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News Notes

Anna-Jonesboro street project...

Plan to be patient...signs are alerting motorists to the May 28 start of night work for a street project from the four-way stop in downtown Anna to the Jonesboro Square.

The Illinois Department of Transportation reports that work on the project is scheduled to be done from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. The project is expected to take about two months to complete.

Work on sidewalk ramps also is planned as part of the project.

Happy Memorial Day. Be sure to remember the reason for the special day. Memorial Day is Monday, May 27.

Again...if you are planning to celebrate on Memorial Day...please do not drink and drive.

The Illinois State Police appeared to have had a strong presence in Anna last Thursday.

The state police are planning to conduct roadside safety checks during June in Union County.

The possible sale of beer and wine during the Union County Fair was on the agenda for Tuesday evening's regular meeting of the Anna City Council.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Village of Cobden are planning to offer a household hazardous waste collection event. The event is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 1, at the Cobden Community Park.

Coach Ron's Basketball 101 Camp & Sports Speed Development Camp is scheduled June 17-20 at Jonesboro School.

Junefest is scheduled on Saturday, June 1, in Jonesboro.

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Memorial Day commemorations planned

Memorial Day will be commemorated with special activities which are planned throughout the Union County area.

The holiday will be observed on Monday, May 27.

In observance of the holiday, financial institutions and many local businesses will be closed.

The schedule of Memorial Day activities in the Union County area includes the following events:

Cobden

At Memorial Day service is planned at 9 a.m. Monday, May 27, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church Cemetery.

A Memorial Day service is planned at 9:30 a.m. Monday, May 27, at the Cobden Cemetery.

Anna VFW Post

A Memorial Day service is planned at 11 a.m. Monday, May 27, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 near Anna.

Alto Pass Veterans Memorial Day Ceremonies

The Alto Pass Area Veterans Memorial Organization plans to have a Memorial Day ceremony at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 25. The ceremony will be at the veterans memorial in downtown Alto Pass.

The ceremony will include a brief presentation and a three-volley salute.

The veterans also plan to conduct a Memorial Day

ceremony with a three-volley salute on Monday, May 27, at the Alto Pass Cemetery at 9 a.m. and at the Dutch Ridge Cemetery north of Alto Pass at 10 a.m.

Flag Retirement Ceremony: On June 8 at 5 p.m., the veterans plan to conduct a flag retirement ceremony at Dutch Ridge Church, which is located along Illinois Route 127 north of Alto Pass.

For information, or if you have a flag to retire, contact an Alto Pass Veterans member or call 618-559-8277, 618-559-3891 or 618-559-0089.

The Alto Pass Area Veterans Memorial group is responsible for creating and maintaining the Alto Pass Veterans Memorial.

The memorial honors U.S. military veterans who have died and were from the Alto Pass area. Veterans from the Alto Pass area are invited to become members.

Ruck to Remember Event in Anna

A Ruck to Remember 5K event is planned on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, in Anna. The event is sponsored by VFW's Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna.

The Ruck to Remember is set to begin at 7:30 a.m. Monday at the Main Street Center in Anna. The Ruck also will end at the center.

Organizers note that the

Ruck to Remember is held to remember fallen comrades and to help everyone to "realize the burden that our men and women in the service have to carry, and the burden that families carry when they lose a loved one in the line of battle."

Participants in the Ruck can choose to carry a 35-pound backpack, just like service men and women do, for the 5-kilometer distance of the event.

Participants can choose to walk on their own, or they can choose to walk in formation and call out some of the military's cadences.

Following the Ruck, activities will continue at the VFW post near Anna.

An awards ceremony is set for 11:45 a.m. A free lunch will be served at noon.

The VFW and its Auxiliary will install officers at 1 p.m. A raffle drawing is set for 1:30 p.m.

This year, the Ruck to Remember has partnered with Black Diamond Harley Davidson and the Black Diamond RV Superstore to raffle a camper and a motorcycle.

Entertainment featuring Raquel Rae is scheduled from noon to 2 p.m.

The Ruck is being coordinated by Union County residents Kasie and Robert Craft. Information is available by calling 618-713-3275.



Veterans memorial

An American flag flies over a veterans memorial monument at the Cobden Community Park in Cobden.

River levels falling on Mississippi, Big Muddy; flood warnings continue

As of early this week, flood warnings continued to remain in effect until further notice for the Mississippi and Big Muddy rivers.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported on its website that moderate flooding was occurring along the Mississippi River in Southern Illinois and Southeast Missouri.

Minor flooding was occurring along the Big Muddy River near Murphysboro.

River levels on the Mississippi and Big Muddy were falling early this week.

The weather service posted the following updates about river flooding:

Mississippi River at Cape Girardeau

At 8 p.m. Monday, May 20, the river's stage was 40.5 feet. Flood stage is 32.0 feet.

Moderate flooding was

in the forecast. The forecast called for the river to continue to fall to a stage of 39.7 feet by Wednesday morning, May 22.

Mississippi River at Thebes

At 8 p.m. Monday, May 20, the river's stage was 39.0 feet. Flood stage is 33.0 feet.

Moderate flooding was in the forecast. The forecast called for the river to continue to fall to a stage of 38.2 feet by Wednesday morning, May 22.

Big Muddy River near Murphysboro

At 8:30 p.m. Monday, May 20, the river's stage was 25.3 feet. Flood stage is 22.0 feet.

Minor flooding was in the forecast. The forecast called for the river to fall to a stage of 24.7 feet by Wednesday morning, May 22.

Highway safety promoted

The Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois State Police and more than 200 law enforcement agencies across the state are joining the national Border to Border campaign by increasing seat belt patrols and enforcement zones today through Memorial Day, which is Monday, May 27.

Organized by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration as part of the Click It or Ticket campaign, Border to Border harnesses the power of 10,000 agencies across the nation, between states, cities and other local jurisdictions, in an effort to increase seat belt use and save lives.

"The Click It or Ticket and Border to Border operation lands just prior to the Memorial Day weekend, one of the busiest travel

periods of the year," said Brendan Kelly, the acting director of the Illinois State Police.

"Seat belt compliance is one of the easiest and most effective life-saving measures motorists can take to prevent a fatality. We want to remind motorists to buckle up, reduce their speed, drop their phones and focus on the drive."

State officials urged drivers to be mindful of these traffic laws when traveling this summer:

•Buckle up. Wearing a seat belt positions you in the vehicle safely, works with air bags to protect you and slows the body down in a crash. In Illinois, all occupants, regardless of seating position, are required to wear a properly adjusted seat belt.

•Slow down. Speed dras-

tically increases the risk of injury or death in a crash. Traveling over the speed limit could cost you hundreds of dollars in fines.

•Sober up. Alcohol and drugs inhibit your ability to operate a vehicle. Not only is impaired driving dangerous, it is punishable with jail time.

•Phone down. Using a phone for talking, texting or social media is not only dangerous, it is illegal in Illinois. Taking your eyes off the road for even a second drastically increases the likelihood of a crash.

The Memorial Day enforcement effort is part of the "Click It or Ticket" campaign supported through federal funds administered by IDOT.



Graduation ceremony at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School hosted its 2019 commencement ceremony last Saturday evening. The ceremony was held outdoors at the Union County school's football stadium. The 2019 ceremony marked the 100th anniversary of the first graduation at A-JCHS, which was held in 1919. During Saturday's ceremony, members of the 2019 graduation class who will be serving in the nation's armed forces stood and were recognized.



Anna Pool scheduled to open for season

The Anna City Pool is scheduled to open Wednesday, May 29, for the 2019 season.

The pool's schedule is featured on the city's website and can be found online at cityofanna.org/departments/swimming-pool/.

The pool is scheduled to be open for public swimming from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Prices are \$3 for those ages 3 years and older. Wednesday will be a \$1 off day.

Passes are available at the pool; the cost is \$25 for 10 sessions.

A minimum of 15 swimmers are required daily for the pool to open. The pool may be closed due to weather at the discretion of the manager.

The pool is scheduled to be open for lap swimming from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Lap swim sessions are

\$3 per session for all ages.

Private pool parties can be booked from Monday through Saturday. Hours for pool parties are from 6 p.m. to 7:50 p.m. and from 8 p.m. to 9:50 p.m.

Prices for pool parties are \$125 for fewer than 50 people, \$150 for 50 to 99 people and \$175 for 100 to 150 people. Parties must be booked in advance.

Swim lessons are planned. Details are available by contacting the pool by phone at 833-5222 after May 29, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Closings Noted for Swim Meets

The pool is scheduled to be closed to public swimming on June 22, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The pool is scheduled to be closed at 5 p.m. on June 25, July 16 and July 18.

The pool is the home of the Anna Blue Dolphins swim team.

Summer reading program planned at Stinson Library

A summer reading program is planned again this year at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna.

"A Universe of Stories" is the theme for the 2019 program.

A registration kickoff party for the popular program is planned from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, May 31, at the library.

Registration is scheduled to continue through June 14 at the library. Registration also is available online at StinsonLibrary.org.

Weekly programs are

planned from June 18 through July 25.

The schedule for the program follows:

Tuesdays: 5th through 8th grade. 10 a.m. to noon.

Wednesdays: Pre-kindergarten through 4th grade. Session 1, 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Session 2, 11:15 a.m. to noon. Session 3, 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Thursdays: Baby story time. 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

A summer reading finale is planned from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, at the library.

Bald Knob Cross, Abbey Ridge Brewery receive tourism funds

The Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity, DCEO, Office of Tourism on May 21 announced funding for two grant programs which are designed to increase tourism across the state.

The grants, which haven't been awarded since 2015, will go to help bolster the state's tourism industry which generated over \$3 billion in tax revenue for state and local communities last year.

Grant recipients include the Bald Knob Cross of Peace Inc. in Alto Pass and the Abbey Ridge Brewery & Tap Room in Pomona.

The Tourism Attraction Grant Program will help develop new or enhance existing tourism attractions to grow the number of visitors and overnight stays in Illinois.

DCEO provided grant funding to 13 organizations in the amount of \$1.4 million.

There was significant demand for this grant program, receiving four times the number of requests than available funding.

The Tourism Private Sector Grant Program will help attract major new events to the state or significantly enhance existing events to increase visitation.

DCEO provided grant funding to four applicants in the amount of \$402,160.

"Travel and tourism in Illinois is a \$40 billion industry and we are glad to support our communities in their efforts to attract new and returning visitors to their attractions," said Erin Guthrie, the acting director of DCEO.

"We are glad DCEO can support the tourism economy in local communities with these grant programs."

"Developing new attractions and events is necessary to attract new audiences to visit Illinois. These grants will result in increased visitor spending in local communities, generating revenue and creat-

ing jobs for Illinoisans." said Jan Kemmerling, the acting deputy director of the Illinois Office of Tourism.

Details about the two local Tourism Attraction grant recipients follow:

Bald Knob Cross of Peace Inc.: \$53,071.50

Bald Knob Cross of Peace will construct a covered stage for annual and seasonal events; expand and resurface its parking area, add handicap accessible walking paths and purchase a handicap accessible free-standing telescope (binoculars).

Bald Knob Cross stands 111 feet tall, overlooking the Shawnee National Forest and three states: Illinois, Kentucky and Missouri.

Abbey Ridge Brewery & Tap Room: \$106,798

The Abbey Ridge Brewery & Tap Room will be rebuilt after a fire completely destroyed the structure in 2017.

Located along the Shawnee Hills Wine and Beer Trail, Abbey Ridge was the first microbrewery in a three-county region offering craft beer, wine and cocktails paired with food, entertainment and event options.

Once rebuilt, Abbey Ridge will continue with beer making tours, and host events including weddings and themed dinners consistent with its old medieval décor.

The new facility will be structured with an 11th century European facade similar to the French Monastery Abbey de Senanque, where beer was brewed by monks.

Alto Pass all-school reunion set

An Alto Pass all-school reunion is planned Saturday, May 25.

All of those who attended Alto Pass High School are invited to attend the reunion.

Alumni registration is scheduled to begin at noon in the pavilion in downtown Alto Pass. Registration will be at the civic center if it is raining.

The reunion is scheduled to feature special recognition of the Alto Pass High School class of 1969.

A veterans memorial service is scheduled at 1 p.m.

An alumni meeting is planned at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will feature a roll call of classes, recognition of former teachers and sharing of memories.

Pictures will be on display at the civic center.

Illinois Made program adds two area businesses

The Illinois Office of Tourism has announced the addition of 18 businesses to the Illinois Made program.

Two of the businesses are in the Union County area: Alto Clay Works in Alto Pass and Rolling Oak Alpaca Ranch in Makanda.

From award-winning artists to non-profits, sustainable crafters and even an alpaca ranch, each of these makers are loved by Illinois locals and help make the state an amazing destination for visitors, the state Office of Tourism noted in a news release.

