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Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area



A "super pink full moon" was shining in the sky over Union County Monday night.

A power outage affected much of the Union County area Monday night. Initial reports suggested that the outage was the result of an issue involving a main line.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah issued a special weather statement on Tuesday for parts of Southern Illinois and Southeast Missouri. Concerns were voice about possible wind gusts of 35 to 40 miles per hour.

On Tuesday, April 20, Gov. JB Pritzker indicated that all flags should be raised back to full staff after being lowered for victims of the COVID-19 pandemic.

A note of correction: the City of Jonesboro has scheduled a public hearing on Monday, May 3, for its tentative budget. The meeting will be at 7 p.m., not 7 a.m., as was posted in last week's paper. The paper erred.

Union County officials say they have been hearing a lot of positive comments about work which is being done by the county's highway department on local roads.

The Union County Board of Commissioners has approved a proclamation which declares May 14 as Childhood Apraxia of Speech Day. Childhood apraxia is an extremely challenging speech disorder.

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COVID-19 Day of Remembrance set in county

May 4 marks the one-year anniversary of the first COVID-19 death reported by Southern Seven Health Department.

The first death was a man from Union County who was in his 80s.

To commemorate that fateful day, Southern Seven Health Department is coordinating region-wide COVID-19 Day of Remembrance ceremonies.

Ceremonies are planned to honor the lives which have been lost due to the pandemic – and to show continued support for those impacted by the deadly disease.

A ceremony is scheduled at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4, at the Southern Seven Health Department's administrative offices in Ullin.

Ceremonies also are planned at each county courthouse in the region served by Southern Seven Health Department.

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

A ceremony is planned at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro. The courthouse is located at 309 Market St.

Plans for the local cer-

emony were noted at a regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners. The meeting was Friday morning, April 23, at the courthouse in Jonesboro.

Area residents are invited to attend a ceremony of their choice or to watch the Ullin ceremony live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SouthernSevenHealthDepartment.

Covering such a large area during a pandemic requires collaboration on many levels.

Southern Seven serves more than 60,000 residents who call the lower seven

counties in Illinois home.

Through its partnerships with other local agencies and health care providers, businesses, schools, churches and organizations, the health department said it has been able to effectively disseminate COVID-19 safety measures and provide vaccines to the public.

As of April 26, 6,728 individuals had tested positive for COVID-19; of those 102 had succumbed to the disease. The health department had administered more than 27,800 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

"It's difficult to imagine a year ago at this time

that we'd still be battling this virus," said Shawanna Rhine, community outreach coordinator for the health department.

"We want this day to help bring closure for those still grieving, remind those hurting that we are still here for them, and to encourage all of us to keep doing our part to protect the lives of those around us."

Each ceremony will include a moment of silence for the lives lost and each county will sign a proclamation to declare May 4 as COVID-19 Remembrance Day.

Union County CEO program trade show scheduled

The community is invited to watch for "Home Runs" at the annual Union County CEO Trade Show, which is planned May 5 at The Barn Event Center, which is located at 3805 Lick Creek Rd. near Anna.

The CEO program shared the following information about the upcoming trade show:

At 7 p.m., the event will be open to the public who will be eager to purchase and learn about new goods and services available in Union County. (CDC guidelines will be followed.)

Look for photography, cards, bath and body products, lawn services, house and pet sitting, 3-D designs, car detailing, grocery delivery, clothing consignment, social media management and college admissions guidance service.

How did these students get to this point during a pandemic year?

Everyone has worn masks and visits and speakers have continued as in a normal year.

It is as if the 13 students in the program have had continual batting practice this second semester as they have prepared to "knock it out of the park" with their personal businesses at the trade show and beyond.

All of the visits and speakers have given the students many ideas about best practices; however, starting their own "side hustles" presented new tasks and challenges.

While drafting their business plans, they had Expert Day when they presented their ideas and asked questions. The "Experts" included:

Ken Stoner, Small Business Development Center; Dr. Deb Jones Barnett, SIU Research Park; Stephanie Cox and Mindy Schultz, A-J National Bank.



'Throw Your Pitch Day' presentation

Julia Hall, right, presented her business, PBJ, Photography by Julia, to the "Scouts" on "Throw Your Pitch Day" at Masters Choice in Anna. The "Scouts" included, from left, Bill Ecker, Brock Buckner, Kelli Wood, Mindy Carter, Travis Holtkamp and Rollie Hawk. Photo provided.

Leni Lambdin, Parrish and Lambdin CPAs; Mary Kay Miller, H&R Block; Andrew Crabtree, Crabtree Photo Lab; Rollie Hawk, Arrowleaf; Evelyn Bailey.

Stephanie Rhodes, Union County Farm Bureau; Danielle Stevens and Travis Holtkamp, Country Financial.

With this new information, the team members completed the business plans, created business "pitches," and added the financial components which were reviewed on "Banker Day."

Participating bankers were David Carter and Greg George from Anna State Bank and Melanie Lasley and Kati Denny from A-J National Bank.

Then, after another round of revisions and polishing of their pitches, the students were ready to present their final business plans at "Throw your Pitch Day."

This was when the written plans and their presentations were individually evaluated, loans were approved or denied, and the businesses were given the UCCEO stamp of approval.

The "Scouts" included CEO board members Mindy Carter; Brock Buckner,

Union County Hospital and Little Egypt Mosquito Company; as well as UCCEO supporters Kelli Wood, Edward Jones; Travis Holtkamp, Country Financial; Larry Carter; Rollie Hawk, Arrowleaf; and Bill Ecker, State Farm.

The three days of meetings with strong members of the local business community were times of stress but also times of growth for these young people.

Skills in speaking, writing, research, time and money management, as well as creativity and professional dressing, were all improved through this process.

The winning team members will have their final "game" on May 5 at The Barn Event Center with a celebration of the year's accomplishments including presentations of All Star Awards, and the "Give

Back" of the funds earned through their class business, Christmas Around the Community and the trade show.

As always, UCCEO, a chapter of Midland Institute of Entrepreneurship, is grateful for the many ways the business community and individuals support this program which positively affects not only these students but also the Union County community.

National Day of Prayer event planned

The National Day of Prayer is scheduled to be observed in Union County on Thursday, May 6.

The observance is being hosted by the City of Anna and coordinated by the Union County Alliance of Churches.

The event will be held at the band shell in the Anna City Park. The service/program is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

In the case of inclement weather, the event is scheduled to be held at the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church's Main Street Center in Anna. The center is located at the intersection of Jefferson and South Main streets.

Those who plan to attend the service at the Anna City Park are invited to bring a lawn chair or blanket and join with other concerned citizens of Union County as prayers are offered for the community and the country.

The service is scheduled to include representatives from each community in Union County, presentation of the colors by the Anna VFW, as well as the prayers offered by local persons for the various areas in the lives of the people of the community.

The sponsors of the evening stress that this is not an event for just a particular

town or church, but rather an opportunity for all residents of Union County to come together for a cause greater than any individual community or church.

The theme for the 2021 observance is "Lord, pour out your Love, Life and Liberty" with 2 Corinthians 3:17 as the selected scripture: "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

Organizers noted that the "National Day of Prayer belongs to all Americans."

More information about the origin and history of the National Day of Prayer, can be found online at www.NationalDayofPrayer.org.



Anna-Jonesboro football team hosts White Out game

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team hosted a spring 2021 White Out game last Friday night. A-J played Nashville in the game. The White Out game was played in honor of Tabi Smith and her family. Tabi and members of her family were in attendance at the game and participated in the coin toss prior to kickoff. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.



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Late season snow recorded on April 20

Late season snow fell on the region Tuesday afternoon and evening, April 20. The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported on its website that a strong cold front pushed through the region during the afternoon of April 20. Temperatures rapidly dropped by 25 degrees and more within three to four hours.

In Paducah, it was 63 degrees at 4 p.m., and by shortly after 7 p.m. it was snowing. "This was a rare snow event for this late in the season," the weather service reported.

Paducah observed 0.6 of an inch of snow. This was Paducah's latest measurable snow on record at the official climate station. Records for snow date back to 1937.

The previous latest measurable snow was on April 18, 1983, when 0.5 of an inch occurred.

In Union County, half an



Snow on the square
 A car was making its way through the Jonesboro Square when snow was falling on Tuesday evening, April 20.

inch of snow was recorded on April 20.

The weather service reported that behind the cold front which pushed through the region on April 20, a band of rain quickly switched over to snow within one or two hours of

starting at most locations.

Despite warm ground and air temperatures, the snow came down at a moderate to heavy clip to allow accumulations on grassy and elevated surfaces.

Most of the region received anywhere from a

light dusting to up to a half an inch of accumulation.

On the morning after, temperatures dropped below freezing across portions of the region.

Cape Girardeau set a record low of 29 degrees on April 21.

Mobile pop-up vaccine clinics planned in area

Southern Seven Health Department is planning to launch a new mobile COVID-19 vaccine tour in the region it serves.

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

The pop-up vaccination events are aimed to reach some of the farthest outly-

ing townships in each of the seven counties, the health department said.

The mobile pop-up COVID-19 vaccination clinics will utilize the Illinois Department of Public Health's Wellness on Wheels, WOW, vans to provide the traveling clinic space to administer the vaccines.

Individuals will then be able to wait their required 15 minutes after the vaccine in the comfort of their own car parked nearby.

The schedule for the mobile clinics in the Union County area includes:

Thursday, April 29

10 a.m. to noon, Alto Pass Park, Elm Street near Chestnut Street, Alto Pass.

2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Cobden Park, 217 Locust St., Cobden.

Thursday, May 6

10 a.m. to noon, Faith Assembly of God Church, 4730 State Route 3N, Wolf Lake.

The mobile clinics will operate in addition to the health department's regularly scheduled mass vaccination locations.

Currently, the health department is operating at least two, fixed mass vaccination locations in the region each day, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There is no charge to receive a COVID-19 vaccine from Southern Seven Health Department.

In addition to taking appointments, the health department is also accepting walk-ins at each of its daily vaccine clinic locations.

To guarantee a vaccine dose on a given day, people can schedule themselves for a vaccine appointment using the Illinois Department of Public Health's COVID-19 vaccine registration system online at <https://covidvaccination.dph.illinois.gov>.

Vaccines will be provided only to Illinois residents and/or individuals with proof of employment in Illinois. Everyone over the age of 18 years old is eligible to get vaccinated.

For questions regarding COVID-19 or locations of COVID-19 vaccine clinics, contact Southern Seven Health Department at 618-634-2297 or visit the health department on Facebook and online at www.southern7.org.

Illinois will lose one Congressional seat

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SPRINGFIELD – The U.S. Census Bureau announced Monday Illinois will lose a seat in Congress based on the results of the 2020 census.

Illinois will move from 18 to 17 seats in the U.S. House, an expected result after some advocates had warned that an undercount could lead to the loss of two seats.

(Union County is in the 12th Congressional District. The district is represented by U.S. Rep. Mike Bost, R-III.)

The state has lost at least one Congressional representative in eight of the last nine decades after peaking at 27 seats in 1910 and remaining there until the 1940 census. Six other states will also lose a seat, including California, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York.

Illinois, Mississippi and West Virginia are the only three states to lose population over the past decade, Census Bureau officials said Monday. It's the first time the Census Bureau logged a decade-over-decade population loss in the state.

According to data released Monday, the state has a total population of just over 12.8 million people, a drop of 0.1 of a percent when compared to 2010.

While the population loss was not as pronounced as some had originally anticipated, Gov. JB Pritzker said in an unrelated news conference Monday that he was "concerned" about outmigration in the state, which he said has been taking place "for more than a decade."

Pritzker attributed the population loss primarily to college students who choose not to attend school in the state.

Under the state constitution, members of the General Assembly are tasked with drawing new legislative boundaries following the decennial census. The new legislative boundaries are then sent to the governor for approval or veto.

Census Bureau officials said that specific data used for redistricting would be provided by Sept. 30. The delay in official numbers could cause complications for Illinois' redistricting process, which is currently underway.

Some Democratic state lawmakers have proposed using data from the American Community Survey in place of census data to create legislative and congressional district maps by the end of June as required

by the constitution.

Rep. Tim Butler, a Springfield Republican who is the minority spokesperson on the House Redistricting Committee, said in a Monday news conference that ACS data provides "a small snapshot" of population data when compared to the census, and could risk leaving populations out of consideration.

"We've heard witness after witness testify at our redistricting hearings that ACS data does not fully represent minority communities, that it does not fully represent rural communities," Butler said.

"As we've said all along throughout these hearings, ACS data is not what you need to use to draw the maps because it's not going to give you the granular data and the correct data," he added.

Republicans have repeatedly called for an independent, nonpartisan commission to draw new legislative boundaries without taking partisan politics into consideration, a proposal which has not been entertained by members of the state's Democratic supermajorities in either chamber.

"The maps need to be drawn, in my mind, without the political data put in them," Butler said. "The most important data for the majority is going to be the political data and people's home addresses that they include in there, and they're

Weather Snow in April; low 29, high 77

Snow. A low temperature of 29 degrees. A high temperature of 77 degrees.

The weather in the Union County area went on a roller coaster ride during the period of April 20-26.

A half an inch of snow was recorded on April 20.

A low temperature of 29 degrees was recorded on April 21 and 22.

A high temperature of 77 degrees was recorded on April 26.

Precipitation during the period also included .01 of an inch of rain on April 21, .01 of an inch of rain on April 23 and .89 of an inch of rain on April 24.

Fog was recorded on April 20 and April 21.

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

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|---------------------|-------|
| Tuesday, April 20 | 58 33 |
| Wednesday, April 21 | 54 29 |
| Thursday, April 22 | 54 29 |
| Friday, April 23 | 65 43 |
| Saturday, April 24 | 58 50 |
| Sunday, April 25 | 70 39 |
| Monday, April 26 | 77 42 |

going to draw the maps how they see fit probably."

Sen. Omar Aquino, D-Chicago, who chairs the Senate Redistricting Committee, and Sen. Elgie Sims, D-Chicago, who is the committee's vice chair, released a joint statement following the news.

"We are reviewing the information released today by the U.S. Census Bureau and remain committed to working with our partners in Washington to ensure Illinois continues to receive the federal resources and support our communities need," the statement reads.

"While the Census Bureau confirmed full redistricting information may not be released until September, we will not abandon our duty to craft a map by June 30 as required by the Illinois Constitution. As others seek to delay and distract, we are focused on gathering input from communities of interest across Illinois to create a fair map that reflects the diversity of our great state."

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Union County students among winners in college's young writer's competition

Union County students were among the winners in a recent annual young writer's competition which was sponsored by Shawnee Community College.

For the contest, the college encouraged high school students to submit their works

of non-fiction, short fiction and poetry for a chance to win monetary prizes.

The high school writing competition was divided into two divisions: the 9th/10th grades division and the 11th/12th grades division.

Honors for first, second

and third place were awarded in both divisions in each of the three categories.

Winning entries were submitted by students from Southern Illinois and Southeast Missouri.

Two students from Union County schools were among the winners in the competition.

In the 9th grade fiction essay category, Abigail Smith from Shawnee High School in Wolf Lake won first place for her entry titled "The Unexpected Tragedy." She received \$100.

In the 11th/12 grade poetry category, Aubrey Fisher from Cobden High School won third place for her entry titled "Decay." She received \$25.

The contest was hosted by Dr. Ryan Thornberry.

"This year, we had a significant number of student submissions, including several from outside the region and even students from different states," Thornberry said in a news release.

Thornberry added that there were "many excellent submissions, and we are grateful that COVID-19 did not deter these young authors."

