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News

Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

Happy Mother's Day to all of you moms out there. Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10.

The Union County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development has decided to cancel the 2020 Annabelle Festival, which had been scheduled for June 12-13 in Anna. The chamber's board of directors said the decision was necessary for the continued safety of the community.

The chamber also cancelled a lunch meeting which had been scheduled for June 4.

As the pandemic continues, local fire departments are continuing to honor area residents on their birthdays.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School is planning to have a "virtual baccalaureate" service for the Class of 2020 at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 10.

A senior graduation parade is planned at 7 p.m. on May 15 for the Cobden High School Class of 2020. The parade is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. at the high school and follow the traditional Peach Festival parade route through Cobden. The community is invited to show its support for the graduates. Safe social distancing will be practiced.

The Jackson County Health Department on Monday said that no new cases of coronavirus/COVID-19 had been reported during the previous 24 hours in Union County's neighbor to the north. This was the first day without a reported case in Jackson County since April 16.

The Mississippi River at Cape Girardeau was expected to fall to below flood stage by early Tuesday afternoon.

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Union County records first COVID-19 death

Coronavirus/COVID-19 has claimed the life of a Union County man.

The death was announced Monday afternoon by the Southern Seven Health Department in a news release. The individual was identified as a man in his 80s.

"It is with much sadness that we must report what we

had hoped would not come to our region: the death of the first resident with COVID-19," said Shawna Rhine, community outreach coordinator for Southern Seven Health Department.

"We at Southern Seven realize what a difficult time this is for the family of the deceased and join them in

the mourning of his passing. Our hearts go out to all those suffering from this disease."

Southern Seven Health Department on Monday reported five new recovered cases of coronavirus/COVID-19 in the counties it serves.

One was from Union

County, one was from Alexander County and three were from Pulaski County.

As of Monday, there were 27 individuals from the Southern Seven region who had recovered since the start of the pandemic in the United States.

Also on Monday, the Southern Seven Health

Department confirmed 13 new cases of COVID-19 in the counties it serves.

Twelve individuals were from Union County and one was from Massac County. All of the people were being isolated.

The new cases from Union County included

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National Day of Prayer May 7

Union County Alliance of Churches shares message with community

In a "normal" year, community members would have gathered today for an annual National Day of Prayer event in Union County.

The service would have been presented by the Union County Alliance of Churches...perhaps at the Anna City Park, weather permitting.

In mid-April, with the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic impacting the lives of people throughout Union County and the surrounding area, the nation and the world, members of the Union County Alliance of Churches committee which was working to plan the National Day of Prayer event for May 7 decided not to have a public event this year.

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

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

Therefore, the committee encourages everyone to take some time on Thursday, today, to lift up the world and the current crisis to God in prayer.

The 2020 National Day of Prayer theme is "Pray

God's Glory Across the Earth," with Habakkuk 2:14 as the selected scripture:

"For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

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

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

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

To the people of Union County

Since the community cannot gather for the National Day of Prayer this year, Pastor Mark Hasty was invited to share a message with the people of Union County.

He is the pastor of Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro and Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna.

He also is president of the Union County Alliance of Churches.

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Honoring an officer

Emergency services vehicles make their way to the square on Jonesboro last Saturday afternoon. The vehicles, which represented emergency services agencies from throughout the Southern Illinois region, were participating in a funeral procession to honor Officer Roy Walker.

Mr. Walker, 61, of Jonesboro, died Friday, April 10, in Anna. The U.S. Army veteran retired from the Union County Ambulance Service in 2017. He had served the Jonesboro and Mounds communities as a police officer.

Emergency services vehicles lined up in front of Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna as they prepared for the procession. The procession went through Anna and Jonesboro and then traveled along Illinois Route 146 to the Walker residence near Jonesboro.

Shawnee Development food pantry at temporary location

A food pantry operated by Shawnee Development Council is a blessing for many Union County families.

During the coronavirus/

COVID-19 pandemic, the need for food continues... and it is growing.

In normal circumstances, the food pantry's home is located on the grounds of

the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna.

However, due to the impact of the pandemic, the pantry has moved to a tem-

porary location at the First Baptist Church at 201 W. Walnut in Jonesboro.

Hours of operation for the food pantry are scheduled on Wednesdays, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The food pantry also distributes food boxes to senior citizens on the third Tuesday of each month, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Curbside, stay-in-your-vehicle service is provided.

Brandy Sevenski is Shawnee Development Council's Union County coordinator.

She was at work Wednesday morning, April 29, preparing to distribute free food boxes to those who would be visiting the food pantry at its temporary location at the church in Jonesboro.

Sevenski said she has seen an increasing need in the number of area families who are in need of the

food in the midst of the pandemic.

In March, more than 830 families were served. The number for April was expected to climb to nearly 1,000 families. Before the pandemic began, about 600 families were being served.

Food for the pantry comes from a variety of sources; much is donated. Sevenski said the food goes out as quickly as it comes in, "at an alarming rate."

The community is welcome to help support the food pantry. Financial donations, large and small, continue to be accepted.

Donations can be sent to Brandy Sevenski, Shawnee Development Council, P.O. Box 439, Anna, Ill. 62906. Checks are to be made out to the Shawnee Development Council.

Sevenski said last week that it is hoped the food pantry will be able to resume operations in June at the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center.



Distributing food

Shawnee Development Council Union County coordinator Brandy Sevenski was preparing to distribute food Wednesday morning, April 29, in Jonesboro.





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Southern Seven update

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one female in her 30s, one female in her 40s, one female in her 50s, two females in their 90s, one male in his 10s, one male in his 20s, one male in his 30s, two males in their 40s, one male in his 50s and one male in his 80s.

The new case in Massac County was a male in his 10s.

The number of cases of coronavirus/COVID-19 in Union County had been steadily climbing through Monday afternoon.

As of Monday afternoon, Southern Seven Health Department reported 31 positive cases of the disease in Union County.

With that number, Union County had the highest number of cases of coronavirus/COVID-19 in the seven Southern Illinois counties served by the regional health department.

Southern Seven Health Department confirmed the first case of the disease in Union County on April 14.

As of Friday, May 1, 19 positive cases of coronavi-

rus/COVID-19 had been reported in the county.

The health department shared the following update about coronavirus/COVID-19 on Monday, May 4:

Union County: 31 positive cases. Seven of the 31 had recovered. One death had been reported.

Alexander County: Three positive cases. Three of the three had recovered.

Hardin County: One case. The one case had recovered.

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

Massac County: Five cases. Three of the five had recovered.

Pope County: No cases.

Pulaski County: 20 cases. 11 of the 20 cases had recovered.

The Illinois Department of Public Health reported there were 2,341 new cases of coronavirus/COVID-19 identified on May 4.

That brought the confirmed total of cases in the state of 63,840, with 2,662 deaths.

Students from Dongola, Cobden high schools honored in college's writing competition

Shawnee Community College has announced the winners of an annual young writers competition.

Students from Dongola High School and Cobden High School were among those receiving honors in the program.

The annual competition encourages local high school students to submit their own non-fiction, short fiction, and poetry pieces for the chance to win monetary prizes.

The competition is divided into two divisions: the 9th/10th grades division and 11th/12th grades division.

First, second and third place honors were awarded in both divisions in each of the three categories.

Winners in each division from Union County schools follow, as provided by the college:

9/10th Grade Non-fiction Essay

1st place, Madison Delgadillo, "Student Cellphone Debate," Dongola High School

3rd place, Angel Wiseman, "Friends and Family," Dongola High School

11/12th Grade Non-fiction Essay

2nd place, Megan Theis, "War and its Destructions," Dongola High School

9/10th Grade Fiction Essay

1st place, Gracie Kesler, "The 18th Candle's Fate," Dongola High School

3rd place, Tylor Turner, "A Hero's Beginning," Dongola High School

11/12th Grade Fiction Essay

1st place, Aubrey Fisher, "Camera Obscura," Cobden High School

9/10th Grade Poetry

1st place, Madison Delgadillo, "Justice in All Forms," Dongola High School

An act establishing a fair minimum wage standard for women and minors was passed by the Illinois General Assembly on July 6, 1933.

National Day of Prayer

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Pastor Hasty's message follows:

To the people of Union County:

On behalf of the Union County Alliance of Churches, I'd like to apologize that we cannot hold our customary National Day of Prayer event this year, for obvious reasons.

Love for the neighbor compels us to respect the need to keep people safe by avoiding mass gatherings at this time.

We will celebrate this special day twice as much next year!

(For details about a national broadcast meant to replace the very many local National Day of Prayer events that have been canceled, please visit national-dayofprayer.org.)

There has never been a time in my life when our nation needed prayer more than it does at this moment.

Oftentimes we are dismissive of prayer. It's easy for someone to say "I'll pray for you" as a way of ending an uncomfortable conversation about a problem, or to offer up "thoughts and prayers" (but nothing else) to those enduring hardship or tragedy.

To some prayer is not much more than "slacktivism": doing as little as one possibly can in order to appear one is concerned about something.

But, while prayer isn't demanding in the way that digging ditches or caring for the sick is demanding, it does require something that is far beyond many people in our world today.

That thing is humility.

When we turn to God in prayer we are admitting that we, alone, cannot solve every problem. We may lack the time, attention, ability, or means to solve a problem, so we turn to God, who is patient and kind, slow to anger, and filled with unfailing love (Joel 2:13).

We call on, and receive, God's help. Even the mere act of praying opens our hearts to the reality that some of our answers have to come from outside us.

We are not complete in and of ourselves; we are not meant to be isolated from each other.

God created us to belong to Him and each other whether we want to or not.

I urge you to pray for all the victims of COVID-19.

I urge you pray for our health care workers and first responders.

Pray for our leaders, in politics, business, religion, media, charity and all areas of public life.

Pray for our schools, teachers, parents, and especially our children.

And once you've done that, pray again tomorrow. And the day after. And ... you get the idea.

These times are difficult, but our God is strong.

Drive-by bridal shower held for couple

For a young couple who are members of a Union County church, the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic presented a bit of an unexpected challenge. Not a problem. Just do something else that might be a little bit unexpected.

Have a drive-by bridal shower. That's exactly what was done for Hannah Dover and Jacob Staley last weekend. A drive-by bridal shower was hosted last Saturday afternoon at the First Baptist Church in Cobden. The couple, who met at the church, are planning to be married on May 30.

For the shower, the couple sat on the portico in front of the Cobden church. Well-wishers were able to drive by, stop and present their gifts to the couple. In keeping with the times, some of the those who arrived in their vehicles donned face coverings. One visitor shared that last Saturday's special event was the first drive-by bridal shower that she had ever attended. Gifts of cookies and handcrafted lavender soap were given to those who came.

The future bride is the daughter of Wade and Idegail Dover of Anna. The future groom's parents are Patrick and Kim Staley of Carbondale.



Jacob Staley and Hannah Dover received many gifts during the drive-by bridal shower. They held one of the gifts for a photograph.



Well-wishers could come to the church parking lot and stop in front of a portico where the drive-by shower was held.

News Notes

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The City of Anna reported on social media last week that Union County was number one among area counties in a regional Census Response Rate Challenge. The cities of Anna and Jonesboro ranked number 6 and 7 among municipalities.

The Southern Illinois Miners plan to induct eight area high school coaches into the Southern Illinois High School Coaches Hall of Fame. Among the 2020 honorees, and the dates they are to be honored, are Anna-Jonesboro Community High School head football coach Brett Detering on June 30 and retired former Cobden High School base-

ball head coach Blayne Smith on Aug. 18.

The Union County Hospital Convenient Care Clinic/Family Practice has adjusted its hours.

Memorial Day banners are on display in the Village of Cobden.

The Dongola Public Library is looking for a part-time director.

Flamm Orchards near Cobden reported last week on social media that it had strawberries available. A limited supply was available. Customers were advised that CDC guidelines are in place to protect customers and employees.

Rendleman Orchards near Alto Pass reported that

orders for "farmers are my kinda people" t-shirts are coming in from all over the country.

Ware Produce appears to have a huge business in outdoor plants.

Lots of construction is seen at The Brick House in downtown Anna: mainly renovation work in the storage and kitchen area.

Walmart reported the following news on May 1: 200,000 associates had been hired nationwide, including 7,900 in Illinois; Walmart associates in Illinois received a bonus in their paychecks on May 1.

A weather forecast early this week was calling for a low temperature around 37 degrees this Friday night. Wonder if it will snow on July 4?

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Housing authorities awarded grant funds

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded over \$4 million in grants to 15 Southern Illinois housing authorities.

The Union County Housing Authority is among those receiving grant funds.

The awarding of the grants was announced May 1 by U.S. Mike Bost, R-Ill., in a news release.

Bost said the funds, awarded through the CARES Act Supplemental Public Housing Operating Funds, will provide housing authorities financial resources for management, maintenance, and resident services in order to prevent and respond to potential coronavirus outbreaks in public housing.

Southern Illinois housing authorities which received grant funds included:

Housing Authority of the County of Union: \$95,732.

