)	The Last Dance	“Jurassic Park” (93)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	“Bad Educa.” (19) (NR) (HD)	★★½ “The Good Son”	Homeland (HD)
7 PM :30	American Idol (HD)	God Friended Me	Simpsons Duncanvil.	The Wall (HD)	The Last Dance	★★★ “Transformers” (07) <i>Robots bring ancient battle to Earth.</i> (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven Sydney	Missing and Murdered: (HD)	“Signs” (02) <i>Alien paranoia.</i> (HD)	VICE
8 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs Local info.	Zoey's Extraordinary	The Last Dance	Local	Law & Order: SVU	Westworld (HD)	“Femme Fatale” (02) <i>Woman is blackmailed</i>	“Femme Fatale” (02) <i>Woman is blackmailed</i>	Homeland (HD)
9 PM :30	The Rookie (HD)	NCIS: New Orleans	Local Programs Local info.	Good Girls (HD)	The Last Dance	Local	Law & Order: SVU	Unsittable Coop & Cam	Insecure Run “F**k”	“Mortal Engines” (18) <i>Hera Hilmar. City on wheels.</i>	Penny “Santa Muerte”
10 PM :30	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	SportsCenter (HD)	Local	Family	Raven	Oliver	“Mortal Engines” (18) <i>Hera Hilmar. City on wheels.</i>	(2:0) Penny Dreadful: City of Dreadful
11 PM :30	(35) Local	Local	Local	Local	The Last Dance	“Jurassic Park” (97)	Family	Just Roll Jessie	(3:5) Westworld (HD)	“Twilight Zone” (83)	Homeland

APRIL 26, 2020

MONDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	(5:00) SportsCenter (HD)	Dad (HD) Dad (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Raven BUNK'D	“Dark Phoenix” (19) <i>Powers unleashed.</i> (HD)	“Deadpool 2” (18)	“Brasco” (5:10) <i>Dexter</i> (HD)
7 PM :30	The Bachelor: Listen to Your Heart “Week 3”	Neighbor. Bob Hearts	9-1-1 <i>Blind woman.</i>	The Voice “Road to Live Shows” (HD)	Local	Dad (HD) Dad (HD)	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	BUNK'D Raven	“Idiocracy” <i>Rule of the witless.</i>	“Idiocracy” (02) <i>Alien paranoia.</i> (HD)	VICE
8 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs Local info.	Local	Local	Dad (HD) Dad (HD)	Local	Unsittable Just Roll	We're Here (HD)	“Idiocracy” (02) <i>Alien paranoia.</i> (HD)	Homeland (HD)
9 PM :30	The Baker (HD)	Bull <i>Trial consultant.</i>	Local Programs Local info.	Good Girls (HD)	The Last Dance	Dad (HD) Dad (HD)	Local	Unsittable Coop & Cam	Insecure Run “F**k”	“Mortal Engines” (18) <i>Hera Hilmar. City on wheels.</i>	Penny “Santa Muerte”
10 PM :30	Local Kimmel	Local (35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	SportsCenter (HD)	Local	Family	Raven BUNK'D	Friend “Ghosts” (HD)	“Mortal Engines” (18) <i>Hera Hilmar. City on wheels.</i>	House Lies
11 PM :30	Nightline Kimmel	Local Corden	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan Seinfeld	Family	BUNK'D BUNK'D	Westworld (HD)	“Delta Force” (07, Comedy)	America DESIUS & VICE

APRIL 27, 2020

TUESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	MLB Baseball (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven BUNK'D	“Slumdog Millionaire” (09) <i>Life in the slums.</i>	“Cast Away” (00)	(5:10) “Hustlers” (19)
7 PM :30	Conners Bless Mess	NCIS <i>Military crimes.</i>	The Masked Singer	Games (HD)	Local	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D Raven	“Friday Night Lights” <i>High school football</i>	“Friday Night Lights” <i>High school football</i>	Ray Donovan (HD)
8 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs Local info.	Local	Local	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Unsittable Just Roll	“Autism”	“Friday Night Lights” <i>High school football</i>	Escape “Part 2” (HD)
9 PM :30	For Life “Switzerland”	FBI: Most Wanted	Local Programs Local info.	New Amsterdam (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD) Last O.G.	Law & Order: SVU	Unsittable Coop & Cam	Real Sports (HD)	“The Mustang” (19, Drama) (HD)	Penny “Santa Muerte”
10 PM :30	Local Kimmel	Local (35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Local (35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D BUNK'D	Westworld (HD)	“The Mustang” (19, Drama) (HD)	America DESIUS & VICE
11 PM :30	Nightline Kimmel	Local Corden	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	SportsCenter (HD)	New Girl Conan	Family	Jessie Jessie	TBA	“The Old Man and the Gun” (18)	“Superbad” (07) <i>Jonah Hill. A crazy beer run.</i>

