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News

Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

Be sure to attend the Annabelle Festival in Anna. ***

Union County had nearly 8.5 inches of rain during the month of May. ***

Rain was recorded on 17 of the 31 days in May in Union County. ***

The website for the National Weather Service office in Paducah posted on its website early this week that "scattered to numerous thunderstorms with very heavy rain will be possible" in the region this week. Downpours "could lead to localized flash flooding." ***

The weather service reported that rainfall totals of 15 to 20 inches were common this spring in Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky, "with some locally higher amounts close to 2 feet." ***

Paducah had its wettest May on record, with 11.09 inches of rain. ***

The appointment of an interim police chief was on the agenda for the Anna City Council's regular meeting on Tuesday evening, June 4. ***

The Village of Cobden's participation in the Union County Drug Task Force was addressed at a May 20 meeting of the Cobden Village Board of Trustees. ***

An elderly Union County woman who had gone missing was found safe last Thursday morning. She was taken to Union County Hospital in Anna for evaluation. The Union County Sheriff's Office and the Union County Rescue Squad were among those searching for the missing woman. ***

Work is being done on the white barn at the Trail of Tears State Forest in Union County. Utility crews were at the barn last Saturday afternoon.

Officials issue flood advisory for Union County

Levees systems in good shape; all levee roads closed to traffic

Local officials on Monday, June 3, issued a flood advisory for Union County. The advisory was issued in a statement released on Monday by the Union County Sheriff's Office and the Union County Emergency Management Agency.

The advisory was signed by Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel, Union County 911 director Crystal Gurley and Union County Board of Commissioners chairman Max Miller.

Union County residents who reside in low lying areas that are prone to flooding are advised to be aware of area conditions and to take precautions until river stages fall to a safe level.

The flood advisory statement continues:

"Please monitor all local news outlets, social media sites and the Union County web site to stay apprised of the most current information.

"Until further notice, all normal siren testing has been suspended.

"As a warning to the residents in the Wolf Lake and Ware area, in the event of a levee breach/flooding situation, the tornado sirens will be activated for a three (3) minute period.

"Due to the threat posed by the serious flooding conditions, by the authority of the Levee District and the Union County Sheriff, Scott Harvel, all levee roads are closed to public traffic.

"On May 31, 2019, Union County Board Chairman, Max Miller, signed a Union County Disaster Proclamation declaring Union County in a state of emergency due to the raising Mississippi river levels which have a detrimental effect on county roads and levee systems. This record flooding event has caused a great financial impact to the county, hence the proclamation.

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Volunteers filling sandbags in Wolf Lake

Volunteers were at work last Saturday afternoon filling sandbags in Wolf Lake. The volunteers came from Wolf Lake, Ware and Anna. The sandbags were to be used where they were needed in the river bottom lands.

Major flooding continues along area rivers

Even as the Mississippi River is expected to crest on Friday, June 7, more rain is in the forecast for the region.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported early this week that the Mississippi River is forecast to crest on Friday at both Cape Girardeau and Thebes. Major flooding is occurring at both locations.

Flooding also continues along the Big Muddy River. As of early this week, flood warnings remained in effect for both rivers until further notice. Both the Big Muddy

and Mississippi rivers border Union County.

The weather service also was calling for the possibility of 2 to 4 inches of rain this week in Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky.

Showers and thunderstorms were in the forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday, June 4-5.

The forecast was calling for a chance of showers and thunders on Thursday, today, and again on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 7-9.

The weather service of-

rice in Paducah noted on its website that fluctuations in the river stage levels were possible due to the additional heavy rain which was in the forecast for this week.

The weather service posted the following flood updates on its website early this week:

Mississippi River at Cape Girardeau: At 9 p.m. Monday, June 3, the river's stage was 44.4 feet. Flood stage is 32.0 feet. The river is forecast to continue rising to near 46.0 feet Friday morning and then begin a slow fall over the weekend.

Mississippi River at Thebes: At 9 p.m. Monday, the river's stage was 42.1 feet. Flood stage is 33.0 feet. The river is forecast to continue rising to near 44.0 feet by Friday evening and then begin a slow fall over the weekend.

Big Muddy River near Murphysboro: At 9 p.m. Monday, the river's stage was 29.5 feet. Flood stage is 22.0 feet. Moderate flooding is occurring. The river is forecast to continue rising to near 30.0 feet by Thursday, today, and then begin to fall slowly.



Water in the river bottom lands of Union County

Lots of water can be seen in the river bottom lands of western Union County. This image was captured last Saturday afternoon near Wolf Lake. Major flooding is occurring along the Mississippi and Big Muddy rivers in Southern Illinois and Southeast Missouri.



Transporting gravel for sand boil work

Trucks were moving back and forth along the Wagon Wheel Road last Saturday afternoon as they transported gravel for work which was being done to stabilize a sand boil near Wolf Lake. Parts of the road had been raised with rock and gravel. Part of the road also was under water at the time.



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“Residents with any questions or concerns are urged to contact the Union County Sheriff’s Office at 618-833-5500.”

Levees in Good Shape
 Sheriff Harvel on Tuesday morning shared some good news about the river levees in Union County.

“Our levee systems are still in good shape,” the sheriff said.

Levee conditions are being monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Union County Sheriff’s Office has stepped up patrols in the river bottom lands.

A number of other state and local agencies are joining in the effort to monitor levees and to oversee the response to flooding.

Agencies involved in the effort include the sheriff’s office, the county emergency management agency, local levee district commissioners, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, the Illinois Department of Transportation and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

While local residents are being encouraged to monitor flood conditions, no evacuations had taken place as of early this week, the sheriff said.

A sand boil situation developed during the past week along the Mississippi River levee west of Wolf Lake.

The sand boil was discovered on Friday. Nearly non-stop work began immediately to stabilize the situation.



Plaque presented
 A plaque was presented to Anna Police Chief Michael Hunter during a ceremony held Thursday, May 30. From left are Anna Mayor Steve Hartline, Anna City Council member Martha Ann Webb and Anna Police Chief Michael Hunter.

Anna Police Chief Hunter retires

Anna Police Chief Michael Hunter was honored during a ceremony which was held Thursday, May 30.

Hunter retired from his post effective Friday, May 31.

He served with the police department for 20 years. Hunter has been Anna’s police chief for three years. He served as assistant police chief in 2013-2014 and as a patrolman.

He also served as a patrolman with the Jonesboro Police Department.

A ceremony was held in Hunter’s honor during a lunch which was served at

midday May 30 at the Anna police and fire station.

City officials, city employees, coworkers, family and friends were in attendance.

During the ceremony, Anna Mayor Steve Hartline presented Hunter with a plaque on behalf of the city.

The mayor was joined for the presentation by Anna City Council member Martha Ann Webb.

The wording on the plaque recognized Hunter for “20 years of dedicated service to the City of Anna.

“You exemplified our values of honesty, integrity, teamwork, and maintained

a steadfast commitment to our city.”

Hunter said he will miss having opportunities to interact with the public. He also will miss camaraderies which is part of working in law enforcement.

“We’re kind of our own family,” he said.

Hunter also has worked as a firefighter in the Union County communities. He said he would continue to do that work.

Mayor Hartline said the Anna City Council was expected to discuss the police chief position at a meeting which was scheduled Tuesday evening, June 4.

Second disaster proclamation issued

A second state disaster proclamation was issued Friday, May 31, by Gov. JB Pritzker for 34 counties along the Mississippi and Illinois rivers.

Union County is included in the declaration. Union County is bordered by the Mississippi River on the west.

Part of the county also is bordered by the Big Muddy River. The Big Muddy also is flooding.

Additionally on Friday, the governor dispatched the Illinois Emergency Management Agency’s, IEMA, Unified Area Command vehicle to Winchester in Scott County, where it will establish a state Unified Area Command, or UAC.

The UAC will be able to provide coordinated assistance with the response efforts in the entire region.

This second proclamation follows the governor activating the Illinois National Guard to engage in levee reinforcement and monitoring.

“The State of Illinois will continue to respond and support communities hard hit by historic flooding,” Pritzker said. “Hundreds of state and local roads and bridges have been closed, both residential and commercial properties have been impacted, and local resources have become exhausted. I have directed agency heads in my administration to provide any resources needed to these communities to protect the lives of Illinois residents.”

Both the Mississippi and Illinois rivers reached major flood stage in March and have remained at those levels continuously.

Levees along both rivers are saturated and could be breached or overtopped at any minute.

And with more rain in the forecast, flood-fighting efforts will continue to be critical to protect the health, life and safety of Illinoisans, state officials said.

The emergency proclamation will ensure contin-

ued state support, including 200 Illinois National Guard soldiers, to help communities battling floods.

The disaster proclamation issued on Friday covers the following counties: Adams, Alexander, Brown, Bureau, Calhoun, Carroll, Cass, Fulton, Greene, Grundy, Hancock, Henderson, Jackson, Jersey, Jo Daviess, LaSalle, Madison, Marshall, Mason, Mercer, Monroe, Morgan, Peoria, Pike, Putnam, Randolph, Rock Island, Schuyler, Scott, St. Clair, Tazewell, Union, Whiteside and Woodford.

All sites from New Boston downstream to Cape Girardeau along the Mississippi River are expected to reach their top five all-time crests.

On May 2, the Mississippi River reached an all-time record crest at Rock Island of 22.7 feet, surpassing the historic flood levels of the Great Flood of 1993.

The Illinois River at Valley City is expected to top the current record flood level set in 1943.

“We strongly urge residents in flooded areas to get out now,” said Illinois Emergency Management Agency acting-director, Alicia Tate-Nadeau.

“While your home may not be flooded, the road to get to the hospital may be washed out, or the lines providing power may be down for days.

“Pack a bag with essentials such as clothes, medicine and other necessary items. Be sure to consider all members of your family, including your pets, and to follow instructions from your local emergency management officials.”

The governor issued the first state disaster proclamation on May 3 to ensure state support to communities that are battling floods caused by weeks of elevated river levels and heavy rains.

Weather 8.39 inches of rain recorded in May

The Union County area received 1.75 inches of rain during the period from May 28 through June 3.

Rainfall amounts included .77 of an inch on May 29, .50 of an inch on May 30, .06 of an inch on June 1 and .42 of an inch on June 2.

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

	H	L
Tuesday, May 28	88	71
Wednesday, May 29	87	66
Thursday, May 30	80	60
Friday, May 31	82	57
Saturday, June 1	84	58
Sunday, June 2	81	60
Monday, June 3	79	57

May Weather
 The high temperature for the month of May was 90 degrees. The high was recorded on May 24 and May 27.

The low for the month was 39, which was recorded on May 14.

Precipitation for the month totalled 8.39 inches.

Precipitation for the year, through the end of May, totalled 33.76 inches.

Safety checks set in Cobden

The Cobden Police Department is planning to conduct roadside safety checks during June in the Union County village.

The police department will be looking for impaired drivers, uninsured motorists, use of seatbelts, use of child restraints, suspended and revoked drivers, unsafe operation of vehicles, open alcohol and drugs.

In a news release which announced plans for the roadside safety checks, the Cobden Police Department encouraged “everyone to drive safe and drive smart.”

Special detail conducted

Illinois State Police District 22 has announced the results of a special detail which was conducted in Union County.

Occupant restraint enforcement patrols were conducted during May in the county.

Results from the detail were announced by Capt. Michael Alvey, who is the commander of District 22.

Occupant restraint enforcement patrols provided extra patrol coverage for the Illinois State Police so officers could focus on saving lives by making sure all vehicle occupants were buckled up.

The following results

were compiled during the patrols: Safety belt citations, 25. Total citations, 29. Total written warnings, 24.

The state police noted in a news release that most motorists “know safety belts save lives, but some ignore their safety and that of their families by neglecting to use safety belts and child restraint devices. These patrols reinforce the occupant protection message by focusing on those who ignore the law. Lives can be saved if people simply ‘buckle up.’”

The detail was funded through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Fatal accident occurs Saturday

One person sustained fatal injuries in a single-vehicle traffic accident which happened Saturday night, June 1, in Union County.

Illinois State Police District 22 at Ullin reported that the accident occurred at approximately 7:20 p.m. Saturday, on U.S. Route 51 at Balcom Road.

State police reported that the accident involved a 2002 Pontiac Firebird.

The driver of the car was identified as Robert A. Schilb, 42, of Mt. Vernon.

A passenger who was traveling in the car was identified as Rosemary C.

Schultz, 58, of Salem.

State police reported that the vehicle was traveling southbound on U.S. Route 51 at a high rate of speed. The vehicle left the highway and struck a culvert.

The driver was transported by air ambulance to an out-of-state hospital.

The passenger was pronounced dead at the scene by the Union County coroner’s office.

Both of the people in the vehicle were wearing seatbelts, state police reported. An investigation of the accident continues.

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Annabelle Festival banner at Anna-Jo Garden Club Park
A banner proclaims the upcoming Annabelle Festival in Anna. The banner is on display at the Anna-Jo Garden Club Park in east Anna.

Annabelle Festival celebration set in Anna

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

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

Festival activities are planned from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and from 8

a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday.

This year's Annabelle Festival is scheduled to feature a classic car show, a children's area, a painting party, a flower show, an art exhibit, live music, carriage rides, a motorcycle show, vendors and food trucks, along with shopping and dining at businesses in downtown Anna.

Friday Activities

Annabelle Festival activities which are scheduled from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday follow:

Car show on West Davie Street.

Painting party at the Anna Arts Center on West Davie Street. All art supplies and an instructor are provided for \$15. Those who attend the party are invited to bring their favorite drink and snacks. All ages are welcome. Three paintings will be able to choose from; or those at the party can create their own painting.

Art exhibit, "Life in Southern Illinois," at the Anna Arts Center. The exhibit will feature any subject found in Southern Illinois and created in the following categories: painting and drawing, photography and fine crafts.

Flower show at the Anna Arts Center. The arts center and Anna-Jo Garden Club will host the competition. Categories include arrangements with hydrangeas, artificial arrangements, wall hanging arrangements, largest bloom and potted plants.

Vendors and crafts on West Davie Street.

Kids activities on Main Street, in the South Main Street parking lot at the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna. Activities will include a bounce house, the balloon lady, face painting, a photo booth, bubbles and a dunking booth. Admission will be \$5.

Music in the parking lot at the Moose Lodge along South Main Street.

Shopping and dining at businesses in downtown Anna.

Saturday Schedule

Festival activities which are scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday follow:

8 a.m. to 4 p.m., vendors, arts and crafts, including the sale of Annabelle hydrangeas on East Davie Street.

Music, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., presented by Al and Jean Brown, East Davie Street.

Motorcycle show, Moose Lodge parking lot. Registration starts at 9 a.m.

8 a.m. to 4 p.m., kids activities on Main Street, in the South Main Street parking lot at the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna. Activities will include a bounce house, the balloon lady, face painting, a photo booth, bubbles, a police dog, and ambulance and fire truck tours. Admission will be \$5, which includes two shows: a magic show presented by Chris Egelston at noon and a birds of prey program at 1 p.m.

Smokey Bear poster contest, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Anna Arts Center.

Little Miss and Mister Annabelle Pageant, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., East Davie Street.

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

Donation of over \$50,000

Anna School District receives new computers

Anna Community Consolidated School District No. 37 recently received a donation of 30 new Lenovo computers, monitors and a high-speed printer courtesy of Gibson Consulting Group LLC.

The donation, totaling over \$50,000, follows a 2018 donation of computer equipment of over \$50,000 as well, the school district noted.

The firm, with headquarters in Chicago, and offices in Tampa, London, Paris and Shanghai, is a world leader in operational business consulting.

The company's founder, Wesley Jay Gibson, is a graduate of Carbondale High School, and his mother, the late Frances Louise Farrar Gibson, whom the donation is made in memory of, is a graduate of the Anna-Jonesboro school system.

The school district said in a news release that Anna holds a special place in Mr.

Gibson's heart and memories, as he spent much of his childhood in the Union County community, staying with his grandmother on weekends.

The donated computers will be used to replace desktop computers in the Anna Junior High School student computer lab.

