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News

Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area



Peekaboo... a skink (which is a small, brightly colored lizard) peered out from a shallow hole in the ground Monday morning near the Cobden Cemetery. ***

Attendance was good at Memorial Day services held Monday morning at the Cobden Cemetery and at the Anna VFW post. ***

A vandal, or vandals, caused extensive damage last Friday night to a large number of tombstones at the Casper Cemetery near Anna. More information can be found elsewhere in this week's paper. ***

Union County Clerk Lance Meisenheimer continues to have concerns regarding the use of mail-in ballots for the November general election.

Weather

Temperatures ranged from a high of 89 degrees to a low of 56 during the period of May 19-25 in Union County.

Precipitation during the period included .01 of an inch on May 19, .12 of an inch on May 22, .01 of an inch on May 23, .18 of an inch on May 24 and .01 of an inch on May 25.

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

	H	L
Tuesday, May 19	68	56
Wednesday, May 20	71	59
Thursday, May 21	72	58
Friday, May 22	81	58
Saturday, May 23	85	62
Sunday, May 24	88	66
Monday, May 25	89	62

7 COVID-19 deaths recorded in Union County

Southern Seven Health Department on Monday, May 25, reported the death of a woman in her 50s from Union County who had tested positive for COVID-19.

On Saturday, May 23, the health department reported the deaths of two women from Union County who had tested positive for COVID-19.

The health department said that both of the women were in their 90s.

As of May 25, seven persons from Union County who had tested positive for COVID-19 had died.

Union County is the only one of the seven counties

served by the health department to have recorded deaths during the pandemic.

The health department on Monday also reported that two new cases of COVID-19 had been confirmed in its service area.

Both of the new cases were from Union County. The new cases involved a woman in her 20s and a man in his 20s. Both persons were being isolated.

Southern Seven Health Department had recorded zero new cases of COVID-19 in its service area on May 20 and 21.

On May 22, the health department confirmed 13

new cases of COVID-19 in its service area.

Twelve of the 13 cases were in Union County. One was in Massac County. All of the persons with new cases were being isolated.

The new cases reported on May 22 in Union County involved one female in her 60s, one male in his 60s, two females in their 70s, four females in their 80s, one male in his 80s, two females in their 90s and one male in his 90s.

On Saturday, May 23, the health department confirmed three new cases of COVID-19 in its service area. The three new cases

were in Union County. All three were being isolated.

The new cases confirmed on Saturday included a female in her 50s, a female in her 60s and a female in her 90s.

The health department on Monday reported two new cases of COVID-19 in its service area. One person was from Union County. The other was from Alexander County.

As of Monday, 80 people from Southern Seven's service area had recovered since the start of the pandemic in the United States.

The number of individuals confirmed, as of May 25,

within the Southern Seven counties, included:

Union County: 140 cases. 38 of the 140 had recovered. Seven deaths had been reported in Union County.

Alexander County: Eight positive cases. Eight of the eight had recovered.

Hardin County: One positive case. The person had recovered.

Johnson County: Seven cases. Four of the seven had recovered.

Massac County: Seven cases. Six of the seven had recovered.

Pope County: One case. The person had recovered.

Pulaski County: 40 cases. 22 of the 40 had recovered.

Memorial Day holiday commemorated

Anna VFW hosts service

The community gathered Monday morning, May 25, for a Memorial Day service which was hosted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna and its Auxiliary.

The ceremony was held outdoors on the grounds of the VFW post near Anna.

The guest speaker at Monday morning's ceremony was Clay W. Mitchell, U.S. Army (retired), who is vice commander of the Anna VFW post.

Mitchell's address follows:

Good morning to my brothers and sisters in the VFW, the VFW auxiliary, and the proud Americans of our great Union County community.

Thank you all for taking time out of your day to stand with us in recognition and honor of all those who have gone before us, who were willing to make the ultimate sacrifice in service to this nation.

We are humbled by their sacrifices and we commend their expressions of courage and strength that they showed throughout the years as our nation called.

Our brothers and sisters who we honor today were mourned, are missed, and their absences left empty spaces in many lives.

Some, who have never suffered losses like this, may not see the empty



Anna VFW Memorial Day service

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 hosted a Memorial Day service Monday morning, May 25. A color guard stood at attention while "Taps" was being performed.

spaces left in the families and communities.

That's simply human nature, but as FDR (Franklin Delano Roosevelt) once said, "Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy, forget in time, that men have died to win them."

It was Southern Illinois' own General John A. Logan, then a leader of an organization of Union Civil War veterans, who in May 1868, called for a nationwide day of remembrance.

His request read: "The 30th of May, 1868, is des-

ignated 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."

It wasn't until 1968 that Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May.

Memorial Day is also associated with the poppy. Why the poppy? Well, in

World War I, just after the Second Battle of Ypres in Belgium in the spring of 1915, a surgeon for an artillery unit named John McCrea was inspired by how quickly flowers grew around the graves of those who died at Ypres.

For a burial service he wrote a poem from the perspective of a dead soldier. A soldier buried in Flanders, Belgium in a grave covered in wild poppies.

John McCrea's poem, "In Flanders Fields," goes like this:

In Flanders fields, the

poppies blow

Between the crosses, row on row,

That mark our place; and in the sky

The larks, still bravely singing, fly

Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago

We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,

Loved and were loved, and now we lie

In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:

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"Taps" performed

James Eagle performed "Taps" during Monday morning's Memorial Day ceremony at the Cobden Cemetery. James, the son of Jared and Jennifer Eagle, is a 6th grade student at Cobden Elementary School.



Wreath laid

Gene Horn and Harold Blunt laid a wreath at the base of a monument at the Cobden Cemetery during Monday morning's Memorial Day service. Horn and Blunt are members of the Cobden American Legion post. The monument honors those who gave their lives during World War II. David Stewart of the Cobden American Legion post was master of ceremonies for the service.

Village of Cobden, Cobden American Legion host ceremony

The Village of Cobden and the Cobden American Legion hosted a Memorial Day service on Monday morning, May 25.

Due to the coronavirus/

COVID-19 pandemic, the service was conducted a little bit differently than has been seen in the past.

The Cobden American Legion conducted a wreath

ceremony at 9:30 a.m.

Following the wreath ceremony, a drive- and walk-thru service was planned from 9:35 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the cemetery.

Those who attended could walk by a veterans monument at the cemetery if they did not want to drive through the cemetery. The monument honors those

who gave their lives during World War II.

Flags were made available for those who wanted to stop and place one at the monument.





Memorial Day service in Alto Pass

The Alto Pass Area Veterans Memorial Group conducted a spur-of-the-moment Memorial Day ceremony in downtown Alto Pass to honor those who gave their lives in service for the country. Photo provided.

A-JCHS National Honor Society members recognized

The newest student members of the National Honor Society were noted at a regular meeting of the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School District No. 81 Board of Education. The meeting was May 18.

The National Honor Society conducted a virtual induction ceremony May 7.

The new members of the honor society include A-JCHS students Addison Denny, Gavin Osman, Marlee Smith, Bailey Bible, Bryce Henry, Beto Vaca Diez, Connor Hallam, Kristin Edmonds, Olivia Bowen, Blake Mays, Jessi Riley, Gracie Barlow and Payton Seip.

A-JCHS National Honor Society members completed more than 1,000 service hours during the 2019-2020 school year.

It was noted at the meeting that A-JCHS students will be recognized for the various achievements with postings on the school's Facebook page starting in June.

In other business at the May 7 meeting:

Lenore Ashby took the oath of office as a new member of the District 81 Board of Education.

The board accepted notices of intent to retire from Julie Lewis and Rob Wright.

Superintendent Rob Wright reported that the school has continued to receive its state aid payments as scheduled.

A pre-bid meeting was scheduled for May 14 for work to be done on the new entry and principal's office. Bids were to have been opened May 22.

The superintendent updated the board about progress on the district office and lower gym roof projects. He also updated the board about damages on the lower gym floods.

