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## News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

Be sure to check out the Union County CEO program's virtual trade show.

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Southern Seven Health Department is encouraging area residents to be prepared for severe weather, including thunderstorms, damaging winds, tornadoes, large hail, flooding and flash flooding. "Pay attention to weather reports," the health department says.

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An "arctic blast" made for a chilly and blustery Mother's Day weekend in the region. Forecasts from the National Weather Service office in Paducah were calling for frost and freezing temperatures. Highly unusual for May.

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Flamm Orchards near Cobden continues to have a successful season for strawberry sales. Crops were covered last week due to the arctic cold.

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Flamm Ochards also reported that it had peonies from LeFevre Blooms and Branches, a local grower in Anna.

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Bass Farms near Cobden also has been reporting a successful strawberry season.

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For the first time, in quite some time, there was not a flood warning in place for the Mississippi River at Cape Girardeau as of early this week.

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The National Weather Service's forecast for the region, as of early this week, was calling for the possibility of thunderstorms through Monday, with the possibility of localized strong storms from Friday into the weekend. Warmer weather also was in the forecast.

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The City of Anna reported on social media that its 2020 Census response rate was 62.6 percent. The city continues to work hard to promote participation in the Census.

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### As of May 11: Two more in region recover from COVID-19

## Three new cases in Union County, total of 62

Southern Seven Health Department on Monday reported two new recovered cases of COVID-19 in its service area in Southern Illinois. Both individuals were from Pulaski County.

As of Monday, there were 40 people from the Southern Seven region who had recovered since the start of the pandemic in the United States.

Southern Seven Health Department on Monday also confirmed four new cases of COVID-19 in its service area, which includes Union County.

All four of the persons with new cases were being isolated.

The new cases, by county, included:

Union County: one female in her 10s, one female in her 20s and one female in her 40s.

Alexander County: One female in her 50s.

The health department noted that several Union County residents who have tested positive within the last weeks are tied to outbreaks at workplaces outside of the Southern Seven region.

As of Monday, Southern Seven was reporting a total of 107 cases and one death in its service.

The number of individuals confirmed, to date, within the Southern Seven counties:

Union County: 62 cases. 11 of the 62 had recovered. One death has been reported in Union County.

(The number of cases in Union County rose from 57 on May 7 to 59 on May 8 and then to 62 on May 11.)

Alexander County: Six positive cases. Three of the six had recovered.

Hardin County: One positive case. The person recovered.

Johnson County: Four cases. Four of the four had recovered.

Massac County: Six cases. Three of the six had recovered.

Pope County: One case.

Pulaski County: 27 cases. 18 of the 27 had recovered.

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, in Illinois there were 1,266 new individuals with COVID-19 identified on May 11, bringing the confirmed total in

the state to 79,007 individuals, with 3,459 deaths.

### Veterans Homes

IDPH also reported on Monday that in addition to other congregate settings, cases at Illinois veterans homes are being monitored.

As of Monday, the veterans home in Manteno was reporting 40 cases: 30 residents and 10 staff. One resident at the LaSalle home tested positive but has since tested negative.

No cases had been reported at the veterans homes in Anna or Quincy.

## CEO program planning virtual trade show

Union County CEO's young entrepreneurs should have just finished another successful regional trade show at the Dunn-Richmond Center at Southern Illinois University Carbondale and their dynamic end of year celebration/trade show at the Davie School Inn in Anna.

Instead, they are sheltered in place for coronavirus/COVID-19 while still making every effort to complete the final requirement of this unique high school class – to research, plan, create, run and present a small business at a trade show.

Unexpected lessons that Union County CEO Team 2020 members have learned are that businesses must adjust to things out of their control, carefully weigh the pros and cons of how they do business and decide how to market amid social distancing.

With those lessons in mind, the CEO students will be having a virtual trade show.

UCCEO program board chair Casey Stout stated: "Our board is very pleased to announce this virtual trade show for Friday, May 15, on Facebook.

"Our students have kept positive attitudes, have

worked hard, and are prepared to wow you with what they have been able to accomplish under unprecedented circumstances.

"We thank our facilitator, Kathy Bryan, for modeling how to use resources to overcome what could have been disastrous for these students, some who still will need to pay back loans."

Here are the descriptions the business owners shared for the virtual trade show:

### Alex Remsey

#### Alto Archery Targets

Located in deep Southern Illinois, Alto Archery Targets is committed to providing quality archery targets for avid outdoorsmen and archery fanatics who share the same passion for archery as our dedicated team.

Alex Remsey started Alto Archery Targets as a way to offer high quality targets to Union County but also to start a business that followed his passion for archery.

If you enjoy bow hunting or archery, go to Alex's Facebook Page, Alto Archery Targets, and check out his pictures and videos of his target in use. This would make a great Father's Day gift.

### Drake Roach

#### SI Pressure Washing

SI Pressure Washing is dedicated to offering affordable pressure washing in Southern Illinois.

Having spent summers working in lawn care, he knew he enjoyed working outdoors and, decided to create SI Pressure Washing.

SI Pressure Washing can make your home, patio, boat, or whatever you need cleaned look good as new. Check them out on Facebook at SI Pressure Washing to see examples of Drake's work or contact Drake Roach at 618-697-4321.

### Reece Barrow

#### Gear Rack

Gear Rack stores all your sports gear in one place, allows your gear to dry without losing its shape, and most importantly, keeps the unpleasant smells of dirt and sweat out of your house.

Made in locally, using American materials, Gear Rack is 100 percent weather-resistant, durable, compact and very affordable.

Reece developed his idea based off a rack that his grandfather had made for him when he was on the football team to let his gear air out after practice and games.



### CEO program student

Reece Barrow, owner of Gear Rack, will be one of the featured presenters in the local CEO Virtual Trade Show, which is planned Friday, May 15, on Facebook: Union County CEO. Photo provided.

Reece expanded this idea and can tailor racks to any sport's storage needs.

He has also focused on creating storage racks for swimming pool areas to

allow for floaties, pool noodles and towels to be kept organized and out of the way when they are not in use.

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## Weather

High 69, low 32;

frost on May 9, 11

Frost is very unusual in May in the Union County area – unless the low temperature drops to an unexpected 32 degrees.

That was what happened during the period of May 5-11 in Union County.

A low temperature of 32 degrees was recorded on May 9 in Jonesboro. Frost accompanied the unseasonably cold temperature.

The low dipped to 34 degrees on May 11 and light frost was seen in Jonesboro.

High temperatures during the period stayed in the 60s.

Precipitation included .03 of an inch on May 5, .04 of an inch on May 6 and .73 of an inch on May 9.

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

	H	L
Tuesday, May 5	68	53
Wednesday, May 6	61	41
Thursday, May 7	69	37
Friday, May 8	62	38
Saturday, May 9	65	32
Sunday, May 10	68	40
Monday, May 11	63	34



### U.S. Route 51 project

Traffic has been reduced to one lane with the start of a project along new U.S. Route 51 north of Anna. Temporary traffic signals are in place. The project started last week. The Illinois Department of Transportation, IDOT, reported that the work is being done at the intersection of Lime Kiln Road and Spanish Bluff Road at new U.S. Route 51, 0.7 of a mile north of Anna. IDOT noted that the work has led to the closing down of Lime Kiln Road and Spanish Bluff Road during the entire project. Motorists are advised to find an alternate route. The work is expected to last three to six weeks. The project involves paved shoulder removal, Portland cement concrete shoulders, timber curb removal, curb and gutter, earth and furnished excavation and stone rip rap to repair the existing slopes.





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## News Notes

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The Jonesboro City Council had a regular meeting last week. The meeting was conducted in the city’s fire station. Social distancing was practiced. Jonesboro officials, like many others, are uncertain how the pandemic will impact their budget situation.

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The Southern Illinois Strong campaign this week announced a list of about 20 small businesses in the region which are receiving grants of \$1,500 each to help meet challenges created by the pandemic. The campaign involves area state legislators and the Southern Illinois Community Foundation.

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Members of Shawnee Community College’s Nu Alpha Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda received honors during a recent online state leadership conference.

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Folks were playing golf last Thursday at the Union County Country Club course in Anna...and pickleball, too, at the Anna City Park. The golf course and pickleball courts both have reopened after being closed in response to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

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Dongola School is offering a virtual concert and art show on its Facebook page.

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The former Casper Produce building west of Jonesboro got a new roof.

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Ken Laster’s property at the intersection of state Routes 127 and 146 appears to be getting a new tenant.

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Lick Creek School appears to be getting a new roof or major repairs.

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Some complaints have

## IDOT announces lane shift scheduled to begin on I-57

The Illinois Department of Transportation, IDOT, is alerting motorists about a lane shift on I-57 in Union County which was scheduled to begin late last week.

IDOT reported that beginning at noon on Friday, May 8, weather permitting, all traffic on I-57 from just south of the Illinois 146 interchange (MP 30) to just north of the Dongola interchange (MP 26) was going to be shifted to the northbound lanes.

Traffic will be in a head-to-head configuration, separated by concrete barrier, with one lane for each direction of travel.

been heard from local businesses about how easing COVID-19 restrictions in Missouri is hurting the economy of Southern Illinois.

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Macey Davis, daughter of Dr. J.T. and Mrs. Davis and granddaughter of Dr. Tom Davis (formerly of Anna), is getting well-deserved recognition for being a member of the Carbondale High School football squad as a kicker. Her nickname is “Money.”

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May 16 is Armed Forces Day.

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The Missouri Air National Guard conducted a B-2 Stealth Bomber flyover on Friday, May 8, as a salute to honor medical and health care professionals, essential employees and volunteers in the fight against coronavirus/COVID-19. The flyover’s path included the Cape Girardeau area.

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The Southern Illinois Miners baseball team in Marion was announcing plans on social media for a virtual opening day celebration on May 15. A live fireworks show is slated to be part of the celebration.

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May 15 is Endangered Species Day.

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Amtrak announced that beginning May 11, it would require all customers in stations, and on trains and thruway buses, to wear facial coverings.

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The coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic and state-wide stay-at-home order have led to the cancellation of all university-sponsored summer events at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign through July 5.

IDOT reported that this traffic configuration is scheduled to be in place until Nov. 15 to facilitate construction of a new bridge carrying southbound I-57 over Big Creek near MP 27.

IDOT advised in a news release that “motorists should use extreme caution through this work zone and be aware of speed reductions and traffic control devices. Please slow down and use extreme caution while driving through all work zones.”

IDOT District 9 updates can be found on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/IDOT-District9>.



## Farmers market planned in Anna

An Anna municipal parking lot along East Davie Street was empty when the picture was taken. However, activity should be seen Tuesday, May 19, when the 2020 Union County farmers market is scheduled to open for the 2020 season. The market is scheduled to begin at 7 a.m. and continues through about noon each Tuesday until Thanksgiving. Social distancing will be practiced at the market. Photo provided.

## CEO program trade show

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If sports are a part of your family’s life, you’ve got to get a Gear Rack. Follow Gear Rack on Facebook for more information.

### Laura Brown LB Designs

Laura Brown’s business, LB Designs, strives to offer cute, affordable tassel earrings to women in Union County without the hassle of going to another area to find this latest trend in earrings.

All of her products are handmade from custom orders so women can pick their favorite colors, school colors, or coordinate with that special outfit. LB Designs can be found on Facebook.