The school district said that "Mr. Gibson's desire is for students in the Anna and Union County area to explore the world through state of the art technology, and to realize that education levels the world's playing field for success, and enables them to prosper, compete, and find success and happiness."

District 37 officials voiced their gratitude to David and Sondra Gould of Anna for initiating the process for the donation.

The school district stated that the "Goulds are long-standing supporters of District 37, the community of Anna, and Union County in general."

Anna Arts Center to host Annabelle Festival events

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council plans to host activities in conjunction with the upcoming Annabelle Festival in Anna.

Activities are scheduled at the council's Anna Arts Center, which is located at 125 W. Davie St. in Anna.

Annabelle Festival events scheduled at the arts center follow:

Friday, June 7, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Painting party, all ages welcome.

Friday, June 7, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Life in Southern Illinois art competition and exhibition.

Friday, June 7, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Annabelle Festival flower arrangement competition. Co-sponsored by Anna-Jo Garden Club. Categories in the competition include hydrangeas,

artificial arrangements, wall hanging arrangements, potted plants and largest Annabelle.

Saturday, June 8, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Life in Southern Illinois art competition and Annabelle Festival flower arrangement competition.

Saturday, June 8, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Smokey Bear poster contest. First through 5th graders are invited to participate in the contest.

Saturday, June 8, 3 p.m. Young artists will perform opera scenes. The presentation is part of the 2019 Southern Illinois Music Festival.

More information about the arts council events is available by contacting Lee Hackney at 1-904-625-1109 or by email at vabchlee@gmail.com.

Anna Arts Center hosting music festival events this week

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council is hosting Southern Illinois Music Festival events this week at the Anna Arts Center.

Chamber music, classical music for kids and opera are planned.

A chamber music concert was planned Tuesday night. A Klassics for Kids program was scheduled Wednesday morning.

On Saturday, June 8, starting at 3 p.m. a Young Artists Program opera scenes performance is planned.

Arias and ensembles will

be performed by eight of the participants in the arts center's young artist program.

Admission is free. Children and adults are invited to attend.

The Anna Arts Center is located at 125 W. Davie St. in Anna.

More information about events at the arts center is available by calling 1-904-625-1109 or emailing vabchlee@gmail.com.

Summer book sale planned at Anna library

The Friends of Stinson Library are planning to have a summer book sale.

The sale will be taking place during the upcoming Annabelle Festival in Anna.

The sale is scheduled Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 7-8, at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna. The library is located at 409 S. Main St.

An appreciation sale for members of the Friends of Stinson Library is planned from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday. Memberships will be available at the sale for \$5.

A public sale is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

A bag sale is planned from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

No, it's not Tony LaRussa, nor the Mad Hungarian, Al Krabosky. He is a Cardinal fan, tired and now retired, as of May 31, 2019. Wish him well.

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Congratulations



Congratulations to 2019 A-J Community High School graduate, Christina Echols, on her 1st place achievement in the Mini-Javelin Competition at the Special Olympics held at SIU-Carbondale.

Good luck at the State Competition on June 7th!

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Sports

A-J softball players honored

Three Anna-Jonesboro Community High School players have been named to the 2019 Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division's all-conference softball team.

A-J freshman Payton Seip was named to the first team. She finished 5th in seven categories in the conference, including 3rd in batting average. Seip hit .468 for the spring.

Senior Morgan Wendling was named to the second team. She finished 2nd in the conference in innings pitched and 3rd in strikeouts.

Sophomore Petey Foster also was selected to the second team. She was 12th in the conference with a .343 batting average and was 5th in doubles with 76.

Coach Ron/Cameron

Wright speed camp set

at Jonesboro Grade School

The Coach Ron/Cameron Wright Speed Camp is scheduled June 17-20 at the Jonesboro Grade School. The school is located on Cook Street in Jonesboro.

Sessions times for the camp include:

Session one: 2nd and 3rd grades, 8:30 a.m. until 10 a.m.

Session two: 4th and 5th grades, 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Session three: 6th, 7th and 8th grades, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Sessions will be in the Jonesboro Grade School gymnasium.

The speed camp will incorporate basketball drills to improve basketball fundamentals. The goal of the camp is to improve reaction, speed and quicker movements, effective direc-

Area teams advance to state finals

Area high school softball and baseball teams advanced to Illinois High School Association state tournament series finals played last weekend in Peoria.

The Goreville softball team won the IHSA Class 1A title with a 4-2 victory over Glasford Illini Bluffs.

The Steeleville baseball team finished in third place in the Class 1A tournament with a 12-6 victory over Elgin Harvard Christian Academy.

The Pinckneyville softball team lost 8-0 to Beecher to finish in second place in the Class 2A state tournament.

tional changes and refined mechanics.

The athletes will work and play on a variety of drills which are designed to improve their overall speed, agility and quickness. Every sport requires these fundamentals of movement.

The little details of athletic motion will be polished and new training methods will be learned.

Athletes will learn each component of speed and how to develop it.

Speed camp activities will include the following: Z-ball drills, Frisbee acceleration drills, get-ups with various speed equipment, relays, ladder drills, resistors and proper stretching techniques.

Coach Ron can be called at 697-3172 for enrollment information.

City of Anna revises schedule for pool

Revised information has been released this week for the 2019 season at the Anna City Pool.

The pool officially opened on May 29. City officials say the pool has been a busy place since its opening, with more than 100 swimmers daily.

The city has announced that there no longer will be a minimum of 15 swimmers required to open the pool for public swimming from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Prices for admission remain the same: \$3 for those 3 years of age and older. Each Wednesday offers \$1 off admission. A 10-day pass option is available for \$25.

Closings of the pool are noted for Blue Dolphin swim team meets during the 2019 season.

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

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

City officials encourage the community to come out to the pool to support the Blue Dolphins at their meets.

The pool's schedule, as well as all pool-related information, can be found on the City of Anna's website at cityofanna.org/departments/swimming-pool/.



Basketball camp at A-JCHS

Area young people had a chance to work on improving their basketball skills at a camp which was conducted at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. More than 45 young people attended the camp, which was open to students in 4th through 8th grades. Photo provided.

Commentary

Cobden lays groundwork for success on diamond

By Mike Estel

The season recently ended in the area for high school baseball and softball teams.

Only one local team crossed above the .500 mark and that was the Cobden baseball team.

The Appleknockers, who finished 15-5 overall, did manage to make it to the Class 1A regional championship at Shawnee before being knocked off by Steeleville by a score of 4-1.

South Egyptian Conference first-team selections Chandler West and Zane Nance were lost to graduation for Cobden. Seniors Bayden Ditterline, Brayden Clark, Cody Wisesman and Bryce Reynolds also played a lot and will be out of the lineup next season.

However, junior Landon Britt returns after being named to the all-conference first team.

Second team all-conference selection sophomore Noah Franklin also returns to the lineup.

So, the cupboard is not bare for the Appleknockers' future to build around.

Cobden coach Dana Pearson feels the nucleus of his team will return.

Other juniors returning who saw plenty of playing time Pearson plans to build around are Alex Ramsey, Ryan Barr, Josh Burgess and Dylan Lewey.

A local softball team that came close to the .500 mark was Cobden, which finished 12-16.

The Appleknockers will lose Lexi Miller and Megan Rhodes to graduation and they both were very competitive.

But first team all-conference Appleknocker selections returning for coach Anthony Howell are his daughter, freshman Mak-

enzie, and junior Lauren Sweitzer.

The top pitcher, Miller graduated, but backup sophomore Aubrey Fisher returns.

Others who saw plenty of playing time returning are a strong contingent of freshmen in Lily Britt, Abby Clover, Olivia Brumleve, Katelyn Shadowens and Halle Short, as well as sophomore Emily White.

As Howell said prior to the spring season: "You never know how the season goes until you get into it."

The groundwork has already been laid for both Cobden teams to succeed next season.

Ohio River Sweep site set in Olmsted

The Village of Olmsted plans to host a clean up site for the 2019 Ohio River Sweep.

The Ohio River Sweep is a river bank clean up effort. The sweep extends for the entire length of the Ohio River and many of its tributaries.

The event is set for Saturday, June 15. Those who want to volunteer are asked to meet at 9 a.m. at the Olmsted boat ramp.

Volunteers are advised to wear clothes that can get dirty, as well as closed-toe shoes. Trash bags and gloves are provided.

Each volunteer will receive a free t-shirt. Refreshments will be served.

Those who are interested in volunteering for the event can visit the website at www.OhioRiverSweep.org to find a list of all locations for the event.

The Ohio River Sweep is coordinated by the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission and state environmental agencies, from Pennsylvania to Illinois.

Youth catch-and-release fishing clinics scheduled

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources plans to offer a series of free youth catch-and-release fishing clinics at the Cache River State Natural Area/Barkhausen-Cache River Wetlands Center near Cy-

press. The clinics are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the following Thursdays: June 13, June 20, July 11 and July 18.

The wetlands center is located at 8885 State Route 37 South.

Instructors at the clinics will present information about fish and other aquatic life; fishing rules and regulations; and basic instructions on baiting a hook, tying a knot and casting,

tactics for catching fish, as well as how to handle and return fish to the water.

Participants can bring their own equipment or will be provided with rods, reels, bait and tackle for 90 minutes of catch-and-release fishing.

The clinics are targeted towards children 16 and younger, but anyone interested in learning basic fishing techniques can attend.

Parents and other adults are not required to have a fishing license to assist children during the programs.

Those who want to attend are asked to register in advance by calling the wetlands center at 618-657-2064.

Legislation passes to expand youth deer hunting in Illinois

Aspiring young hunters could have more opportunities to harvest deer, due to legislation cosponsored by State Sen. Paul Schimpf, R-Waterloo, that was passed by the Illinois Senate.

"Youth and apprentice hunting programs have proven to increase participation and help grow the next generation of hunters," Schimpf said in a news release.

"A strong field of hunters is essential for maintaining the state deer herd at appropriate levels and is a major economic engine for Illinois."

Anna VFW plans fish fry

Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 plans to serve a fish fry on Friday, June 7.

Serving is planned from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the post, which is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna.

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

The fish fry is open to the public. Carry outs will be available.

Star Karaoke is scheduled to be at the post from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday.

House Bill 3623 would create a pilot program that expands the existing three-day, youth-only hunting season statewide.

The bill also would allow youth to be able to obtain the existing, non-renewable, apprentice hunting permits in multiple years.

Apprentice licenses expire after one season, and current law did not allow for youth hunters to obtain them multiple times.

House Bill 3623 passed the Illinois Senate unanimously and was sent to the Illinois House for a concurrence vote.

Game scores requested

The Southern Illinois Baseball and Softball Association, SIBSA, has begun play this season at the Anna City Park in Anna.

Games began in mid-May and are scheduled to run through the end of June.

Coaches of SIBSA baseball and softball teams are asked to fill out score sheets being distributed by Marlin Burd.

Game results which are provided will be reported in The Gazette-Democrat.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

The Union County Board of Review opened June 3, 2019, for the 2019 assessment year. A written complaint may be filed from this date until 30 days after the publication of the assessment list. These complaints affect the assessments for the 2019 payable 2020 tax year. This is in accordance with Section 16-55 of the property tax code.

Board of Review complaint forms and rules are available at the Supervisor of Assessments office, located at 309 W. Market St., Room 128, Jonesboro, IL 62952 or by calling (618) 833-8051.

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plications for a full-time
middle school ELA/science
teacher. Interested applicants
should send their cover letter,
resume, transcripts, copy of
Illinois teaching certificate
with middle school English
and Math endorsements, and
three letters of reference to:
Superintendent Brent Boren,
7355 Lick Creek Road, Bun-
combe, IL 62912. Deadline for
application is June 14, 2019.

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resume with three references
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Tom Stark
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309 Cook Ave.
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JOB POSTING

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

- Principal's Secretary
- Assistant Technology
Coordinator

Interested applicants should
pick up an application or
print one from our website
at www.aj81.net and return to
Anna-Jonesboro CHSD #81,
Attn: Brett Detering, Princi-
pal, 608 S. Main St., Anna,
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- Custodian
- Bus Driver

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cation packet, which can
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Jr. High building or gotten
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Anna, IL 62906 no later than
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL HVAC AND ARCHITECTURAL CONTRACTORS NEEDED

Western Egyptian Economic Opportunity Council, located in Steepleville, IL and serving IL counties of Jackson, Randolph, Perry and Monroe, will be accepting proposals from contractors interested in participating in the Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program during the period of July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020. Western Egyptian will conduct an informational meeting on June 6, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. for all interested parties. The informational meeting will be held at the Western Egyptian's central office, 1 Industrial Park (Jenkins Street), Steepleville, IL.

All Contractors interested in submitting a proposal must call our office at 618-443-5231 by 4:30 p.m. on June 4th to register their company name. The purpose of this meeting is to explain the Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program and to disseminate bid packets to be completed by the contractor. All contractors who attend will be given a contractor pre-qualification application, labor specification list, and a bid package. All bids are due by 4:30 p.m. on June 18th at the central office. Only those attending the meeting will qualify to submit a proposal.

Examples of procedures are installation of weather-stripping, caulking, insulation, windows and door repair/replacement, furnace retrofit, repair/replacement, water heater replacement, and minor structural repairs. Further details will be provided at the meeting. Please remember to call 618-443-5231 and let us know if you will attend the meeting.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS - SIDEWALK REPAIR

The Village of Cobden is
accepting bids for repair/
replacement of three areas of
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information, contact the Vil-
lage Hall, (618)-893-2425 or
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noon on Thursday, June 13,
2019. 24-25g

REQUEST FOR BIDS

Lick Creek CCSD #16
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following for the 2019-2020
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tacting Lick Creek CCSD
#16, 7335 Lick Creek Road,
Buncombe, IL 62912, (618)-
833-2545 or online at www.lickcreekschool.com. Sealed
bids will be accepted until 1
p.m. on Wednesday, June 12,
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
ALICE FAYE MAYBERRY,
No. 2019-P-12

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the
death of Alice Faye Mayberry
of Jackson County, Illinois.
Letters of Office were issued
on May 17, 2019, to Tinna J.
Sprague Abbott, as Indepen-
dent Administrator, whose
attorney is Gerald S. Reed
of Reed, Heller, Mansfield &
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P.O. Box 727, Murphysboro,
IL 62966.

Claims against the estate
may be filed in the Office
of the Clerk of the Court of
Union County Courthouse,
Jonesboro, Illinois, or with
the representative, or both, on
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and any claim not filed within
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BY GERALD S. REED,
ATTORNEY
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ANNA-JONESBORO
NATIONAL BANK,
an Illinois Banking corpo-
ration,
Plaintiff,
Vs

SUSAN PEARL,
UNKNOWN OWNERS
And NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.
Case No.: 2018-CH-7

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EXHIBIT A

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Tiffany Busby
Circuit Clerk

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Obituaries

Marilyn D. Nall

Marilyn D. Nall, 82, of McClure, died Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at the Lutheran Home in Cape Girardeau.

She was born on July 21, 1936, in Havana, Ill., the daughter of Herman and Ida Haage.

She married Wilmer Nall on Dec. 28, 1961, at the Havana Church of Christ.

She attended elementary school in Havana and graduated from high school there in 1954. She worked for Franklin Life Insurance Company in Springfield, as well as Havana National Bank in Havana.

As a youth, she loved roller skating. In later years, her hobby was cross-stitch embroidery. She made many baby blankets as gifts.

She and Wilmer were great fans of country music. They attended the Grand Ole Opry on their honeymoon. They enjoyed camping and did so for 17 years. They camped from Myrtle Beach, S.C., to Sault Ste. Marie, Canada. They enjoyed more than 30 trips to Branson to pursue their love of country music. For their 50th wedding anniversary, they enjoyed a trip to England and Ireland.

She was a devoted member of Mt. Auburn Christian Church and loved her church family. She served in many areas, including Vacation Bible School and Sunday School teacher, and she led a Tuesday morning ladies Bible study for many years.