Alexander County Housing Authority: \$214,788.

Housing Authority of Pulaski County: \$64,507.

Perry County Housing Authority: \$125,444.

Housing Authority of the County of Williamson: \$299,961.

Randolph County Housing Authority: \$81,613.

Housing Authority of the County of Jackson: \$325,617.

Housing Authority of the County of Franklin: \$285,446.

Housing Authority of the City of Marion: \$175,614.

"As we continue working to stop the spread of coronavirus, many people are spending more time at home," Bost said.

"The last thing they should have to worry about is whether they will be safe from the virus in their own homes. These grants will help local housing authorities keep residents safe and make preparations to prevent or respond to potential outbreaks."

'Family fun community rock hunt' set in Anna

Community members are invited to be a part of an upcoming special rock hunt in Union County – with social distancing kept in mind.

A "family fun community rock hunt" is planned in Anna as part of the May 10-16 observance of National Prevention Week.

The event is being hosted by The Fellowship House Prevention Program and the Youth Advisory Committees at Anna Junior High School and Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

Organizers invite the community to take a stroll in downtown Anna to hunt for painted "Prevention Rocks."

National Prevention Week is an annual health observance which is dedicated to increasing public awareness about, and action around, mental health and/or substance use disorders.

Each day during the week has a theme:

Monday, May 11: prevention of prescription and opioid drug misuse.

Tuesday, May 12: prevention of underage drinking and alcohol misuse.

Wednesday, May 13: prevention of illicit drug use and youth marijuana use.

Thursday, May 14: prevention of youth tobacco use (e-cigarettes and vaping).

Friday, May 15: prevention of suicide.

Those who plan to join the rock hunt are reminded to practice social distancing and to stay at least six feet apart.

Look for the rocks with the day and date. Write down the messages on each rock which is found. Email responses to tgoddard@thefellowshiphouse.com

for a chance to win a \$40 gift card. One prize will be awarded each day, May 11-15.

Funding, in whole or in part, comes from the Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Substance Abuse Prevention and Recovery through a grant from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

(Editor's note: information for this article was gathered from a flier which was posted on social media.)

Dongola reschedules graduation

At its monthly meeting, the board of education for the Dongola School District made some decisions regarding end of the year events for the 2019-2020 academic year. The meeting of the board was held on April 28.

With the extension of the governor's stay-at-home order through the end of May, area schools have had to drastically alter many events in the school calendar.

In a post on the Dongola School District's social media page, it was announced that the date for high school graduation has been moved to June 19.

The post went on to state that if social distancing measures remain in effect in June, the school has plans to arrange a virtual graduation ceremony for the senior class.

April weather in region cooler, drier than average

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reports that temperatures averaged below normal by around 2 to 3 degrees during April in Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky.

Paducah recorded below normal temperatures on 20 of the final 22 days of the month.

The last subfreezing temperatures of the month occurred between April 15th and 18th across the region, which was around 1 to 2 weeks later than average.

In Paducah, a record low temperature of 29 degrees was tied on April 15.

Local weather observer Dana Cross recorded a low temperature of 27 degrees on April 15 in Jonesboro.

The warmest temperatures occurred on April 8 as highs soared into the mid 80s, breaking records at a few locations.

In Cape Girardeau, a record high temperature of 85 degrees was tied on April 8.

A high temperature of 85 degrees was recorded April 8 in Jonesboro.

April was drier than normal across the vast majority of the region, which was a welcome change given

the wet pattern which the region has experienced for the past two-plus years.

Rainfall amounts ranged from 2 to 4 inches in most locations, which was 1 to 2 inches below normal.

Precipitation in Jonesboro totalled 2.23 inches for April.

A few locations closer to the Ohio River in Southern Illinois and Western Kentucky received less than 2 inches for the entire month.

On the flip side, the wettest locations were along the periphery of the area, including the far eastern counties of western Kentucky from Daviess south to Todd and also along the I-64 corridor of Southern Illinois.

Some of this area finished wetter than normal, with the highest observed amount of 6.26 inches occurring in the Mount Vernon area.

April is typically near the peak of the region's severe weather season, but this year it was a rather quiet month.

The only noteworthy event of the month occurred on April 8, when several areas received large hail measuring 1.75 to 2.25 inches in diameter.

Weather

April temperatures: high 85 degrees, low 27

The high temperature during the period of April 28 through May 4 in Union County was 84 degrees. The low was 40.

Precipitation during the period included .94 of an inch on April 29 and .27 of an inch on May 4.

Following are tempera-

tures for the period as recorded by local weather observer Dana Cross in Jonesboro:

	H	L
Tuesday, April 28	75	55
Wednesday, April 29	67	50
Thursday, April 30	69	45
Friday, May 1	76	40
Saturday, May 2	84	55
Sunday, May 3	77	53
Monday, May 4	75	48

April Weather

The high temperature for the month of April was 85 degrees, which was recorded on April 8. The average high was 65.

The low for the month was 27, recorded on April 15. The average low was 42.

Precipitation for the month totalled 2.23 inches of rain. The most rain in a 24-hour period totalled .94 of an inch, which was recorded on April 29.

Precipitation for the year through the end of the month totalled 19.98 inches.



Turkeys courting

A tom and hen turkey were seen courting recently in Alto Pass. Photo provided.

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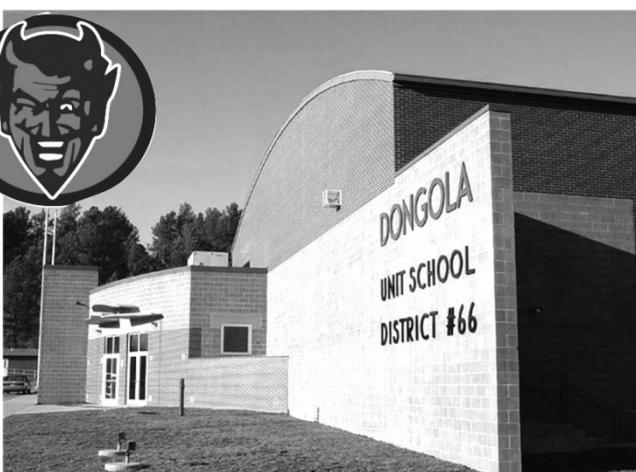
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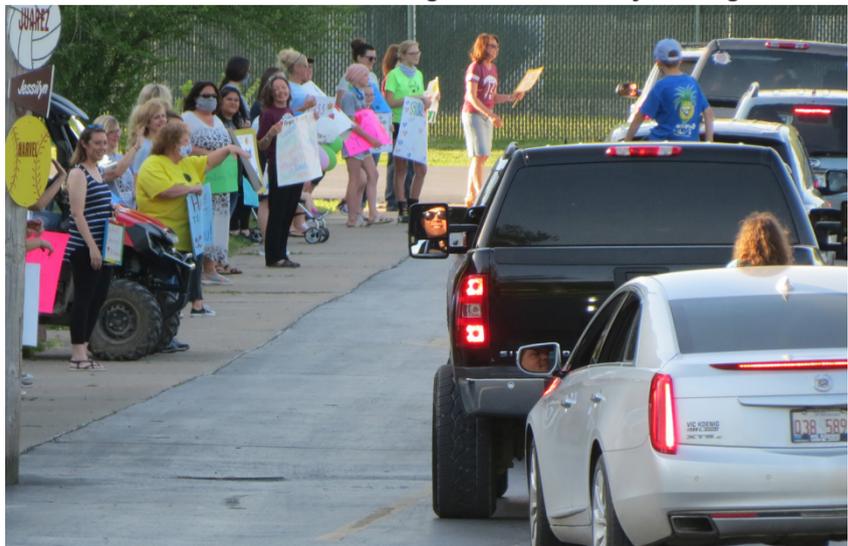
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Scenes at Cobden Elementary, Junior-Senior High Schools

The 2019-2020 school year came to an abrupt and unexpected conclusion as a result of the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. Last Saturday evening, teachers and staff lined the sidewalks in front of Cobden Junior-Senior High School and Cobden Elementary School to greet students and their families during a district-wide parade. Teachers and staff displayed signs they had made and waved to students and families who passed by.



In front of Cobden Junior-Senior High School Saturday evening.



In front of Cobden Elementary School Saturday evening.



Picking up belongings: Students at Cobden Elementary School were able to pick up their belongings and supplies during a drive-through event which was held Tuesday morning, April 28. Teachers were on hand to greet the students and give them their belongings.

IDNR announces updated list of open sites

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, has announced an updated list of state parks and other locations which have reopened during the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

The update list was posted on IDNR's website. Among the locations in the Southern Illinois area which have reopened are:

Cache River State Natural Area, Cave-In-Rock State Park, Dixon Springs

State Park, Ferne Clyffe State Park, Fort Massac State Park, Giant City State Park, Horseshoe Lake-Alexander State Fish & Wildlife Area, Kinkaid Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area, Lake Murphysboro State Park, Tunnel Hill State Trail.

Parks are scheduled to be open from sun-up to sundown.

Visitors will be allowed to engage in activities such as wildlife observation, hik-

ing, biking, equestrian use and fishing (both from the bank and boats with a limit of two persons per boat regardless of the relationship of the people in the boat) and mushroom hunting.

All visitor centers, campgrounds, playgrounds, shelter reservations, interpretive educational programs, beaches, special events and concessions remain closed.

Turkey hunting remained suspended at state parks.

Volunteers invited to help with tracking of information about pollinators in Illinois

For the second year, University of Illinois Extension is calling all lovers of bees, butterflies and other pollinators that keep crops and gardens growing to join scientists in tracking their distribution and habitat use across the state.

Potential volunteers were being invited to register to join an online webinar which is set for 1:30 p.m. Thursday, today. Information about the webinar was posted late last week on the U of I Extension website.

Those who take the seminar then will be able to gather critical information about pollinators in Illinois from the safety of their home.

I-Pollinate is a citizen-science research initiative through the University of Illinois at Urbana-Cham-

paign with support from Illinois Farm Bureau.

Information about participating in the webinar was posted online:

Go to extension.illinois.edu. Click on "news & events." Click on "press releases." Click on "May 01 2020 Calling all pollinator fans: University of Illinois seeks citizen scientists." Click on "register to join the online webinar."

Volunteers can join up to three research projects: planting a "study" garden to observe which ornamental flowers pollinators prefer, tracking monarch butterfly egg and caterpillar abundance or recording bumblebee and honeybee sightings to help create accurate distribution maps for Illinois.

The results may help declining insect populations, including critical pollinators of crops and flowering plants.

Previous research has estimated that 40 percent of all insect species are at risk of extinction in the coming decades, a decline driven primarily by habitat loss.

These at-risk species include the monarch butterfly. I-Pollinate volunteers gather critical data that David Zaya, Illinois Natural History Survey, uses for monarch conservation research.

Previous volunteers say I-Pollinate is a great excuse to spend time outdoors, and easy enough to be a family activity with children.

Many share their newfound research skills and pollinator knowledge with others at schools, church or community groups.

Extension horticulture educator Kelly Allsup worked with a number of Extension Master Gardener volunteers on I-Pollinate last summer.

I-Pollinate scientists agree there is a particular need for data from rural areas.

Many volunteers come from population centers which, while providing important data, also leaves blank spots on the map.

For more information about I-Pollinate, visit <https://ipollinate.illinois.edu/>.

Union County Country Club golf course reopens

The Union County Country Club golf course in Anna has reopened.

"We are open," golf pro Brandon Bierstedt said this week.

The golf course closed on the evening of March 21 in response to the stay-at-home order which had been issued in the State of Illinois.

The order was issued by Gov. JB Pritzker in response to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

With the easing of some of the stay-at-home guidelines, the Anna golf course was able to reopen for play on Friday, May 1.

Bierstedt said that about 65 people came to play golf on Friday. Nearly 80 golfers played on Saturday.

Some requirements are in place for those who want to golf.

Tee times are required in advance. Bierstedt said he needs to know how many people will be in a group and how many rental carts are required.

Members can request tee times 10 days in advance. Information is available by calling 833-7912.

Touchless and social distancing will be enforced.

Carts will be allowed (one person per cart; two, if both are from the same household or are family members).

Use of the driving range, chipping areas or putting green is not allowed.

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Couples golf scrambles are currently on the country club's calendar for June, July, August, September and October.

A junior golf camp has been canceled for this year.

Plans for a Junior PGA League currently are postponed.

Tuesday morning seniors, Wednesday morning ladies and Wednesday night men's scrambles have been put on hold for the time being.

Bierstedt said that work is being done to rescheduled tournaments. Updated information will be posted on the country club's website.

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Time at home offers chance to catch up on the classics

By Pete Rosenbery
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With stay-at-home orders in place in Illinois due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Southern Illinois University Carbondale faculty have a few insights for people who might want to catch up with the classics in film and literature during their free time.

Pinckney Benedict, a professor in the SIU Department of English, said that our lives are "story-driven," from the stories that we tell about ourselves and others to the stories that others tell about us and themselves.

