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News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area, from social media and beyond...



The flag of Ukraine was seen on display last Friday along Skyline Drive, between Alto Pass and Cobden.

Palm Sunday is April 10...Good Friday is April 15...and Easter Sunday is April 17.

Last Saturday's community-wide Easter egg hunt in Anna and Jonesboro proved to be a big success.

The Cobden High School Beta Club is planning to have an Easter egg hunt again this year. The egg hunt is set for 10 a.m. April 16 at the Cobden Community Park.

The Ullin Fire Department is planning to have an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 16. The egg hunt will be at noon at the Ullin Ball Park.

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Anna Kiwanis Club Easter egg hunt set

The Anna Kiwanis Club once again plans to host a community Easter egg hunt.

The egg hunt is set for 10 a.m. Saturday, April 9, at the Anna City Park. The rain date, if needed, is April 16.

Children ages toddler through 10 are invited to the egg hunt.

The event will begin at the Kiwanis stand at the Anna City Park.

The Kiwanis Club egg hunt has been an Easter season tradition for many years in the community.

Child Abuse Prevention Month commemorated during April

Proclamation Day ceremony held at courthouse

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

As the number of unreported child abuse cases continues to rise in Illinois as a result of COVID-19, child abuse awareness advocates in Union County are encouraging people to get involved in awareness and prevention activities this April, starting with the county's annual proclamation day.

At 9 a.m. Thursday, March 31, child abuse prevention advocates from public and private agencies came together for the 12th annual Union County Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation Day at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro. The ceremony was held in the meeting room on the first floor of the courthouse.

Representatives from Redeploy Illinois and members of the Southern Seven Child Abuse Prevention, CAP, Coalition invited all residents of local and surrounding communities to join them at the event in Jonesboro.

Proclamation Day again served as the annual kickoff for Child Abuse Prevention Month and gave area residents an opportunity to learn more about child abuse in the county and to



Child abuse prevention awareness highlighted

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Awareness activities started with the county's annual proclamation day, which was commemorated Thursday morning, March 31, at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro. During the ceremony, Union County Board of Commissioners chairman Max Miller, left, standing at the podium, read a Child Abuse Prevention Month proclamation.

show their support to end the abuse.

Speakers at the event included a local child abuse survivor, representatives from Prevent Child Abuse Illinois and the Children's Medical and Mental Health Resource Network, as well as Union County Board of Commissioners chairman Max Miller, who read a Child Abuse Prevention Month proclamation. The proclamation was issued by Gov. JB Pritzker.

The proclamation declared:

"...every child deserves to grow up in a nurturing

environment, free from abuse, neglect, violence or endangerment of any kind...

"...child abuse causes serious harm to child development and has life-long effects that endanger safety, hinder permanency in relationships and reduce well-being, creating greater demands on society...

"...child abuse prevention is a shared responsibility and finding solutions requires the involvement and collaboration of citizens, organizations and government entities throughout Illinois and the country..."

"...Illinoisans make more

than 250,000 calls to the Illinois Child Abuse Hotline each year, offer temporary safe haven for more than 21,000 children as foster families and have provided permanent, loving homes for more than 17,000 children through adoption over the last decade...

"...child abuse prevention programs in Illinois are effective because partnerships created by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, Prevent Child Abuse Illinois, Children's Home + Aid Society of Illinois, Children's Advocacy Centers

of Illinois, Voices for Illinois Children and other government entities, social services agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, businesses and individual citizens..."

The proclamation closed by encouraging everyone in Illinois to support child abuse prevention programs and to report suspected cases of abuse to the Illinois Child Abuse Hotline.

Along with the reading of the proclamation, several other speakers addressed the importance of promoting (continued on page 2)

Local teacher's heroic actions gain national attention

By Benjamin Marxer

A local substitute teacher has been getting nationwide attention after her quick actions potentially saved the life of a student.

During lunch period at Anna School District No. 37 on Thursday, Feb. 17, substitute teacher Sadie Carwyle noticed a student in distress.

"Ryan stood up and approached me, and I automatically knew something must be wrong because everyone sits down during lunch," said Carwyle.

Student Ryan Buckner had begun to choke when

part of his lunch got lodged in his throat. Buckner communicated his distress to Carwyle, who immediately went into action, aided by her CPR training.

"He alerted to me that he was choking," said Carwyle. "The color on his face was changing. So I began doing the Heimlich."

Carwyle was able to dislodge the blockage from his airway with eight abdominal thrusts.

"The food finally projected, and I turned him around to make sure he was all right," said Carwyle. "I wanted to talk to him to



Sadie Carwyle

make sure he was responsive."

With the danger averted and the color returning to

Buckner's face, both he and Carwyle were able to breathe a sigh of relief.

"We both got pretty emotional, because he was alive, and everything was going to be okay."

Carwyle's heroics were met with applause from the students who witnessed the incident.

But the positive recognition continued beyond the cafeteria, with Carwyle being named an "Unsung Hero" by WSIL TV and also being featured on syndicated national news program "Inside Edition."

"It just blew up, all these

news stations started airing it," said Carwyle. "I have a cousin up in Boston who called to tell me she saw me on TV."

Carwyle learned the Heimlich maneuver through a CNA course she took through Shawnee Community College. But for Sadie, knowing what to do in a crisis is something of a family tradition.

"Growing up with my mom being a nurse who worked in the ER for several years, and my stepdad being an EMT and a police officer, I've always been taught that you have to act in emergency situations."

Disaster preparedness seminar set at Anna VFW

A public disaster preparedness seminar is planned for Wednesday evening, April 20, in Union County.

The seminar is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna. The post is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna.

Local emergency services personnel are scheduled to be guest speakers at the seminar.

Speakers are scheduled to include Mike Dammerman, chief of the Anna Fire Department; Bryan Watkins, chief of the Anna Police Department; Dale Foster, Union County sheriff; Grant Capel, director of the Union County Ambulance Service; and Dr. Jerry Goddard, a local physician.

Organizers note that it is important to take steps ahead of time to be prepared for a disaster...and its aftermath.

Easter bunny and friends in downtown Anna

Businesses and organizations in Anna and Jonesboro participated in a citywide Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 2. In the photo on the right, Ella and Ivey posed for a photo with the Easter bunny during a visit at Annabelle Market in downtown Anna. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

Anna Police Department welcomed visitors

The Anna Police Department was one of the many places to welcome visitors during last weekend's citywide Easter egg hunt. In the photo below, Anna Police Department Assistant Chief Tim Smith and Officer Jake Sanders were on hand to greet visitors and hand out treats and stickers. Many of the young visitors were excited to see Anna Police Department and Anna Fire Department vehicles.



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Weather: High 73 degrees, low 31

Temperatures ranged from a high of 73 degrees to a low of 31 during the period of March 29 through April 4 in the Union County area.