Villa Ridge Legion plans to serve dinner

American Legion Louis Phares Post No. 178 in Villa Ridge is planning to serve a barbeque chicken dinner on Saturday, May 1.

Other activities are planned at the post, which is located at 1853 Olmsted Rd.

The dinner will be served from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The menu will include Hileman Bros. barbeque, American Legion sides, desserts and tea.

American Legion Post No. 178 is providing the meal; donations will be appreciated.

Those who plan to stop by are invited to wear their Kentucky Derby hat.

Those wearing hats can be entered in an American Legion Kentucky Derby hat contest to win an American flag.

Fresh, homegrown mint will be available for free.

Outdoor and indoor accommodations will be available. The event is open to all.

Union County Hospital welcomes interventional cardiologist to staff

Union County Hospital in Anna is welcoming Dr. Rita Mukerji as an independent member of the medical staff.

Mukerji is an interventional cardiologist with River to River Heart Group.

Mukerji graduated from Southern Illinois University Carbondale. She completed a residency at the Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis, Ind.

She completed cardi-

ology fellowships at the University of Missouri Columbia School of Medicine in Columbia, Mo., and Saint Vincent Hospitals & Health Services in Indiana.

Mukerji's board certifications include internal medicine, interventional cardiology, cardiovascular diseases, nuclear cardiology and echocardiology.

She specializes in coronary intervention, peripheral vascular disease/

intervention, echocardiography, nuclear cardiology, coronary artery disease and intracoronary imaging.

Also, patients will continue to have access to stress tests, echocardiograms, EKGs, Holter monitors and event monitors.

"We are delighted to welcome Dr. Mukerji to our medical staff, which means that our community now has local, convenient access to the specialty services of this cardiologist," Union County Hospital CEO Jim Farris said.

Mukerji plans to see patients at Union County Hospital on the first Thursday of every month, in the clinic located on the second floor of the hospital at 517 N. Main St. in Anna.

She is currently accepting new patients. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 833-2872.

Garden club plant sale set

Anna-Jo Garden Club is planning to have a perennial plant sale on Saturday, May 1.

The sale is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Anna-Jo Garden Club Park in Anna. The park is located near McDonald's.

Anna City Council has special, regular meetings

The Anna City Council conducted two meetings on Tuesday afternoon and evening, April 20.

A special meeting was held at 4:30 p.m. A regular meeting followed at 5 p.m. Both sessions took place at Anna City Hall.

A review of the city's proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget was the only business discussed during the special meeting.

The agenda for the city council's regular meeting included a number of ordinances and resolutions.

Several ongoing topics also were discussed during the regular meeting.

The city continues to look to moving forward on repairing a section of Dog Walk Road which sustained major damage during the winter. Repair work is expected to cost in the range of \$35,000. State motor fuel tax funds will be utilized.

Bids are expected to go out soon for a project which is designed to ease flooding issues in the 500 block of East Vienna Street. The area frequently floods when

heavy rain falls. Work is anticipated to begin late in the spring or in the summer.

The city council approved ordinance 2021-05, which was for the FY 2021-2022 budget. The city's new fiscal year begins May 1. The city once again plans to have a balanced budget.

Resolution 2021-14 was unanimously approved by the city council. The resolution authorized and approved an agreement to employ Tim Smith as the assistant chief of police.

Ordinance 2021-06 was unanimously approved by the city council. The ordinance prohibits smoking and the use of electronic cigarettes at the Anna City Park.

Resolution 2021-20 was unanimously approved. The resolution calls for the utilization of Illinois Codification Services to codify and publish a code of ordinances for the City of Anna. The project is expected to cost in the range of \$10,750.

The city council approved a natural gas tap for 3055 State Route 146E.

Pre-K, Head Start, kindergarten screenings planned in Dongola

Pre-kindergarten, Head Start and kindergarten screenings are scheduled in Dongola.

Pre-K, Head Start

Pre-kindergarten and/or Southern Seven Head Start/Early Head Start Child Find screening is planned Monday, May 3, in Dongola.

Screenings are scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Dongola High School gym, located at 1000 High St. in Dongola.

Appointments can be made by calling 618-827-4441 to schedule an appointment.

The following items need to be brought to the screening appointment:

Child's certified birth certificate and proof of family income (one month of pay stubs or 2020 W2s or taxes).

Kindergarten

Dongola Unit School District No. 66 also has scheduled kindergarten screenings for the 2021-2022 academic year on May 3.

Kindergarten screenings are scheduled from 8 a.m. until 3:10 p.m. in the big gym at Dongola School.

In order to attend kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old before Sept. 1, 2021.

Appointments are needed. Appointments can be made by calling 618-827-3841.

School officials said that the following items are needed at the screenings:

A copy of the child's birth certificate and proof of residency.

Masks must be worn by all of those who enter the school building.

Driving possible with up-to-date receipt showing sticker purchase

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is reminding motorists that they may drive without an up-to-date license plate sticker affixed to their license plate if they have their receipt showing they purchased a sticker online before the expiration date.

The receipt, which is generated after an online sticker purchase, is valid for no more than 30 days from the expiration of the previous license plate registration sticker's date.

Over the last two days of the month in March, more than 36,500 customers visited driver services facilities to purchase license plate stickers.

During this same two-day period, 73,000 customers purchased their license plate stickers online at www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

White has expanded online services and encourages the public to visit his office's website at www.cyberdriveillinois.com instead of visiting a driver services facility. This includes renewing driver's licenses and ID cards online for those that are eligible.

In addition, White has extended all driver's license and ID card expiration dates until Aug. 1, 2021. The extension does not apply to commercial driver's licenses, CDL, and CDL learner's permits.

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Sports

Visiting Nashville scores win over A-J in high school football

Nashville's passing game proved too much to handle for host Anna-Jonesboro last Friday night in high school spring football action.

A-J was hosting its White Out game at The Pit. The visitors scored a 49-19 victory in a game which closed out the spring football season.

"Their quarterback was a very, very talented kid," A-J football head coach Brett Detering said. "They had so many weapons and they played so fast, you couldn't really key on one person."

Hornet quarterback Cole Malawy had 340 yards passing and tossed 4 touchdown passes.

With the win, Nashville claimed the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division spring football title.

The Hornets' passing game went to work on their first possession.

After an 11-play drive, Luke Ehret scored on a 9-yard run. Cristian Ocampo's extra point kick put Nashville ahead for good 7-0 with 7:22 remaining in the first quarter.

Following an onside kick that the Hornets recovered at midfield, Malawy connected with Jaxon Goforth for a 9-yard TD pass after a 3-play drive. The extra point kick was good and Nashville led 14-0 with 6:10 remaining in the first quarter.

A-J's offense then started rolling and following a 15-play drive, Carson Pengress scored on a 1-yard run. Nick McGrath's extra point kick pulled the Wildcats to 14-7 with 9:30 remaining in the second quarter.

The Wildcats recovered a Nashville fumble on its next drive that was halted on a fourth down play.

Nashville's Connor Gladson then scored on a 1-yard run after a 10-play drive. The extra point kick failed and the Hornets led 20-7 with 3:18 left in the second quarter.

After an A-J punt, Nashville's offense took over and Noah Miller scored on a 14-yard pass from Malawy. The run for the extra point was good and the Hornets led 28-7 with 28 seconds remaining in the first half.

On its first drive in the second half, Nashville's Ehret scored after a 5-play drive on a 9-yard run. The extra point kick was good and the Hornets led 35-7 with 8:34 remaining in the third quarter.

On Nashville's following drive, after a 5-play drive, Malawy connected with Isaac Turner for a 9-yard TD pass. The extra point kick pulled Nashville ahead 42-7 with 1:21 left in the third quarter.

A-J's offense went to work again and Gavin Osman scored on a 2-yard run after an 8-play drive. The extra point kick was off and A-J had pulled to 42-13 with 9:08 remaining in the game.

Malawy connected with Buzz Ritzel for a 3-yard TD pass after an 8-play drive to close out Nashville's scoring at 49-13 with 6:39 remaining.

The Wildcats came back and Barry Johnson closed out the scoring with his first rushing TD of the year on a 27-yard run after a 5-play drive with 2:02 remaining in the game.

A-J finished the game with 192 rushing yards and 18 yards passing.

Johnson led the way for the Wildcats with 55 yards rushing on 12 carries. Osman had 36 yards on 7 carries, Zack Stokes 23 yards on 7 carries, Pengress 20 yards on 13 carries, Nate Baggott 19 yards on 5 carries, Nathan Plott 19 yards on 4 carries and Josh Davis 18 yards on 4 carries.

The Wildcats finished the COVID-19 shortened season with a 3-3 record.

"It was a tough schedule," Detering said. "And, the kids fought through it the whole year."



High school football action

Anna-Jonesboro quarterback Carson Pengress, number 11 in white, hands the ball off to Barry Johnson, number 45. The action took place during host A-J's White Out high school football game against visiting Nashville last Friday night. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.

A-J softball season opens

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School softball team lost 12-2 to host Scott City, Mo., to open the spring season Wednesday, April 21.

Payton Seip was 1-for-3 with 2 RBIs at the plate to lead the Lady Wildcats. Avery Osman was 1-for-3 and scored 2 runs. Jenna Sadler, Shea Thorn and Whitley Quick were each 1-for-3.

Abigail Dahmer pitched 5 innings and allowed 7 hits to go with 2 strikeouts and 3 walks. Sadler pitched 1/3 of an inning and allowed 2 hits to go with a strikeout and 5 walks.

A-J is scheduled to play Friday at home against Cobden.

A-J wrestling team set to open season at Trico

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School wrestling team will have a lot of underclassmen competing this season.

"We're going to be young," A-J wrestling coach Chase Hargrave said. "But we've got a lot of good numbers compared to a lot of other schools."

The lone senior is David Kester, 126 pounds.

The two juniors on the squad are Blake Mays, 132 pounds, and Barry Johnson, 145 pounds.

Sophomores include Caleb Mays, 138 pounds, T.J. Macy, 152 pounds, Liam

Schroeder, heavyweight, and Rayshaun Cannon, 170 pounds.

Freshmen include Daniel Dover, 106 pounds, Ethan Hall, 106 pounds, Oregon Dover, 120 pounds, Drew Holshouser, 132 pounds, Payton Denny, 182 pounds, Cameron Speary, 195 pounds, and Ben Harvel, 220 pounds.

The Wildcats are scheduled to open their season Friday at Trico.

The start of the high school wrestling season in Illinois was one of the many sports impacted by the ongoing coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.



A-J pitcher

Dylan Ahlberg was on the mound for the Anna-Jonesboro baseball team in a game against Trico on Thursday, April 22. The game was played at Kiwanis Field at the Anna City Park.

A-J outscores Trico

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School baseball team defeated visiting Trico 5-4 in 8 innings Thursday, April 22.

Dylan Smith led A-J's hitting by going 2-for-4 with an RBI. Mason Watkins and Kyle Jerrell were each 1-for-3 with an RBI apiece. Dylan Ahlberg was 1-for-4.

Ahlberg and Watkins pitched in the win. Ahlberg pitched 3 1/3 innings and allowed 2 hits to go with 4 strikeouts and 3 walks. Watkins pitched 4 2/3 innings and allowed 5 hits to go with 8 strikeouts and 2 walks.

A-J, 1-2, is scheduled to play Friday at home against Cobden.

Appleknockers open spring baseball season

The Cobden High School baseball team opened its season with three losses.

West Frankfort 3, Cobden 1: Cobden out hit visiting West Frankfort 8-4 but still came out on the short end of the score Friday, April 23.

Noah Franklin was 2-for-3 to lead Cobden at the plate. Xach Roberts was 1-for-1. Brock Reynolds, Nolan Hand, Tyler Franklin, Dawson Short and John Fuhrhop were each 1-for-4.

Hand, Noah Franklin and Chase Wyatt pitched in the loss. Hand pitched 3 innings and allowed 3 hits to go with a walk and 7 strikeouts. Noah Franklin pitched 4 2/3 innings and didn't allow a hit to go with 10 strikeouts and 3 walks. Wyatt pitched 1/3 of an inning and allowed a hit to go with a walk and 2 strikeouts.

Crab Orchard 7, Cobden 6: Despite out hitting the winning team 13-6, the visiting Appleknockers lost Thursday, April 22.

Reynolds was 3-for-4 with 2 doubles to lead Cobden.

Hunter Pitts was 2-for-3 with a double. Hand and Noah Franklin were each 2-for-4 with a double apiece. Dawson Short was 2-for-5. Jesus Zamora was 1-for-2. Tyler Franklin was 1-for-4 with a double.

Reynolds pitched 2 innings and allowed a hit to go with 2 walks and 3 strikeouts. Tyler Franklin pitched 2 1/3 innings and allowed 6 hits to go with 6 walks and 3 strikeouts. Wyatt pitched 1 2/3 innings and allowed two walks.

Trico 10, Cobden 0: Short and Fuhrhop were each 1-for-2 to lead Cobden's only hitting in the season-opening loss Monday, April 19.

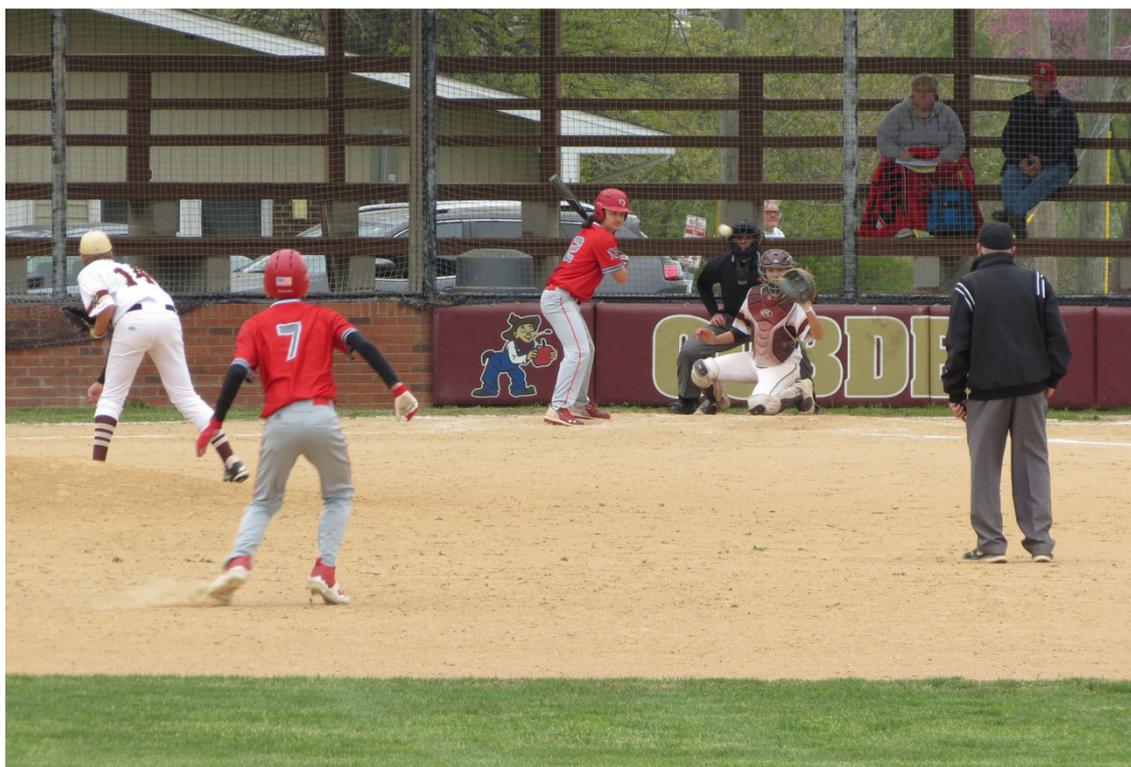
Hand pitched 3 innings and allowed 2 hits to go with 3 walks and 6 strikeouts. Noah Franklin pitched 1 2/3 innings and allowed 2 hits to go with a walk and 5 strikeouts. Tyler Franklin pitched 1 inning and allowed 2 hits to go with a strikeout.