"Powerful stories...well-made novels, films, television shows, video games... give us a framework within which we can understand who we are," Benedict said.

He said that whether a person identifies with Othello, Desdemona, Walter White or "The Witcher," taking time away from a daily grind gives people the opportunity to see what they would "have to undertake to become more like a character you admire, or less like a character you find reprehensible."

For Benedict, a story is classic if it accomplishes two things simultaneously:

Captures an "utterly idiosyncratic moment in time," such as a place, subculture, historical event, even if fictional, "with absolute

accuracy and specificity."

Shows something that is "universally human and true and timeless."

In Benedict's terms, "Seven Samurai," "True Grit," both the novel and films, and Gerry Anderson's puppet show "Thunderbirds" are examples.

Touching an "Emotional Cord"

Walter C. Metz, a professor in the SIU Department of Cinema and Photography, notes involvement in art, film and literature has long been "the most important activity in which humans engage."

For example, Artistophanes was writing some of the greatest comedy in human history at the end of 5th century B.C., and Lysistrata, written in 411 B.C., still makes Metz laugh when he reads it or sees it performed.

Film and literature touch an emotional cord, Metz said. During the first day of the pandemic, he pulled several BluRay disks from his collection "knowing that watching movies would be the only way to stay sane." His choices included the 1984 film, "The Natural" with Robert Redford, in which Roy Hobbs, Redford's character, is a "failed genius."

"He was the best at doing one thing, but made a mistake and seemingly could

never recover," Metz said. "However, in the cinema, the glorious essence of greatness can be recovered."

Metz explained that when Hobbs hits the home run at the end, he shatters not only the stadium's lighting grid, but also the cynicism of Bernard Malamud's novel, from which the film was adapted.

"The movie's ending drives literature professors to distraction, but it is possible to revel simultaneously in the novel's criticism of the American Dream and the film's glorious celebration of it," Metz said.

The movies that touch him the most are those he saw in a theater with people he loved the most, Metz said, remembering when his father, who died two decades ago, took him in 1982 to see "Blade Runner" on opening night. There were few spectators in attendance.

"It was only a decade later that people began to notice how important that film really was. At the time, people wanted Han Solo. Harrison Ford gave them Sam Spade," Metz said.

"Don't be a Badger. Be a Person"

When sitting back to be enveloped by a book or film, it's important to take the time seriously, Benedict said.

"Don't cram a little narrative into a short time in between periods of work," he said. "Our ability to imagine ourselves in circumstances other than our own is one of the things... the relatively few things... that separates us from other sorts of creatures. A badger can dig its hole all day, and we admire it for its industry; but in the end, it's a badger and can't enjoy and find revelation in the stories of other badgers. Don't be a badger. Be a person."

Benedict emphasized the importance of fully employing empathy and imagination.

"It may seem to some like escapism, but taking in a powerful human narrative, even quite a short one is to remind yourself why you bother to do the difficult things that you do," he said.

"Trust Your Taste and Follow Where It Leads"

Those who might take the opportunity to become more interested in literature and film are about to enter a "magical time" in their lives, Benedict said. Many students were trained in school to think of "literature" like homework. He suggests starting with something that has long intrigued the reader or viewer, perhaps something based on a classic story.

"Few storytellers set out

to be dull and pedantic. They want to beguile and charm and frighten," Benedict said.

"Kafka thought his stories were hilarious, even if your 11th-grade English teacher didn't. Dickens was more popular in his day than Stephen King and JK Rowling are in ours."

Help in Finding "That" Book or Film

Metz and Benedict also have recommendations about finding films and literature.

In literature, a recommendation is:

"Goodreads: Meet your next favorite book" at goodreads.com/

For cinema and film commentary, there are:

"Observations on film art" a blog by David Bordwell at davidbordwell.net/blog/.

"How It Should Have Ended" available on YouTube.

"Red Letter Media" available on YouTube.

"Walter's World: Film Criticism Powered by Learning," by Metz at com/

Benedict said look to commentators whose tastes "seem to complement or perhaps challenge yours and look to them for guidance."

Then, he said, offer your own.

"There's no better way to discover what you truly value in stories than by clearly stating your opinions and then discussing them...calmly and politely, of course, but vigorously...with others," he said.

"You will make discoveries and change your mind, and you'll help others to make discoveries and you'll change their minds. That's what literature, broadly construed...anything from 'The Epic of Gilgamesh' to a virtual reality sci-fi game that comes out tomorrow... is made for."

Worship at Kornthal

Due to the current health situation and in the interest of the well being of those who faithfully support our efforts, the board of Kornthal Church has canceled services for our third Thursday service in May. Please watch for announcements concerning resumption of services in the Gazette, the Pub and on WIBH radio. God bless each of you.

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Sunday, May 10th

Popular Mother's Day Quotes

"You don't really understand human nature unless you know why a child on a merry-go-round will wave at his parents every time around - and why his parents will always wave back." William D. Tammeuse

"Being a full-time mother is one of the highest salaried jobs... since the payment is pure love." Mildred B. Vermont

"The sweetest sounds to mortals given are heard in Mother, Home, and Heaven." William Goldsmith Brown

"A mother is a person who seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie." Tenneva Jordan

"A mother's arms are made of tenderness and children sleep soundly in them." Victor Hugo

"The heart of a mother is a deep abyss at the bottom of which you will always find forgiveness." Honore de Balzac

"A mother is a mother still, The holiest thing alive." Samuel Taylor Coleridge

"Who ran to help me when I fell, and would some pretty story tell, or kiss the place to make it well? My mother." Ann Taylor

"A mother's love is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking, it never fails or falters, even though the heart is breaking." Helen Rice

"Mother love is the fuel that enables a normal human being to do the impossible." Marion C. Garretty

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"Fasting and prayer are religious exercises; the enjoining them an act of discipline. Every religious society has a right to determine for itself the time for these exercises, and the objects proper for them, according to their own particular tenets; and right can never be safer than in their hands, where the Constitution has deposited it." – Thomas Jefferson, 1808

Because of the faith of many of the nation's founding fathers, public prayer and national days of prayer have a long-standing and significant history in American tradition. Since the first call to prayer in 1775, when the Continental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation, the call to prayer has continued through the nation's history, including President Lincoln's proclamation of a day of "humiliation, fasting, and prayer" in 1863. In 1952, a joint resolution by Congress, signed by President Truman, declared an annual national day of prayer. In 1988, the law was amended and signed by President Reagan, permanently setting the day as the first Thursday of every May. Each year, the president signs a proclamation, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day. Last year, all 50 state governors plus the governors of several U.S. territories signed similar proclamations.

The National Day of Prayer has great significance for us as a nation as it enables us to recall and to teach the way in which our founding fathers sought the wisdom of God when faced with critical decisions. It stands as a call for us to humbly come before God, seeking His guidance for our leaders and His grace upon us as a people. The unanimous passage of the bill establishing the National Day of Prayer as an annual event, signifies that prayer is as important to our nation today as it was in the beginning.

There have been 146 national calls to prayer, humiliation, fasting and thanksgiving by the president of the United States, from 1789 to 2017. Every president since 1952 has signed a National Day of Prayer proclamation. Records indicate there have been 1,526 state and federal calls for national prayer since 1775 and counting. (from www.nationaldayofprayer.org website)

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8:1-13	9:1-22	9:23-10:18	10:19-39	11:1-22	11:23-40	12:1-11

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The to go meals are available to pick up at the post, which is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna.

The post appreciates the continuing support it has received from the community for the meals it has been serving.

Fish Fries

The post plans to continue having its weekly to go fish fries every Friday night at least through May.

The meal includes two pieces of fish, potato salad, cole slaw and pickle for a \$10 donation.

Pick up times are 4:45 p.m., 5 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 6 p.m., and 6:15 p.m. Call 833-5182 to reserve pick up time by Thursday.

News from

Anna Church of the Nazarene

Sunday's service for the Anna Church of the Nazarene was held on Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday's message was titled "Stop Doubting and Shout It Out," with scripture from John. The message was delivered by Pastor Randy Wright.

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

Wednesday Bible study and Saturday night Bible study are held at 6:30 p.m. by using Zoom. The link to the Zoom services can be found on the Anna First Church of

Chicken Leg Dinner

The Auxiliary will be serving a baked chicken leg quarter, roasted potatoes, green beans, roll and dessert dinner on Monday, May 11, starting at 5 p.m. for a \$10 donation.

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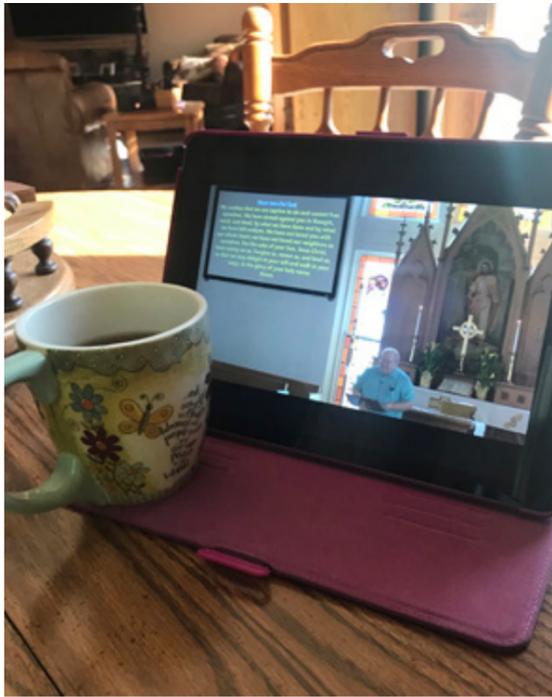
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The VFW post and the Auxiliary urge everyone to stay healthy. They hope to be able to see people at the post in June.



New normal
The new normal for Sunday morning services at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna. Photo provided.

News from

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

May 3 was Good Shepherd Sunday, and the Psalm was the 23rd: "The Lord is my Shepherd..."

Pastor Mark's live-streamed sermon dealt with just that: "Jesus as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep."

However, Jesus didn't really refer to himself as a shepherd. Twice he called himself a 'gate.'

"John was the gate keeper. People were drawn to him because he had a message that appealed to them."

"He described Jesus as not an enemy, but a friend. He told the people that God wanted to restore them and be close to them."

"Jesus had so much more to offer than the Pharisees, who taught only the law. Jesus said, 'Anyone who enters by me will be saved.'"

"The reconciliation with

God comes through Jesus. He is the only path forward to the Father. And we don't have to wait until we die: we can have that abundant life now. We just have to trust Jesus and follow Him."

Prayers were offered for the whole people of God, for the sick and suffering, for families who have lost loved ones and for everyone who is effected by the coronavirus.

For the next three Sundays, the sermons will continue to be live-streamed. It is hoped that there may be an actual church service on May 31, but there are no promises.

In the meantime, everyone is encouraged to stay safe, stay home, wear masks if you go out, wash your hands and above all, practice social distancing.

News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

Rev. Dee Ann Thompson's sermon Sunday was titled "The Good Shepherd," with scripture from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John.

The sermon shared that "in the narrative prior to the selected scripture, the Pharisees and Jewish leaders were finding fault with Jesus and seeking to put Him to death."

"Christ called out the religious elite as being hypocrites."

"Using an example that all understood, Jesus reminded the self proclaimed religious leaders of the attributes of a worthy, good shepherd: cared for the sheep, protected the sheep, was willing to die for the sheep, and the sheep recognized their shepherd's voice and would follow only him."

"Jesus described Himself as the Good Shepherd: He cares for and protects His own, and would go on to the cross to die to provide Salvation for His sheep."

"This salvation is complete, eternal, and available to everyone."

"If we have a relationship with the Good Shepherd, we will follow only Him."

Rev. Thompson closed with the question: "Do you know the Good Shepherd? Your answer will make

all the difference in your eternity."

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

For at least the rest of May, Camp Ground Church will be having services electronically. Those who want to be a part of the live worship experience can contact any member of the congregation for the Zoom link.

Sandy Boaz is Camp Ground Church's lead elder for May.

The church's prayers continue for all who are working in health care and essential businesses, and for those who are sick or bereaved due to this virus.

Today, May 7, is National Day of Prayer. Even though the community event will not be held this year, Camp Ground Church encourages each reader of this paper to take time at some point today or this evening to offer prayer for the community, the state and the nation.

Camp Ground Church wishes all of the mothers reading this newspaper a blessed day, and prayers that everyone will be able to celebrate and visit with their families before too much longer.

News from

Anna First Baptist Church

The office at Anna First Baptist Church continues to be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.

Pastor Nick's Bible study last week was titled "The Discipline of Silence." Scripture was from 2 Corinthians.

His sermon was titled "Who Stole My Laundry?" The sermon's subtitle was "Eternity's Effect on Time and Money." Scripture was from Luke.

Bible studies and sermons can be viewed online at www.annafirst.org/sermons.