### Julia Lasley Train with Jules

As an athlete, Julia Lasley has always had to maintain a certain level of fitness and is aware of how difficult it can be to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Julia decided to create a fitness blog in order to share her experience and support those who might be struggling in maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

At Train with Jules, she releases her fitness routines, recipes, advice and various health information.

Julia plans to continue her blog when she moves to Mississippi to go to college.

You can find links to her blog on Facebook and Instagram or subscribe at [trainwjules.com](http://trainwjules.com).

### Addison Osman Mr. Union County

Addison Osman has volunteered and competed at pageants for many years.

She knew from the beginning of personal business discussions that she wanted to host a pageant but with a twist.

Addison’s pageant would be Mr. Union County, a competition for Union County junior and senior high school boys where the winner would receive a scholarship.

Addison was in the process of securing sponsors for the scholarship and registering boys to compete in the pageant when the stay at home order was enacted in March.

At this time, Mr. Union County is on hold but you can contact Addison through Mr. Union County Facebook page or at [20ad-dos@gmail.com](mailto:20ad-dos@gmail.com).

### Braden Benns Rustic Refinishings

As a hobby, Braden had refinished several pieces of furniture for his own use over the last year and decided that he would turn that hobby into his business.

Rustic Refinishings takes old furniture and gives it new life.

He finds everything from tables and chairs to end tables, refinishes them and sells them at an affordable price.

Braden’s goal was to provide families in Union

County with nice furniture that they may not have been able to afford at a new furniture price.

Braden has also taken small pieces of furniture and refinished them for customers. He can be reached through his Facebook page: Rustic Refinishings.

### Noah McFarland Boogies Backyard Builds

Noah decided to put his skill in woodworking to use and turn it into his business: lawn games for families.

Boogie’s Backyard Builds provides made-to-order wooden lawn games.

Noah’s goal is to provide a way for families to unplug, get outside and enjoy healthy family time together.

Noah specializes in corn hole games that can be personalized to your design. You can see Noah’s designs at Boogie’s Backyard Builds on Facebook.

### Lauren Lyerla SweetOpiee

Lauren has created a fashion blog called Sweet Opiee.

Lauren has been involved with boutiques in the area since participating in pageants.

Lauren’s goal is to create a blog that any girl living in a rural area could relate to but that also highlights clothes that can be purchased from local boutiques through a link on her page.

You can find out more about SweetOpiee on her Facebook page or by emailing Lauren at [sweetopiee-blog@gmail.com](mailto:sweetopiee-blog@gmail.com).

### Joe Brumleve Joe’s Produce

Joe Brumleve knew that he wanted to do something in agriculture.

During his research, Joe found that there were very few local businesses offering home delivery of produce in Union County.

He realized that many people who desire local produce cannot get to the farmers’ markets either because the times are incon-

venient, or they may not be able to drive to them.

Joe decided to fill that gap for people in Union County by offering a box of fresh, local produce delivered to their door once a week.

If you are interested in Joe’s Produce, contact him through his Facebook page, Joe’s Produce.

### Michelle Wolford Rockin “W” Candles

Michelle Wolford decided that she wanted to make a “healthier” candle.

She had found that there are a variety of harmful additives in many candles.

Michelle decided that she would make candles with organic soy and all organic scents and colors so that they would be better for her customers. Each candle is handmade and comes in a mason jar.

Michelle’s business, Rockin “W” Candles, makes candles in a variety of sizes and scents.

Michelle can be contacted through her Facebook page, Rockin “W” Candles to place orders.

### Jayclynn Presutti Delightful Design Decals

Delightful Design Decals is owned and operated by

Jayclynn Presutti.

Delightful Design Decals was created to fill a void in the smaller schools by providing custom sport and club decals.

The stay at home order has shifted her focus, and she is now hard at work creating decals for custom orders. She has made religion based, patriotic, armed forces, monograms and many more decals.

You can visit Delightful Design Decals or text 618-303-4021 to place an order for your high quality, durable, and custom decal. Jayclynn will bring your vision to light.

The Union County class is actually about life skills, Adulthood 101, couched in the world of business, where students learn about accountability, time management, engagement, effective communication, money management, customer service, commitment and grit.

No matter the fields these students go into, they will have profited from these “soft skills” that are often missing from those entering the workforce or higher education.

The virtual trade show starting May 15 will be accessed through Facebook: Union County CEO.

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Organizers are encouraging the community to decorate signs, yards and store fronts to honor the 2020 graduating ceremonies. Seniors will be dressed in their graduation caps and gowns. They will be required to remain in their vehicles as the parade goes through town. Safe social distancing will be practiced. Groups will not be allowed to congregate, either before or after the parade. In the event of inclement weather, the parade will be held at 7 p.m. on May 16.



It was also noted that Friday evening's event does not take the place of graduation. School officials are still hoping to have a graduation ceremony in late June.



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# Sports Memories

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



## Team wins tournament, 2015

The Union County Soccer League 1st and 2nd grade team sponsored by Anna State Bank took first place in an end of spring season tournament. In the first row are, from left, Aidan McFadden, Nathan Hubbs, Jack Smith, Olivia Schaefer, Macie Hoehner and Bryan Wright. In the second row are Nick Lingle, Angel Guijon, Landen Richardson, Alex Palmer. Lyric Wright, Mackenzie Jackson and Cheyanne Greer. Lucas Vaca Diez could not be present for the picture. Coaches were Marcus Schaefer and Mitchell Alsip. Photo provided.



## Cobden pitcher, 2015

Logan Spalt was the starting pitcher for Cobden in a high school baseball game when the Appleknockers faced Benton in the opening game of an invitational tournament. The tournament was hosted by the Appleknockers.



## Aiming for a goal, 2015

Elle Basler attempts to score a goal during Anna-Jonesboro Community High School's home soccer game against Sikeston, Mo., High School on Wednesday, April 29. Photo by Lindsey Rae Vaughn.

### News from

## Anna First Baptist Church

Pastor Nick's Bible study on Sunday, May 10, was titled "The Spiritual Discipline of Fasting." Scripture was from Matthew.

His sermon for last Sunday was titled "Rich Toward God." Scripture was from Luke.

Bible studies and sermons can be viewed online at [www.annafirst.org/sermons](http://www.annafirst.org/sermons).

The church plans to have a food giveaway every Thursday, starting today. The giveaway will be from 11 a.m. to noon in the church parking lot.

It will be a drive-thru giveaway that is open to everyone in the community. The church plans to do the giveaway every Thursday.

### News from

## Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna continued its live-stream services on May 10.

Members of the congregation sent family photos to the church to be placed in the pews during worship, to show Pastor Mark that although they couldn't be there in person, they were there in spirit, and that he wasn't preaching to an empty church.

Take-away communion was provided from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro, with assistance from Sarah Hensch.

This will continue each Sunday until the congregation is allowed to meet together, hopefully on May 31, for regular services.

Prayers were offered for the whole people of God, for the sick and suffering,

### News from

## Anna Nazarene Church

A drive-in service was held on the church parking lot on Mother's Day, May 10.

Singing was led by Pastor Randy Wright and the worship team.

Sunday's message was titled "A Godly Mother," with scripture from Proverbs. The message was given by Pastor Wright and can be listened to on the church's website at [annanaz.com](http://annanaz.com) and on the Anna First Church of the Nazarene Facebook page.

Harley and Madison Schnaare closed the service with a special song followed by prayer by Pastor Wright.

Each mother was honored by being given a carnation as they left the parking lot.

Wednesday Bible study and Saturday night Bible study are held at 6:30 p.m. by using Zoom.

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

### News from

## Camp Ground Church, Community

As with the other Sundays we've been meeting for worship via Zoom, as each person or family joined the group greetings and joys were shared.

Best wishes were shared with all the mothers and ladies tuned in.

Praise reports and prayer requests were then shared and Rev. Thompson offered the intercessory prayer.

Rev. Dee Ann Thompson's sermon was titled "God Has Given Us Choices," with scripture from Deuteronomy.

In the selected scripture, Moses was addressing the Hebrews as they were preparing to cross into the Promised Land after wandering for 40 years.

Moses urged them to "love the Lord your God and walk in His way."

The sermon shared that "God has given us choices: life or death, blessing or curse. All day, every day, we have to make choices; some will be simple decisions, and others will be life altering.

"God gives us the ability to choose, but we are responsible for our choices.

"Whether the choice is easy or hard, there will be a consequence. The choices we make will determine where we spend eternity."

Rev. Thompson closed with the question: "Will you accept Christ as your savior and have life eternal?"

If you would like to hear Rev. Thompson's sermons, they are posted on the church's Facebook page at "Camp Ground Cumberland Presbyterian Church" and on YouTube.

For at least the rest of May, the church will be having services electronically. If you want to be a part of the live worship experience, contact any member of the congregation for the Zoom link.

Happy Birthday to Kenneth Thompson, whose special day was Saturday, the 9th, and to Landon Roach, who will have a birthday Sunday, the 17th.

Congratulations to David and Jhan Miller whose wedding anniversary was Monday, the 11th.

Sandy Boaz is the lead elder for May.

## Hess News

By Glenn Heisner

I am typing this on the most unusual Mother's Day most of us have ever seen.

On Mother's Day in 1962, our daughter Glenna was born.

This Mother's Day was the birthday of her son.

I guess I am going into my second childhood. I bought some baby chicks last week.

On the lighter side, we went through the drive thru at McDonald's. We went to pay and the cashier said our meal was paid for. Thank you Darryl Hannahs, as we didn't even see him. There are some good things going on during this pandemic.

We enjoy brother Darryl's messages on the phone and hope to be back in church soon.

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## Local churches provide food to those in need



**Food giveaway**  
A sign notes that a food giveaway is planned on Thursdays at the First Baptist Church in Anna.

During the challenging times which have been caused by the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, some Union County churches are ministering to the community by making food available to those who are in need.

The First United Methodist Church in Anna has for some time offered free Loaves & Fishes meals to the community.

Due to the pandemic, large groups of people are not able to gather for such activities as the meals which have been served at the Anna church.

As a way to continue ministering to the community, the church plans to have a grocery giveaway on the third Tuesday of the month, starting at 5 p.m.

Free groceries will be given to anyone in need. The church is located at 111 W. Monroe St. in Anna.

The Anna Church of the Nazarene had a free bag of groceries giveaway planned for Saturday, May 9.

The First Baptist Church in Anna plans to have a food giveaway every Thursday, starting today.

The giveaway will be from 11 a.m. to noon in

the church parking lot. The church is located at 409 Morgan St. in Anna.

It will be a drive-thru giveaway that is open to everyone in the community. The church plans to do the giveaway every Thursday.

The First Baptist Church in Jonesboro also is serving as a temporary home for Shawnee Development Council's food pantry.

The pantry normally is located in a building on the grounds of the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna. However, visitors are not being allowed at the center during the pandemic.

Hours for the food pantry are Wednesday, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Curbside service is provided; those who come are asked to stay in their car.

Senior boxes are distributed on the third Tuesday of each month, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Churches which are offering food and meals are invited to share information about their ministry.

Information can be mailed to news@annan-

### News from *First Baptist Church, Jonesboro*

On Sunday, May 10, Pastor Perry Williams preached via transmitter for drive-up church.

The church has been having a great turn out as worshippers stayed in their cars on the church's lower parking lot while tuned in to their radios on station 87.9 FM.

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

The message was also live streamed, which can be found on the church's Facebook page: @jonesborofbc. You can find other messages there under the Video tab.

Pastor Perry also is live streaming a series of devotionals at 9 a.m. Monday through Friday on Facebook.