"The Illinois Made program drives visitors to all regions of Illinois by promoting authentic, locally loved experiences throughout the state," said Jan Kemmerling, the acting director of the Illinois Office of Tourism.

"The program aims to increase both visitor spending and tax revenue for communities statewide."

Launched in 2016, Illi-

nois Made spotlights the people, products and authentic experiences that are available in Illinois and is designed to inspire travelers to explore destinations across the state. There are currently 147 makers in the program.

The two area businesses are in the Illinois Made program's Trails to Adventure category.

Alto Clay Works in Alto Pass is the studio home of local artist Stephen Grimmer and offers pottery classes, resident artist studios and a gallery for short-term exhibitions.

Rolling Oak Alpaca Ranch in Makanda is a mother-daughter owned alpaca ranch.

Visitors can meet the alpacas, learn about alpaca farming and shop at the farm store.

Local, handmade, alpaca products include yarn, felted goat milk soaps, dryer balls, shawls, socks, toys and more.

Emergency Medical Services Week proclaimed in Illinois

The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, is celebrating National EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Week May 19-25 and EMS for Children Day May 22.

IDPH is recognizing the important contributions and dedication of paramedics, police, firefighters and other first responders who provide day-to-day lifesaving services.

"Emergency workers are willing to put their lives on the line every day to help protect the health and safety of their communities," said Dr. Ngozi Ezike, the acting director of IDPH.

"I want to thank these brave men and women and recognize their courage, time, and dedication. Please join me in recognizing our emergency workers during National EMS Week."

History fair projects featured

The Union County Museum in Cobden is planning to host an exhibit featuring history fair projects from local schools.

The exhibit is scheduled to open Saturday, May 25, and continues through mid-July.

The museum is located at 117 S. Appleknocker in downtown Cobden.

History fair projects created by 8th grade students at Cobden School and students at Lick Creek School and Shawnee High School at Wolf Lake will be featured.

Twelve projects are

This year's National EMS Week theme, "Beyond the Call," underscores the emergency situations and pressures EMS personnel work under and their strength to do so.

IDPH noted that in Illinois, there are 62 EMS resource hospitals, 67 trauma centers, 15,456 emergency medical responders, 19,862 Emergency Medical Technicians, EMTs, 534 advance/intermediate EMTs, 15,761 paramedics, 4,948 emergency communications registered nurses, 2,735 trauma nurse specialists, 505 pre-hospital registered nurses and 3,116 emergency medical dispatchers.

These personnel provide 24-hour service to the people of Illinois. Approximately two-thirds of all EMS providers are volunteers.

Most of the projects received awards at the regional history fair in Carbondale and the state history fair in Springfield.

Hours for the museum are scheduled from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, and on Friday afternoons by chance.

WANTED

The Anna-Jonesboro Water Commission is looking to hire a qualified part-time professional for accounts payable and secretarial duties. Candidates must have excellent organizational skills and be detail oriented. Bookkeeping background preferred. Applications are available on site at our water treatment facility located at 495 Water Plant Rd., Jonesboro, IL. Attn: Casey Johnson.

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Sports

Craig leads A-J boys' track at Mississippi Division meet

Noah Craig had a first place finish in the discus throw to lead the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' track team's efforts at the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division meet at Nashville Thursday, May 9. He had a toss of 125-11.

Anna-Jonesboro's 3rd place efforts were recorded by Michael Brimm in the 400-meter dash in 55.44 and Jayden Perez in the 1600-meter run in 5:01.26.

Fourth place efforts for the Wildcats were recorded by the 4x400-meter relay

team in 3:56.33 and the 4x800-meter relay team in 9:24.43.

The Wildcats' 4x200-meter relay team finished in 5th place in 1:48.66. Bryce Lingle was fifth in the 300-meter hurdles in 48.95.

Sixth place finishes were posted by Pat Gibbs in the 3200-meter run in 11:58.51 and the 4x100-meter relay team in 49.73.

Lingle also finished in 8th place in the 110-meter hurdles in 19.42. Colby Bowman finished in 10th place in the 800-meter run in 2:29.09.

Du Quoin won the meet with a score of 199. A-J finished in 10th place with 36 points.

Dongola softball goes 3-1 to close regular season

The Dongola High School softball team posted a 3-1 record to close out regular season play.

Dongola 11, Egyptian 1: Maddie Keller tossed a three-hitter to lead the visiting Lady Demons to the win Wednesday, May 8. She had no walks and 5 strikeouts.

Keller was 4-for-4 to lead the hitting. Dailee Cummins and Megan Theis were each 2-for-4.

Crab Orchard 11, Dongola 3: Melanie Altamirano, Cummins and Keller were each 2-for-4 to lead host Dongola in the loss Monday, May 6.

Keller was the losing pitcher, scattering 10 hits to go with a walk and 4 strikeouts.

Dongola 7, Shawnee 4: Keller, Altamirano and Cummins were each 3-for-4 at the plate to lead visiting Dongola to the win Friday, May 3.

Annabelle Durham and Megan Theis were both 2-for-4.

Keller was the winning pitcher, allowing 8 hits to go with no walks and 4 strikeouts.

Dongola 11, Marion Agape (Christian) 6: Altamirano and Theis were each 3-for-4 at the plate to lead the visiting Lady Demons to the win Monday, April 29.

Jamie Anderson was 2-for-4 and Keller was 2-for-5.

Keller was the winning pitcher, scattering 8 hits to go with no walks and 7 strikeouts.

Dongola 8, Carrier Mills 4: Keller, Theis and Hailey Ames were each 2-for-4 to lead visiting Dongola to the win Saturday, April 27. Brooklyn Hogue was 1-for-3.

Keller was the winning pitcher, allowing 7 hits to go with no walks and 7 strikeouts.

Dongola finished the regular season with a 10-12 overall record.

Osman leads A-J girls' track team at sectional

Addison Osman finished in fourth place in the 110-meter high hurdles to lead the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' track team's efforts in the Triad sectional Friday, May 10. Osman finished with a time of 16.6.

Osman also finished in 6th place in the triple jump in 33-11.

The 4x800-meter relay team of Carrola Ghiana, Julia Hall, Olivia Bowen and Sydnie Ralls finished in 8th place in 11:03.

The 4x200-meter relay team of Amiyah Hart, Angel Helm, Kristen Edmonds and Brayden Fitz-

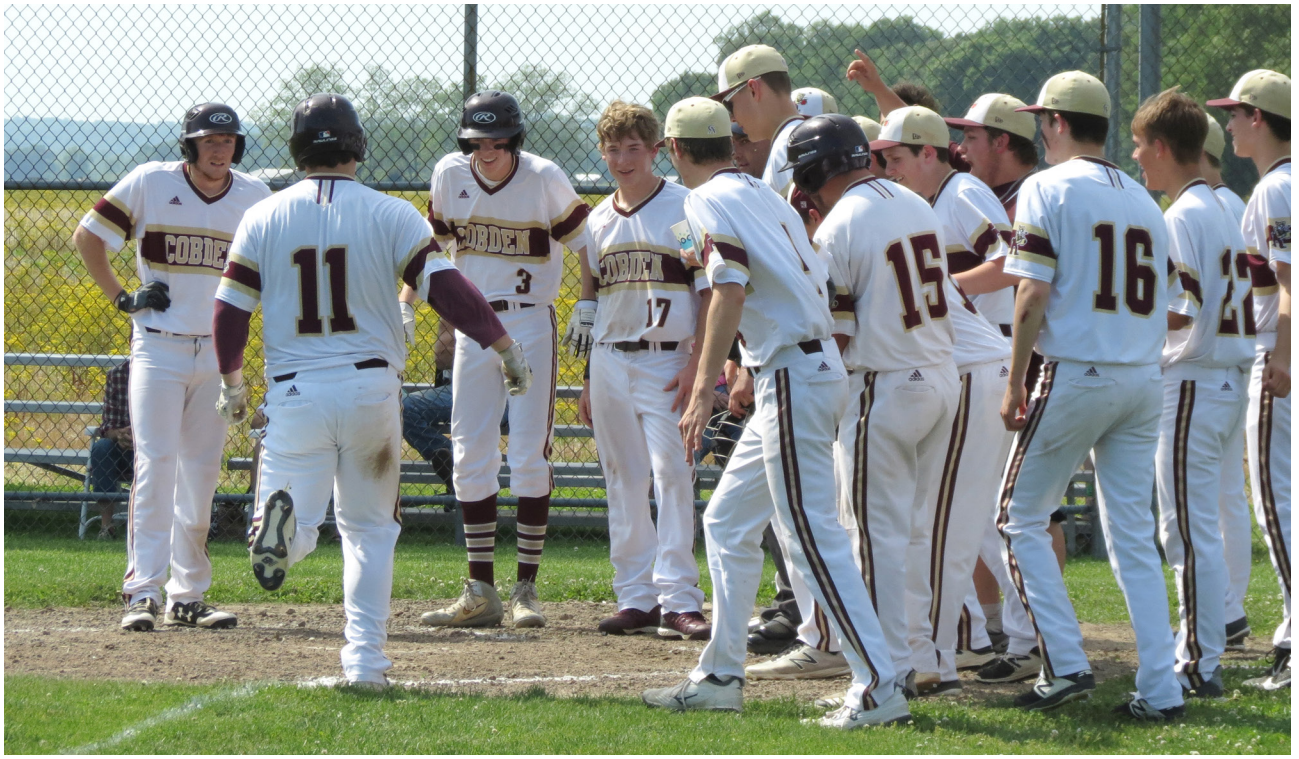
gerald-Deener finished in 9th place.

Anna Hess finished in 11th place in the shot put with a throw of 33-5.5.

A-J's 12th place finishes were posted by Osman in the high jump with 4-7; Addi Denny in the 300-meter hurdles in 54.7 and the 4x400-meter relay team of Helm, Fitzgerald-Deener, Julia Lasley and Edmonds in 4:38.

Lasley failed in three attempts to place in the pole vault.

Helm finished in 13th place in the 100-meter dash in 13.6. Hart was 13th in the 200-meter dash in 28.2.



Cobden home run

Cobden's Landon Britt, number 11, was greeted by his teammates after he hit a home run during a high school regional tournament baseball game against Shawnee. The game was played Thursday afternoon, May 16, at Shawnee High School in Wolf Lake.



Regional softball action

Cobden shortstop Lauren Sweitzer, number 5, dug in and got ready for the pitch while teammate Lexi Miller watched from the on deck circle. The Appleknockers faced Pope County in the championship game of the Illinois High School Association Class 1A regional softball tournament in Dongola on May 18. The Lady Pirates won the game by a score of 5-2. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

Cobden softball falls in regional title game to Pope County

Aubrey Fisher was 2-for-3 with a triple to lead Cobden in a 5-2 loss to Pope County in the championship of the Class 1A high school softball regional at Dongola Saturday, May 18.

Lily Britt was 2-for-3 for the Appleknockers. Katelyn Shadowens was 1-for-2.

Lexi Miller and Aubrey Fisher pitched for Cobden. Miller pitched an inning and allowed a hit to go with a walk and no strikeouts. Fisher pitched 5 innings and allowed 4 hits to go with no walks and 2 strikeouts.

Cobden 14, Dongola 3: Jenna Hartline was 3-for-3 with a home run and an RBI to lead Cobden in the first-round regional win Thursday, May 16.

Britt was 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI. Lauren Sweitzer was 2-for-4 with a home run, RBI and scored 2 runs. Fisher was 2-for-4 with a triple and 2 RBIs. Megan Rhodes was 2-for-4 with a double. Shadowens was 1-for-2 with 2 RBIs. Abby Clover was 1-for-3 with a triple. Emily White was 1-for-3 with an RBI. Miller had 2 RBIs.

Hailey Ames was 2-for-2 to lead the Lady Demons. Megan Theis was 2-for-3 with 2 doubles. Maddie Keller was 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI. Brooklyn Hogue was 1-for-1. Melanie Altamirano was 1-for-3 with 2 RBIs. Jamie Anderson was 1-for-3.

West Frankfort defeats A-J at regional

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School baseball team lost 4-1 to West Frankfort in first-round action at the Wildcats' Class 2A regional Thursday, May 16.

Avery Goines was 1-for-3 with a double and scored a run to lead A-J at the plate. Carson Reynolds was 1-for-3 with a double and an RBI. J.D. Mains was 1-for-3.

Mason Watkins was the losing pitcher, scattering 5 hits to go with a walk and a strikeout.

Fisher was the winning pitcher, allowing 9 hits to go with 2 walks and 3 strikeouts.

Maddie Keller and Natasha Cosenza pitched in the loss. Keller pitched 4 innings and allowed 8 hits to go with a walk and a strikeout. Cosenza pitched an inning and allowed 3 hits to go with no walks and no strikeouts.