Precipitation during the period included 1.44 inches of rain on March 30 and .19 of an inch of rain on April 4.

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

	H	L
Tuesday, March 29	73	43
Wednesday, March 30	71	46
Thursday, March 31	46	38
Friday, April 1	54	34
Saturday, April 2	65	32
Sunday, April 3	64	31
Monday, April 4	60	46

March Weather

The high temperature for the month of March was 78 degrees, which was recorded March 2. The average high for the month was 61.

The low for the month was 16, which was recorded on March 12. The average low was 37.

Precipitation for the month totalled 5.28 inches. The most rain in a 24-hour period was 1.44 inches, recorded on March 30.

Snow also was recorded during the month. One inch of snow fell on March 11.

Precipitation for 2022, as of the end of March, totalled 16.62 inches.

March wetter, warmer than normal

March was warmer and wetter than normal in the Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky region.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported that monthly average temperatures were around 1.5 to 2 degrees above normal.

The month started off well above normal for March 1-7.

Through the first week,

it was the fourth warmest start to March on record in Paducah, fifth warmest in Cape Girardeau and ninth warmest in Poplar Bluff, Mo.

March finished wetter than normal for much of the region.

Most locations received anywhere from 4 to 6 inches, but some localized higher amounts up to 7 to 8 inches were observed.

Big Muddy rises to flood stage

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported that the Big Muddy River at Murphysboro was expected to rise briefly to flood stage by Monday evening.

The Big Muddy River borders Union County on the northwest.

The weather service re-

ported that backwater from the Mississippi River was helping to keep water levels on the Big Muddy River elevated.

Once the flood wave on the Mississippi River moved past the Big Muddy River on Tuesday, water levels were expected to once again fall.

Child abuse prevention awareness

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 awareness about efforts to prevent child abuse.

Crystal, a survivor of child abuse, now works as an advocate for awareness. "I'm using my experience to help others," she said. She declared that no child should ever have to endure any kind of abuse.

Brittney Hale of Prevent Child Abuse Illinois said "we all have a role to play" in working to prevent child abuse and neglect. Spread the message, she said... "you can make a difference."

After the ceremony, guests were invited to sign the proclamation and then to hang a blue ribbon on designated blue ribbon trees on the grounds in front of the courthouse.

Blue ribbons and pinwheels are nationally recognized symbols of child abuse prevention.

The blue ribbon serves as a reminder of the hidden bruises and scars of abused children.

The pinwheel symbolizes hope and the promise that every child deserves to be raised in a healthy, safe and nurturing environment.

Reporting suspected child abuse is a confidential act.

Cases of suspected abuse involving a child who has been harmed, or may be at risk of being harmed by abuse or neglect, can be reported by calling the 24-hour Child Abuse Hotline at 800-25-ABUSE (800-252-2873).

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Worth noting: the First Baptist Church in Jonesboro shares that Floyd and Edna Dallas will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on April 8.

Lake Egypt Water District has won an award for having the best tasting water in the nation. The district previously had been honored for having the best-tasting water in Illinois.

This year's Cobden Peach Festival is scheduled Aug. 12-13.

The City of Anna is conducting an online survey about ways to explore walking and biking options along Vienna Street. The survey can be found at surveymonkey.com/AnnaViennaStreet.

Plans are being considered for the purchase of new playground equipment for the park in downtown Cobden.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School students Kaelyn George, Jolie Barger and Jesse Sartin have earned FBLA state finalist honors by placing third in sports and entertainment management. The honor qualified them to compete at nationals this year.

Other A-JCHS students who earned state FBLA awards included Trevor Cochran, third in cyber security; Jaden Ebberts, 12th in graphic design; and Marlee Smith, 12th in public speaking.

The Cobden High School softball team is planning to host a Purple Out game on April 26 in support of the Taylor Tomazzoli Scholarship Fund.

Cobden School's Junior Beta Club is conducting a supplies drive to benefit the Two Rivers Child Advocacy Center in Anna.

Cobden School's ACES team took third place at recent regional competition. Several Cobden students also earned individual honors.

Students in a class taught by teacher Jeremy Crawford are building ukuleles from scratch.

The Dongola School music and art departments are planning to present a spring program on Thursday evening, May 5.

Commencement for the graduating class at Shawnee

High School in Wolf Lake is set for 7 p.m. Friday, May 13.

Shawnee School junior high solo and ensemble participants earned a number of honors during a recent music contest which was done virtually. Levi McDonald earned a first superior honor for his vocal solo.

An elementary Easter egg hunt is planned Friday, April 8, at Shawnee School in Wolf Lake.

Lick Creek School's spring track meet is planned April 29, followed by a Shawnee Elementary track meet on May 6.

Summer enrollment is underway at Shawnee Community College. Summer courses are set to begin June 6. Fall enrollment is scheduled to start April 11.

The Anna Moose Lodge is scheduled to host a district meeting this Sunday.

The Union County Sheriff's Office planned to auction three vehicles Wednesday morning, March 30.

Union County Boy Scout Troop 7044 is planning to have a plant sale from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 23, in the parking lot at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna.

Stinson Memorial Library's branch facility in Cobden began temporary hours on April 1: 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursdays and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays.

Stinson Memorial Library said goodbye to staff members Katie and Nancy last week.

Cobden Village Shops is planning to host weekly market days on Fridays. Activities will take place in downtown Cobden.

A new sign in Cobden is promoting Wine Trail Mercantile.

A community yard sale day is planned May 14 in the Village of Cobden.

Ken Stoner, a former educator at Egyptian High School in Tammis and business owner, is the new director of the Illinois Small Business Development Center at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Looks like the eastern milk snake could be named as the official state snake of Illinois.

P.A.W.S. Good Friday Drive-Through Fish Fry
Fri., April 15th
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Call (618) 713-1709 or a PAWS Board member to reserve your meal. (Kim Hughey, Pam McLean, Susan Askew, Mary Jo King, Kathy Swafford)

Worship at Kornthal

The board of Kornthal Memorial is pleased to announce resumption of services. Our first service will be held April 10 at 2:00 p.m., with lite refreshments to follow. The board also changed our regular Thursday night services to the second Thursday of the month. Thursday services will resume May 12th at 7:00 p.m. NOTE DATE CHANGE. We look forward to seeing our supporters again. Kornthal is located 2 miles south of Jonesboro, Ill. just off Illinois Rt. 127.

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Union County case numbers remain fairly steady

Slight uptick in COVID-19 cases reported in Illinois

The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, on Friday, April 1, reported 8,426 new confirmed and probable cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Illinois, including an increase of 87 deaths since March 25.

The number of new cases reported in Illinois has ticked upward for the past few weeks.

On March 11, 8,519 new cases were reported. The number dropped to 7,467 on March 18, and then rose to 8,039 on March 25 and then to the 8,426 reported on April 1.

The number of cases reported in Union County has remained fairly steady.