The church had a food giveaway on Friday, May 1, in the parking lot. The church plans to have another food giveaway in the near future. The date and time will be announced in the paper and on the church's Facebook page.

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The Illinois Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, IDFPR, has announced new options for unbanked Illinoisans who are seeking to cash their stimulus checks without incurring check cashing fees.

The FDIC estimates that over 22 percent of Illinois households are under or unbanked.

IDFPR noted that many of these Illinois households will be receiving paper stimulus checks and will have few check cashing options that won't incur fees.

Working together with industry associations, advocacy groups, and individual banks, IDFPR announced a number of banking institutions that are able to work with non-customers on cashing their stimulus checks for free.



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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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

A-JCHS Prom

Saturday was a beautiful day when A-JCHS prom was supposed to happen. With the parks being opened some of the students enjoyed the fresh air and sunshine. I felt so sorry for them that they had to cancel prom and postpone their graduation but it's better to be safe than sorry.

What a nice surprise for the help from our president and Congress for the economic impact payment to the citizens of our country to help get us through the coronavirus pandemic.

Mother's Day

Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful mothers next Sunday.

Special Thanks

I really appreciate getting

a phone call from Betty Warden telling me she and Leon were sending me their subscription to The Gazette-Democrat and giving me credit.

Betty said they were still making the rose pens for their rose pen ministry with the scripture John 3:16 attached to them.

She told about taking them to Viburnum, Mo., to visit her cousin last summer and passing them out. They visited the youth camp where they were celebrating the year of Jubilee. On the 7th year everything is free so they were enjoying a free camp.

Betty said if anyone wanted any of the pens to pass out when they were able to travel again to give her a call

at 833-3856.

Betty also said if anyone wanted to help them make the pens she would appreciate it. They have passed out 12,000 pens since they started their rose pen ministry.

Visiting Family

Elvis and Kristen Cameron's daughter Natalie, her husband Spencer and their two children William and Jack Hatfield visited last weekend from Champaign.

Congratulations to Spencer, who is finishing law school this month at U of I. He has accepted a position in Carmel, Ind.

They also celebrated Natalie's birthday while they were here.

Guests

Guests of Henry and Lula Belle Tripp of Dongola was Lula Belle's sister Joyce and her husband Butch Poole of Anna.

Butch had given Lula Belle a pumpkin last fall. Lula Belle made a pumpkin pie. They all sat outside and enjoyed eating a piece. Keeping their social distance.

They enjoyed looking at their flowers and Henry and Butch enjoyed talking about their gardens.

United Methodist Church, Anna

This is the seventh week of Facebook services since the stay at home order.

Rev. David Reynolds said he hopes we will be able to have services back in church starting in June.

Rev. David started his service with a beautiful piano solo. Then he wished Jane Bauer happy birthday and asked everyone at home to join in with him singing "Happy Birthday" to Jane.

Rev. David will be preaching on the seven last words of Christ this month. God tells us he will never leave or forsake us.

Call to Worship from Psalm 27 Hear My Voice When I Call Lord. Scripture was from Deuteronomy,



These lovely ladies are looking forward to getting back to their exercise class at Fitness Forum: Jane Bauer, Carole Larsen, Shirley West, Kay Johnson, Connie Schram, Tina Bryant, Jane Cerney instructor.



Natalie, shown left, and Linda Clutts, center, came for an open studio day at Little Egypt Art Association in Marion to begin putting the Little Egypt Red Hat birthday quilt together in October of 2019. It was later decided that the red borders and purple background would be changed to match an earlier Red Hat quilt. The purple fabric shown here was later used in a Van Gogh tribute at SIC in Marie Samuel's spring exhibit there.

Hebrews and Luke.

Rev. David prayed for Elizabeth Corbitt and her family, for our country and all our leaders, all those working, for all those graduating. He asked us to let our light shine that others may see Jesus in us.

Anna Heights Baptist Church, Anna

Anna Heights high school graduates: Michael Brimm, Noah McFarland, Josh Oliver, Morgan Pace, Sydnie Ralls, Abby Sartin, Steen Vaca Diez and Maelin Walker.

The church family would like to congratulate each one of them.

Birthdays: May 7, Jacob Ellis, Billy Ray Keller, Leonhardt Kissel, Mike McLane, Jack Poole. May 8 Alma Gomez, Sondra Holhouser, Connie Merriman, Ann Pace, Logan Sawyer. May 12 Raelyn Beggs, Max Nance, Bryce Sullivan, Trystan Sullivan, Christine Tribbett.

Pastor Darryl is continuing his sermon series: Hope During Hard Times. The subject: Do Christians need to obey the government? Scripture from 1st Peter and the answer is yes.

Sunday and Wednesday Bible studies can be found on YouTube, Facebook or on the Anna Heights Baptist website.

69th Birthday

David Ray celebrated his birthday April 27 with his daughter, granddaughter, son-in-law and his lovely wife Lori. David really appreciated all his friends and Facebook friends for all the phone calls and messages.

Birthday Celebration

Jane Bauer celebrated her



Purple Hat quilt: Recycled purple batik fabric purchased for the Red Hat birthday quilt is shown here in one of the tributes to artist Vincent Van Gogh made by Marie Samuel for her 2020 spring solo exhibit at Southeastern College. The purple borders and backing were not needed for the Little Egypt birthday quilt. The future purple hat birthday quilt will match an earlier Red Hat quilt done years ago with white borders and backing that Queen Joan Graves-Edwards has.

birthday with a meal from Dairy Queen and ice cream.

Birthdays

April 28 Wayne Dover, Janice Corrington, James Gentry, Katie Crippen, April Long, Chris Lingle, Sharon Grissom, Rhonda Elaine Khurana, Robert Lence, 29 Rebecca Corbit, Sarah Cole, Angela Lathan-Payne, Heather Smith, Cathy Lynn McKee, Teresa Henesy, May 1 Karen Wright, Jan Porterfield, May 2 Lori Isom, Tricia Moehring, Vicky Chamness, Sandra Norris, May 8 Valeria Meller, Taylor Gaddis.

Red Hats

Queen Mom Joan Graves Edwards said Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies will hopefully be able to join together again for their monthly meeting June 17 at Anna Pizza Hut. Hostesses will be Lula Belle Tripp, Ginger Bowman, Barbara Layman

and Mary Haffly.

Census

In 2010, 73.9 percent of residents completed the census. As of April 18, 2020, 58.2 percent of residents have responded.

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

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

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

Anna VFW

News from Linda Jackson. Friday night fish fry was a hit. It grows weekly and they continue to get new people calling to request fish. Thanks go out to everyone who participated this week.

The people of Union County have been so good to the post during all of this. They will continue having their weekly to go fish fries every Friday night at least through May. Two pieces of fish, potato salad, cole slaw, pickle for only \$10 donation. Pick up times are 4:45 p.m.,



Thanks you Jennifer Cleghorn for making masks that will be shipped to servicemen and women overseas.



William Hatfield from Champaign visited his grandparents Elvis and Kristen Cameron last weekend.



Jack Hatfield from Champaign visited his grandparents Elvis and Kristen Cameron last weekend.



Officer Adam Tripp recently celebrated his birthday. A special thanks to him for protecting our city and community.



Miss Emmie Louise Hileman celebrated her fifth birthday on May 2, 2020, at a party given by her grandparents Doug and Beth Hileman. The party was held outdoors at the Hileman 5-H Farm on Balcom Road, with ample breeze to blow away any ill winds or germs.

Those who attended were Jacob Hileman and children Emmie, Finlay and Leah from St. Louis and great-gramps Norm and great-gram Barb Bauer from Anna.

Rules of small group and social distancing were observed. Picnic food was topped off with birthday cake and ice cream.

Entertainment included opening gifts, playing "doughnut shop," swinging, horseback rides, balloon launches and fishing.

After weeks of staying at home to be safe during the coronavirus pandemic, a good outdoor time was had by all.

Emmie said she had a great time at her birthday celebration doing all the things she liked to do.

Pictured at Emmie's party are, seated, Emmie Hileman, Barb Bauer, Finlay Hileman and Doug Hileman. In back are Norm Bauer and Jacob Hileman.

As a "sign of the times," they were wearing their designer face masks. Leah Hileman was napping and Beth Hileman was photographer.



This is the birthday girl Emmie Louise Hileman's smile behind the mask.



Roger and Lisa Eads picked a carrot and radish April 30 from their raised garden in their back yard to see how big they were getting.



Roger Eads in his raised garden he and Lisa have in their backyard. They picked a carrot and radish April 30 to see how big they were getting. They have also been picking lettuce for a few weeks. They are growing tomatoes, cucumbers, onions, lettuce, radish, carrots, peppers and green beans.

5 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 6 p.m., and 6:15 p.m.

Please call 833-5182 to reserve your pick up time by Thursday.

The VFW Auxiliary hosted a to go Polish sausage dinner Monday. The Auxiliary will be hosting a baked chicken leg quarter, roasted potatoes, green beans, roll and dessert dinner on Monday, May 11, starting at 5 p.m. for only a \$10 donation. It will work the same as the fish fry.

Drive up under the awning and they will bring it out to you. Reservations

must be made no later than 8 p.m. on May 10 by calling 833-5182. Thank you for your support.

The Auxiliary still has a few spots left for the pork butts they will be smoking on May 23. Please call president Phillip Wright at 967-1374 as soon as possible if you want one or more of the pork butts.

Everyone stay healthy and they hope to see you at the Post in June.

Shawnee Development Council Food Pantry

Union County food pantry has a temporary home at the First Baptist Church at 201 W. Walnut, Jonesboro.

Hours of operation are Wednesday, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Curbside, stay in your car service is provided.

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

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.

Birthdays
May 8 Valeria Meller, Taylor Gaddis.

Recovery and Celebrating Birthday

Dan and Imogene really appreciated everyone who was praying for Dan Wilson. He spent about a week in Union County Hospital.

He had mowed in the wind. He had pneumonia and a 102.8 temperature. He is getting his strength back very slowly.

Dan will celebrate his 91st birthday May 14. There won't be a party like he had last year. Last year his son Rod was here from Belgium and two grandsons from North Carolina.



May Day surprise for Barbara and Norm Bauer: Folks tell about how special the first day of May was years ago. Some made paper baskets with pipe cleaner handles and filled them with flowers or candy. Some fashioned bouquets of garden flowers or wild flowers.

The idea then was to leave the surprise gift on the doorstep of unsuspecting people, knock or ring the doorbell, then run away, hide and and watch the happy discovery.

However, for those of us growing up on the farm, May first meant "make garden." I have helped make a few of these happy gifts.

But this week, we Bauers were recipients of just such a beautiful thoughtful delivery. We answered the door bell and there was a lovely May Day surprise. We caught friend Lee Hackney stealing away to join Susan Whitemountain in the getaway car. What a neat memory to attach to our quarantine reflections of 2020.

Television Listings

THURSDAY

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA Hardwood Classics	Bang (HD) SVU	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D BUNK'D	"The School of Rock" ('03) <i>Unusual teacher.</i>	"The Dead" ('19) (HD)	(4:50) "Seven" ('95)
7 PM :30	Station 19 (HD)	Young (31) Plan	Man (HD) (31) Man	Council of Dads (HD)		Bang (HD) SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Big City BUNK'D		★★½ "What's Your Number?" ('11)	Shameless (HD)
8 PM :30	Grey's Anatomy (HD)	(01) Mom Broke	(01) Mental Samurai	Blindspot (HD)		Bang (HD) SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Raven Raven	We're Here (HD)		Penny
9 PM :30	Get Away with Murder	Tommy (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Law & Order: SVU	NBA Hardwood Classics	Bang (HD) SVU	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Unsitatable Coop & Cam	Westworld (HD)	"Without a Paddle" ('04) <i>Camping disaster.</i>	DESUS & Calif. (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local		Bang (HD) SVU	Chicago P.D. (HD)	BUNK'D BUNK'D	(15) We're Here (HD)	★★ "Tomcats" A hurried wedding.	DESUS & VICE
11 PM :30	Nightline	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Last O.G. Conan	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Jessie Jessie	Insecure (5:0) Betty		DESUS & "Seven"

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FRIDAY

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	ESPN Original	Last O.G. "Movie"	"The Fast and the Furious" ('01)	"Zombies" <i>Zombie population.</i>	"Friday Night Lights" <i>High school football</i>	"Cost of a Soul" ('11)	"Superbad" ('07) (HD)
7 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	MacGyver (HD)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live) (HD)	The Blacklist (HD)	To Be Announced <i>Info unavailable.</i>	"Movie"	(45) "2 Fast 2 Furious" ('03, Action) <i>Street racing.</i> (HD)	"Zombies 2" <i>Werewolf attack.</i>	Real Sports (HD)	★★½ "The Eagle" ('11) <i>Lost Roman army.</i> (HD)	(15) "Mile 22" ('18, Action) <i>CIA unit rescue.</i> (R)
8 PM :30	(01) 20/20 Investigative news. (HD)	Magnum P.I. (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Dateline NBC (HD)				Unsitatable Coop & Cam	Real Time Maher (HD)	"The Hurt Locker" ('09) <i>Bomb squad in Iraq.</i>	"Superbad" ('07) <i>Jonah Hill. A crazy bear run.</i>
9 PM :30	Local	Local		Local	SportsCenter (HD)		Family	BUNK'D	Betty (HD)	"Easy Money" ('10)	Billions (HD)
10 PM :30	Kimmel	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	ELEAGUE (HD)	Family	BUNK'D	Real Time Maher (HD)		
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night			Family	Jessie	Jessie	We're Here	