Cobden, 0-3, is scheduled to play Friday at Anna-Jonesboro.



Avery Page ready to roll for SIC

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School senior and ace of the Wildcats bowling team, Avery Page, has officially signed a national letter of intent to join the women's bowling team at Southeastern Illinois College in Harrisburg. Avery was joined by coaches, family and friends for a signing ceremony on Monday, April 26, in the Union Hall gymnasium at A-JCHS. Avery plans to study nursing at SIC in the fall. In the first row are, from left, her brother Drew Page; Avery Page; and her mother, Mandy Page. In the second row are her father Daniel Page and SIC woman's bowling team coach Jeff Crowley. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.



Cobden hosts West Frankfort

Cobden, in white uniforms, hosted West Frankfort in a high school baseball game Friday afternoon, April 23. Cobden pitchers struck out 19 West Frankfort batters, but the visitors still won the game.



Snow...then time for a ballgame...

Snow was falling Tuesday evening, April 20, on Kiwanis Field at the Anna City Park. The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School baseball team plays its home games at Kiwanis Field. About 48 hours later, on Thursday afternoon, April 22, A-J was hosting Trico in a Southern Illinois high school baseball game. Trent Mason was playing center field for the Wildcats.

Dongola softball has only 11 players

With only 11 players on his team's roster, Dongola softball coach Barry Keller can't afford any injuries this spring.

"We hope nobody gets hurt," Keller said. "But we're hoping for good things with this team."

Seniors on the team are pitcher Maddie Keller, first baseman Anabelle Durham and outfielders Michelle Wolford and Natasha Cosenza.

Juniors are third baseman Melanie Altamirano, shortstop Brooklyn Hogue and outfielder Hailey Ames.

The lone sophomore is catcher Carmen South.

Freshmen include second baseman Payton Hilland and outfielders Catherine Thomas and Makayla Shipley.

The Lady Demons are scheduled to open their season Thursday, today, at home against Cobden.

Cobden falls to Du Quoin

The Cobden High School softball team lost 15-3 to visiting Du Quoin in its opening game of the season Wednesday, April 21.

Abby Clover was 2-for-3 to lead the hitting for the Lady Appleknockers.

Makenzie Howell was 1-for-3 with a triple and 2 RBIs. Katelyn Shadowens and Tess Brummer were each 1-for-3.

Howell pitched in the loss and gave up 10 hits in 5 innings and logged 2 strikeouts.

Cobden, 0-1, is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at Dongola.

Elks golf scramble set

An Elks district golf scramble is scheduled Saturday, May 1, at the Union County Country Club course in Anna.

The scramble will have a shotgun start, which is set for 1 p.m.

SIU rallies to score FCS playoff victory

OGDEN, Utah – The headline to the story will be the late-game heroics of quarterback Stone Labanowitz, who lofted a perfect, 4th-down spiral to the corner of the end zone, where wide receiver Branson Combs leaped high to haul it in for the game winning touchdown with 52 seconds remaining.

That sensational play helped lift No. 14-ranked Southern Illinois to a dramatic, come-from-behind win over No. 3 Weber State, 34-31, in the first round of the 2021 NCAA FCS playoffs last Saturday.

Yet, that was just one of many moments in this epic playoff contest that personify the grit and determination of the Saluki football program this season under fifth-year head coach Nick Hill.

Having already overcome a pandemic, a mid-season blizzard, injuries to its top two quarterbacks, opponents backing out of games, another round of adversity was not going to deter the Salukis (6-3).

The Wildcats (5-1) jumped out to an early 14-0 lead. Saluki star running back Javon Williams Jr., one of the most dangerous weapons in FCS football, was out with an injury. Playing at high altitude in a hostile environment, Southern could've packed it in. Most teams probably would have. Not this group.

Hill summed up the character of his team, saying, "It really goes against what everybody in the country is doing right now.

They've stayed, they've stuck together, and they believed when it would be tough to believe. We all believed in one another. They went out and got, maybe, one of the biggest wins in Saluki football history."

Making their first playoff appearance since 2009, the Salukis are off to play No. 1-seed South Dakota State next Sunday at 8 p.m.

The Jackrabbits handily beat Southern earlier this season in Carbondale. But the Salukis have overcome seemingly insurmountable odds before. They believe in each other, and that may be enough.

(Editor's note: this story was posted online at siusalukis.com.)

Sunset Concert Series extends hiatus through 2021

The Sunset Concert Series, a Carbondale summer tradition dating back more than 40 years, is extending its hiatus through 2021.

Organizers said the difficult joint decision to cancel the popular free concert series for the second consecutive year was made for two key reasons.

One of the reasons is to help ensure the health and safety of the public in the wake of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The second consideration is that Southern Illinois University Carbondale and the City of Carbondale are continuing to follow State of Illinois mitigation guidelines.

Currently, regulations don't allow such large concerts.

Organizers noted that

planning and booking of a diverse group of entertainers begins in December for the following summer's concerts so they ultimately had to make the call to cancel for this summer.

Sponsors of the concerts are SIU's Student Center and Student Programming Council, the Carbondale Park District and the City of Carbondale.

The concerts typically happen each Thursday evening in June and July at locations on campus and in the city. The inaugural event dates to 1978.

Cosponsors are working on plans to resume the concerts in 2022.

The SIU Student Center webpage and Facebook page will have information about next year's Sunset Concerts and other events.

Firm again named as one of Best Companies to Work For

For the 22nd time, Edward Jones is named one of the FORTUNE 100 Best Companies to Work For by Great Place to Work and FORTUNE Magazine.

Edward Jones, which has offices in Union County, took the number 20 spot on the list.

Great Place to Work, a global people analytics and consulting firm, analyzed responses from over one half million employees at Great Place to Work-Certified organizations across the United States.

The evaluation criteria included how trustworthy, caring and fair the company is in times of crises; employees' physical, emotional and financial health; and the company's broader community impact.

Additionally, the evaluations included how employees' experiences

varied depending on their job role, gender, race/ethnicity, payroll status, and other characteristics to ensure that the company is creating a great workplace for all.

This year, 60 percent of each company's score is based on confidential employee feedback.

The remaining 40 percent is based on the programs each company said they created to support their people and communities in response to the pandemic.

This methodology represents a change in response to the unique circumstances of 2020.

Edward Jones is a Fortune 500 company with headquarters in St. Louis. The firm provides financial services in the United States and, through its affiliate, in Canada.

Illinois Secretary of State issues alert about two scams which seek to defraud people

Secretary of State Jesse White is warning Illinois residents to be on alert for a pair of scams which are seeking to defraud people.

"I have zero tolerance for fraudsters who prey on people in desperate times," White said in a news release.

"My office is working with the Illinois attorney general's office to protect Illinoisans from falling victim to these fraudulent schemes. In addition, we have notified the Federal Trade Commission and the FBI."

In the first scam, White is warning the public of scammers who are sending unsolicited text messages, claiming to be from the Illinois Secretary of State.

The text messages con-

tain vague references to "Problems with your information" and another reference to "*IL* Secretary of State." Each text also contains a link attributed to "uipendingcases.org."

White says the text is a scam and recipients should not click on the link or provide any information.

Visiting the website could place malware on the recipients' devices or trick them into disclosing sensitive personal information.

The Illinois Secretary of State's office never requests personal information, like a Social Security number, via text message.

"Delete the text," said White. "Do not click on it and do not provide any of your personal information."

In the second scam, fraudulent websites are offering online vehicle registration renewals for license plate stickers and then charging residents an additional fee for the registration.

White warns Illinoisans that one particular website, IllinoisCarReg.com, is misleading customers with an unauthorized website promoting online license plate sticker renewals.

Once the customer provides personal information, the sham company charges the customer a fee of \$39.99, in addition to the sticker fee.

This company, which has websites for multiple states, is misleading resi-

dents across the nation.

The Federal Trade Commission is investigating the company in an effort to shut it down over concerns of how the company may be using the personal data that it obtains from customers.

White strongly urges Illinois residents who wish to renew their license plate stickers to make sure they are visiting www.cyberdriveillinois.com before proceeding to renew their stickers online.

For the process, residents will need their registration ID and PIN, which are located on the renewal notice and registration card, which most people keep in their vehicle's glove compartment.

Vehicle owners may then visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com and click on "License Plates Renewal" under Online Services. White underscored that Illinoisans should pay close attention to the websites they access, since many of them, including IllinoisCarReg.com, note in fine print that they are not a government website.

Individuals who feel they have been defrauded by this scheme are encouraged to contact their credit card company to dispute the extra fee charge.

If you have questions about text message scams or identity theft, call the Illinois attorney general's Consumer Fraud Hotline at 800-243-0607 (Carbondale).

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Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said: "Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. He is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved." From the Acts of the Apostles

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father." From the Gospel of John

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News from Camp Ground Church, Community

Rev. Dee Ann Thompson's sermon Sunday was titled "The Good Shepherd," with scripture from the Gospel of John.

The sermon shared that "the good shepherd is an image of Jesus often used in the Bible.

"As Jesus was talking, using the image of a shepherd, everyone understood what He was saying.

"A good shepherd leads his sheep carefully and looks after their every need. A good shepherd would even put his life on the line to protect his sheep.

Jesus, the good shepherd, came to Earth to lay down His life for us, the 'lost sheep,' Jesus laid down His life to 'protect' us from death to sin.

"Jesus is the good shepherd for all who will believe; He is still searching for those not yet in the 'fold'."

Rev. Thompson closed with a challenge: "If there is someone in your life who doesn't know the good shepherd, share the Good News with them. It can

News from Walnut Grove Church

Walnut Grove United Methodist Church near Cobden resumed services a couple weeks ago, with masks required for safety for the congregation.

Johnathan played the piano for the musical prelude and the hymns.

The altar candles were lit by Katelyn and Brock. On Sunday, April 18, the congregation sang "Happy Birthday" to Gus, who also was featured in The Gazette-Democrat on April 22 with his sister Madge for harvesting their first turkeys on their family farm.

The scripture was from John on the last two Sundays. Pastor Bobbi asked everyone to think about who the good shepherd has been in their life, and to whom they have been a good shepherd.

Prayers were requested for Gary Hartline, John Hunter Army, Grace and Duane Gaffney, Kerrin Meléndrez, Laura (Diana and Kathy's sister) and Bobby Hoyle.

It was reported that several members are welcoming new chicks in their farms including Gus and Madge, and Diana and Art. Sunday school for the children has been temporarily cancelled.

Sunday services are scheduled at 9:30 a.m. each week. The church is located at 3195 Mountain Glen Rd. near Cobden, and near Illinois Route 127.

be the eternal difference between heaven and hell."

Raelynn Bonner and Brooklynn Bates rang the bell calling all to worship.

Rodney and LaDonna Miller received the offering. Sandra Boaz is the lead elder for May.

All are welcome at Camp Ground Church for in-person Bible study at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, followed by worship at 10:30 a.m.

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

Happy birthday wishes to Mary Jones. Her birthday is today, April 29.

Congratulations go to Wally and Tracey Warren who celebrated a wedding anniversary Sunday, April 25; and to Billy and Donna Williams, who celebrated one yesterday, April 28.

News from First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, April 25, Pastor Perry Williams spoke at the morning and evening worship services.

The morning message addressed the question: "How do we handle our faith in our culture?" The message was based on scripture from the Old Testament Book of Daniel.

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

The service also was live streamed on Facebook, where it can be viewed.

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

During morning worship, music director Dee Rose led worship. Debbie York was the pianist.

Lucas Tehandon provided special music by playing the song "Lily of the Valley" on the piano.

Following the morning worship service, the church had its first Hospitality Sunday dinner since last year. The dinners are planned on the last Sunday of the month.

Birthdays: Nina Wright, April 28; Janie Walter, Connie Wilkins, April 29.

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

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

Dongola School names honor roll students

Dongola School has announced honor students for the third quarter.

High School Honor Roll
Freshmen: Joseph Reynolds, Catherine Thomas.

Juniors: Autumn Dixon. Seniors: Emily Aldrich, Brandon Griffith, Killian Hudgins.

High School Superintendent Honor Roll

Freshmen: Blake Herren, Donovan Higgins, Terry Hodges, Mya Morse.

Sophomores: Charles Aden, Ariana Cozensa, Presley Hoffman, Madysen Mead, Thomas Meadows, Lydia Peppers, Katlyn Smith, Elisea Turner, Julian Westbrooks, Angelina Wiseman, Noah Wiseman, Hailey Wright.

Juniors: Jamie Anderson, Connor Crider, Madison Delgadillo, Kristen Duckworth.

Seniors: Anabelle Durham, Madeline Keller, Michelle Wolford, Ashlyn Wright.

Junior High Honor Roll
6th grade: Alexis Smith, Caroline Wright.

7th grade: Kurt Petrich, Aaron Wiseman.

8th grade: Dixie Kaufman, Kinley Lingle.

Junior High Superintendent Honor Roll

6th grade: Philip Bracken, Caleb Gaddis, Henry

Maginel, Michael Rossi, Braston Zinn.

8th grade: Kiara Aden, Anthony Wiseman.

Elementary Honor Roll

1st grade: Michaela Bracken, Jaxon Sevanski, Bentley Tollison.

3rd grade: Brooklyn Gaddis, Eric Reed, Layne Vernon.

4th grade: Nathan Aden, Kaden Ames, Deyton Francis, Skyli Zinn.

5th grade: Kyle Holderfield, Serenity Miller, Noah Rodriguez.

Elementary Superintendent Honor Roll

1st grade: Isabel Cook, Levi Eddleman, Sophie Hancock, Kalynn Hill, Adam Keeler, Ellie Lewis, Briley Macias, Carsen McClellan, Aubree Miller, Emilia Rojas, Natilee Vanderpool.

2nd grade: Ali Baker, Dixie Basler, Izabelle Bracken, Remington Chick, Isabella Dismore, Raylan Duty, Drake Fuller, Alexander Gilbert, Harper Griffin, Kaden Hand, Justus Helton, Huntley Hilliard, Lukas Hoffner, Terrence Kariolic, Mariuana Mensch, Kadence Poe, Breslyn Sheppard, Pollie Thorne, Lynleigh Wright.

3rd grade: Brantley Hoffman, Jack Hutchinson, Payton Plott.

5th grade: Benjamin Flores, Natalee Gaddis, Carleigh Lewis.

County Line News

(Mill Creek and Upper Elco)

By Suzan Harvel

Happy birthday to Junior Tripp. He celebrated his 86th birthday with his wife, three daughters, and family surrounding him. He's still experiencing trouble with his shoulder and ribs from his fall a couple weeks ago, but is still smiling. He's a very lucky man.

Riley Petzoldt is free of the cast at last and back at school. The boot he graduated to hopefully won't be on too long and he'll soon be running again.

It was good to see Martha Medley in church Sunday morning. You are looking good lady. She's experienced so many health issues, but we'll continue to pray her through them all.

Our prayers also go out to Betty Stegle who is back in the hospital. Please get better soon, we miss your smiling face.