Don't have Facebook? Go to YouTube.com and do a search under Brother Perry Williams. His messages are there, also.

At the present time, all activities are postponed, other than live stream services and drive-up church, weather permitting.

Check the church's Facebook site for updated messages.

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

Birthdays: Myrtle Martin, Jayson Rose, May 13; Bon Kohler, May 16.

Anniversaries: Jose and Jerri Tehandon, May 15, 21 years.

The schedule for worship at Jonesboro First Baptist this coming week includes a live stream worship service on Sunday at 10 a.m. on Facebook.

### Municipal wastewater plant project

## City of Anna receives \$52,250 grant to save on energy costs



### Anna facility

The City of Anna's wastewater treatment plant is located along North Lime Kiln Road, near the grounds of the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, IEPA, on May 6 announced that its Office of Energy has awarded \$422,250 in grant funding to four Illinois wastewater treatment facilities.

IEPA announced the awarding of the following grants:

City of Anna, Union County, \$52,250.

City of Rock Island, Rock Island County, \$45,000

Village of Romeoville, Will County, \$200,000.

Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District, Chicago Heights, Cook and Will counties, \$125,000.

The grant opportunity was announced in December 2019 as part of the Office of Energy's Wastewater Treatment Plant Energy Efficiency Program.

The funded projects will reduce the amount of energy consumed by wastewater treatment operations thereby reducing energy costs for Illinois residents.

"We are pleased to assist these municipal wastewater organizations with funding to achieve the already iden-

tified energy efficiency improvements," IEPA director John J. Kim said in a news release.

"These grants will reduce energy demand as well as operating costs."

Illinois EPA scored grant applications based on the energy savings per dollar funded, the energy rate paid by the applicant facility and the energy cost to treat 1 million gallons of wastewater at the facility.

The City of Anna currently spends over \$84,000 a year on electricity to operate its wastewater treatment plant, which is located along North Lime Kiln Road. The city has 1,783 sewer customers.

With improvements funded by the grant, the city is hoping to be able to save about 56 percent on the cost of electricity to operate the plant, Anna city administrator Dori Bigler said.

Ameren also will be support the Anna project with \$38,000 provided through a rebate incentive program.

Anna's waste water treatment plant has been in operation since 1990. The

energy efficiency project is scheduled to include the replacement of such equipment as a fan, pumps, blowers and a monitoring system.

Plans call for installation of the new equipment to begin in mid-July.

The \$422,250 in grant funding will be leveraged by an estimated \$16,018,574 in matching funds being applied toward the projects from the grantees.

The grants will enable these municipal organizations to make energy efficiency upgrades to wastewater equipment identified by previous energy audits, in some cases audits were provided at no-cost by the Office of Energy.

These grants will save the grantees 2,431,955 kWhs of energy annually, which translates to significant money savings.

The funds for the grant program are provided by the U.S. Department of Energy's State Energy Program, SEP.

### Masons postpone raffle drawing

Anna-Jonesboro Masonic Lodge No. 111 has postponed the drawing for a gun raffle until Aug. 1.

The drawing originally had been planned for June 1.

The date for the drawing was moved due to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

Restrictions which are in place in response to the pandemic prevent the lodge from assembling.

Raffle tickets were sold out. The lodge voiced its appreciation to the community for its support of the raffle.

## Anna City Council again meets by conducting teleconference

The Anna City Council conducted three meetings on Tuesday evening, May 5.

The schedule included a special meeting at 4 p.m., another special meeting at 4:30 p.m. and a regular meeting at 5 p.m.

All three of the meetings were conducted by teleconference. All five members of the city council were part of the teleconference meeting.

For the time being, the city council is having meetings by teleconference in response to the impact of the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

Topics on the agenda for the special meetings included Downstate Small Business Stabilization grant applications funded by the state through a Community Development Block Grant, CDBG, program, as well as annexation of two pieces of property – one along Dogwalk Road and one along Lick Creek Road. Both of the proposed annexations were approved.

The agenda for the regular meeting included the pandemic, the 2020 Anna Pool season and Independence Day fireworks.

During the meeting, city officials encouraged support for local businesses, both in the city and in Union County, during the pandemic.

The council passed six resolutions of support for businesses which are applying for state CDBG grant funds, including: Boswell's Lounge, Pink Squirrel (Brick House Grill), Martin Auction Company, Reppert's Office Supply & Furniture, KMS Enterprises

(Sinisi's on Main) and The Gazette-Democrat.

If the applications are successful, they will help to support local businesses which have anywhere from two to more than 20 employees.

Funding which is being sought through the program ranges from about \$11,000 up to \$25,000. The program would be administered by the city.

City administrator Dori Bigler noted that another round of applications for the program is planned.

A proposal to reopen pickle ball and tennis courts at the Anna City Park was discussed and approved. Basketball courts will remain closed.

The courts were closed in response to guidelines which went into effect related to the pandemic.

The council agreed to end a split shift work schedule for public works employees.

The schedule, which involved the creation of teams of employees, had been established to ensure continuity in the event that people became sick.

Even with the ending of the schedule, safety for city workers will continue to be emphasized.

The 2020 Anna Pool was discussed. Initially, the council decided to keep the pool closed due to uncertainty related to the ongoing pandemic.

That decision subsequently was changed. The following message was posted on the city's Facebook page:

"Due to COVID-19, the Anna City Pool will not open on Memorial Day, as

is the usual opening weekend and will remain closed indefinitely. The City Council will continue to monitor the situation as it continues to evolve and re-evaluate if possible. We know this is a disappointing announcement and we are all trying to do what is best during these uncertain times."

Plans are moving forward to present a traditional fireworks display at the Anna City Park on Independence Day.

Plans also are being discussed about the possibility of having a concert at the park prior to the fireworks display on July 4.

Discussion regarding dispatch services continue with Union County officials.

The council approved a resolution for a land transfer agreement with the county as part of the process which is hoped will lead to the development of a new animal control facility.

Union County operates an animal control program. The program's animal shelter is located on municipal ground adjacent to the Anna landfill property. The shelter is located along Kaolin Road, just off old U.S. Route 51, between Anna and Cobden.

The agreement covers just 3.6 acres of land. As part of the agreement, the City of Anna will receive three years of credit for its financial contribution to the county animal control program.

The city administrator reported that Anna is anticipating receiving \$292,745.28 in Rebuild Illinois program funds for road work.



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## A-JCHS Baccalaureate

A very nice A-JCHS virtual baccalaureate was held May 10.

Class color: Black. Class flower: Sunflower. Class song: “You’ve Got a Friend in Me.” Class motto: Send It.

I have watched so many of the students grow from when they were small and starting kindergarten to growing into beautiful young women and very handsome young men.

I will say this class has always been so polite, kind and very helpful if anyone needed anything. I want to wish all of you the best in your future.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to all the schools on their graduations.

## Celebrating the Week

Willie and Terrie Rhym-er made a road trip this past week to Lambert’s in Sikeston, Mo.

There were only 20 people eating that day and the Rhymers had a whole section to themselves.

The workers there all wore masks and gloves and there were plenty of pass arounds that day and throwed rolls.

On Saturday, May 9, a Mothers Day celebration was held at the Rhymers house in Dongola. Complete with a bounce house for the kids.

Lunch was brought in by the Yates family from Anna from the Giant City Lodge carry out. Homemade ice cream was made at the home too.

In attendance were Jamie, Rebecca Yates and their children Ruby, Mason, Violet and Miles, Jordan and Alexis Rhymer, and their children Junior, Hadley and 4 week old Jaxson.

On Sunday, May 10, the Rhymers went to Cape Girardeau and ate at Applebee’s. The crowd there was very small.

Their son Andy from Kansas called and wished happy Mother’s Day to his mom Terrie.

## Anna Heights Baptist Church News

The AHBC family sends condolences to the Schlenker and Yates family for the deaths of Brenda Schlenker’s father, David Schlenker’s aunt and Donald Yates’ brother John Yates this past week.

Birthdays: May 13 Melissa Ellis and Megan (J) Houseman, May 14 Mike Maples, May 18 Pamela Jerrell and Joshua Williams.

Anniversaries: May 19 Craig and Julie Bonner, May 21 Steve and Pelesia Karsen.

Be sure to look for Pastor Darryl’s words of Encouragement on Facebook and Wednesday and Sunday services on Facebook and YouTube.

The Mother’s Day sermon for this week was A Marriage Made in Heaven, with scripture from 1 Peter.

## Mother’s Day Celebration

Barbara Bauer had a great Mother’s’ Day. It included a blueberry jam bagel and coffee, then sing-along virtual church with Pastor Mark Hasty. Norm went for her favorite take-out food (taco salad) for lunch.

Daughter Beth came in afternoon to fulfill Barbara’s request to search, sort and tag family photos, something they seldom have time to do in big family gatherings.

The big fun came when they got the conference call from their three sons, Beth’s brothers. Lou, Tim and David gave them one laugh after another. They were in Texas, Wisconsin and Missouri.

Other calls came from granddaughter Sarah and her Song family in Texas, as well as grandson Chris



Connie and Phil Goodman sent a picture of what the honeybees look like when they are in a tree with their nest.

Bauer, Katie and Owen in Missouri.

Can’t leave out “adopted” sons Nickolay Schwarz and his family, as well as text from Stephen Burns in St. Louis. That was a splendid and blessed Mother’s Day in Barbara’s book.

## 3rd Birthday

Kay Webb was honored with a birthday party at the home of her grandparents Pam and Rob Needling. The Anna fire truck drove by to wish her a happy birthday.

## Special Thanks

To Joan Graves Edwards, Karen and Tom Betts, Joyce Rosson and Mary Ann Dillow for giving me credit when you renewed your subscription to The Gazette-Democrat.

## Bees

If you see bees swarming you can call Phil and Connie at Goodman Valley Farms 618-697-3340 and he will come get them.

I saw them for the first time in my life. Bessie, Elijah and I had just returned from getting big juicy strawberries at Flamms and I was burring them outside at my picnic table when my whole drive was full of honeybees.

I sat very still because I didn’t know if they had come after my strawberries or not.

Instead they all went in the Japanese maple tree in my front yard.

Two birds came flying out of the tree and a wasp. I remembered a meeting at our Anna-Jo Garden Club when the Goodman’s spoke and told how they got the bees.

When I called them they came and looked at them and they were honey bees. Phil went home to get the hive to put under my tree but sad news is they were gone when he returned.

Pam Needling messaged me the next day and told me her husband Rob and Matt Wittig vacuumed bees into a bee hive at Curt’s Classic the old Ford Garage building one day last week. Matt put them in his apiary.

Rob, Pam and Matt attend bee care classes from Phil Goodman.

What an exciting day of being at home still. I also got a message from Cindy Allen that a bee hive was taken out of EPC.

Matt Wetting said he also put a trap out in the tree at Paul Dillon’s home by the Anna cemetery.

It’s really nice to know that so many people are protecting the honeybees.

## Congratulations

Lindsey Sadler graduated with her master’s degree last Saturday from SIUC.

Because of the COVID they don’t get a graduation ceremony.

Lindsey’s sister Hailey New graduated her LPN class from Shawnee Community College and was pinned for LPN.

## Mother’s Day Trip

Janice Lewellyn visited her son and family Tim and Susan Alford close to Lake

of Egypt.