She is survived by her husband Wilmer Nall of McClure; two daughters, Tracey (Wes) Tripp of Cape Girardeau and Tricia (John) Josephs of Cypress, Texas; three grandchildren, Trevor Dunn of St. Louis, Halie (Tim) Simmons of Evansville, Ind., and Colby Brennan of Cypress, Texas; two great-grandchildren, Reid and Aubrey Simmons of Evansville, Ind.; one brother, Ed (Cathy) Haage of Havana; two brothers-in-law, Ernest J. (Charlene) Nall of Manito and Michael (Arlene) Nall of The Villages, Fla.; one sister-in-law, Lois French of Bath, Ill.; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Hilda Stockham and Joyce Guernsey; and one brother, Herman Haage Jr.

Funeral services for Marilyn Nall were at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 28, at Mt. Auburn Christian Church in Cape Girardeau, with the Rev. Casey Elmore officiating.

Graveside services and interment were at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 29, at Bethel Baptist Cemetery in Mason County, Ill., with the Rev. Mike Hopps officiating.

Crain Funeral Home & Cremation Service in Cape Girardeau was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials can be made to the Mt. Auburn Christian Church building fund.

To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, please visit crainonline.com.



Shelly Mary Nimmo

Shelly Nimmo, 43, of Anna, died Saturday, May 25, 2019.

She was born on May 30, 1975, in Carbondale, the daughter of Weldon Ray and Diann Adkisson Nimmo.

She is survived by her two sons, Sheldon and Nicholas McGrath, both of Anna; her mother, Diann Nimmo of Anna; her maternal grandmother, Estalee Adkisson of Jonesboro, Ark.; sisters Lisa (Steve) Applegate of Gardner, Kan. and Sherri (Chandler) Parr of Lick Creek; brothers John (Sara) Nimmo of Jonesboro and Tim (Rachel) Nimmo of Hendersonville, Tenn.; nieces Kelly (Rob) Ruehl of Edwardsville, Wendy (Adam) Mays of Dongola, Dusty Lee of Gardner, Kan., Brooke (Chris) Benefield of Cobden and Chandra (Hunter) Englehart of Rockport, Ind.; nephews Rusty Lee of Dongola, Zachary Parr of Lick Creek, Garrett Nimmo of Jonesboro and Jake Parr of Lick Creek; many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Weldon Ray Nimmo; paternal grandparents Booten and Polly Nimmo and maternal grandfather Woody Adkisson.

She loved going to the beach and being outdoors. She enjoyed fast cars, watching movies, spending time with her two sons and all of her family.

Funeral services were at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 2, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with the Rev. Carl Dillow officiating.

Memorials can be made to her sons, Sheldon and Nicholas McGrath.

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

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

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Goldie Delores Pearson

Goldie Delores Pearson, 85, of Cambria, and formerly of Cobden, died Friday, May 31, 2019, at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

She was born on July 29, 1933, in Kennett, Ark., the daughter of Arthur Steve and Minnie Eva Scritchfield Wheelley.

She married Donald Pearson on June 9, 1949, in Cobden. Together they shared nearly 70 wonderful years of marriage.

She is survived by her children, Tom (Barb) Pearson, Dorman (Nancy) Pearson, LaDonna Pearson, Gary (Terri) Pearson, Cynthia (Brian) Johnson and Chris (Martha) Pearson; 12 grandchildren, Tim and Joe Pearson, Gary "TK" Couch Jr., Brooke Johnson, Ashley Fox, Lee Pearson, Lindsey Lyons, Shelby Edgington, Christopher and Carson Pearson, Ashley and Desiree Asbell; 14 great-grandchildren, Abigail and Nathaniel Pearson, Campbell and Kendrick Fox, Adaline Pearson, McKenna Lyons, Asher Dean Edgington, Ethan and Caleb Pearson, Jaydon Mason, Mitchell and Bella Blevins, Colette and Davis Pearson; two sisters, Glenda (Larry) Rednour and Evelyn Burgess; one brother, Avery Wheelley; many other relatives and friends. She was preceded by her parents and eight siblings.

She was a woman of great faith. She and her husband Don went on two missionary trips to Jamaica. During the years when he was pastoring various churches, she would lead the music ministries.

She was co-owner and CEO of Pearson Trucking for many years. She was a devoted wife and mother, and always welcomed others in her home for a visit and home cooked meal.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 5, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden. Interment was in Rowan Cemetery in Makanda.

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

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

RENDELMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES



Peggy Gale Woodard

Peggy Gale Woodard, 67, died Sunday, May 26, 2019, at Silver Cross Hospital in New Lenox.

She was of the Baptist Faith. She was born on Feb. 27, 1952, in Anna, the daughter of Russell L. Woodard and Mary Ann Woodard.

She graduated from Dongola High School in 1969. She earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from Southern Illinois University. She went on to earn a master's degree in education from Northern Illinois University. She earned a Ph.D. in philosophy from Loyola University.

In her early career, she worked as a social worker. In 1985, she was employed by Governor's State University in Joliet. During her years there she served as a full professor of psychology and counseling, as the director of student development, as the interim dean of the College of Education and as associate provost. She was awarded tenure in 2000. She received the Faculty Excellence Award in 1989 and then retired in 2012 as professor emeritus.

She was preceded in death by both her parents, Mary Ann and Russell Woodard. She is survived by a sister, Judith Ann Goodman of Carterville; a niece, Tia (Thad) Brown of Ellsworth, Iowa; two great-nieces, Caitlin (Luke) Hodnefield of Randal, Iowa, and Cassidy Brown of Ellsworth, Iowa; a great-nephew, Josiah Brown of Ellsworth, Iowa; and one uncle, Darrell Miller of Dongola.

She also is survived by cousins and many, many dear friends.

She also left behind Zoey, her beloved dog of 17 years. Funeral services were at noon Saturday, June 1, at Kurtz Funeral Home in Frankfort.

Memorials can be made to the South Suburban Humane Society or to the Kankakee County Humane Foundation.

Katherine 'Kathy' Anderson

Katherine "Kathy" Anderson, 85, of Anna, and formerly of Metropolis, died Monday, May 27, 2019.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Friday, May 31, at Aikins-Farmer-Loftus-McManus Funeral Home, with Ryan Anderson and Brian Anderson officiating. Burial was in Macedonia Baptist Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Anderson was retired from Laidlaw Corporation. She was a member of Eastland Life Church.

She is survived by her children, Jim "Butch" Stone and wife Paula, Bobby Stone and wife Karen, Forrest Farmer and wife Lisa, Robin Anderson and husband Brian, Mindy Bailey and husband Jim, Margie Anderson, and Ray Anderson and wife Mandy; 67 grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Sue Williams and Linda Whaley; one sister-in-law, Marilyn Massey; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, J.T. Massey and Ruth Beckley; her husband, Robert "Bob" Anderson; a great-granddaughter, September Huckaba Farmer; a great-great-granddaughter, Kylie Phipps; one sister, Betty Wooten; and one brother, Richard "Dick" Massey.

Online condolences may be left at www.aikinsfarmer-millerfh.com.



Tracy Lynn Derossett

Tracy Lynn Derossett, 46, of Anna, died Thursday, May 30, 2019, at Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

She was born on Sept. 9, 1972, the daughter of Larry Derossett and Connie Leeson Weible.

She is survived by her son, Tyler Henderson of Anna; her mother, Connie (Kenneth) Weible of Fairview Heights; a brother, George (Nicole) Derossett of Wolf Lake; stepsisters, Angela (Delbert) Knupp of Jonesboro and Laura (Micah) Cozean of Red Bud; a special friend, Zane Schaefer of Wolf Lake; nieces and nephews; aunts and uncles; many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father; and by a stepsister, Deanna Schott.

She was a homemaker. She loved animals and going for walks through town.

Funeral services were at noon Tuesday, June 4, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with Jack Thornton officiating. Interment was in Walker Hill Cemetery in Grand Tower.

Memorials can be made to Sandra's Comfort Inc. To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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

RENDELMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES



Sue Ann Peters

Sue Ann Peters, 80, of Benton, and formerly of Anna, died Thursday, May 30, 2019, at SSM Health Good Samaritan Hospital in Mt. Vernon.

She was born on Jan. 21, 1939, in Murphysboro, the daughter of Kenneth and Susan Jones Jobe.

She married the love of her life, Charles Edwin Peters, on September 22, 1960, in Stryker, Ohio. Charles preceded her in death on July 10, 2005.

She is survived by her five sons, Mark (Janice) Peters of Houston, Texas, David (Tina) Peters of Webster Groves, Mo., John (Jackie) Peters of Geneseo, James (Helen) Peters of Olympia, Wash., and Steve (Cydee) Peters of Denver, Colo.; six grandchildren, Christopher (Whitney) Peters, Bradley (Kaitlyn) Peters, Nicole Peters, Josie Peters, Lucy Peters and Keira Peters; a great-grandchild, Zachary Peters; a brother, Kenneth (Doris) Jobe of Virginia Beach, Va.; a sister, Sandra (Gene) Pikula of Cherry; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Charles Edwin Peters; a brother, Gene Jobe; and an infant sister, Kendra Jobe.

She worked as a registered nurse at Union County Hospital in Anna from 1960 to 1969. She then worked 1969 to 1989 as the school nurse for both the Jonesboro Elementary School and Anna-Jonesboro Community High School until her retirement.

She raised five boys and was a very enthusiastic supporter of all of their sports activities.

She loved being a nurse and she was always there for anyone with advice or a helping hand in their time of need. She performed many in-home deliveries and followed up on every call. She was very passionate about her faith and her family.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, today, at Immanuel Baptist Church at 516 N. Main St. in Benton, with Pastor Sammy Simmons officiating. Interment will be in the Anna Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Helping Hands of Immanuel Baptist Church in Benton.

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

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

RENDELMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES



"The Preaching Pen" Resist The Devil

The warfare for the souls of men has continued ever since Eve first fell prey to Satan's deceit in the great long ago (Genesis 3:1-6). At times, it seems that humanity has taken one step forward and two steps backward in this conflict between good and evil. The inspired Paul lamented: "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23), with the end result being that "the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).

While we never should underestimate Satan's power and ability, neither should we underestimate the power and ability of our great God and His Word. Satan may have the power to ensnare us, but God has the power to remove us from that snare (II Timothy 2:26). Truly, as Peter said in II Peter 2:9, "the Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation," but we have a part to play in that deliverance.

James wrote, "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7). "Resist" - oppose the devil. If we do that, he will flee from us. He'll come back, but we'll be free of him for a time, so this resistance must be ongoing, not a "once and we're done" action.

We do this by prayer. We must come before Him in fervent, believing prayer (Jas. 5:16; Heb. 4:16), telling Him everything that's on our heart. As we thus approach Him, we find that He will draw near to us.

Also, God will not allow us to be tempted beyond what we are able to endure. I Cor. 10:13: "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." God doesn't promise to spare us from temptation or testing, but He does promise to limit its intensity and to provide the way of escape. Reading this verse, one can't help but be struck by the tremendous comfort it has offered to tested saints of God throughout the centuries.

Dear Reader, the victory over Satan only comes through Jesus Christ our Lord and if you're not part of His church, then it's time to become part of it today. Let us help you at the Anna church of Christ. Have a great day!

R.W. McAlister, Minister
Anna church of Christ



Anna School District names honor students

Anna School District No. 37 announces honor roll students for the end of the 2018-2019 academic year.

5th grade, high honor roll: Jaylen Althoff, Presley Bierstedt, Addison Bonner, Zoe Chen, Adam Clark, Kansas Craig, Kaci Davis, Jordan Gentry, Maggie Gooden.

Elias Harner, Gabriel Haynes, Alexis Houseman, Sophia Lin, Natasha Martin, Mariel McGrath, Jake Menees, Madison Moore, Layne Murray.

Foster Needling, Ethan Plott, Raelynn Sadler, Drue Teske, Logan Thompson, Kale Waller, Bryan Wright.

5th grade, honor roll: Jayda Benefield, Drake Bible, Hunter Brown, Dawson Brunner, Justin Damian, Olivia Eddleman, Alexa Hinkle.

Lauren Jackson, Anastazia Kerr, Danica Morgan, Tanner Powell, Aaliyah Prater, Ally Simmons, Ava Tweedy.

6th grade, high honor roll: Halsey Alsonso-Aragon, Daylon Butler, Morgan Casey, Noah Chotner, Mia DeHarpert, Brooklynn Eastman, Allison Fowler, Rylan Frazier.

Trevor Goins, Cash Hodges, Kayce Isaacs, Kaitlyn Matuszewich, Kayla Matuszewich, Drew Sadler, Zoee Sadler, Raegan Sanders, Tess Wilkins, Anthony Wiseman, Ruby Yates.

6th grade, honor roll: Keara Bible, Jackson Brooker, Kayma Dawson, Dylan Graham, Jenifer Hansil, Riley Hennis, Taj Hodges, Nick Lingle.

Luke Menees, Kacey Pearl, Connor Richardson,

Savannah Smith, Klayton Taylor, Jonah Watkins.

7th grade, high honor roll: Sam Allen, Addyson Bailey, Emily Belcher, Callista Borders, Brianna Brunner, Payton Brust, Lakelyn Carter, Eric Chen, Riley Cruse.

Tyler Cunningham, Adriel Del Rosario, Presli Garner, Drake Hartline, Zach Henry, Ben Keller, Alexander Meier, Alayna Menees.

Jossilin Needling, Victoria Perez, Jady Samuels, Kadence Sparks, Kaitlyn Sullivan, Jason Swink, Hannah Webb, Joshua Williams.

7th grade, honor roll: Yoselin Avila, Brooke Carmack, Bree Hazelrigg, Angel Hernandez, Carter Lannom, Jace Lee, Devon McNelly, Whitley Quick, Elvira Zamora.

8th grade, high honor roll: Caden Awbrey, Jolie Barger, Carter Beanland, Nile Chotner, Megan Clark, Madelynn Eastman, Evie Eddings.

Malik Groh, Addilyn Hadley, Will Keller, McKenna Kimmel, Kaden Lincoln, Jake Merriman, Avery Osman, Hayden Ralls, Evan Ray, Reese Reynolds.

Jessica Sartin, Marissa Simmons, Samantha Stokes, Brylen Suggs, David Swink, Kosie Tripp, Julia Williams, Angel Wiseman, Aleshia Wright, Megan Wright.

8th grade, honor roll: Dylan Ahlberg, Scott Ames, Olivia Bono, Yovani Carrillo, Pierce Chapman, Ayden Dillman, Sophia Dudley, Hardyn Griffin, Lindsey Hill, Sophia Loomis, Caleb Mays, Daden Moore, Caden Shelton.

Jonesboro Elementary School announces honor roll students

Jonesboro Elementary School announces fourth quarter honor roll students.

5th grade, high honors: Travis Burgher, Graydon Edmonds, Brody Gullledge, Raegan Jones, Reese Jones, Grant Lingle, Aidan McFadden, Heidi Miller, Kenzie Miller, Lucas Tehandon, Kaleigh Wheaton.

5th grade, honors: Aleah Box, Miles Delashmutt, Blake Dillow, Avery Poole, Cole Whitaker.

6th grade, high honors: Logan Abernathy, Sierra Beggs, Thomas Coleman, Ben Hauser, Cassidy Janke, Zoe Jones, Chesnee Marks, Lucas Salazar.

6th grade, honors: Bobby Dover-Velasques, Jac-

queline Harris, Tyler Hileman, Grace Mowell, Scotti Murray, Olivia Schaefer.

7th grade, high honors: Miranda Bundren, Lizbeth Carrillo-Garcia, Allyson Hasty, Alexandria Keller, Mya Laster, Ella Lingle, Torie Ralls, Brileya Yarber.

7th grade, honors: Cadence Black, Jasmine Buck, Jason McAlister, Bailey Mix, Shaylee Moore, Om Patel.

8th grade, high honors: Austin Adams, Lily Baker, Jaden Ebberts, Lia Mays, Jaycee Miller, Emilie Mowery, Isabel Tehandon, Sydney Waun.

8th grade, honors: Reagan Brough, Abbi Curtis, Jenna Sadler.

PAST offers private dinner at Heritage House, Jonesboro



The PAST Heritage House in Jonesboro. Photo provided.