Brother Bobby Richardson gave a wonderful sermon on marriage from the Book of Ephesians and it reminded us all to take better care with our spouses. Wednesday night Bible study was about the Apostle Andrew. We'll be learning and studying more about all the apostles through out the coming weeks.

James Sullivan leaves for the Air Force on May 4. We will certainly have you in our prayers for strength, guidance and safety.

I was called to duty of a different sort this weekend. I had the honor of a sleepover with my 2-year-old grandson, Desi. His parents took his older brother, Godfrey, for his first camping trip. I expected heroic battles getting him to bed or crying fits because he missed them, and what I received was lots of hugs, giggles, lots of story time and snuggles. Big brother had a great time and enjoyed the hiking, campfire and s'mores. Thankfully the rain didn't hinder them at all.

Yesterday, Sunday, was the prettiest day. We had a surprise visit when my

brother-in-law, Chuck and a friend, Dallas, came over for fishing in the pond. Soon his wife, Martha, and five of their grandchildren came by too.

The kids played games in the yard and we got a nice visit between supervising kids and dogs running wild. One of dogs got too close to my rose bushes and got her tail tangled. Thankfully, she only lost a little bit of fur and I only lost one small branch.

I could use many more days like that, but hear there is more rain coming in. Hopefully before the next bout we'll have the potatoes planted and the rest of the flowers I purchased potted. Of course, several plant sales are coming up so that may be a never-ending project. Be sure to attend the Anna-Jo Garden Club's sale this Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Jonesboro School sets screening

Jonesboro Elementary School has scheduled kindergarten screening for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Kindergarten screening is scheduled from noon to 6 p.m. on Monday, May 3.

Children who will be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2021, are eligible for kindergarten.

To make an appointment, parents or guardians can call Cathy or Nancy in the school's main office at 618-833-5148.

Parking for screening will be in the parking lot in the back of the school. Parents/guardians and children are advised to use school entrance door number 13 for screening.

School officials note that in addition to their children, parents need to bring the child's original birth certificate to the appointment.

Each child's academic readiness skills will be checked.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

A morning worship service was held Sunday, April 25, at 10:35 a.m. in the church and on Zoom. Pastor Randy Wright and the worship team led the singing.

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

The message, titled "God Gives Jonah Another Chance," with scripture from Jonah, was given by the Rev. David Samayoa, the Illinois District's multicultural ministries director.

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

Birthdays: Christopher Hill, Liberty Cook, Brookie Benefield, April 25; Nina Shepherd, Jaysen Schnaare, April 29.

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

Adult and children's Sunday School is planned at

Gospel singing set

A gospel singing is planned Saturday, May 1, at Shiloh Baptist Church in Villa Ridge.

Singing begins at 7 p.m. Voices of Praise from Marion and the Gloryroad Travelers from Mounds will be featured.

9:30 a.m. on May 2.

Baby Day is May 2. All babies 3 years of age or younger will be honored and given a gift at the 10:35 a.m. worship service.

A Wednesday night service is planned at 6:30 p.m. on May 5 in the sanctuary and on Zoom, and Children's Bible quizzing in the fellowship hall, with CDC guidelines being followed by wearing masks and social distancing. The pastor can be texted prior to the meeting for the password.

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

Lincoln School plans screening for kindergarten

Lincoln Elementary School in Anna has scheduled kindergarten screening on May 10.

Screening will be from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Lincoln Elementary School. The school is located at 108 Warren St.

School officials noted that the screening is mandatory for all incoming kindergarten students for the 2021-2022 academic year.

More information is available by calling the school at 833-6851.

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Pastor's Corner by Pastor Don Cox

As you listen to TV commercials, ALWAYS remember: We don't "deserve" anything they are trying to SELL us.

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Worship-Message at 10:30 a.m.

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"The Preaching Pen"

Identifying Marks of the Church #1

Christ knew people would be confused and divided over religion and that it would be their own fault and not his. "And there shall be one fold and one shepherd" (John 10:16), "one body and one faith" (Eph. 4:4-5), "one church" (Matt. 16:18). The Bible is plain enough. If among men there are more churches than the ONE established by Christ, there are too many!

God hates division for it is recorded, "mark them which cause division" (Rom. 16:17). Since God hates division and the Bible says there is only one body, this certain fact must be pointed out: either one of the many religious bodies is correct and the others wrong, or none of them are correct. There's no other conclusion to be reached. How then does one go about determining which one (if any) is correct? The answer is not as difficult as some suppose. This determination is made the same way we identify every other thing in life, by certain marks or traits which are its characteristics. When your car is stolen you give the police its identifying marks. People are identified the same way. Why not use this same method in regards to the church we read about in the New Testament? What are some of the identifying marks of the church in the Bible?

The church of Christ in the New Testament had a certain beginning place, time and founder. Jerusalem was the place (Isa. 2:2-3; Acts 2). During the Roman Empire (33 A.D.) was the time (Daniel 2:44; Luke 3:1-2). Jesus was the founder (Matt. 16:18). These are certain marks of identity that are characteristic of the Lord's church. There are more, and Lord willing, we'll continue next week.

Dear Reader, does the place where you worship share these marks that identify the origin of the church of the Lord, Jesus Christ? If not, then we invite you to worship with us this Sunday. We meet at 9:30 a.m. for Bible study, and 10:30 a.m. & 5 p.m. for worship. We hope to see you soon!

R.W. McAlister, Minister
Anna church of Christ

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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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

Guest

Sue McKinney visited Martha Ann Webb. They were 1963 classmates of A-JCHS. Sue brought news about her husband Jim's trip to Georgia.

It was so good to visit with Sue for a short while. When my husband Glen was sick Sue stayed with him while I worked and having someone you can trust stay with a sick family member means so much and I can never thank Sue enough for those years of dedication not only giving meds and helping him but just sitting and talking to him to keep him company and cheer him up on those long lonely days when he would have rather been working but was not able.

Sue is still working taking care of people in their homes through health care

and is appreciated so much.

Georgia Trip

Jim McKinney, son and daughter-in-law recently had a great visit with Jim's brother Jeff and Glenda McKinney.

Jamie and Jason Jim and Sue's niece and nephew took Jim to various sites. Jeff and family live in Rome, Ga.

Guests

Guests of Carol Gordon were her brother Clarence Tweedy of Goreville, and his friend Martha, and his daughter Cheryl Stamp.

Trip

Norman and Barbara Bauer have returned to Anna after attending the funeral of a dear Bauer cousin in Tinley Park and Chicago on April 23.

Vita Pignatiello Meyer was a much-loved retired teacher and principal.

Those who attended the funeral included former Anna residents Timothy Bauer and David Bauer from Cazenovia, Wis.

David Bauer told how Dr. Vita Meyer was respected and revered by students and staff at Bremen High School, when he had served there as a volunteer coach.

Wedding Congratulations

Norm and Barb Bauer attended the wedding of their grandson Matthew Bauer to Paula Schwartz in St. Louis on April 24.

Matthew is the son of Lou and Debra Bauer of Chesterfield.

The vows were spoken in St. Louis Tilles Park in the presence of parents and grandparents.

The ceremony was followed by a wedding dinner at a St. Louis restaurant on "The Hill."

The newlyweds will make their home in St. Louis, where they work as computer technologists for a health care firm.

The Bauers commented about the beauty of traveling in Illinois and Missouri with so many flowering trees in bloom and spring popping out all over.

Acts of Kindness

A special thanks to whom ever was in front of me at Burger King in Anna this week and paid



Beth and Doug Hileman, with friends Don and Sharon Laster and Wayne Miller, gave carriage rides at the Azalea/Dogwood Festival in Charleston, Mo.



The Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies met at Golden Corral in Carbondale Wednesday, April 21, for their first meeting in over a year. Those present, left to right, were Mary Nell Chew, Marie Samuel, Corinne Steveson, Cathy Ziegler, Kay Johnson and Lillian Milam.



Anna-Jonesboro Rotary Club trash and litter pick up was Saturday, April 17. They picked up eight bags along the highway. Thank you Rotary Club. Pictured are members Chris Clark and Pete Housman.



On April 21, 2021, in recognition of the Anna-Jonesboro Garden Club, Jerry E. Hunter, representing the membership of the Townsend F. Dodd Post No. 344 of the American Legion, presented a check for \$200 to Nancy Kucera, president of the club, in appreciation of taking care of the flowers at veterans monuments located in Anna.



Jim and Sharon Red Cloud Jr. are sitting by the big wooden cross and Jim is holding a smaller wooden cross that he makes and donates to Bald Knob Cross of Peace for their gift shop. He has donated many wooden crosses of all sizes over the years. They are from Ullin. A special thanks to them for their donations. It was so nice visiting with them last week in the gift shop.



Wanda Bowen celebrated her 96th birthday with a surprise party hosted by her daughter, Judy Jerolds. A meal was served, followed by two birthday cakes. Judy's children and grandchildren were in attendance. Also Wanda's son, Bill Bowen, and his children and grandchildren joined the celebration along with Mary Ann Bowen and Jim Jerolds. Wanda began her celebration this year with a trip to Florida to visit her son's lake house. Bradley and Belinda Jerolds graciously took her on this trip last month.



Lawson James Leek: Kimberly Honey and Jason Leek, along with big sisters Kinley and Allison Leek, announce the birth of the new addition to their family, Lawson James Leek.

Lawson arrived at 2:05 a.m. on Friday, April 16, 2021, at Barnes Jewish Hospital, St. Louis. He weighed 5 pounds 9 ounces, and measured 17 3/4 inches.

Maternal grandparents are Jim and Wanda Honey. Paternal grandparents are Teresa Leek and Steve Eastwood and Danny and Shirley Leek.

it forward for my order. I believe they also paid for the car behind me. What a surprise.

We have so many good people living in our community who are always thinking of other people.

Ellis School

I received a phone call from California from Bob Chase, who was replying to the request if anyone had a picture of the old Ellis School that sat between Anna and Cobden.

He said he didn't have a picture but he was 96 and he attended Ellis School when he was in 1st grade in 1930.

He is going to write me a letter telling about the school and growing up in



Lisa from Enchanted Garden Florist in beautiful downtown Anna is holding the sign for the first year of our Annabelle Trail to start along with our Annabelle Fest June 11-12.



Joshua Floyd Franklin was born on April 20 to Logan and Jenna Franklin of St. Louis. First time grandparents are Diana and Keith Franklin of Perryville, Mo., Great-grandparents Genevia Hamel and the late Otis Hamel of Jonesboro and Mary Ellen and Floyd Franklin of Perryville, Mo. Great-aunts are Vicky Sadler and Melanie Hamel. Vickie said Joshua wasn't even an hour old and he was already smiling.



Ludine Copeland celebrated her 100th birthday at The Voyage of Anna. The staff and residents helped her party in style.



Ludine Copeland, daughter Kathy Pengress, grandchildren Tim Hubbs and Jessica Kaplan and great-granddaughter Elizabeth Kaplan all celebrated April birthdays.



Reid Patterson celebrated his 5th birthday April 18 with a Shrek birthday party.



Ashley Crain Patterson was honored on her birthday Friday, April 16, with a dinner by Lane at the Underground then was greeted with presents and a cookie cake upon their return home. Ashley is pictured with Lane, Reid and Lenore.

Anna so I am looking forward to receiving his letter. Bob said he grew up in Anna at 154 E. Vienna St.

When he was 18 he joined the Air Force in World War II. Then on his return his family all moved to California. He met his wife Loretta there. She lived in a gold miners town. They now live in LaPuente, a suburb from Los Angeles.

I believe Bob said his dad Frank was a mail carrier and his uncle Gib Chase was chief of police. I'm sure he will tell me all this in his letter.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Sunday was the 53rd anniversary of the Anna United Methodist Church.

Rev. Tim Gossett's sermon was from Psalm 23, the way God supplies our needs and blesses us beyond our expectations every day.

The chimes choir played special music, "There's Within My Heart A Melody."

Rev. Tim and Myra had visitors for worship Sunday morning. Kern and Mary Ella Doerner and Lowell and Sue McArthy were visiting from Norris City. They enjoyed lunch after church at Giant City Lodge.

Sunday School meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Church is at 10:45 a.m.

Loaves and Fishes is planned on the third Tuesday of each month.

Gospel Singing

David Isom will be singing on Thursday night, May 6, at the West Kentucky Gospel Music Association in Paducah at the Park Avenue Baptist Church.

It is a three night convention with about two hours of singing each night. It starts at 7 p.m. nightly.

David will be in revival April 29 through May 1 at the Christ Center Church in Villa Ridge. Guest speakers include Richard Pigg, Dale Harrell and Billie Prince. Services start nightly at 6:30 p.m.

Special Thanks

Special thanks to the members of the Kiwanis Club for all they do for our Anna City Park and community.

They give of their time to help different organizations at our schools. They even pay for the food they eat when they are cooking for different groups.

Their BBQ's I have enjoyed ever since I was a child when my dad Claude A. Davis gave of his time to work at the Kiwanis Stand. The last few years everyone has enjoyed their fish fries.

The last fund raiser was for the wrestling team at A-JCHS. The fish meal was so good and the desserts were great. It was so good to see the students helping with their fundraiser.

When my grandson was in band they were always having fund raisers to help the band.

They will be selling fish Friday night, June 11, of the Annabelle Fest.

The Kiwanis Club recently donated swings to be put in our Anna City Park. All the money they make they donate back to the community and are appreciated very much.

Helping Veterans Home

The Anna Moose Lodge has been collecting items for the veterans home in Anna for the last month.

Shawnee Community College has as well.

Thanks to the members of the Moose who took their collection Monday. Thanks to the college also. They will take theirs on Friday.

Red Hat Meeting

The Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies met at Golden Corral in Carbondale Wednesday, April 21, for their first meeting in over a year.

Those present were Lillian Milam, Kay Johnson, Mary Nell Chew, Marie Samuel, Cathy Ziegler and Corinne Steveson.

They enjoyed exchanging gifts. They happened to think that day a year ago was when they lost their friend Linda Clutts so had a moment of silence for her memory. They are looking for more of their friends to be at their next meeting.

Their next meeting will be in Anna at El Jalapeno May 19 at 11 a.m. hosted by Kay Johnson. The theme will be spring. Everyone is welcome to come join them.

Sympathy

Word was received from Denise, Cecile Caravello's daughter, that they wanted everyone to know of her passing. Cecile was a member of the Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies before she moved to be closer to her family.

They are having a memorial service for her June 12 from noon to 4 p.m. at Salerno's Rosedale Chapel in Roselle. Also there will be a memorial Mass at St. Joseph in Marion on June 19, a time for the Mass will follow. Sympathy to her family. Cecile will be missed.

Marie Samuel said Cecile was on the trip Marie took to Scotland three years ago with the Marion Heartland Hospital Senior Circle group.

I remember at one of our Red Hat meeting Queen Mom Joan Graves Edwards had everyone stand and tell about where their family came from and how they got where they were now.

Cecile told how her family had come to the United States and started a business. Wish I could remember more of what she told because it was very interesting.

I remember Cecile attending our Relay for Life purse auction that Nancy Watkins was always in charge of that was held at Anna Heights Family Life Center a few years ago. She was bidding against me for a little purple poodle purse. I finally won the bid but it was a tough one. She went home with a stack of purses she won the bid for.

Those were happy times raising money for the American Cancer Society and having a great time with friends. A lot of work is put into all these fund

raisers and everyone is appreciated for all their time.

Sympathy

I received a phone call from my classmate and friend John David Newman that his brother James had died Sunday morning at 5 a.m. after a brief illness. James had suffered a stroke the first of April.