## Birthdays

May 1 Warren Anderson, Amy Wilde, 4 Charlotte Fear, Donna Jean Million, Janet Jennings, Letha Arnold, Seth Plott, Brett Yates, Adam Holdman, 5 Wesley Karraker, Cody Ackin, Hannah Dover, 6 Jean Wise, Luci Carter, Jackie Hoyle, Lisa Jiana-koplos, Kim Hawk, 7 Max LaFoon, 8 Glenda Jones, Jordan Dillow, Walter, 8 Bryan Watkins, 10 Bonnie Cissell, 12 in memory of Florence Nightingale, May 14 Don Wilson, 15 Martha Ann Webb, 18 Clara Cates, 30 Carol West.

## Annabelle Fest

The Union County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development has made the decision to cancel the Annabelle Festival that was to be held on June 12 and 13. The board and directors felt it was necessary for the continued safety of our community.

## United Methodist Church, Anna

Sympathy to the family of Bud Nevels. Bud went to be with our Lord last week. He and his wife Rose faithfully attended church till his health failed him. He will be missed.

Sympathy to Rev. Richard Sullins on the loss of his brother James. Please keep both families in your prayers.

Warming your Heart and Soul with Fellowship Loaves and Fishes gave out 94 bags of groceries. 55 masks made by a lady of the church were donated and 24 cartons of ice cream were also donated.

The church will offer an online version of service for those who have access to the internet.

Thanks to Wanda Dillow and her efforts to add Rev. David Reynolds Facebook live sermons and Carla Anderson’s beautiful musical arrangement to the church website. Go to unitedmethodistchurchanna.org. You can view those any time.

Sunday at 10 a.m. Pastor David Reynolds will have a sermon and songs to share with everyone and there will be communion as well so have your elements ready for the blessing. You must be a Facebook friend of the Reverend to view the sermons on Facebook.

Bazaar Women Wanda, Barb and Nancy have been working on projects at the church on Tuesday morning every week. Shirley does a great job keeping the area clean.

Sue Ann, Kathy and Elaine are working from home, and Theresa is putting together plants for two projects the ladies have done.

The ladies could use any scrap plywood and lumber if you have any lying around that you don’t need.

All proceeds go to the church and if you want to join the Bazaar Women the ladies would be glad to have you.

Rev. David says our



Rob Needling and Matt Wetting cleared honeybees from Curt’s Classic (where the old Ford garage use to be) for Matt’s apiary. Rob is vacuuming the bees into a hive. Thanks for saving the bees.

hearts go out to so many all over our state, nation and world who are hurt by this pandemic.

Let’s all remember especially our high school and college seniors in the Class of 2020 who will not be able to have their graduation as scheduled, the high school seniors whose prom plans will be affected as well.

A special thanks to Chris Foster for all the songs and Bible verses she puts on the billboard in front of the church and all her effort in helping everyone to have food.

A special thanks to Theresa Lamszus, administrative assistant, for the beautiful newsletter and for her kindness and help. If there is anything you’d like to see in the June Newsletter please let the office know by Monday, May 18, for your item to be included.

**Wedding Anniversary**  
May 17 Ed and Ella Earnhart.

## 50th Wedding Anniversary

May 5: Kathie and Ronnie Watkins. I remember when they were dating and Ronnie and I were working at the old Florsheim Shoe Factory on West Davie Street in Anna.

Ronnie would pick Kathie up at lunch time to take her for a ride on his motorcycle and bring her by the back of the factory windows where we packed shoes to wave at us or stop and talk to us.

No air conditioning back then so the big widows were open and we could talk to them when they went by. They were so much in love back then and still are.

God has blessed them with many wonderful years together. May he bless them with many more.

## Mothers Day Presents

Carol Tweedy’s son, Kerry, wife, Cindi, and granddaughter Alexis, brought



Marie Samuel’s poem is displayed on a new online Chicago Benedictine Catholic University gallery and Marie’s poem goes with the art shown done by a Chicago area artist Nicole Weaver.

her a Mother’s Day gift, a male green parakeet that her granddaughter had named Sylvester 2.

Carol had just bought a yellow parakeet she named Tweedy. So Tweedy was glad to have a mate. Carol’s dog Mickey Jo loves them too.

She also received a package from her daughter Kim and son-in-law, Don. A beautiful travel drinking glass with pictures of family in Virginia. Carol was happy and felt very blessed on this Mother’s Day.

## Mother’s Day Guest

Guest of Bessie Mae, Elijah Glen and Curt Ellis was Martha Ann Webb.

Bessie and Martha Ann exchanged Mother’s Day gifts and enjoyed watching movies.

Curt was going to pick up everyone a meal from Giant City Lodge on his way home from visiting his mother at his sister’s home in DeSoto but they told him they had stopped taking orders. They had sold 1,300 meals.

On the way home he got supper and brought it home from El Jalapeno in Anna.

Martha stopped at Anna Dairy Queen and bought her and Earl a chicken strip basket and chocolate milk shake.

This was sure a different Mother’s Day for them staying home when they usually go to Kentucky to celebrate Mother’s Day.

They plan to celebrate Martha Ann’s birthday and Elijah’s graduation Friday and Saturday.

## American Legion and VFW Monument

The veterans monument at the 4 way stop in Anna was finished this week, reported Homer Hawk. He said they were waiting on



Anna Chief of Police Bryan Watkins celebrated his birthday May 8. He was honored with a birthday dinner at Wings ETC. in Cape Girardeau by Magen Livesay and then enjoyed cake and ice cream at home. A special thanks to Bryan for protecting our city and community.



Joan Graves Edwards with her beautiful roses on North Main Street in Anna.



Elijah Glen Ellis is the son of Curt and Bessie Ellis. He is a senior at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. After graduation he plans to attend Shawnee Community College and pursue a degree in automotive technology. He was very honored to receive a scholarship from the General Federation of Women’s Clubs.



the names of all the donors to be put there and they are now listed.

Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home, Long Shadow Classic Ornaments LTD, Ready Mix Solutions, City of Anna, City of Jonesboro, Crain Funeral Home, CN Railroad, Anna-Jo Garden Club, Jim Clary, Homer Hawk, Commander American Legion Post 0344.

Many volunteer hours were spent on this memorial and it is finally finished.

Thanks to Homer and everyone who volunteered their time working on this memorial.

Homer also contacted the railroad and was able to move the Illinois Central Railroad 100 year monument 1851 to 1951 main line of mid-America closer to the veterans monument.

Please stop by and look at these nice memorials to our veterans.

Online Gallery

All art in galleries now at colleges in Illinois are closed, and any exhibits to view are on line in Illinois.

Marie Samuel’s poem is displayed on a new online Chicago Benedictine Catholic University gallery and Marie’s poem goes with the art shown done by a Chicago area artist Nicole Weaver.

Poets in the Illinois State Poets Society could submit poems to go with the art exhibit.

Marie doesn’t know for sure if the exhibit will still be at the Benedictine University Gallery when schools can reopen.

Marie is very proud to be included in this exhibit with

many fine Illinois poets including four others from Southern Illinois.

Visit

Earl Miller and Martha Ann Webb visited Joan Graves Edwards to see her beautiful red roses that are planted all around the front of her home and the pink roses in front of her yard.

The pink roses are in honor and memory of Joan’s granddaughter Jackie.

Earl and Martha Ann then walked around Anna and drove around looking at all the beautiful roses and flowers in everyone’s yards.

Red Hat meeting

Queen Mom Joan Graves Edwards said Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies plan to meet for their monthly meeting June 17 at Anna Pizza Hut if it is opened then.

Hostesses will be Lula

Belle Tripp, Ginger Bowman, Barbara Layman, Mary Haffly.

How to Participate in the 2020 Census

The telephone number to call to do your census by phone is 844-330-2020. If you didn’t get a paper copy in the mail please call or go on line my 2020 census.gov.

The City of Anna will make the following offer to all residents, if our response rate falls between: 74-85 percent the incentive will be free admission to our Anna City Pool for the summer of 2021. Between 86-95 percent residential utility customer \$10 local business gift card. 96 percent and above residential utility customer bill credit of \$25 December 2020.

An accurate count of

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

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

Military Prayer List

Alex Gratz, Lukas W. Davis, Reagan Morrison, Garrett Goins, James McWhorter, Jennifer Ann Bishop, Arin Whitemountain, Katelynn Williams, Lindsey Keene, Jacob Schaefer, Jerod Schaefer, Creighton Laster, Josh Steveson, Josh Williams, Jim Bonner, Nick Harvel, Nona Elizabeth Luke, Lucas J. Strickland, William Nathaniel Frankell,

Ethan Maze, Tanner Anderson, Hayden Young, Kiefer Stull, Davis Jorden Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, C.J. Youngerman, Freddy Morse.

Mother’s Day

Clara Cates received a phone call from her son Gaylon Wayne who lives in Chicago.

Gaylon always comes for Mother’s Day and spends the week to also celebrate Clara’s birthday on May 18.

Gaylon was not able to come this year because of the stay at home order because of the COVID-19.

This is the first time he has ever missed his mother’s birthday.

Clara received several other calls to wish her a happy Mother’s Day.

Television Listings

THURSDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	ESPN Original (R)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D BUNK'D	(5:30) “Cast Away” (’00) <i>Man is stranded.</i> (HD)	“Darkest Hour” (’11)	“Real Steel” (’11) (HD)
<b>7 PM</b> :30	Who Wants to Be a	Young	Man (HD) (’31) Plan	Council of Dads (HD)	To Be Announced <i>Info unavailable.</i>	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City BUNK'D		“The Hurt Locker” (’09) <i>Bomb squad in Iraq.</i>	Shameless (HD)
<b>8 PM</b> :30	Station 19 (HD)	(’01) Mom Broke	Mental Samurai (HD)	Blindspot (HD)		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven Raven	We’re Here (HD)		Billions (HD)
<b>9 PM</b> :30	Get Away with Murder	Tommy (HD)	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Law & Order: SVU		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Unsitatable Coop & Cam	Insecure (’31) Betty	“The Operative” (’19) <i>Woman spies on Iran.</i>	DESUS & Calif. (HD)
<b>10 PM</b> :30	Local	Local		Local (’35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan <i>Zany sketches.</i>	Chicago P.D. (HD)	BUNK'D BUNK'D	We’re Here (HD)		DESUS & VICE
<b>11 PM</b> :30	Nightline Kimmel	(’35) Late Show (HD) Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Last O.G. Conan	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Jessie Jessie	★★★ “Cold Mountain” (’02)	(’10) “Rollerball” (’02)	DESUS & “Peppermint”

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FRIDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Last O.G. “Movie”	Chicago P.D. (HD)	BUNK'D BUNK'D	“Mr. & Mrs. Smith” (’05) Brad Pitt.	(4:50) “Jurassic” (’18) <i>“Tower Heist” Wall Street thief.</i>	(5:45) “Seven” (’95) Brad Pitt. <i>Cops track killer.</i>
<b>7 PM</b> :30	Shark Tank (HD)	Hawaii Five-0 (HD)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live) (HD)	The Blacklist (HD)	★★★★½ “The Greatest Game Ever Played” (’05) <i>Rookie in U.S. Open.</i>		Chicago P.D. (HD)	★★★ “Wonder” (’17) <i>Afflicted boy.</i>			
<b>8 PM</b> :30	(’01) 20/20 Investigative news. (HD)	Magnum P.I. (HD)		The Blacklist (HD)			Chicago P.D. (HD)	Unsitatable	“Good Boys” (’19) <i>Kissing party.</i>		“Basketball County”
<b>9 PM</b> :30		Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Dateline NBC (HD)			Chicago P.D. (HD)	Coop & Cam Sydney	Real Time (HD)	(’45) “The Crow” (’94) <i>Dead man awakes.</i> (R)	Showtime Boxing (R)
<b>10 PM</b> :30	Local Kimmel	Local (’35) Late Show (HD)		Local Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)		Family Family	BUNK'D BUNK'D	Betty (HD) We’re Here (HD)		Showtime Boxing (R)
<b>11 PM</b> :30	Nightline Kimmel	(HD) Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	ELEAGUE (HD)	Family Family	Jessie Jessie		“The Crow: City of Angels” (’96)	“Basketball County”