Cobden finished its season with a 12-16 overall record.

A-J softball season ends at regional

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School softball team lost 13-1 to Vienna in the first round of the Class 2A regional hosted by Harrisburg Monday, May 13.

Payton Seip was 2-for-3 to lead the hitting in the loss. Petey Foster, Tobie Trece and Abigail Dahmer were each 1-for-2.

Morgan Wendling was the losing pitcher, allowing 15 hits to go with 3 walks and 3 strikeouts.

Trico 10, A-J 5: Dahmer was 2-for-3 to lead the hitting in the final regular season game for the visiting Lady Wildcats Saturday, May 11.

Seip and Wendling were each 2-for-4. Cori Turner was 1-for-3. Julia Ellis and Katie Mays were both 1-for-4.

Wendling was the losing pitcher, with 6 hits to go with 5 walks and 2 strikeouts.

Cobden, Shawnee players honored

The Cobden High School baseball team had four players selected to the 2019 South Egyptian All-Conference team.

A player from Shawnee High School at Wolf Lake also earned postseason honors.

Senior Chandler West was named the pitcher of the year in the conference.

Senior Zane Nance and junior Landon Britt were also first team selections.

Cobden sophomore Noah Franklin was named to the second team.

Shawnee senior Ryan Schaefer was also selected to the first team.



Shawnee pitcher

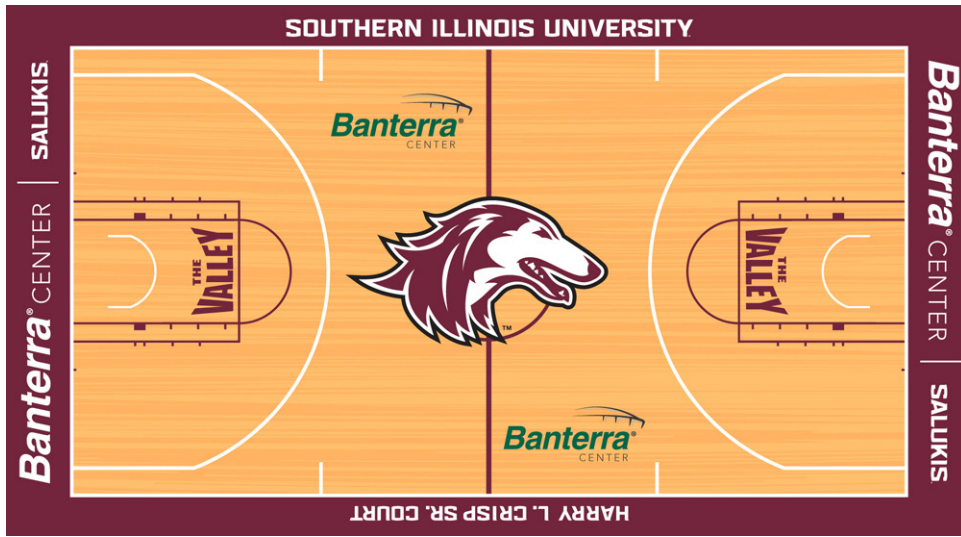
Ryan Schaefer was on the mound for Shawnee during a high school regional tournament baseball game against Cobden. The game was played Thursday afternoon, May 16, at Shawnee High School in Wolf Lake.



Run-scoring hit

Anna-Jonesboro's Carson Reynolds got his team on the board with an RBI double against West Frankfort in the bottom of the third inning of an Illinois High School Association Class 2A regional baseball tournament game. The hit gave A-J a 1-0 lead. West Frankfort went on to win the game by a score of 4-1. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

SIU Arena now Banterra Center



Floor plan rendering

An image of a proposed Banterra Center floor plan rendering was posted on the SIU Athletics website.

Southern Illinois University Carbondale and Banterra Bank, the region's largest, locally owned bank, on May 16 announced a 10-year naming-rights agreement that will rebrand SIU Arena as Banterra Center.

The multi-million-dollar agreement, which includes a 10-year extension option, annual payments plus an affinity program, offers up to \$10 million for SIU, with a \$4-million guarantee for the first 10 years.

The partnership is the largest corporate naming-rights agreement in SIU's 150-year history and the first naming right for the 55-year-old arena.

In addition to signage, advertising and promotional opportunities, the agreement includes exclusive rights to an SIU Athletics-branded affinity debit card through Banterra Bank.

Profits from the debit card initiative, which is still in development, will go to a newly established Banterra-SIU Scholarship Fund.

"The partnership represents Banterra's commitment to the success of the university, our athletics program and the region," SIU chancellor John M. Dunn said in a news release.

"We're deeply grateful for Banterra's generous financial commitment, which includes scholarship support for student-athletes. The Banterra Center will continue to be at the heart of our men's and women's basketball programs, attracting fans, community members and many others who support Saluki ath-

letics."

The naming rights partnership comes following SIU's recent announcement of hiring men's basketball coach Bryan Mullins.

"We've sponsored SIU Athletics for 10 years, because we know the value of having this university in our region and the number of passionate, loyal Saluki fans among our four-state footprint and beyond," said Jeff May, president and CEO of Banterra Bank.

"We're proud to have our Banterra name on an iconic facility such as SIU Arena, to take our partnership to an entirely new level with SIU Athletics, and to have an ongoing reminder that our company truly takes care of our communities."

SIU athletic director Jerry Kill led the efforts to get SIU's first corporate naming-right partner in the university's 150-year history.

Kill said the partnership with Banterra serves as a strong example of future naming-right opportunities for SIU's athletic venues.

"As we sought out a naming rights partner, it needed to be a company that aligned with our core values and had the brand power to take us to the next level," said Kill.

"I knew after our first meeting with Banterra's leadership that this was a group that we wanted on our team. Both Saluki Athletics and Banterra are going to make the most of this partnership to benefit our students-athletes, customers and fans."

Working alongside Kill and the entire athletics administration is Saluki

Sports Properties, which played an integral role in helping Banterra elevate its relationship.

As the university's athletics multimedia-rights holder and local Learfield IMG College team, Saluki Sports Properties oversees athletics' corporate partner program and has worked closely with Banterra Bank over the past ten years.

The community can expect to see updated signage with a new Banterra Center logo on arena exterior, interior, and marquee sign as well as other marketing efforts for traditional and digital advertising, promotion and business development, Kill said.

The marketing efforts were set to begin immediately following the May 16 announcement.

SIU Arena's construction began in 1962, and was completed in 1964 at an original cost of \$4.3 million.

The 8,284-seat, multi-use facility received a \$29.9 million renovation that was performed in phases over a 15-month time span and completed in 2010.

The arena is home for SIU Saluki men and women's basketball, as well as ongoing events and it has a rich history of presenting concerts to the region.

The arena is also used for SIU graduation, youth basketball camps, high school tournaments and other ongoing events.

Banterra Bank began as a single bank in Ridgway, Illinois in July of 1975.

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Lick Creek, Jonesboro, Goreville battle for invitational championship



Eight teams compete

Eight teams competed at the recent 67th Lick Creek Invitational track meet. Girls and boys competed. The meet was hosted by Lick Creek School. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

Lick Creek, Jonesboro and Goreville battled for the 67th Lick Creek Invitational track meet championship.

On a wet and soggy day eight teams competed in the 67th Lick Creek Invitational.

Teams from Buncombe, Cypress, Dongola, Goreville, Jonesboro, New Simpson Hill, Shawnee and host Lick Creek competed in kindergarten through 5th grades.

The events included 50, 75, 100, 200 and 400 yard dashes, the 400 yard relays, the long jump and the softball throw. Over 200 young athletes competed from the eight schools.

The meet was very competitive with Jonesboro, Goreville and Lick Creek leading the pack.

Through the five sprints, Jonesboro, with 73 points, took the lead over Lick Creek 71 points and Goreville 60 points.

Next came the relays. The 3rd, 4th and 5th grade 400 yard relays. The relays included both the boys and girls and the co-ed relays.

Jonesboro continued holding the lead through the relays with a score of 105, followed by Lick Creek with 102 and Goreville with 83.

It appeared the show-

down would be close to the very end with Lick Creek and Jonesboro.

However, Goreville, with a strong history in the long jump and softball throw, came out strong in the end, scoring 31 points in those two events to move past Lick Creek with only 6 points. Jonesboro scored 26 points and held off both Goreville and Lick Creek.

The final score was Jonesboro 131 points (1st place), Goreville 114 (2nd place) and Lick Creek (3rd place) 108.

First place totals were very close between the three schools.

Lick Creek took home 7 first place ribbons. Jonesboro also had 7 first place ribbons. Goreville came

out on top with 8 first place ribbons.

Jonesboro received 11 second place ribbons, Goreville 9 and Lick Creek 7.

Lick Creek received 8 third place ribbons, Jonesboro 8, Cypress 7 and New Simpson Hill 6.

In the relays, Lick Creek won three, Jonesboro two and Goreville, New Simpson Hill and Cypress one.

In the field events Jonesboro, Goreville and Cypress dominated.

Congratulations to the Jonesboro and Goreville coaches on their fine teams. Coach Ron is also proud of the effort of the Lick Creek Eagles and Lady Eagles. Good luck in the future for all of the young athletes. Coach Ron

Steeleville outscores Cobden for regional title

The Cobden High School baseball team was hitless in a 4-1 loss to Steeleville in the championship of the Class 1A regional at Shawnee Saturday, May 18.

"We couldn't hit the ball," Cobden coach Dana Pearson said. "We took too many fastball counts."

The Appleknockers also committed 4 errors in the game.

Chandler West and Zane

Nance pitched in the loss. West pitched 5 innings and allowed 4 hits to go with 4 walks and 8 strikeouts. Nance pitched 2 innings and didn't allow a hit to go with 2 walks and 4 strikeouts.

Cobden 9, Shawnee 0: Landon Britt was 2-for-2 with a home run and 4 RBIs to lead Cobden in first round action Thursday, May 16.

Alex Ramsey was 1-for-3 with an RBI. Ryan Barr was 1-for-3. Nance was 1-for-4 with an RBI and scored 2 runs. Bayden Ditterline was 1-for-4 with an RBI. Dylan Lewey was 1-for-4 and scored a run.

Braden Freeman was 1-for-3 for the Redskins' lone hit.

Nance, West and Noah Franklin pitched in the win, combining to toss a one-hitter. Nance pitched 3 innings and didn't allow a hit to go with 2 walks and 4 strikeouts.

West pitched 3 innings and didn't allow a hit to go with a walk and a strikeout. Franklin pitched an inning and allowed a hit to go with a walk and a strikeout.

Ryan Schaefer and Kolby McLane pitched in the loss. Schaefer pitched 2 1/3 innings and allowed 6 hits to go with no walks and 2 strikeouts. McLane pitched 3 2/3 innings and allowed a hit to go with 2 walks and a strikeout.

Cobden finished its season at 15-5 overall.

"We had a good year," Pearson said. "We lose six seniors, but we've got a good nucleus coming back."

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Regional championship game

With runners on base, Cobden's Chandler West pitches to a Steeleville batter during an Illinois High School Association Class 1A regional baseball championship game which was played last Saturday afternoon. The game was played at Shawnee High School at Wolf Lake. Steeleville won the game and the regional title.

Union County among top five in South Zone Illinois spring turkey harvest totals 15,189

Illinois turkey hunters harvested a preliminary statewide total of 15,189 wild turkeys during the 2019 spring turkey season. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, reports that this year's harvest total was up compared with the 2018 statewide turkey harvest of 13,494.

The statewide preliminary total includes the 2019 youth turkey season harvest of 1,364 birds, compared with the 2018 youth harvest of 1,143 turkeys. The statewide record total was set in 2006, when 16,569 turkeys were harvested.

Spring turkey hunting was open in 100 of Illinois' 102 counties. The 2019 season dates were April 8 through May 9 in the South Zone and April 15 through May 16 in the North Zone.

The youth spring turkey season was March 30-31 and April 6-7 statewide. IDNR reported that turkey hunters this spring took a preliminary total of 6,607 wild turkeys during all season segments in the South

Zone, compared with 5,507 last year in the south.

The North Zone preliminary harvest total this year was 8,582 wild turkeys, compared with 7,987 in northern counties in 2018.

The top five counties for spring wild turkey harvest in the South Zone in 2019 were Jefferson (480), Randolph (383), Marion (328), Union (310) and Pope (310).

The harvest total in Union County for 2019 was up from a total of 248 for 2018.

Harvest totals for other area counties included:

Alexander County: 163 in 2019, up from 136 in 2018.

Jackson County: 295 in 2019, up from 283 in 2018.

Johnson County: 220 in 2019, up from 184 in 2018.

Massac County: 83 in 2019, down from 86 in 2018.

Pulaski County: 107 in 2019, up from 102 in 2018.