IDPH statistics showed that on March 30, a total of 5,367 total cases had been recorded in Union County since the start of the pandemic. That total was unchanged from March 29.

As of April 1, IDPH was reporting a total of 3,069,650 cases, including 33,394 deaths, in 102 counties in Illinois since the beginning of the pandemic.

As of Thursday night, night, March 31, 500 individuals in Illinois were reported to be in the hospital with COVID-19. Of those, 73 patients were in the ICU and 26 patients with COVID-19 were on ventilators.

Last week, IDPH informed Illinois vaccine providers that it has adopted the recommendation of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC, for a second booster dose for certain individuals at least four months after the first booster dose.

The recommendation applies to adults over 50 years of age and to immunocompromised individuals over 12 years old.

The CDC also recommended a second booster dose with an mRNA vaccine for all those who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine for their primary dose and their first booster, four months after their first booster dose.

Those who already received an mRNA booster dose after their initial Johnson and Johnson primary vaccine do not need an additional booster unless they are either over the age of 50 years or immunocompromised.

The state also announced that providers who administer COVID-19 vaccines to uninsured individuals can bill the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services', HFS, COVID-19 Uninsured Program for vaccine administration.

As of April 1, IDPH and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency were discontinuing their joint effort of the Statewide Community Partner Vaccination and Staffing Assistance Program.

Vaccines will continue to be readily available at locations across the state, including pharmacies, local health departments, doctor's offices and other health centers.

Since the COVID-19 vaccine became available to the public, IDPH reports that millions of eligible adults and children across the state of Illinois have received their COVID-19 vaccine or booster dose.

IDPH said that the state remains among the highest in the Midwest for its vaccination rates, with more than two thirds of the population fully vaccinated.

A total of 21,374,596 vaccines had been administered in Illinois as of late last week.

Of Illinois' total population, more than 76 percent had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, more than 68 percent of Illinois' total population was fully vaccinated and more than 50 percent had been boosted according to data from the Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention. All data are provisional and are subject to change. Last week, the federal government established a new website that provides an all-purpose toolkit that provides information on how to obtain masks, treatment, vaccines and testing resources for all areas of the country at: <https://www.covid.gov/>.

Southern Seven to offer second COVID booster

Southern Seven Health Department plans to begin offering a second COVID-19 booster dose following recent approval by the Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH.

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Mobile health service clinics scheduled in Union County

Southern Seven Health Department is planning to provide mobile health services for residents living in the lower seven counties in Illinois, including Union County.

Through a partnership with Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, Southern Seven has acquired the use of the state agency's Wellness on Wheels, WOW, van.

The van gives Southern Seven an opportunity to provide health screenings and other services, including free NARCAN training, to those living in high health-risk areas.

Over the next several months, the WOW van is scheduled to visit each of the counties served by Southern Seven in an effort to take many health services to people who may find it difficult to seek care.

Southern Seven recently announced a schedule for clinics in Union County.

The first clinic was scheduled April 6 in Cobden.

Other clinic dates planned in Union County include:

April 20, Dongola, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., downtown parking lot in front of the village hall.

April 20, Anna, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., Shawnee Com-

munity College extension center.

In addition to NARCAN training, Southern Seven plans to offer free blood pressure and colorectal cancer tests.

For a fee, blood lead, hemoglobin and cholesterol screenings, STD tests (including chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis), HIV, pregnancy and TB skin tests will be available.

All services will be offered while supplies last and are covered by most insurance carriers.

No appointment will be necessary for services. Walk-ins are welcome.

The IDPH Wellness on Wheels van is a multi-disciplinary mobile unit that provides a variety of health services.

IDPH partners with health agencies and hospitals to provide staff and services in the Wellness on Wheels van at sites where people can come for medical services.

For more information, and future outreach events for the WOW van program through Southern Seven Health Department, contact Shawna Rhine at 618-634-2297, extension 9161, or visit Southern Seven on Facebook and at www.southern7.org.



Easter season event

Anna-Jonesboro National Bank was among the many businesses in the downtown Anna area which welcomed visitors to a citywide Easter egg hunt last Saturday. Sarah Clinton, Niki Barlow and Melanie Lasley were on hand to hand out special treats on behalf of the bank.

Community Circle Project youth art works on display at Stinson Memorial Library

Stinson Memorial Library in Anna is hosting an exhibit which features a collection of youth art.

The Community Circle Project is presented by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Illinois.

Young people from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Illinois created a series of art works as part of the Community Circle Project.

"The students combined color, patterns and language to promote the strong connections between community, family and friends," project artist Mel Watkin of Cobden said.

The collection of art works is on display through April 29 at Stinson Memorial Library, which is located at 409 S. Main St.

Those who come to see the exhibit at the library are invited to create their

own Community Circle Project art work and add it to the collection. Supplies are available upon request.

"If you love to color, please join in," Watkin said. Participation is open to adults and children.

Watkin shared a quote about circles and the art project from artist and educator Sandy Coleman: "In every culture, the circle is a symbol of unity, connection, inclusiveness and continuity. The Community Circle Project is an ongoing art collaboration to remind us of our connection to each other, our communities and the world."

The Community Circle Project is partially supported by a grant from the Carbondale Community Arts Southern Arts Fund and the Illinois Arts Council agency made possible by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Weekly new COVID-19 cases reported in Illinois

- April 1: 8,426
- March 25: 8,039
- March 18: 7,467
- March 11: 8,519
- March 4: 10,462
- Feb. 4: 60,389
- Jan. 7: 201,428
- Dec. 3: 42,559
- Nov. 5: 17,462
- Oct. 1: 18,735
- Sept. 3: 30,319
- Aug. 6: 16,742
- June 18: 928

Source: Illinois Department of Public Health

Union County COVID Cases Update

- April 3: 5,366 total cases. 64 total deaths.
- March 1: 5,334 total cases. 63 deaths.

Source: Illinois Department of Public Health website. Numbers represent statistics since the start of the pandemic.

Anna-Jo Garden Club meeting set

Anna-Jo Garden Club plans to meet Tuesday, April 12.

A luncheon meeting is planned at 1 p.m. at the Vienna Diner, which is located at 511 E. Vine St. in Vienna.

Following the luncheon, club members plan to visit the Dutchman Nursery.

Members can make arrangements to car pool. They plan to meet at 12:45 p.m. at the A-J Garden Club Park in Anna.

Members also can come on their own by following Illinois Route 146 to Vienna, go through the four-way stop and continue straight for about a mile. The diner will be on the right side of the road.

Peggy Ferguson is scheduled to give a horticulture tip. Charlotte Echols and Elaine Dunn will announce the winner of the garden of the month award.

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Sports

Cobden softball team wins three games in recent action

The Cobden High School softball team won three games last week.

Cobden 18, Carrier Mills 12: Makenzie Howell was 3-for-4 with a double, triple and 2 RBIs to lead the host Appleknockers to the win Friday, April 2.