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SATURDAY

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Classics	(5:00) "Movie"	(5:45) "Fast and Furious: Tokyo Drift" ('06)	Raven Raven	"Crazy Rich Asians"	"Darkest Hour" ('11)	(15) "Peppermint" ('18) <i>Woman's revenge.</i>
7 PM :30	TBA	NCIS: New Orleans	9-1-1 "Powerless"	To Be Announced	UFC Prelims "UFC 250" (Live)	(15) Bang (45) Bang (45) Bang	"Fast & Furious" ('09) <i>Deadly convoy heist.</i>	Big City Big City Big City	"Downton Abbey" ('19) <i>Royal family.</i> (HD)	"Chronicle" ('12) <i>Super kids.</i> (HD)	"Seven" <i>Two detectives track a serial killer.</i>
8 PM :30	To Be Announced <i>Info unavailable.</i>	S.W.A.T. (HD)	Gordon (HD)	Dateline NBC (HD)		Frontal Last O.G.		Unsitatable Coop & Cam	(05) We're Here (HD)	(25) ★★ "Phantoms" ('98, Horror)	
9 PM :30	Local	48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live (HD)	ESPN Original		"Fast and Furious: Tokyo Drift" ('06) (HD)	Owl House Owl House	(05) Westworld "Crisis Theory"	★★½ "The Collection" <i>Serial killer.</i>	Penny "Santa Muerte" ('15) Penny
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	Beat Shazam (HD)	Local Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.	SportsCenter (HD)			BUNK'D BUNK'D			
11 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs		SportsCenter (HD)			Jessie Jessie	Run (HD)	"Beauty"	

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SUNDAY

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Home Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	Simpsons Burgers	Little Big Shots (HD)	The Last Dance	"Meet the Parents" ('00) <i>Potential in-laws.</i>	Law & Order: SVU	Raven Raven	(5:50) "Downton Abbey" ('19) <i>Royal family.</i>	"Heartbreakers" ('01)	Billions (HD)
7 PM :30	American Idol (HD)	★★★★ "Forrest Gump" ('94) <i>A simple man changes those around him.</i>	Simpsons Duncanville.	The Wall (HD)	The Last Dance		Law & Order: SVU	Unsitatable	"Cursed" ('05) <i>Werewolf attacks.</i>	(05) "Peppermint" ('18)	VICE VICE
8 PM :30	To Be Announced <i>Info unavailable.</i>	S.W.A.T. (HD)	Gordon (HD)	Zoey's Extraordinary	The Last Dance	★★★½ "Beauty and the Beast" ('17) <i>Belle realizes.</i> (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Unsitatable	I Know This (HD)	(40) "The Shadow" ('94) <i>An invisible hero.</i>	Penny
9 PM :30	The Rookie (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Fam Guy	Good Girls (HD)	The Last Dance	"Beauty and the Beast" ('17)	Law & Order: SVU	Unsitatable Coop & Cam	Insecure	★★ "Cold Creek Manor" ('03) (HD)	Billions (HD)
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	SportsCenter (HD)		Family	Undercover	I Know This (HD)		
11 PM :30	(35) Local	Local	Local		The Last Dance		Family	Undercover	Run (HD)		

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MONDAY

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	Peyton's	Bang (HD) SVU	Chicago P.D. (HD)	BUNK'D BUNK'D	★★½ "Cowboys & Aliens" ('11) <i>Alien invasion.</i>	★★★ "Halloween" ('18)	★★½ "Red Dawn" ('84)
7 PM :30	The Bachelor: Listen to Semifinals begin. (HD)	Neighbor. Bob Hearts	9-1-1 "What's Next?"	The Voice "Live Top 9 Performances" (HD)	Monday Football Buffalo Bills at New England Patriots (R) (HD)	Bang (HD) SVU	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	Big City BUNK'D	We're Here (HD)	★★★ "Knock Knock" <i>Sinister agenda.</i>	Dexter (HD)
8 PM :30	All Rise Legal system.	FBI Protect America.	(01) 9-1-1: Lone Star	Good Girls (HD)	The Last Dance	Bang (HD) SVU		Raven Raven	I Know This (HD)	★★★ "Narc" ('02) <i>A cop goes deep undercover.</i>	Penny
9 PM :30	The Baker (HD)	Bull Trial consultant.	Local Programs Local info.	(01) Songland (HD)	The Last Dance	Bang (HD) Last O.G.		Unsitatable Coop & Cam	I Know This (HD)	(02) "A cop goes deep undercover."	House Lies America
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan	Family	BUNK'D	Axios (HD)	"Biloxi Blues" ('88) <i>Boot camp.</i>	DESUS & VICE
11 PM :30	Kimmel	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Last O.G. Conan	Family	BUNK'D	Betty (HD)		DESUS & Billions

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TUESDAY

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	ESPN Original Documentaries	Bang (HD) SVU	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D BUNK'D	(4:40) "Hobbs" ('19)	"Night School" ('18)	"Green Book" ('18)
7 PM :30	The Happy Days of Garry Marshall A tribute.	NCIS: Military crimes.	Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours Ellicott City, Md.	The Voice (HD)		Bang (HD) SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Big City BUNK'D	I Know This (HD)	★★½ "The Collection" <i>Serial killer.</i>	Ray Donovan (HD)
8 PM :30	FBI Protect America.	FBI: Most Wanted	Local Programs Local info.	Games (HD)	ESPN Original	Bang (HD) SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Raven Raven	"Downton Abbey" ('19) <i>Royal family.</i> (HD)	"Mary Queen of Scots" ('18) <i>Claim to throne.</i>	Escape "Part 4" (HD)
9 PM :30	For Life "Fathers" (HD)	Local	Local Programs Local info.	New Amsterdam (HD)	ESPN Original	Bang (HD) Last O.G.	Law & Order: SVU	Unsitatable Coop & Cam	Run (HD)	★★★½ "The Sixth Sense" ('99) (HD)	Work (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan Zany sketches.	Family	BUNK'D	(28) Run (HD)	"Backdraft" <i>Brothers fight fire.</i> (R)	DESUS & VICE
11 PM :30	Kimmel	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Last O.G. Conan	Family	BUNK'D	Betty (HD)		(5:0) Penny Dreadful: City of

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WEDNESDAY

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	2015 NBA Finals "Game #6" <i>Golden State vs Cleveland</i>	Bang (HD) SVU	NCIS Ducky's brother.	BUNK'D BUNK'D	(5:40) "Fight Club" ('99, Thriller) <i>Secret fights.</i>	"Reality Bites" ('94)	"Almost Famous" ('00)
7 PM :30	Goldbergs	Survivor Winning castaway. (HD)	The Masked Singer Jay Pharoah. (HD)	Chicago Med (HD)		Bang (HD) SVU	WWE NXT (HD)	Big City BUNK'D	I Know This (HD)	"The Mask" ('94) <i>A magical mask.</i>	Couples
8 PM :30	Housewife	Local Programs Local info.	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Chicago Fire (HD)	2017 NBA Finals "Game 3" <i>Golden State vs Cleveland (R)</i>	Bang (HD) SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Unsitatable Coop & Cam	"Dark Phoenix" ('19) <i>Powers unleashed.</i> (HD)	(45) "Grudge Match" ('13) <i>Retired boxers.</i>	Work (HD)
9 PM :30	Single	Local	Local	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan Zany sketches.	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D	Insecure	"Mystery, Alaska" <i>Hockey fame.</i>	"Ophelia" ('19) <i>Secret love affair.</i> (PG-13) (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Frontal Conan	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D	Betty (HD)		DESUS & VICE
11 PM :30	Kimmel	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan	Family	BUNK'D	Jessie	"Autism"	"Indecent Proposal"

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THURSDAY

Time	SHOW
8:50pm	MAX Without a Paddle ★★½ (2004, Comedy) Seth Green, Dax Shepard. After their close friend's recent death, three men decide to fulfill their childhood promise by going on a camping expedition with calamitous results. PG-13 (HD)
9:00pm	HBO Westworld "Crisis Theory" The situation has become unavoidable. TVMA (HD)

FRIDAY

Time	SHOW
7:00pm	NBC The Blacklist "Roy Cain" Dembe ends up in a risky situation when the task force investigates a kidnapping carried out by seemingly impossible abductors; Red thinks about a successor. TV14 (HD)
7:45pm	USA 2 Fast 2 Furious ★★½ (2003, Action) Paul Walker, Tyrese Gibson. An undercover cop teams up with an ex-convict in order to bring down the kingpin of a Miami money-laundering and drug-running operation. PG-13 TV14 (HD)

SATURDAY

Time	SHOW
7:00pm	FOX 9-1-1 "Powerless" A little girl gets trapped in a runaway hot air balloon and the city's power goes out; Athena's life is endangered by the serial rapist case. TV14 (HD)
8:00pm	SHOW Seven ★★★★★ (1995, Thriller) Brad Pitt, Morgan Freeman. Two detectives team up to track a serial killer who chooses each of his victims based on one of the seven deadly sins and executes them accordingly. R

SUNDAY

Time	SHOW
7:00pm	CBS Forrest Gump ★★★★★ (1994, Drama) Tom Hanks, Sally Field. A slow-witted man with character and dignity who transforms the lives of those around him grows to adulthood amid the historic events of four decades. PG-13
7:30pm	FOX Duncanville "Wolf Mother" Annie decides to adopt Duncan's friend on Mother's Day when she feels underappreciated; Jack attempts to make Annie feel better by giving her a rare flower. TV14 (HD)

MONDAY

Time	SHOW
7:00pm	ABC The Bachelor: Listen to Your Heart "Week 5 - Semi-Finals" As the semifinals begin, the single musicians set out on music-themed dates in hopes to ultimately find their musical soulmate and a long-term partnership. TVPG (HD)
9:30pm	SHOW Who Is America? Sacha deals with workplace security, pornography, yachts, former Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio and more. TVMA (HD)

TUESDAY

Time	SHOW
8:00pm	NBC Ellen's Game of Games "Do You Believe in Life After Suds" Contestants play "Say What" "Mazed and Confused" and "Dirty Laundry"; singer Meghan Trainor joins host Ellen DeGeneres to play "Knockin' Boots." TVPG (HD)
9:00pm	USA Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Intersecting Lives" Barba and the SVU are targeted by a union that supports a corrections officer who was arrested for sexually assaulting female prisoners. TV14 (HD)

WEDNESDAY

Time	SHOW
8:45pm	MAX Grudge Match ★★ (2013, Comedy) Robert De Niro, Sylvester Stallone. When an inadvertently hilarious grudge match between two retired boxers goes viral, their rivalry turns into a highly-publicized event. PG-13 (HD)
9:00pm	TBS The Big Bang Theory A group of nerds living in an academic environment gets a new neighbor, a pretty blonde actress hopeful, who makes an impact on all of their lives. TV14 (HD)

SIU manufactures, donates 3D-printed face shields to SIH

By Tim Crosby
news.siu.edu

Among the many items essential healthcare workers rely upon to keep them safer during the COVID-19 pandemic is a clear, plastic shield that fits on their head, covering their faces. And, like other items, face shields are running in short supply.

Faculty at Southern Illi-

nois University Carbondale are pitching in to help solve the local shortage.

Lingguo Bu, associate professor of curriculum and instruction, with support from the SIU STEM Education Research Center, on Tuesday, April 14, delivered about 40 shields to Southern Illinois Healthcare, a major healthcare provider in Southern Illi-

nois.

Bu is one of several faculty and students using 3D printing technology housed at the university to manufacture the shields in the face of growing demand.

"We're glad we can do something to serve the community, which is one of the missions of the university," Bu said.

Longstanding Mission

storm-damaged buildings, make sure electricity and gas are turned off.

Do not use water-damaged electronics.

If you are driving and come upon a downed power line, stay away and warn others to do the same. Pull over and call 911 to report the downed line.

If you clean up outdoors after a storm, do not use electronic equipment when it is raining or the ground is wet.

Safe Electricity is the award-winning, public awareness program of the Energy Education Council, which is a 501(c) 3 not-for-profit organization established in 1952 on the campus of University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Since the Safe Electricity program was created in 2001, it has provided thousands of safety-minded resources to its more than 500 utility members from across the country to help save lives and reduce injuries.

of Service

SIH officials said the shields are a critical need for their healthcare workers.