APRIL 28, 2020

WEDNESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Stephen A NBA Basketball (HD)	Burgers Burgers	NCIS “Grounded” (HD)	Raven BUNK'D	(5:25) “Stuber” (19)	(5:20) “Reclaim” (14)	Penny “Santa Muerte”
7 PM :30	Goldbergs Schooled	Survivor (HD)	The Masked Singer	Chicago Med (HD)	Local	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	WWE NXT (Live) (HD)	BUNK'D Raven	“Bad Education” (20) (NR) (HD)	★★½ “Z for Zachariah” (15) (HD)	The Affair (HD)
8 PM :30	Housewife Single	(01) SEAL Team (HD)	(01) Man (31) Man	Chicago Fire (HD)	Local	Bang (HD) Frontal	Local	Unsittable Coop & Cam	“Autism”	“Z for Zachariah” (15) (HD)	Couples
9 PM :30	Local Kimmel	Local (35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Chicago P.D. (HD)	NBA Basketball (HD)	Bang (HD) Frontal	Law & Order: SVU	Unsittable Coop & Cam	Real Sports (HD)	“The Chroni-cles of Riddick” (04) <i>Vin Diesel.</i>	Work (HD)
10 PM :30	Local Kimmel	Local (35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Local (35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan Frontal	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D BUNK'D	Westworld (HD)	“The Chroni-cles of Riddick” (04) <i>Vin Diesel.</i>	“The Sixth Sense” (99) <i>Seeing the dead.</i>
11 PM :30	Nightline Kimmel	Local Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	Sports	New Girl Conan	Family	Jessie Jessie	Run “F**k” (HD)	“Master of the White Crane”	Penny “Santa Muerte”

APRIL 29, 2020

THURSDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
8:00pm	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	Raven BUNK'D	(2:20) “American Pie” (99) <i>Lessons in love.</i> (R)	(4:45) “Savages” (12)	“The Upside” (19)
9:00pm	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	Raven BUNK'D	(2:20) “American Pie” (99) <i>Lessons in love.</i> (R)	(4:45) “Savages” (12)	“The Upside” (19)

FRIDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
7:00pm	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	ESPN Original	★★★ “San Andreas” (15) <i>Wake of earthquake.</i>	“Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2” <i>Three Horcruxes.</i>	Raven BUNK'D	Brilliant Run “Kiss”	“BlackKlansman”	“The Longest War”
7:20pm	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	ESPN Original	★★★ “San Andreas” (15) <i>Wake of earthquake.</i>	“Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2” <i>Three Horcruxes.</i>	Raven BUNK'D	Brilliant Run “Kiss”	“BlackKlansman”	“The Longest War”

SATURDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
8:00pm	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) ESPN Original	★★½ “Transformers” (09)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	“Seuss' Lorax”			

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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.

tfn n/c

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS

UNION COUNTY,
ILLINOIS

LAKEVIEW LOAN
SERVICING LLC,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.

SHANNON PALMIER,
DEFENDANT.
19 CH 28

111 KIRK STREET
ANNA, IL 62906

NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO
JUDGMENT OF
FORECLOSURE
UNDER ILLINOIS
MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE ACT

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

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

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

The Judgment amount was \$45,952.30.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified

funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

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

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

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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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PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Anna will hold a public hearing on May 5, 2020 at 4:30, via teleconference to provide interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the proposed Downstate Small Business Stabilization application funded by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Persons with disabilities or non-English speaking persons who wish to attend the public hearing and need assistance should contact City of Anna, 618-833-8528 no later than May 1, 2020. Every effort will be made to make reasonable accommodations for these persons.

On or about May 6, 2020, the City of Anna intends to apply to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant from the State CDBG program. This program is funded by Title I of the federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. These funds are to be used to provide working capital for the benefit of the following businesses: Martin Auction Company, requesting \$20,344, Bo-

swell's Lounge, requesting \$10,786.54, Pink Squirrel LLC, requesting \$25,000, Reppert's Office Supplies and Furniture, requesting \$25,000, The Gazette Democrat, requesting \$25,000 and KMS Enterprises LLC, requesting \$13,934.00. The total amount of CDBG funds to be requested is \$120,064.54 and will address the urgent needs of the business due to the COVID-19 emergency.

Information related to this application will be available for review prior to the public hearing as of April 23, 2020, at the City of Anna website at www.cityofanna.org. Interested citizens are invited to provide comments regarding these issues either at the public hearing or by prior written statement. Written comments should be submitted to Dori Bigler, 103 Market Street, Anna, IL 62906 no later than May 5, 2020, to ensure placement of such comments in the official record of the public hearing proceedings. This project will result in no displacement of any persons or businesses. For additional information concerning the proposed project, please contact Dori Bigler at 618-833-8528 or write to dbigler@cityofanna.org.

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

**ANNA-JONESBORO
NATIONAL BANK,
f/k/a FIRST NATIONAL
BANK**

**a National Chartered
Bank,
Plaintiff,**

v.

SUSAN DIXON,

THE CITY OF ANNA

an Illinois Municipal

Corporation,

and UNKNOWN

OWNERS AND

NON-RECORD

CLAIMANTS,

Defendants.

Case No.: 2020CH10

**PUBLICATION
NOTICE**

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

EXHIBIT "A"

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

NORTHWEST LINE WITH THE AFORESAID WEST LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 19 AFORESAID; THENCE NORTH 4 1/4° WEST ALONG AND UPON SAID LAST MENTIONED WEST LINE TO THE INTERSECTION OF SAID WEST LINE WITH THE SOUTHEAST LINE OF SOUTH MAIN STREET AFORESAID TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF ILLINOIS, EXCEPTING THEREFROM SIXTY (60) FEET OF THE UNIFORM WIDTH OFF OF THE WEST SIDE OF THE FOREGOING-DESCRIBED TRACT, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

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

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

Tiffany Busby
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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

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

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

**111 KIRK STREET
ANNA, IL 62906**

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

**UNDER ILLINOIS
MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE ACT**

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

LOT NUMBERED EIGHT (8) IN W.H. SIMPSON'S FIRST ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ANNA, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

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

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

The Judgment amount was \$45,952.30.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO

REFUNDS.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 17-40 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/17-40), the percentage to be added to the assessed valuation of locally assessed property other than that assessed under Sections 10-110 through 10-140 and 10-170 through 10-200 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/10-110 through 10-140 and 10-170 through 10-200) in Shelby County as certified by the Department of Revenue for the assessment year 2019 is 0.00% by the application of an equalization factor of 1.0000.