The not-for-profit PAST organization of Union County has chosen to have a unique fund-raiser. People can purchase tickets at \$20 each for a chance to have a private dinner for eight in the dining room of the PAST Heritage House, which is located at 102 S. Main St. in Jonesboro.

The drawing for the dinner (featuring a choice of prime rib or other meat from the grill) will be on July 4. The winner will also choose the date of the meal, but the event must be held before Labor Day.

PAST says this is an unusual offer for a special occasion, such as a birthday, anniversary, graduation or for just a casual family dinner or a candlelight adult meal.

Tickets can be purchased at the upcoming Annabelle Festival in Anna, any time at the "Here and Now" shop on Main Street in Anna, by email at hileman14@frontier.com or by calling Linda at 833-8745 and leaving a message.



Kiwanis Club presents awards at Anna Junior High School

The Anna Kiwanis Club presented awards to Anna Junior High School students on May 20 in recognition of their special achievements. From left are Anna Kiwanis Club representative George Warren; Jacob Merriman, who was honored for leadership; Julia Williams, leadership and vocalist; Hayden Ralls, sportsmanship; Avery Osman, sportsmanship; Will Keller, instrumental; Kosie Tripp, instrumental; and Skyler Sadler, vocalist. Photo provided.

Public Record

from the files at the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro

Realty Transactions

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

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: George Samuel Chenoweth, Mary Ann Chenoweth. Grantee: George Samuel Chenoweth, Mary Ann Chenoweth. Name: Orchard Drive Sub. Lot 46.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Vera Belcher, James R. King. Grantee: Helen Fern Dexter, Lisa K. Freeman. Name: Maplehurst Add. of Anna. Block 2.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Appletwood Development Corporation. Grantee: Anna-Jonesboro Community High School District No. 81. Tract Section 19 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Treva H. O'Neill, George M. O'Neill. Grantee: Breton O'Neill, Jeffrey W. Padilla. Tract Section 2 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: John Thomas Halter, Kathryn M. Halter, William Joseph Halter. Grantee: Karen Kay Rhine. Name: Ben L. Wiley's Add. Lot 16.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Double A Brothers LLC. Grantee: Gary Adams. Name: Forest Place Addition. Block 3. Lot 11.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: The Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Grantee: Lori A. Loker, Richard A. Loker. Tract Section 9 Township 12S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Jordan Rhymer. Grantee: William Rhymer. Name: Thomas J. Green's Sub. of Anna. Lot 6.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Diane Livesay, Joseph Nicholas Livesay, Joseph D. Livesay Jr. Grantee: Anna-Jonesboro Community High School District No. 81. Tract Section 19 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Donald E. Stroud, Jason L. Stroud. Grantee: Shayne Paul Stephens. Name: Original Town of Mill Creek. Lots 28, 29, 30, 31.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Taylor Adkins, Cody Wheaton. Grantee: Lisa A. Boget. Name: J.H. Spans 1st Add. of Anna. Portion 3.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Robann A. Grass. Grantee: Bonnie Williams. Name: Winstead Davies 1st Add. of Anna. Lot 49. Winstead Davies 1st Add. of Anna. Portion 48.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Terry Wiseman, Wendy

Wiseman. Grantee: Troy Wiseman. Tract Section 14 Township 13S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Janet E. Mixen. Grantee: Douglas S. Mixen, Jeanne K. Mixen. Tract Section 35 Township 11S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Anna-Jonesboro National Bank. Grantee: Collin L. Cain, Collin H. Crane. Tract Section 30 Township 12S Range 2W.

Traffic Citations

The following people were cited for speeding and were assessed \$120 in fines and court costs as recorded at the Union County circuit clerk's office in Jonesboro:

Kasi Jolyn Camden, Murphysboro. Jose Ayala Jr., Murphysboro. Charles Franklin Nelson, Mayflower, Ark. Justin A.N. Prewitt, Tamms.

Trenton W. Fred, Du Quoin. Vijaykumar L. Patel, Mount Vernon. Iris D. Shane, Memphis, Tenn. Dylan Hunter Hawki Latham, Dongola.

Stephanie M. Mandrell, Marion. Christine D. Coble, Royalton. Anthony R. Hudson, Chicago. Samuel D. Cerney Houseright, Jonesboro.

Kaitlyn Mallory Kluge, Delafield, Wis. Karlie Brooke Eddleman, Dongola. William Justin Atkins, Carbondale. Gabrielle Alexia Bonner, Carbondale.

Kimberley D. Hopper, Sikeston, Mo. Jesus Olvera, Cobden. Coire D.S. Michael, Cape Girardeau. Curtis Daniel Omohundro, Harrisburg. Linda S. Ellery, Energy.

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

Kiel Wayne McKinney, Jonesboro, electronic communication device, \$120. Emily L. Thompson, Carbondale, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140.

Nicholas R. Proctor, Anna, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140. Shannon A. Fletcher, Benton, fail to reduce speed, \$120.

Harold Gene Turner, Anna, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Amber K. Griffin, Anna, seat belt required/passenger, \$60.

Randall Stephen Madding, Makanda, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140. Irene Godinez, Cobden, seat belt required/passenger, \$60.

Guy H. Inman, Grand Chain, fail to reduce speed, \$120. Thomas M. Smialek, Marion, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140.

Mary J. Tamayo, Omaha, Neb., seat belt required/passenger, \$60. George Jacob Ray Bowman, Sarcoxie, Mo., seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Ian B. Tadder, Cartersville, fail to reduce speed, \$120. Akeem Raphael Mercer, Mounds, electronic communication device, \$120.

Richard Wayne York, Jonesboro, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Tammy A. Davis, Perryville, Mo., seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Trisha L. Miller, Jonesboro, improper merging into traffic, \$120. Darian T. Wells, Sadorus, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140.

Ralph M. Cole, Jonesboro, electronic communication

device, \$120. Christopher G. Bowman, Advance, Mo., unsafe equipment, \$120.

Lindell Dee Lingle Jr., Jonesboro, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Daniel Michael Nance, Cobden, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Karen S. Richards, Anna, registration expiration, \$120. Joseph Lee Souza, Jackson, Mo., seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Everetta J. Boone, Tamms, speeding, 21-25 mph above limit, \$140. Cody R. Hand, Jonesboro, seat belt required/driver, \$60.

Douglas D. Sisk, Jonesboro, seat belt required/driver, \$60. Annette McBride, Vienna, fail right-of-way/T-intersection, \$120.



Dr. Placek joins veterinary staff

Meller-James & Associates Veterinary Service welcomes Dr. Sarah Placek as a member of its professional staff. Dr. Placek is from Jonesboro. She graduated from Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. She received her bachelor of science degree in agriculture from Murray State University. Dr. Placek completed her doctorate in veterinary medicine from the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr. Placek has one dog, Sophie, and a cat, Oliver. During her free time, she enjoys hiking, kayaking and reading. Meller-James & Associates Veterinary Service said in a news release that it is "excited to welcome Dr. Placek back to Southern Illinois" and is looking forward "to how her professional skills will enhance the service at Meller-James." Photo provided.



Household hazardous waste collection event

The Village of Cobden and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, IEPA, joined to host a household hazardous waste collection event. Hazardous waste items were collected from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 1, at the Cobden Community Park in Cobden. The Village of Cobden and the IEPA note that the event gave area residents an opportunity to dispose of household hazardous waste items in a safe, environmentally friendly manner. By 11 a.m., nearly 40 people had brought items to the event. By the end of the event, a total of 81 people had brought items for disposal.



Kiwanis Club presents awards at Lick Creek School
The Anna Kiwanis Club presented awards to Lick Creek School students on May 14 in recognition of their special achievements. From left are Anna Kiwanis Club representative George Warren, who is holding a creative writing award for Louis Van Muylder; Aniyah Graham, citizenship; Shealynn Thorn, sportsmanship; and Brodie Denny, leadership. Photo provided.

Union County Hospital develops ‘Senior Friendly Emergency Room’

Union County Hospital in Anna has announced the adoption of a “Senior Friendly Emergency Room.”

The hospital noted in a news release that a visit to the emergency room can be stressful for anyone, but that experience can be even more stressful for a senior citizen.

Union County Hospital always is looking for ways to make the emergency room experience more comfortable.

That is why the hospital has made upgrades to its plan of care specifically for senior citizens.

The hospital says that becoming “Senior Friendly” will allow the facility to better serve the aging population in Union County.

Blood drives scheduled in county

Two American Red Cross blood drives are scheduled in Union County.

Cobden: A blood drive is planned Tuesday, June 11, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cobden.

The blood drive will be from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the church’s parish hall.

Anna: A blood drive is scheduled Thursday, June 13, at the First Baptist Church in Anna.

The blood drive is scheduled from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. in the church’s fellowship hall.

More information about being a blood donor is available by calling 1-800-733-2767.

According to a 2016 American Community Survey Report issued by the U.S. Census Bureau in October 2018, lower fertility and increased longevity have led to the rapid growth of the older population across the world and in the United States.

In 2015, among the 7.3 billion people estimated worldwide, 617.1 million were aged 65 and older.

By 2030, the older population will be about 1 billion and by 2050, 1.6 billion of the total population of 9.4 billion will be 65 and older.

The report further states the United States will continue to experience expansion of the older population for many decades to come.

To assist hospitals in preparing for this challenge, representatives from the American College of Emergency Physicians, American Geriatrics Society, Emergency Nurses Association and Society for Academic Emergency Medicine developed guidelines to improve the care provided to the aging population in the emergency room.

The guidelines serve as a pattern for staffing, equipment, education, policies, procedures and performance improvement measures.

“Many of these guidelines have been incorporated into the Emergency Room at Union County Hospital. Some of the changes involve added or upgraded equipment, while others involve additional

training of the ER staff,” said Jim Farris, CEO of Union County Hospital.

Examples of some of the physical changes include stretchers that lower to the ground and convert to a recliner in order to allow for better patient access and comfort, thick, soft mattresses, additional patient room seating for guests, large wall clocks and calendars, larger lettering on staff identification badges, canes and quad canes, hearing assist device, ergonomic wheelchairs, uplift commode assist, seat lift for bathroom, a Bair Hugger System (a temperature management device used to maintain a patient’s core body temperature) and non-slip floor mats.

In addition to the physical changes, staffing education has focused on prevention and management of skin tears, pressure injuries, fall prevention, knowledge of dementia disorders, depression assessment in older adults, common psychological stressors in the geriatric population, elder abuse and neglect, and an overview of trauma in the geriatric population.

“Providing additional education to all ED staff related to care of elderly patients is our way of assuring that those patients receive the most comprehensive treatments available,” said Mark Yates, emergency department director at Union County Hospital.

“These changes are evidence of our commitment to excellence in our emergency care,” Farris said.



Jonesboro celebrates Junefest

Jonesboro’s annual Junefest celebration was held Saturday, June 1. Junefest was held next to the Jonesboro Post Office. Dirtwater Fox (above) provided music for the event. There was also a used book sale (left), as well as food vendors and a silent auction. Proceeds from the event will help to support the Jonesboro Public Library.

Curriculum changes on agenda at May A-JCHS District 81 board meeting

The monthly board meeting of the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School District No. 81 Board of Education was held May 20 in the superintendent’s office.

Visitors to the meeting included student council representative Lexie Lingle, who announced the election of new officers, including a new student outreach coordinator who will serve as a liaison between student council and the student body.

A-J director of curriculum Scott Finders discussed some changes to class schedule next year.

One of these changes involves eliminating freshman pre-algebra classes and in their place breaking algebra classes into two sections to be taught over two years (for freshmen and sophomores).

A-J will also be offering a developmental English class for college-bound students.

Before they can enroll in college-level English classes, Shawnee Community College and other schools require completion of a developmental English class for students not scoring high enough on English placement tests.

By offering it at A-J, it can save students the cost and time of taking the class at Shawnee. It will also make it easier for students to take dual-credit classes.

Additionally, A-J will be offering a mythology course as an elective, and a new elective in the career technical education program called Living Envi-

ronments.

A-J is also adding a new technology course from the Project Lead The Way curriculum called Computer Science Essentials. Finders hopes to add more advanced technology courses in the coming years.

District 81 superintendent Rob Wright reported that the school has closed on the purchase of two pieces of property near A-J’s campus. The function of these facilities will be discussed in future school board meetings.

Motions were passed in regards to the 2019-2020 school year, including the approval of the school year calendar and the tentative amended budget. They also voted on motions to approve changes to the student handbook and to approve the consolidated district plan.

A number of faculty and staff positions were discussed and voted on, including the approval of all fall and winter sports coaching positions.

Hannah Maze’s resignation as the Safe Celebration coordinator was accepted, as was Brad Stamp’s resignation as the principal’s secretary.

Aaron Roberts was approved as a social studies teacher for the next school year. Brooke Frank was hired as a school nurse and Trina Mayberry will be added as an instructional aide for the 2019-2020 school year.

Alexander Rogers will serve as a part time IT assistant for the summer.

The board also approved the appointment of Sara

Verble as the school treasurer.

With approval from the board, the June meeting of the A-J board of education was changed to June 24 at 6 p.m. In addition, a public hearing for the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 amended budget will be held before the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Open house set at area church

Daniel and Rachel Karaker’s 200th pioneer anniversary open house is planned June 10-15 at Christian Chapel Church near Dongola.

The open house is scheduled from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

A short introductory talk and orientation are planned each day.

Organizers welcome the submission of family photo copies for display.

More information is available by calling 618-697-2271.

Treece family reunion planned

A Frank Treece family reunion is planned June 9 at the Trail of Tears State Forest in Union County.

A meal will be served at around noon.

Cairo man sentenced

Union County State’s Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds reported on May 31 that Ronald Andrew Hill, 38, of Cairo, has been sentenced to 20 years in Illinois Department of Corrections on two counts of armed violence and one count of armed habitual criminal, all Class X felonies.

Hill also will serve three years to life of mandatory supervised release, formerly known as parole.

Hill was convicted in March after a three-day jury trial.

Hill was arrested in August 2018 by the Anna Police Department following a traffic stop.

During the traffic stop, Hill was found to be in possession of a loaded handgun, cannabis and a controlled substance.

The case was investigated by the Anna Police Department, with assistance from the Jonesboro Police Department and Illinois State Police Forensic Sciences Command.



Unsung Hero Award winner

Baysinger Architects in Marion has announced three maintenance staff Unsung Hero Award winners at area schools for the spring of 2019. Lonnie Graham, left, the maintenance director for Shawnee Community Unit School District No. 84, was one of the three winners. Graham was congratulated by Andy Sisulak, right, the director of marketing for Baysinger Architects.

Baysinger Architects also honored David Hill, the maintenance director at Century School District in Ullin, and John Biggerstaff, the maintenance director for Hamilton County Community Unit School District No. 10.

The Marion firm said in a news release that the awards recognize maintenance staff members at K-12 schools for their commitment to creating and maintaining a safe and productive educational environment for their school district. Additional support for the award was offered by Bacon Farmer Workman Engineering, also of Marion. Each winner received an award, a travel mug with a custom logo and a gift certificate. Photo provided.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

During the morning worship service on Sunday, June 2, congregational songs were led by Pastor Randy Wright, Abby Barlow, Madison Schnaare and Kyle Lingle, accompanied by Jack and Nina Shepard.

Ushers for the morning worship service were Matt Macy, T.J. Macy, Robert Smith and Jason Elkins. The offertory was provided by Madison Schnaare.

Special music was provided by the children’s church. The message, “Focus on the Word of God,” was brought by Pastor Wright.

The service was closed with Communion being served and prayer led by

Pastor Wright.

The Sunday evening worship service was opened by Pastor Randy Wright.

The Tiptons, from Cave City, Ark., were guest singers for the evening.

Ushers for the service were Jason Elkins, Robert Smith, Curly Ralls and Mark Smith.

Anniversary: June 7, Mike and Cathy Smith.

Amen’s dinner is planned at 5 p.m. on June 15.

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



Special presentation

Anthony Barnett, the adjutant at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna, presented a shadow box to veteran David Ivan "Dave" Johnson. The presentation was made during a 100th birthday celebration which was held in Johnson's honor. The shadow box displayed medals which Johnson earned during World War II.