Bianca Vicente was 1-for-1 with a double for Cobden. Abby Clover was 1-for-2 with a double. Tess Brummer and Emma Kilpatrick were both 1-for-4 with a double apiece. Katelyn Shadowens was 1-for-4. Kylie Hale was 1-for-4 with a double and an RBI.

Cobden 12, Dongola 9: Vicente was 2-for-2 at the plate to lead the host Appleknockers to the win Thursday, March 31.

Roberts was 2-for-3. Brummer and Karleigh Ellis were both 2-for-4. Howell was 1-for-2 with a triple. Kilpatrick was 1-for-4 with a double. Shadowens and Hale were each 1-for-4.

Melanie Altamirano was 3-for-5 with a pair of doubles to lead the Lady Demons. Brooklyn Hogue was 2-for-4 with a double and triple. MacKenna Prout

was 2-for-4 with 2 doubles. Payton Hilliard 2-for-4. Harley Wright was 1-for-3 with a double.

Vicente and Hale pitched in the win. Vicente pitched 4 2/3 innings and allowed 4 hits to go with 3 walks and 3 strikeouts. Hale pitched 2 1/3 inning and allowed 4 hits to go with 3 walks and 4 strikeouts.

Altamirano pitched for Dongola and allowed 11 hits to go with 3 walks and 3 strikeouts.

Dongola, 1-5, plays Friday at home against Meridian.

Cobden 13, Egyptian 4: Howell was 4-for-4 with a home run, double and an RBI to lead the host Appleknockers to the win Tuesday, March 29.

Clover was 2-for-3 with a triple. Shadowens was 2-for-4 with a double and a stolen base. Hale was 2-for-2 with a triple. Ellis was 1-for-1 with a double.

Hale pitched in the win and allowed 5 hits to go with 3 walks and 4 strikeouts.

Cobden, 4-5, plays Friday at home against Herin's Agape Christian.

A-J softball team 8-4 following action last week

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School softball team went 1-1 in action last week.

A-J 7, Goreville 1: Avery Osman had 2 hits to lead visiting A-J to the win Friday, April 2.

Payton, Seip, Jenna Sadler, Carmin Smith, Shea Thorn, Hallie Plott and Cassidy Janke each had a hit apiece.

Sadler was the winning pitcher, working 7 innings. She allowed 5 hits, gave up no walks and had 5 strikeouts.

Murphysboro 10, A-J 9: Thorn led the hitting by go-

ing 2-for-4 for the visiting Lady Wildcats in the loss Tuesday, March 29.

Smith, Sadler, Avery Osman, Ariana Turner and Scotti Murray each had a hit apiece.

Sadler and Chesney Marks pitched in the loss. Sadler pitched 4 2/3 innings and allowed 8 hits to go with 2 walks and 4 strikeouts.

Chesney pitched 2 innings and allowed 3 hits and no walks to go with a strikeout.

A-J, 8-4 overall, plays Thursday, today, at Pinckneyville.

Cobden 7, Egyptian 1

Nolan Hand was 3-for-4 with 2 doubles and 3 RBIs to lead the host Cobden High School baseball team to a 7-1 win over Egyptian, Tuesday, March 29.

Reese Hand was 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI. John Fuhrhop, Jesus Zamora and Amon Ingold were each 1-for-3.

Reese Hand, Brock Reynolds and Tyler Franklin pitched in the win. Hand pitched 3 innings and allowed a hit to go with 4 walks and 7 strikeouts. Reynolds pitched 3 innings and allowed a hit to go with a walk and 4 strikeouts. Franklin pitched an inning and allowed a hit to go with 3 walks and 2 strikeouts.

Cobden, 2-1, which has had several games postponed this spring due to rainy weather, plays at home Friday against Herin's Christian Agape.

A-J baseball falls twice in recent action

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School baseball team lost twice in recent action.

Harrisburg 4, A-J 3: The visiting Wildcats were nipped in the 8th inning in the loss Friday, April 2.

The Wildcats were ahead 3-1 going into the 7th inning when the Bulldogs tied the game with two outs.

Dylan Harvel was 2-for-2 and scored two runs and added an RBI to lead the hitting for A-J. Ethan Ames was 1-for-4 with an RBI. Gavin Osman was 2-for-4.

Kyle Jerrell pitched 7 innings and allowed 4 hits to go with a walk and 7 strikeouts. Hadyen Ralls pitched a third of an inning and allowed a hit.

Goreville 4, A-J 2: Drake Hartline was 2-for-3 with an RBI to lead the host Wildcats in the loss Tuesday, March 29.

Ralls was 1-for-3 and scored a run. Jerrell was 1-for-4 and scored a run. Harvel was 1-for-4.

A-J, 4-6, plays Thursday, today, at Pinckneyville.



A-JCHS student athlete signs

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School senior Madi Hawk has signed a letter of intent to continue her bowling career at Southeastern Illinois College in Harrisburg. Hawk finished 18th overall in the 2022 Illinois High School Association state finals in bowling. Madi was joined for a signing ceremony with her father Rollie Hawk and her mother Robin Hawk.

Shawnee baseball team posts wins over Meridian, Egyptian

The Shawnee High School baseball team won twice last week.

Shawnee 5, Meridian 4: Braden Freeman and Cole Pender combined to pitch a 2-hitter for host Shawnee on Friday, April 2.

Freeman pitched 5 2/3 innings and allowed a hit to go with 8 walks and 8 strikeouts. Pender pitched 1 1/3 innings and allowed a hit to go with 4 walks and 3 strikeouts.

Freeman, Pender, Chase Woodard and Austin Kinder were each 1-for-3 at the plate for Shawnee.

Wildflower walks planned at Giant City

Spring wildflower walks are planned at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

The walks are free and open to the public. Registration is required and can be made by calling 618-457-4836.

Visitors to the park are required to observe current guidance from the CDC and the Illinois Department of Public Health regarding face coverings and social distancing.

Wildflower walks are planned Saturday, April 9, and Friday, April 15.

Each walk is scheduled from 10 a.m. until noon and will be led by the park interpreter.

The walks will be along the Trillium Trail at the park.

Shawnee 7, Egyptian 6: Freeman was 4-for-4 with 3 RBIs to lead visiting Shawnee to the win Tuesday, March 29.

Kinder was 2-for-2 with 2 RBIs. Woodard was 2-for-4. Brian Libbert was 1-for-3. Kamen Ford was 1-for-4 with an RBI.

Woodard and Freeman pitched in the win. Woodard pitched 5 innings and allowed 2 hits to go with 4 walks and 10 strikeouts. Freeman pitched 2 innings and allowed a hit to go with a walk and 5 strikeouts.

Shawnee, 2-1, plays at Elverado Saturday, April 9.