Williamson County: 249 in 2019, up from 211 in 2018.

The top five North Zone counties for spring turkey harvest this year were Jo Daviess (541), Fulton (402), Pike (381), Hancock (344) and Adams (331)



Sports awards night

The Anna School District hosted an awards night for the school's spring sports programs on Tuesday, May 14. The program was held in the Anna Junior High School gym. Athletes received certificates of recognition. Members of varsity teams were awarded their varsity letter. The evening included recognition by coach Will McKenzie of his boys' basketball players. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.



Stark signs with St. Louis University

Hannah Stark of Manchester, Mo., has signed a national letter of intent with St. Louis University to join their cheerleading team. Stark graduated with high honors from Parkway South in Manchester, where she was a cheerleader for seven years. Her cheerleading team has placed first in the state cheerleading competition and came in second at the national championship in Texas.

Stark is the daughter of Dr. Jeff and Terri Stark of Manchester and the granddaughter of Connie and George Allen, and Marjorie Stark and the late Roy Stark of Anna. Her sisters are Lauren and Allison Stark. In college, Stark plans to major in political science and pre-law. From left are Terri Stark, Allison Stark, Hannah Stark, Lauren Stark and Jeff Stark. Photo provided.



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Monday, May 27, 2019

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Memorial Day Ceremonies
Saturday, May 25
 1 p.m. Alto Pass Area Veterans Memorial Organization Memorial Day ceremony. Veterans Memorial, Downtown Alto Pass.
Monday, May 27, Memorial Day
 9 a.m. Alto Pass Veterans Memorial Organization ceremony, Alto Pass Cemetery.
 9 a.m. St. Joseph Catholic Church Cemetery, Cobden.
 9:30 a.m. Cobden Cemetery, Cobden.
 10 a.m. Alto Pass Veterans Memorial Organization ceremony, Dutch Ridge Cemetery near Alto Pass.
 11 a.m. Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455, Anna.

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America.

Over two dozen cities and towns claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day.

While Waterloo, N.Y., was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day.

Regardless of the exact date or location of its origins, one thing is clear: Memorial Day was borne out of the Civil War and a desire to honor our dead.

It was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868, by Gen. John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11.

"The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land," he proclaimed.

The date of Decoration

Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle.

On the first Decoration Day, Gen. James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there.

The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states.

The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war).

It is now observed in almost every state on the last Monday in May with Congressional passage of the National Holiday Act of 1971. This helped ensure a three day weekend for federal holidays, though several southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: Jan. 19 in Texas; April 26 in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10 in

South Carolina; and June 3 (Jefferson Davis' birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee.

Red Poppies

In 1915, inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields," Moina Michael replied with her own poem:

We cherish too, the Poppy red

That grows on fields where valor led,

It seems to signal to the skies

That blood of heroes never dies.

She then conceived of an idea to wear red poppies on Memorial Day in honor of those who died serving the nation during war.

She was the first to wear one, and sold poppies to her friends and coworkers, with the money going to benefit servicemen in need.

Later, a Madam Guerin from France was visiting the United States and learned of this new custom started by Michael.

When she returned to France she made artificial red poppies to raise money for war orphaned children and widowed women. This tradition spread to other countries.

In 1921, the Franco-American Children's League sold poppies nationally to benefit war

orphans of France and Belgium. The League disbanded a year later and Madam Guerin approached the VFW for help.

Shortly before Memorial Day in 1922, the VFW became the first veterans' organization to nationally sell poppies.

Two years later their "Buddy" Poppy program was selling artificial poppies made by disabled veterans.

In 1948 the U.S. Post Office honored Michael for her role in founding the National Poppy movement by issuing a red 3 cent postage stamp with her likeness on it.

National Moment of Remembrance

A National Moment of Remembrance resolution was passed in December 2000 which asks for all Americans, at 3 p.m. local time, to voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a Moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to "Taps."

(Editor's note: the accompanying article appears online at www.usmemorialday.org.)



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CLAIMANTS,
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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above captioned matter on February 28, 2019, the Sheriff in Union County, will by public sale on **June 5, 2019 at 9 a.m.** in the Union County Courthouse, in Jonesboro, Illinois, sell at public vendue to the highest and best bidder, for cash, or cashier's check drawn on a federally or state chartered bank or savings and loan, the following described real estate:

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Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County, Filed this 15th day of May, 2019, under the Assumed Name of Heartland Lumber Company with the place of business located at 1660 Dogwalk Road, Anna, Illinois 62906 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the Sole Owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

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Cobden High School graduation
Commencement ceremonies were held Friday evening, May 17, for Cobden High School's 2019 graduating class. Commencement was held in the Cobden High School gymnasium.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

Congregational songs at Sunday morning's worship service were led by Pastor Randy Wright, Abby Barlow and Madison Schnaare and accompanied by Jack and Nina Shepard.

Ushers for the morning worship service were Matt Macy, T.J. Macy, Robert Smith and Jason Elkins.

Nancy Smith gave a brief explanation about the Nazarene Memorial Roll and highlights of the life of Ralph Wall, a long-time member of Anna First Church of the Nazarene since October 1960.

A very quiet and faithful member, for many years he worked with the Sunday School records department and was the one who faithfully, week after week, had the Sunday School

literature to the proper Sunday School classes on Sunday mornings until his health no longer would permit him to complete those tasks.

A Memorial Roll certificate was presented to the Ralph Wall family in memory of their loved one.

His name has been placed on the Nazarene Missions International Memorial Roll in Kansas City and on the Memorial Roll plaque that is displayed in the church foyer.

Special music was provided by Madison Schnaare.

The message, "A lifestyle of Repentance," was brought by Pastor Randy Wright from James.

The Murphysboro and Mt. Vernon Missionary

Zone Rally was held at Anna Nazarene Church on Sunday evening, with Dwight and Carolyn Rich, missionaries from Ecuador, as guest speakers.

Ushers for the service were Robert Smith, Curly Ralls, Mark Smith and Brad Clayborne.

Blake Wells was chosen as the recipient of a camp scholarship to children's camp, with Emmalee Miller chosen as the alternate.

A time of fellowship with refreshments provided by the church was held in the fellowship hall following the service.

The church extends sympathy to Dorris and Joyce Johnson and the family in the loss of their loved one, Dora Johnson.

Dora had been a faithful

member of the Anna First Church of the Nazarene since June 30, 1946.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Monday, May 20, at the Anna Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. Larry Barnhart and Rev. Randy Wright officiating. Interment was in the Alto Pass Cemetery.

Birthdays: Jessica Elkins, May 24; Nancy Smith, Terry Wiseman Sr., May 25.

Anniversary: Brian and Vonda Hill, May 23.

A fishing tournament is planned on June 1.

A men's dinner is planned at 5 p.m. on June 15.

Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. Worship services are Sunday at 10:35 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Youth services are at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. Bible study is planned at 6:30 p.m. on Friday in the fellowship hall.



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Obituaries

John Warren Widdows

John Warren Widdows, 79, of Alto Pass, died Saturday, May 18, 2019, at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

He was born on Jan. 30, 1940, in Carbondale, the son of John and Zelda Thomas Widdows.

He married Alice Faye Rendleman on Aug. 11, 1984, in Cobden.

He is survived by his wife of almost 35 years, Alice Faye Rendleman Widdows of Alto Pass; a son, Kevin Widdows of Alto Pass; stepsons Brian Hoxworth of Alto Pass and Michael (Alex) Hoxworth of Crawfordville, Fla.; a brother, Darrell Thomas Widdows of Alto Pass; a brother-in-law, Jerry Beeson of Casey; a niece, Sherry (Dean) Sloan of Casey; a nephew, Brad (Annette) Beeson; step-granddaughters Hailey Merriman of Jonesboro, Mindy Sanders and Jody White of Jackson, Mo., and Makayla Hoxworth of Crawfordville, Fla.; a step-grandson, Brian Hoxworth Jr. of Jackson, Mo.; step-great-grandchildren Steven, Rykan, Olivia and Lucas; and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by a sister, Donna Beeson.

Mr. Widdows served in the U.S. Navy, serving on the USS Enterprise during the Vietnam War. He was commissioned in December of 1963 and retired from active duty in June of 1967. He completed his 20 years of Naval Service in the Naval Reserves, retiring as LCDR John Warren Widdows.

He graduated from Southern Illinois University in 1963. After his active military duty, he began his 30-year teaching career at Shawnee High School in Wolf Lake as a computer and science teacher. He was known as "Wid" by his students, and this greeting always brought a smile to his face, especially after retirement.

Mr. Widdows helped to organize the Alto Pass Fire Department and helped to establish the Alto Pass Veterans Memorial. He served as an active board member of the Alto Pass Cemetery Trust Fund and the Alto Pass Veterans Memorial until his death. He was a member of the Cobden Masonic Lodge and the VFW's Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 in Anna.

Funeral services were at noon Wednesday, May 22, at Rendleman and Hileman Funeral Home in Alto Pass, with Davy Miller officiating.

Graveside military rites were conducted by VFW's Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 in Anna and the Navy funeral honor detail. Interment was in the Alto Pass Cemetery.

Masonic rites were conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 22.

Memorials can be made to the Alto Pass Veterans Memorial or to the Alto Pass Cemetery Trust or Maintenance Fund.

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

RENDELMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Alto Pass was in charge of arrangements.

Grace C. Loyd

On Tuesday, May 14, 2019, Grace C. Loyd, 93, died at Manor Court of Carbondale.

She was born on March 10, 1926, in Homestead, Fla., to Frances and Robert Cameron. Her father died in 1935.

She graduated from Sarasota High School in Florida at the age of 15. Upon graduation, her mother went into the army and she went to New York City to study drafting. After World War II, she attended Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

In 1947, she married Welfred J. Loyd, a World War II pilot.

She was a stay at home mother, raising three children, Robert, Elizabeth and Frances.

She and Welfred were active in scouting. Upon Welfred's sudden illness, she began working and learned to drive. She was a strong and independent woman that loved to read.

Later in life, she lived in Jackson County Nursing Home and Manor Court, where she loved the staff, residents and her bears.

She is survived by her son, Robert (Yetta); daughter Elizabeth (Billy) Harris; daughter Frances (Charles) Swedlund; grandchildren Brian and Sarah; three great-grandchildren; an aunt and nieces.

A service was held Friday, May 17, at 10:30 a.m. at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden.

A luncheon followed at the First Presbyterian Church in Cobden.

Judy Prystalski

Judy Prystalski, 77, of Alto Pass, died Monday, May 20, at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

Funeral services were pending at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Alto Pass.

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

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

W. Sue Hall

W. Sue Hall, 83, of Carbondale, died Thursday, May 16, 2019, at The Landings in Carbondale.

She was born on Aug. 7, 1935, the daughter of Charles and Selma Temke Brown in Olmsted.

She married Cletus Robert Hall on June 3, 1956, in Olmsted. He preceded her in death on May 30, 1996.

She did many things over her lifetime. She was a housewife, law secretary, interior designer and political secretary. She was an active member of First United Methodist Church in Carbondale.

She was involved in many organizations and committees over the years, including Jackson County Republican chairwoman, Beta Sigma Phi, Asburian Committee, Prime Timers and Feed My Sheep Committee and the Memorial Hospital of Carbondale Auxiliary.

She is survived by her two daughters, Candace Smith and husband Jeff of Carbondale and Melanie Pitts and husband Wesley of Wolf Lake; grandchildren Kelly Clark, Tracy Parmer, Cassie Sharp, Samantha Smith, Benji Smith, Clayton Smith and Madison Pitts; great-grandchildren Austin and Miranda Smith, Alec, Noah and Evan Parmer, Addilyn and Hunter Clark, and Riley and Amelia Sharp.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a brother and a sister.

Funeral services were at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 19, at Meredith Funeral Home in Carbondale, with the Rev. Alan Rhein officiating. Burial was in Oakland Cemetery in Carbondale.

Memorials can be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois or the Alzheimer's Association.

The family thanked the staff of The Landings for the beautiful and loving care that she received while living there. The family gave special and loving thanks to "Martha" Rendy Luckett.

To share a memory or story, visit www.meredithfh.com.

Dora Marie Johnson

Dora Marie Johnson, 86, of Anna, died Thursday, May 16, 2019. She was born on Feb. 4, 1933, in Jackson County, the daughter of Charles Logan and Etta Marie Duty Johnson.

She is survived by her brothers, David (Pat) Johnson of Jackson, Mo., and Dorris (Joyce) Johnson of Anna; many nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Virginia Glasco; and two brothers, Francis Johnson and Logan Johnson.

She was a lifelong member of the Anna Church of the Nazarene. She worked for the International Shoe Company and the Florsheim Shoe Factory for 42 years until her retirement. She enjoyed baking and decorating cakes in her free time.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Monday, May 20, at the Anna Church of the Nazarene, with the Rev. Larry Barnhart and the Rev. Randy Wright officiating. Interment was in the Alto Pass Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Anna Church of the Nazarene.