Illinois Veterans Home in Anna

Celebration held to honor 100th birthday of World War II veteran

A World War II veteran who turned 100 years old was honored last Friday during a special celebration at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna.

The celebration was held to honor David Ivan "Dave" Johnson of Du Quoin. Johnson has been a resident at the Illinois Veterans Home since February of 2014.

Johnson was born on May 31, 1919. He enlisted in the U.S. Army on April 28, 1941 – that was just a few months prior to the Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. He was honorably discharged on April 20, 1944.

Johnson achieved the rank of Tech 5 (corporal) during his service in the Army. He saw duty in the Pacific Theatre, including New Caledonia and Guadalcanal.

Johnson served in the 33rd Mobile Recon Squadron. He was a radio man in

the unit, which also included a gunner and a driver.

He lived and worked in Du Quoin with his wife, who has passed away. His career was in the auto parts field. He's overcome numerous health challenges on the way to reaching birthday number 100.

Friday's 100th birthday celebration included a special presentation to the Army veteran.

Anthony Barnett, the adjutant at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna, presented a shadow box to veteran David Ivan "Dave" Johnson.

The shadow box displayed honors which Johnson earned during World War II. Those honors included a World War II Victory Medal and an Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal. The presentation appeared to be an emotional moment for the veteran.

"Happy Birthday" was sung to Johnson by those

in attendance. Cake and refreshments were served as part of the celebration.

Johnson received many cards from his church family at the First Baptist Church in Du Quoin, where he has served as a deacon.

Dan Wilson to be honored

A 90th birthday celebration for long-time Wolf Lake resident Dan Wilson is being planned.

The celebration is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 8, at the United Methodist Church in Wolf Lake. Finger foods, cake and refreshments will be served.

Wilson's birthday was May 14.

Family and friends are invited to attend the celebration. Wilson's son, Rod, is visiting from Belgium.

No gifts are requested; cards will be welcomed.

News from

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

In the children's sermon on Sunday, June 2, Miss Paula used M&Ms to explain to them how "God made things different on the outside, but (like the candy) we are all the same inside."

The main sermon was about faith. Pastor Mark said that Martin Luther wrote about faith, which is what Lutherans believe.

He said that faith "is a gift of the Holy Spirit. Everything begins with Jesus and everything returns to Jesus."

Prayers for healing were offered for Sarah Sims, Ann West, Tasha Faire, David Wright, Lisa Gammons, Gary Davis, Clark Newton, Marlee Smith, Matthew McLane, Elizabeth (Sue) Fassler, Ed Sudarth, Becky Poole, Gladys Freeze, Taylor Baker, Abbie Edwards, Pete Franco, Giovanna Hilland, Carolyn Frick and Bob Lyerla.

News from

First Baptist Church, Anna

In the morning service on Sunday, June 2, Pastor Nick DiMauro's sermon was titled "The Law Fulfilled," with scripture from Matthew.

Scott Peters was the guest music leader.

The next free Soup and Serve meal is planned Monday, June 10. The meal will be served from 4:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Doors open at 4:15 p.m. All are welcome.

The menu will feature sweet and sour chicken with rice, marinated green bean salad, ice cream sundaes, coffee, tea and lemonade.

An American Red Cross blood drive is planned Thursday, June 13, at the church.

The blood drive will be from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Appointments can be made by calling 800-733-2767.

On Sunday morning, May 19, Pastor Nick DiMauro's sermon was titled "Persecuted for Christ," with scripture from Matthew.

Don Kelley was the guest music leader.

Prayers were also said for those grieving for Karen Toler and Pat Fahlberg.

The adult Bible study group plans to meet on June 11 and June 25 at 7 p.m.

The men's group planned to have a night out on Monday, June 3.

The Hands of Faith group plans to meet June 18. The

group plans to work on a new project: weighted autistic blankets for children served by DCFs.

Ladies night out is planned June 18. Everyone is asked to meet at the church at 5 p.m.

June 16 is Food Day. Donations support local food pantries.

News from

Walnut Grove Church

On Ascension Sunday at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church, Layleigh lit the altar candles while Johnathan Cauble played the musical prelude on the piano, and Layleigh also collected the offering.

Church members shared in communion during the Eucharist service.

The gospel reading was from Luke and Pastor Bobbi Shultz read scripture from Acts. The message was a reminder about "how our prayers and faith in God will free us from our personal shackles."

For the next few weeks at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church, each person's favorite hymn will be sung during one of the services.

Last Sunday, the favorites of Doug Brown, Steve Brown, Donna Cauble and Tracey Brown were sung.

Prayers are requested for Grace Gaffney, Debbie

Mauer, Jim Brown's friend Kenny, Lane Rhodes, Pastor Bobbi's son Casey, Johnathan's dad, Clay Bradish, the Illinois Great Rivers Conference in Peoria this week and the river town residents and businesses that are flooded.

Next week, several special songs and music by the congregation are planned.

Church members attended a brisket barbeque at Loren and Keith Herold's house last Saturday. Everyone brought dishes and the weather was gorgeous.

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

The church's Sunday schedule includes Sunday school for the children and starts at 9:30 a.m.

The church is located at 3195 Mountain Glen Rd., near Cobden, and near Route 127.

Pastor's Corner by Pastor Don Cox

100 years ago towns had a close knit communication link, it was "families." They'd confirm the news, report theft and announce weddings. Today, do we even know our next door neighbor?

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Section B



Aerial view of flooding along Mississippi River

The Illinois Department of Transportation posted an aerial photograph of flooding along the Mississippi River at East Cape Girardeau and Cape Girardeau. The photograph was taken on May 29 and was posted on Facebook. Major flooding is occurring along the Mississippi River. As of early this week, the National Weather Service office at Paducah reported that the river is forecast to crest on Friday, June 7.

Governor deploys Illinois National Guard in response to flooding

By Lindsey Salvatelli
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SPRINGFIELD – With 34 counties under disaster declarations and more than 2 million sandbags already in use, the governor has de-

ployed 200 Illinois National Guard service members along the Illinois and Mississippi rivers to assist with flood and levy monitoring.

“If there’s a river in Illinois, it’s flooded,” Gov. JB Pritzker said during a news conference on Thursday,

May 30, in Springfield.

There’s a multi-agency effort underway to address “a grave situation” across the state, he said.

About 200 guardsmen will remain on standby for evacuation missions and continued monitoring

over the next few weeks as the weather is expected to become more intense, Pritzker said.

Guardsmen of the 2nd Battalion, 123 Field Artillery Regiment began reporting May 30 to units in Milan, Galesburg and Springfield. They were going to be ready to deploy to flooded areas Friday, May 31.

Pritzker urged everyone who lives along the river to prepare for the worst and put in place a family evacuation plan, especially those living in Calhoun, Jersey, Green, Scott, Morgan and Cass counties.

“The time to prepare is right now,” Pritzker said.

Omer Osman, acting secretary of Illinois Department of Transportation, said road closure updates are available on IDOT’s web page, and he urged caution

for anyone planning to use the roads.

If driving cannot be avoided, he urged people to plan ahead, keep phones charged and avoid flooded areas.

“This is a grave situation, and this administration is using every tool at our disposal to keep people safe,” Pritzker said.

Alicia Tate-Nadeau, acting director of Illinois Emergency Management Agency, said flooding in the state has been ongoing for about 80 days and is expected to reach “historic highs.”

“This is one of the longest floods we’ve ever had going all the way back to 1927,” Tate said.

Though no major critical infrastructure has been damaged and evacuations have yet to occur, the situ-

ation in Calhoun County is critical, Tate said.

Flooding has been detrimental to farmers, said John Sullivan, director of Illinois Department of Agriculture.

Crop planting has reached historic lows with just 35 percent of corn crops and 14 percent of soybeans planted this season, Sullivan said.

Federal crop insurance deadlines are quickly approaching for corn and soybean crops, Sullivan said, adding the department is available to assist farmers with filing paperwork.

“I’ve been farming and been involved in agriculture my entire life and I’ve never seen, never seen, a situation like we are in right now,” Sullivan said.

Shelters have been identified and can be found at ready.illinois.gov.

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Water over part of Kaolin Road

Water was over a small portion of Kaolin Road on Thursday morning, May 30. The road is between Anna and Cobden. Heavy rain had fallen Wednesday night, May 29.

D-Day, June 6, 1944: 'A pure miracle'

War correspondent Ernie Pyle: troops had 'spirit that wins battle...eventually wars'

By Ernie Pyle

NORMANDY BEACH-HEAD, June 12, 1944 – Due to a last-minute alteration in the arrangements, I didn't arrive on the beachhead until the morning after D-day, after our first wave of assault troops had hit the shore.

By the time we got here the beaches had been taken and the fighting had moved a couple of miles inland. All that remained on the beach was some sniping and artillery fire, and the occasional startling blast of a mine geysering brown sand into the air. That plus a gigantic and pitiful litter of wreckage along miles of shoreline.

Submerged tanks and overturned boats and burned trucks and shell-shattered jeeps and sad little personal belongings were strewn all over these bitter sands. That plus the bodies of soldiers lying in rows covered with blankets, the toes of their shoes sticking up in a line as though on drill. And other bodies, uncollected, still sprawling grotesquely in the sand or half hidden by the high grass beyond the beach.

That plus an intense, grim determination of work-weary men to get this chaotic beach organized and get all the vital supplies and the reinforcements moving more rapidly over it from the stacked-up ships standing in droves out to sea.

Now that it is over it seems to me a pure miracle that we ever took the beach at all. For some of our units it was easy, but in this special sector where I am now our troops faced such odds that our getting ashore was like my whipping Joe Louis down to a pulp.

In this column I want to tell you what the opening of the second front in this one sector entailed, so that you can know and appreciate and forever be humbly grateful to those both dead and alive who did it for you.

Ashore, facing us, were more enemy troops than we had in our assault waves. The advantages were all theirs, the disadvantages all ours. The Germans were dug into positions that they had been working on for months, although these were not yet all complete. A one-hundred-foot bluff a couple of hundred yards back from the beach had great concrete gun emplacements built right into the hilltop. These opened to the sides instead of to the front, thus making it very hard for naval fire from the

sea to reach them. They could shoot parallel with the beach and cover every foot of it for miles with artillery fire.

Then they had hidden machine-gun nests on the forward slopes, with cross-fire taking in every inch of the beach. These nests were connected by networks of trenches, so that the German gunners could move about without exposing themselves.

Throughout the length of the beach, running zigzag a couple of hundred yards back from the shoreline, was an immense V-shaped ditch fifteen feet deep. Nothing could cross it, not even men on foot, until fills had been made. And in other places at the far end of the beach, where the ground is flatter, they had great concrete walls. These were blasted by our naval gunfire or by explosives set by hand after we got ashore.

Our only exits from the beach were several swales or valleys, each about one hundred yards wide. The Germans made the most of these funnel-like traps, sowing them with buried mines. They contained, also, barbed-wire entanglements with mines attached, hidden ditches, and machine guns firing from the slopes.

This is what was on the shore. But our men had to go through a maze nearly as deadly as this before they even got ashore. Underwater obstacles were terrific. The Germans had whole fields of evil devices under the water to catch our boats. Even now, several days after the landing, we have cleared only channels through them and cannot yet approach the whole length of the beach with our ships. Even now some ship or boat hits one of these mines every day and is knocked out of commission.

The Germans had masses of those great six-pronged spiders, made of railroad iron and standing shoulder-high, just beneath the surface of the water for our landing craft to run into. They also had huge logs buried in the sand, pointing upward and outward, their tops just below the water. Attached to these logs were mines.

In addition to these obstacles they had floating mines offshore, land mines buried in the sand of the beach, and more mines in the checkerboard rows in the tall grass beyond the sand. And the enemy had four men on shore for every



Landing on the coast of France

"Landing on the coast of France under heavy Nazi machine gun fire are American soldiers, shown just as they left the ramp of a Coast Guard landing boat." Photograph by CphoM. Robert F. Sargent, June 6, 1944. Record Group 26, Records of U.S. Coast Guard (26-G-2343). From the National Archives and Records Administration.

three men we had approaching the shore.

And yet we got on.

Beach landings are planned to a schedule that is set far ahead of time. They all have to be timed, in order for everything to mesh and for the following waves of troops to be standing off the beach and ready to land at the right moment.

As the landings are planned, some elements of the assault force are to break through quickly, push on inland, and attack the most obvious enemy strong points. It is usually the plan for units to be inland, attacking gun positions from behind, within a matter of minutes after the first men hit the beach.

I have always been amazed at the speed called for in these plans. You'll have schedules calling for engineers to land at H-hour plus two minutes, and service troops at H-hour plus thirty minutes, and even for press censors to land at H-hour plus seventy-five minutes. But in the attack on this special portion of the beach where I am – the worst we had, incidentally – the schedule didn't hold.

Our men simply could not get past the beach. They were pinned down right on the water's edge by an inhuman wall of fire from the bluff. Our first waves were on that beach for hours, instead of a few minutes, before they could begin working inland.

You can still see the fox-holes they dug at the very edge of the water, in the sand and the small, jumbled rocks that form parts of the beach.

Medical corpsmen attended the wounded as best they could. Men were killed as they stepped out of landing craft. An officer whom I knew got a bullet through the head just as the door of his landing craft was let down. Some men were drowned.

The first crack in the beach defenses was finally accomplished by terrific and wonderful naval gunfire, which knocked out the big emplacements. They tell epic stories of destroyers that ran right up into shallow water and had it out point-blank with the big guns in those concrete emplacements ashore.

When the heavy fire stopped, our men were organized by their officers and pushed on inland, circling machine-gun nests and taking them from the rear.

As one officer said, the only way to take a beach is

to face it and keep going. It is costly at first, but it's the only way. If the men are pinned down on the beach, dug in and out of action, they might as well not be there at all. They hold up the waves behind them, and nothing is being gained.

Our men were pinned down for a while, but finally they stood up and went through, and so we took that beach and accomplished our landing. We did it with every advantage on the enemy's side and every disadvantage on ours. In the light of a couple of days of retrospection, we sit and talk and call it a miracle that

our men ever got on at all or were able to stay on.

Before long it will be permitted to name the units that did it. Then you will know to whom this glory should go. They suffered casualties. And yet if you take the entire beachhead assault, including other units that had a much easier time, our total casualties in driving this wedge into the continent of Europe were remarkably low – only a fraction, in fact, of what our commanders had been prepared to accept.

And these units that were so battered and went through such hell are still,

right at this moment, pushing on inland without rest, their spirits high, their egotism in victory almost reaching the smart-alecky stage.

Their tails are up. "We've done it again," they say. They figure that the rest of the army isn't needed at all. Which proves that, while their judgment in this regard is bad, they certainly have the spirit that wins battles and eventually wars.

(Permission to distribute and re-publish Ernie Pyle's columns was given by the Scripps Howard Foundation.)

Ernie Pyle

History's greatest wartime correspondent



War correspondent Ernie Pyle – at work on his typewriter in 1944. Photo from the National Archives.

The Friends of Ernie Pyle and Scripps Howard Foundation has made available the three columns Ernie Pyle wrote immediately after the Normandy landings.

The son of tenant farming parents in west-central Indiana, Ernie Pyle became history's greatest war correspondent.

When Pyle was killed by a Japanese machine gun bullet on the tiny Pacific island of Ie Shima in 1945,

his columns were being delivered to more than 14 million homes according to his New York Times obituary.

During the war, Pyle wrote about the hardships and bravery of the common soldier, not grand strategy.

The Pulitzer Prize winning journalist's legacy rests in his words and the impact they had on Americans before and during a war that threatened to take the world behind a curtain of fascism.

NNA members have been given permission to reprint the columns.

More columns by Ernie Pyle are available through the Indiana University School of Journalism, housed in Ernie Pyle Hall on the Bloomington, Ind., campus by visiting <https://sites.mediaschool.indiana.edu/erniepyle/wartime-columns/#Wartime Columns>.

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Your task will not be an easy one. Your enemy is well trained, well equipped and battle-hardened. He will fight savagely.