"The 3D technology to produce face shields for our healthcare providers is a game-changer," said SIH chief nursing officer Jennifer Harre. "I am so appreciative of the university's efforts to stand in the gap and support us during the COVID-19 crisis."

SIU faculty and students routinely perform outreach with local agencies. It was one of these service missions, a workshop with local schools, that made the connection and started the process this time.

Bu said his son's 5th-grade teacher at Carbondale's Lewis School first alerted him to the need for shields locally, as well as available construction plans that could be used to make them.

"Over years we've built a 3D design lab, and we use designs and printing to serve our students as well as STEM teachers in the area," Bu said.

"Because of this, we got a message from a Lewis School teacher with whom we had done a workshop, as well as from another of my students from Mt. Vernon whose husband does laser cutting. They told us about the SIH request for the shields."

SIH sent the construction plan files, created by the European Prusa 3D printing team and recommended by SIH, to SIU. Faculty were off and running from there, with Grant Miller, associate

professor of curriculum and instruction, and Harvey Henson, director of the STEM Education Research Center, leading the way along with Bu.

Manufacturing Gears Up

They began working with raw filaments and other materials they had on hand, but have ordered more. They plan to continue building the shields as long as they are needed.

"The 3D design lab has been supported by the STEM Center and the SIU Foundation over the years," Bu said.

"We designed some tools to make the clear face shields. But the STEM Center is fully supporting this effort with equipment, space and supplies. We worked together closely to make this happen."

Aaron Scott, associate professor of design in the SIU School of Art and Design, is also working on building the shields.

"We have created a few prototypes and are now just waiting on our materials to arrive. Then we will begin production," he said.

"We are utilizing the equipment, 3D printer, laser cutter and space in the School of Art and Design's design area to create the face shields."

Bu said his lab can currently make about a dozen shields a day, but that capacity could grow if demand persists or increases.

STEM Center, Collaboration Play Vital Roles

Henson said the STEM Education Research Center is a collaboration of STEM

faculty, staff and students working to address issues, study problems and explore interests in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, STEM.

The center uses external funding to provide financial support to SIU faculty, staff and students to help cover research related expenses, and offers support and resources to regional educators to advance STEM learning.

Working collaboratively with colleagues such as Bu and Miller to put STEM learning and research into action during the COVID-19 pandemic, and creatively serving the community, is a great way to demonstrate the importance of STEM, Henson said.

"The STEM center is covering the cost of 3D printing and materials used to produce the shields, and providing student workers and staff to help out," Henson said.

"SIU faculty and students have a long tradition of giving and serving to the region and this is an important time to help out."

Remaining Vigilant

Bu said the group will remain committed to helping any way it can until the health emergency has passed.

"It feels great to be useful and meet the needs of the community," Bu said. "At SIU, we serve. Our students in the community were the ones who reached out to us, believing we could do something to help, and that makes us feel great."

Don't let social distancing stop you from seeking shelter

With recent severe storms ripping across several southern states, those needing to take refuge in a public storm shelter face a unique dilemma. Which is more important, social distancing or seeking refuge from a tornado?

As bizarre as that question might sound, it's just another issue Americans must navigate during our country's COVID-19 outbreak and its aftermath: a collective reality that is bleeding over into spring storm season.

"While it is true that many people are hunkered down at home these days, essential workers must still report to work, says Erin Hollinshead, executive director of Safe Electricity.

"Tornadoes do not observe social distancing or wait to drop until everyone is in their own home."

On Easter Sunday, tornadoes barreled down on several states, killing at least 33 people and wreaking havoc on homes and businesses along the way.

The twisters caused damage along the power distribution path, causing more than 1 million homes and businesses to be without power.

More than 60 tornadoes were reported as the storms spread from Texas and Arkansas, across Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, the Carolinas and Tennessee.

The American Meteorological Society, AMS, released tornado sheltering guidelines and recommended individuals "not let the virus prevent you from

taking refuge during a tornado," says Hollinshead.

"A public tornado shelter is the best location for protection; just practice social distancing and disease prevention guidelines as best as possible."

Although two crises are definitely not better than one, these unique times call for preparedness, and plenty of it.

"Because April, May and June are the peak months for tornado activity, make sure you have a weather plan in place and determine the best option for protection," says Hollinshead.

"Determine the best place in your home, which is ideally in the basement away from windows, and if not, an interior room without windows. If you are away from home, be sure to seek a safe place such as a public shelter, the interior of a building, or a hard-top car."

After the storm passes, Safe Electricity recommends the following safety precautions:

Be aware that downed power lines, stray wires, and debris touching them all have the potential to deliver a fatal shock.

Just because power lines are damaged does not mean they are dead or de-energized. Stay away and instruct others to do the same.

Never enter a flooded basement if electrical outlets are under water. The water could be energized.

Do not turn power off if you must stand in water to do so. Call your power company, who will dispatch an employee to turn off power at the meter.

Before entering

Another 81,000 Illinoisans file unemployment claims

By Jerry Nowicki
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SPRINGFIELD – Unemployment in Illinois and the United States continues to balloon amid the novel coronavirus pandemic.

The state reported 81,596 first-time claims in the week ending April 25, during which time more than 3.8 million claims were submitted nationally.

That means 818,917 Illinoisans had filed for unemployment since March 21, and 681,041 drew unemployment benefits during the week ending April 25.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, that is about 10.7 percent of Illinois' civilian work force.

The claims from March 1 to April 25 this year were more than 10 times those made in the same period last year, when approximately 69,000 total claims were filed in Illinois.

This was the first time in five weeks that the number of initial claims in Illinois fell under 100,000.

The peak was the week of April 4, when 201,041 initial claims were made.

Nationally, more than 30 million people filed jobless

claims since the beginning of the pandemic.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 12.4 percent for the week ending April 18 was an increase of 1.5 percent from the previous week, once again marking the highest figure in the history of the metric.

The more than 81,000 claims filed in Illinois during week ending April 25 marked a decrease of about 21,000 from the week prior.

The four-week moving average for claims was 131,683, according to the Illinois Department of Employment Security.

Of note, Illinois has not yet set up its pandemic unemployment assistance system, which would apply to groups not normally covered by unemployment insurance, such as independent contractors, the self-employed and freelancers.

These federally-paid benefits would last for up to 39 weeks, but that program is not expected to be up and running until the week of May 11. The state is contracting with the private firm Deloitte to complete the system.

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from the Oregon Digital Newspaper program website

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"People don't actually read newspapers. They step into them every morning like a hot bath." Marshall McLuhan

"Every time a newspaper dies, even a bad one, the country moves a little closer to authoritarianism..." Richard Kluger

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HELP WANTED: The Dongola Public Library is currently accepting resumes and seeking qualified applicants for the position of Library Director. This is a part-time position. Interested persons should apply by submitting a resume, cover letter and 3 references to: Dongola Public Library, P.O. Box 113, Dongola, IL 62926. If further questions, please call (618)-697-0198 or (618)-697-1368.

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

ESTATE OF CHARLES E. ROMACK, DECEASED. IN PROBATE NO. 2020-P-14

NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT

ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Charles E. Romack of Jonesboro, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 31, 2020, to Trena Romack, 2175 State Route 127 N., Jonesboro, Illinois 62952 as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of admission, you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses in open Court or other evidence, as provided by Section 5/6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21.)

You also have the right, under Section 5/8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1), to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within six (6) months after admission of the Will to probate.

The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless, under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755, Par. 5/28-4), any interested person terminates Independent Administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk of this Court.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before October 30, 2020, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days

after it has been filed.
Dated: April 22, 2020.

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NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois
SS
County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 28th day of April, 2020, under the Assumed Name of Guys and Dolls with the place of business located at 101 East Broad Street, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Joy Prather
3100 Meadow Ridge Loop
Buncombe, IL 62912

Lance Meisenheimer
Union County Clerk
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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 4th day of May, 2020, under the Assumed Name of Sunrise Valley Farm with the place of business located at 390 Craft Lane, Buncombe, Illinois 62912 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Nathan Martin
Nancy Martin
390 Craft Lane
Buncombe, IL 62912

Lance Meisenheimer
Union County Clerk
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NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE TENTATIVE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ILLINOIS FOR 2020-2021

A Public Hearing on the Tentative Annual Budget for the City of Jonesboro, Illinois, for 2020-2021, retroactive to May 1, 2020, will be held on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 7 p.m., in the chambers of the Jonesboro City Hall, 1101 Public Square, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952.

After such hearing and the adjournment thereof, the Tentative Annual Budget, as presented and/or as revised, shall be passed and adopted without any further notice, hearing, opportunity for inspection or change.

The Tentative Annual Budget will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby area of the Jonesboro City Hall, 1101 Public Square, Jonesboro, Illinois, and upon posting, will be available for public inspection during normal business hours, Monday through Friday.

Due to the Coronavirus

and the Governors Shelter in Place Order, the Jonesboro City Hall is closed to the public. Therefore, if you would like to inspect the Tentative Budget, call Jonesboro City Hall, (618)-833-2712, for instructions.

Dated: May 5, 2020

Barbara Casper
Jonesboro City Clerk
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Notice for Bid

The Dongola Unit School District #66 is accepting bids for milk for the 2020-2021 school year. For more information or bid specifications, please contact Dr. Paige Helm Maginel at (618)-827-3841. Bids need to be submitted to Dr. Paige Helm Maginel, Dongola Unit #66, 1000 High Street, Dongola, Illinois 62926. Sealed bids will be accepted until May 21, 2020.

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The Dongola Unit School District #66 is accepting bids for lawn services (mowing) for the 2020-2021 school year. For more information or bid specifications, please contact Dr. Paige Helm Maginel at (618)-827-3841. Bids need to be submitted to Dr. Paige Helm Maginel, Dongola Unit #66, 1000 High Street, Dongola, Illinois 62926. Sealed bids will be accepted until May 21, 2020.

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State police announce realignment, creation of new investigative zone

The Illinois State Police, ISP, Division of Criminal Investigation, DCI, on Monday, April 20, unveiled plans to realign zones and add an investigative zone in Southern Illinois.

The state police said in a news release that the purpose of the realignment is to provide an increased ISP investigative presence in the Metro East and Southern Illinois areas.

The action follows the issuing of an executive order by Gov. JB Pritzker which reestablished the DCI.

"Under this realignment, ISP DCI will be better prepared to maintain collaborative relationships with our local law enforcement partners and support DCI missions in Southern Illinois," ISP director Brendan F. Kelly said in a news release.

"ISP DCI's new investi-

gative zones will allow us to more effectively deploy personnel and resources where they are needed to better address crime, especially violent crime, drugs and public integrity."

Under the previous DCI plan, DCI Zone 7 was comprised of 33 counties, making it geographically the largest zone in the state.

The state police said this created a challenge to maintain collaborative relationships with local law enforcement partners throughout the area.

The realignment and addition of an investigative zone will allow for a better managed and engaged investigative presence, officials said.

In addition, DCI Zone 6 in Collinsville historically handled the most homicides of any zone in the state, primarily in Madison and St. Clair counties.

The realignment and expansion will allow for the continuation of investigative support of Metro East homicide cases by reducing the number of counties and the geographic area covered by the zone.

After a needs-based review requested by Kelly, DCI Command recommended:

- Removing Bond and Clinton counties from Zone 6.

- Splitting Zone 7 into two separate work units.

- Creating Zone 8, which will cover 19 counties in southeast Illinois.

DCI Zone 6 will now cover Calhoun, Jersey, Green, Macoupin, Montgomery, Madison, St. Clair and Monroe counties. Zone 6 headquarters will remain in Collinsville.

DCI Zone 7 will cover Randolph, Washington, Jefferson, Franklin, Per-

ry, Jackson, Williamson, Union, Johnson, Pope, Alexander, Pulaski, Massac and Hardin counties. Zone 7 headquarters will remain in Du Quoin.

The newly created DCI Zone 8 will cover Bond, Clinton, Marion, Fayette, Effingham, Cumberland, Clark, Jasper, Crawford, Clay, Richland, Lawrence, Wayne, Edwards, Wabash, Hamilton, White, Saline and Gallatin counties. Zone 8 headquarters will be based in Effingham, with satellite offices in Centralia and Carmi.

Soil, water district plans spring fish sale

Union County Soil and Water Conservation District plans to host a spring fish sale on May 23.

The district notes that carp orders are due May 8. Black crappie will not be sold.

For more information and to place an order, call the Union County Soil and Water Conservation District office at 618-833-5666, extension 3.

For everyone's safety, during the pickup process the district asks that no one gets out of their vehicles and follows the directions on the signs which will be posted.

All customers are asked to please bring a check or cash with the exact amount to limit contact.

The soil and water conservation district noted in a news release that it appreciates "all patience and understanding and apologize for the last minute changes."

Shawnee College students can purchase, return textbooks online

Shawnee Community College reports that students will be able to purchase and return textbooks by using a new online portal on the college website this semester.

Students who want to utilize the online option can find all of the details for both obtaining and return-

ing textbooks by visiting <https://www.shawneecc.edu/student-resources/bookstore> and following instructions which are available online.