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

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

Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Our sympathy to David and Pat Johnson of Jackson, Mo., and Dorris and Joyce Johnson and their families on the passing of their sister, Dora Johnson of Anna, on Thursday, May 16. Her funeral was held Monday, May 20.

Visiting with Maxine and Fred Pender of Fair City were Russ and Patsy Pender of Olive Branch, Gary and Judy Gibbs and Brad Pender, all of Jonesboro. Fred is recovering from recent shoulder surgery.

Sue and Steve Eudy and Larry McIntosh of Anna, and Ryan and Amber Wachter of Jonesboro, enjoyed eating at Honey's Restaurant in Ullin on Saturday night.

Sue and Steve Eudy attended a graduation party Sunday afternoon for Seth Busby at the home of his parents, Stacey and Steven Busby of Jonesboro. Seth graduated from A-JCHS on



Patricia Ann Fahlberg

Patricia Ann Fahlberg, 90, died Friday, May 17, 2019, at her residence.

She was born on June 24, 1928, in Cambridge, Minn., the eldest daughter of Randolph and Elizabeth Flohr Holmberg.

She married Donald S. Fahlberg on June 6, 1948, in Princeton, Ill.

Mrs. Fahlberg was a member of the United Methodist Church in Anna, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Union County Hospital Auxiliary, the Healthy Circle, PAST, Mondiana Home Extension and the Red Hat Society.

Survivors include two daughters, Andra Fahlberg (Kenny Ralls) of Olive Branch and Dr. Nora Fahlberg (Dr. K. Gendo) of Decatur, Ga.; a daughter-in-law, Sheree Fahlberg; a grandson, Zachary Fahlberg (Amanda), and great-grandson Bryce Mark Fahlberg, all of Jonesboro, Ark.; and a grandson, Todd Fahlberg of Arlington, Va.; a brother, Norman Holmberg (Jane) of Fullerton, Calif.; a sister, Sandra Gordon of Morris; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mrs. Fahlberg was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and her son, Mark.

The body has been donated to medical research according to her wishes.

A memorial gathering in her honor will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 26, at the United Methodist Church in Anna.

Memorials can be made to the United Methodist Church in Anna, P.O. Box 607, Anna, Ill. 62906.

To view the obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family, visit www.crainsonline.com.

Crain Funeral Home

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

Larry William Harber

Larry William Harber, age 54, of Anna, died Wednesday, May 15, 2019, at Integrity Healthcare in Anna.

He was born on Jan. 26, 1965, in Boise, Idaho, the son of James N. and Sharon M. Ross Harber.

Mr. Harber is survived by his sister, Carolyn Childs of Cape Girardeau; other relatives and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and by a brother, Jimmy A. Harber.

No services are scheduled at this time.

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

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

Jeanette Dove

Jeanette Dove, 79, died Monday, May 20, at Manor Court in Carbondale.

Funeral services were pending at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna.

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

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

Obituaries Online at annanews.com

"The Preaching Pen"

What Mean Ye By These Stones?

Memorial Day is just a few days away. It is a day set aside to honor those who have died in all American wars. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress. It was then also placed on the last Monday in May.

We need to remember our soldiers who have served this nation, many of them giving their lives in the performance of their duties. We need to continue to pray for our troops who are in foreign fields today as they continue to fight for democracy (1 Tim. 2:1-2).

Memorials are good things, because they help us remember past events. You see, God wants us to remember certain things. For example:

In Joshua 4:4 & following, the Bible says, "Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, out of every tribe a man: 'And Joshua said unto them, Pass over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of Jordan, and take ye up every man of you a stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Israel: 'That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean ye by these stones? 'Then ye shall answer them, That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel forever.'"

These stones would be a visual reminder of how God guided His people into the Promised Land. Joshua set up two memorials: the first one marked where the priest stood in the middle of the river, and the second was where the children of Israel camped for the first time after crossing the river. It was the Lord God's purpose that this memorial would not only serve to remind the Israelites of His mighty hand, but all peoples of the world as well. Without memorials, it would be easy for past events or departed people to be forgotten forever (that's why we put up headstones), and I pray we never forget all the good things God has done for us.

R.W. McAlister, Minister

Anna church of Christ 226



Mondianna Unit

A recent heritage and legacy program was presented at a Mondiana Home and Community Education Association meeting. The program featured members of the unit. In the first row are, from left, Deb Rossberg, Eunice Chilman, Barbara Bauer and Suzie Kessler. In the second row are Betty Bland, Susan Sherwin, Sylvia Maske and Alice Wendling. Members used heirloom stitchery and craft items to tell their heritage stories about family and community life of the past to better appreciate the present. Photo provided.

IDPH continues efforts to prevent measles cases

As cases of measles continue to rise across the United States, the Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, announced May 17 that it is taking action to prevent cases of measles and increase vaccination rates.

Recent actions range from direct outreach to communities with low vaccination rates, new grants for local health departments and public education campaigns.

"Vaccines are our most effective and safest tool for combatting disease and our department is deeply committed to helping those who

are able get vaccinated," said acting IDPH director Dr. Ngozi Ezike.

"We are actively working to increase vaccination rates in communities with the lowest rates and will continue to engage local health departments, schools, and community organizations in the critical work of keeping Illinoisans healthy and safe."

IDPH is providing an additional \$3.5 million in grants to local health departments across the state to increase awareness campaigns and help build infrastructure so that it is easier to get vaccinated.

The department is preparing to deploy its Wellness on Wheels mobile units not only to local health departments, but to other organizations across the state.

Efforts are underway to engage in direct outreach to communities with low vaccination rates.

IDPH launched a social media vaccination education campaign for National Infant Immunization Week that, on Facebook alone, reached more than 50,000 people.

The department has issued guidance to health care providers for measles testing, reporting and prevention.

IDPH is continuing to recruit and retain Vaccine For Children health care providers.

As of May 10, 839 cases of measles had been identified in 23 states.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, this is the greatest number of cases reported in the United States since 1994 and since measles was eliminated in 2000. Illinois has had seven reported cases in 2019.



Ag in Classroom winner

Gabby Newberry, a 2nd grade student at Jonesboro School, was the winner of a coloring contest sponsored by Union County Ag in the Classroom. The theme for this year's contest was "Pizza: A Slice of Illinois Agriculture." Gabby received a monetary prize of \$20 and a pizza party for her 2nd grade class. Gabby is with local farmer Paul Rich and Ag in the Classroom coordinator Andrew Banks. Photo provided.

Crossing Guard Appreciation Day proclaimed in Illinois

Tuesday, May 21, was proclaimed as Crossing Guard Appreciation Day in Illinois to honor the men and women who help ensure the safety of students throughout the state as they walk and bike to school.

"Crossing guards are an integral part of creating safe routes to school for children," said Omer Osman, the acting secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation.

"Throughout the school year, they are a friendly face that can be found in rain, sun and snow, guiding our students to safety and providing parents with peace of mind."

Roughly 420 pedestrians ages 8 to 14, on average, are hurt in vehicle-related incidents every year in Illinois. Without crossing guards, this number would

likely be much higher, state officials said.

Crossing guards not only serve as a visual reminder to motorists to slow down in school zones where children are crossing, but also help students learn safe pedestrian habits, such as looking both ways before stepping onto the road and walking bikes across the street.

Allen family reunion set

The family of Willis and Clara Allen plan to have their 49th annual reunion on Sunday, May 26.

The reunion will be at the Trail of Tears State Forest in Union County.

Those who plan to attend are asked to bring a covered dish to share. Organizers ask people not to bring pets.

Housing Development Authority awards grants to Anna, other communities

The Illinois Housing Development Authority, IHDA, Board of Directors on May 17 announced the awarding of funds to 62 municipalities, counties and land banks throughout the state.

Five area communities, including one in Union County, received funds.

Funding awarded to Southern Illinois communities included:

\$32,000 to the City of Anna. \$30,000 to the City of Sesser. \$20,000 to the City of Vienna. \$20,000 to the Village of Carrier Mills. \$33,400 to the City of Centralia.

IHDA said the funds will be utilized to help spur community redevelopment through the elimination of blighted and abandoned properties.

Awarded under the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Program, APP, eligible uses for the funds include maintaining weeds and grass, trimming trees and bushes, installing fences to protect the public and repairing or demolishing abandoned property.

Foreclosed, blighted and abandoned properties have sociological and economic

Auditions set at arts center for musical

Auditions for "Heather: The Musical" are planned at the Shawnee Hills Arts Council's Anna Arts Center. The auditions are scheduled from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, today, and Friday, May 23-24. The arts center is located at 125 W. Davie St. in Anna.

Those who want to audition are asked to prepare a short monologue (30 to 60 seconds long) and 16 to 32 bars of music to be sung a capella.

Performances of the musical are planned Aug. 16-18. More information is available by calling 618-697-3004.

effects leading to depressed home values and crime, IHDA noted in a news release.

The latest American Community Survey showed that Illinois is home to over 515,000 vacant housing units.

The cost to eliminate these properties is burdensome to the local government, many of which lack the means to do anything about them.

"A study conducted in Cleveland found that for every \$1 spent on demolition, there was a return of over \$13 in value for nearby properties," IHDA executive director Audra Hamernik said.

"It is imperative we give communities the tools they need to eliminate blight which can provide significant economic, social and safety benefits to the surrounding neighborhood."

Established by the Illinois General Assembly through the Save Our Neighborhoods Act, the APP program provides financial assistance to address the lasting impact of the foreclosure crisis by assisting communities with neighborhood improvement, greening and redevelopment.

The APP program is funded through a filing fee paid by banks and other lending institutions on a sliding scale based on how many foreclosures they file each year.

Through the APP program, the IHDA has provided over \$25 million to local units of government for the maintenance and/or demolition of over 4,000 properties within their jurisdictions.

Retirement ceremony set for flags

The Alto Pass Area Veterans Memorial Organization is planning to have a "flag retirement ceremony" on Saturday, June 8.

The ceremony is set for 5 p.m. at the Dutch Ridge Church. The church is located along Illinois Route 127, north of Alto Pass.

Those who may have an American flag which they want to "retire" can contact an Alto Pass Area Veterans group member for more information.

Information is available by calling 618-559-8277, 618-559-3891 or 618-559-0089.

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Annabelle Festival scheduled



An Annabelle hydrangea blossom. Photo provided.

The sixth annual Annabelle Festival is planned Friday and Saturday, June 7-8, in the downtown Anna area.

The festival celebrates the Annabelle hydrangea, which was discovered in Union County.

Organizers say that this year's festival will be offering some new events.

Festival Begins Friday Evening

The festival is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. Friday, June 7, with the Curt's Classic Car Show on West Davie Street.

The Anna Arts Center plans to have painting activities for kids, an art competition and exhibit, and a flower show featuring the creative use of Annabelle hydrangeas in arrangements.

Vendors will be set up on East Davie Street. A

children's area is planned in the parking lot at the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church. The parking lot is located along South Main Street.

Across the street from the children's area, the Anna Moose Lodge plans to have an outdoor event featuring live musical entertainment.

Saturday Activities

Annabelle Festival activities are scheduled at 8 a.m. on Saturday. Festivities are scheduled to continue until 9 p.m.

Vendors are scheduled to be open at 8 a.m.

In honor of National Garden Week, the Anna-Jo Garden Club will be selling Annabelle hydrangeas.

Garden club members have propagated Annabelle hydrangeas in their own gardens.

The Anna Moose Lodge plans to host a motorcycle show. Registration for the show is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Information about the show is available by contacting the Moose Lodge.

The children's area is scheduled to be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Chris Egelston is scheduled to present his magic show at noon in the children's area.

At 1 p.m., a birds of prey demonstration is scheduled to be presented in the children's area by Free Again wildlife rehabilitator Bev Shofstall.

Local firefighters and EMTs are scheduled to be in the children's area to give tours of a fire truck and ambulance. The Union County Sheriff's Office K-9 unit also may make an appearance.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Al and Jean Brown are scheduled to play music on East Davie Street.

A Smokey Bear poster contest is planned from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Anna Arts Center.

An opera scenes performance is scheduled from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the arts center. The performances feature participants in the arts center's young artist program.

The first Little Miss Annabelle pageant is planned from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on East Davie Street.

The local band Southern Comfort is scheduled to perform from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on East Davie Street.



Cobden High School presents 'Clue'

The Cobden High School theater department took to the stage for its annual spring theater production with a weekend performance of "Clue," a comedic murder mystery written by Jonathan Lynn and based on the 1985 motion picture and classic Hasbro board game. The show was performed on May 3-4 at The Varsity Center in downtown Carbondale.