David, James' son Jimmy and grandson J. D., were with James when he went to be with our Lord. Please keep their family in your prayers. James Newman was in the A-JCHS class of 1961.

Birthdays

April 20 Austin Pender, Wanda Honey, 24 Bridget Rice, Wanda Bowen, 25 Hannah Baggott, 27 David Ray.

Anniversaries

April 19 Jacob and Jacki Dent, 20 Steve and Diana Kelley, Mike and Virginia Chamness, 24 Rodney and Rhonda Tweedy 28 years, 25 Reid Morrison, Brenda Day.

Anna Heights Baptist Church

Birthdays: April 30 Ryan Tygett, May 1 Judy Shoemaker, Dustin Tripp.

Attendance for April 18: 8 a.m. worship 85. 10:30 a.m. worship 124. Small group Bible study 180. 6 p.m. worship 32.

Pregnancy Matters Walk for Life is Saturday May 1.

Pastor Darryl Williams started a new series: Godly Training (1 Timothy), this week, The Call to Godliness.

Remember to use the churches social network on YouTube or Facebook or at www.annaheights.com for announcements and streaming online the 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship and 7 p.m. Wednesday night Bible study.

Spring Plant Sale

Anna-Jo Garden Club will have its spring plant sale May 1, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Anna-Jo Garden Club Park, next to McDonald's. Come early for the best selection. Annabelles and much much more.

Anna-Jo Garden Club Events

April 30 a tree will be planted in the Anna Park for Arbor Day.

The Anna-Jo Garden Club will meet Tuesday, May 11, at 1 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Anna Family Life Center. A program about lawn care will be presented by Chris Duckworth, the owner of Duck Works Lawn Care.

These ladies work very hard to keep the Anna-Jo Park next to McDonald's and the Anna City Park beautiful. Work days for May are Wednesday, May 5 and 19, from 9 a.m. to 11 at the Anna-Jo Garden Club Park, Wednesday, May 12, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Anna City Park.

An evening garden walk

is planned May 20 at the Anna-Jo Garden Club Park, next to McDonald's. Dedication of the Linda Clutts memorial will be at 5:30 p.m. Backporch Company will perform from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The garden walk will be from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

A-JCHS Class of 2020

Your class is being honored by the City of Anna with an oak tree being planted in our Anna City Park. If you would like to help or attend please be at the park on, Arbor Day, April 30, at 1 p.m.

Annabelle Fest

The festival is planned June 11-12. If you are a vendor and would like to set up in the Anna park please notify Lee Hackney at the Anna Arts Center. Cost is \$20 for Saturday, June 12, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. or you can stay as late as you would like. There will be music in the park that evening.

Annabelle Fest Flower Show

An Annabelle Fest flower show is planned. Pete Housman shared the rules.

All arrangements and botanicals must be in place in the exhibition hall at the Anna City Park by 5:30 p.m. on Friday, June 11. Judging will be at 6 p.m. and picked up by 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 12.

Awards will be first, second and third, with ribbons and a best of show ribbon. Viewers Choice ballot will be available for voting a special ribbon award.

The theme for 2021 will be Annabelles Grand Dames of the Garden and Glorious Heralds of the Summer.

Class I: Annabelles, Glory of the June Garden a. Any fresh arrangement of Annabelle hydrangeas and botanicals in a container with water. Open design style. b. Design with container must not exceed 32 inch height by 24 inch width. c. Accessories may be incorporated into or accompany designs.

Class II: White Red & Blues (Flag Day is June 14). a. Open design with Annabelle and other fresh flowers and botanicals in a water source suitable for a table top accompanied with patriotic accessories and accents. b. Floral arrangement dimensions including vase not to exceed 28 inch height 24 inch width. Special note if American flag is used it must not be incorporated into arrangement and must be either a stand alone or properly folded triangle.

Class III: Welcome to Anna, Home of Annabelle. a. Hand tied bouquet of Annabelle hydrangeas and other fresh flowers and botanicals as a hospitality gift. b. Arrangement may be free standing or rest on the table. c. Arrangement may have a gift card at-

tached or accompanying bouquet.

Class IV: Annabelles Classy all the Year Long. Any arrangement with dried hydrangea and dried botanical materials with accessories as a wall hanging or table top arrangement.

Class V: Botanicals single specimen or small gather in glass bottle. a. Specimen must not exceed 12 inches above container and must be stable in its container. b. blooming or flowering specimens do not need to have a mature bloom included for this show. c. Specimen must be identified with proper botanical name with black ink on white tag tied to container.

Pumpkin Town

Pumpkin Town will be held again this year at the Anna City Park. The event is planning to move to a bit later in October so displays will be up through Halloween. Tentative dates are approximately Oct. 21 to Oct. 31.

Anna Arts Center

Paint the Town was moved inside the Anna Arts Center on Saturday. They were given a canvas they could paint and take home to keep. Everyone had a great time despite the rainy weather.

Plant, Craft Sale

A plant and craft sale are planned from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 8 at the United Methodist Church in Anna.

There will be plants for landscaping, perennials, bushes, houseplants and more.

The Bazaar Ladies have been working hard all year to have yard crafts to sell also.

National Day Of Prayer

National Day of Prayer will be May 6 at Anna City Park.

Anna VFW

Monday is Extreme Bar Bingo. The kitchen opens at 6 p.m. with bingo starting at 7 p.m.

A fish fry will be served Friday, May 8.

Military Prayer List

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

Bald Knob Cross of Peace executive director says farewell

Farewell From Teresa Gilbert, Executive Director

Hello to all members and friends of Bald Knob Cross of Peace:

April 30th is quickly approaching, and that will be my last official day as "outgoing" Executive Director for Bald Knob Cross of Peace.

I want to take this opportunity to say a huge THANK YOU to all of you for your love and support over the past 6 years, as I've attempted to trailblaze this path of defining the role of Executive Director and leading the cross into its next chapter.

This has not always been an easy journey, but it's been an inspiring and rewarding one, and one of the greatest things I've received is the wonderful people I've met along the way.

Whether you're a board member, former board member, volunteer, member of the cross, friend of the cross, someone who supports and prays for the cross - or any other category I've forgotten - I just say thank you so much, and my life is richer because my path crossed with yours.

I want to say a special thank you to all the former Friends of the Cross group. It didn't take me long after beginning this journey to realize how much work and sacrifice you all put in during the restoration of the cross.

And a thank you to the leadership and team that did the physical work on restoration. The cross had certainly entered a dark time, but God called you all to step up, and you answered that call and restored it to life!

Another great story of resurrection! The cross and all it stands for, simply

cannot be defeated.

A special thank you also goes out to our volunteer crew - the people you rarely see, but that keep everything going. There's a whole team of volunteers who keep the Welcome Center open 7 days a week, providing hospitality to all who come to visit.

The volunteers who work with our paver brick program, and that help our groundskeeper keep the lawn mowed, and those that create handcrafted items for the Welcome Center. If I start listing names, I will undoubtedly miss someone, but you all know who you are, so THANK YOU.

I also have to mention our staff; our groundskeeper, Scott, our bookkeeper, Jodie, and our (volunteer staff) Jennifer, who selects, purchases, inventories and coordinates all the merchandise in the Welcome Center.

And of course, Deborah Davis, who is our contractual online business manager. Deb takes care of all the website, online store, online credit card purchases, Facebook donations, and so much more. These four are also the lifeblood of the cross.

I am so excited to watch our new Executive Director, Jeffrey Isbell, and our amazing board of directors already taking some important steps to "raise the bar" and prepare for a new chapter at Bald Knob Cross of Peace. I continue to hold you all in my prayers and I know God has great things in store for these next steps!

Thank you so much for allowing me to share in carrying the torch for Bald Knob Cross of Peace these past six years - blessings!!!

Teresa Gilbert, Outgoing Executive Director

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Obituaries

Vickie Jo Fletcher Merriman

Vickie Jo Fletcher Merriman, 63, died at 9:18 p.m. Saturday, April 17, 2021, at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

Vickie was born on Oct. 23, 1957, in Christopher, the daughter of Robert Henry Fletcher and Bobbie Ruth Simpson Fletcher.

She married Richard Merriman on Oct. 26, 2012, and he survives. Her first marriage was to Bob J. Finn. Together they raised two wonderfully caring children.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandma and great-grandmother who enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

Vickie became a Christian as a young girl and most recently was attending High Point Church of Marion.

She loved spending time at the farm and enjoying the outdoors fishing, cooking out, gardening, crafting, watching wildlife, reading and worshipping God.

Vickie loved people and served and worked her entire career in social services.

Early in her life she was employed at Centerstone in West Frankfort. Later she worked at the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna and at the DHS office in Marion. Vickie last worked at the Division of Rehabilitation Services in Anna for 20 years providing services to persons with disabilities.

Vickie is survived by her husband Richard of Goreville; one daughter, Elisabeth A. Finn and husband Adebisi Odunfa-Jones of Belleville; five sons, Christopher D. Finn and life partner Jennifer Filkins of West Frankfort, Scott Merriman of Cobden, Tony Merriman (Becky) of Cobden, Tim Merriman (April) of Anna and Shane Merriman of Cobden; 12 grandchildren, Samantha Finn of West Frankfort and Abigail Odunfa-Jones of Belleville, James and Jackson Spurlock, Jon, Hannah, Jerad (Hailey), Josh (Stephanie), Josie, Clay, Jake and Maddie Merriman; five great-grandchildren, Lucas, Weston, Nora, Carter and Cameron Merriman; two brothers, Terry Fletcher of Ewing and Mike Fletcher of Thompsonville; one sister, Pauletta Henson of Christopher; brothers-in-law Curt Gibbs of Thompsonville, Martin Henson of Christopher, Rick Merriman of Anna, Lenny Koniak of Mt. Olive and John Ondo of Sawyerville; sisters-in-law Jackie Fletcher of Ewing, Dixie Fletcher of Thompsonville, Barbara Sandlin and Sonja Merriman of Anna, Sherry Koniak of Mt. Olive and Sandy Ondo of Sawyerville; along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Ozell (Preas) Piper; parents Bobbie Coulter and Robert Fletcher; twin brothers Ronald and Donald Fletcher; a sister, Sandra (Fletcher) Gibbs and a brother-in-law, Carl Sandlin.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at Blue Funeral Home in Goreville, with Pastor Dean Hammonds officiating. Burial followed in Cana Cemetery in Goreville.

Memorials can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, 12221 Merit Dr., Suite 1950, Dallas, Texas 75251.

For more information or to sign the memorial guest register, visit bluefuneralhome.com.

Craig Dixon

Our duck and goose hunter and fisherman, Craig Dixon, decided it was time to cross the Rainbow Bridge on April 21, 2021, to pick up our nine very special fur babies and head to heaven. Debra and their fur baby Pebbles were by his side.

Little did he know, when Debra stepped on his toe, they would be together for 30 years.

He was born on July 12, 1961, in Council Bluffs, Iowa, the son of William and Pat Kaplinger Dixon.

The hunting and fishing community will miss seeing him in his boat. He didn't care if he caught anything, he just loved being out there.

His winning smile will be missed by his family and friends, especially his friends and coworkers at SIU, where he worked as a painter.

Besides his partner of over 30 years, Debra Wright, he is survived by his children, Alexis Johnson, Lance Dixon and April Pearman; his grandchildren, Drake Johnson, Summer Dixon and Harrison Johnson; siblings Doug, Scott and Danny Dixon and Becky Etherton; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, Steven Dixon.

Craig's wish was to be cremated. He asked that if his friends wished to honor him, they can do so by donating to PAWS or to Union County animal control. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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

To visit Craig's memorial page and leave online condolences for the family, visit rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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FUNERAL HOMES



William E. Britt

William E. Britt, 74, of Jonesboro, died Friday, April 23, 2021, at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau. His family was with him when he passed.

He was born on Jan. 26, 1947, in Cairo, the son of the Rev. S.E. and Mary Britt, the day of his mother's birthday.

He married Linda Duschl on June 23, 1968, at Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro. They were together for 52 years.

Mr. Britt was an elementary school teacher in the Cobden School Unit District 17 for more than 30 years. He was an active member and leader in the local teacher's union and served in leadership roles for both the Illinois Education Association and National Education Association during his career.

He retired in 2005 but remained active in education as both a substitute teacher and support staff in other school districts in the decade that followed.

He graduated from Southern Illinois University Carbondale in 1973 from the College of Education and Human Services.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, having served his country in combat in Vietnam from 1968 to 1970. While stationed there, he also taught English to Vietnamese children.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Anna but had been homebound in worship for several years.

William was preceded in death by his father, the Rev. S.E. Britt in 2002, and his mother, Mary Britt in 2005.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Britt; his two daughters and their spouses, Christie and Tim Etherton of Murphysboro and Theresa and Caleb Hale of Jonesboro; grandchildren Liam and Hannah Hale; his mother-in-law, Betty Duschl of Jonesboro; aunt Wanda Bowen of Anna; in-laws Robert and Linda Duschl of Fort Myers, Fla.; nephew Timothy Duschl; as well as many other beloved relatives.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 28, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Anna, with Father Uriel Salamanca officiating.

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

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FUNERAL HOMES



James R. Newman Jr.

James R. Newman Jr., 77, of Jonesboro, died Sunday, April 25, 2021, at Carbondale Memorial Hospital.

He was born on July 15, 1943, the son of James R. and Jeanet Kay Morford Newman.

He married Virginia Alice Mays on June 25, 1966. She preceded him in death on Aug. 7, 1975.

Mr. Newman was an avid fisherman and hunter and loved his little dog, Maverick. He was a member of the Ironworkers Local 782 for over 40 years. He enjoyed mechanic work and restoring old cars. He was a member of the Masonic Union Lodge No. 627 in Lick Creek. He was also an avid coin collector and had a large collection of John Wayne memorabilia.

Mr. Newman is survived by his children, Ginger Renee (Mitch) Duty and James R. (Lisa K.) Newman III; grandchildren James Dean Duty, Alicia Renee Duty, Elbert Michael Duty and Cody Michael Newman; great-grandchild Amelia Alice Duty; brothers John David Newman and Larry Eugene (Karen) Newman; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Virginia Newman; and by a grandson, Troy Allen Newman.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, April 30, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with R. W. McAlister officiating. Interment will be in the Ebenezer Hall Cemetery in Lick Creek.

Graveside military rites will be conducted by Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna and the Scott Air Force Base military funeral honors Team.

Masonic rites will be conducted by Union Lodge No. 627 of Lick Creek.

Friends can call from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro.

Everyone attending will be required to wear a face covering and to observe social distancing guidelines. Maximum occupancy of the funeral home will be limited to 50 individuals at one time.

Memorials can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

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

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



Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Rodney Reynolds of Wolf Lake visited his mother Dolores Reynolds of Reynoldsville on Thursday and Friday and had lunch with her.

Jackie Jennings and Gracie Wilson both of Reynoldsville and River Kelley of McClure were visitors at Reynoldsville Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday, April 25.

On Wednesday Shirley Miller and Vivian Bennett, both of McClure visited the cemetery in Murphysboro and then ate in Carbondale. They also visited with Deanie Hinkle of Jonesboro and Bill Davis and Jady Samuels in Anna.

Lois Rhymer and Penny Hill of McClure visited Thursday with Shirley Miller.

Shirley Miller and Penny Hill went to Ste. Genevieve, Mo., on Saturday to pick up Tessa Burtin of St. Peters, Mo., who came to visit her grandparents for a couple of days. She went home on Monday.