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SATURDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	UFC Fight Night Prelims (Live)	(5:00) “Movie”	“Boo! A Madea Halloween” (’16) Tyler Perry.	(5:05) “Wonder” (’17)	“Godzilla: King” (’19)	(’07) Strike Back (HD)	(’15) “Mean Girls” (’04) <i>A-list girl clique.</i> (HD)
<b>7 PM</b> :30	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	9-1-1 “What’s Next?”	To Be Announced		(’15) Bang (’45) Bang		Big City Big City	“Joker” (’19) <i>Failed comedian.</i> (R) (HD)	★★★ “Reality Bites” (’94) (HD)	
<b>8 PM</b> :30	American Idol Search for singer. (HD)	To Be Announced	Gordon (HD)	Dateline NBC (HD)		(’15) Bang (’45) Bang	“Boo 2! A Madea Halloween” (’17, Comedy)	Big City		“Get Over It” <i>Student dumped.</i>	“Paradise Hills” <i>Isolated island.</i>
<b>9 PM</b> :30		48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live (HD)	UFC Fight Night (Live)	Frontal Last O.G.		Owl House Owl House	I Know This (HD)		(’35) “Kill Bill: Vol. 1” (’03) <i>Revenge spree.</i> (R)
<b>10 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Beat Shazam (HD)	Local		(’15) “Movie”	(’06) “The Hitman’s Bodyguard” (’17) (HD)	BUNK'D BUNK'D	(’05) We’re Here (HD)	“Somewhere” <i>Life of an actor.</i> (R)	
<b>11 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.				Jessie Jessie	(’05) “Joker” (’19) (R)	“Money”	Penny

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SUNDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> :30	Home Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	Simpsons Burgers	Little Big Shots (HD)	The Last Dance	“We’re the Millers”	Law & Order: SVU	Liv Maddie Liv Maddie	(5:50) “Joker” (’19) <i>Failed comedian.</i> (R) (HD)	“Night School” (’18)	Billions (HD)
<b>7 PM</b> :30	American Idol (HD)	“Mission: Impossible” (’96, Action) <i>Agent clears name.</i>	Simpsons Duncanvil. Burgers Fam Guy	Beverly Hills Dog Show (HD)	The Last Dance	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	“Adventures in Babysitting”		★ “Rollerball” (’02) <i>Deadly sport.</i>	VICE Black Mon. Billions (HD)
<b>8 PM</b> :30					The Last Dance	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU		I Know This (HD)	(’40) “Don’t Let Go” (’19) <i>Detective’s family.</i>	
<b>9 PM</b> :30	To Be Announced	Plan (HD)	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	The Wall (HD)	The Last Dance	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Unsitatable Sydney	Insecure Run “Tell”		Penny
<b>10 PM</b> :30	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Local Programs		Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	SportsCenter (HD)	Snowpiercer (HD)	Family Family	BUNK'D BUNK'D	Oliver I Know This (HD)		Penny
<b>11 PM</b> :30	(’35) Local	Local Programs	Local		The Last Dance	“Game Night” (’18)	Family Family	Jessie Jessie	I Know This (HD) Run “Tell”	“U-571” (’00) <i>A captured U-boat.</i>	Billions (HD)

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MONDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	Peyton’s	Fam Guy Fam Guy	Chicago P.D. (HD)	BUNK'D BUNK'D	(5:50) “Downton Abbey” (’19) <i>Royal family.</i>	“The Big Year” (’11)	“Real Steel” (’11) (HD)
<b>7 PM</b> :30	The Bachelor: Listen to “Week 6 - Finale”	Neighbor. Bob Hearts All Rise (HD)	9-1-1 “Kids Today”	The Voice “Finale Part 1” (HD)	Monday Football <i>Kansas City Chiefs at Denver Broncos</i> (R) (HD)	Fam Guy Fam Guy Fam Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	Big City BUNK'D		★★½ “Shanghai Knights” <i>Revenge for murder.</i>	Dexter <i>Killer revealed.</i>
<b>8 PM</b> :30						Dad (HD) Dad (HD)		Raven Raven	We’re Here (HD)		Penny
<b>9 PM</b> :30	The Baker (HD)	Bull “Flesh and Blood”	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	(’01) Songland (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Unsitatable Coop & Cam	I Know This (HD)	(’55) “Welcome to Marwen” (’18) <i>Man’s town.</i>	House Lies America DESUS & VICE
<b>10 PM</b> :30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter with Scott Van Pelt (HD)	Conan Seinfeld	Family Family	BUNK'D BUNK'D	Run (HD) Run “Tell”	(’55) “Red Tails” (’12)	Billions
<b>11 PM</b> :30	Kimmel Nightline Kimmel	(’35) Late Show (HD) Corden	Local Programs	(’35) Tonight (HD) Late Night		Conan Seinfeld Conan	Family Family Family	Jessie Jessie Jessie	“Gamer” (’09) (R) (HD)		

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TUESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D BUNK'D	“Stuber” (’25) Betty	“The Hurt Locker”	(5:00) “Rocky” (’76)
<b>7 PM</b> :30	The Story of Soaps Soap opera impact. (HD)	NCIS “Ephemerera”	The Masked Singer	The Voice (HD)	Women’s College Volleyball	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City BUNK'D	(’55) “Joker” (’19) <i>Failed comedian.</i> (R) (HD)	“Skyscraper” <i>Burning building.</i>	Ray Donovan
<b>8 PM</b> :30		FBI “Hard Decisions”	(’01) Gordon (HD)	The Voice <i>Hopetulus coached.</i> (HD)		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven Raven		(’45) ★★ “Halloween” (’18) <i>Masked killer.</i> (HD)	Escape “Part 5” (HD)
<b>9 PM</b> :30	Genetic A cold case.	FBI: Most Wanted	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>		Update Women’s College Volleyball	Bang (HD) Last O.G.	Law & Order: SVU	Unsitatable Coop & Cam	Real Sports (HD)		★★★ “Rocky Balboa” (’06) (HD)
<b>10 PM</b> :30	Local	Local		Local		Conan <i>Zany sketches.</i>	Family	BUNK'D	I Know This (HD)	“The Sitter” <i>Night of adventure.</i>	“Basketball County”
<b>11 PM</b> :30	Kimmel Nightline Kimmel	(’35) Late Show (HD) Corden	Local Programs	(’35) Tonight (HD) Late Night	Sports	Last O.G. Conan	Family Family	Jessie Jessie	Insecure Betty (HD)		Penny

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WEDNESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	NCIS Copycat <i>killer.</i>	BUNK'D BUNK'D	“Armageddon” (’98)	“San Luis Rey” (’05)	“The Holiday” (’06)
<b>7 PM</b> :30	TBA TBA	Game On! (HD)	The Masked Singer	Chicago Med (HD)	NBA Countdown (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	WWE NXT (HD)	Big City BUNK'D	I Know This (HD)	“The Prestige” (’06) <i>Rival magicians.</i> (HD)	The Affair (HD)
<b>8 PM</b> :30	TBA TBA	SEAL Team (HD)	(’01) Ultimate Tag (HD)	Chicago Fire (HD)	NBA Basketball (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)		Raven Raven	I Know This (HD)		Couples Work (HD)
<b>9 PM</b> :30	To Be Announced	S.W.A.T. “Diablo” (HD)	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Chicago P.D. (HD)		Bang (HD) Frontal	Law & Order: SVU	Unsitatable Coop & Cam	“Unstoppable” <i>Runaway train.</i>	“Mary Queen of Scots” (’18) <i>Claim to throne.</i>	“Superbad” (’07) Jonah Hill. <i>A crazy beer run.</i>
<b>10 PM</b> :30	Local	Local		Local		Conan <i>Zany sketches.</i>	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D BUNK'D	Run “Tell”		
<b>11 PM</b> :30	Kimmel Nightline Kimmel	(’35) Late Show (HD) Corden	Local Programs	(’35) Tonight (HD) Late Night	NBA Basketball (HD)	Frontal Conan	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie Jessie	(’15) Betty “Bruges”	(’15) “Replicas” (’19)	DESUS & “The Murder”

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THURSDAY

<b>7:31pm</b> <b>CBS Man with a Plan</b> A husband realizes just how difficult being a stay-at-home parent can be when his wife returns to work, leaving him to discipline their three unruly children. TVPG (HD)
<b>8:00pm</b> <b>FOX Mental Samurai</b> “Week Seven” Another group of hopeful contestants battle to be a “Mental Samurai.” TVPG (HD)

FRIDAY

<b>7:00pm</b> <b>ESPN The Greatest Game Ever Played</b> ★★½ (2005, Drama) Stephen Dillane, Shia LaBeouf. A working-class young man competes in the U.S. Open at a time when golf was seen as a wealthy man’s game against a six-time-winning champ and class prejudices. PG
<b>DISN Wonder</b> ★★★ (2017, Drama) Julia Roberts, Owen Wilson. A young boy, born with facial abnormalities that have kept him from attending mainstream schools throughout his life, enrolls in the local fifth grade. PG

SATURDAY

<b>8:00pm</b> <b>ABC American Idol</b> Ryan Seacrest returns alongside three superstar judges as they prepare set out across the nation to find America’s next great singer. TVPG (HD)
<b>8:40pm</b> <b>MAX Get Over It</b> ★★½ (2001, Comedy) Kirsten Dunst, Ben Foster. A high school student is dumped by the popular girl in school, so he hatches a plan to win her back by joining the school play and proving he is romantic. PG-13

SUNDAY

<b>7:00pm</b> <b>CBS Mission: Impossible</b> ★★★ (1996, Action) Tom Cruise, Jon Voight. An agent embarks on a daring scheme to clear his name when he is blamed for the death of his colleagues and suspected of being a traitor. PG-13
<b>9:00pm</b> <b>HBO Insecure</b> “Lowkey Done” Issa becomes determined to improve the lives of random people across Los Angeles; Kelli attempts to convince her friends to make some reconciliation. TVMA (HD)

MONDAY

<b>7:00pm</b> <b>ABC The Bachelor: Listen to Your Heart</b> “Week 6 - Finale” Twenty single musicians set out on music-themed dates in hopes to ultimately find their musical soulmate and a long-term partnership. TVPG (HD)
<b>8:00pm</b> <b>FOX 9-1-1: Lone Star</b> “Texas Proud” The first responders face emergencies at a steak-eating contest and a grain silo; Judd points attention to Owens’ preferential treatment towards TK. TV14 (HD)

TUESDAY

<b>7:00pm</b> <b>NBC The Voice</b> After being judged solely on their voice, hopeful musicians are divided into teams and coached by professionals, before moving on to the live competition. TVPG (HD)
<b>FOX The Masked Singer</b> “The Masked Singer: Road to the Finals” The most noteworthy performances from the 18 season three competitors and fan-favorite moments are explored. TVPG (HD)

WEDNESDAY

<b>7:50pm</b> <b>DISN BUNK’D</b> “Let’s Bounce!” Now that the Ross children have made the successful transition to the camp’s new official owners, they must choose someone to be in charge. TV G (HD)
<b>8:00pm</b> <b>SHOW Couples Therapy</b> Elaine uncovers why she feels that DeSean doesn’t care about her; Lauren and Sarah make a decision about their future; Mau loses his temper as Annie opens up. TVMA (HD)



# Obituaries

## Sue (Vick) LaBruyere

Sue (Vick) LaBruyere, 84, of Cape Girardeau, died Thursday, April 9, 2020, at the home of her daughter in O’Fallon, Mo.