The victims and suspects in the cast of Cobden High School's performance of "Clue" included, seated, from left, Noah Godinez, Kennedie Marks, Maddie Bundren, Alyssa Pendrod and Andrew "AJ" Hawkins. Standing, Maddie Shoemate, Emma Staley, Connor Hartline, Caleb Kilpatrick, Noah Walker, Kevin "Bryan" Diaz, Greta Grimmer, Brianna Eads, Lynsey Timmons and Colbey Hartline.

The complete list of cast members included Noah Walker, Greta Grimmer, Brianna Eads, Kevin "Bryan" Diaz, Alyssa Penrod, Kennedie Marks, Andrew "AJ" Hawkins, Noah Godinez, Maddie Bundren, Caleb Kilpatrick, Colbey Hartline, Emma Staley, Maddie Shoemate, Connor Hartline and Lynsey Timmons.

Contributing on the set crew were Bradley Casper, Mary Jane Cavaness, Adriana Cocom, Alexia Duran, Jacqueline Guzman, Maddie Shoemate and Brooklyne Wright.

The performance was directed by Nicholas Grossman, with Holly Hunt as the set director and Karen Engleman as costume director. Alejandra Lopez was the student director for the play.

Estate planning seminar set in Marion

SI Elder Law plans to host a free seminar which will present seven reasons to create an estate plan.

The seminar is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 4, at the Pavilion of the City of Marion.

The seminar is open to the public. Those who want to attend are asked to RSVP by calling 618-997-3500.

Those who attend the ceremony will learn about last will and testaments, trusts and asset protection tools that can save families the headache of probate and losing their assets to long-term care medical expenses.

The seminar is scheduled to be presented by SI Elder Law attorneys Tiffany H. Sievers and Evan W. Taylor.

"With a little bit of planning, families can protect what they have today and what they leave their children and grandchildren in the future, Sievers said in a news release.

The seminar is designed to be beneficial to anyone who has a loved one needing long-term care, is in a second marriage or blended family, or has property, life insurance or retirement accounts.

Girl Scouts honor volunteers

Four area residents were among those honored at the recent 10th annual meeting of Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois, GSofSI.

The meeting was held April 28 at Rend Lake College in Ina.

GSofSI is a Girl Scout council which serves approximately 10,007 girls and engaging 3,386 adult volunteers in 40 1/2 counties in Southern Illinois, including Union County.

During the meeting, Girl Scout members, including girls and adults, from throughout Southern Illinois elected board of directors members and received a "State of the Council" report.

The report was from Loretta Graham, GSofSI chief executive officer, and Deanna Litzenburg, GSofSI board chair.

In addition, Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois recognized top Girl Scout volunteers.

Among the volunteers recognized at the meeting were Jeannie Gerlach, Ashley Holshouser, Marci Malnar and Debra Ward, representing GSofSI Service Unit 72 in Union, Pulaski and Alexander counties.

GSofSI noted in a news release that its nearly 3,500 Girl Scout volunteers "play an important role in providing leadership programming and opportunities for around 10,000 girls in Southern Illinois."

"Our volunteers are the leaders our communities want and need," GSofSI CEO Graham said.

"The volunteers have the

program. They have the tools. They have the drive. They have the passion for our mission.

"And our movement has what girls want, we have what our communities want. We have what our business leaders want. We have what our nation needs.

"Our volunteers have support from our council

to be the best they can be! Through training in first aid, in CPR, in child abuse prevention, troop camping procedures, in Girl Scout technology, and through educational opportunities offered via service unit retreats and much more our volunteers shine the light of service on each and every Girl Scout."



A-JCHS prom queen, king

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School had its 2019 prom on Saturday, May 4. The prom was at the Drury Plaza Hotel and Conference Center in Cape Girardeau. Julia Ellis was crowned as prom queen. Riley Turner was crowned as prom king. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.

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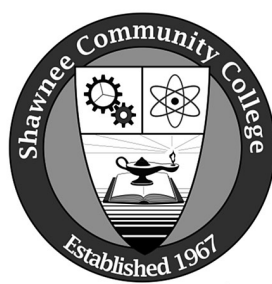
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Section B

Civil War general from Southern Illinois considered creator of Memorial Day



Gen. Logan
Gen. John A. Logan.
Submitted photo.

(Editor's note: This is the latest story in the Illinois Important Dates series, presented by the Illinois Associated Press Media Editors and Illinois Press Association. Throughout the year, writers from newspapers throughout Illinois will mark milestones and holidays with articles noting their significance in the state.

The idea of the series is to provide articles with statewide interest to share with readers in a timely fashion of the date.)

By Charles Mills
Effingham Daily News
Civil War Gen. John A. Logan is credited with creating what we know today as Memorial Day, according to the executive director of the museum in Murphysboro that is dedicated to him.

Logan was born on Feb. 9, 1826, in Jackson County, Illinois, on family property that became a part of the City of Murphysboro in 1843.

"General Logan founded Memorial Day as a national holiday," said P. Michael Jones, executive director of the General John A. Logan Museum.

"He did that when he issued General Order Number 11 on May 5, 1868, as commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, sometimes referred to as the GAR."

Jones said several cities have claimed to be the first to observe Memorial Day, or Decoration Day, as it was called after the Civil War.

"The question is not who started the Memorial Day we have today, it was John

A. Logan," Jones said. "The question is, where did Logan get his idea?"

Jones said historians have several theories about where it started. However, according to research, newspapers printed in the 1930s and 1940s stated Memorial Day started in the South. Jones said today some Southern states observe Confederate Memorial Day.

In her book "Reminiscences of a Soldier's Wife: An Autobiography," Logan's wife, Mary Logan, wrote about her March 1868 visit to Virginia:

"In the churchyard near Petersburg we saw hundreds of the graves of Confederate soldiers. These graves had upon them small bleached Confederate flags and faded flowers."

She said her husband Gen. Logan was interested in her trip when she returned and told him how touched she was to see the decorated graves. Gen. Logan issued the General Order to observe Memorial Day two months later, in May 1868.

However, Jones said historians believe John A. Logan should have been aware of the memorial observations being made in the South due to press coverage at the time.

Logan, as commander-in-chief of the GAR, a Union veterans organization, issued General Order Number 11, the Memorial Day Order, on May 5, 1868, from the GAR Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Jones said the GAR was a precursor to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

At the time he issued his General Order, Logan was also an Illinois representative at large of the U.S. House of Representatives, representing the whole state of Illinois and not one spe-



Executive director

P. Michael Jones, executive director of the General John A. Logan Museum in Murphysboro, stands in front of a Memorial Day display in the museum. Submitted photo.



Logan Museum

The General John A. Logan Museum in Murphysboro is dedicated to the history of General John A. Logan, a Civil War veteran and statesman. Submitted photo.

cific district.

The Memorial Day General Order states:

"The 30th of May, 1868 is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city,

village and hamlet churchyard in the land.

"Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds about them with the choicest flowers of springtime.

"It is the purpose of the commander in chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept

up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades."

According to Jones, Logan's General Order is still read during Memorial Day ceremonies around the United States.

(Charles Mills can be reached at charles.mills@effinghamdailynews.com.)

Thebes Courthouse Memorial Day weekend to feature Lincoln portrait

Recent improvements at the Old Thebes Courthouse, as well as a special portrait of Abraham Lincoln, will be featured during an upcoming annual Memorial Day weekend event which is planned on Saturday and Sunday, May 25-26.

The celebration is scheduled at the Thebes Historical Courthouse from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

The weekend's activities will be sponsored by the Thebes Historical Society.

The society noted that the Memorial Day weekend will offer an opportunity to see the improvements at the courthouse and the progress on an 1800s log cabin project. Tours of the courthouse will be available both days.

A reproduction of a celebrated Abraham Lincoln portrait is scheduled to be on display during the weekend.

The portrait was presented to the Alexander County Courthouse to commemorate the bicentennial of the State of Illinois, which was in 2018.

The Illinois State Historical Society, ISHS, led a statewide campaign to place a framed copy of the portrait in courthouses in each county in Illinois.

ISHS partnered with the Illinois Judges Association, the Illinois State Bar Association and their respective foundations, the Illinois Judges Foundation and the Illinois Bar Foundation, to make the project possible.

Various community members will provide piano music during the weekend activities.

Members of the Thebes Historical Society will be



Lincoln portrait

A reproduction of a celebrated portrait of Abraham Lincoln is scheduled to be on display Saturday and Sunday, May 25-26, at the Thebes Courthouse. Photo provided.

selling barbeque sandwiches, chips and drinks.

Quilt raffle tickets will be available for purchase at a cost of \$2 each or six for \$10. The winner will be announced at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 26.

A community worship service is scheduled at 10 a.m. Sunday at the courthouse. The Rev. Ray McAfee, who is the pastor of Thebes First Baptist Church, is scheduled to bring the message.

David Tapley and Cathy McCain will lead the music. They are music leaders at the Thebes church.

A wide variety of gift shop items will be available for

purchase.

All proceeds from the Memorial Day weekend event will benefit the maintenance and preservation of the Old Thebes Historical Courthouse, its grounds and the log cabin.

The Thebes Historical Society, which hosts the weekend activities, is a small group of volunteers who depend on the support of the public to accomplish their mission. The society welcomes new members.

More information is available online at www.thebes-courthouse.com or on the Thebes Historical Courthouse Facebook page.

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News From

Walnut Grove United Methodist Church



Ladies' choir

The ladies choir sang "In My Heart There Rings a Melody" on Sunday, May 19, at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church. Photo provided.

On the fifth Sunday of Easter at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church near Cobden, Alivia and Aubrey lit the altar candles while Johnathan Cauble played the musical prelude. The congregation sang "Happy Birthday" to Barb Norton and Donna Cauble, and "Happy Anniversary" to Loren and Keith Herold.

The gospel reading was from John. The message shared that "Jesus said we must love one another as he has loved us. Jesus sac-

rificed his life because he loved man unconditionally." Pastor Bobbi Shultz reminded everyone that "this is the heart of the Christian faith."

For the next two months, each person's favorite hymn will be sung during one of the services at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church. The hymns that were sung last Sunday were favorites of Keith, Karen and Grace.

Grace and Duane Gaffney gave Donna a red cardinal for her birthday

that Duane had carved. Prayers are requested for Jim Brown's friend Kenny, Barb's daughter Debbie and Pastor Bobbi, and for all of those people with aches, pains, and illness.

The next ladies' lunch is planned at the Downton Abbey in Cobden on Friday, June 7, at 11:30 a.m.

The Sunday service includes Sunday school for the children and starts at 9:30 a.m. at 3195 Mountain Glen Rd., near Cobden, and near Route 127.

GOP offers budget proposal

By Jerry Nowicki
Capitol News Illinois
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SPRINGFIELD—Illinois House Republicans called a news conference Thursday, May 16, to unveil a "fiscal year 2020 balanced budget proposal" in the form of a one-page document detailing \$2.6 billion more in revenue than House working groups had previously planned for.

"The important part here is we're not presenting a plan and saying 'take it or leave it,'" Deputy Minority Leader Tom Demmer, R-Dixon, said.

"We're saying there are new dollars that are on the table, that individual members have not yet been given the chance to weigh out. We believe their priorities should be heard."

Demmer said House working groups have been negotiating a balanced budget without new revenue that would be achieved by cuts of 6 percent to 10 percent from fiscal year 2019 expenditures across agencies.

But many of those cuts will not be needed, he said, because of increased fiscal year 2020 revenue estimates by the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability and the Governor's Office of Management and Budget, as well as a handful of other new revenue streams Republicans stand ready to support.

"These numbers do not come out of a Republican think tank. This comes from the governor's own agency," House Republican Leader Jim Durkin, of Western Springs, said at the news conference.

Demmer said the increased estimates include \$845 million for fiscal year 2020 in added income tax (\$800 million) and sales tax (\$45 million) revenue without any increased taxes.

These estimates were increased by COGFA and GOMB based on an unexpected \$1.5 billion April revenue windfall, and they allowed Gov. JB Pritzker to scrap an unpopular proposal to decrease the state's mandated payment to its pension fund for FY2020.

Another \$1.4 billion depends on revenue proposals backed by Pritzker. That includes slightly more than \$1 billion in general revenue funding that would be freed up by a tax on Medicaid managed care organizations.

Demmer said MCO tax money will go to a special "Health Care Provider Re-

lief Fund," where it will be matched by federal funds.

This will allow General Revenue Funds previously used for Medicaid expenditures to remain in the GRF to be used for other budgeting purposes while the same level of Medicaid spending is maintained.

"Without changing the dollars that are being paid for Medicaid, it reduces your general revenue fund liability," Demmer said in a follow-up interview.

The Republicans also account for \$212 million in added revenue from legalized sports gambling, using the estimates of another Pritzker proposal.