Hess News

By Glenn Heiser

Gary Hoskins and Jamie Hoskins from Columbia, Tenn., and Chapel Hill spent two nights with us last week. We went to Tom's Place for fish. They helped us do several chores around the farm.

Julie Cribbs from Pennsylvania has returned home after visiting parents Pat and David Johnson and others.

Glen Watson hosted the Union County Saddle Club at the Haynes Canyon campground Saturday. Rain prevented riding as planned.

Plans are being made for the 9 Day Trail Ride this summer, COVID and other factors permitting.

Billy and Donna Williams celebrated 49 years of marriage on April 28.

On Sunday, April 11, Fred and Maxine Pender of Fair City attended a birthday party for Chesleigh Miller of Olive Branch at the home of her grandparents, Russ and Patsy Pender of Olive Branch. There were several in attendance. Chesleigh turned 9 years old on Monday, April 12.

Austin and Allison Pender of Tamms visited Saturday with Maxine and Fred Pender.

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

Hollis Young

Hollis Young, 78, of Cobden, died Sunday, April 18, 2021, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

He was born on May 31, 1942, in Rosiclare, the son of William and Opal Dalton Young.

Hollis is survived by his friends, Julie and Steve Draper, Butch and Shirly Beltz, Traci and Matt Chamness, and many other friends from Village Inn and the J.R. Center. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Hollis worked many years at Draper Produce in Cobden. Hollis enjoyed working at carnivals and he cherished a picture of him standing by a tilt-a-whirl. He always looked forward to the annual Peach Festival in Cobden, and helped set up the rides. Hollis lived in Cobden for 40-plus years. He was a Chicago Cubs fan.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 23, at the Cobden Cemetery. Interment immediately followed.

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

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



Janis Shannon

February 18, 1946—April 12, 2021

A special thank you to God and those who have tirelessly helped with the care of my wife, Janis Shannon during the past 20+ years with her long but courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease.

I'm grateful for these amazing teams of healthcare professionals who always provided care and support for Janis:

- Dr. Racette of Washington University along with his staff who cared for Janis from January 2000 to her last appointment in March 2021.
- Dr. Dowling who performed all eight of her surgeries from August 2005 – November 2020 as well as the entire DBS (Deep Brain Stimulation) team.
- Our primary care physician, Dr. Keele and Rebecca Schulz.

The following healthcare professionals provided excellent care for Janis during the last few days of her life:

- Union County Ambulance Service
- Union County Hospital Staff
- Southeast Missouri Hospital ICU Staff

Thank you to our support system who have helped so much during this whole time:

- Family and friends for their outpouring of support through the many prayers, phone calls, cards and support.
- Beth with Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home.
- Doug Bicket for words of comfort during her graveside service.
- Pallbearers for their service.
- Al & Patti Joiner for being there as neighbors to help wherever needed.
- Those who generously contributed to Washington University School of Medicine, Racette Research in St. Louis, MO, to further Parkinson's Disease research.

Janis was a beautiful, smart and kindhearted lady, who will be deeply missed.

May God bless each of you,
Curtis Shannon

Betty Jo Boyd

Betty Jo Boyd, 73, of West Frankfort, died Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at Harrisburg Medical Center.

She was born on Feb. 1, 1948, in Granite City, the daughter of Samuel and Betty Shepard Casper.

On most days you could find her enjoying a crossword puzzle or reading her Bible. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her, especially her family.

She is survived by her children, Amanda Boyd of West Frankfort, Nicholas Boyd of Clarksville, Tenn., Jason Stanton of West Frankfort and Michael Stanton of Tennessee; five grandchildren; brothers Jeff (Ruth) Dunn of Vienna and Randy Dunn of Anna; many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and by two brothers, Gerald Wayne "Jerry" Casper and Steve Casper.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with Pastor David A. Nolen officiating. Interment followed in Casper Cemetery near Anna. Memorials can be made to the 700 Club.

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

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



Violet Crain

Violet Crain, 93, of Cape Girardeau, died Sunday, April 25, 2021, at the home of her son in Chillicothe, Mo.

She was born on Oct. 14, 1927, in Asherville, Mo., the daughter of Louie and Gussie Hodge.

She married Loyd Crain on May 15, 1943, in Puxico, Mo. He preceded her in death on Nov. 9, 2000.

She is survived by her children, Judy Rhodes of Eagar, Ariz., Jim Crain of Cape Girardeau and Steve (Debbie) Crain of Chillicothe, Mo.; seven grandchildren, Sam Rhodes, Sheryl Aquino, Andra Alexander, Chrissy Wilferth, Meredith Ogburn, Carissa Crain and Erin Crain; several great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; a son-in-law, Larry Rhodes; a daughter-in-law, Barbara Crain; and three brothers and three sisters.

Graveside funeral services for Violet Crain will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, April 30, at the Alto Pass Cemetery. Family and friends can gather from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service. Interment will follow.

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES To visit her memorial page and leave online condolences for the family, visit rendlemanhilemanfh.com.



Shawnee Community College to offer intersession courses

Shawnee Community College continues to find ways to help students get ahead and stay ahead.

With so many setbacks caused by COVID-19, the college is once again choosing to offer intersession courses in May.

This year, before the summer semester, students can sign up for an accelerated opportunity to earn full college credit in just a fraction of the time by enrolling in one of the intersession courses being offered at Shawnee Community College's Anna Extension Center and online.

The summer intersession offerings are scheduled to run between May 17 and May 28.

"Intersession courses provide a great opportunity for SCC students and for university students who

are returning home for the summer break," said Rob Betts, the college's director of communications.

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

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

Sociology 212-67 (3 credits) and Music Appreciation 11-95-Y (3 credits). To find out how you can take advantage of this excellent opportunity to get ahead or for information about qualifying for financial aid, call 618.634.3200 and ask for details about intersession classes.

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Television Listings

THURSDAY

| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW |
|--------------|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|---|----------|----------------------------------|---|--|
| 6 PM | Local Programs | Local Programs | Local | Local Programs | E60 (HD) | Bang (HD) | Law & Order: SVU | Big City | Mare of Easttown | (5:19) ★★ "Envy" ('04) | (1:15) ★★ "21 Bridges" ('19) A citywide hunt. (HD) |
| 7 PM | NFL Draft "Round 1" (Live) | Young | Fam Guy | Manifest (HD) | "Movie" | Bang (HD) | Chrisley | Jessie | Real Sports (HD) | "New Year's Eve" ('11) Love is sought. (HD) | (5:55) "The Upside" ('19) Unlikely chemistry. |
| 8 PM | (01) Mom | The United | Let's Be | Law & Order: SVU | UFC Fight Night | Go-Big Show | Chrisley | Jessie | "Wrath of the Titans" ('12) (HD) | "The Russia House" ('90) Cold War spy-ing. | DESIUS & |
| 9 PM | (01) Mom | Clarice (HD) | Local Programs | Organized Crime (HD) | The Best of | (02) Go-Big Show | (28) Chrisley Knows Best Millionaire family. (HD) | Big City | BUNK'D | "The Dark Knight Rises" ('12) | "Vice" Fantasy resort. |
| 10 PM | Local | (35) Late Show (HD) | Local Programs | Local | SC (HD) | Conan | Go-Big Show | Sydney | Raven | DESIUS & | |
| 11 PM | Jimmy Kimmel Live | Corden | Local Programs | Late Night | SportsCenter (HD) | Conan | Chrisley | Raven | DESIUS & | | |

APRIL 29, 2021

| THURSDAY | |
|---------------|--|
| 7:31pm | CBS The United States of Al "Homesick / Deghyat" Al starts to feel the emotional pain of missing his family and traditions, so Riley, Art and Vanessa try to figure out how to make him feel better. TVPG (HD) |
| 7:55pm | SHOW The Upside ★★½ (2019, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Bryan Cranston. A rich paraplegic man hires a recent parolee to be his caretaker, which leads to an unlikely chemistry that develops between the two men. PG-13 (HD) |

FRIDAY

| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW |
|--------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|--|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------|-------------------|-----------|--|--|---|
| 6 PM | NFL Draft "Rounds 2-3" (Live) | Local Programs | (5:00) Local Programs | Local Programs | (5:00) UFC Fight Night Prelims | Seinfeld | Chicago P.D. (HD) | Raven | The Nevers "Ignition" | ★★★ "Talk to Me" ('07) | "Sh'thous" ('18) Skateboarders. (R) |
| 7 PM | Local | MacGyver (HD) | WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live) (HD) | The Blacklist (HD) | UFC Fight Night | "Movie" | Chicago P.D. (HD) | Raven | (1:15) ★★½ "Wanderlust" ('19) A security guard. (HD) | "Richard Jewell" ('19) A security guard. (HD) | "American Honey" Runaway joins magazine salesmen. |
| 8 PM | Local | Magnum P.I. (HD) | Local Programs | DateLine NBC (HD) | UFC Fight Night | "Movie" | Chicago P.D. (HD) | Raven | Real Time Maher (HD) | (1:11) ★★ "Killerman" ('19) A money launderer. | (4:5) City on a Hill (HD) |
| 9 PM | Local | Blue Bloods (HD) | Local Programs | Local | SportsCenter (HD) | "Movie" | Chicago P.D. (HD) | Raven | Sketch | "Last Knights" ('15) | DESIUS & |
| 10 PM | Local | (35) Late Show (HD) | Local Programs | (35) Tonight (HD) | NFL Rewind | "Movie" | Chicago P.D. (HD) | Roll (HD) | Sketch | DESIUS & | |
| 11 PM | Jimmy Kimmel Live | Corden | Local Programs | Late Night | NFL Rewind | "Movie" | Chicago P.D. (HD) | Roll (HD) | Sketch | DESIUS & | |

APRIL 30, 2021

| FRIDAY | |
|---------------|---|
| 7:15pm | HBO Wanderlust ★★½ (2012, Comedy) Paul Rudd, Jennifer Aniston. After suddenly becoming unemployed, a Manhattan couple survey alternative living conditions and end up on a rural commune. R (HD) |
| 8:00pm | SHOW American Honey ★★★ (2016, Drama) Sasha Lane, Shia LaBeouf. A runaway decides to join a group of teenagers who travel across the American Midwest selling magazine subscriptions door to door. R |

SATURDAY

| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------|--|--|---|
| 6 PM | News | Local Programs | PBC Fight Night (Live) | (1:30) TBA | Playoff | (4:00) "Movie" | (4:06) "Movie" | Miraculous | "Dark Knight Rises" | "In Good Company" | "Silver Linings Playbook" Reclaiming life. |
| 7 PM | Local | NCIS: New Orleans | Local | Dateline NBC Investigative news. (HD) | College Basketball (HD) | Bang (HD) | Bang (HD) | Big City | "Tenet" ('20) The world of international espionage. (HD) | "Blue Crush" Passion for surfing. | "The Nest" ('20) Jude Law. An entrepreneur. |
| 8 PM | Shark Tank (HD) | NCIS: New Orleans | The Masked Singer | Sat. Night Live (HD) | College Basketball (HD) | Bang (HD) | Bang (HD) | Big City | The Nevers "Ignition" | (4:45) "Win a Date with Tad Hamilton!" ('04) | City on a Hill (HD) |
| 9 PM | American Idol Acclaimed songs. (HD) | NCIS: New Orleans | Local Programs | Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy. | SportsCenter with Scott (HD) | Bang (HD) | Go-Big Show Talent show. | Big City | BUNK'D | (2:22) "The Warrior's Way" ('11) | DESIUS & VICE (HD) |
| 10 PM | Local Programs | Local Programs | Name That Tune (HD) | Local | Wipeout | Bang (HD) | (06) "Movie" | BUNK'D | Mare of Easttown | DESIUS & | |
| 11 PM | Local Programs | Local Programs | Local Programs | Local | Wipeout | Wipeout | Wipeout | Jessie | Mare (HD) | DESIUS & | |

MAY 1, 2021

| SATURDAY | |
|---------------|--|
| 7:00pm | HBO Tenet ★★½ (2020, Action) John David Washington, Robert Pattinson. A protagonist must journey through a world of international espionage while on a mission destined to unfold in something beyond actual time. PG-13 (HD) |
| 8:00pm | FOX The Masked Singer "The Sing-A-Long: The Maskie Awards" Host Nick Cannon celebrates some of the top moments of the fifth season with a special sing-a-long presentation. TVPG (HD) |

SUNDAY

| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW |
|--------------|---|-------------------|----------------|----------------------|---|---|------------------|----------|---|---|---------------------|
| 6 PM | Videos (HD) | 60 Minutes (HD) | Simpsons | Games (HD) | MLB Baseball New York Mets at Philadelphia Phillies (Live) (HD) | "The Wizard of Oz" ('39) A magical land. (HD) | Law & Order: SVU | Big City | (5:20) "Tenet" ('20) World of espionage. (HD) | (4:45) "Blackhat" ('15) | Couples |
| 7 PM | American Idol "416 (Disney Night)" (HD) | The Equalizer | Simpsons | Games (HD) | MLB Baseball Golden State vs New Orleans (Live) (HD) | "The Wizard of Oz" ('39) Transported to a magical land. | Law & Order: SVU | Big City | The Nevers (HD) | "The Talented Mr. Ripley" ('99, Thriller) (HD) | City on a Hill (HD) |
| 8 PM | Local | NCIS: L. A. (HD) | Burgers | Zoey's Extraordinary | SportsCenter (HD) | "The Wizard of Oz" ('39) Transported to a magical land. | Law & Order: SVU | Big City | Mare of Easttown | (2:07) "The Bourne Legacy" ('12, Action) Agent's mission. | City on a Hill (HD) |
| 9 PM | The Rookie (HD) | NCIS: New Orleans | Local Programs | Good Girls (HD) | SportsCenter (HD) | Dad (HD) | Law & Order: SVU | Big City | Oliver | (3:35) "The Nevers" (HD) | Couples |
| 10 PM | Local Programs | Local Programs | Local Programs | Local Programs | SportsCenter (HD) | Space | Law & Order: SVU | Big City | Jessie | (3:35) "The Nevers" (HD) | DESIUS & |
| 11 PM | (35) Local | Local Programs | Local Programs | Local Programs | SportsCenter (HD) | Wipeout | Law & Order: SVU | Jessie | Mare | "A Good Day" ('15) | City on a Hill (HD) |

MAY 2, 2021

| SUNDAY | |
|---------------|---|
| 7:00pm | CBS The Equalizer "Hunting Grounds" A woman is kidnapped by a serial killer who targets people from marginalized communities; McCall gets unwanted attention from the Manhattan district attorney. TV14 (HD) |
| 7:30pm | FOX The Great North "Curl Interrupted Adventure" When Beef's adult curling team needs a new coach, he asks Judy for help; Wolf decides to use the family's fishing boat to organize a sunset cruise for lovers. (HD) |