Born Margaret Sue Vick on March 20, 1936, in Cape Girardeau, she was the daughter of Russell Caldwell Vick and Margaret Lucille (Sams) Vick.

She earned her master’s degree in education and counseling from Southeast Missouri State University.

She taught for 31 years at Chaffee High School and then at Shawnee High School, retiring in 1999. She was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa (Teachers Sorority) and the Retired Teachers Association.

As a member of Joseph Vick Family of America, she was passionate about genealogy and family history.

She was a member and past secretary of the DAR Nancy Hunter chapter, the Cape County Genealogy Society, the Abbey Road Church Genealogy Class, the State of Missouri Historical Society, the Committee for DAR School and the River Heritage Museum.

She was the representative for the Vick Cemetery to the Illinois Cemetery & Funeral Home Association.

She was a member of Lynwood Baptist Church, and also worshipped at Kornthal Historic Church. She was a member of Bridge Club, SOS, the Hand & Foot card club and Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

Survivors include her daughter, Terri Winham of O’Fallon, Mo.; son Gary Sullivan LaBruyere (Stephanie Fassett) of Idaho Falls, Idaho; grandson Kyle Vick Loy; granddaughter Paddie LaBruyere; seven step-great-grandchildren; brother Bruce (Sherry) Vick of McClure; niece Renee (Steve) Brown; nephews Tim Vick and Todd (Crystal) Vick; great-niece Reagan Brown; great-nephew Hayden Vick; great-nieces Emma and Ava Vick; cousins and other relatives and many friends.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her son-in-law, William L. Winham Jr.; and great-nephew Dylan Vick.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 22, at Crain Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral services for Sue (Vick) LaBruyere will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 23, at the funeral home, with Bill Littrell and the Rev. Mark Anderson officiating. Eulogy will be by Greg Shambo. A DAR remembrance by the Nancy Hunter Chapter will take place during the service.

Interment will be at St. John’s Cemetery near Dongola.

A Beta Sigma Phi service will precede the service at 10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be made to Kornthal Historic Church or to St. John’s Cemetery. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

To leave online condolences, visit [www.crainsonline.com](http://www.crainsonline.com).

**Crain Funeral Home** Crain Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau is in charge of arrangements.

## Barbara ‘Barb’ Steele

Barbara “Barb” Steele, 74, of Jonesboro, died at 12:26 a.m. Thursday, May 7, 2020, at her home.

She was born on March 14, 1946, in Levittown, Pa., the daughter of Francis and Mae A. Colello McCusker. She married Lorren Steele.

She was a retired registered nurse. She worked in home health and hospice in Hemet, Calif.

She loved to cook and always wanted to take care of people. She was active in the Community of Christ Church in Marion.

She is survived by her husband, Lorren Steele; daughter Lynsey Steele; sister Marie Roadman; and brothers Steven McCusker and Thomas McCusker.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Cremation will be accorded and no services are planned at this time.

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

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

## Violet G. Brimm

Violet G. Brimm, 102, of Phoenix, Ariz., and formerly of Anna, died Wednesday, April 29, 2020, at Desert Garden Assisted Living in Phoenix.

She was born on May 26, 1917, in Alto Pass, the daughter of John Alexander and Laura Foster Fear.

She married George Edward Brimm on March 27, 1937. He preceded her in death on April 16, 2002.

Mrs. Brimm is survived by her daughter, Marilyn Thomas of Mesa, Ariz.; one son, Jack (Lauren) Brimm of Princeton, Ill.; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; one son-in-law, Horace “Tom” Thomas; six brothers; three sisters; one grandson; two granddaughters; and one great-grandson.

She had been a member of Landmark Pentecostal Church in Anna.

Private graveside services for Violet Brimm will be held at Casper Cemetery near Anna.

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

To leave online condolences for the family, please visit [www.rendlemanhileamnfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhileamnfh.com).

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## Clifford Dean Cain

Clifford Dean Cain, 90, of Jonesboro, died at 10:30 p.m. Thursday, May 7, 2020, at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna.

He was born on July 4, 1929, in Chicago, the son of Pink and Gertrude Hummel Cain.

He married Clara Peddy-coart on Dec. 12, 1946.

Mr. Cain was an avid farmer all his life. He loved his family and was very active in doing the Lord’s work. He was always ministering to those he came in contact with about the love of Jesus Christ.

He was involved in ministry work through various prisons in Southern Illinois, Mardi Gras, Teen Challenge and other organizations throughout his life.

He was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Wolf Lake, where he served as a deacon.

He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He set a Godly example to all those he encountered.

He was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Steven Cain; brothers Collin “Cork,” Don, Ronnie and Duane Cain; and a sister, Maxine Cox.

He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Clara Cain of Jonesboro; two daughters, Brenda (David) Schlenker of Anna and Donna Morse of Longwood, Fla.; a son, Phillip Cain of Jonesboro; one sister, Shirley Schweighart of Tuscola; six grandchildren, Jennifer Bratton, Rebecca (Marc) Korb, Sheldon (Jenna) Casper, Sonja Cain, Rachel (Darren) Frazier and Justin Cain; 13 great-grandchildren, Emma and Ben Bratton, Christopher Mowery, Hannah (Conner) Hughart, Malayna Korb, Journey, Elijah and Zeke Casper, Rhiannon Korando, Cameron Clifton, Anthony, Rylan and Ava Frazier; and two great-great-grandchildren, Miles Jarett and Charli Hughart.

Graveside services will be held privately for the immediate family.

Memorials can be made to Teen Challenge and sent to Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna.

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

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## David W. McKee Sr.

David W. McKee Sr., 62, of Dongola, died at 10:59 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2020, at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

He was born on Feb. 5, 1958, in Wood River, the son of Harley and Mary Jean Meyer McKee.

Mr. McKee was a heavy equipment operator and mechanic while owning and operating McKee Brothers Trucking.

He had a passion for the outdoors, particularly fishing and hunting. He dearly loved his grandchildren.

He is survived by his children, Tonya Ladon McKee, David W. (Brandie) McKee Jr., Paul David McKee, Jamie (Aaron) Basler and Kyle Wrathell; his mother, Mary Jean Long; sisters Debra Jean (Vance) Hazelwood, Karen Tatum and Cynthia (Denny) Mathis; a brother, Kevin L. McKee; grandchildren Kiyren McKee, Keilen James, Kaivre James, Keigen James, Kearyah McKee, Khyson McKee, Ava McKee, Paisley McKee, Kalayah McKee, Garrett Basler and Nicole Basler; nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harley McKee; a niece, Brandy Darlene McKee; stepmother Virginia McKee; stepfather Bill Long; brother-in-law LeRoy Tatum Sr.; and Lana Ladon McKee.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 15, at Crain Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. at the funeral home in Cape Girardeau, with Pastor Aaron Boyd officiating.

Interment will follow in St. John’s Cemetery near Dongola.

Crain Funeral Home Tamms is in charge of arrangements.

**Crain Funeral Home**



## Beatrice E. Miller

Beatrice E. Miller, 87, of Anna, died at 8:20 p.m. Tuesday, May 5, 2020, at Integrity Healthcare of Anna.

She was born on March 31, 1933, in Reynoldsville, the daughter of Daniel and Pearl Miller Schlenker.

Mrs. Miller had worked her earlier years at Florsheim Shoe Company. After their closing, she worked for City Care, Mulberry Manor and Spanish Oaks. She enjoyed horse riding and had a love for all animals. She attended Anna Heights Baptist Church in Anna.

She is survived by her sons, Joey (Nina) Sadler of Anna and Rory Sadler of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; grandchildren Jeffery Sadler, Jennifer (Zin) Biehl, Jonathan (Nicole) Sadler and Nathan Sadler; great-grandchildren Queshawn Flye, Jaylen Flye-Sadler, Quentalia Flye-Sadler, JaNavia Flye-Sadler, Sooki Lynn Sadler and Tara Jade Sadler; a sister, Mildred McDonald of Collinsville; and a sister-in-law, Mary Lou Schlenker of Anna.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Shirley Keller; and two brothers, Levi Schlenker and Wardell Schlenker.

Private graveside services were held Friday, May 8, at the Anna City Cemetery, with Pastor Carl Dillow officiating. Interment was in the Anna City Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to SES (Specialized Equine Services & Therapeutic Riding) and can be made online at [sestherapeuticriding.com](http://sestherapeuticriding.com) or mailed to the funeral home at 135 W. Vienna St., Anna, Ill. 62906.

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

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

**Crain Funeral Home**

## Nancy Jane Norris

Nancy Jane Norris, 73, of Dongola, died Monday, May 11, 2020, at her home.

She was born on March 11, 1947, in Aurora, the daughter of Clyde and Pauline Kerns Baldrige.

She married Marvin Ray Ervin on Oct. 10, 1981. He preceded her in death on April 30, 2009. She married Donnie Norris on Dec. 23, 2018.

She is survived by her husband Donnie of Dongola; two daughters, Carissa Norris of Metropolis and Taunya (David) Medley of Dongola; one son, Troy Norris of Buncombe; one brother, Jim Hart; one sister, Susie Baldrige; her nieces and nephews, Pattysue, Jackilynn, Tommie, David and Jimmie Martin; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin Ervin; her parents; and her siblings, Paul Baldrige, Tommie Baldrige, Pat O’Malley and Patty Martin.

She was a member of Bethany Baptist Church in Cypress. She had worked as an underwriter for a life insurance company. She enjoyed spending time with her family, making crafts, fishing, working in her yard and being outdoors.

Private graveside services for Nancy Jane Norris will be held at Liberty Cemetery in Pulaski, with the Rev. Jay Franklin officiating.

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

To leave online condolences for the family, visit [www.rendlemanhileamnfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhileamnfh.com).

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### "The Preaching Pen"

#### Keep Thy Heart

The Bible teaches that the heart is that part of us upon which the state of our souls depends. "Out of it are the issues of life." (Prov. 4:23). The heart is the man. It's the seat of all spiritual life, and health, and strength, and growth. It's the hinge pin in the condition of man's soul. If the heart is alive and obedient to God in all things, a person is a living Christian. If the heart is dead, the man is spiritually dead before God. The heart is the man! The Bible teaches that it's not just what a person says and professes, and where they go on Sunday, and how much money they put in the collection plate. The heart of man – his attitude – is also of great importance. Prov. 23:7: "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he."

For another thing, the Bible teaches that the heart is that part of us at which God looks closely. I Sam. 16:7: "Man looketh at the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." Prov. 21:2: "Every way of a man is right in his own eyes; but the Lord pondereth the hearts." Man is often content with the outward part of religion, with outward morality, outward correctness, outward use of courtesy, outward attendance at the Lord's house. But the eyes of the Lord God look much further. He regards our motives. He "weigheth the spirits" (Prov. 16:2). I Sam. 2:3 says of God, "By His actions are weighed." He says Himself in Jer. 17:10, "I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins."