"We're saying we feel confident we can put a proportionate number of House Republicans on proposals to achieve those revenues," Demmer said.

Republican estimates also include a \$375 million transfer to the general revenue fund from a reserve fund used to pay tax refunds, which has a surplus of about \$440 million, Demmer said.

They also include another \$175 million from an amnesty proposal designed to incentivize the payment of delinquent taxes.

Demmer said those added revenue streams would allow K-12, higher education, human services, general services and public

U.S. Attorney honors sacrifices of federal, state, local law enforcement officers

The U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, Steven D. Weinhoeft, has recognized the service and sacrifice of federal, state and local law enforcement officers on the occasion of National Police Week, which was May 12-18.

Weinhoeft also commented on the FBI's 2018 Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted report.

"National Police Week is a great time for all of us to pause and commemorate the men and women in blue who bravely protect and serve our communities each and every day," Weinhoeft said.

"We are especially proud to recognize their contributions to our system of justice, as well as their dedication, personal sacrifice, and public service.

"On behalf of the Department of Justice, this office extends its most sincere appreciation to all current and former law enforcement officers and their families."

safety to be funded at fiscal year 2019 levels or higher.

Durkin said the Republicans' proposal shows that no new taxes are needed to balance the budget in fiscal year 2020, and Republicans should be playing a larger role in the budgeting process in general, as all four legislative leaders have not met with the governor on the budget since mid-April.

Democrats, on the other hand, say that even though unexpected revenues are appreciated, the state's underlying budget deficit can't adequately be addressed without new revenue streams.

Pritzker spokeswoman Jordan Abudayyeh said "one good month" does not right the state's financial ship.

"Illinois' dire finances mean that the state was on track to end the 2019 fiscal year with a \$1.6 billion gap, to say nothing of our multi-billion dollar backlog of unpaid bills and \$134 billion unfunded pension liabilities," she said.

"The responsible choice, and the governor's path, is to use the additional dollars to close our 2019 budget gap and to make our full 2020 pension payment. The governor's door is open for working with Republicans who want to join him in approaching our finances responsibly.

In October 1962, Congress passed and President John F. Kennedy signed a joint resolution declaring May 15 of every year as National Peace Officers Memorial Day to honor law enforcement officers killed or disabled in the line of duty.

The resolution also created National Police Week as an annual tribute to law enforcement service and sacrifice.

According to statistics collected by the FBI, in 2018, 106 law enforcement officers were killed in the line of duty.

Over half of those deaths were felony homicides, which tied for third most in the last 10 years; the remainder were fatal accidents.

The names of 371 officers killed in the line of duty were added this year to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. The list can be found at www.lawmemorial.org/2019rollcall.

Knights Templar planning service at Cross of Peace

The Knights Templar of Southern Illinois plan to host their annual worship service at the base of the Cross of Peace on Bald Knob Mountain near Alto Pass.

The service is set for 10 a.m. Saturday, May 25, and is open to the public and all Masons, family and friends.

The service is held to observe the ascension of Jesus Christ following His resurrection, and is an important part of the order of Knights Templar.

Organizers said in a news release that the "service is a typical worship service comprised of scripture, prayer, music and message,

News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

Rev. Betts sermon on Mothers' Day Sunday, May 12, was titled "What We Can Learn from the Power of a Mother's Love." His scripture selection was from Luke.

The message shared that a "mother's faith brings heaven to earth. Families may be surrounded by the darkness of their time 'in the world,' but a Godly mother can surround them with righteousness."

Prior to the sermon, Sarah and Abbie Betts sang "Tremble."

Receiving the offering were Addie and Raelynn Bonner.

As they left after worship, each lady present was given a red carnation.

On Sunday, May 19, Rev. Betts' sermon was titled "Walking with God Through the Storms," with scripture selections from Psalms and several New Testament verses.

The message shared that "Satan wants us to suffer so that our witness to others will suffer. The closer we

and would be acceptable to all Christian believers."

Those who plan to attend are advised to bring a lawn chair, and a jacket or blanket if the weather is cool.

An offering will be collected. The offering will be divided between the Cross of Peace and the Knights Templar Holy Land Excursion Fund. The excursion fund provides expense-paid trips for clergy members to the Holy Land.

After the service, all are welcome to attend a Dutch treat lunch which is planned at the Cobden Masonic Lodge. The lodge is located along Skyline Drive between Alto Pass and Cobden.

stay to God, the more He will protect us when the storms come."

Receiving the offering were Aldi and Vodra Gerard.

Sandra Boaz is the lead elder for the month of May.

Having a birthday the 17th was Landon Roach, and Vanda Gerard the 20th.

David and Jhan Miller had a wedding anniversary the 11th.

Camp Ground invites everyone to join them in Bible study and worship. Fellowship is at 9:30 a.m. Bible study is at 10 a.m. Worship is at 11 a.m. The church is located at 50 Tunnel Ln., east of Anna.

News from First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

The messages on Sunday, May 19, were brought by Pastor Perry Williams.

Dee Rose led the worship. Gerry and Cynthia Boehne provided special music.

Last week, the church's school ministry prepared a meal for the staff at Jonesboro School to honor the work they have done in completing the school year; 55 people were fed.

The church plans to have photos taken for the upcoming LifeTouch directory. Photos will be taken from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, May 30-31, and from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, June 1. Sign-up information for photos is available by contacting the church office.

Birthdays: Mary "Murk" Cripps, May 20; Jodie Dial, May 24; Robbie Wright, May 25.

Anniversary: Ernie and Doris Rhodes, 63 years, May 26.

The schedule for worship at the church for this coming week includes Bible study at 9 a.m. on Sunday, and worship services at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Youth meet at 5 p.m. on Sunday. Dig-In Children's Ministry is planned from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday and is for children from 3 years of age through 6th grade.

An adult Bible study/prayer meeting is planned at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

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Daily Bible Reading

Judges	Judges	Judges	Judges	Judges	Judges	Judges
11:1-28	11:29-40	12:1-15	13:1-25	14:1-20	15:1-20	16:1-31

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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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Trip To Remember

Barbara House of Anna and Ruth Sistler of Vienna have returned from a trip to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. Lots of plane rides, but worth the sights that were seen.

Florida Trip

LaShonna and Kevin Loveless have returned from a trip to Florida.

Mother's Day Guest

Sheree Fahlberg from Arkansas visited her mother-in-law Pat Fahlberg for Mother's Day. Sheree loved Pat like a mother and helped her after Pat's son Mark died in his sleep six years ago on Pat's birthday.

Sheree was saddened to hear Pat had fallen down the bank Saturday at the veteran's memorial service. Pat told everyone she was OK but later found out she had a broken hand. Pat was a member of the American Legion and was passing out their hats.

Friday, Pat was setting up her display of forks, spoons and knives to sell at the United Methodist Church Anna plant sale for Saturday. I helped her carry them in and helped her put her sign up.

She told me all the money for the sales was going to the church and she had to leave before 10 a.m. Saturday morning for the veterans service then would go back to the church.

Pat went to heaven a few days after that in her sleep. What a wonderful way to leave this world working for our Lord and our country.



Special thanks to Mary Nell Chew, who sponsored the whole Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois fifth flight May 14.

Pat was 90 and very active in our community. She also volunteered at Union County Hospital. She was a blessing and asset to our community and will be missed.

Pat's daughter Nora Gendo from Georgia visited her last week also.

Sheree had been on a vacation to Hawaii when she got a call one of her best friends from high school had gone to heaven. Sheree attended her memorial service also last weekend.

Sheree really appreciates the members of the United Methodist Church Anna for the memorial service they are planning for Pat at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 26. Everyone welcome.

It was so good to get to talk to Sheree. Sending sympathy to her and her family.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Rev. Sullins' sermon was on "Criticism," with scripture from Acts and Psalm.

The special by the ladies choir was "I Will Sing."

Loaves and Fishes was Tues. Clara Cates sang before everyone ate.

On Friday, Friendship & Sewing/Happy Scrappers will meet from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday, May 26, will be recognition of veterans with a guest musician. At 1 p.m. will be a memorial celebration for the life of Pat Fahlberg.

Texas

Shirley and Jim Vines will be moving to McKinney, Texas, to be near their daughter Kim. They will be missed. Wishing them much happiness in their move.

Michigan Guest

Lillian Milam's son Butch from Michigan visited her.

A-J Garden Club

Special thanks to Sally and Doug LeFevre for furnishing the peonies for the A-J Garden Club last Tuesday. Pete Housman decorated with them.

The ladies then used them for garden therapy. A special thanks to Pete for the birthday flowers he gave the May birthday ladies.

Veterans

Janice Lewellyn is very proud of her family who have served our country.

Besides her sons, her brother Clarence Tweedy,

Army, twin brother Dick, Air Force and her brother Mike Tweedy, Navy.

Red Hat Ladies

Twenty-one Little Egypt Red Hat ladies enjoyed dinner and a meeting at El Jalapeno in Anna. A big thanks to the staff for all the kindness and help they showed us while we were there.

Hostesses were Kay Johnson, Mary Light and Martha Ann Webb. Lou Come also helped them.

Linda Clutts lead the singing and had the ladies sing Mother and Old McDonald had a farm. The Mother song was in honor and memory of Geneva Jackson, whose friend Bob Anderson sang every Mother's Day for years at the Untied Methodist Church in Anna.

Lillian Milam blessed the food. They enjoyed a gift exchange. Door prizes were won.

Two May birthday's were celebrated: Linda Clutts May 18 and Martha Ann Webb May 15, the day of their meeting. Linda and Martha Ann were given the big hats and a birthday song sung by the staff. They also brought them a ice cream cake. The Red Hat ladies also sang happy birthday to them.

Lula Belle Tripp brought the quilt blocks that had been made for the birthday quilt and the ladies were asked to bring their quilt blocks to the next meeting if they wanted a square on the quilt. Marie Samuel is going to put the squares together.

The ladies were sad to hear that Carol Gordon has sprained her ankle. Please keep Carol in your prayers along with Queen Mom Joan Graves Edwards.

The meeting was closed by everyone standing and singing God Bless America.

Marie asked the ladies to come to Marion June 4 from 10 a.m. to noon, which is when the fiber group meets in Marion at LEAA on the downtown square. It is a make-up day to finish projects they have done in the past months such as yarn coiled baskets, felt molas, masks and hoop weavings.

Marie asked the Red Hat ladies come to help lay out the blocks for the Red Hat quilt the ladies made the blocks for on tables there and begin to organize the quilt with sashing between blocks. Straight pins would be helpful if you can bring them as well as scissors, etc, a needle and thread for basting could be good, too.

Marie can provide yard sticks and sashing fabric to go between blocks. If no one comes to help in our Red Hat group, Marie will ask the fiber group that comes June 4 to help.

The ladies were saddened to hear their dear Red Hat friend Pat Fahlberg went to heaven. Pat worked for our Lord last weekend in the



A quilt was made by Carla Ramage, Abigail's mother, for Renee McLain, band and chorus director at A-JCHS. Those in the picture are Abigail Barlow, Megan Tehandon, Carla Ramage, Renee McLain.



The Loveless family from all over the United States gathered together in Bradenton Beach on Ana Maria Island, Fla., on April 13, 2019, to witness the beautiful wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron and Stephanie Loveless. Those from Union County who were at the wedding included Kevin and LaShonna Loveless, Leota Loveless, Tanya and Robert Loveless, Taylor Loveless and little Gavin, Gary and Dawn Roach, Sarah and Aaron Wright, and Lily Robinson, with little Harper and Finley. Former residents of Southern Illinois and Union County, Aaron Loveless, Stephanie (Sanhamel) Loveless, Rita and Marshall Loveless, Justin and Kelsee Loveless, and Erica and Josh Wyatt. Ignacio Amesquita and Brandon Howell from Union County also joined the wedding party. The wedding was held at the Beach House on Bradenton Beach. Deep sea fishing for the bachelor party. Lots of beach time made for a wonderful week in Florida. The newlyweds now reside in Mesa, Ariz.

church plant sale and the American Legion Saturday handing out hats at the veterans memorial service. She will be missed.

AFSCME

Retirees Chapter 90 meets at Anna Heights Baptist Church on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m.

Anna VFW

Star Karaoke will be at the VFW from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. next Sunday.

Military Prayer List

Tanner Anderson, Hayden Young, Garrett Goines, Nick Harvel, Nona Elizabeth Luke, Lucas J. Strickland, William Nathaniel Frankell, Ethan Maze, Lukas W. Davis, Kiefer Stull, David Jordan Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, CJ Youngerman, Freddy Morse, Reagan Morrison, Josh Steveson, Josh Williams, Faith Odom, Tommy Goff and family Janette, Jamison and Kaylynn, Creighton Laster, Jim Bonner, Jacob Schaefer, Jerrod Schaefer, Jennifer Ann Bishop, James McWhorter, Arin Whitemountain.