Gem, mineral, fossil, jewelry show planned

The Southern Illinois Earth Science Club plans to present its annual gem, mineral, fossil and jewelry show at the Pavilion of the City of Marion in Marion on Saturday and Sunday, April 9-10. This will be the club's first show since 2019.

Hours for the show are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The Pavilion is located behind the Illinois Centre Mall off Route 13 and west of Interstate 57.

Admission to the show is \$2 for adults; children 18 and under are free. Free parking is available.

The show is scheduled to feature a variety of exhibits and activities.

A-J/Cobden soccer in action

The Anna-Jonesboro/Cobden co-op girls' high school soccer team lost twice last week.

Cartersville 3, A-J/Cobden 0: Goal keeper Riley Cruse had 18 saves in the loss at home Tuesday, March 29.

Marion 7, A-J/Cobden: Cruse had 16 saves in the loss at Marion, Monday, March 28.

A-J/Cobden, 1-3, plays Thursday, today, at Pinckneyville.

River-to-River Trail society plans hike

The River-to-River Trail Society plans to offer a guided hike on Saturday, April 9, at the Piney Creek Ravine Natural Area, which is located on the border between Jackson and Randolph counties. The hike is free and open to the public.

The trail society said this will be a hike about 5 miles long and will be of moderate difficulty.

The trail society advised that hiking sticks and boots or sturdy shoes are strongly recommended. Hikers are asked to bring their own water and a snack. Hikers are asked to not bring dogs.

Those who want to go on the hike are asked to meet at 10 a.m. at the intersection of state Routes 4 and 151 in Ava. For more information, call 708-471-7500.

Litter, other items picked up along Cache River in Anna



Helping hands

Those who helped with clean up on a portion of the Cache River in Anna included, from left, Tom Caldwell, Linda Hauser, Nancy Kucera, Ben Hauser, Trystan Borders, Frank Gaddis, Anthony Wiseman and Mason Wren. Photo provided.

Several local organizations recently joined forces to remove litter and other discarded items from the portion of the Cache River that parallels Lime Kiln Road on the north side of Anna.

Members of the Anna Tree City USA Commission, Union County Boy Scout Troop 7044 and the Anna-Jonesboro Garden Club's conservation committee gathered and properly disposed of 24 bags of trash while informally discussing future plans to improve the community.

The effort stemmed from a partnership between the City of Anna and Living Lands and Waters, an environmental advocacy group

from East Moline.

The city participates in the Adopt-a-River program and monitors the first 1.5 miles of the Cache River. The source of the river is located between the Anna Cemetery and the Anna City Park.

The event was the product of a brainstorming session at a Tree City USA meeting, according to Tom Caldwell, an arborist employed by the city and member of the garden club.

"It's not commonly known that the City of Anna is blessed with the Cache River flowing right through town," Caldwell said in a news release.

"What we do here is sig-

nificant to the Barkhausen State Wetlands Center and Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge downstream. We're all connected by the river; we should also be connected in stewardship," Caldwell said.

The City of Anna's Tree City USA Commission has also recently received a grant from Trees Forever to add trees at the cemetery and city park, both of which are located within the watershed of the river.

"Trees filter the air, protect the soil and make the whole place more attractive and inviting," Caldwell said. "We're hoping to enjoy the same community support and volunteerism for this project as well."

Rural Health commemorates MAT program's fifth anniversary

Sunday, April 3, marked the fifth year for the Medication Assisted Treatment program at Rural Health Inc.

Medication Assisted Treatment, otherwise known as MAT, is the use of medications in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies to provide a "whole patient" approach to the treatment of opioid use disorders.

Overall, MAT is used to help sustain opioid addiction, and is used to prevent and reduce opioid overdose. For the last five years, Rural Health's MAT program has treated many individuals struggling with opioid dependence.

Licensed clinical social worker Ali Brown and Olivia Hand, licensed clinical social worker-Rural Health MAT program shared the following thoughts in conjunction with the program's fifth year:

"We have worked with Rural Health's MAT Pro-

gram since the very beginning.

"Over the past five years, we have been able to see that addiction and recovery not only affect the individual, but the entire community as a whole.

"We have seen firsthand how Medication Assisted Treatment allows individuals to get their lives back."

"We've encountered challenges, but also celebrated many successes.

"We have seen how recovery positively impacts our whole community, which is why we continue to bring awareness to addiction, recovery and the resources available."

"As we celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Medication Assisted Treatment Program at Rural Health Inc, we are reminded of all the lives that have been touched and of the potential the program has to continue to positively impact the community."

Rural Health Inc. community outreach coordinator Chase Hileman said the organization "is proud to be taking on the opioid crisis and will continue to do so for years to come, for all of those affected in the surrounding communities."

Rural Health Inc. offers its MAT program across all five of its clinics with licensed MAT providers accepting new patients.

More information about the program is available by contacting Rural Health Inc.'s main office in Anna, phone 833-4471.

Rural Health Inc. is a private, not-for-profit organization which provides medical, OB-GYN, dental and behavioral health care to residents of the area.

Locations include Anna, Dongola, Vienna, Goreville and Metropolis. Rural Health Inc.'s five clinical sites are a member of the National Health Service Corps.

County Line News

(Mill Creek and Upper Elco)

April at last. I survived without one, single April Fool's Day joke too. What are the odds? Maybe folks have forgotten about that tradition...or perhaps the joke was expecting one all day and not getting it. Hmm, something to think about.

April Showers...

Well, another tradition started this (Monday) morning. April showers...which I hope don't morph into something worse.

Now, the April showers will most definitely bring those May flowers as my perennials are slowly popping their heads out of the ground.

The peach trees, pear trees, forsythia, daffodils, tulip magnolias, pansies, crocus and a few others have already started blooming. A time of rebirth, renewal, and reflection on life.

Special Visit

I took a stroll through the St. John's Cemetery this past weekend. I do so quite a bit. I visit with my mother and other family and friends while I replace flowers, sweep off grass cuttings and just meander around reflecting on the many people that are still a part of my life, just in a different way.

Just because they aren't walking this earth, doesn't mean they are gone from my thoughts or fail to influence me today. They shaped my life, each and everyone of them.

All of this led into Brother Bobby Richardson's message Sunday morning, at Mill Creek Baptist Church.

As we head into the study of the final week of Jesus' life, we took a look at the verses of John 10: 7-18. These verses are known by the title "Jesus the Good Shepherd."

Brother Bob's message was a reminder that we play a part, as Christians, in helping lead others by finding common ground with them.

Witnessing

He and his brother, Harold, went last week to Louisiana on a fishing trip.

Just like other disciples of Christ, he became a fisher of men. He witnessed his entire trip. So do we, knowingly or not. Each day Satan works to destroy our witness as Christians. Our attitude, personality, demeanor, and opinions come across more loudly than our words. Do you practice your faith by witnessing to others? Is your witness positive? Something else to think about.