David Harris
Director of Revenue
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Obituaries

Lucille 'Lucy' Gunn Browning

Lucille "Lucy" Gunn Browning, 92, died Sunday, April 19, 2020, at Imboden Creek Living Center in Decatur.

She was born in Anna-Jonesboro on Dec. 27, 1927, the daughter of Norman and Mabel Gunn.

She graduated from Southern Illinois University Carbondale and taught school in Effingham County, where she met her husband, Bob Browning.

Later, they moved to Decatur, where she worked for J.D. Johnson and Son for five years until her first child was born.

Once her two children were in school, she taught in the Mt. Zion School District as a substitute teacher for 17 years.

She was a faithful member of the Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church for over five decades, where she served as a deacon, elder, Sunday School teacher and LOGOS leader. She sang in the church choir until the age of 83.

She was a YMCA member and swam laps until the age of 84.

She was an avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and the University of Illinois. She especially loved attending local music and fine arts events. Vespers at Millikin was her favorite event, which she was able to attend, even this past December.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob; her parents; and her sister.

Surviving are her two sons Jim Browning and his wife Colleen of Hudson and David Browning and his wife Tami of Mt. Zion.

She had six grandchildren: Douglas Browning and his wife Allie, Sarah Mullins and her husband Stephen, Daniel Browning, Laura Browning, Zach Lewis and his wife Jordin, and Mallory Barry and her husband Travis.

She had five great-grandchildren, Madelyn, Sawyer, Macy Belle, Jack and Everly, with a sixth great-grandchild due in October.

Due to the state's coronavirus/COVID-19 rules, there will only be a private graveside ceremony for immediate family in Montrose.

Memorials can be made to the Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church.

The family thanked the staff at Imboden Creek for a year of excellent care, her friends and staff at Friendship Hill, her Presbyterian Church family, Joe and Judy Sidwell and Doris St. Pierre for always treating her like family, as well as many others who kept in touch by mail.

She loved life, loved her family, loved her savior Jesus and is more at "home" now than she has ever been before.

Dawson & Wikoff Funeral Homes in Decatur was in charge of arrangements.

Bernard B. 'Berny' Davis

Bernard B. "Berny" Davis, 70, of Jonesboro, died Monday, April 20, at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

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

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

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

Ronda Pearl

Ronda Pearl, 48, of Cobden, died Monday, April 20, at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

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

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RENDELMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden is in charge of arrangements.

Linda Clutts

Linda Clutts, 78, of Makanda, died Tuesday, April 21, at her home.

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RENDELMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden is in charge of arrangements.

Tracy Hanney

Tracy Hanney, 49, of Paducah, and formerly of Anna, died Thursday, April 16, 2020, at St. Vincent's St. Clair Hospital in Pell City, Ala.

He was born on March 10, 1971, in Cairo, the son of Thomas Martin II and Katherine Earline Dillman Hanney.

He married Stacey Dawes on Nov. 4, 2009.

He is survived by his wife, Stacey Hanney of Paducah; children Autumn Gunter, Emma (Jason) Brethold, Jordyn and Jade Davis, all of Anna; three grandchildren, Jonathan Gunter, A.J. Hoffman and Grayson Brethold; a brother, Timothy (Linda) Hanney of Anna; a sister, Tammy (Rick) Williams of Anna; many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and by a brother, Thomas Martin Hanney III.

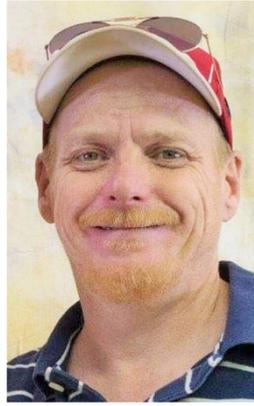
He worked in maintenance and was a DSP caregiver for many years.

Private graveside services will be held for the immediate family.

Memorials can be made to Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home.

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



Roy E. Walker

Roy E. Walker, 61, of Jonesboro, died Friday, April 10, 2020, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

He was born on Feb. 24, 1959, the son of Henry Curtis and Betty Jean Aaron Walker.

He married Christina Smith on Oct. 3, 2014. She survives.

Mr. Walker is survived by his wife Christina; one daughter, Marria Walker of Dongola and one son, Curtis (Andrea) Walker of Jonesboro; two grandchildren, Dylan and Lydia Walker of Jonesboro; two sisters, Connie (Kent) Boyd and Sharon Abernathy, both of Jonesboro; one brother, Monty Walker of St. Louis; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

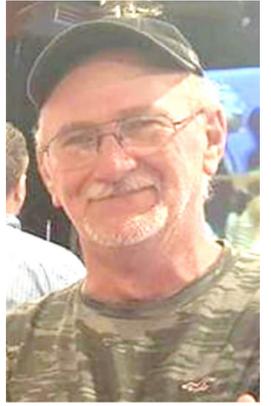
Mr. Walker proudly served in the U.S. Army. He retired from Union County Ambulance Service in 2017. He currently served the Mounds and Jonesboro communities as a police officer. He enjoyed building, repairing and shooting guns. He also enjoyed fishing, cars, war reenactments and participating in local pool leagues.