MONDAY

| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------|--|----------|---------------------------|----------|---|---|------------------------|
| 6 PM | Local Programs | Local Programs | Local | Local Programs | Stephen A | Fam Guy | Chicago P.D. (HD) | "Movie" | "Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter" ('12) | "Brady Bunch" ('95) | (5:00) "Citizen" ('09) |
| 7 PM | American Idol Search for singer. (HD) | Neighbor. | 9-1-1 Familiar figure. | The Voice (HD) | NBA Basketball Los Angeles Dodgers at Chicago Cubs (Live) (HD) | Fam Guy | WWE Monday Night Raw (HD) | Raven | Pray, Obey, Kill (HD) | "American Reunion" High school friends. (R) | City on a Hill (HD) |
| 8 PM | Local | Bob Hearts | (01) 9-1-1: Lone Star | This Is Us (HD) | (05) NBA Basketball Denver vs Los Angeles (Live) (HD) | Fam Guy | Queen of the South | Big City | (5:55) The Nevers (HD) | ★ "Dorm Daze 2: College@Sea" | Couples |
| 9 PM | The Good Doctor | Bull (HD) | Local Programs | Debris "I Am Icarus" | SportsCenter (HD) | Dad (HD) | Queen of the South | Big City | Oliver | (3:35) "Pulling Strings" ('13) (HD) | Couples |
| 10 PM | Local | Local | Local Programs | Local | SportsCenter (HD) | Space | Queen of the South | BUNK'D | Jessie | "A Good Day" ('15) | DESIUS & |
| 11 PM | Jimmy Kimmel Live | (35) Late Show (HD) | Local Programs | (35) Tonight (HD) | SportsCenter (HD) | Conan | Queen of the South | Sydney | "Kill Bill: Vol. 2" Trail of revenge. | "Rambo" | City Hill |

MAY 3, 2021

| MONDAY | |
|---------------|--|
| 7:00pm | ABC American Idol Ryan Seacrest returns alongside three superstar judges as they prepare set out across the nation to find America's next great singer. TVPG (HD) |
| 8:01pm | FOX 9-1-1: Lone Star "Slow Burn" Owen becomes engrossed in the hunt for a serial arsonist while recovering from surgery; T.K. and Carlos decide to take a step forward in their relationship. TV14 (HD) |

TUESDAY

| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW |
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| 6 PM | Local Programs | Local Programs | (5:00) Local Programs | Local Programs | MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Houston Astros (Live) (HD) | Bang (HD) | Law & Order: SVU | Jessie | (05) Pray, Obey, Kill | "Heart of Sea" ('15) | "Silence" ('88) |
| 7 PM | Pooch Perfect (HD) | NCIS "Misconduct" | The Resident (HD) | Young Rock | MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at Chicago Cubs (Live) (HD) | Bang (HD) | Law & Order: SVU | Big City | "Life of Pi" ('12, Adventure) Shipwreck. (HD) | "A Hidden Life" ('19, Drama) A peasant farmer refuses to fight. (HD) | (4:5) "Hannibal" ('01) Serial killer returns to America. (HD) |
| 8 PM | black-ish | FBI Kidnap doctors. | (01) Prodigal Son | This Is Us (HD) | (01) New Amsterdam | Bang (HD) | Law & Order: SVU Sex crimes. (HD) | Big City | (10) The Nevers (HD) | "Tenet" ('20) The world of international espionage. (HD) | City on a Hill (HD) |
| 9 PM | Big Sky (HD) | FBI: Most Wanted | Local Programs | Local | SportsCenter (HD) | Bang (HD) | Queen of the South | Big City | "The Dark Knight Rises" Ultimate enemy. | (5:55) "The Good Liar" ('19) (HD) | Couples |
| 10 PM | Local | Local | Local Programs | Local | SportsCenter (HD) | The Misery | Queen of the South | BUNK'D | "The Dark Knight Rises" Ultimate enemy. | "Rambo" | DESIUS & |
| 11 PM | Jimmy Kimmel Live | (35) Late Show (HD) | Local Programs | (35) Tonight (HD) | SportsCenter (HD) | Conan | Queen of the South | Sydney | Raven | "Rambo" | Cinema |

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| TUESDAY | |
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| 7:00pm | CBS NCIS "Misconduct" Gibbs gets ready to testify against financial advisor who is accused of stealing millions of dollars from his clients while the team investigates a murder case. TV14 (HD) |
| 8:01pm | HBO Life of Pi ★★½ (2012, Adventure) Suraj Sharma, Irrfan Khan. A zookeeper's son is surrounded by a loose hyena, zebra, orangutan and a Bengal tiger after a shipwreck forces them to wander the Pacific Ocean. PG (HD) |

WEDNESDAY

| | ABC | CBS | FOX | NBC | ESPN | TBS | USA | DISN | HBO | MAX | SHOW |
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| 6 PM | Local Programs | Local Programs | (5:00) Local Programs | Local Programs | Sports | Bang (HD) | NCIS Military crimes. | Jessie | The Nevers "Ignition" | "View from the Top" | "Mystic Pizza" ('88) |
| 7 PM | Goldbergs | Kids Say the (HD) | The Masked Singer | Chicago Med (HD) | MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at Chicago Cubs (Live) (HD) | Bang (HD) | WWE NXT (HD) | Jessie | The Nevers (HD) | "People Like Us" ('12) Siblings meet. (HD) | "About Last Night ..." Pair faces problems. |
| 8 PM | Conners | SEAL Team (HD) | (02) Game of Talents | Chicago Fire (HD) | (05) NBA Basketball Denver vs Los Angeles (Live) (HD) | Bang (HD) | Queen of the South | Sydney | (10) The Nevers (HD) | ★ "Inheritance" ('20) A patriarch. | "Fatal Attraction" ('87) Dangerous affair. (HD) |
| 9 PM | A Million Little Things | S.W.A.T. (HD) | Local Programs | Chicago P.D. (HD) | SportsCenter (HD) | Bang (HD) | (08) "Movie" | Big City | Mare of Easttown | (4:7) "Richard Jewell" ('19) (HD) | "The Exorcist" ('73) |
| 10 PM | Local | Local | Local Programs | Local | SportsCenter (HD) | Frontal | Queen of the South | BUNK'D | Raven | "Hurricane" | DESIUS & |
| 11 PM | Jimmy Kimmel Live | (35) Late Show (HD) | Local Programs | (35) Tonight (HD) | SportsCenter (HD) | Frontal | Queen of the South | Sydney | Raven | "Hurricane" | DESIUS & |

MAY 5, 2021

| WEDNESDAY | |
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| 7:30pm | ABC Home Economics "35% of Allied Harness and Sling LTD, \$3,000,000" Tom makes more of an effort to help out around the house after Marina gets upset; Sarah tries to find a temporary job; Kelvin investigates Connor's business. (HD) |
| 9:30pm | DISN BUNK'D A teenage girl and her adopted siblings leave their home to attend a summer camp, where they learn important lessons as they adapt to their temporary home. TV G (HD) |

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HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED: Lick Creek School is currently seeking a bus driver. The rate of pay is \$60 a day for driving the route and additional driving is paid on an hourly basis. Lick Creek is also seeking an individual to teach music part time. Anyone interested needs to contact Superintendent Brent Boren at (618)-833-2545.

17p-20g

HELP WANTED:

Anna CCSD #37 has the following position openings for the 2021-2022 school year:

• Technology Administrator

Successful candidates should: (1) have a strong knowledge of curriculum and state standards (2) demonstrate communication and leadership skills (3) be an enthusiastic team player. Must have a Bachelor Degree in a technology or related field. The appropriate application packet, which can be picked up at the Davie/Jr. High building or found online at www.anna37.com, should be completed and returned to: Julie Bullard at 301 South Green Street, Anna, IL 62906 no later than April 27, 2021. Phone: (618)-833-6812.

18p-20g

HELP WANTED: Anna Jonesboro Water Commission is hiring for a Maintenance/Groundskeeping position. This position is a seasonal, part-time position. Applications may be picked up at the Anna Jonesboro Water Commission plant, located at 495 Water Plant Road, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952. Applications will be accepted until 4 p.m., on Monday, May 3. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Casey Johnson or Jamie Bauer at (618)-833-5313.

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JOB POSTING

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

• Head Volleyball Coach

Interested applicants should pick up an application or print one from our website at www.aj81.net and return to Anna-Jonesboro CHSD #81, Attn: Rick Livesay, Athletic Director, 608 S. Main St., Anna, IL 62906. Please contact the Principal's Office at (618) 833-8502 for more information. The deadline for applying is May 7, 2021.

19p-20g

JOB OPENING COBDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Cobden Police Department is seeking applications for full and part time

Police Officers. Certification preferred but not required. Submit application to the Village of Cobden, 112 E. Maple St., P O Box 218, Cobden, IL 62920 or email cobdenvillage@gmail.com. To apply in person, call (618)-893-2425 for an appointment.

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JOB OPENING COBDEN PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Village of Cobden is seeking applications for a full-time Public Works Employee. Submit resume to the Village of Cobden, 112 E. Maple St., P.O. Box 218, Cobden, IL 62920 or email cobdenvillage@gmail.com. To apply in person, call (618)-893-2425 for an appointment. Applications are available on our website: www.cobdenil.com.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITY Chief Financial Officer (CFO)

Shawnee Mass Transit District mission is to provide safe, affordable and efficient transportation to all the citizens of Alexander, Johnson, Massac, Pulaski and Union Counties. Shawnee MTD has opened a candidate search for a new Chief Financial Officer in Vienna, IL.

Qualification and Experience:

- Strong finance-based analytical skills
- 7 - 10 years' of finance experience
- CPA preferred but not required
- 1-3 years' of Grant writing and proposals for public funding preferred
- Bachelor's Degree in accounting or business administration preferred

Those interested in applying should complete an application at shawneemtd.com/careers or send resume to ahodge@smtdil.com.

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YARD SALE

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ATTENTION HUNTERS & OUTDOORSMEN:

Assorted military surplus. Miles Flea Market, Rt. 146 & Rt. 3 Intersection, East Cape Girardeau, IL. Saturday, & Sunday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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GARAGE SALE: Friday & Saturday, April 30 & May 1. Collectibles, McDonalds toys, dolls, glassware, \$2.00 bags of craft jewelry. 1920 St. John's Road, rural Anna.

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2 FAMILY YARD SALE:

Riding lawn mower, antique dolls, salt & pepper shakers, battery operated scooter, area rugs, refrigerator, pots & pans, lots of other items too numerous to mention. 125 Howell Lane, Dongola (near Dongola Lake). Friday, April 30 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, May 1, 8 a.m. to noon.

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YARD SALE:

Saturday, May 1, 6 a.m. 502 Ashlar Street, Jonesboro. Home decor, kitchen items, bunk bed with futon, boys clothing size small, girls size 3-4T.

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MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE:

Thursday, Friday & Saturday, April 29, 30 & May 1, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. 1375 Old Hwy. 51 North, Anna. Men & women's clothing size L/XL, maternity clothing, boys clothing & toys, home/kitchen/misc.

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YARD SALE:

Saturday, May 1, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. 145 Walton Lane, Anna. Canceled in case of rain.

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LARGE 2 FAMILY MOVING SALE:

Rain or shine, inside and out. Something for men, women & children. Tools, home decor, tables, curtains, too much to list. Friday & Saturday, April 30 & May 1, 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. 501 E. Market, Jonesboro (corner of Market & John).

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YARD SALE:

3015 Winghill Road, Cobden (1 1/2 miles from New 51). Friday & Saturday, April 30 & May 1, 8 a.m. to noon. Kids, adult, and household items.

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INDOOR GARAGE SALE:

Saturday, May 1, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Located at Dongola Pentecostal Church in the Fellowship Hall. Multi-family sale. Lots of name brand men, women & children's clothing up to 4X. Toys, household items, name brand purses and shoes. Little bit of everything. Rain or shine.

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Community Services Block Grant (CSGB) Scholarship Program

If you live in Alexander, Hardin, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski, or Union County, you may qualify for a \$1,000 Scholarship to be applied toward your college education at an Illinois Institution. Contact your local Shawnee Development Council Office or the SDC Workforce Investment Office located on the Campus of SCC for an application packet.

Hurry.... Application deadline is April 29, 2021. Some restrictions apply.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois
SS
County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 6th day of April, 2021, under the Assumed Name of WestFront Creations with the place of business located at 200 W. Front Street, Dongola, Illinois 62926, and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Deborah Rose Durham
P.O. Box 151
Dongola, IL 62926

Lance Meisenheimer
Union County Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY - JONESBORO, ILLINOIS

American Advisors Group PLAINTIFF

Vs.

Nancy Jayne Partridge-Mull;
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Allibeth Partridge;

United States of America - Secretary of Housing and Urban Development;
Timothy J. Partridge a/k/a Jason Partridge;
Mary E. Treece;

Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants;
Diana K. Douglas, as Special Representative for Allibeth Partridge (Deceased)
DEFENDANTS
No. 2021CH3

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:

Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Allibeth Partridge
Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 207 Church Street Jones-

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boro, IL 62952 and which said Mortgage was made by:

Allibeth Partridge the Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for American Advisors Group, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Union County, Illinois, as Document No. 2014R0705; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

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

Keri Clark, Circuit Clerk
P.O. Box 450
Jonesboro, IL 62952

on or before May 24, 2021, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

Attorneys for Plaintiff
15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100
Burr Ridge, IL 60527
(630) 794-5300
DuPage # 15170
Winnebago # 531
Our File No. 14-21-00407

NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.
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State of Illinois
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County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 19th day of April, 2021, under the Assumed Name of Tee Prints with the place of business located at 128 W. Davie Street, Anna,

Illinois 62906, and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Alyssa McGrath
95 Maid Marian Lane
Anna, IL 62906

Lance Meisenheimer
Union County Clerk
20-22gc

PUBLIC NOTICE

TREE TRIMMING ACTIVITIES IN ANNA AND NEARBY AREAS

TO THE PATRONS OF AMEREN ILLINOIS:

Please be advised that Ameren Illinois will trim trees and other vegetation in and around the town(s) of Anna/Union Illinois. Our qualified utility arborists will trim trees and vegetation that could interfere with electric lines that run from pole to pole and elsewhere. This work is necessary in order to minimize the likelihood of outages and safety hazards. There is no charge to you for this service.

If you have any questions about this work, please call 1-800-755-5000 or visit our website at MySafeTrees.com. You may address your concerns in the manner specified on our website. You may also call the Consumer Services Division of the Illinois Commerce Commission at 1-800-524-0795. Maps have been provided to the mayors and the county board chairpersons of the affected areas.

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Shiloh Baptist Church
Shiloh Baptist Church is located along Shiloh Road, east of Cobden.

Services resuming at rural country church in Union County

A rural church in Union County was a busy place last Sunday afternoon.

Work was being done at Shiloh Baptist Church as a faith community tries to move ahead following the impact of the COVID-19 and other challenges.

Shiloh Baptist Church was organized in 1892. The church is located along Shiloh Road, just off Water Valley Road, east of Cobden.

Mart Clutts lives near the church and is leading efforts to once again have services at Shiloh Baptist Church.

He is the grandson of Myrta Clutts. Those who are familiar with the story of the Bald Knob Cross of Peace may know about Myrta's connection to the Union County landmark, which stands atop Bald Knob Mountain near Alto Pass. Myrta was affectionately known as the "Pig Lady."

A story about Myrta appears on the Bald Knob Cross of Peace website. Myrta is described as a "lady with faith and prayers."

The story on the Cross of Peace website shares that Myrta's story is a modern day version of the Biblical version of the parable about a workman who, on being given the talents, multiplied them.

Only the workman was a widow, Myrta Clutts of Cobden, and the talents were not pieces of precious metal, they were pigs.

"When Wayman Presley, along with his friend Rev. William Lirely, envisioned the great Cross of Bald Knob, he decided to raise the purchase price for the site from people of the common walks of life," the story continues.

"Myrta, hearing of his efforts, volunteered a 'Faith' pledge of \$100. Her children objected, 'Where will we get the \$100?' Myrta replied, 'I have the faith.'"

Rural Health Inc. awards scholarships to students

Rural Health Inc. has awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to a high school senior from each of the high schools in its service region.

Scholarship recipients were chosen based on their desire to pursue a career in healthcare.