The Bible teaches that the heart is the first and foremost thing which God asks man to give Him. In Prov. 23:26, He says, "My son, give me thine heart." We may give God a bowed head and a serious face, our bodily presence in His house, and a loud "Amen," but until we give God our heart, we give Him nothing at all. Give God your heart today by hearing the message of salvation (Luke 8:12; Rom. 10:17), believing the gospel (Rom. 10:9,10), repenting of sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 2:38), confessing belief that Jesus is the Son of God (Matt. 10:32,33). Finally, for sins to be washed away and for the soul to be saved, one must be immersed (Acts 22:16; I Peter 3:21).

We invite you to study with us any time at the Anna church of Christ at 104 Nile St. Contact us at 833-5815 or through our website: [www.annachurchofchristil.com](http://www.annachurchofchristil.com). Have a great day!

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## Rose Mary Hunt Orr

Rose Mary Hunt Orr, 98, of Vienna, died Tuesday, May 5, 2020, at 1 a.m. at Parkway Manor in Marion.

She was born on Jan. 10, 1922, in Indianapolis, Ind., the daughter of Chester R. and Eva Lena Veach Hunt.

She was first united in marriage to James Edwin Crain. He preceded her in death on Oct. 11, 1949. She later was united in marriage to Harold Eugene Orr on Jan. 15, 1955, at the Vienna First United Methodist Church. He preceded her in death on March 29, 2018.

Survivors include her children, Michael Crain and Larry Crain, both of Vienna, and Patricia (Steve) Crain Stroud of Raleigh, N.C.; stepsons John E. (Carole) Orr of Star, Idaho, and Robert L. (Mary) Orr of Coeur d’ Alene, Idaho; eight grandchildren, John G. Orr, Robin Roseberry Anders, Granger Roseberry, Michaeline A. Schuetz, Katrina Orr, Chadd Harbaugh, Travis Crain and Blake Crain; and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Chester R. Hunt and Eva Lena Veach Hunt-White; her brother, Bill Hunt; and a sister, Janet Hunt, who died in childhood.

She was a 1939 graduate of Vienna High School. She attended Brenau College for Women in Gainesville, Ga. (now Brenau University) and Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

For over 30 years, she was the manager, and later the owner, of the regionally renowned Bob White Café at West Vienna.

After retiring from the restaurant business, she began a new career as a professional courthouse genealogical researcher, specializing in five Southern Illinois counties. She also served as a volunteer researcher for prospective DAR members.

She was admitted to membership in the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution in 1983 as a member of the Daniel Chapman Chapter.

Having ingrained in her family a love for history, her leadership brought four generations of her family to membership in the Daniel Chapman Chapter.

One of the DAR projects of which she was most proud culminated in her placing the 1995 commemorative bronze plaque for the “Liberty Bell of the West” on Kaskaskia Island.

Cast in La Rochelle, France, and older than the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, the Liberty Bell of the West was originally gifted by King Louis XV of France to the Catholic Church of the Illinois Country of 1741.

The bell was rung in celebration when George Rogers Clark and his Kentucky Long Knives captured Kaskaskia from the British on July 4, 1778, during the American Revolution, and the bell remains on the island to this day.

She served in many capacities during her Illinois Daughters tenure, including state chaplain, state librarian, Division VII director, DAR School chairman and director of the 1990 Illinois centennial school bus tour.

She was also lineage research chairman, a member of the Friends of the Library, DAR Days marshal and Illinois state genealogical library chairman.

She served as president and treasurer of the Illinois State Officers Club, as chaplain and board director of the State Chairman’s Club and was a charter member of the Illinois Cameo Club.

She further served as DAR state regent from 1995 to 1997 and was elected as honorary state regent of Illinois in 1997.

In Washington, D.C., in 1999, she was presented as candidate for vice president general at the 108th Continental Congress with her daughter, Patricia Crain Stroud, in attendance and her granddaughter, Robin Roseberry Anders, serving as personal page.

During her time serving the national society, she visited every state DAR chapter in the country, often piloted by husband, Harold Orr, and they enjoyed their travels immensely.

She was a member of the Illinois State Genealogical Society, the Illinois State Historical Society, the John Gaither Descendants, Kelsey Kindred, Veitch, Veatch, Veech, Veach Historical Society (Regional coordinator), Genealogical Society of Southern Illinois (genealogist and first vice president), Johnson County Genealogical & Historical Society (organizing board member and first vice president) and co-publisher of the Johnson County Federal Census records 1850-1860-1870.

Additionally, she was a member of patriotic organizations, including: Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America, Daughters of the American Colonists, State Insignia Chairman, National Society of the United States Daughters of 1812, Founders of Hartford Connecticut, Colonial Daughters of the Seventeenth Century (state corresponding secretary), the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America (James the Sheriff lineage) and a recipient of the SAR Medal of Appreciation.

Locally, she was a member of the First United Methodist Church and served as historian for the church’s 140th celebration. She copied and co-published the early church records. Additionally, she had served as the church membership chairman.

In her community, she served on the Johnson County Welfare Services Board, the Vienna City Zoning Board, the Vienna Carnegie Library, as secretary of the board of trustees and representative to the Shawnee Regional Library Board. Through her efforts, the Vienna Library is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

She was a 73-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She joined in January 1947 in Springfield and affiliated with Egyptian Chapter No. 30 OES at Vienna in 1957. She was also the organizing scribe and a Past Worthy High Priestess of the former Valley White Shrine of Jerusalem in Vienna.

A memorial service honoring the life of Rose Mary Hunt Orr will be held at a later date. Inurnment will be beside her husband, Harold Orr, on the Hunt family lot at the Vienna Fraternal Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the NSDAR Illinois State Regent’s Project “Serving All Illinois Veterans” and may be sent c/o Christy McDougal, NSDAR Illinois State Treasurer, 8633 State Route 143, Edwardsville, Ill. 62025-6805.

To share memory of Rose Mary or to leave an online message of condolence for her family, visit [www.baileyfh.com](http://www.baileyfh.com).

Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna is in charge of arrangements.



## Union County Board Meeting 05.08.2020

### Board meeting

The Union County Board of Commissioners meeting last Friday morning could be viewed on YouTube.

## County board meets Friday

The Union County Board of Commissioners met Friday morning, May 8. The meeting was held online, using the Zoom platform. All of the commissioners were able to be a part of the meeting, which could be viewed online on YouTube.

The meeting had a relatively light agenda. Plans for a bridge project on Nash Road over Big Creek, southeast of Anna, were discussed.

County officials continued discussion about an agreement with local municipalities regarding routine dispatch services.

It was reported that an agreement has been reached between the county and City of Anna over transfer of land which is expected to be the home of a new animal control facility. The county’s animal control program shelter is located on city property near Anna.

## Three persons injured in accident on interstate

Three persons, all from Mississippi, were reported to have sustained life-threatening injuries as the result of a single-vehicle traffic accident which happened Monday afternoon, May 11, on Interstate 57 in Union County.

Illinois State Police District 22 at Ullin reported that the accident happened at 12:52 p.m. Monday at milepost 35 in the southbound lane of Interstate 57.

State police reported that the accident involved a Chevrolet Blazer sport utility vehicle, SUV. State police reported that a preliminary investigation indicated that the SUV was traveling southbound on Interstate 57 near milepost 35 in Union County.

For unknown reasons, the driver of the vehicle left the roadway to the left and over-corrected.

The vehicle began rolling end over end numerous times onto the southbound lanes of traffic.

The SUV then ran off the right side of the road, where it came to rest and caught fire.

All three occupants were able to make it out of the vehicle.

The driver and one passenger were airlifted to

an area hospital with life threatening injuries.

The other passenger was transported by ambulance to an area hospital with life threatening injuries.

The driver was identified as Robert Criss, 58, of Louise, Miss.

The passengers were identified as Hildarea Criss, 38, of Louise, Miss., and Frederick Baker, 54, of Louise, Miss.

The southbound lanes of Interstate 57 at milepost 35 were closed for approximately one hour during the crash investigation. State police said the crash is still under investigation.

## VFW, Auxiliary to serve fish fry, chicken and dumplings; smoked pork butts also to be available

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna and its Auxiliary continue to serve meals.

The VFW post is located at 70 VFW Ln., just off old U.S. Route 51 between Anna and Cobden.

The VFW Auxiliary also plans to have smoked porked butts available for purchase.

### Fish Fry

The VFW post plans to serve a fish fry on Friday, May 15, starting at 5 p.m.

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

Due to the restrictions placed by the state, and to keep everyone safe, the meals will be available as “to go” orders only.

You can call 833-7737 before 10 a.m. Friday, May 15, to make a reservation for your meals.

You will be met under the awning at the VFW post and the meals will be delivered to your car. The VFW asks that you have exact change ready for your meals.

### Chicken and Dumplings Dinner

The Auxiliary plans to serve a “to go” chicken and dumpling dinner on Mon-

day, May 18, beginning at 5 p.m.

The menu will include chicken and dumplings, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll and dessert for a \$10 donation.

The chicken and dumplings dinner will work just like the fish fry on Friday evening.

Call 833-5182 before 8 p.m. on Sunday, May 17, to reserve a pick up time.

The Auxiliary will prepare your meal and meet

you under the awning in front of the building. You don’t even have to get out of your car.

### Smoked Pork Butts

The VFW Auxiliary will be smoking pork butts on Saturday, May 23, just in time for Memorial Day weekend.

If you would like to reserve one or more of the pork butts, contact Auxiliary president Phillip Wright at 967-1374. They are \$35 each.

## Southern Seven Head Start enrolling students for 2020-2021

Southern Seven Head Start is enrolling students for the 2020-2021 school year.

Although normal registration events have been cancelled due to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, that isn’t stopping Southern Seven Head Start from planning for the 2020-2021 school year.

Families can contact their local Head Start/Early Learning Center site to begin the enrollment process by phone interview.

Traditional Head Start is for children 3 to 5 years of age. The educational program is designed to prepare

children for their transition into kindergarten.

The Early Head Start program is specially designed to meet the unique developmental needs of children up to age 3.

A Home Based option also is available which provides an educational experience to children and families during weekly visits.

Families can call the Southern Seven Head Start location nearest to them for more details. Information available on the Southern Seven Health Department Facebook page and at [southern7.org](http://southern7.org).

## Senior staffer tests positive for COVID-19

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SPRINGFIELD — All senior staff in Gov. JB Pritzker’s office are working from home after a senior staff member tested positive for COVID-19, the governor’s office announced Monday.

The unidentified staffer tested positive last week and has so far not shown any symptoms of the disease, but the person is reported to have been in close contact with the governor and other staff members.

Pritzker said during his daily COVID-19 briefing Monday in Chicago that he did not have direct contact with the individual, but that the person had taken part in large meetings with him and other staff.

Pritzker also said that he has tested negative for the disease and was last tested Sunday morning.

Most of the estimated 125 employees in the governor’s

office have been working from home for weeks, but about 20 staff members have been reporting to work in person at the James R. Thompson Center in Chicago, where Pritzker had been holding daily media briefings about the crisis.

The governor halted weekend briefings Thursday, May 7, and Monday’s event was held via video conference.

Pritzker plans to continue his daily briefings, which are streamed live on Facebook, Twitter and other platforms.

In a news release, the governor’s office said staff members have followed safety protocols from the Illinois Department of Public Health, including daily temperature checks, wearing face coverings and practicing social distancing and strict hygiene procedures.