Cremation rites will be accorded and no public service will be held at this time.

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

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

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



Kenny Baker

Kenny Baker, 82, of Jackson, Mo., died Friday, April 17, 2020, at his home.

He was born on March 16, 1938, in rural Alexander County near Tamms, the son of Cecil Baker and Mabel Rion Baker.

He lived most of his life in the Anna-Jonesboro area. He enjoyed many years of playing fast-pitch softball and winning many games. He also enjoyed golf, bowling, fishing and hunting. He loved his family and friends and was a proud member of the Cape County Cowboy Church.

On Oct. 5, 1990, he married Frances Acuncius, who survives, in addition to his two daughters, Lori (David) Petot of Jackson and Krista Carey of Joplin, Mo.

Also surviving are stepchildren David (Lisa) Houseman of Anna, Leanna (Dale) Stanley of Arlington, Texas, Dean (Kim) Houseman and Ed (Karla) Houseman, both of Millersville; five grandchildren, eight step-grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and 12 step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his stepfather, Thomas Adams; triplet siblings and one sister.

Liley Funeral Homes in Marble Hill, Mo., and Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home are in charge of arrangements.

Private graveside service will be held Friday, April 24, at 11 a.m. at the Anna City Cemetery in Anna.

Memorials can be made to the American Heart Association or to the Kidney Foundation.



Beverly J. Mays

Beverly J. Mays, 79, of Anna, died Friday, April 17, 2020, at Integrity Healthcare in Anna.

She was born on July 28, 1940, in Jonesboro, the daughter of Grover M. Sr and Ada C. Farris Mays.

She is survived by her two daughters, Bev (Jack) Richardson of Dongola and April Hileman of Cobden; three grandchildren, Armanda Miller, Jacinta (Matt) Hupe and Jeremiah Hileman; four great-grandchildren, Braedon and Graeson Miller, Camden and Deacon Hupe; four brothers, Sherman Mays of Dongola, Allen (Sandra) Mays of Anna, Grover Jr. (Vickie) Mays of Dongola and Ronnie (Debbie) Mays of Anna; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Ginger Newman; and infant brother, Michael Mays.

She was a member of Anna Heights Baptist Church in Anna. She worked many years as a mental health technician at Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center until her retirement.

She dearly enjoyed spending precious time with her family and all her grandchildren.

Private graveside services will be held for the immediate family. Interment will be in the Anna Cemetery.

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Galilee Baptist Church

525 Galilee Rd. • Wolf Lake

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

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In Loving Memory of Richard Wayne "Richie" Hale

Oct. 10, 1972 - April 24, 2019



Your life was a blessing. It broke our hearts to lose you, But you did not go alone. For part of us went with you, The day God called you home.

Sadly missed each and every day, Mom, Dad, sister and daughter

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Obituaries Online at annanews.com

"The Preaching Pen"

Left or Right?

God has always warned his people to not stray from the "strait and narrow." This was made clear to Moses and the children of Israel. "Ye shall observe to do therefore as the LORD your God hath commanded you: ye shall not turn aside to the RIGHTHAND or to the LEFT" (Deut. 5:32). This same admonition is seen throughout the Scriptures. The "left hand" is often referred to as "liberal." Liberalism is defined as "the quality or state of being liberal. Advocating the freedom of the individual to assure unrestricted development in all spheres of human endeavors and guarantees of individual rights."

The left hand is also being referred to as "progressive." When liberals use the word "progressive," they have in mind "change" or "reform" as opposed to maintaining things as God has legislated. They don't intend to be bound or limited by the Scriptures. They want to "progress" beyond the limits of the Scriptures.

The left hand allows what God forbids. Individuals who wander off the "strait and narrow" path to the left hand don't believe God means what he says. They don't believe the Bible is a rule book, a guide, a model, a pattern that is to be respected and followed. They add the instrument of music to the worship assemblies, even though God has only authorized singing (Eph. 5:19, Col. 3:16). They even change the times the Lord's Supper is offered, and the list of things could go on and on. They don't see the sin in going beyond the boundaries God has established.

The right hand forbids what God allows. It is to make laws God did not make and bind them upon themselves and others. The "right hand" looks at scriptures which authorize an action and will not allow it. They "bind" where God has not "bound." For example: God has not bound us to all partake of the Fruit of the Vine from one large cup - nothing sinful about using individual cups, yet there are those who advocate such - binding where God has not bound, not allowing a liberty that God permits.

Sometimes the word "conservative" is used to apply to those who make laws God did not make. However, the definition of the word "conservative" doesn't show this to be the case. The word "conservative" according to Random House Dictionary is: "disposed to preserve existing conditions, institutions, etc." One who believes in following the New Testament and using it as a pattern is a conservative; doing exactly what the New Testament authorizes - not deviating to the right hand or to the left. This is one who does not make laws that God did not make, nor does he loose the laws that God did make.

The truth of the matter is that God's Word is "...true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever" (Psa. 119:160). God's word is "strait and narrow" (Matt. 7:14). Follow it, and veer neither to the right hand nor the left.

R.W. McAlister, Minister
Anna church of Christ

Southern Seven WIC program meets area families' needs during pandemic

For families who already were struggling to make ends meet, the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic has brought additional challenges for those enrolled in supplemental meal programs, such as lack of pre-approved foods in stores and revised in-person consultation.

In response to the need, Southern Seven Health Department has implemented new strategies to help families served through its Women, Infants & Children, WIC, Supplemental Nutrition Program – all while maintaining a safe environment.