A special board meeting was set for 6 p.m. May 26 in the school library for the purpose of approving a bid for renovation of the principal's office and a new entryway. Hiring of fall and winter coaches also was to have been on the agenda.

Stinson Library working on plans for phased reopening

Plans are being developed for a phase reopening at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna.

The library has been closed due to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

Library director Lisa Livesay shared the following update about the library's plans in a May 19 email:

"We are currently working on finalizing our phased reopening.

"Like most libraries we will start with curbside pick-up for items from the main library or Cobden Library, we will have several options for placing items on hold for pick-up.

"We won't be receiving any deliveries from other libraries for quite some time, at least that is where things stand now.

"The process of quarantining items before recirculating would be almost

impossible for the number of items that come through inter-library loan. But I'm trying to add to our collection to help offset that.

"There are no overdue fines for anything right now. They have been turned off system wide all over the state.

"The only thing we would charge for would be lost items, and not until we can fully reopen.

Summer Reading Program

"Summer Reading is going to be so different this year.

"Based on recommendations from our library system (Illinois Heartland), the Illinois Library Association and American Library Association, we will be providing a virtual summer reading program."

Further updates are to be announced.



CEO student earns national recognition
Union County CEO program student Alex Remsey has earned national recognition for his business: Alto Archery Targets. Photo provided.

Union County CEO student earns national recognition

"Congratulations to the second place winner of the CEO National Pitch competition – Alex Remsey from the Union County CEO Program! We love this 30-second pitch about his business, Alto Archery Targets."

This was how the email from the Midland Institute of Entrepreneurship began.

The National Pitch Competition served as an opportunity for CEO students to showcase themselves and their businesses on a national level.

"Our 3 winners were selected from 74 submissions from 31 programs for their unique positioning and clear communication of their business concept," the email continued.

The judges for this contest were Maxine Clark, founder of Build-a-Bear Workshop; and Doug Villhard, entrepreneur and professor at Washington University in St. Louis.

Alex, a 2020 Cobden High School senior, was

awarded \$500; books by Maxine Clark, Kristen Ha-deed and Craig Lindvahl; and a gift certificate to Dan Chancellor's Climb So iLL, an indoor rock-climbing facility near St. Louis.

The competition was open to all of the 700 CEO students in 229 schools forming 56 programs in seven states.

Of the 74 video entries, Julia Lasley, a 2020 Anna-Jonesboro Community High School senior and owner of the fitness blog Train with Jules, came just a little short of being a finalist.

Union County CEO Board chair Casey Stout said, "We are so proud of these students who went above and beyond the requirements of the CEO class."

Alex's winning pitch, as well as all 12 of the 2020 class's commercials can be seen on the Union County CEO page on Facebook.

The Pitch Competition was new to CEO this year.

Due to the current shelter in place orders, Midland Institute of Entrepreneurship, of which Union County CEO is a chapter program, was unable to plan its annual trade show to be held at the National Midland Institute Conference in Champaign, where students submit applications and are selected to present their goods and service in a trade show format.

The Midland Institute for Entrepreneurship started as a class in Effingham in 2008.

The program has grown immensely throughout the Midwest, expanding every year. It is seen as the gold standard in leadership and entrepreneurship training for high school students.

Alex Remsey's Business: Alto Archery Targets

Here's the description of Alex Remsey's Union County CEO program business:

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

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

After practicing with different materials, and problem solving how to assemble, Alex came up with his final product.

If you enjoy bow hunting or archery, go to Alex's Facebook Page, Alto Archery Targets, and check out his pictures and videos of his target in use.

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First junior golf camp at Union County Country Club
 Union County Country Club in Anna has hosted a popular junior golf camp during the summer months since 2007. The accompanying picture features the participants at the first camp. This year, due to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, a junior golf camp will not be conducted. Plans are to have a camp in 2021.

The country club has announced that memberships which junior golf camp participants received during 2019 will carry over to 2020. The following youth membership playing privileges have been announced by the country club:

A young person must not have missed a day of the camp (no exceptions). The course is open to young people on the following schedule (tee time is needed): Tuesday through Friday, any time; Monday, Saturday and Sunday, after 2 p.m. All young people, ages 7-12, must be accompanied by an adult (unless other arrangements are made or circumstances warrant otherwise). Cart rental fees are \$10 for nine holes or \$15 for 18 holes. One free large bucket of range balls per week. Membership is good through the rest of the calendar year. More information about the program is available by calling 833-7912. Photo provided.

Saluting seniors on spring sports teams

By Mike Estel
 The 2020 high school spring athletic season will go down in the history as never being played.

The coronavirus pandemic cancelled the season and the graduating seniors will always remember what could have been.

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School baseball team would have had seniors J.D. Mains, Blake Pena, Nick McGrath, Trent Mason, Avery Goins and Jacob Schaefer.

Seniors on the Lady Wildcats' softball team were Tobie Treece and Cori Turner.

The A-J girls' track team had seniors Addison Denny, Abby Sartin and Olivia Bowen and the boys' track team seniors were Michael Brimm and Steen Vaca Diez.

On the Lady Wildcats' soccer team the seniors would have been Morgan

Keller, Raegan Cruse, Molly Adams, Jenna Watkins, Ashley Hoesktra and Andrea Olvera.

The Cobden softball team had seniors Lauren Sweitzer and Jenna Hartline and the baseball team had seniors Landon Britt, Josh Burgess, Alex Ramsey, Ryan Barr, Dylan Lewey, Noah Franklin, Christian Goins, Jesus Amezcua and Clayton Flamm.

Shawnee had seniors Ryan Schaefer and Koby McLane in baseball and Olivia Jackson, Noveda Qualls, Jacklynn Presutti and Jessica Sutliff in softball.

Dongola would have had the lone senior Hunter Freeman in baseball and Megan Theis and Dailee Cummins in softball.

For sure, the 2020 season will never be forgotten by any of those graduating seniors.

Sports making comeback

By Mike Estel
 Despite the coronavirus pandemic, there is a possibility that sports may be making a comeback.

Major League Baseball owners gave the go-ahead to make a proposal to the players' union that could lead to the baseball season beginning about July 4.

Spring training could then start in mid-June. The big difference would be that no fans would be in the bleachers. Fans would only be able to watch from television sets.

Let's hope that this is just the beginning and it won't be long until all sports get back in action.

NASCAR also opened its racing season up for the year at the Darlington Raceway in Charlotte, N.C., with no fans in attendance and horse racing began as well with no fans in the

bleachers. Area golf courses have also opened up throughout the country as has the the local Union County Country Club here in Anna.

Maybe the fall football season can still be salvaged as well. We will just have to wait and see what happens.

Illinois High School Association executive director Craig Anderson has said everything remains on the table for high school sports this fall. That includes starting football, volleyball, cross country, girls tennis and boys soccer on time, or delaying the seasons.

But for sure, progress is being made in all the sports world and avid fans can't wait until things get back to normal.

It will just take time, but apparently the sports world is headed in the right direction.

Addison Osman awarded Wiggs Scholarship



Addison Osman
 Addison Osman, a recent graduate of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, has been awarded the 2020 Geneva Davie Wiggs Memorial Scholarship.

The scholarship is sponsored by the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society.

Addison is the daughter of Eric and Janice Osman. She plans to attend the University of Mississippi as a history major.

The scholarship was open to Union County high school seniors who intend to major in history, social studies or photography at college.

Geneva Davie Wiggs was a long-time Union County photographer and historic preservationist.

The historical society has offered the scholarship in Wiggs' memory since 2005.

Taking a look back at two special Union County basketball teams

By Mike Estel
 With high school sports schedules put on hold because of the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, sports writer Mike Estel takes a look back at two special memories involving Union County teams.

1985 A-J Basketball
 The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' basketball team came close to going all the way in 1985.

The Wildcats lost 74-61 to the Harvard Hornets in the quarterfinals of the Class A Illinois State Championship game in Peoria on March 15.

The Wildcats played the taller Hornets even in the first half, but went cold in the second half.