We have added Louise Thompson (Tyne) to our prayer list for health, and Julie Bullard's father, Danny Weaver, as he undergoes tests this week.

Let us pray for our communities. We need to put aside any hard feelings, and work to bring about a rebirth of joy, peace and love among our neighbors and family.

Easter Events

Mill Creek Baptist Church reminds all that we are having our Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 16, at 11 a.m., with a hot dog roast followed by the hunt. All are welcome.

On Sunday, April 17, we will also be observing the Resurrection with an Easter sunrise service at 6:30 a.m., followed by a break-

Harvest Church announces new direction for pantry

Harvest Church SI in Anna has announced a new direction for its pantry, which serves Union County residents.

Harvest Church SI is located at 602 E. Davie St. in Anna.

On April 14, the church plans to start distributing paper products, toiletries, personal hygiene, cleaning and laundry supplies.

The church's pantry will continue to distribute food, for as long as supplies last.

Pantry days are scheduled on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Those seeking assistance are asked to come to the church's main entrance.

Community assistance for other matters also is avail-

able by calling 833-0603.

Those who call are asked to listen to the full message for assistance. Callers also are asked to not leave a message in any other person's mailbox. The church sends a link to fill out an online application.

Those who have internet access can apply in person, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

fast and regular services at 10:30 a.m. Again, all are welcome.

Lot of Company

The Harvel household was blessed with a lot of company this weekend.

Shirley's daughter, Vickie Jacobs, and granddaughter, Tami Sadler, visited from Sparta. Another granddaughter and Richard and Suzan's daughter, Nikki Bates, and her husband, Jordan, along with their children, Godfrey and Desmond, visited from Cape Girardeau.

Shirley's son, Chuck Harvel and his wife, Martha, who live across the highway, were also in attendance.

They brought along their son, Sam Harvel, and his wife Bethany, of Cobden. Who, in turn, brought all six of their children: Haddassah, Zipporah, Havilah, Naphtali, Berechiah and Zemira.

Needless to say, the house was full...just the way we like it. The kids went down to the pond and fed the fish, dragged out toys to play with, ran wild through the yard and house, while the adults also visited. Some of the best times ever.



Easter bunny and friends

The Easter bunny, with some help from LJ Hackethal of Cobden, was the special guest at a breakfast served last Saturday morning at the Cobden Elementary School. The special guest was joined by Girl Scouts Kaylie Adams of Cobden, Elizabeth Back of Anna, Gracie Cook of Makanda, Treasure Walker of Carbondale and Jeannie Gerlach of Cobden, who is Kaylie's mom and a Girl Scout troop leader. The breakfast was served as part of Kaylie Adams' Girl Scout Gold Award project.

Breakfast with a special guest served to support Girl Scout Gold Award project

Breakfast with the Easter bunny was served last Saturday morning in the cafeteria at the Cobden Elementary School...with proceeds from the special event going for a good cause.

Girl Scout Kaylie Adams of Cobden organized the breakfast.

The breakfast was served to help raise funds in support of Kaylie's Girl Scout Gold Award project.

Her project involves

remodeling of a Cobden School band trailer, along with the creation of a display case to showcase awards won by the band.

Kaylie is a sophomore at Cobden High School. She also is in the Cobden band. She plays the clarinet and is captain of the color guard.

Kaylie is a member of Girl Scout Troop 8548. She has been in Girl Scouts for seven years. She started work on the Gold Award project last

August. She hopes to finish the project in September.

Members of Troop 8544 also were on hand to help with Saturday's breakfast. The menu featured pancakes, milk and juice.

The event raised a couple of hundred dollars for the Gold Award project.

Donations for the project are still welcomed. Information is available by contacting Jeannie Gerlach by email at jeannie0507@gmail.com.

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Nursing scholarships available through Farm Bureau program

Applications are available for nurse practitioner scholarships through the Illinois Farm Bureau Rural Nurse Practitioner Scholarship Program.

Fifteen scholarships, worth \$4,000 each, will be granted this year.

The scholarship program, in its 30th year, helps to encourage and develop the pool of rural health practitioners to help meet primary health care needs in rural Illinois.

Students who receive scholarships agree to practice for two years in an approved rural area in Illinois.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be Illinois residents and be a registered nurse accepted or enrolled in an accredited nurse practitioner program.

Funding is provided by

News from Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna



Katie and Lauryn Stegle enjoyed Mt. Moriah's Easter egg hunt during the Easter festivities in downtown Anna on Saturday. Photo provided.

Holy Week Service Schedule

Maunder Thursday worship, 7 p.m., Salem Lutheran Church, Jonesboro.

Good Friday worship, 7 p.m., Mt. Moriah.

Easter Sunday: Mt. Moriah, 9 a.m. Salem, 10:30 a.m.

Anna School pre-kindergarten registration set

Anna School District No. 37 pre-kindergarten registration/Child Find is scheduled Tuesday, April 26.

Hours are planned from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (closed from 11 a.m. to noon for lunch) at Lincoln Elementary School, which is located at 108 Warren St. in Anna. Entry will be through the main office door. No appointments are necessary.

Those who are interested in applying for pre-kindergarten for the 2022-2023 school year are asked to bring the following with them:

The child, the child's certified birth certificate and proof of family income (two most recent, consecutive paystubs, W-2 taxes or proofs of benefits/assistance received).

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Applications are available at county Farm Bureaus throughout the state, on the Rural Illinois Medical Student Assistance Program website at RIMSAP.com or by writing to Donna Gallivan, Program Manager, Illinois Farm Bureau, PO Box 2901, Bloomington, Ill. 61702-2901. Applications are due May 1.

Information about the program is available by contacting Donna Gallivan by phone at 309-557-2350 or by e-mail at dgallivan@ilfb.org.

PAWS fish fry planned

PAWS (Pets Are Worth Saving) is planning to serve a drive-thru fish fry on Friday, April 15.

Pick-up is planned between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. behind Lou's Room, which is located at 109 W. Vienna St. in Anna.

The menu will feature fried tilapia filets, baked beans, potato salad and slaw. The cost is \$12 for each dinner.

PAWS noted that reservations are required, since the number of meals will be limited.

Reservations can be made by calling 618-713-1709 or by contacting a PAWS board member (Kim Hughey, Pam McLean, Susan Askew, Mary Jo King or Kathy Swafford).

Robertson benefit set at VFW

A benefit for Keith Robertson is planned Saturday, April 9, at Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 near Anna. The post is located at 70 VFW Ln.

A variety of activities are planned, including:

A cornhole tournament at 1 p.m.

Live music from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

A silent auction at 3 p.m.

A barbeque dinner at 5 p.m.

A live band, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Karaoke, 8 p.m. to close.

The day also will feature raffles and a 50/50 raffle.