The WIC program safeguards the health of low-income women, infants and children up to age 5 who are at nutritional risk.

Families meet regularly with Southern Seven Health Department WIC staff to discuss nutrition education, including breastfeeding promotion and support, and referrals to health and other social services.

As a result of the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic's social distancing

guidelines, WIC in-person appointments have changed to curbside assistance and calling or texting clients to conduct visits by phone.

Southern Seven WIC clinic sites are open one day per week and coupons are disbursed at curbside.

Offices are open in Alexander, Massac and Union counties on Tuesdays, Hardin/Pope counties on Wednesdays, and Johnson and Pulaski counties on Thursdays.

Southern Seven WIC staff is also calling and texting participants to schedule appointments over the phone when possible.

The health department said that possibly the biggest concern for families is empty shelves at grocery stores.

Southern Seven says it wants to assure participants in the WIC program that food and formula supplies are intact.

The health department said that families should not panic buy in response.

Instead, Southern Seven

offers the following tips that participants can use when shopping.

•Try shopping earlier in the day. You will not only get there when shelves are stocked, but you will improve your chances for greater social distancing.

•Ask stores when their next truck will deliver and if they know if the item they are looking for will be on the truck. Then try shopping the morning after the truck delivery.

•For those enrolled in WIC, do not wait until the last few days that WIC coupons are valid – start shopping a few weeks earlier.

For those with infants, purchasing human milk from sources rather than a Milk Bank can be very dangerous for your baby and is not recommended by Southern Seven.

In addition, homemade infant formula is not safe and can make your baby very sick. Contact Southern Seven for additional resources if you are having trouble finding your baby's formula in stores.

“Southern Seven Health Department's WIC program encourages families to eat right, bite by bite,” said maternal child health manager Linda Crossland, with Southern Seven.

“We promote eating a variety of nutritious foods every day, planning and creating healthful meals each week to help kids grow. For over 40 years the WIC program has been providing nutrition education and counseling to help families develop lifelong healthy eating habits.”

For information about Southern Seven's WIC program, call 618-634-2297 or visit www.southern7.org.

WIC is administered by the Illinois Department of Human Services and is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Centerstone receives \$2 million federal grant

Centerstone has been awarded a \$2 million, five-year grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, SAMHSA, and Center for Substance Abuse Treatment.

The grant will help individuals experiencing homelessness and substance use disorders, SUD, or co-occurring disorders, COD, in Franklin, Jackson, Union and Williamson counties.

“Centerstone is honored to receive this grant and ready to get started,” said John Markley, regional CEO for Centerstone, in a news release.

“The U.S. Conference of Mayors has identified substance use (68 percent), lack of affordable housing (60 percent) and mental illness (48 percent) as the top three causes of homelessness among single adults. With this grant, we will deliver care that will change the lives of many in Southern Illinois, and improve supports in our communities.”

Centerstone will receive \$400,000 per year for five years and will use those funds to develop and/or expand local implementation of a community infrastructure that integrates SUD treatment, housing services and other critical services for youth, adults and families experiencing homelessness.

The program that Centerstone has created with this grant has been named “Centerstone Connections: Connecting with people through home, recovery, and community in Illinois.”

“Of those experiencing homelessness in the grant's coverage area, 35 percent have SUD, including an estimated 54 percent with COD,” said Markley.

“This population not only faces barriers to treatment access and availability, but also multiple disparities, including high poverty, lack of afford-

able housing, and untreated or untreated SUD and COD.”

Connections will provide outreach and housing navigation using a “housing first” approach that focuses on providing housing as a top priority without precondition or service participation requirements.

“The program area's average household income is roughly 30 percent less than the state average,” said Andrea Quigley, Centerstone's Connections Program Director.

“And nearly 25,000 area households experience cost burden, which means they earn less than Housing and Urban Development's minimum recommended income for housing expenditures.”

“Also, area households are paying a fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment at prices comparable to the rest of the state, despite earning nearly \$30,000 less annually,” she said.

“Connections will utilize established relationships with housing organizations to provide direct assistance for homeless individuals to obtain permanent housing.”

Connections will also provide:

Evidence-based treatment. Case management. Direct SUD, COD, and trauma treatment. Recovery housing. Access to federal income supports. Screenings and assessments. Individualized and integrated substance use treatment and planning. Linkages to primary and specialty care.

Peer and wraparound recovery supports such as education and education services; benefits engagement and enrollment; and education and counseling on hepatitis treatment, sexually transmitted infection and HIV screening.

A Connections Advisory Council of stakeholders and focus population members will support Connections' goals, which include providing treatment and recovery support; developing and expanding the infrastructure and capacity of an integrated community service system; improving client health status and outcomes; increasing permanent housing and related support services; and developing and disseminating a replicable service model.



Abearham Lincoln
Abearham Lincoln is watching over the Little Free Library at Lincoln School in Anna.

Lincoln School winner in regional 'Bear Hunt'

A Little Free Library at Lincoln School has been selected as the winner in the Southern Illinois Bear Hunt.

The Southern and H2H Realty have picked the winners of the Southern Illinois Bear Hunt contest, and the grand prize was taken by an entry from Anna School District No. 37.

“Teddy Bear Hunts” have sprung up around the country in response to the school closings and social distancing measures taken as a result of the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

Taking its name from the Michael Rosen children's book “We're Going on a Bear Hunt,” the game involves businesses, homes, government buildings and other institutions displaying teddy bears and other stuffed animals on porches, in windows and other publicly visible locations.