While the Wildcats shooting was off the Hornets were chipping away and scoring with a 69 percent shooting percentage.

A-J trailed 35-34 at half-time after making 16 of 32 shots from the field, finishing 36 percent, the second poorest shooting display of the season.

"They put us in places on the court where we didn't want to be, and they stopped our game inside by tying up (Brian) Ury and (Robbie) Wright," said A-J head coach Mike Crews to The Gazette-Democrat newspaper following the game.

Present A-J high school superintendent Wright led A-J with 30 points and 14 rebounds.

Jim Morrison added 16 points. Ury had 14 points and 10 rebounds. Joel Reed had 11 points and 11 assists. Roger Choate finished with 2 points.

An estimated 1,100 A-J fans made the journey to the state tournament to cheer on the Wildcats.

The team advanced by claiming its first regional title in more than 20 years.

The Wildcats finished in third place that season in the South Egyptian Conference

and were not expected to make it to state.

"We played well when we needed to and made it out," Crews told the Gazette reporter.

Other A-J team members on the 1985 squad were Tim Hammon, Brian Craig, David Marvel, Tim Greenwood, David Prater, Jeff Denny and Doug Crews.

The Wildcats finished the season 21-9 overall.

1964 Cobden Basketball

There is no wonder why the Amazing Appleknockers of the 1964 boys' basketball team is still being talked about.

Cobden, a school of a miniscule 247 students, paired off against the larger Pekin, with an enrollment of 2,726 students and finished in second place in the Illinois State Championship basketball game after a 50-45 loss to the Dragons.

What's so phenomenal about the Appleknockers coming so close was that there was only one class system then and not broken down in four different classes like there is today.

That a smaller school could compete on the same level with a much bigger school was quite an achievement in itself.

Ken Smith led the way for Cobden in the championship game with 17 points. Jim Neal followed with 9 points, Jim Smith 8 points, Charles (Chuck) Neal 7 and Kenny Flick 4.

Flick scored 62 points during the state series and Ken Smith followed with 50 points.

Flick also made the all-tournament team.

Dick Ruggles was the coach of the Appleknockers during this era.

Cobden had a rough time to begin post-season tournament play and almost lost in the regional, but were able to pull off a one-point win over Egyptian. In the super sectional, it took the Appleknockers three overtimes to finally defeat Pinckneyville, 68-63.

Cobden finished the season at 32-3 overall with losses to Albion, McLeansboro and Pekin.

Though they didn't knock off Pekin, the smaller team made a name for itself in the annuals of sports' history by finishing second to one of the bigger schools in the state.

The 1964 Amazing Appleknockers coming close to almost winning the big one will never be forgotten by avid Cobden sports fans.

Sports Page from the Past from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, May 28, 1970

From Sports Notes, by Tim Landis:
 Khoury League Baseball for 1970 will be getting underway June the 1st with 17 teams from Anna, Jonesboro and Cobden competing in the area league.

The Anna Swimming Pool will be opening this Saturday, about a week earlier than usual. Jerry Lacey is the manager of the swimming pool this year.

Jim Eaves of Lick Creek has added two more victories to his season's record in Southern Illinois Auto Racing.

Cecil Toler, formerly of Anna, now with the Treasury Department in Washington, D.C., and Larry Malanka of Maryland, recently bowled in the Washington City Tenpin Bowling tournament.

Thoroughbred racing returns to Ellis Park on July 24, for the 47th year. The 39-day meeting will end Labor Day, September 7.

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Wishing to determine the truth about why Paul was being accused by the Jews, the commander freed him and ordered the chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin to convene. Then he brought Paul down and made him stand before them.

Paul was aware that some were Sadducees and some Pharisees, so he called out before the Sanhedrin, "My brothers, I am a Pharisee, the son of Pharisees; I am on trial for hope in the resurrection of the dead." When he said this, a dispute broke out between the Pharisees and Sadducees, and the group became divided. For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection or angels or spirits, while the Pharisees acknowledge all three.

A great uproar occurred, and some scribes belonging to the Pharisee party stood up and sharply argued, "We find nothing wrong with this man. Suppose a spirit or an angel has spoken to him?" The dispute was so serious that the commander, afraid that Paul would be torn to pieces by them, ordered his troops to go down and rescue Paul from their midst and take him into the compound.

The following night the Lord stood by him and said, "Take courage. For just as you have borne witness to my cause in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness in Rome." From the Acts of the Apostles

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Bath time may not be the favorite pastime, but sometimes you just have to endure it. There are times that we endure our circumstances through our faith in God. We may feel undeserving of our plight, but we accept it as necessary for our spiritual development. We can trust our Master to have a purpose for every situation; we know that He is always with us. Spend time with Him at His house this week and thank Him for His faithfulness to us.

Daily Bible Reading

2 Cor. 6:1-7:1	2 Cor. 7:2-16	2 Cor. 8:1-15	2 Cor. 8:16-24	2 Cor. 9:1-15	2 Cor. 10:1-18	2 Cor. 12:1-10
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A representative from Meridian recently presented the staff of Rural Health Inc. with over \$10,000 worth of Walmart gift cards. On hand for the presentation were, from left, Rural Health CFO Robert Odum, chief medical officer Dr. William Ribbing, Rural Health CEO Cindy Flamm, Rural Health community outreach coordinator Chase Hileman, Rural Health COO Jodie Stewart, and Meridian community relations specialist Greg Horta. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

Rural Health Inc. receives large donation

By Benjamin Marxer
Rural Health Inc. in Anna has received a donation worth of over \$10,000 from one of its managed care partners, Meridian Health. The donation comes in the form of 300 Walmart gift cards, each worth \$35. Meridian has purchased over \$96,000 worth of gift cards to be used by several community-based organi-

zations serving areas hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic. The donated cards can be used for essential healthcare and educational supplies. "The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic are far-reaching and have extended beyond medical care to affect access to food, education and other critical resources across our state,"

said Meridian Plan president and CEO for Illinois, Karen Branch in a press release. "These social determinants of health have a significant impact on overall wellbeing, especially among vulnerable populations," Branch continued, "and Meridian wants to help ensure we're supporting the needs of our communities during this challenging time."

jumping off point for us to really give back to the area during this unprecedented time," said Rural Health community outreach coordinator Chase Hileman. Essential objects, including groceries and personal care items, will be bought with gift cards and then distributed to various food pantries in Union, Johnson and Massac counties.

In a press release, Rural Health stated: "Rural Health, Inc. is exceedingly grateful for the donation from Meridian Health, and is overly excited to do their part in giving back, helping to keep the communities strong."

With the donation, Rural Health plans to invest back into the areas they provide service to. "Meridian's generous donation is going to be a

County board meets

Support pledged for senior meals program

The Union County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Friday morning, May 22.

Once again, the meeting was conducted online in response to the ongoing coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting could be watched online on YouTube.

The county board pledged its ongoing support following a request for funding from the Sunshine Inn senior meals program.

During the ongoing pandemic, the program has experienced growth in demand for its meals program. The program includes home-delivered meals.

The commissioners approved a Redeploy Illinois Bureau of Youth Intervention Services Fiscal Year 2021 continuation application.

The board's approval for the application came following a present by Keri Clark, who is director of the program.

The goal of the Redeploy Illinois program is to decrease youth incarceration.

Clark told county officials that she anticipates significant growth in the number of youth people who are served by the program.

She said that the program has saved the state more than \$6.5 million in juvenile incarceration costs.

Five Redeploy Illinois subcontractor agreements also were approved by the board.

Board of commissioners chairman Max Miller praised the work done by the program on behalf of young people.

The board approved the reappointment of David McMahan to the Shawnee Valley Water District Board of Directors.

The board also approved the reappointments of Pete Barger, Randy Lambdin and Dr. William Ribbing to the Union County Hospital District Board of Directors.

Anna VFW, Auxiliary to serve fish fry, chicken and dumplings

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

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

Fish Fry

The VFW post plans to serve a fish fry on Friday, May 29, starting at 5 p.m.