The news of an infection within the governor’s office came just days after reports that two people in the White House—a spokeswoman for Vice President Mike Pence

and a valet for President Donald Trump – had also tested positive.

Those developments have prompted questions about how any workplace can be made safe in the current environment, even as some businesses, churches and legislative Republicans have been pushing Pritzker to reopen the state sooner.

Last week, Pritzker outlined a five-phase plan for gradually reopening the state on a region-by-region basis, only if they meet certain benchmarks for infection rates and hospitalization usage over a 28-day period. He said Monday that he is not yet ready to relax those standards.

“People who open their businesses at this time, knowing that mitigations are just now beginning to help us bend the curve down – we’ve flattened it, but the goal here is to bend the curve down, ultimately – that by opening early, they’re putting people at risk,” he said.



# Opinion and Commentary

## COVID-19 rapidly exposing our food system’s susceptibilities

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In the midst of a global health crisis, the agri-food sector is pressing forward determined to do what it does best: feed the world. After all, empty grocery store shelves don’t simply restock themselves.

COVID-19, however, is rapidly exposing our food system’s susceptibilities and disconnects. Could this pandemic catalyze a rethinking and transformation of the current centralized model? With an outsized stake in the outcome, Illinois would be wise to consider.

Under normal circumstances, the modern-day food system operates with efficiency via a “just enough, just in time” lean inventory model supported by a global trade system. By design, it provides a diverse array of abundant, low-cost food and agriculture-derived products sourced around the world catered to consumer demands.

Illinois plays an influential role in this globally integrated system. Our fertile farmland and geographic location have transformed the state into a critical production, logistics, and transshipment point of food, feed, fuel, and fiber. We rank in the top 5 nationally in the production of soy, corn, and hogs and are a leader in agricultural and processed food exports. Chicago and its environs are home to leading businesses driving global commodity trading, food processing and manufacturing, food distribution and retail, and supporting services.

Accolades aside, COVID-19 has quickly illustrated our reliance on a centralized supply chain. When one segment breaks, disastrous feedbacks occur.

Illinois’ top commodities are seeing a rapid tailspin in market prices. Our dairy producers are being forced to dump thousands of gallons of milk a day. For beef and pork, where meat processing is heavily consolidated, the shuttering of facilities amid virus outbreaks present farmers throughout the state with limited options. Meanwhile, as unemployment and hunger rises, food banks cite scarcities and inadequate capacity.

Apart from the pandemic, other systemic challenges have long infected Illinois’ agri-food sector. The state imports 96 percent of its fresh fruit and vegetables. Sector-facing businesses continually face an uphill battle in securing a robust workforce. Degraded and underinvested infrastructure is crippling capacity to store and transport products. Rural communities lack broadband in an era dependent on digital connectivity.

When COVID-19 subsides, the challenges and inequities it both caused and revealed will not simply disappear.

The pressure to return to “business-as-usual” must be abandoned in pursuit of a different kind of approach that emphasizes resilience, sustainability, and equitability across the value-chain.

In the era of COVID-19, Illinois must avoid “business-as-usual,” form unconventional partnerships, and accelerate efforts to develop a more resilient, sustainable, equitable food system.

The world is quickly evolving to a new norm, and the complexity of problems it faces will continue to emerge with ever-increasing intensity. Sustaining the future of Illinois’ vibrant agri-food economy is contingent upon adapting our food system to meet modern needs.

To achieve this, transformative collaboration will be required. Individuals and businesses will need to form unconventional partnerships to iteratively generate new ideas, innovations, and processes that address the most pressing challenges of our time.

We have already seen some notable examples. The Chicago Park District teamed up with the Illinois Soybean Association and Indigenous Energy to produce hand sanitizer.

The Integrated Bioprocessing Research Laboratory at the University of Illinois is doing the same for Chicago-area hospitals.

The Illinois Farm Bureau and its county affiliates are securing donations to support food pantries across the state.

A coalition of Chicago-based corporations supported by The Chicago Community Trust is working to identify food distribution challenges and meet them with local solutions.

Regional food system champions, including the Chicago Food Policy Action Council, Fresh Taste, and the Illinois Stewardship Alliance, are working together to mitigate local market disruptions.

These types of novel collaborations need to be sustained and enhanced going forward. In the near-term, efforts must continue to concentrate on ensuring health safety, food supply, and continuity across the supply chain.

In the long-term, we need cross-sector engagement to reimagine our food system with focus on reducing supply chain complexities, inefficiencies, and inequalities inherent in its current design.

No one individual or entity is equipped with the resources to navigate these turbulent times. Given the scale of its agri-food sector, Illinois must find the fortitude to overcome engrained barriers and self-interests to accelerate its future.

Healing the fissures COVID-19 is amplifying will require radical collaboration. Only in meaningful partnership will Illinois foster the capacity to create the resilient food system needed in today’s disruptive landscape.

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## Please read this...

By Geof Skinner



The “super” “Full Flower Moon,” as it appeared in the night sky over Union County on Wednesday, May 6. The space.com website shared that “NASA says this will be the last supermoon of 2020 after a string of larger-than-usual moons early in the year, in February, March and April.” Guess that means the rest of the full moons for 2020 will just be dull and boring.

## It's the end of the world as we know it...

WARNING: This week’s column is unusually long, which might suggest that it is unusually good...or maybe just more unusual than usual...so...off we go...

...two bees...or not two bees...

...that is not a question...just an observation. We saw two bees buzzing around on clover in our front yard last weekend. Which was good. Better than seeing a couple of murder hornets, which we’ll get back to shortly...

...when I started to write this, just to make sure, I glanced at the calendar on the handy, dandy Apple product which is used to create these not-so-award-winning efforts confirmed that yes, we are in the merry month of May.

Ah, May. A month which brings us flowers. And warm spring breezes. Lazy evenings on the porch swing. Pandemics. Murder hornets. Frost and freeze warnings which accompanied the Polar Vortex...in May. May?????

...one night last week...Wednesday, to be more specific...I stepped outside to catch a glimpse of a very bright, and very full, moon. From what I understand, it was called the “Full Flower Moon.” And it was super, as opposed to being just a regular old full moon.

To be honest with you, given the way things have been going, I expected to see the Full Flower Moon falling out of the sky, accompanied by the Angel Gabriel playing REM’s “It’s the End of the World as We Know It” on his trumpet. Louis Armstrong style.

Think about it, folks. We’ve got this pandemic thing happening. A once in a lifetime experience which has pretty much disrupted life as we know.

(...brief pause here...I was working at home at the time this paragraph was being written...Bob, our cat, came to help...again...now he’s bored, though...he left...)

Let’s see. Where were we? The end of the world. An earthquake in Southern Illinois. The Polar Vortex...snow in the northeast...possible record cold frost in our little corner of the world...IN MAY, FOR GOODNESS SAKE.

What else could possibly happen?

Oops. Probably shouldn’t have asked that question.

Murder hornets. That’s what.

That’s right, apparently there are murder hornets running around loose on the planet. They could be right here in our neighborhood any minute. Or not. Murder hornets sound kind of creepy, but I guess we’re pretty much used to that sort of thing.

The only thing I can figure is that the apocalypse is nigh. Since the end of the world apparently is upon us, it got me to wondering what Mark Twain might have thought about such things.

In addition to writing about life on the Mississippi, Mr. Twain also predicted the weather for the apocalypse. An article which appeared on the Lapham’s Quarterly website recalled Mr. Twain’s outlook for one possible end of the world.

(To be honest with you, I had never heard of Lapham’s Quarterly until last week. On its website, Lapham’s Quarterly shares that it “embodies the belief that history is the root of all education, scientific and literary as well as political and economic.” I’ll let you make you own decision about that.

Seems that in 1865, Mr. Twain wrote: “At the instance of several friends who feel a boding anxiety to know beforehand what sort of phenomena we may expect the elements to exhibit during the next month or two, and who have lost all confidence in the various patent-medicine almanacs, because of the unaccountable reticence of those works concerning the extraordinary earthquake of October 8, I have compiled the following almanac expressly for the latitude of San Francisco...”

Here, for your reading pleasure, are a few excerpts from his “forecast”:

October 18: Slight earthquake. Countenances grow more melancholy.

October 19: Look out for rain. It would be absurd to look in for it. The general depression of spirits increased.

October 22: Light winds, perhaps. If they blow, it will be from the “east’ard, or the nor’ard, or the west’ard, or the south’ard,” or from some general direction approximating more or less to these points of the compass or otherwise. Winds are uncertain.

October 23: Mild, balmy earthquakes.

October 24: Shaky.

October 25: Occasional shakes, followed by light showers of bricks and plastering.

October 26: Considerable phenomenal atmospheric foolishness. About this time expect more earthquakes, but do not look for them, on account of the bricks.

October 27: Universal despondency, indicative of approaching disaster. Abstain from smiling or indulgence in humorous conversation or exasperating jokes.

October 28: Misery, dismal forebodings, and despair. Beware of all light discourse – a joke uttered at this time would produce a popular outbreak.

November 1: Terrific earthquake. This is the great earthquake month. More stars fall and more worlds are shied around carelessly and destroyed in November than in any other month of the twelve.

November 3: Make your will.

November 5: Select your “last words.” Those of John Quincy Adams will do, with the addition of a syllable, thus: “This is the last of earthquakes.”

November 8: The sun will rise as usual, perhaps; but if he does, he will doubtless be staggered somewhat to find nothing but a large round hole eight thousand miles in diameter in the place where he saw this world serenely spinning the day before.

And now, for our weekly ration of top-notch, always funny, best ever puns (once again, from bestlifeonline.com):

Thursday: Apple is designing a new automatic car. But they’re having trouble installing Windows!

Friday: That baseball player was such a bad sport. He stole third base and then just went home!

Saturday: I’ve started sleeping in our fireplace. Now I sleep like a log!

Sunday: Did you hear about the kidnapping at school? It’s okay. He woke up!

Monday: Why do eggs hate jokes? The answer cracks them up!

Tuesday: I used to wonder why Frisbees looked bigger the closer they came... And then it hit me!

Wednesday: Cactus puns are simply succulent.

The End.

Stay safe.

## A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, May 14, 1970

Voters in the county will be given another opportunity to vote on whether or not to form a unit school district for certain portions of Union County. The proposal will be placed before voters Saturday, May 16, with polls opening at 12 noon and closing at 7:00 p.m.

The annual Veterans of Foreign Wars Poppy Day will be Saturday, May 16. Auxiliary members of the Carroll P. Foster Post 3455 will be out with their cannisters and all residents are urged to give generously.

The drive to secure Union County Hospital Auxiliary memberships will be conducted the week of May 18.

A mass meeting of Concerned Citizens will be held in the Union Hall gymnasium of the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Monday evening, May 18, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. “The purpose of the meeting is the organization of a group of Americans interested in insuring that the American way of life remains in the hands of the people,” said Wayman Presley, organizer of the movement.

Strawberries will soon be available in the Union County area, according to some growers.

The Oasis Shrine Club of Anna is sponsoring a wrestling match to be held at the Anna Fairgrounds Friday, May 22, beginning at 8:15 p.m. The main event is a four man tag team match featuring Buddy Wayne Peal and Buddy Hack versus the Spoilers.

From the Wolf Lake News: The Shawnee High School Prom was held Saturday night in the Sunny Hill dining room in Cape Girardeau.

From the Mountain Glen news: Farmers in this community were very busy last week planting corn and setting tomatoes and peppers. But this week seems like the rainy weather has taken over again.