Children are invited to “hunt” for bears, spotting them at various locations during trips outside the home.

The hunts act as a fun distraction for children, while also tying together the community during these uncertain times.

The Southern and H2H Realty sponsored a regional contest as part of the hunt, requesting bear bearers from the area submit the best pictures of their bears. People could then vote

for their favorite bear via online polling.

The grand prize for the contest was awarded to Abearham Lincoln and his Little Free Library at Lincoln School in Anna. The library offers free reading material for area children to borrow.

For winning the contest, Anna School District No. 37 was awarded a \$100 gift card.

A posting on the district's Facebook page shared a message of thanks to all who participated in the Southern Illinois Bear Hunt.

The message continued: “Abearham Lincoln is beary excited about reading and guarding The Little Free Library at Lincoln School in Anna. Visit him and get a great book to read.”

The school district also noted that the Little Free Library “is full of books. Please visit this library in front of Lincoln School and take a few books home to read.”

Having a Little Free Library at Lincoln School was a dream for teacher Barbara James.

Thanks to her husband Allen and son Nick, they set up the Lincoln School Little Free Library. Books for children and adults are available for checkout. People also are invited to leave a book. Disinfecting wipes are available.

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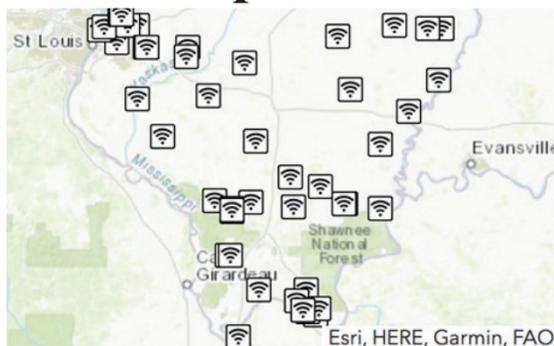
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Flags lowered to half-staff

Gov. JB Pritzker on Thursday, April 16, called for flags in Illinois to fly at half-staff in honor and remembrance of all of those who have perished from COVID-19 in the Land of Lincoln. The photograph was taken Friday evening, April 17, at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna.

Wi-fi hotspots available for students



Wi-fi hotspots map

Among the locations in the area offering wi-fi hotspots are Stinson Memorial Library District, Southern Illinois University and Shawnee Community College. A map showing the locations can be found online.

Illinois state agencies have released a wi-fi hotspot map to help students across the state who lack internet access in their homes.

Locations in the Union County area which offer the hotspots include Stinson Memorial Library District (the district's main library is in Anna), Southern Illinois University Carbondale and Shawnee Community College (the college's main campus is near Ullin; the college also has an extension center in Anna).

The effort was spearheaded by the Illinois Board of Higher Education, IBHE, along with the Illinois State Board of Education, ISBE, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, DCEO, the Department of Innovation and Technology, DoIT, the Office of the Secretary of State Illinois State Library, and the Illinois Community College Board, ICCB.

"The Illinois Board of Higher Education embarked on a collaborative project to identify public locations across the state where students could tap into free internet access," said IBHE executive director Ginger Ostro.

"It's key to helping our state's students to 'attend' class, use video and conference calling, conducting

research, emailing assignments and more."

Thousands of Illinois students are participating in e-learning during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. As of April 15th, the wi-fi map has 200 hotspots students can use to complete coursework. Students and their parents or guardians should continue to practice social distancing by remaining in their cars while utilizing the hotspots. If a student or caretaker is sick or experiencing symptoms, they should remain at home.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the life of every Illinois student but not equally," said Illinois State Superintendent of Education Dr. Carmen I. Ayala.

"The transition to remote learning has accelerated our efforts to close the digital divide among Illinois students and families. This map is one way to level the playing field in the short-term and to increase access to the tools students and educators need to engage more deeply in remote education."

Wi-fi hotspots are available at multiple locations around the state including local colleges and libraries.

A map showing the wi-fi hotspots can be found at <http://illinois.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=23e8046edd2940bc8ad3ad1725e47cd0>.

COVID-19 death reported in Jackson County

The Jackson County Health Department on Sunday, April 19, announced the death of a male in his 80s who was previously confirmed to have COVID-19.

In addition, the health department was notified of one new case, a female in her 20s, who acquired the disease through local contact with a known case. She has been isolated.

As of April 19, the health department reported there had been 43 total laboratory confirmed positives of COVID-19 in Jackson County, including five deaths.

Twenty of the positive individuals have been released from isolation, in accordance with CDC guidelines.

State distributes \$7 million for senior meal assistance

The Illinois Department on Aging, IDoA, on Saturday, April 11, announced that it had distributed \$7 million across the state to meet the growing demand for meal assistance by older Illinoisans impacted by the coronavirus/COVID-19 public health emergency.

IDoA distributed the funds, provided through Emergency Assistance Services grants, to the state's 46 Care Coordination

Units, CCUs, to support meal programming for older Illinoisans at highest risk for malnutrition and hunger.

Last year, more than 85,000 seniors were provided meals at congregate meal sites and an additional 43,000 seniors received meals delivered to their homes.

As a result of temporarily suspending meal service in the 399 congregate dining sites statewide, seniors who previously received meals at these sites are now being included in IDoA's home delivered meal programs.

In a one-week period between March 30 and April 3, a total of 178,599 meals were home delivered reflecting an average of 35,000 meals per day.

In that same week, a total of 4,907 new referrals for home delivered meals were processed. That's, on average, close to 1,000 new referrals per day, the department noted.