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

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

You can call 833-7737 before 10 a.m. Friday, May 29, to make a reservation for your meals.

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

Chicken and Dumplings Dinner

The Auxiliary plans to serve a "to go" chicken and dumplings dinner on Monday, June 1, beginning at 5 p.m.

The menu will include chicken and dumplings,

mashed potatoes, green beans, roll and dessert for a \$10 donation.

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

Call 833-5182 before 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 30, to reserve a pick up time.

The Auxiliary will prepare your meal and meet you under the awning in front of the building. You don't even have to get out of your car.

News from

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna



Drive-up Communion

Drive-up Communion is being offered during the pandemic. Photo provided.

May 24 was the seventh Sunday of Easter: Ascension Sunday. This is when the disciples gathered together with Jesus and He was taken up into heaven. The disciples watched in amazement as this happened, and they never saw Jesus again.

They then went back to the place where they had been meeting and waited and prayed, because they understood.

Their time of looking up and taking directions from Jesus was over. It was now time for them to get to work and spread the word.

They waited and prayed until the Spirit descended upon them to send them out as apostles to preach and teach.

A disciple is a student. An apostle is a "goer," a "doer."

Prayers were offered for the sick and suffering, for those who have lost loved ones and for persons dealing with COVID-19.

The pastor gave a prayer of thanks for those men and women who have served and who are now serving in the military.

There is news about when the church will be able to meet in person for services, but until then they will continue on YouTube at AJLU.ME.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, May 24, Pastor Perry Williams preached via transmitter for drive-up church.

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

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

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

Pastor Perry plans to resume live streaming a series of devotionals focused on the end times at 9 a.m. Monday through Friday on Facebook.

Announcements regarding the next series are available by calling the prayer line at 833-4021.

The pastor's messages

also can be found on YouTube.

The church council and interested persons planned to meet Wednesday evening, May 27, to discuss reopening the church for services.

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

Check the church's Facebook site for updated messages.

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

Birthdays: Jodie Dial, May 24; Robbie Wright, May 25.

Anniversary: Ernest and Doris Rhodes, May 26, 64 years.

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

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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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Counting Blessings

Kathy Wheaton wishes happy 3rd birthday to Nevaeh Wheaton. Kathy is feeling blessed that their granddaughter Felicity was released from Barnes hospital. Felicity was injured in a vehicle accident a couple

weeks ago. She had to undergo surgery to repair her broken pelvis. After seeing the major damage done to the truck and where she was sitting. They are truly blessed.

Correction

Mallary Shipley's name



Orlando Del Rosario is proud of his garden. He shared lettuce and turnips greens with people who were having the plant sale at UMCA. He is from the Philippines and moved to Anna five years ago. He loves the United States and had never seen snow until he came here. Orlando said he loves to garden. He and his wife Bonnie and children Adriel and Abbey say the people in Anna are very nice and friendly and he hopes to be able to live here for a very long time.



Keri, Heath, and son Cillian Clark placed flags on the graves of soldiers Saturday for Memorial Day. Keri said it was a humbling experience, that they are grateful for. Anna Cemetery is beautiful and full of history.



Homer Hawk, representing the American Legion, gave a donation to Nancy Kucera, president of the Anna-Jo Garden Club, for flowers they will get for the flower pots donated by Long Shadow Classic Ornaments at the veterans monument at the 4 way stop in Anna.



Anna-Jo Garden Club had its first drive through Annabelle plant sale held last Friday evening with social distancing. A special thanks to Nancy Kucera, Peggy Ferguson, Charlotte Echols, Linda Karraker and Betty Sirles.

should have been on the junior high graduation picture in my Anna news last week. Her sister Jaselynn's name was under the picture.

Congratulations

Jenna Elizabeth Herbst graduated from Arkansas State University with her master of education. Her graduation day was rescheduled for Aug.

Open for Business

Juni Boutique is open for curbside pick up Tuesday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Call when you get there and they will bring your order to you. They are at their new location next to WIBH Radio station on South Main Street.

Millstadt Trip

Bill and Nancy Hooks and Kathie Watkins took a trip to Millstadt. They watched Bill and Nancy's daughter Lindsey and family's dogs while they enjoyed a trip to Branson, Mo. While in Millstadt they enjoyed fishing in the lake by Lindsey and Jeff's home.

Welcome Home

Ruby Brimm had returned home after visiting in Florida.

Birthday Celebrations

John and Amie McLaughlin enjoyed their birthday with a steak dinner at home. John's birthday was May 23 and Amie's May 25. John is staying safe and not been out since the coronavirus pandemic.

Senior Solutions

Karen Lawless from Union County Hospital invites anyone over the age of 65 to join them in a program dedicated to addressing the emotional and behavioral health of adults.

Senior Solutions is an intensive outpatient program where patients receive group and individual therapy, family support and education.

The goal is to empower seniors to live as independently as possible and restore their quality of life.

Group sessions are scheduled on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 9 a.m. to noon.

People are welcome to tour the new area on Monday, Wednesday or Friday afternoons. Just call 833-4505.

Sightseeing

Elijah Ellis and Molly Siebert enjoyed a trip to Garden of the Gods.

Missouri Trip

Curt and Bessie Ellis went to the 100 mile yard sale in Missouri, shopping and eating out.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Lovella Graig's brother Bill Aldridge went to heaven this week. Sympathy to his family.

At Loaves and Fishes 100 bags of groceries and 30 masks were handed out as cars drove by.

Friday, Rev. Richard Sullins from Marion visited with Darryl Parks while he was sitting up for the plant sale and took some beautiful plants and crafts home with him.

Saturday was a beautiful day for the plant and craft sale in the church parking lot. Many people drove by to look at the plants and there was plenty of room for social distancing.

Sunday, Rev. David Reynolds' sermon was on The Cross of Christ and us being soldiers of the cross.

Prayers for our soldiers



Addilyn Taylor Barnhart made her dad Zach cupcakes and a cake to celebrate his birthday last weekend.

who have fought for our freedom and for our military who are overseas and for the pandemic God is in control.

David and Liz did a play what happens when we die?

The Lords Supper was taken.

Honor Wreaths for Veterans

Program will be at our Anna Cemetery Dec. 19 at 11 a.m. If you haven't sent money yet for your loved one a wreath they are \$15. The check can be made out to Honor Wreaths for Veterans and mailed to Martha Ann Webb, 118 W. Monroe St., Anna, Ill. 62906.

Anna Heights Baptist Church

Pastor Darryl Williams continues his series on Hope for Hard Times. These sermons can be watched on YouTube and Facebook on Wednesday and Sunday.

Red Hat Ladies

Sympathy to Marge Davidson on the death of her brother.

Anna VFW

The fish was great again last Friday night. Thanks to everyone who prepared and served it.

Linda Jackson says a big thank you to everyone who came out for the fish dinner. These dinners help bring money into the post to keep it solvent so when they can reopen they will be able to do so. All help is appreciated.

Friday, May 29, starting at 5 p.m. and serving until 6 p.m., they will have the drive through again to get your fish dinner. Call 833-5182 to reserve your dinner.

Monday was the memorial service to honor all the post and auxiliary members who were lost during the past year.

Monday, June 1, chicken and dumplings will be served for a \$10 donation. Call no later than 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 30, to reserve your meal.

Military Prayer List

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



Campbell Wilde is graduating from 8th grade at Agassiz Elementary School in Chicago. She has been selected to attend Lane Tech Prep High School. Campbell is the daughter of Amy and James Wilde and the granddaughter of Linda and Frank LaFoon.

Concert

Eric Massey band Diamond Dog is playing outside at Starview Saturday, May 30, from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m.

30th Wedding Anniversary

Matt and Vicky Sadler celebrated their anniversary with their sister and brother-in-law eating out in the parking lot. Matt and Vicky have been together 35 years.