But this is the year 1944! Much has happened since the Nazi triumphs of 1940-41. The United Nations have inflicted upon the Germans great defeats, in open battle, man-to-man. Our air offensive has seriously reduced their strength in the air and their capacity to wage war on the ground. Our Home Fronts have given us an overwhelming superiority in weapons and munitions of war, and placed at our disposal great reserves of trained fighting men. The tide has turned! The free men of the world are marching together to Victory!

I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty and skill in battle. We will accept nothing less than full Victory!

Good Luck! And let us all beseech the blessing of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking.



Dwight D. Eisenhower

Eisenhower statement to soldiers, sailors, airmen

This order was issued by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to encourage Allied soldiers taking part in the D-day invasion of June 6, 1944. Almost immediately after France fell to the Nazis in 1940, the Allies planned a cross-Channel assault on the German occupying forces, ultimately code-named Operation Overlord. By May 1944, 2,876,000 Allied troops were amassed in southern England.

The largest armada in history, made up of more than 4,000 American, British, and Canadian ships, lay in wait, and more than 1,200 planes stood ready. Against a tense backdrop of uncertain weather forecasts, disagreements in strategy, and related timing dilemmas, Eisenhower decided before dawn on June 5 to proceed with Overlord.

Later that same afternoon, he scribbled a note intended for release, accepting responsibility for the decision to launch the invasion and full blame should the effort to create a beachhead on the Normandy coast fail. Much more polished is his printed Order of the Day for June 6, 1944, which Eisenhower began drafting in February. The order was distributed to the 175,000-member expeditionary force on the eve of the invasion. From the National Archives.

June, 1944: News on the home front in Union County

Seventy-five years ago this week, a headline in the Thursday, June 8, 1944, issue of The Gazette-Democrat declared:

"Allies Invade Nazi Europe With Great Success"

Other headlines which accompanied the lead story in the paper read:

"Opposition Not As Violent As Was Expected"

"Landings Made In Northern France; Minimum Losses"

"President Roosevelt Leads Nation In Prayer, Tuesday"

On June 6, 1944, Allied forces landed on beaches in Normandy, France, to launch the invasion of Nazi-occupied Europe.

"Tremendous forces of Allied tanks and infantry smashed through the first defenses of the German Atlantic wall along the Normandy coast of France early Tuesday morning and drove several miles inland through surprisingly weak enemy resistance in an assault aimed directly at Paris," the lead story in the June 8 issue of The Gazette-Democrat reported.

"Ferried across the white-capped channel by a great armada of 4,000 ships and thousands of lighter craft and screened from above by a thundering fleet and 11,000 Allied warplanes, American, British and Canadian troops hit the beaches along a front of roughly 100 miles between Cherbourg and LeHavre in the first cloudy hours of daylight and swept swiftly inland," the account continued.

The story reported that Franklin Roosevelt told a press conference late yesterday that western front operations were "up to schedule"; that American naval losses up to noon Tuesday had been two destroyers and a tank landing ship and that losses of the airborne force had been one per cent of the force involved.

But, he said, he hopes the

country will not become overconfident and he went on to emphasize his view that even this first operation wasn't over. You just don't land on the beaches and walk in, he said. There has to be lots of hard fighting.

"A Mighty Endeavor"

The Gazette-Democrat reported that while the Allied troops were landing in France early Tuesday morning (Central War Time) President Roosevelt sat in his study and wrote a prayer.

Tuesday night over national radio hookup he led the entire nation in prayer for the men on the fighting front.

In his prayer, the president said that "Our sons, pride of our nation, this day have set upon a mighty endeavor, a struggle to preserve our republic, our religion, and our civilization, and to set free a suffering humanity."

Roosevelt asked God to "Lead them straight and true; give strength to their arms, stoutness to their hearts, steadfastness to their faith..."

"...Help us to conquer the apostles of greed and racial arrogances. Lead us to the saving of our country, and with our sister nations into a world unity that will spell a sure peace—a peace invulnerable to the schemings of unworthy men. And a peace that will let all men live in freedom, reaping the just rewards of their honest toil."

The president's words were joined by a local pastor, the Rev. Louis F. Rodenback.

"The invasion of France has started. Men, our men, are on the beachheads," Rev. Rodenback wrote in an article which appeared on page one of the June 8 issue of the paper.

"Surely, not one of us here in Union county are too busy, too young, too old, or too irreligious to offer up prayers for our men."

The pastor asked for God

to guard all of the soldiers involved in the invasion "from all harm and danger of body and soul."

"According to Thy good pleasure and will, give success to our invading armed forces who are now marching over the shores to France to crush an enemy of our land."

News About Service Men and Women

The June 8 issue of the paper featured lots of news about men and women who were serving in the nation's armed forces.

Lt. Robert J. Watkins, a U.S. Navy aviator from Cobden, was reported to be "enjoying a 15-day leave with his wife and parents after completing 25 months of combat duty in the Pacific."

The story about Lt. Watkins recalled that he had served 17 months in the South Pacific with the pilot of a Catalina aircraft "who went down refusing to allow rescuers to risk their lives landing in stormy waters." The day was described as "heartbreaking."

Good news was reported Lt. Lowell West who had been reported as missing in action in March. Lt. West "arrived at his home in Dongola recently, having first advised his wife by telephone from New York City of his safety."

Lt. West stated that "it was not possible to reveal the method by which he arrived in a neutral country but did give the information that the Liberator of which he was co-pilot was shot down over occupied territory and he finally reached safety."

Miss Grace Toler was reported to have received a letter from her sister, Pvt. Helen N. Toler, who was serving with the Women's Army Corps.

"I am working the motor pool, driving jeeps, staff cars, 1 1/2, 2 1/2 ton trucks and ambulances," Pvt. Toler wrote to her sister. "I like my work fine but it does get rather hard once in awhile."

Pvt. Toler was at a general hospital where "most of the patients here are boys that have been overseas and sent back after they were wounded and sent home for treatment."

The paper reported that Tech. Sgt. Mike F. Alcorn of Anna was serving in the South Pacific with photo reconnaissance squadron with the 13th AAF, the air force which battled the Japanese from Guadalcanal to Truk and then turned to assist in the Southwest Pacific theatre operations. Alcorn was an airplane mechanic.

Pfc. Kenneth Davis shared in a letter to his mother, Mrs. Effie Davis of Anna, that he was "somewhere in New Guinea and it is plenty hot down here but the nights are cool."

"I got the box of cookies you sent and although they had come a long way they were just as fresh as could be," Davis added.

On the Home Front

News on the home front in Union County also was highlighted in the 1944 paper.

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Anna Chamber of Commerce accepted the responsibility of conducting the fifth war loan drive in the city of Anna. The chamber planned to begin the drive during the following week, "with someone from the Chamber of Commerce calling on each home and business house in the city."

An application was made by Anna-Jonesboro Community High School to the director of the Rural War Production Training Board for the establishment of a community canning center where anyone may can for home use.

The center was to be located in the old post office building on the square in Jonesboro. It was to be open every day, except Saturday, starting on June 12.

Correct methods of canning were to be taught at the center, with pressure cookers and electric can sealers furnished by the state.

Mrs. George Lord, the home economics teacher at Wolf Lake Community

High School, was the instructor.

The center was under the direction of A-JCHS principal R.L. McConnell and supervised by agriculture teacher O.K. Loomis.

A concert presented by the Anna State Hospital band was set for 7 p.m. Sunday, June 11. (The Anna State Hospital now is known as the Clyde L. Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center.)

Some of the advertisers in the paper that week 75 years ago included:

Rotramel's Paint and Hardware at 322 S. Main, Phone 603; Rotramel's was encouraging everyone to "Bring New Color, New Life in Your Home with New 1944 Wallpaper."

The Times Theatre in Jonesboro: The Times Theatre was showing the film "The Memphis Belle" on Sunday and Monday, June 11-12. "You live a lifetime in 40 minutes on a real raid over Germany. See how our Yank fliers have prepared the way for the great invasion which is now on."



Eisenhower speaks with paratroopers
June 5, 1944...Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower speaks with paratroopers of the 101st Airborne Division just before they board their planes to participate in the first assault of the Normandy invasion. Image 77-18-112 (USA), from National Archives/eisenhowerarchives.gov.

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NOW FOR THE BIG PUSH!

IT'S "ZERO HOUR"
ON THE HOME FRONT, TOO!

THIS IS IT! This is the big push you have been waiting for! This is the "zero hour"! Our fighting men are ready—ready to strike anywhere... anytime... anyhow... **BAR NOTHING!**

What about you? Are you ready to match this spirit with your War Bond purchases? Every bond you

buy is so much more power behind the big push... the push that will send Hitler and Tojo into oblivion.

Get behind the invasion drive! Invest MORE than ever before! Double... triple... what you've done in any previous drive. The job is big—you've got to dig!

Back the Attack!—BUY MORE THAN BEFORE!

Anna-Jonesboro Elks Lodge No. 1641

His patriotism is written in

BLOOD.

Yours is written on every Bond you buy
in the **5TH WAR LOAN!**

THE stepping stones to victory are red with blood of American heroes. Tarawa... Salerno... Cassino. Their patriotism is written in blood.

Your patriotism is written on every Bond you buy in this vital 5th War Loan. Your name on a War Bond means you're behind our invasion troops.

Help hasten the day of Victory by investing in extra War

Bonds now. Invest in more than you've ever purchased before. Invest \$100, \$200, \$300, \$400. Those who can, must invest thousands of dollars.

For this is the biggest job we've ever had to do. We can't fail our fighting men as they plunge into the biggest and bloodiest struggle of all.

WELCOME THE VICTORY VOLUNTEERS when they call to tell you about War Bonds

Anna State Bank

Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Long-awaited invasion begins; Roosevelt addresses nation

(Editor's note: the following article is from the website of the National Archives/FDR Library and Museum in Hyde Park, N.Y.)

As dawn broke on June 6, 1944, German soldiers defending the French coast at Normandy beheld an awe-inspiring sight: the largest amphibious invasion force in history massed in the waters of the English Channel. The long-awaited invasion of northwest Europe was underway.

The giant invasion had taken years to organize. Hundreds of thousands of men and millions of tons of weapons and equipment were transported across the Atlantic Ocean to Britain in advance of the operation.

The invasion force consisted chiefly of Americans, Britons and Canadians. But troops of the Free French and many other nations also participated.

The invasion was the culmination of Franklin Roosevelt's Grand Strategy, especially his decision to pursue a "Germany First" policy and his insistence,

in the face of Churchill's preference for a peripheral strategy, that the operation go forward in 1944.

The Normandy invasion established a solid "Second Front" in Europe. Its success left Hitler's armies trapped in a vise, fighting the Red Army in the East and an expanding Anglo-American-Canadian force in the West.

During the tense early hours of the invasion, FDR monitored reports from the front. That evening, he delivered a statement to the American people. It took the form of a prayer, which he read on national radio.

On the night of June 6, 1944, President Roosevelt went on national radio to address the nation for the first time about the Normandy invasion. His speech took the form of a prayer.

The date and timing of the Normandy invasion had been top secret. During a national radio broadcast on June 5 about the Allied liberation of Rome, President Roosevelt made no mention of the Normandy operation,

already underway at that time.

When he spoke to the country on June 6, the President felt the need to explain his earlier silence. Shortly before he went on the air, he added several handwritten lines to the opening of his speech that addressed that point.

They read: "Last night, when I spoke to you about the fall of Rome, I knew at that moment that troops of the United States and our allies were crossing the Channel in another and greater operation. It has come to pass with success thus far."

Text of Radio Address, Prayer: "My fellow Americans: Last night, when I spoke with you about the fall of Rome, I knew at that moment that troops of the United States and our allies were crossing the Channel in another and greater operation. It has come to pass with success thus far.

And so, in this poignant hour, I ask you to join with me in prayer: Almighty God: Our sons, pride of our Nation, this hour have set

upon a mighty endeavor, a struggle to preserve our Republic, our religion, and our civilization, and to set free a suffering humanity.

Lead them straight and true; give strength to their arms, stoutness to their hearts, steadfastness in their faith.

"They will need Thy blessings. Their road will be long and hard. For the enemy is strong. He may hurl back our forces. Success may not come with rushing speed, but we shall return again and again; and we know that by Thy grace, and by the righteousness of our cause, our sons will triumph.

They will be sore tried, by night and by day, without rest—until the victory is won. The darkness will be rent by noise and flame. Men's souls will be shaken with the violences of war.

For these men are lately drawn from the ways of peace. They fight not for the lust of conquest. They fight to end conquest. They fight to liberate. They fight to let justice arise, and tolerance and good will among all Thy

people. They yearn but for the end of battle, for their return to the haven of home.

Some will never return. Embrace these, Father, and receive them, Thy heroic servants, into Thy kingdom.

And for us at home — fathers, mothers, children, wives, sisters, and brothers of brave men overseas — whose thoughts and prayers are ever with them — help us, Almighty God, to rededicate ourselves in renewed faith in Thee in this hour of great sacrifice.

Many people have urged that I call the Nation into a single day of special prayer. But because the road is long and the desire is great, I ask that our people devote themselves in a continuance of prayer. As we rise to each new day, and again when each day is spent, let words of prayer be on our lips, invoking Thy help to our efforts.

Give us strength, too — strength in our daily tasks, to redouble the contributions we make in the physical and the material support of our armed forces.

And let our hearts be stout, to wait out the long travail, to bear sorrows that may come, to impart our courage unto our sons wherever they may be.

And, O Lord, give us Faith. Give us Faith in Thee; Faith in our sons; Faith in each other; Faith in our united crusade. Let not the keenness of our spirit ever be dulled. Let not the impacts of temporary events, of temporal matters of but fleeting moment let not these deter us in our unconquerable purpose.

With Thy blessing, we shall prevail over the unholy forces of our enemy. Help us to conquer the apostles of greed and racial arrogancies. Lead us to the saving of our country, and with our sister Nations into a world unity that will spell a sure peace a peace invulnerable to the schemings of unworthy men. And a peace that will let all of men live in freedom, reaping the just rewards of their honest toil.

Thy will be done, Almighty God. Amen."

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Allies Invade Nazi Europe With Great Success

Union County Quota \$549,000 In Fifth Drive

Harper Urges Everyone To Buy All Bonds Possible

What is the cost of a wooden cross? Every white wooden cross that marks the grave of an American fighting man is paid for in full—with a gold star, a handful of bitter-sweet memories, and an empty heart at home. It's tough to die alone, far from your loved ones, with the feel of the metal that's biting out your life—but some fighting men are dying that miserable death right now, because our country asks it of him. When a Victory Volunteer asks you to double your bond buying during the Fifth War Loan, think of the cost of a wooden cross before you answer—and his family—is paying that very instant. Then pledge every dollar you can. Because you have an American heart—because it is YOUR country and YOUR duty. This time—Don't pull your punches.

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President Roosevelt Leads Nation In Prayer, Tuesday

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Opposition Not As Violent As Was Expected

Landings Made In Northern France; Minimum Losses

Tremendous forces of Allied tanks and infantry, such as had through the first defenses of the German Atlantic wall along the Normandy coast of France early Tuesday morning and drove several miles inland through surprisingly weak enemy resistance in an assault aimed directly at Paris.

Ferried across the white-capped channel by a great armada of 4,000 ships and thousands of lighter craft and screened from above by a thundering fleet of 11,000 Allied warplanes, American, British and Canadian troops hit the beaches along a front of roughly 100 miles between Cherbourg and LeHavre in the first cloudy hours of daylight and swept swiftly inland.

Allied losses in the initial assaults were much lighter than had been anticipated and there has been an unmistakable air of optimism reported at the headquarters of Gen. Eisenhower, supreme Allied commander. It had been expected that D-Day had originally been set for Monday but had weather forced a day's postponement.

A great battle between airborne troops flared over Cherbourg peninsula Wednesday as both the Allies and Germans dropped fighting men from skies over a wide area in the second day of the invasion.

Berlin admitted beachheads had been established over more than a 50-mile stretch of the peninsula.

Waves of Allied paratroops and glider troops poured down from a 50-mile long reinforcing sky train, seizing key positions and setting up a strong base for the Allies against German counter attacks, and the Nazis also dropped sky troops.

Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley is commanding the American ground forces in the attack.

Allied invasion tank forces have been sailing in feints past many points, keeping the Germans in doubt where the next landings would come. Airborne forces have seized bridges and roads, and joined the sea-borne troops at some points and some towns have been captured.

In their first captured report of airborne losses, the Ninth Air Force said 12 C-47 transport and 12 gliders were missing from the reinforcing operations.

Berlin radio clearly indicated airborne assaults were spreading great confusion behind German lines, and said the Nazis had been duped by parachuting sacks of straw loaded with explosives that blew up when they touched.

"Satisfactory progress" is being made in the historic invasion, according to a statement issued by Allied headquarters announced Tuesday, and cautious officers described the tricky airborne operations as a "complete success."

It was disclosed that more than 900 of the Ninth Air Force C-47 troop transports and gliders were used in the opening invasion landing on the Normandy coast, with 200 planes and 200 miles long.

While noting increased enemy air operations yesterday, there was still no sign that Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering had begun to risk his weaker sky arm with big-scale attacks.

President Roosevelt told a press conference late yesterday that the invasion had been a "complete success."

Lt. Gen. Billy Lee Travis, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Newton, received a telegram from their son, 8/8/44 Stanley L. Newton, who has been overseas for 20 months. He is now stationed in California and is expecting a furlough soon.

Buy More War Bonds

Anna Chamber Will Handle 5th War Loan Drive

County Co-Chairmen Guests at Meeting Monday Night

By a unanimous vote the Anna Chamber of Commerce accepted the responsibility of conducting the fifth war loan drive in the city of Anna at its regular meeting Monday evening at the Presbyterian church dining room. R. L. McConnell was selected as chairman and he appointed Dr. E. C. Kimbro, Roy Hall, Dr. H. B. Shafer and George Brown as co-chairmen for the four sections of the city.

The drive will be started next week with someone from the Chamber of Commerce calling on each home and business house in the city.

Walter P. Harper, chairman of the war finance committee of Union County was in charge of the main part of the meeting and presented his co-chairmen who were guests of the Chamber of Commerce for the meeting. They have done an excellent job and each told something of the work in his community. Co-chairmen present were I. O. Karraker of Jonesboro; Roy Wilkins of Alto Pass; Melvin Lockard of Golden and Lynn D. Stafford of Anna. James Allen of Dongola was unable to be present.

Principal speaker for the meeting was Clyde Harris, Cape Girardeau banker who is chairman for 13 Missouri counties and is a former Anna banker.

Mr. Harris was active in Union County during the Liberty Loan drive in 1918 and World War and an enthusiastic bond salesman. The fact that the person with the equipment will win the war was fully brought out by Mr. Harris who emphasized the fact that we must provide our own defense against the material through the purchase of war bonds.

His inspired talk will mean much to the workers in the coming drive.

L. G. Richardson led the singing of America and the Red, Ronald T. Hickerson gave invocation and benediction.

The organization voted to purchase a \$500 war bond and to discontinue meetings during the summer months as usual.

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Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: "I pray not only for these, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me. Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them." from the Gospel of John

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Daily Bible Reading

Galatians	Galatians	Galatians	Galatians	Galatians	Galatians	Galatians
1:1-24	2:1-21	3:1-14	3:15 - 4:7	4:8-31	5:1-26	6:1-18

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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.

Memorial Day

Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering and honoring the people who died while serving in the U.S. armed forces.

The holiday is observed on the last Monday of May. Memorial Day was observed on May 30 from 1868 to 1970.

Trip to New York

The Anna-Jonesboro chorus and art class enjoyed a trip to New York, the Statue of Liberty and the Ellis Island Immigration Museum. The chorus sang our National Anthem while at Ellis Island.

Anna VFW

Thursday, today, the Auxiliary will have a monthly business meeting at 6 p.m.

A fish dinner will be served Friday, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Star Karaoke will be at the post from 6 p.m.

to 10 p.m.

Memorial Day Get-together

Junior and Darlene Lingle hosted a Lingle family gathering at their home with a potluck and visiting Monday, May 27.

All seven brothers and sisters were able to be there, including Ken Lingle, Clyde Lingle Jr., both of Jonesboro, Shirley Suit of Evansville, Debbie Lingle Hamilton of Clarksville, Tenn., Sue McIntosh of Pulaski, and Betty Fairhurst and Patty Lingle, both of Anna.

Other family members were there also, including Linda Lingle, Darlene Lingle, Randy Healy, Leon Fairhurst, Rodney Durham, Hannah Gillis Bush and her daughter, Juniper.

Everyone enjoyed the good food and seeing each other again after almost a year since the last reunion

in June of 2018. Due to bad winter weather, they couldn't get together at Christmas time.

Wedding Anniversary

Robert and Pam Needling, 24 years, Sunday June 2.

Happy Retirement

A special thanks to Michael Hunter on his retirement as Anna police chief. Mike served and protected our city and community for 23 1/2 years.

Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, June 8, during the Annabelle Festival the Lady Wildcat Volleyball team will host an all you can eat pancake breakfast at the Main Street Center, from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., for \$5. They will have buttermilk, blueberry and chocolate chip pancakes.

Connect Point Church

Friends who gathered to attend the singing Saturday night at Connect Point Church included Nancy Ragain, Mary Light, Lou Curdie, Toni Livengood, Doris Johnson, Tina Johnson, Betty Cowsert, Cathy McHughes and Kay Johnson, along with many others.

Get Well

Please keep Howard Ziegler and his wife Cathy in your prayers. Howard got to come home last week from being in rehab and after many weeks in St. Louis and Murphysboro hospitals.

He was only home a few days when he got an infection and is in Carbondale hospital and may need to have surgery. Please pray for a miracle for them.

Birthdays

May 23 Jim McKinney, Debbi Gregory, 24 Julia Santiago.

Memorial Day

Marie Samuel and her husband took KFC to their grandsons place and ate with them. Then they finished grave decorations.

They also attended a nice service at the Herrin Doughboy. Three art students Marie still teaches were there, plus her quilter friend.

Birthday Celebration

Gaylon Wayne Cates from Chicago visited his parents Gaylon and Clara Cates to help his mother Clara celebrate her May 18 birthday.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Rev. Richard Sullins sermon was Son of Encouragement with scripture from Acts.

It was good to have Rev. and Mrs. Sullins' daughter and family visit.

Special music was by Elizabeth Corbit, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing."

Rev. Sullins told the children Bible School would be Friday, June 7, from 5

p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Sunday after church there will be a cookout.

Holy Communion was taken.

Everyone congratulated Janet Boyd who retired from teaching school after 35 years.

Game night food theme on June 14 at 6 p.m. will be salads and sandwiches.

Loaves & Fishes will be Tuesday, June 18, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

At the May meal there were 116 people served. A special thanks to Clara Cates for singing and playing her guitar at the gathering in the sanctuary before the meal. Thanks to everyone who works, donates, prays and attends.

June birthdays: 3 Sean Belcher, 7 Mark Foster, Rev. Millie Sloan, 17 Teri Goldsberry, 19 Angela Lehman, 23 Trystan Borders, 15 Celeste Borders, 26 Elijah Ellis, Chris Foster, 30 Emily Belcher. Happy Anniversary Dean and Elizabeth Corbit.

Annabelle Market

Art project happening in the Annabelle Market alley in hopes of drawing tourists.

Guests

Guests of Gaylon and Clara Cates recently were their nephew Ray and Shari.

Red Hat Ladies

Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies are finishing their blocks for the birthday quilt. The blocks are due by this month's Red Hat meeting June 19, 11 a.m., at Golden Corral

A special thanks to Marie Samuel for all the work she had done fitting the blocks to get ready for it to be quilted.

Ladies if you have not turned in your quilt block please notify Marie. A purple hat with the ladies names and birthday are on these quilt blocks.



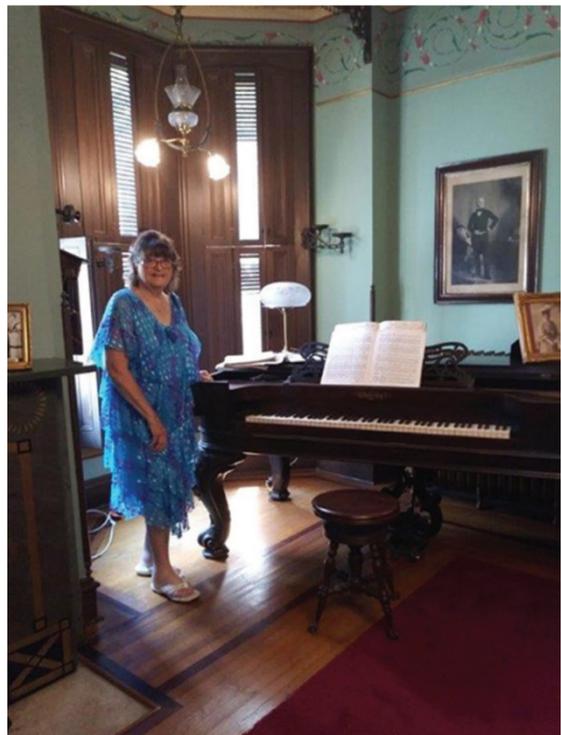
Tasha Bittle-Faire is so talented. An art project happening in the Annabelle Market alley in hopes of drawing tourists.



Married 50 years: Friends and family are invited to join Duane and Linda Hileman as they celebrate their 50th anniversary. Daughters Melissa Ellis and Emily Hileman will host a reception from 2 p.m. 4 p.m. Sunday, June 9, at the Main Street Center in Anna. Please just bring gifts of memories to share.



Tristan Casper celebrated his 16th birthday Sunday, June 2, at Anna Strike Zone. Guests were uncle David and aunt Amy Casper, uncle Tim and aunt Mimi Casper, great-aunt Helen Boyd, great-aunt Sharon Casper, aunt Julie Woolard, cousins Bradley and Emily Casper, Hannah Woolard, Wyatt Hoffman and good friend Alexandria Benefield. They bowled, played pool and played arcade games. They enjoyed Super Mario Bros. cupcakes and ice cream. Fun was had by all. Tristan turned 16 on Tuesday, May 28. Happy birthday Tristan.



Linda Comte went to a cousin's wedding at the Glen House in Cape Girardeau. Afterward they toured the beautiful Glen House and enjoyed seeing all the antiques.



Ariel Nekola's 16th birthday party was Sunday. She celebrated with her family and friends. A very special surprise gift was a new car from her dad.

The meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. at a different place. If you would like to be in the gift exchange please bring a gift.

Stinson Memorial Library, Anna

Friends of Stinson will have a book sale along with Annabelle Fest in the basement of the library Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 7-9.

Anna Vista Bazaar

During the Annabelle Festival there will be a craft and yard sale at Anna Vista on Washington Street just down from the Annabelle Market.

Friday, June 7, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Saturday, June 8, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Brenda Kelly made a peppermint afghan. Tickets are \$1 each or 11 for \$10. All profits go for dinners and projects for the residents at Anna Vista.

Anna Art Center

There will be an Annabelle Festival flower arrangement competition hosted by the Anna Art Center and the A-J Garden Club.

June 7 bring your flowers Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. They will be judged 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Open for

viewing June 7 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and June 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Woman's Club

GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Woman's Club planned to meet Monday, June 3, at the Kitchen on Lafayette in Anna.

AFSCME

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

The May door prize was won by Debbie Nash. The June door prize was won by Judy Shoemaker.

Military Prayer List

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



Nancy Ragain with The Peyton Sisters from Enfield at a Connect Point Church singing.



Debbie Janowski spends most of her days with her granddaughter Kayla at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital in St. Louis. Kayla now weighs 3 pounds, 13 ounces, and is taking 2 ounces of milk in a baby bottle. Please keep them in your prayers. Kayla has a long way to go but is improving every day.

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News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

The messages on Sunday, June 2, were brought by Pastor Perry Williams.

Dee Rose led the worship. Debbie York provided special music.

During the morning service, all of the graduates from the church were honored, including:

Megan Smith, who graduated from John A. Logan College.

Megan Tehandon, who graduated from Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. Nicholas Rose, who graduated from Shawnee High School in Wolf Lake.

Isabel Tehandon, who graduated from Jonesboro Grade School.

Lilly Sue Newberry, Zack Massey, Lakelyn Merriman and Wyatt Holshouser, who graduated from the Anna pre-kindergarten program.

Madi Jo Wilkins and Daniel Sopczak, who graduated from the Jonesboro

pre-kindergarten program.

The church library is planning to host a children's reading hour each Tuesday during June. The program started June 4. The reading hour is scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and is for children ages 3 through 6th grade.

Birthdays: Robbie Wright, May 25; Hunter Ralls, May 29; Blake Aldridge, May 31; Suzie Wright, June 3; Jimmy Ralls, June 4; Bonita Doll, June 6.

Anniversaries: Darrell and Cindy Pender, 29 years, June 2; James and Jackie Dillow, 41 years, June 3.

The schedule for worship at the church for this coming week includes Bible study at 9 a.m. on Sunday, and worship services at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Youth meet at 5 p.m. on Sunday. An adult Bible study/prayer meeting is planned at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday.



Tree limb down in Anna

A large limb in a tree in Anna was seen down following stormy weather which occurred Wednesday night, May 29, in the area. The limb was down near the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church and an Anna municipal parking lot.

Flag retirement ceremony set at Dutch Ridge

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

The ceremony is set for 5 p.m. at the Dutch Ridge Church. The church is located along Illinois Route 127, north of Alto Pass. Those who may have an American flag which they want to "retire" can contact an Alto Pass Area Veterans group member for more information.

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

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

The memorial honors U.S. military veterans from the Alto Pass area who have died.

Veterans from the Alto Pass area are invited to become members of the organization.

Television Listings

THURSDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	MLB Baseball "Regional Coverage-Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD) Burgers	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	"Rampage" (96) Tonight	"Phenomenon" (96)	★★★ "Gone in 60 Seconds" A 50-car contract.
7 PM :30	Feud Stephen Curry.	Bang (HD) Young	Paradise Hotel New guest. (HD)	2019 NHL Stanley Cup Final "Game 5 (If Necessary)" (Live) (HD)	NBA (HD) College Track & Field (Live) (HD)	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	Sydney	"The Cold Blue" (19)	"Unknown" (11) Liam Neeson. Identify theft.	(15) ★★ "Drive Angry" (11) Escape from hell.
8 PM :30	Pyramid Leslie Jones.	(01) Mom Pieces	Local Programs Local info.	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	(15) "Deadwood: The Movie" (19, Western)	"Red Eye" Onboard kidnapping.	Warrior
9 PM :30	To Tell the Truth (HD)	Elementary (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD)	Queen of the South	Sydney	Andi Mack	(15) Gentleman Jack	DESUS &
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan	Law & Order: SVU	Andi Mack	(15) Conspiracy	Warrior	DESUS &
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	Bizaard	"Conspiracy" (97)	(15) "Bigger" (18)	DESUS &

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	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
7:00pm											
MAX Unknown ★★★ (2011, Thriller) Liam Neeson, Diane Kruger. After a wreck, a doctor wakes up and finds no one believes he is who he says he is, including his wife, so he tries to solve the mystery as assassins chase him. PG-13 (HD)											
7:30pm											
TBS Seinfeld "The Postponement" George gets cold feet and tries everything he can to postpone the engagement; Elaine is jealous of George's engagement; Kramer spills hot coffee on himself. TVPG (HD)											

FRIDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Burgers	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	"Night" (92) Tonight	"Housesitter" (92)	"Adrift" (18) A couple sails into a hurricane.
7 PM :30	Kimmel	Whistleblower (HD)	Beat Shazam (HD)	American Ninja Warrior (HD)	NBA (HD) College Track & Field (Live) (HD)	"Central Intelligence" (16) Unlikely partners.	★★½ "The Mummy Returns" The Scorpion King and Imhotep face off.	Sydney	★★★ "Halloween" (18) Masked killer. (R) (HD)	(15) "Game Night" (18) A murder mystery. (R)	"XY Chelsea" Imprisoned soldier.
8 PM :30	2019 NBA Finals "Game 4" (Live)	Hawaii Five-0 (HD)	MasterChef (HD)	Dateline NBC (HD)	Local	"Hitch" (05, Comedy) Romance coach. (HD)	Family	Bizaard	Real Time Maher (HD)	Warrior (HD)	"XY Chelsea" Imprisoned soldier.
9 PM :30	Local	Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Local	Family	Coop & Cam	Problem	Real Time Maher (HD)	"GoodFellas" (90)
10 PM :30	Local	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	"17 Again" (09) (HD)	Family	Andi Mack	Sydney	Bizaard	The Chi "Lean Into It"
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Corden	Local	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)		Family	Bizaard	Problem		