"We have been supplying our providers with more dollars to assist them with unmet needs, and we have anticipated that the demand for home delivered meals is going to continue to increase, as we have already seen," said Paula Basta, the director of IDoA.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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A public hearing will be held by and before the City Council of the City of Anna on the 5th day of May, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. via teleconference (1-646-749-3122 access code 129-118-573), for all persons interested in the above proposed annexation. At said time and place all such persons shall have the right to call-in and be heard. Of all said matters and things, all persons interested in the things and matters herein mentioned, will take notice by order of the City Council of the City of Anna, Illinois this 21st day of April, 2020.

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Opinion and Commentary

Memories of the flu epidemic of 1918-1919 recalled in doctor's story

Union County resident Linda Conrad this week is sharing a story about her great-grandfather, Dr. John M. Brooks, who lived to be 101 years old.

"He told amazing stories," Linda shared in an email.

Dr. Brooks graduated from St. Louis Medical College (now Washington University) in 1895.

Linda shares the following story, which was copied from letters written by Dr. Brooks in 1967, when he was 98.

Dr. John M. Brooks practiced in the small town of Golden City, Mo., from 1895 to 1946.

(The comments in parentheses are by Linda.)

This tells of the Flu Epidemic of the winter of 1918-19.

It began as usual about December 1st, very much like the usual series of winter colds. It gradually grew worse and worse and was a real epidemic by mid-December. I remember that at one time I had 7 Nurses. 2 were in one home.

I could have used more but they were not available. One practical Nurse from Springfield was in the service (family of 11) of one of my patients. All were sick and she not only took care of the sick but also did all the household duties. One of the patients died. Words cannot fully express how faithful she was in carrying out the work that needed to be done.

About the first of the year, I was called to see a couple of families in Kenoma, (SW Mo.), 4 1/2 miles West and 3 miles North of Golden City, MO.

A day or two later, I had a couple of more families there and I had a few on the route.

Soon I had other patients on the route. These were horse and buggy days in the Winter.

Soon my work in Kenoma and on the route took all of my daylight time. I would cover one route

Anna VFW plans fish fry; 'to go' only

Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 plans to serve a fish fry on Friday, April 24, 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 24.

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.



Dr. John M. Brooks. Photo provided.

going and another in returning.

Many days, I made 14 house calls on the route and 2 to 6 in Kenoma.

During this period, my schedule was something like this:

Leave home immediately after breakfast and spend the entire day making the Kenoma and Kenoma route calls. This took the entire day.

Many calls (by telephone) for medicine had come in which my wife had listed. I contacted these people and fixed the medicine needed. These I packaged and the next morning my wife would mail them. Often there would be a market basket full.

After breakfast, I was on my round again. I was unable to go into any other areas; the other physicians were busy taking care of these.

This was the first time in my work that I had to refuse to make night calls.

About the second week in January the epidemic began to gradually decline. Later in January, Irene (his teen-aged daughter) took the Flu and about the time she recovered, my wife took it.

Irene was not yet able to take care of her. I was not able to secure a nurse from either Kansas City or Springfield, but did secure one from Memphis, Tenn.

When my wife recovered, the Nurse left on the 4:30 P.M. train.

That evening I made a couple of Flu patient calls in town, only 2 or 3 blocks from home.

On going from the first to the second, I had a sudden very severe chill. Many of my patients had expressed themselves about the attack beginning with a sudden severe chill. I knew at once that the Flu had finally got me.

Nurses were unobtainable, the one we had - had just left by train a few hours before.

Dr. Brooks would recover. By the time he was able to go to the office again, he wrote that the epidemic "had practically died out. This epidemic resulted in many deaths. Practically all from pneumonia following the Flu attack."

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner



We'll just call the images on this page kind of a collage featuring some of the latest photographs of foxes which were taken while the guy with a camera was out wandering around. At least you don't have to look at a photograph of a snake again.

Bob continues to offer help...and inspiration...

Just a bit of a note to start this week...to the driver of the pickup truck who passed a school bus which had stopped to deliver meals...that's all...

My buddy Bob continues to very helpful while I am doing some of the work at home stuff. Bob, as you may recall, is one of our cats. One day last week, Bob actually helped me with some typing.