Birthday Celebration

Nancy Skoglund celebrated her birthday Sunday, May 24, with her husband Wayne at their home. Their daughter and family came to visit and have dinner. Her grandchildren baked

her a cake.

Memorial Day Dinner

Guests of Curt, Bessie and Elijah Ellis for a Memorial Day cookout were Molly Siebert, Earl Miller and Martha Ann Webb. They also enjoyed watching Elijah make his first garden. He planted cucumbers and tomatoes.

Tennessee Trip

Jane Baker visited her friend Janet Murray-Goff and family in Clarksville, Tenn. Jane also took Kay a mountain bike.

Wedding Anniversaries

May 24 Matt and Vickie Sadler, Gayle and Jack Yarbrough.



The farmers market is back on Tuesdays from 7 a.m. to noon on East Davie Street.



Norm and Barb Bauer celebrated a late Mother's Day and early Father's Day with surprise visitors last week. Son Timothy Bauer is an over-the-road truck driver who had a freight trip from western Iowa to Georgia. He passed right through Anna, so was able to stop for breakfast with Norm and Barb. They were joined by his twin sister, Beth Bauer Hileman from Anna. Tim's company has been kept busy during the pandemic and he says he has appreciated less traffic on the highways and in cities. He has been super careful and observed healthful practices to stay safe in all his travels. He says he is hopeful people will be considerate of the safety and needs of others.



Memorial Day weekend was a beautiful time to be outdoors. It was perfect for a corn hole game and a pot luck picnic. Corn hole tournament players included Norm Bauer, Anna; Matteo Young, O'Fallon, Mo.; Ruth Dodd, Dongola; Jay Young, O'Fallon; and Susan Whitemountain, Anna. Other players were Barb Bauer and Norma Lee Hackney. Jay and Matteo Young are nephew and great-nephew of Ruth Dodd. Hosts of the event were Susan Whitemountain and Lee Hackney.

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ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK, a National Chartered Bank, Plaintiff,

vs

BRIAN S. LENCE, LINDA K. LENCE, SOUTHEAST MISSOURI HOSPITAL, DANIEL LEWIS, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

Case No.: 2020-CH-12

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7 PM	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (HD)	Young (31) Plan (HD)	Celebrity Watch Party	Council of Dads (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D		★★★ "Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom" (18)	Shameless (HD)
8 PM	Holey Moley (HD)	(01) Mom Broke	Labor of Love (HD)	Blindspot (HD)	Monday Night Football (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	We're Here (HD)		Billions (HD)
9 PM	To Tell the Truth (HD)	To Be Announced	Local Programs Local info.	Law & Order: SVU		Bang (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Unsuitable	Insecure	"The Ruins" A haunted temple.	DESUM & Calif. (HD)
10 PM	Local	Local	Local	Local (3:5) Tonight (HD)		Bang (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Coop & Cam	Betty (HD)		DESUM & Calif. (HD)
11 PM	Kimmel	(3:5) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan Zany sketches.	Chicago P.D. (HD)	BUNK'D	We're Here (HD)	★★★ "Narc" (02) Deep undercover.	VICE
	Nightline					Last O.G.	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Jessie	(05) "Paul" (11) (HD)		DESUM & Calif. (HD)
	Kimmel	Corden				Conan		Jessie			"Mechanic"

FRIDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Last O.G.	"Fifty Shades Darker" (17) Past interferences.	Jessie	(05) "It: Chapter Two" (19) Pennywise returns to finish Losers Club. (HD)	(5:20) "Cursed" (05)	★★★ "Almost Famous" (00) Teen rock writer.
7 PM	Shark Tank (HD)	MacGyver Dead pilot.	VWVE Friday Night SmackDown (Live) (HD)	World of Dance (HD)	CFF Rankings Show	"Movie"		Jessie	"16 Wishes" Wish goes wrong.	"Shallow Hal" (01) Inner beauty shines. (HD)	Jesus Trejo
8 PM	(01) 20/20 Investigative news. (HD)	Magnum P.I. (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Dateline NBC Investigative news. (HD)	College Football 150	"Movie"		"Fifty Shades Freed" New enemies appear.	Big City	★★★ "Tomcats A hurried wedding.	Showtime Boxing (F)
9 PM	Local	Local	Local	Local (3:5) Tonight (HD)	2019 MLS Cup Playoffs			Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D	Real Time Maher (HD)	Showtime Boxing (F)
10 PM	Kimmel	(3:5) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Late Night	Sports	ELEAGUE (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie	Real Time Maher (HD)	"Dickie Roberts: Former"	Jesus Trejo
11 PM	Nightline							Jessie	We're Here		

SATURDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	(5:00) "Movie"	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Raven	"Downton Abbey"	(5:10) "Replicas" (19)	"Kill Bill: Vol. 2" (04)
7 PM	TBA	To Be Announced	Flirty Dancing (HD)	"Despicable Me 2" (13) Hunt for criminal.	NBA (HD)	(15) Bang	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Big City	★★★ "Lucy in the Sky" (19) An astronaut. (HD)	"The Sitter" Night of adventure.	★★★ "Real Steel" (11) Robot boxing. (HD)
8 PM	To Be Announced Info unavailable.	48 Hours (HD)	Lego Masters (HD)	Sat. Night Live (HD)	NBA Basketball (HD)	(15) Bang	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Big City	"Tower Heist" Wall Street thief.	"Mile 22" (18) CIA unit rescue. (HD)	(4:5) Penny
9 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs Local info.	Local (3:5) Tonight (HD)		(15) "Movie"	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Owl House	(05) I Know This (HD)	(10) "Don't Let Go" (19) Detective's family.	
10 PM	Kimmel	(3:5) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.	NBA Basketball (HD)		Chicago P.D. (HD)	BUNK'D	(05) We're Here (HD)	"Unstoppable" (10)	Billions
11 PM	Nightline						Chicago P.D. (HD)	Jessie			

SUNDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Home Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	Celebrity Watch Party	The Titan Games (HD)	30 for 30 "Lance, Part 1" (HD)	(4:30) "Tarzan"	Law & Order: SVU	"Teen Beach 2" (15) Time-travelers.	★★★ "The Meg" (18) Pre-historic monster. (HD)	★★★ "The Mule" (18) Old drug courier. (R) (HD)	"First Man" (18) (HD)
7 PM	Feud (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	Simpsons	America's Got Talent "Auditions 1" (HD)	30 for 30 "Lance, Part 2" (HD)	"Rampage" (18) Huge animals attack. (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	I Know This (HD)	"The Family Man" (00) Bachelor's choice.	Penny
8 PM	Press Your Luck (HD)	Magnum P.I. (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Local (3:5) Tonight (HD)		★★★ "Rampage" (18) Giant animals wreak havoc on a city.	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	Unsuitable	(4:10) "Scoop" (06)	Billions "Contract"
9 PM	Match Game (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Local	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)		Law & Order: SVU	Raven	Unsuitable		
10 PM	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs	Local		SportsCenter (HD)		Law & Order: SVU	Raven	Unsuitable		
11 PM	(3:5) Local	Local	Local		SportsCenter (HD)		Law & Order: SVU	Raven	Unsuitable		

MONDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	Series of Poker	Fam Guy	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Just Roll	(5:50) ★½ "Lucy in the Sky" (19) An astronaut.	(5:00) "Be Cool" (05)	(4:35) ★★ "Clear" (94)
7 PM	Feud (HD)	Neighbor.	9-1-1 "Sink Or Swim"	The Titan Games	SportsCenter (HD)	Fam Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	Sydney	We're Here (HD)	"Bad Times at the El Royale" (18) Hotel strangers. (HD)	Dexter Dexter's father.
8 PM	The Baker and the Beauty (HD)	Bob Hearts	9-1-1: Lone Star (HD)	The Wall (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Fam Guy		Big City			Penny
9 PM	Local	Bull "Doctor Killer"	Local Programs Local info.	Songland (HD)	College Basketball (HD)	Dad (HD)		Unsuitable	Insecure		House Lies
10 PM	Local	Local	Local	Local (3:5) Tonight (HD)		Dad (HD)		Coop & Cam	(4:01) I Know This (HD)	(25) "Deja Vu" (08) Agent saves woman. (HD)	America & DESUS
11 PM	Kimmel	(3:5) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan	Dirty John (HD)	BUNK'D	★★★ "Anna" (19) Feared assassin.	"Exorcism"	Billions
	Nightline					Seinfeld	Family	Jessie			
	Kimmel	Corden				Conan	Family	Jessie			

TUESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Monday Night Countdown (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	Real Time Maher (HD)	★★★ "Bowfinger" (99)	"Outbreak" (95) (HD)
7 PM	Conners	NCIS (HD)	Hell's Kitchen (HD)	America's Got Talent "Auditions 2" (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Sydney	I Know (HD)	"The Change-Up" (11) Body switching. (HD)	Ray Donovan (HD)
8 PM	Family	FBI "Legacy" (HD)	Gordon (HD)	World of Dance (HD)	Monday Night Football (HD)	Bang (HD)	Dirty John "No Fault"	Raven	I Know This (HD)		Escape At Dannemora "Part 7"
9 PM	Genetic (HD)	FBI: Most Wanted	Local Programs Local info.	Local (3:5) Tonight (HD)		Bang (HD)	Dirty John (HD)	Unsuitable	★★★ "Hanna" (11, Thriller) Teen assassin. (HD)	"Isn't It Romantic" Movie life.	(4:40) ★★ "Mr. Brooks" (07) Criminal alter ego.
10 PM	Local	Local	Local	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan	Chicago PD	Coop & Cam	(05) I Know This (HD)	(25) "Death Becomes Her" (92)	
11 PM	Kimmel	(3:5) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Late Night		Last O.G.	Dirty John "No Fault"	BUNK'D	"Side Effects" (13)		
	Nightline					Brooklyn		Jessie			
	Kimmel	Corden				Conan		Jessie			

WEDNESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD)	NCIS "Hometurf"	Raven	"Shazam!" (07)	"Rescue Dawn" (07)	"Tuscan Sun" (03)
7 PM	"Up" (09, Comedy) Ed Asner. A flying house.	GAME ON! (HD)	MasterChef (HD)	Chicago Med (HD)	Playoff	Bang (HD)	WWE NXT (HD)	BUNK'D	Betty (HD)	★★★ "The Mule" (18) Old drug courier. (R) (HD)	The

Obituaries

Frankie Cripps

Frankie Cripps, 73, of Grand Tower, went to be with the two loves of his life, his Lord and Savior and his wife Sandy, on Monday, May 18, 2020, at his home.

He was born on Nov. 11, 1946, in Grand Tower, the son of Frank and Mary Lee Etta (Wright) Cripps.

He married Mary Sandra McClure on Oct. 3, 1970, in Grand Tower. She preceded Frankie in death on April 30, 2015.

Mr. Cripps is survived by his son, Shannon (Lisa) Cripps of Savannah, Ga.; daughter Jill (Michael) Crane of Grand Tower; six grandchildren, Aaron Lobato, Mathew (Sarah) Cripps, Lindsay (Quentin) Crane-Goode, Michael (Abbey) Crane, Nicholas Crane and Shannon Crane; great-granddaughter Grace Elaine Cripps; brothers John (Murf), Jim (Rose), Francis; sisters Colleen Baltzell, Bernadine (Vernon) Thompson, and Ellen Robertson; and several nieces and nephews.

He also leaves his fur babies, Buddy and Tinkerbell. Mr. Cripps was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; an infant grandson Nathan Crane; brothers David and Mark; and a sister, Rosemary.

Mr. Cripps served his country on active duty with U.S. Navy from 1965 to 1969 and then as a SeaBee Reservist until 1992.

He retired in August 2000 from the Union Pacific Railroad after working 29 years and nine months.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and just being in the outdoors. He especially loved spending time with his grandchildren, they were his pride and joy and he, their beloved "G-pal."

After Frankie and Sandy retired, they spent their winters in Wiggins, Miss., and traveled throughout the Gulf Coast. During their travels they made many friends in Mississippi, Alabama and Florida.

He was a kind and gentle soul who never met a stranger and was never at a loss for words.

He was an ordained deacon, serving his Lord at the First Baptist Church in Grand Tower for many years. His last words were, "I gotta get up and walk" and walk he did right through the gates of Heaven.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Memorials can be made to the Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease Foundation or to the Leukemia Foundation.

Meredith Funeral Home in Carbondale assisted the family with arrangements. To leave a story or memory, visit www.meredithfh.com.

Theodore 'Teddy' E. Albert Jr.

Theodore "Teddy" E. Albert Jr., 68, of Anna, died Wednesday, May 20, 2020, at his home.

He was born on Dec. 4, 1951, in Pekin, the son of Theodore and Lenora Holcomb Albert.

He married Gerry Terrell on Jan. 25, 1974.

He is survived by his wife, family and friends.

Due to current health concerns, there will be no public service.

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.

News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

Continuing to worship via Zoom, Sunday's service began with praise reports, prayer requests and the intercessory prayer.

The Rev. Dee Ann Thompson's sermon Sunday was the second in a series from the book of James; scripture was from the first chapter "...be swift to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger..."

The message shared that "when we fail to listen, especially in the spiritual realm, our faith does not grow. In the clamor of today's society, we often fail to listen to the still, small voice of God."

"After we listen, we should be slow to speak, and make sure that emotion doesn't 'run' our tongues so that we don't 'damage' others."

"Lastly, James tells us we should be slow to become angry. Things we say or do in anger, can affect the rest of our life as well as the life of whoever is the victim of our anger."

Rev. Thompson closed with the challenge "to take



Earl 'Fuzz' Benefield

Earl "Fuzz" Benefield, 91, of Thebes, died Sunday, May 24, 2020, at Integrity Healthcare in Carbondale.

He was born on April 4, 1929, in McClure, the son of Clarence "Monk" and Bertha Phillips Benefield.

He married Laverne "Pooch" Kaufman on Dec. 10, 1955. She preceded him in death May 17, 2018.

Mr. Benefield farmed with his brother Paul and also worked as a carpenter for many years for Bud Pearce. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather and a great neighbor.

Survivors include two daughters, Connie (David) Newell and Lisa (Guy) Lesch; four granddaughters, Stacy (John) Davis, Kelli Holloway, Ashley (Matthew) Follis and Lindsay Newell; nine great-grandchildren, McKenzie, Bryce, Kylie, Kiersten, Mallory, Blayne, Adalyn, Kinleigh and Lincoln; 1 brother, Bill (Goldie) Benefield; three sisters, Virginia Shearf, Clara (Bob) Tucker and Alice (Dave) Green; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers, Russell, Charles, Lawrence, and Paul, and one sister, Louise Matlock.

Graveside services for Mr. Benefield were held Wednesday, May 27, at Lindsey Cemetery in McClure, with Pastor Zack Strong officiating. Interment followed.

Memorials can be made to Lindsey Cemetery and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Crain Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau was in charge of arrangements.

To view online condolences for the family, visit www.crainsonline.com.



Christopher Stephen 'Chris' Rhymer

Chris Rhymer, 43, of Carbondale, died Friday, May 15, 2020, at his home.

He was born Aug. 5, 1976, in Lakenheath, England, the son of Jay and Jeannie Haynes Rhymer.

Mr. Rhymer is survived by his loving life partner, Rachel Walker of Carbondale; his mother, Jeannie Haynes of Anna; his father, Jay (Debbie) Rhymer of Anna; a brother, Brad (Patty) Rhymer of San Francisco, Calif.; a sister, Amy (Jason) Messamer of Coralville, Iowa; maternal grandmother Bonnie Haynes of Anna; very special aunt Cathy Spinazola of Cobden; many other aunts and uncles; cousins; and numerous close friends.

Mr. Rhymer was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed going on hiking excursions all over the United States and beyond. He enjoyed going camping and listening to music.