JUNE 7, 2019

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
7:00pm											
HBO Halloween ★★★ (2018, Horror) Jamie Lee Curtis, Judy Greer. The return of Michael Myers forty years after his killing spree leads to a final confrontation between the masked figure and a terrified town. R (HD)											
7:15pm											
MAX Game Night ★★★ (2018, Comedy) Jason Bateman, Rachel McAdams. A group of friends' weekly game night gets more intense when a murder mystery party is arranged, but they figure out that things are not what they appear to be. R (HD)											

SATURDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	(5:00) ★★★ "Hitch" (05)	★★½ "Mummy 2" (01)	Fast Layne	"Crazy Rich Asians"	(05) Warrior (HD)	"The Kingdom" (07) Hunt for terrorist. (HD)
7 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	To Be Announced	MLB Baseball "Regional Coverage-Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	To Be Announced	UFC Prelims "UFC 238: Cejudo vs. Moraes"	Bang (HD) Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	"San Andreas" (15) Rescue attempt after an earthquake.	Fast Layne	"A Star Is Born" (18, Drama) Musical career.	"Bring It On" Rival cheerleaders.	"Mile 22" (18) CIA unit rescue. (R)
8 PM :30	The Good Doctor	Ransom (HD)	Local Programs	Dateline NBC Investigative news. (HD)	Top Rank Boxing (Live)	Bang (HD)	★★½ "The Mummy Returns" (01) A clash of deities.	Fast Layne	"Movie"	(20) Big Little Lies	"The Italian Job" (03) Gang stages heists.
9 PM :30	20/20 (HD)	48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD)	★★½ "Suicide Squad" (16) Villains team-up.	Fast Layne	"Movie"	(12) Big Little Lies	(10) Warrior (HD)
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	MasterChef Junior	Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.	SportsCenter (HD)	Local	Family	Sydney	Bizaard	(10) Chernobyl (HD)	★★★ "Seduction" (94)
11 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)		Family	Bizaard	Problem		The Chi

JUNE 8, 2019

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
7:00pm											
HBO A Star Is Born ★★★½ (2018, Drama) Bradley Cooper, Lady Gaga. When a seasoned musician falls in love with a struggling singer, he helps push her into the spotlight but soon realizes his best days may be behind him. R											
8:00pm											
ABC The Good Doctor "Hubert" Dr. Shaun Murphy and Dr. Morgan Reznick must deal with two brothers, who bargain over life and death; Dr. Aaron Glassman faces the effects of his treatment. TV14 (HD)											

SUNDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	Man (HD)	To Be Announced	ESPN's Sunday Night Baseball "Regional Coverage-Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	(5:40) "A Star Is Born" (18) Musical career.	(05) Warrior (HD)	Billions "Lamster" (HD)
7 PM :30	Feud A competition.	The 73rd Annual Tony Awards Broadway awards. (HD)	Simpsons	2019 Stanley Cup Final "Game 6 (If Necessary)" Boston vs St. Louis	UFC Prelims "UFC 238: Cejudo vs. Moraes"	Bang (HD) Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Fast Layne	"Shrek" (01) A princess' secret.	"Inception" (10) Entering dreams and stealing ideas.	Cartoon
8 PM :30	Pyramid (HD)	Fam Guy Man (HD)	Fam Guy Man (HD)	Dateline NBC Investigative news. (HD)	Top Rank Boxing (Live)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	Big Little Lies (HD)	(40) ★½ "Bring It On Again" (04)	Billions Big decision.
9 PM :30	To Tell the Truth (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Claws "Just the Tip"	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	Big Little Lies (HD)	"Atomic Blonde" (17) British super agent. (R)	The Chi (HD)
10 PM :30	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs	MasterChef Junior	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	★★★ "Suicide Squad" (16) Villains team-up.	Family	Raven	Oliver	(10) Warrior (HD)	DESUS &
11 PM :30	(35) Local	Local Programs	Local	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)		Family	Andi Mack	Axios (HD)	DESUS &	DESUS &

JUNE 9, 2019

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
7:00pm											
CBS The 73rd Annual Tony Awards Television host James Corden returns to host the 73rd Annual Tony Awards, where some of the biggest names in Broadway are honored and nominees hope to win. (HD)											
8:00pm											
TBS Claws "Just the Tip" After Virginia is shot, the group rallies together and prepares to face Melba and Mac Lovestone, their new adversaries, as they run the Bayside Rapture Casino. TVMA (HD)											

MONDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Fam Guy	NCIS (HD)	Raven	Oliver	(5:10) "Bigger" (18)	★★★ "Aviator" (18)
7 PM :30	Kimmel	Neighbor.	Beat Shazam (HD)	The Voice Hopefuls coached. (HD)	NBA (HD) 2019 NCAA Baseball Championship "Regionals/Super Regionals"	Fam Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	Raven	(45) Axios	(15) "Sky-Scraper" (18) Burning building. (HD)	"Kingsman: The Golden Circle" World taken hostage.
8 PM :30	2019 NBA Finals Golden State vs Toronto (Live)	The Code "Smoke-Pit" (Live)	Think You Can Dance	Dateline NBC (HD)	Local	Fam Guy	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	Coop & Cam	Big City	Billions Big decision.
9 PM :30	To Tell the Truth (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Dad (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	Big City	Gentleman Jack (HD)	The Chi (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	Big Little	(5:50) Gentleman Jack (HD)	DESUS &
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld	Family	Andi Mack	BUNK'D	Big Little Lies (HD)	DESUS &

JUNE 10, 2019

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
7:00pm											
FOX Beat Shazam "Bi-Coastal Battle Royale" Competitors include a group of musicians from New York City, a brother-and-sister team from South Carolina and two best friends from Los Angeles. TVPG (HD)											
7:30pm											
CBS Man with a Plan "Put Him on the Ground" Adam convinces Teddy to serve old-school justice when another child pushes Emme; Adam and Don manage to talk Joe into hiring a nurse for after his surgery. TVPG (HD)											

TUESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	MLB Baseball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	Problem	(5:20) "Arthur" (81)	★★★ "RESURGENCE"
7 PM :30	Conners	NCIS (HD)	9-1-1 Start over. (HD)	Games (HD)	Local	Seinfeld	WWE SmackDown (HD)	Sydney	"Ice on Fire" Carbon content.	★★★ "Adventures in Babysitting"	"Quiet Storm: The Ron Artest Story" (19)
8 PM :30	Family	FBI "Scorched Earth"	Local Programs Local info.	This Is Us (HD)	Local	Bang (HD) Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Coop & Cam	Sydney	★★★ "Crazy Rich Asians" (18) Wealthy family.	(45) "Game Night" (18) A murder mystery. (R)	The Chi (HD)
9 PM :30	Family black-ish	Blood & Treasure	Local Programs Local info.	New Amsterdam (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD)	Chrisley	Big City	Big City	Big City	Black Mon.
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan	Family	Family	Family	Family	Black Mon.
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Claws "Just the Tip"	Family	Andi Mack	BUNK'D	Big Little Lies (HD)	DESUS &

JUNE 11, 2019

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
7:00pm											
NBC Ellen's Game of Games Contestants are selected from the audience and must maneuver large obstacles and answer questions under pressure in order to win a huge cash prize. TVPG (HD)											
8:00pm											
CBS FBI "Scorched Earth" Maggie and OA search for a serial bomber who targets elite Wall Street members while Dana deals with an arrogant profiler who is consulting on the case. TV14 (HD)											

WEDNESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Burgers	Family	Raven	"Supremacy" (96) Tonight	"War for the Planet"	(5:15) "Wildlife" (18)
7 PM :30	Press Your Luck	Amazing Race (HD)	MasterChef (HD)	2019 Stanley Cup Final "Game 7 (If Necessary)" St. Louis vs Boston	ESPN's Wednesday Night Baseball "Teams TBA" (Live)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Family	Coop & Cam	Big Little	"American Made" (17) DEA informer. (R) (HD)	"Fast Times at Ridgemont" (82)
8 PM :30	Card Sharks	NCIS Cases (HD)	Responders (HD)	Dateline NBC (HD)	Local	Bang (HD) Bang (HD) Frontal	Family	Coop & Cam	Sydney	Mel Gibson. Cable obsessions.	"Risky Business" Teen's brothel.
9 PM :30	Match Game (HD)	S.W.A.T. (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Local	Sports						

Opinion and Commentary

How D-Day changed the world and why we must not forget

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Gen. George Marshall was correct in 1942 that only an invasion of France and campaign to Berlin would ensure the defeat of Nazi Germany, but it took fully 2½ years before the Allies had the necessary amounts of troops, training and war material to attempt an invasion of Northern Europe.

Adolf Hitler knew we were coming. The Germans did not know exactly where and when, but their Atlantic Wall defenses were built to blunt our forces.

The military plans for Operation OVERLORD were astonishingly complex: it was a massive, vast operation, full of movement, timetables and logistical schedules across the air, sea and land. Problems in any of these moving parts could jam up other areas, spread through the entire operation and lead to failure.

Even the best-laid plans were still susceptible to the fog of war. Gen. Dwight Eisenhower had to lead a fractious, multinational military force with strong personalities and disruptive opinions. Unforeseen events and uncontrollable factors, including but not limited to weather, soil conditions, spies, deception plans, and pure luck could change events and outcomes.

History was replete with failed crossings of the English Channel. The Spanish failed to invade England in 1588, Napoleon failed in 1805 and in 1940 Hitler failed to cross after Dunkirk.

All of these operations were from the continent to England, but the Allied operation to cross in the opposite direction with the largest and most complex military force ever assembled defied all odds.

Finally, the Allies had only one chance for OVERLORD to be successful. There was no Plan B to defeat Nazi Germany.

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The immediate situation would be that it would take another two years before the Allies had the resources to attempt another invasion. Political support in the United States and Britain would erode. The Soviet Union would likely make a separate peace with Nazi Germany, probably forcing the United States and Britain to then make separate deals. The Hitler regime would survive.

Two catastrophic results can be reliably predicted if Hitler survived in power: First, democracy would be completely eliminated across Europe. Second, the Holocaust would continue until 100% of all people Hitler deemed to be racially inferior were murdered. As we know it, the postwar world would be unrecognizable.

But that did not happen. Instead, beginning with the bloodshed on the beaches of Normandy on June 6, 1944, and through the deaths of hundreds of thousands of Allied troops over the next 11 months on the road to Berlin, by May 1945 Nazi Germany was destroyed.

We today cannot forget how we inherited this world, and it is for that reason why D-Day must always be remembered – and honored.

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(Editor's note: this commentary by Keith Huxen is part of the latest story in the Illinois Important Dates series, presented by the Illinois Associated Press Media Editors and Illinois Press Association. Throughout the year, writers from newspapers throughout Illinois will mark milestones and holidays with articles noting their significance in the state. The idea of the series is to provide front-page-quality articles with statewide interest to share with readers in a timely fashion of the date.)

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

50 years is a long time to wait...for anything

Back in the day, sometime in the not-so-distant past, a sports writer for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch wrote a column which sometimes delved into what I believe he called "random streams of consciousness."

The columnist might have called the little gems that he wrote something else, too. It was a long time ago, so to speak. The Rams were still in St. Louis. And we could actually buy a copy of the Post-Dispatch right here in Union County.

The Rams have since returned to LA-LA Land, and I don't even know where to pick up a copy of the Post-Dispatch these days.

All that being said, allow me to take a dip in the refreshing waters of some random streams of consciousness...or, as we've referred to them in the past...a little bit of this... and a little bit of that...

...50 years is a long time to wait for anything. One must be extremely patient to wait that long for something. Fifty years. 18,250 days (without counting leap years...I'm too lazy to count leap years). 438,000 hours. 26,280,000 minutes.

That's about how long it took for the St. Louis Blues to win a game in National Hockey League's Stanley Cup finals.

If you double those numbers, you'll see about how long it took for the Cubs to finally win a World Series. However, we are not here to write about the Cubs' success...or what had been kind of a frustrating 2019 season



Up close...and personal...with a Canada goose. The critter actually was quite cooperative for this photograph. Got close enough to see the whites in its eyes... well, if it had whites in its eyes...

for the Cardinals...at least until last weekend...when they swept the Cubs.

Last week, the Blues finally won a game in the final round of the Stanley Cup playoffs. Actually, it was a pretty big deal...no, make that a really, really big deal...that the Blues made it to the finals. Hadn't been done since 1970, when yours truly was, well, younger.

By the time you read this, the Blues' season may well have come to an end...or at least close to the end. They did have a real clunker of a game last Saturday. Then again... we can always hope for the best...

"Meanwhile," as a certain late night television show host likes to say, one day last week, while once again wasting my time doing important "research" on the internet, I ran across an article with a headline which read: "Readers Still Prefer Physical Books."

The article, posted at www.forbes.com and written by Ellen Duffer, shared that: "Results from a new survey regarding reading habits are out and consumer preference still lies with physical books."

The article highlighted a survey which involved about 2,000 U.S. respondents. The survey revealed that of those who responded, "most preferred the tactile experience of reading a printed book...Research has indicated time and time again that readers prefer, or at least have more frequently engaged with, printed books."

As a consumer of way too many books, simply because there are way too many books (and not enough time to read all of them), I am, indeed, one of those folks who prefers a "tactile experience" with a genuine printed book. I've tried reading electronic books. Just can't seem to do it. Call me old-fashioned.

And that brings me to yet another shameless plug. Summer is a good time to sit out on the porch...with a cold drink...and a good book...

With that in mind, make a note: the Friends of Stinson Library plan to have a summer book sale this Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The sale will be at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna. (Friday's sale is for members of the organization, which does so much to help Stinson Memorial Library. Membership is only five bucks...a bargain.) Once again, in the interest of full disclosure, yours truly is an honorary life member of the Friends.

One last thing for this week...happy anniversary to my sweetheart. The adventure continues...



Even though there's not another election coming until 2020, this sure looked like a poling place. A pair of birds, finches perhaps, did a bit of a delicate balancing act on a metal pole.

A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, June 5, 1969

Memorial Day services were held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Home at 11:00 a.m.

U.S. Senator Charles Percy and Mrs. Percy joined Gov. Richard Ogilvie and Mrs. Ogilvie at Cape Girardeau Airport Thursday, May 29, for a two-day visit to scenic areas in extreme Southern Illinois. The primary purpose of the two day trip through the Shawnee National Forest was to study potential development of the area to aid economic growth of Southern Illinois.

The Chamber of Commerce was entertained and informed Monday night at their second quarterly session by Robert Hartley, secretary-manager of the Illinois State Horticultural Society and the Illinois Fruit Council.

The Anna Municipal Swimming Pool will open Tuesday, June 10, at 1:30 p.m.

Teachers and students gathered in the Wolf Lake Grade School gymnasium Wednesday morning, May 28, for the annual presentation of awards.

The Anna-Jonesboro Elks Lodge No. 1641 will be host to a district meeting this Sunday.

From the Shiloh news: Weren't the cemeteries beautiful? I do believe there were more people decorating graves in memory of their loved ones than I've ever seen. The formation of the little flags in memory of the servicemen was just beautiful. I'm referring to the ones at the Cobden cemetery.

From the Bethel news: Many people visited the cemetery over Memorial Day.

From the Mountain Glen news: Farmers here have been quite busy the past week, planting corn and making hay.

From the Neighborville news: The 8th grade class of 1969 had a party at Fern Cliff Park at Goreville, Thursday afternoon.

From the Grand Tower news: The Grand Tower Elementary School enjoyed a picnic-field trip last Tuesday at the Murphysboro park.

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