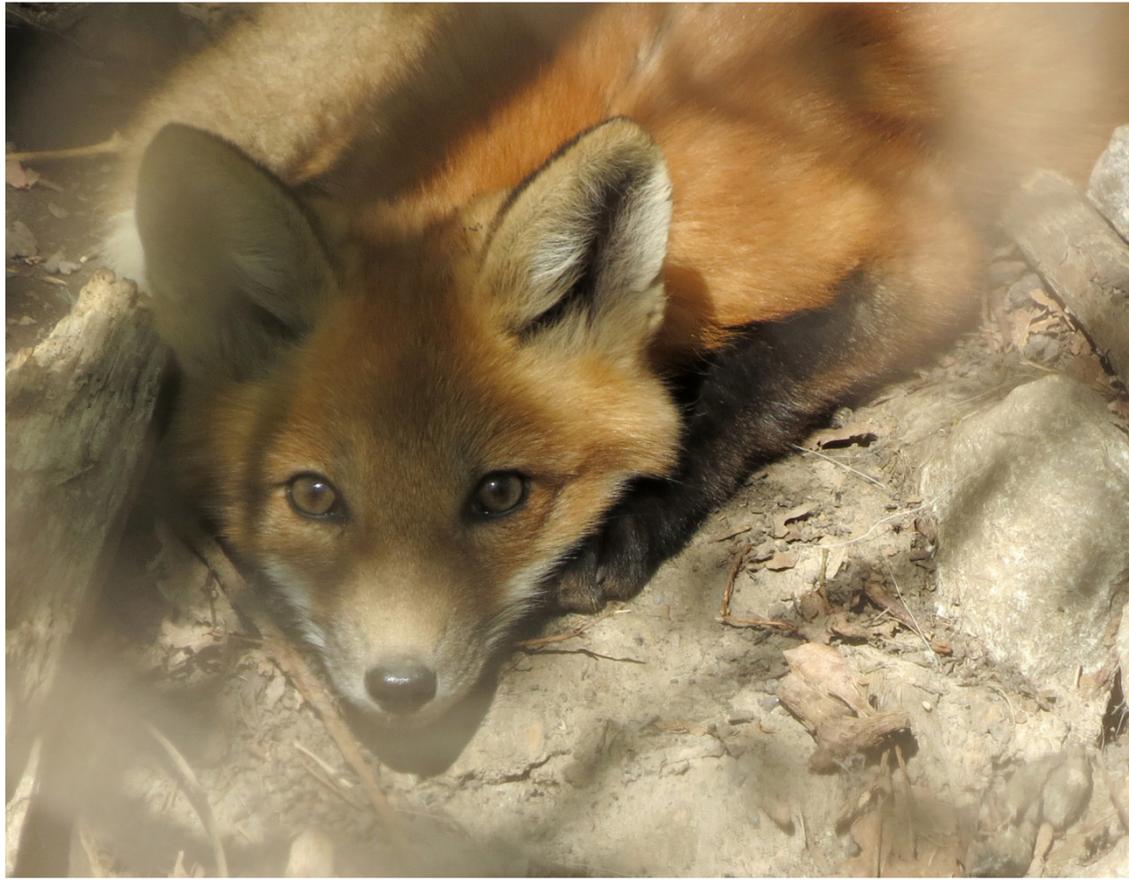
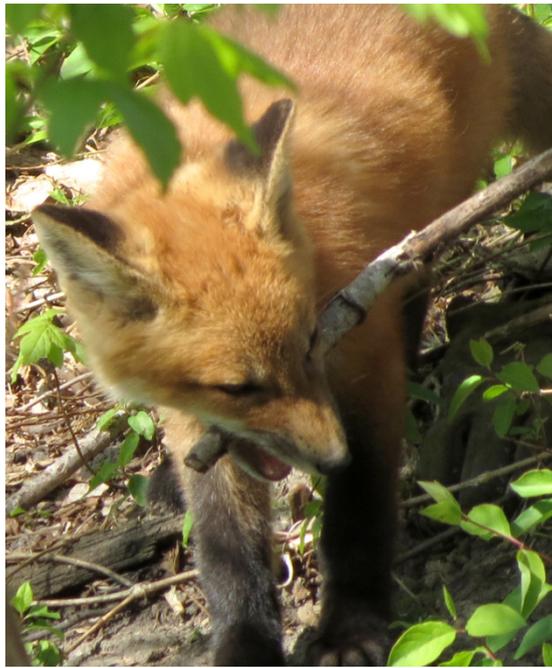
He leaped up on my work space and, somehow, managed to type the letter "f" on my laptop. Then, he was exhausted by all of that work and immediately took a nap.

A couple of days later, it occurred to me that Bob had a premonition that I would once again be writing about foxes.

To be honest with you, I did not think that foxes would be featured again so soon in this space...

...but I was out wandering around one bright and sunny afternoon during the past week...by "wandering around," I mean that I was going for a walk.

I think we can still go for walks these days. While out wandering (walking), I practice social distancing, mainly because I don't see all that many people out walking. A few, occasionally.



So, I was wandering past a lightly wooded, brushy area where I had seen the foxes a couple of weeks ago. I happened to hear some noise in the woods and brush. I looked in the direction of the noise...

...and there were foxes...again...

I'm pretty sure I caught a glimpse of mom, who was protectively watching a couple of her pups. The two "little ones" were just having a good time in the sunshine. I watched, and took lots of photographs, as they chased each other, stopped a couple of times to playfully roll around, chewed on a stick, and then finally went back to what I assume was their den.

Every once in a while, the foxes would stop and look at the two-legged critter who was watching them. They didn't seem to mind my presence. Under such circumstances, a human being could forget that foxes are wild animals, and that is something which should not be forgotten.

Let's close again this week with some really awful jokes. I keep thinking that we all need at least a little bit of laughter these days. And the jokes I'm sharing are indeed worth a little bit of laughter, with emphasis on "little."

Anyway, here are a few more from bestlifeonline.com... The past, the present, and the future walk into a bar. It was tense!

How did the picture end up in jail? It was framed!

You really shouldn't be intimidated by advanced math...it's easy as pi!

My ex-wife still misses me. But her aim is starting to improve!

What did the hamburger name it's baby? Patty!

Why was the baby ant confused? Because all his uncles were ants!

One lung said to another...we be-lung together!

Why was the cookie sad? Because his mom was a wafer long!

What's the difference between a hippo and a zippo? One is really heavy and the other is a little lighter!

I asked a Frenchman if he played video games. He said Wii!

Thanks, as always, for reading. Stay safe.

Oh...one more thing for this week...no doubt, you have noticed that the paper has been just one section for the last month or so. This is an effort to reduce the number of contacts the folks here at The Paragraph Factory have with others. Someday...soon...we hope...we'll be back to "normal"...