Crossover Ceremony

A Crossover Ceremony was held on Monday, March 7, to honor Frank Gaddis and Trystan Borders. The two scouts crossed over and said goodbye to their Cub Scout pack and were officially welcomed to Union County Boy Scout Troop 7044. Each of the new scouts received a new neckerchief and applets to wear on their new uniform. Boy Scouting is open to boys between the ages of 11 and 17. Scout meetings are scheduled at 7 p.m. on Mondays at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, which is located at 102 W. Jefferson St. in Anna. Photos provided.



Families encouraged to apply for utility bill assistance program

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, DCEO, encourages families in need to apply for \$150 million in utility bill assistance through the Help Illinois Families Program.

All families who meet the criteria and provide required documentation are eligible to receive utility bill assistance for natural gas, propane and electricity through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, LIHEAP.

Since the launch of the program year in September 2021, more than 230,000 households have received utility assistance so far.

In addition to utilities benefits that are available each year, the \$150 million in available benefits includes an additional \$80 million for the Utility Disconnection Avoidance Program, UDAP, for current year LIHEAP recipients who are in imminent threat of utility shut-off.

This expanded safety net through UDAP is expected to support over 50,000 additional resident accounts currently on ICC utilities disconnect lists across the state.

UDAP provides emergency relief dollars for Illinois customers at risk of service disconnections.

To be eligible for UDAP, households need to have received LIHEAP benefits between Sept. 1, 2021, and May 31, 2022, and be in imminent threat of disconnection.

AUDAP participant may receive a one-time credit, per utility, based on the utility account balance. Assistance can range from \$250 up to a maximum of \$5,000.

Information for Households

The State of Illinois offers various programs to support eligible low-income families with utility assistance.

These programs are open to all eligible low-income Illinois families who meet the criteria, including undocumented families.

While the amount of support varies based on the needs of individual families, this year's LIHEAP recipients have received an average of \$930 per household.

Through LIHEAP, support for eligible families includes:

One-time Direct Vendor Payment: All LIHEAP recipients typically receive a one-time payment to help with utilities bills.

Crisis/Reconnection Assistance: Funding is available for families in heating-related emergency situations.

Furnace Assistance: Based on funding availability, Furnace Assistance may be provided to households that do not have an operating furnace for their residence.

UDAP: UDAP provides support for current year LIHEAP and Percentage of Income Payment Plan, PIPP, customers either on

a utility's disconnection list or in imminent threat of disconnection due to an arrearage of \$250 or more. Families who receive LIHEAP benefits automatically qualify for this program and do not need to apply separately.

Home Weatherization Program: The Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program, IHWAP, helps low income residents and households conserve fuel and reduce energy costs by making their homes and apartments more energy

Information for Families to Apply

For households interested in the LIHEAP program, the state encourages residents to apply by May 31, 2022. To apply:

Visit helpillinoisfamilies.com to fill out and submit a request for services form online or visit a local agency. In Union County, information is available from Shawnee Development Council Inc.

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Where: Lincoln Elementary School, 108 Warren St.
Enter through main office door.
When: Tuesday, April 26, 2022
Time: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Closed for lunch 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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Anna Fire Department personnel attend fire service institute training



Anna Fire Department personnel participated in a live burn class which was presented March 26 by the Illinois Fire Service Institute. The institute provided free training to departments throughout Illinois to better prepare firefighters for the real thing. Anna Fire Department personnel who went to the class trained in forcible entry, search and rescue and extinguishing of structure fires. The personnel from the Anna Fire Department who attended the training included fire chief Mike Dammerman, assistant chief Todd Harris and firefighters Seth Busby, Braxton Kristoff, Colyn Girtman, Jared Klein and Austin Stoner. Photos provided.

Biodiversity field trip grants awarded

More than 3,300 students will visit Illinois state parks, natural areas, museums and other natural resources sites this year to learn about nature and conservation thanks to grant funding through the Illinois Biodiversity Field Trip Grant Program.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources recently announced the awarding of more than \$52,000 in donated funds for 64 field trip grants. Grant recipients represent 19 counties in the state.

The entire \$52,410.48 awarded for 2022 was

made possible by private donations from the Independence Tube Corp. of Bedford Park, the Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Foundation of Skokie and the D.F. and M.T. Grohne Family Foundation of Wilmington.

The donations and funding for the grants are coordinated by the Illinois Conservation Foundation.

Since its inception in 2001, the grant program has distributed more than \$1.3 million, and more than 122,000 students have been provided the opportunity to take part in a field trip.

Grant recipients are lo-

cated throughout Illinois and represent students from pre-kindergarten through high school.

The competitive grant program allows Illinois teachers to apply for funds to take students on a field trip to study Illinois' natural resources.

Learning activities must directly relate to the school's curriculum. The annual application deadline is Jan. 31.

Funding administered by the Illinois Conservation Foundation covers expenses such as the costs of transportation and substitute teachers.



Garden clubs have spring meeting

Members of Anna-Jo Garden Club attended the annual spring meeting of District 7 of the Garden Clubs of Illinois. Anna-Jo Garden Club members who attended the meeting included, in the first row, from left, Marge Selinger, Pete Housman, Betty Sirles and Darlene Lingle. In the second row are Glenda Jones, Nancy Kucera, Susan Sherwin and Jean Few. In the third row are Elaine Dunn, Linda Karraker and Peggy Ferguson.

Nine garden clubs in Southern Illinois make up District 7. The clubs have a total of 247 members. The program speaker at the district meeting was photographer Dave Cooper of Benton. The program was titled "A Pictorial Review of Southern Illinois Flora and Fauna." Following lunch, Garden Clubs of Illinois president Marilyn Krueger installed new officers. Photo provided.

Low temperatures in 30s follow stormy weather, strong winds

Stormy weather was followed by wintry cold temperatures last week in the Union County area.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported on its website that strong gradient winds were observed in Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky as surface low pressure deepened and moved north of the area on Wednesday, March 30.

Wind gusts of 40 to 50 miles per hour occurred through the day.

Wind Gusts Top 70 mph in Region

Peak wind gusts recorded on March 30 topped 70 mph, the weather service reported.

Some of the peak wind gusts recorded in the region included:

73 mph near Morganfield, Ky. 60 mph at Paducah. 53 mph at Carbondale. 49 mph at Cape Girardeau. 43 mph at Marion.

The weather service reported that during the afternoon of March 30, a line of thunderstorms formed from Arkansas into Southeast Missouri and progressed eastward across the entire area into the early evening.

The line of storms produced scattered wind damage and minor flooding issues.

Heavy rain

Most locations received 1 to 2 inches of rain from the event, but there were some locally higher pockets over 2 inches in Southeast Missouri and Southern Illinois.

Street flooding was most notable across Williamson County in Southern Illinois.

Some power outages were observed as well, including in the Paducah, Morganfield, Ky., and Henderson, Ky., areas as the line of storms moved through. Power outages also were experienced in the Union County area.