The college is also providing an in-person drop-off/pick up zone on its main campus near Ullin.

The college said that

students who want to utilize the in-person option will need to fill out the necessary paperwork and schedule an appointment online on the college's website. Complete instructions are available online.

Dates and times for buyback this semester are scheduled May 21, 22 and 26, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The college said that scholarship students will have until May 27 to return their books without penalty.

For more information, contact bookstore manager Stacy Simpson by phone at 618-634-3218 or by email at stacys@shawneecc.edu.

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Obituaries

Devin Michael VanderSluis

Devin Michael VanderSluis, 27, of Anna, Illinois, was born in Des Moines, Iowa, on March 2, 1993.

He departed this world on April 23, 2020, in Columbia, Mo., surrounded by family and friends.

He fought a long battle against a congenital kidney disease that required him to be brave and courageous throughout his short life.

Devin loved his family and friends very much, especially his mother and sister.

He never met a stranger and was the one always playing pranks on everyone.

He did the best that he could, given his health and would always try and make the best of his situation. He always tried to keep a big smile on his face and brighten up every room that he walked in to.

He attended Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, and also enjoyed many summers at Bible school as a young child with all of his friends.

Devin enjoyed being outdoors and he loved nature. He also enjoyed spending time with his cats when he was younger and would often talk about them.

Devin enjoyed listening to music, watching Netflix and eating pizza. Devin had a brilliant mind and was very interested in history.

Devin is survived by his mother, Shari VanderSluis of Anna; sister Taryn VanderSluis of Carbondale, Illinois; an uncle, Hal Turner of California; and many other extended family members and lots of friends.

A memorial service will be held at a later date and will be announced as soon as possible.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the American Kidney Fund in honor of Devin and his lifelong battle. This can be done at www.kidneyfund.org.

From Special Friends Kurt Petrich & Gretchin Emrick: God saw you getting tired, and a cure was not to be. So he put his arms around you and whispered, "come to me." With tearful eyes we watched you suffer, and slowly fade away. Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard working mind put to rest, God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best. Rest in Peace sweet boy. Love, Kurt and Gretchin

Willis E. 'Bud' Noble Sr.

Willis E. "Bud" Noble Sr., 89, formerly of East Carondelet, died Monday, April 20, 2020, at The Bridge Assisted Living Facility in North Charleston, S.C.

He was born on Sept. 22, 1930, in Granite City, the son of Homer and Verna Conaway Noble.

He married his wife of 67 years, Betty Joyce Ballentine Noble, in Corinth, Miss., on Dec. 27, 1952.

Mr. Noble served in the U.S. Army from 1948 until 1952. Serving in Germany, first as a member of the United States Constabulary, also known as "The Circle C Cowboys," he finished his enlistment as a tank commander in an armored cavalry troop.

After his service, Mr. Noble worked as a millwright for the Cerro Corporation in Sauget for 40 years. He and Betty retired to Humboldt, Tenn., in 1992.

Mr. Noble was an avid outdoorsman, woodworker and amateur photographer. He hunted, fished, hiked and camped throughout Southern Illinois and Tennessee.

During his retirement, he enjoyed working in his woodshop, taking day trips with Betty, visiting family in the Midwest and Southeast and doting on their pets.

He also enjoyed swapping stories with friends and in-laws during breakfast at the Coffee Shop in Humboldt.

Surviving are his wife, Betty Joyce; one son, Ed, and his wife, Cathy Noble, of Summerville, S.C.; one granddaughter, Jennifer Marie Parton, and great-granddaughters Riley, Ava and Maddie of Scottsboro, Ala. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews, along with other relatives and friends in Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee and South Carolina.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Homer and Verna Noble; brothers Leonard and Howard and sisters, Vera Hickam, Wilma Minton, Vivian Thomas and Dorothy "Dottie" Felt.

As per his wishes, he will be cremated. Upon the passing of his wife, their ashes will be interred together at Rose Hill Cemetery in Humboldt, Tenn.

Joyce Shepard Owens

Joyce Shepard Owens, 85, of Wilson, N.C., was born on Jan. 24, 1935, and died Tuesday, April 28, 2020.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at Thomas-Yelverton Funeral Home in Wilson, N.C. Entombment followed in Evergreen Memorial Park in Wilson, N.C.

Surviving are her husband, Ralph Owens; four sons, Robert Owens (Candy) of Richmond, Va., Mark Owens (Mary Alice) of Richmond, Va., Richard Owens of Alexandria, Va., and Timothy Owens (Olga Katherine) of Raleigh, N.C.; one daughter, Kimberly Owens Holmes of Wilson, N.C.; 13 grandchildren; and one brother, Ronald Shepard (Della) of Wolf Lake. She leaves her beloved grand-fur-baby, Lulu.

She was preceded in death by her son, Michael Owens; and by one brother, Bob Shepard.

Thomas-Yelverton Funeral Home in Wilson, N.C., was in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences can be sent to www.thomasyelverton.com.



Grover Leonard (Bud) Nevels

Grover Leonard (Bud) Nevels, 86, of Jonesboro, left this world for a better place on May 3, 2020, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

He was born on Oct. 19, 1933, in Lutesville, Mo., the son of Grover C. and Gladys Kirkpatrick Nevels.

He married Rose Miller on Dec. 12, 1955, in Granite City.

One of eight children, he grew up on the family farm in Puxico, Mo. Although he resided in Jonesboro for the past 42 years he kept true to his Bootheel upbringing by keeping his Missouri drawl and unique pronunciation of words. Quick with a tall tale or interesting fact that usually started with "they say" or "I was told," he shared his life stories with anyone who would listen.

He was an avid outdoorsman; he enjoyed hunting and fishing. His true loves were gardening with his wife, Rose, and playing with his grandchildren. All daily routines stopped when one of them asked to go fishing at the pond or go on a 4-wheeler ride. If he wasn't outside, he could be found in his big recliner with a grandchild or two, watching cartoons or westerns.

He leaves his wife of 65 years, Rose Alice Nevels; daughters Sherry (Wane) Eudy of Omaha, Neb., and Karen (Mike) Hicks of Anna; grandchildren Ashley (Sean) O'Neill, Jacob Eudy, Lindsey (Ryan) Sadler and Hailey (Jay) New; great-grandchildren Addie, Shannon, Liam O'Neill, Landon Sadler, Paisley, Holden and Anistyn New; step-great-granddaughter Kailey New; other relatives and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Private graveside services will be held for the immediate family. Memorials may be made to the Anna-Jo Garden Club. 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.

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



Patti Anita Rheinecker

Patti Anita Rheinecker, 74, of Anna, died at 10:40 p.m. Monday, April 27, 2020, at Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

She was born on Oct. 27, 1945, in Anna, the daughter of Murray and Cornelia Poole Choate.

She was a proud mother and grandmother and doted on her grandchildren any chance that she got.

She attended a business college in Jacksonville and then worked at Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna in the chaplain's office and the gatehouse for over 10 years.

She was an avid Illini fan. She loved growing flowers and loved her cats. She also enjoyed sunbathing by the pool and dancing. She attended First Christian Church in Anna.

She is survived by her son, Scot (Connie) Rheinecker of Kannapolis, N.C.; grandchildren Grace, Claire and Benjamin; a sister, Lisa (Ken) Smith of Worden; a niece, Kelly (Rob) Ruehl of Worden; a nephew, Kyle Smith of Mt. Carmel; great-nieces and nephews Maddox, Brenna, Derek and Presley.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Private graveside services will be held at St. John's Cemetery near Dongola. Bill Littrell will officiate.

Memorial contributions can be made to PAWS and can be mailed to Crain Funeral Home, 135 W. Vienna St., Anna, Ill. 62906.

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

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

Crain Funeral Home

David W. McKee Sr.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cremation will be accorded with a celebration of life at a later date. Inurnment will be in St. John's Cemetery near Dongola.

The family requests donations to Crain Funeral Home to help offset their expenses during this difficult time. Donations can be sent to Crain Funeral Home, P.O. Box 257, Anna, Ill. 62906.

Crain Funeral Home Tamms is in charge of arrangements.

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Bill Boysen

SIU Professor Emeritus, Bill Boysen, 84, of Cobden, passed away peacefully on April 28, 2020.

He was born on Jan. 23, 1936, the son of Emil and Erna Boysen of Foster, Wash.

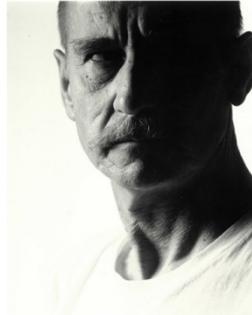
He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; son Trent Boysen and family, Lori, Zoe and Emma; and daughter Kendall Boysen and family, Nora, Devyn and Alex.

Memorial services will be held privately for the family. A memorial service for the public will be held at a later date.

Memorials can be made to the activities fund at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna, 792 N. Main St., Anna, Ill. 62906.

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

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



Violet Brimm

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

Funeral arrangements 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.

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In Loving Memory

James A. Tellor
Dec. 17, 1926 - Feb. 27, 2007

Edna E. Tellor
Mar. 12, 1926 - April 11, 2014



In Loving Memory
William D.
"Bill" Stover

July 27, 1943 - April 29, 2011

Much loved and missed by
your family

"The Preaching Pen" Mean Mothers

Judging by the criteria in this article, I think my brother and I had a "mean mother." My children would also say that they have a mean mother. I wish I could take credit for this article, but I can't - I'm not even sure who did write it, but I think it's worth sharing. Please read on.

Was your mom mean? I know mine was. We had the meanest mother in the whole world! While other kids had candy for breakfast, we had to have cereal, eggs, and toast. When others had a Pepsi and a Twinkie for lunch, we had to eat sandwiches. And you can guess our mother fixed us a dinner that was different from what other kids had, too.

Mother insisted on knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were convicts in a prison. She had to know who our friends were, and what we were doing with them. She insisted that if we said we would be gone for an hour, we would be gone for an hour or less.

We were ashamed to admit it, but she had the nerve to break the Child Labor Laws by making us work. We had to wash the dishes, make the beds, learn to cook, vacuum the floor, do laundry, and all sorts of cruel jobs. I think she would lie awake at night thinking of more things for us to do.

She always insisted on telling the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. By the time we were teenagers, she could read our minds. Then, life was really tough! Mother wouldn't let our friends just honk the horn when they drove up. They had to come up to the door so she could meet them. While everyone else could date when they were 12 or 13, we had to wait until we were 16.

Because of our mother we missed out on lots of things other kids experienced. None of us have ever been caught shoplifting, vandalizing others' property or ever arrested for any crime. It was all her fault. We never got drunk, took up smoking, stayed out all night, or a million other things other kids did. Now that we have left home, we are all educated, honest adults. We are doing our best to be mean parents just like Mom was. That must be what's wrong with the world today. It just doesn't have enough mean mothers anymore. - Author Unknown

I tend to agree. If parents parented today as God would have it; if there were a married mother and father in the home, with Christ at the center, our world would experience considerably fewer problems. God's way is always best!

Mother's Day is this Sunday. Happy Mother's Day!

R.W. McAlister, Minister
Anna church of Christ



Flowers in downtown Cobden

Brightly colored flowers were seen in a planter which is near the park in the downtown area in the Village of Cobden.

Downstate courts meeting challenges presented by pandemic

Court systems throughout the world are meeting the challenges resulting from the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Downstate Illinois courts are no exception.

The Illinois Supreme Court exercises supervisory authority over all courts in the state.

The Supreme Court in March issued an order which mandated that all of the state's lower courts establish temporary procedures to minimize the negative impacts of the virus while also continuing to provide citizens with access to justice.

In the First Judicial Circuit, which serves the southernmost part of the state and includes the counties of Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski, Saline, Union and Williamson, Chief Judge James R. Williamson has ordered that scheduled court dates for traffic, minor criminal and civil cases be continued.

Other cases, such as those involving a felony, where the accused is in jail, and any emergency cases (including orders of protection, juvenile, divorce or family matters) are also being heard and handled with due caution and accommodation for health concerns.

"The entire circuit has pulled together to get the work done under extraordinary circumstances," Williamson said in a news release.

"The citizens' work needs to get done; but we need to keep citizens safe. I feel we are accomplishing both objectives during this difficult time.

"I would like to thank all of the judges and court staff, as well as the other offices who are all working together to make this happen."

It has been requested that individuals not enter courthouses, including the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro if they have traveled or been in close contact with anyone who has traveled outside of the United States or have returned to the United States within 21 days.

That also includes individuals who have been diagnosed with or have been in close contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19; or has flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough or shortness of breath.

Individuals who are unable to appear because of these restrictions are directed to contact the circuit clerk.

Courts have dealt with emergencies before. When the Spanish flu struck in 1918, the United States Supreme Court curtailed its operations, meeting only to issue necessary orders and continue oral arguments until the crisis had eased.

The American justice system cannot just shut down when a virus threatens it—and it has not.