He worked many years for Southern Illinois University Carbondale in the registrar's office.

Graveside services will be held privately for the immediate family. Memorials can be made to the Ocean Conservancy or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Envelopes will be available at the 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.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

A drive-in service was held Sunday, May 24, on the parking lot at the Anna Church of the Nazarene.

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

The pastor's message on Sunday was titled, "The Ascension," with scripture from Romans.

The message can be heard on the church's website at annanaz.com and on the Anna First Church of the Nazarene Facebook page.

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

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

The Anna First Quizzers participated in the Illinois District Quiz by using Google forms.

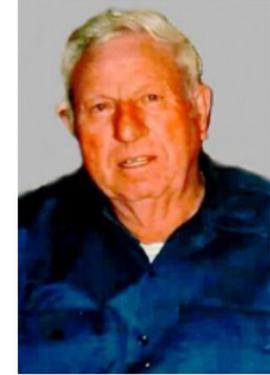
The following scores were recorded:

Red Level 30 questions total, Liberty Cook, 28, all-star team. Madilyn Smith, 27. Blake Wells, 24.

Blue Level 40 questions total, Nicholas Cook, 40, all-star team, perfect score. Jaida Smith, 36. Sophia Wells, 36. Aaron Wiseman, 34.

All seven of the church's quizzers will be participating in the regional quiz, which is scheduled June 5-7. Google forms will be used again.

Birthdays: Jessica Elkins, May 24; Nancy Smith,



Juanita Willis

Juanita Willis, 94, of Anna, and formerly of Jonesboro, died Friday, May 22, 2020, at the Integrity Healthcare.

She was born March 29, 1926, in Dongola, the daughter of Raymond Roscoe and Ina Belle Littleton Dillow.

She married William Austin Willis on May 6, 1944, in Union County. He preceded her in death on Aug. 12, 1999.

Mrs. Willis is survived by her son, Larry (Denise) Willis of Buncombe; grandson Kyle Willis of Cincinnati, Ohio; a brother, Gerald Dillow of Sandwich; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and by her husband, William Austin Willis.

Mrs. Willis was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church in Jonesboro. She worked many years as the bookkeeper for W.A. Willis Trucking. She loved her church and tending to her lawn and flowers.

Private graveside services will be held for the immediate family.

Memorials can be made to the First Baptist Church in Jonesboro. Envelopes will be available at the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home.

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

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



Minnie Mize

Minnie Mize, 86, of Anna, died Tuesday, May 19, 2020, at her home.

She was born on March 28, 1934, in Pulaski County, the daughter of Johnnie and Dorothy Kell Mize.

She is survived by one sister, Nina Neathammer of Cairo; one brother, Robert Mize of Buena Park, Calif.; and her many friends at New Way.

Due to current health concerns, there will be no public service. Private interment will take place at Rose Hill Cemetery in Pulaski.

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

In Loving Memory of
Goldie Pearson
July 29, 1933 - May 31, 2019

*One year ago you went home to be with the Lord.
You said goodbye to the family you loved so dear.
You left a longing in our hearts that no one else can fill.
Each day our hearts look for you.
Your family dearly loves and misses you.*

The family of Goldie Pearson

"The Preaching Pen"
A Quick Thought about Jeremiah 17:9

Jeremiah 17:9 reads, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?"

In this passage, the prophet records that God's people must listen to God and not listen to their own hearts. According to W.E. Vine's Expository Dictionary of Bible Words, the word "heart" refers to the most important organ for physical life but also represents the seat of man's mental and emotional activity (297). Scripture tells us that to listen to our hearts is a foolish proposition (Proverbs 28:26). But what are some reasons for such foolishness? With those thoughts in mind, let us uncover what the Bible has to say about the subject.

First, in today's world, people focus their lives upon a multitude of useless aims. Our hearts (the center of our morality) will be guided by our life's focus (Matthew 6:21). All too often, society pivots from the Bible in favor of the comfortable, fun, or even pleasurable activities of life. However, rejection of God is acceptance of sin.

Second, just like Pharaoh and the Jewish leaders in Christ's time, people can harden their own hearts. The source of Pharaoh's hardened heart was his refusal to listen to the Lord (Exodus 7:13). As with our first point, this refusal is a deliberate choice made by man. God does not harden the heart, but He will also not stop man from finding the means to do so; it must be our choice.

Third, people stop believing in God, of God, and on God (Hebrews 3:12). Believing in God requires an effort on our part. Some think that God requires too much of my time, talent, or money. The effort to believe is just too much for some. However, many find enough time to commit to a weekly television program or enough money to purchase their weekly LOTTO ticket. But those items are fleeting; God's Word is eternal.

In order to please God, we must know how and why to direct our hearts. All the knowledge we will ever need to know is found in the Bible. May we strive to show ourselves approved before God.

Ryan Thornsberry, Elder
Anna church of Christ

Opinion and Commentary

Coronavirus pandemic identifies fault lines that must be addressed

By Jim Nowlan

The coronavirus crisis has exposed critical fault lines in our nation's bedrock, which must be addressed. I identify three below, but there are others, such as fiscal sufficiency for Social Security and Medicare, both programs taking a hit from the virus and our spending to combat it.

First, we obviously need an American technology/industrial policy. In many areas, China is surpassing our once vaunted technological prowess. The rapid rollout of 5G technology around the world by Chinese behemoth Huawei, while American companies struggle to catch up, should be a wake-up call.

And since we have exported much of our manufacturing to Asia, we find our nation without either the supply or the ready capacity to produce the health care goods we need to help staunch the viral spread.

Business, government and research labs at our universities and elsewhere must collaborate on strategies and funding streams for basic and applied research, as well as for capacity building for the production of goods and services that we need internally and for sale worldwide.

Second, we must confront the serious disarray in the American family. I was struck by the scramble of shuttered school districts across America to see that breakfast, lunch and snacks are delivered daily to kids at home during the pandemic. This suggests a dramatic increase in dependence on government in too many households.

In my rural confines, single parenting has become almost the norm in many communities. I once observed that government has replaced Dad in many of these households. Now, as schools bustle to get meals regularly to the kids, you might say that government has even supplanted many Moms in this fundamental responsibility of parenting.

Standing in line at a grocery recently, I overheard an admittedly harried-looking mom observe to the clerk about school-delivered meals: "It's just one more meal I don't have to prepare."

We will never return to the idealized household of Ozzie and Harriet, which we learned later wasn't all that ideal, either. Still, we need to assess what might be done to stabilize and strengthen millions of homes where often undereducated singles can apparently neither provide basic supports, nor set high expectations for achievement for their children.

The challenges in the American family won't be solved simply by throwing more money at the Moms. Many of them need parenting skills that have not been handed down, as neither their moms, nor often their grandmothers, possess basic parenting skills, at least according to local social workers with whom I talk.

Can communities, neighborhoods, churches, maybe schools, step up and fill the gap? Should schools offer parenting classes? Can local groups provide parent coaching? Teen births are down sharply, which is good; what can be done to drive those numbers down further? I don't know, but I know we need to address the problems in the changing American family.

Third, we need to reset our politics. Recent actions by Congress and the president to address the coronavirus illustrate that we can rise above polarization, that governance is indeed more important than politics (though it should be noted that it is always easier to spend big money than to pay for it later).

Yet, unless a crisis slaps us in the face, as at present, elected officials seem incapable of taking forceful action on the big issues. Putting men on the moon and building anything akin to our interstate highway system seems today far beyond the grasp of elected officials.

Maybe because of the huge amounts of money often necessary now to win election into Congress and our state legislatures, lawmakers are more than ever fixated on governing so as to stay in office. That sounds good, democratic, you might say, yet it isn't good. Most in the public have no idea what needs to be done. They want life to go on as painlessly as possible.

Big issues such as fiscal sufficiency for Social Security and Medicare, and imperative investments in technological research won't be tackled effectively without some pain. That's what leadership is about. And sometimes, as with Winston Churchill's fall from power after leading England through World War II, leaders have to fall on their swords to get big jobs done.