The following students were recipients of the scholarship:

Aubrey Fisher, Cobden High School. Courtney Smith, Shawnee High School, Wolf Lake.

Hallee Menees, Anna-Jonesboro Community

One of Myrta's talents was an old sow. One day the sow had piglets...21 piglets. Never before had the sow given such a litter. "An answer to my faith," Myrta told her children.

Myrta went on to raise and sell the hogs...14 of them...and paid her \$100 pledge to support the Cross of Peace.

Myrta, the story continues, remembered her successful "Faith" pledge, pondered, "Isn't there some way these talents can be multiplied for the Cross?" Wayman Presley believed they could.

"The pigs will do it," he told Myrta. Farmers throughout Southern Illinois went on to raise pigs...lots of pigs.

The project netted some \$30,000 in a little over three years.

The project showed where faith and prayer could lead. The Cross of Peace now stands as an enduring landmark.

Shiloh Baptist Church stands atop a rocky outcrop in the rolling hills of Union County. A creek runs at the base of the outcrop.

Last Sunday, folks gathered at the country church on a bright, sunny and warm spring afternoon to do some maintenance, upkeep and improvement work at the church.

Mart Clutts has been involved in those continuing efforts. He is inspired by the work done by a Sunday School teacher at the church.

Clutts said he will be serving as a preacher at the church, too. Services are being planned at 11 a.m. on Sundays. All are welcome.

Sunday was not all about work. There was fellowship...and food was shared. Faith and prayer were alive and well at a little country church.

High School. Michelle Wolford, Dongola High School.

Alexis Steinsultz, Goreville High School. Kalysta Conley, Vienna High School.

Lily Conkle, Massac County High School. No applications were received from Joppa High School.

"Rural Health Inc. was pleased and honored to present these awards and wish the students much success with their chosen field of study in the healthcare industry," Rural Health Inc. community outreach coordinator Chase Hileman stated.

Public Record

from the files at the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro

Realty Transactions
The following real estate transactions were recorded at the Union County clerk's office in Jonesboro:

Warranty Deed. Grantor: FWBII Holdings LLC. Grantee: Jason Seagle. Tract Section 8 Township 11S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jason Seagle. Grantee: John Davidson, Mary Davidson. Tract Section 8 Township 11S Range 2W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Kevin D. Klasner. Grantee: Brooke C. Klasner, Westley D. Klotz. Subdivision Name: Daniel Siffords Heirs Add. Lot 2.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Tombec Properties LLC. Grantee: Dylan Chandler, Hannah Chandler. Tract Section 25 Township 12S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jacqueline T. Myers. Grantee: Leigh Ann Burns, Beverly Jane Goins. Subdivision Name: McElhaneys 2nd Add. of Jonesboro. Lot 17.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Rhonda D. Guined, Steven L. Guined. Grantee: Jason Ozbourn. Tract Section 19 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Leslie W. Wright Declaration of Trust, Margie L. Wright Declaration of Trust, Janie E. Peterson, Barbara Wright, Leslie A. Wright. Grantee: Carroll Williams, Michael Williams. Tract Section 24 Township 13S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Joseph R. Ames, Michaela R. Ames. Grantee: Gilberta Miron Ramos, Martin Vaca Estrada. Tract Section 36 Township 12S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantee: Maria Fabiola Lara Godinez, Jose Luis Zamora-Lopez. Grantee: Gregory M. Wells. Tract Section 30 Township 12S Range 1W. Subdivision Name: E.R. Leonards 1st Add. of Anna. Lots 7, 8, 9, 10.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Larry E. Flamm. Grantee: Larry E. Flamm, Larry E. Flamm Trust. Tract Section 7 Township 11S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Fred J. Terbrak III. Grantee: Madelyn Alma Dillow, Jonithan Tyler Ray Law. Tract Section 10 Township 13S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Helen F. Dexter. Grantee: Joshua S. Davis. Subdivision Name: Henleys 2nd Add. of Anna. Lot 9.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Joshua S. Davis. Grantee: Verna D. Laster. Subdivision Name: Henleys 2nd Add. of Anna. Lot 9.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Kara A. Myers Williams. Grantee: Brian Stone. Subdivision Name: Original Plat of Alto Pass. Block 10. Lot 6.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Cunningham Investments Corporation, William R. Cunningham Revocable Trust. Grantee: Feather Enterprises LLC. Tract Section 8 Township 11S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Harold W. Crippen Jr. Grantee: James Cvengros, Angela Faye Proffitt-Cvengros. Tract Section 10 Township 13S Range 1E. Tract Section 11 Township 13S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Carrington Mortgage Services LLC. Grantee: Lisa Brashears. Subdivision Name: Allens Addition of Jonesboro. Lot 6.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Travis Ford. Grantee: Jeffrey Hamilton, Vickie Hamilton. Tract Section 13 Township 13S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Rochelle M. Hickam, Roger S. Hickam. Grantee: Luis Cardoso Juarez, Gabriela Lopez. Subdivision Name: Kenneth E. Tucker Add. Anna. Lot 9.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Delaney Short, Jason Short. Grantee: Kimberly M. Honey,

Jason S. Leek. Subdivision Name: Richard Perrys 1st Add. Jonesboro. Lot 2.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jeanie L. Kinsey, Russell J. Kinsey. Grantee: Paul McIntire, Tammy Lynn Parnly. Tract Section 24 Township 11S Range 2W.

Traffic Citations
The following people were cited for the indicated violations and were assessed the accompanying fines and court costs as recorded at the circuit clerk's office:

Richard J. Wozniak, Lake Villa, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$255. Lamarquez Dequan Sutton, Charleston, Mo., operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$731.

Sarah M. Gentry, Anna, fail to reduce speed, \$164. Chadwick M. Parm, Grand Tower, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Seongmin Lee, Cape Girardeau, fail to reduce speed, \$164. Aaliyah Ramsey, Herrin, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164. Richard A. Payne, Lombard, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164.

Pottery Trail planned in Union, Jackson counties

The sixth annual Shawnee Hills Pottery Trail event is planned Saturday and Sunday, May 1-2. Hours are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Organizers of the event said that those who might be traveling in the Shawnee Hills or the Illinois Ozarks, or perhaps checking out the wine trail or Giant City State Park, are invited to visit the Pottery Trail as a fun diversion. Nine potters will be featured on the trail.

The self-guided driving/biking trail will include six stops in Jackson and Union counties.

The event is open and free for everyone and will give the public a chance to interact with the potters, see their creations and view demonstrations.

The Shawnee Hills Pottery Trail is partially supported by a grant from the Murphysboro Tourism Commission. There will

also be pottery for sale at each stop.

A Pottery Trail Passport will be available at any stop and if completed with a stamp from each stop will give the visitor a chance to win free pottery.

The potters request that all guests wear a mask and practice social distancing while visiting their spaces.

The Shawnee Hills Pottery Trail website, which includes information on each of the potters and maps of the trail, can be found online at <http://potterstrail.wixsite.com/pottery-trail>.

Information about the trail also can be found on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Pottery-Trail/>.

The potters include Dan Johnson, Steve Grimmer, Harris Deller, Stephanie Dukat, Darby Ortolano, Beth and Gene Smout, Karen Fiorino and Katelyn Heins.



A-J prom queen, king candidates

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School plans to have its 2021 prom on Saturday, May 1. Prom will be from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Drury Plaza Hotel Conference Center in Cape Girardeau. "Midnight Masquerade" is the theme for the prom. Coronation of a prom queen and king is planned at 7:30 p.m. Queen candidates are Olivia Bowen, Olivia Capel, Tae DeWitt, Julia Hall, Lilly Hancock and Jaley Watkins. King candidates are Colby Bowman, Jesus Flores, Scott Glasco, Matthew Hewitt (whose picture was not available), Dylan Smith and Maddox Thorpe. Photos provided.

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Opinion and Commentary

Tools available to help improve mental health, cope with COVID-19

Editor's note: the following article was shared by the Senior Solutions program at Union County Hospital in Anna.

This past year presented many different challenges and obstacles that tested our strength and resiliency. The global pandemic forced us to cope with situations never before imagined, and many of us struggled with our mental health as a result.

The good news is that there are tools and resources available that can support the well-being of individuals and communities.

May is Mental Health Month and was started 72 years ago by the national organization, Mental Health America, MHA.

Now, more than ever, we need to combat the stigma surrounding mental health concerns. That is why this Mental Health Month, Union County Hospital's Senior Solutions Program is highlighting #Tools2Thrive: what individuals can do throughout their daily lives to prioritize mental health, build resiliency and continue to cope with the obstacles of COVID-19.

Throughout the pandemic, many people found themselves struggling with mental health challenges for the first time.

During the month of May, we are focusing on tools that can help us process the events of the past year and the feelings that surround them, while also building up skills and supports that extend beyond COVID-19.

"This past year forced many to accept tough situations that they had little to no control over," said Karen Lawless of the Senior Solutions program. "If you found that it impacted your mental health, you aren't alone."

Fortunately, there are practical tools that can help improve your mental health. Our program is focused on managing anger and frustration, recognizing when trauma may be affecting your mental health, challenging negative thinking patterns and making time to take care of yourself.

Ultimately, during this month of May, Senior Solutions Program wants to remind everyone that mental illness is real – and recovery is possible.

By developing your own #Tools2Thrive, it is possible to find balance between life's ups and downs and continue to cope with the challenges brought on by the pandemic.

"With this, it's important to remember that working on your mental health and finding tools that help you thrive takes time," Lawless said.

"Change won't happen overnight. Instead, by focusing on small changes, you can move through the stressors of the past year and develop long-term strategies to support yourself on an ongoing basis."

For more information, visit www.mhanational.org/may, or call Union County Hospital's Senior Solutions program at 833-4505.

A Page from the Past from the files of The Gazette-Democrat Thursday, April 29, 1971

Students at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School participated in many activities during the week of April 17 through April 23, which had been set aside as Environmental Concern Week.

Anna State Hospital will hold its annual Open House on Sunday, May 2, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The theme of the event will be "The Entire Community...A Treatment Team."

A large crowd attended the rededication services at the First Baptist Church Sunday, April 25. They also attended the concert in the afternoon and viewed the new sanctuary.

The Union County area received some of that much needed rainfall Tuesday afternoon, April 27, and although the area had been placed under a "tornado watch," and the barometer was extremely low, storms did not materialize in this area.

The "Iron Horse" will no longer serve the City of Anna to pick up and discharge passengers after May 1. Railpax will take over and the closest stop will be Carbondale. For several years, there has been no passenger service or baggage service serving Anna at the crumbling Anna-Jonesboro Depot, but there was pickup and discharge service.

The first of the migrant workers to occupy the newly opened Union-Jackson County Farm Labor Housing, moved into the units during the first week of April.

The 11th annual Egyptian Art and Crafts Guild Art Show will be held for two days, Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2, at the Anna Community Center.

Sunday, May 2, is Church Attendance Day, and all families are being urged to attend church.

The annual 4-H Round-Up and officers training school was conducted Monday evening at the Jonesboro Grade School.

Thursday, April 15, the Shawnee FFA chapter had their annual Parent-Son Banquet.

World War I Buddies and its auxiliary Barracks 344 met Sunday, April 25, at the American Legion Community Center.

A fishing contest sponsored by the Union County Sportsmen's Club was held Sunday at Lyerla Lake.

Jonesboro Rebekah Lodge 556 held their regular meeting Friday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m.

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner



Maybe I'll send this one to National Geographic, or, even better, the National Enquirer. Extremely rare snow snakes made an appearance last week in the April snow and cold. A pair of them apparently spent some time frolicking on the World's Ugliest Pickup Truck, which is parked in front of our house.

Mother Nature a little late with April Fool's Day...

That was odd, the writer who has never won a Pulitzer Prize and is not Ernest Hemingway, thought as the Canadian National freight train rumbled its way north through Union County early last Monday afternoon.

A locomotive was pulling a long line of freight cars. Nothing unusual, or odd, about that.

The odd thing was that the freight cars appeared to be brand new, with an unblemished coat of a brownish/red paint. Don't see brand new freight train cars very often. Not that I really pay much attention to such things.

Even odder...there was no graffiti on any of the cars. None. Seems like when a freight train is heading from north to south, or from vice versa, the cars are like mobile art galleries. Like I said, just seemed odd...

Speaking of odd, how 'bout that weather we had last week...as in snow and the kind of cold we might expect to see in December or January.

Snow fell on Union County land on Tuesday night, April 20. The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported on its website that 0.6 of an inch of snow was measured in Western Kentucky.

"This was a rare snow event for this late in the season," the weather service shared, in what seemed like just a bit of an understatement. "In fact," the weather service added, "it was the latest measurable snow on record in Paducah."

Adding to the fun of winter in April, the temperature dropped into the upper 20s in some parts of the area.

I'm going to assume that it's safe to say that there were not many folks in our little corner of the world who welcomed December weather in April.

The Other Half, for example, had to do the best she could to protect her newly planted garden plants. She also had to move a whole bunch of plants off the front porch and back into the house for a couple of nights. Overall, though, the 2021 crop still looks pretty good. We might even get a few strawberries. We'll see...

Snow falling in April did create plenty of photo opportunities, some of which turned out better than others. The frozen precipitation also created an opportunity to craft a snow pal, which apparently is what we are now going to call a frozen Mr. Potato Head. (Please do not take the last sentence seriously. The ghost of Ernest Hemingway told me to write it.)

I had just gotten home from The Paragraph Factory on the night of the Big April Snow. The Other Half and yours truly were sharing our thoughts of the return of the Polar Vortex when snow persons came up in the discussion. I do not remember why.

Acting on an impulse, I went back out into the dark and snowy night, fashioned three tiny snow balls, stuck one snow ball on top of another, added a few sticks, and, voila...a snow pal.

I took my new little buddy back inside to show the Other Half. She laughed. And took a picture of the frozen creation. Couldn't keep it inside, though. So, it was back outside, where I set the snow pal on a picnic table bench on our front porch.

Next morning, the sun was shining and the temperature was rising. Not a good combination for a snow pal. My little buddy was tilting precariously to the east. By that afternoon, my snow pal had done its best imitation of the Wicked Witch of the West during her final appearance in "The Wizard of Oz." All that remained was a spot on the bench...and a few sticks.

Hopefully, I won't have any more opportunities to create a snow pal until about December...you know...when things are back to normal...

By the way, I got to wondering: if April rain showers bring May flowers, what do April snow showers bring? Popsicles? One last thing...at the time this masterpiece was being created on Monday afternoon, the temperature was 77 degrees...with not a single snowflake...or snow snake...to be seen.



In the words of the Wicked Witch of the West from "The Wizard of Oz": "I'm melting, melting. Ohhhhh, what a world, what a world." My new-found little snow buddy wasn't much of a fair weather friend...



...that's because he was gone, pretty much in the blink of an eye...and a damp spot and a few sticks were all that were left to be seen by the next day...

Safety noted

Bridges and buildings throughout the state will be turning orange this week to honor those who have died in work zones and to raise awareness as the Illinois Department of Transportation signals the start of another construction season.

To coincide with the national campaign held each spring, Gov. JB Pritzker has proclaimed April 26-30 as Work Zone Safety Awareness Week in Illinois.

In 2019, the most recent year for which statistics are available, 842 people were killed and 39,100 injured in work zone crashes nationally.

Illinois averages 6,400 crashes in work zones each year, resulting in 1,700 injuries and 34 deaths. More than nine out of 10 deaths are someone other than a worker, including drivers, passengers, pedestrians and bicyclists.



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