Florida trip: Brad, Leslie and Geraldine Davis celebrated Mother's Day in style. They took Geraldine on a boat tour, fed the tarpon, then went to Key West, Fla.



Chali and Chelsi were with their grandmother Carol Gordon at Chali's graduation.



Congratulations to Dakota Wiseman, winner of the General Federation of Woman Clubs District 25 of Illinois scholarship. He is with Lillian Milam of GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Woman's Club.



A win at Herrifesta Art Show: At the Sunday, May 19, reception for the Herrifesta Art Show held at the Hartley Gallery in Herrin, awards were given for 2-D, 3-D, and photography. Shown here with her honorable mention \$100 award is Marie Samuel with her hand pieced and hand quilted wall hanging. "More Water Under Monet's Garden Bridge" on the left is part of a series of tributes to famous artists. Another fiber tribute to Van Gogh's Starry Night by Samuel recently received an honorable mention at the Anna Arts Center juried show. The Herrifesta Art Show is on display through May and open until 9 p.m. during Herrifesta.

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Advocates push for more state funding

More needed to move those with disabilities into community homes

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SPRINGFIELD — DeKalb County resident Tony Stahl said he waited five years for the state to put his disabled daughter, Allison, in the selection process that would allow her to live in her own home in a community.

After that eight-year wait, Allison is living and paying rent with two roommates in Sycamore, where she also works at WalMart, ushers at a church, and dances at a studio.

Only the community home, rather than a state institution, could "fully address her personal care, medical, and community living needs," her father said.

Nearly 300 other advocates and people with disabilities came to the Capitol on Thursday, May 16, to say something similar.

"By segregating people, by limiting access to services and supports necessary for participation, Illinois' communities are missing out on the benefits and contributions of people with disabilities," said Meg Cooch, executive director of The Arc of Illinois, a Chicago-based advocacy group.

Cooch said Illinois is second only to Texas in the number of disabled persons it puts into institutions, and that the average annual cost to house someone there, \$280,000, does not compare to the \$34,000 average yearly cost to help them live in communities instead.

Cooch and representatives from the Going Home

Coalition held a news conference to urge lawmakers to provide more funding for community-based living for people with disabilities.

Among other things, they argued that the \$107 million that Gov. JB Pritzker proposed to give to the Illinois Department of Human Services to help the agency comply with the new minimum wage law is not enough.

Cooch said the average caregiver for people with disabilities is paid between \$10 and \$11 per hour by the state.

While the caregiving role "is not a minimum wage job" in the first place, she said the additional money proposed is still insufficient.

"This is a job that means the difference between independence and non-independence" for people with disabilities, Cooch said.

"That money is not enough. We need more from legislators."

Bob Peterson, a disabled self-advocate from Naperville, said the shortage of caregivers caused by the low wages does not help either, but that without them, it is more difficult to get

people into communities where they can be active and engaged.

"Allison and everyone upstairs," Peterson said during the news conference in the Capitol basement, "we wouldn't be here if we lived in an institution."

The state operates seven

institutions for people with disabilities.

In recent years, The Arc of Illinois has called for the closing of six of those facilities in order to move their occupants into community settings, which advocates say allow people to live safer and healthier lives.

Gaston family reunion set at Kell church

An annual Gaston family reunion is planned Saturday, June 8, at Harvey's Point Christian Church, 1981 County Farm Rd., Kell.

The reunion will celebrate all Gaston ancestors and welcomes all Gaston cousins.

Family members are invited from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. A family photograph is planned at 11:45 a.m. A potluck lunch is planned

at noon. Meat, cutlery, plates, and drinks will be provided. A collection will be taken to pay for the meat.

Cousins Jeannell Gaston Charman and Cindy Woodward Tischhauser will set up a genealogy table. They invite everyone to bring old family photos and genealogy information.

Both Jeannell and Cindy are DAR members under

William Gaston and will provide assistance to anyone seeking information. There will also be computer access and DNA results assistance available.

There is ample parking, handicapped access, ADA bathrooms and a kitchen. The reunion will be held inside.

Everyone is invited to stay around to help tidy up the cemetery from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Television Listings

THURSDAY

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and networks (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW) listing programs.

MAY 23, 2019

THURSDAY

Table with columns for time slots (7:00pm, 8:30pm) and networks (HBO, CBS) listing programs like BlackKkKlansman and Life in Pieces.

FRIDAY

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and networks (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW) listing programs.

MAY 24, 2019

FRIDAY

Table with columns for time slots (7:00pm, 7:30pm, 8:30pm) and networks (CBS, TBS) listing programs like Whistleblower and Beauty and the Beast.

SATURDAY

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and networks (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW) listing programs.

MAY 25, 2019

SATURDAY

Table with columns for time slots (7:00pm, 8:00pm) and networks (HBO, ABC) listing programs like Halloween and The Good Doctor.

SUNDAY

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and networks (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW) listing programs.

MAY 26, 2019

SUNDAY

Table with columns for time slots (7:00pm, 8:00pm) and networks (SHOW, HBO, ABC) listing programs like Our Cartoon President and Billions.

MONDAY

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and networks (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW) listing programs.

MAY 27, 2019

MONDAY

Table with columns for time slots (8:00pm) and networks (HBO, CBS, SHOW) listing programs like Chernobyl and Bull.

TUESDAY

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and networks (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW) listing programs.

MAY 28, 2019

TUESDAY

Table with columns for time slots (7:00pm, 8:35pm, 9:00pm) and networks (FOX, HBO, CBS) listing programs like MasterChef Junior and Halloween.

WEDNESDAY

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and networks (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, SHOW) listing programs.

MAY 29, 2019

WEDNESDAY

Table with columns for time slots (7:00pm, 8:00pm) and networks (USA, CBS) listing programs like Law & Order: Special Victims Unit and The Amazing Race.

Opinion and Commentary



MEMORIAL DAY ORDER

Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic,
Washington, D.C., May 5, 1868.

GENERAL ORDERS

No. 11

I. The 30th day of May, 1868 is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains and their deaths the tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of a free and undivided republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remains in us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the nation's gratitude – the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the commander in chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.

By Command of -

John A. Logan,

Commander in Chief

N.P. Chipman, Adjutant General

(Editor's note: the Memorial Day Order is posted on the website for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' National Cemetery Administration.)

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Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

'Zombie raccoons' and gettin' the stink eye

Critters have been giving yours truly lots of stink eye during recent adventures on The Journey Through Life...

...before we focus on stink eye stuff, allow me to share something else that we all need to worry about.

I ran across a little article in the May 16 issue of USA TODAY which reported some rather disconcerting news. Seems that there are "zombie raccoons" on the loose in Illinois.

USA TODAY reported that the Riverside, Illinois, police department had issued an alert about "zombie raccoons."

It seems these raccoons "present serious dangers to family pets. The critters are called zombies because those carrying the distemper virus often stagger on their hind legs and bare their teeth."

Maybe I shouldn't make light of zombie raccoons news, since the situation involves some serious stuff. I suppose the good thing is that Riverside is way, way up north, in Chicago land. Maybe that means we won't have to worry about zombie raccoons, at least for a little while.

Stink eye, on the other hand, appears to already be here, given the experiences I've been having lately with various feathered and furry critters.

For example, one day last week, I'm pretty sure a goose was giving me the stink eye. In this case, the stink eye was kind of understandable.

I was walking fairly close to where Mother Goose and Father Goose were keeping a close eye (probably not a stink eye) on their feather fledgling family flock. I kept my distance, 'cause adult geese can, on occasion, be rather territorial, as in really mean. I took a few pictures, and moved on. Even so, I could still feel the stink eye on me.



Mother Goose, or maybe it was Father Goose, can't say for sure, was probably giving the photographer the stink eye when he got just a little bit too close to the little ones. The little geese pretty much didn't seem like they care much about the creature taking their picture.



Turtle stink eye? Hard to tell. Just lucky to get a picture, 'cause they tend to dive into the water rather quickly.

Then, there were the vultures. At least two of them. There might have been more, but I only saw two of them.

Given how they spend their time, it really shouldn't be all that surprising that a vulture would have a stink eye. And a stink head. And stink wings. And stink feet. Just pretty much stinky.

One of the feathered carrion-cleaner-uppers appeared to have decided to fly over me one day last week while I was motoring along the State Forest Road on the way to a photo opportunity.

A couple of days later, in pretty much the same place, another vulture (or, maybe it was the same one) did pretty much the same thing, under pretty much the same circumstances. I don't know much about how vultures think, but I'm guessing that maybe they were setting me up for an ambush.

Finally, there was the armadillo, which was spotted along Mountain Glen Road last weekend. For this critter, the stink eye was more of a description of its current state of being. As in it was dead. I suppose the armadillo was more about stinky eye than stink eye.

I mention the armadillo because there are some folks who still are doubters when it comes to such creatures actually wandering around Southern Illinois. For whatever it's worth, the deceased armadillo on Mountain Glen Road was the second one I've seen in that state of affairs during the past couple of weeks.

Let's just hope that these armadillos don't start joining their furry brethren, the "zombie raccoons," in coming back from the dead. That could get really stinky.

Southern Illinois sites added to National Register

The efforts of Illinois historic preservation advocates to preserve and promote the state's heritage paid off in 2018, with 30 properties being added to the National Register of Historic Places, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, has announced.

The places recognized are scattered across the state and include a nationally significant African American art center, a former village hall and fire station, and nine historic districts that combined include more than 2,800 significant properties.

Places are added to the register by the National Park Service based on recommendations from the State Historic Preservation Office, a division of the IDNR. The 30 places were added throughout 2018.

The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of properties that merit special attention and preservation.

Every Illinois county has at least one property or historic district listed in the National Register.

Together, they represent a cross section of the Prairie State's history from its early settlement to the mid-20th century.

In general, properties have to be more than 50 years old to be eligible for the National Register.

A listing places no obligations on private property owners but does make properties eligible for some financial incentives.

The 2018 additions to the National Register included three properties in the Southern Illinois area:

Old Fire Station, Chester, Randolph County, Listed June 15, 2018

The Old Fire Station, built in 1935, represents efforts by the City of Chester to provide modern and efficient fire protection services to their community.

Designed by Theo F. Lacey, the city engineer, it was built with assistance from one of the new federal work relief programs under the New Deal established in the 1930s by the administration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt to combat the immense unemployment during the Great Depression.

For 26 years, it served as the fire station to the community until 1961, when a new fire station was constructed as part of the city hall building.

Christian F. Weinrich House, Chester, Randolph County, Listed June 15, 2018

The Christian F. Weinrich House is important as an example of a Folk Victorian dwelling with Gothic Revival influences.

Built ca. 1873, its Folk Victorian and Gothic Revival influences are illustrated through its materials, massing, form and decorative details.

Folk Victorian dwellings were constructed with a simple form that allowed for homeowners and builders to copy elements from different architectural styles.

The Gothic Revival influence in the Weinrich house is represented by the steeply pitched roof with cross gables and the centered gable, cross brackets, vertical clapboard and stickwork detailing.

Frederick Weistar House, Chester, Randolph County, Listed June 15, 2018

The Frederick Weistar House, locally known as the Stone Cottage, is an architecturally significant example of a mid-19th century two-door facade building type, constructed ca. 1859 for Frederick Weistar.

The house is a well-preserved example of vernacular domestic architecture of the 1850s era, illustrated through both original exterior and interior details found throughout this dwelling.

A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, May 22, 1969

Commencement ceremonies for the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Class of 1969 will be held Thursday, May 29, at 8:00 p.m. in the Union Hall.

Annual Memorial Day services will be held at the Kornthal Church Sunday, May 25, at 2:30 p.m.

The Union County Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring the formation of a Mental Health Association. The first meeting has been set for Monday, May 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Anna State Bank.

During the past seven days the temperature reached the 80 degree mark or higher only two days. Rain fell in the amount of 3.27 inches.

Several merchants in Anna are holding Sidewalk Sales this Friday and Saturday.

The First Presbyterian Church of Cobden is planning its 95th anniversary Homecoming for Sunday, July 13.

The senior class of the Dongola unit school district presented "Spotlight of 1969" Friday night, May 16, under the capable supervision of Mrs. Corinne Brown, music director of the unit district.

Eleven members of the Shawnee FFA Chapter went camping at Lake Murphysboro the week end of May 16-18. The camping trip was held as a prize for the top garden salesman.

From the Shiloh news: I'm sure no one was bothered by dust over the week end. We had over three inches of rain here. Of course, there was more or less (in) other places. This rain is certainly bad on strawberries. The farmers have got a start and when the ground is dry enough, they really keep busy.

From the Friendship news: We sure had lots of rain this week end. Our new lake is filled and running out the spillway. Sure hope the levee doesn't break this time, as it did before, and the water all went down through the field.