More candidates in our country need to tell voters what they need to hear, not what they want to hear. Otherwise, we in America will continue sleep-walking across the fault lines of our own national decline.

For many years, Jim Nowlan was a senior fellow and political science professor at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. He has worked for three unindicted governors and published a weekly newspaper in central Illinois.

Cobden School has food pantry

A food pantry is scheduled to be open throughout the summer in the Cobden School District. The pantry is scheduled to be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays. The pantry will be located in front of the elementary school.

Donations are being accepted for shelf stable food items. Monetary donations also are accepted. Checks can be made to the Cobden PTO.

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

This week...Moose...HokieBird...Bearnard...



Moose, a dog (the one on the left), is now Dr. Moose, and still a dog. Moose is a therapy dog at Virginia Tech. In the picture, Dr. Moose is with the HokieBird. HokieBird is Virginia Tech's official mascot. Guess that makes HokieBird an okee, dokee bird. By the way, did you know (I didn't, until Friday, that there's a bluegrass/American roots children's music duo from Minneapolis called the Okee Dokee Brothers? In 2012, the duo released a CD/DVD called "Can You Canoe?" The CD/DVD was created during a paddle trip down the Mississippi River. Apparently, they only went to St. Louis.

It would be kind of tough these days to not have any friends. That's why I visited with Bearnard one day last week.

We'll get back to Bearnard in just a bit...if you'll bear with me, I wanted to share a "feel good" story I ran across one day recently on the internet. Once, since it was on the internet, it has to be true.

Anyway, the story is about Moose...Moose is not a moose...Moose is a dog...and now Moose is Dr. Moose...but you can read the story, which was posted on the Virginia Tech website:

May 15, 2020 – A Virginia Tech staffer who has spent a career serving and supporting the university community will be recognized today in a special commencement ceremony.

He's also sure to receive plenty of treats and a hearty "Good boy!"

Moose, an 8-year-old therapy dog at Virginia Tech's Cook Counseling Center, will receive an honorary doctorate in veterinary medicine Friday evening as part of virtual commencement exercises. It's the latest recognition for the pawsome member of Hokie Nation.

Like the Hokies he helps, Moose has had a challenging few months. Just a week after his birthday in February (his 64th, in human years), the Labrador Retriever was diagnosed with prostate cancer and began a treatment regimen of radiation, chemotherapy, and other therapies.

His treatment has been managed by providers at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine, a joint venture of Virginia Tech and the University of Maryland at College Park. Moose was cared for and housed by a Virginia Tech veterinary student earlier this year while receiving radiation treatments at a private veterinary specialist in Richmond.

Moose, who came to Virginia Tech in 2014, is now one of four dogs at the counseling center who serve as working therapy animals and ambassadors for mental health awareness.

Trent Davis, the coordinator of animal-assisted therapy and a counselor at the center, credited Veterinary Teaching Hospital staff for providing Moose with excellent care. Moose continues to receive chemotherapy and has been given a paw-sitive prognosis.

"They're wonderful, amazing people," Davis said of the veterinary staff.

Moose has returned to work with canine colleague Derek, who is also owned and cared for by Davis. Virginia Tech's team of therapy dogs is rounded out by Carson

and Wagner, whose humans are also staff members at the counseling center.

Moose has aided in more than 7,500 counseling sessions and over 500 outreach events in his six years at Virginia Tech. He was honored in 2019 with the Virginia Veterinary Medical Association's Animal Hero Award. When not working, he enjoys swimming, playing tug of war, and perhaps most of all, eating.

(You may be wondering why I'm sharing a story about a dog and a HokieBird from a place far, far away...well, I just figure we could use something "upbeat" these days.) Way to go, Moose...or, should I say Dr. Moose?

A Visit with Bearnard...a Bear...at Stinson Memorial Library

Maybe I should have asked Bearnard when I stopped by one day last week to visit him at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna.

As you may recall, I am a frequent visitor to the Anna library. The library, however, has been closed for some time due to this pandemic thing that has been going around.

Bearnard is a big teddy bear who is spending his time in quarantine stationed at the front door at Stinson. A message about Bearnard had been posted on the library's Facebook page about a month ago. The message read, in part: "Without any friends in the library, Bearnard is feeling lonely! Stop by the front doors to wave hello..."

I didn't want Bearnard to feel lonely, so I stopped by...waved...and said hello...

...later, I read the rest of Bearnard's message, which shared that if you stop by, and the weather happened to be nice, "he would love to hear a story!"

Wellll...I figured that Bearnard wouldn't want me to read him "War and Peace," so I found something shorter. Once again, I did some extensive research online (I wasted my time on Google) and found some six-word stories. Perfect.

I jotted down one of the six-word stories on a piece of paper, with an old-fashioned pencil, and went back to the library.

Here's the six-word story story I shared with Bearnard: "Cupcakes were always the answer. Always."

Yup.

And now, for a weekly supply of bad jokes, which were found out in our backyard (actually they are from bestlife-online.com and a website featuring the "Best Dad Jokes"):

Thursday: Why did the grizzly hate this article? He can't bear puns!

Friday: "Why did the scarecrow win an award? Because he was outstanding in his field."

Saturday: "I made a pencil with two erasers. It was pointless."

Sunday: "I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down!"

Monday: "Did you hear about the guy who invented the knock-knock joke? He won the 'no-bell' prize."

Tuesday: "I've got a great joke about construction, but I'm still working on it."

Wednesday: "I decided to sell my vacuum cleaner—it was just gathering dust!"

Stay safe.



Bearnard has been feeling kind of lonely while he hangs out at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna. The photo, by the way, was on the library's Facebook page. Hope they don't mind me using it.

Foster parents appreciated

May is Foster Parent Appreciation Month in Illinois, a time to thank the thousands of foster families across the state that have opened their homes to provide a temporary safe haven to abused and neglected children who have been placed in the care of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, DCFS, by local courts.

Each year, an average of 4,000 children from across the state, of all ages, backgrounds and abilities, are taken into temporary state care when their home life is unsafe.

DCFS works with the family to make the positive changes necessary to reunite with their children while foster families step up and provide homes where the children are protected, nurtured and loved.

"I have deep admiration for foster parents who make the selfless decision to care for children whose lives have been turned upside-down through no fault of their own," said Illinois DCFS acting director Marc D. Smith.

"The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic has everyone operating in uncharted waters; and I thank our foster parents for their unwavering commitment to the children in their care during this chaotic time. They truly embody the department's core mission of keeping children safe."

There are currently over 17,000 youth in care waiting for their forever homes. To learn more about some of them, visit the Heart Gallery of Illinois at <https://greenlightfamilyservices.org/heartgalleryofil/>.

For more information or to become a licensed foster parent, call 1-800-572-2390 or fill out the online interest form on the DCFS website at <https://www2.illinois.gov/dcfcs>. Click on Loving Homes then on Become a Foster or Adoptive Parent.

A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

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Memorial Day (or Decoration Day) was first observed as a tribute to the war dead, several years ago, and in deference to the dead of all wars, every citizen is urged to attend a Memorial Day service somewhere this Memorial Day, Saturday, May 30.

They are also urged to show respect for them by flying a flag at their homes or places of business.

The various service organizations in Union County will conduct Memorial Day services Saturday, May 30, in observance of the debt all Americans owe to the dead of all wars.

The State of Illinois this week authorized formation of a new corporation, the first first of its kind, as far as is known, in the United States.

It is to be called U.S. Citizens, Inc., and is being formed by Wayman Presley, Makanda, who says the purpose is to organize the "Silent Majority" of American citizens into a massive, nationwide group which will provide a direct communication line between the living rooms of the United States and the state legislature, Congress and the White House, itself.

R. Buckminster Fuller will deliver the graduating address to the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School graduating class of 1970 at ceremonies to be held Friday, May 29, at the high school.

The Shawnee College board is considering construction of an additional building on its interim campus for the fall quarter.