"Despite the unprecedented disruption presented by the coronavirus, Illinois courts and judges have worked nimbly not only to minimize risk, but to keep the system running and ensure the rights of individuals remain upheld," said Illinois Judges Association president Margaret Mullen. "Illinoisans should be proud."

Northwest Illinois church appeals ruling upholding state stay-at-home order

Judge said public health outweighs right to gather

By Peter Hancock
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SPRINGFIELD – Attorneys for a northwest Illinois church said Monday that they have appealed a federal judge's ruling that upheld Gov. JB Pritzker's stay-at-home order as it applies to worship services.

The announcement came one day after U.S. District Judge John Z. Lee ruled against a petition by Beloved Church in Lena and its pastor, Stephen Cassell, to block the order, saying the public interest in preventing the spread of COVID-19 outweighed their First Amendment right to hold a public service with large numbers of people.

"Governor Pritzker's arbitrary 10-person limit applies only to churches but not to the many other businesses open in Illinois today, from liquor stores to lawyers to pet groomers," Peter Breen, vice president and senior counsel for the Thomas More Society, which represents the church, said in a statement late Monday.

"Our Constitution requires that churches receive at least equal treatment as any secular enterprise. Pritzker's latest threat of jail for people of faith is outrageous, and we will seek immediate relief from the court of appeals to defend our clients."

In his ruling Sunday, Lee acknowledged that freedom of religion is a fundamental right, "[b]ut even the foundational rights secured by the First Amendments are not without limits; they are subject to restriction if necessary to further compelling government interests – and,

certainly, the prevention of mass infections and deaths qualifies," Lee wrote.

"After all, without life, there can be no liberty or pursuit of happiness."

The judge noted that more than 60,000 Americans have died from COVID-19, "more than the number of people who perished during the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Pearl Harbor, and the Battle of Gettysburg combined."

The suit was filed on Thursday, April 30, against Pritzker, Stephenson County Sheriff David Snyders, Lena Police Chief Steve Schaible and Craig Beintema, administrator of the Stephenson County Department of Public Health. It sought to permanently block enforcement of Pritzker's latest, revised stay-at-home order, which went into effect May 1 and extends through May 30.

Under that revised order, churches may hold public services in groups of 10 or fewer as long as they follow

social distancing requirements.

Despite that, the church reportedly held its regular service on Sunday. WREX-TV in Rockford reported that a public relations firm representing the church said churchgoers were provided hand sanitizer and family units were spaced 6 feet apart.

As of Monday, according to the state's COVID-19 website, there had been 63 cases of the disease in Stephenson County, but so far, no deaths.

The Beloved Church case is just one legal challenge seeking to overturn the stay-at-home order.

Republican Reps. Darren Bailey, of Xenia, and John Cabello, of Machesney Park, are both challenging the order in state courts.

A circuit court judge in Clay County last week ruled in favor of Bailey's complaint that the order violated his civil rights.

But while that case was being appealed, Bailey asked that the order be vacated and the case returned to circuit court, where he plans to file an amended complaint.

Cabello's suit challenges the legality of the order as a whole and is seeking to have it overturned statewide. A hearing in that case is scheduled for May 14 in Winnebago County.

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Opinion and Commentary

Recognize signs of mental health conditions

Union County Hospital's Senior Solutions program raising awareness during Mental Health Month

Each year millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental health condition. According to the National Alliance on Mental Health, one in five Americans will be affected by a mental health condition in their lifetime.

In the month of May, many participants across the country are raising awareness for the importance of mental health.

This year, Senior Solutions at Union County Hospital is helping fight stigmas, provide support, educate the public and advocate for equal care.

Senior Solutions offers an intensive outpatient group therapy program which is designed to meet the unique needs of older adults over the age of 65 who are struggling with depression and anxiety often related to aging.

Individuals may be suffering from depression and anxiety if they are experiencing any of the following common indicators or triggers:

- Recently experienced a traumatic event.
- Lost a spouse or close family member.
- Loss of interest in previously enjoyed activities.
- Changes in appetite.
- Difficulty sleeping.
- Loss of energy.
- Feelings of sadness or grief lasting more than two weeks.
- Feelings of worthlessness or hopelessness.

For more information, or if you have questions about mental health, call Union County Hospital's Senior Solutions program at 833-4505. Individuals or organizations may also call Senior Solutions if they are interested in partnering to raise awareness or would like to receive free education on mental health.

Let us speak our piece

By Matthew Adelman

We need to get through this time and tighten our belts, just as we have through two World Wars, terrorist attacks and other epidemics.

Newspapers in the United States have traveled rough seas to the First Amendment freedoms we enjoy today. From the colonial Stamp Act through wartime censorship to today, when thousands of newspapers were slammed with the public health emergency known as COVID-19, people who work for newspapers have never had completely smooth sailing.

Now most of the businesses that advertise with us are shut down. The pipeline to make our payroll shut down with them. People are restlessly waiting in their locked-down homes for us to bring the news nonetheless.

Across the country, journalists and the thousands of people it takes to let them do their work, from publishers to ad sales people to printers, are figuring out ways to keep the news coming. We do our work as bravely as we can, even when we, too, are masked up and dodging possibly lethal infections.

A disheartening chord is sounding here and there across America's mournful song about this tragic era: why should Americans still support newspapers?

Some in our business don't like the very notion of "media." We newspaper folk argue that "media" is not us. We are the "press," the ones mentioned in the Constitution. Even so, we know some people don't trust even us, though we work and play and worship and vote in our own communities. Distrust and dissension are making this tough era even tougher.

Let us speak our piece here.

We are not driven by ratings. We cover events and issues and write the news as best we can in the worst of times. We do have to have revenue to pay people, just as the even braver front-line hospitals, ambulance companies and urgent care centers do. We are large and small, owned by local owners or sometimes people from far away. But in most small communities, the newspaper is a hometown thing. We're here to cover the news, love us or hate us.

Through our national organizations, we're asking Congress to give us a little support. We need those federal advertising messages to go into the local paper, not onto Facebook or Instagram. We need the short-term payroll loans to pay our staff and cover printing costs for a while.

If these are bailouts or handouts, they are no more so for us than for the millions of other businesses covered by Congress's \$2 trillion stimulus bill. Yes, we are worried about federal debt. But if the economy collapses, the debt will surely spiral out of control.

We need to get through this time and tighten our belts, just as we have through two World Wars, terrorist attacks and other epidemics.

Are we worth the investment? You tell us. Without journalism, how does this bold 244-year experiment in self-government continue to work? We aren't perfect, nor is democracy. But it is the best we have.

Matthew Adelman, the publisher of the Douglas, Wyo., Budget, is the president of the National Newspaper Association, which represents community newspapers, including The Gazette-Democrat, across the United States.

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

The birds...a 'B'...and a bug...

Dear readers: Hi. How are you doing? Well, I hope. This week, we are going to have "the talk." Yup. The birds. And the bees. Well, a "B." And a bug, too.

First, I wanted to mention my crazy fantasy to do just like Forrest Gump did in the movie of the same name, at least in the sense of going for a walk. A really, really, really loooooonnnnnnnngggggggg walk. Doing something crazy during a crazy time doesn't seem all that crazy.

If you have seen the movie, you might remember that Forrest Gump, he of "run, Forrest, run" fame, did indeed embark on a rather long run.

As Mr. Gump shared in the movie: "For no particular reason I just kept on going. I ran clear to the ocean. And when I got there, I figured, since I'd gone this far, I might as well turn around, just keep on going. When I got to another ocean, I figured, since I'd gone this far, I might as well just turn back, keep right on going."*

I'm not much of a runner. Bad knees. But, I do like to walk. Lately, I've been pondering doing a Forrest Gump impression. In slow motion. I'll just keep walking until the current craziness is a long, distant memory.

With that in mind, I said something about my plan to The Other Half as I stepped off our front porch to go for a walk last Friday evening. I couldn't remember exactly where Forrest Gump's run took him. I figured the Oregon coast might be nice for me. Never been to Oregon.

If I left Friday evening, and just kept walking, well, who knows how long it might take to get to the Pacific Ocean. Hopefully, somebody would offer me a box of chocolates along the way.

The Other Half, of course, knew better. It was almost supper time. I'd be back. I'm guessing she probably



...and a "B," which was spotted near some dandelions...



A bird...a swallow, we believe, in its nest...



...spotted what we thought was a Mayfly in the morning dews and damp on the first day of May. Wrong. It's a crane fly. Or not.

A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, May 7, 1970

Warrant Officer Fred Emery Carrington's status has changed from "missing in action" to "killed in action" as reported by the Defense Department.

Relatives had previously been informed that he was missing in action, February 11, 1970, after his helicopter was hit by enemy gunfire and exploded in Vietnam. He was born in Anna.

Circuit Judge Rodney A. Scott, Decatur, issued an injunction last week against the holding of a giant rock festival originally planned for this week end in Makanda Township, after a four day period of hearings and testimony in Circuit Court, Jackson County, last week.

More than 350 persons attended the Open House at Anna State Hospital Sunday, May 3, coming from throughout Southern Illinois.

Progress continues in Anna as plans are being laid to tear down the East Side Apartment Building on North Main Street, to be replaced by a modern drive-in bank and parking facilities for customers of the Anna State Bank.

The month of April went out in the same manner it came in: with a thunderstorm. Civil Defense workers remained at the headquarters in Jonesboro from 10:00 p.m. until 3:30 a.m. Thursday evening, April 30, and Friday, May 1.

Parents with children who will enter kindergarten the year of 1970-71 at Alto Pass Grade School may register them at the school Monday, May 11, between the hours of 12:30 and 3:00 p.m.

"Bye Bye Birdie," the musical being readied by the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School for presentation on May 9, concerns the romance of a composer-publisher-agent and his secretary, plus the drafting of his rock n' roll star into the Army.

"ALittle Clodhopper," a three act play, will be presented by the eighth grade girls of Lick Creek School, Friday, May 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

remembered another rather famous line from "Forrest Gump": "stupid is as stupid does."

Truth be told, I might be a little better off to maybe just try getting to the coast at Grand Tower. Not as far as the Pacific Ocean, but there would still be lots of water and sand. Then again, I'm not sure that the banks of the Mississippi River would count as a coastline.

By the way, if you haven't seen "Forrest Gump" yet, I would encourage you to do so. CBS will be showing the movie Sunday night, May 10. Watch it with mom. Be sure to have a box of chocolates handy...just because that's what life is like.

Now, about the birds and the "B" and the bug...

The birds were swallows I happened to see one day last week building a nest in a rather unusual place. There were two of them. A couple, I am assuming. They kept very busy, flying off to find building supplies, and then returning to work on their nest. It was fun to just watch them for a few minutes.

The bug was what we initially thought was a Mayfly. Seemed appropriate, since we saw it on the first day of May. Wrong. Turns out our bug was probably a crane fly. Guess I need to work on my bug identification skills.

Finally, there's that "B."

And it was a big "B."

Found it while on my walk last Friday evening. Before I made it to Oregon. The big "B" appeared to have blown off a sign in the metropolitan area we call home. After taking a picture of the "B," it ended up back on the sign.

And now, with further adieu, here's your weekly supply of really bad jokes, as found on bestlifeonline.com (if the jokes are not funny, don't blame me, blame them):

Thursday: Somebody stole all my lamps...and I couldn't be more de-lighted!

Friday: The quickest way to make antifreeze? Just steal her blanket!

Saturday: Did you hear about that cheese factory that exploded in France? There was nothing left but de Brie!

Sunday: Three conspiracy theorists walk into a bar... You can't tell me that's just a coincidence!

Monday: What did the mayonnaise say when somebody opened the refrigerator? "Hey, close the door! I'm dressing!"

Tuesday: Time flies like an arrow... Fruit flies like a banana!

Wednesday: How do you make a good egg roll? You push it down a hill!

Stay safe. And maybe have a little bit of chocolate, too. (*The quote was discovered during intense research on the internet last weekend.)

Sports from home

By Mike Estel

What are sports fans going to do with the suspension of high school, collegiate and professional sports because of the coronavirus?

There is also American Legion baseball as well as local park league baseball and softball games that could be missed as well this summer.

The television set seems to be the best weapon to fight the pandemic.

With people of Illinois still under a stay at home order, television or reading some worthwhile publication should be in the forefront.

You can watch former National League baseball games on your television set as well as past collegiate sports. And, some of the television networks even telecast previous high school games.

I know watching former games might get old after a while. But surely this virus cannot last forever.

There seems to be a light at the end of the tunnel and some national news networks are claiming that cures and antibiotics to fight this virus might be somewhere down the line in the near future. We can only pray that they are right.

With the cancellation of spring sports, let's hope that in the next few weeks or months something drastically happens to change the present situation. It's a good sign this week that some states are opening up some businesses with numerous restrictions.

With fall football season looming in the background, surely we won't lose that as well.

I know my fingers and I know everybody's fingers are crossed hoping this catastrophe ends sooner than later.