The weather service



Heavy rain falls

Heavy rain was falling when the photograph was taken Wednesday evening, March 30, along East Davie Street in Anna.

reported that a tornado touched down in Carmi. The tornado was classified as EF-1, with peak winds of 100 mph.

No injuries were reported as a result of the tornado. The weather service reported that at least a dozen houses had shingle damage. A few sheds sustained extensive damage; one was destroyed. Power poles and lines were down along the 7.9-mile-long path of the tornado.

Low Temperatures in 30s Followed Storms

Cold temperatures, with low readings in the 30s, followed last week's stormy weather.

The weather service issued a special weather statement Thursday afternoon, March 30, for the entire region.

"This will be cold enough, if the winds diminish along with it, for patchy frost to develop across the area," the weather service advised.

Those with young crops or plants were advised to protect them if they were susceptible to frost.

The weather service also

issued a freeze warning for parts of the region, including Jackson County in Southern Illinois and Cape Girardeau County in Southeast Missouri.

Freezing temperatures as low as 30 to 32 degrees were in the forecast for those areas.

"Frost and freeze conditions will kill crops, other sensitive vegetation and possibly damage unprotected outdoor plumbing," the weather service stated.

Areas of frost were possible again last Friday night in the region.

Another round of cold weather was in the forecast for early last Sunday morning.

The weather service issued a frost advisory for parts of Southern Illinois (including Union County), Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky.

Temperatures as low as 34, nearly calm winds and relatively clear skies were expected to result in the formation of frost during the overnight hours.

One more round of cold weather is in the forecast for this week.

The low temperature Friday night is expected to be around 33. The low Saturday night could drop to around 36.

Holocaust survivor to speak at SIU

Born nearly a century ago, Walter Blass has experienced much in his lifetime, including being displaced from his country, surviving the Holocaust after his father was arrested on the first day of World War II, serving as a Peace Corps director in Afghanistan and much more.

He plans to share some of his life stories and insights during an appearance which is planned Thursday, today, on the Southern Illinois University Carbondale campus.

Everyone is welcome to attend "A Conversation with Walter Blass: Holocaust Survivor, Refugee, Peace Corps Director, Business Executive," which is set for 4:30 p.m. today in the University Museum auditorium at Faner Hall (room 1526) on the SIU campus. Admission is free, and no tickets are required. Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-seated basis.

Blass plans to touch on several topics that have not only impacted his life, but that are also relevant in today's world, including immigration, what it is like to be a refugee, European reparations and survivors' guilt.

SIU faculty members with expertise on these subjects are scheduled to join Blass for a panel discussion. A question-and-answer session will follow.

The presentation will wrap up with a reception in the lobby outside the auditorium.

Blass was uprooted at the age of 5 in 1935 when his

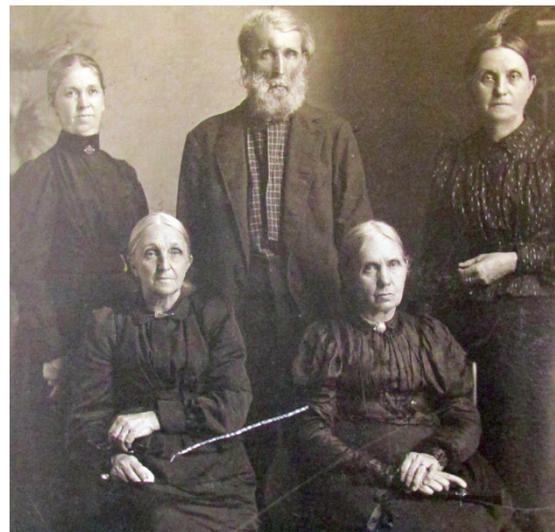
family of Jewish heritage fled his native Germany after the Nazi party took control.

His lawyer father had doubts about Adolf Hitler and moved the family to Belgium. That wasn't far enough, though, as Walter's father was arrested and sent to a concentration camp, leading Blass and his mother to flee to France, where they were arrested and jailed in Agen.

Seeing the young boy

was apparently destined for a concentration camp, the jailer instead sent Blass to a home for delinquent children, likely saving his life. Eventually, the family reunited in the United States.

Sponsors of the presentation include the SIU Office of Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Library Affairs; the University Museum and the SIU School of History and Philosophy.



Adult children

The photograph features the adult children of Winstead and Anna Davie. The photograph was taken in July 1900. Those in the photograph are Nancy Atkins Davie Brown (1844-1928), Daniel Spence Davie (1827-1919), Mary Ann Davie Perrine (1838-1914), Serena Anna Davie Walton (1833-1909) and Emily Davie Wiley (1830-1920). The photograph is on display, along with a variety of documents and artifacts related to the Winstead Davie family. The display is at the Union County Museum which is located at 117 S. Appleknocker in downtown Cobden. The exhibit is scheduled to continue through the early summer. The museum's hours are scheduled from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, April 3, in the morning service, Pastor Perry Williams spoke about whether there is a literal place called hell and the way to get to heaven. The message was based on scripture from John.

The service was sent via transmitter for worshippers who stayed in their cars on the church's lower parking lot while tuned in to their radios on station 87.9 FM.

The service also was live streamed on Facebook, where it can be viewed.

The church's Facebook page, Jonesboro FBC, has videos and the latest information about possible closings.

Music director Dee Rose

led worship. Debbie York was the pianist. Marlee Smith sang the song "Until Grace."

Men's Bible study was planned at 7 p.m. Monday.

The senior adult group, Living Longer and Loving It, planned to have a monthly meeting and potluck meal Tuesday morning, April 5.

A Good Friday service is planned at 7 p.m. Friday, April 15.

On Saturday, April 16, at 10 a.m., the church plans to host an Easter egg hunt for children from birth to 6th grade. Free train rides and treat bags are planned. Children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult.

On Easter Sunday, April

17, the Celebration Choir plans to present a cantata, "The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power," at 10 a.m.

Birthdays: Isabel Tehandon, April 8; Eugene Benefield, April 10.

Anniversaries: Eugene and Kim Benefield, April 5, 42 years; Floyd and Edna Dallas, April 8, 70 years; Walter and Robin Jackson, April 8, 50 years.

The regular schedule for worship at Jonesboro First Baptist Church includes Sunday School classes on Sunday at 9 a.m., Sunday morning worship at 10 a.m. and Sunday evening worship at 6 p.m.

The Dig-In Children's program and a youth group meeting are scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Prayer and Bible study are scheduled at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

A Sunday morning worship service was held April 3 in the church and on Zoom.

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

The message given by Pastor Wright was titled "Living for God." Scripture was from 1 Peter.

The message can be found on the church's website at annanaz.com and on the church's Facebook page.

Communion was served to the congregation.

Birthdays: Marilyn Elkins, April 9.

Fellowship Connect is planned at 6:30 p.m. April 8. Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. Sunday, April 10.

Adult and children's Sunday School is planned at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, April 10.

A morning worship service

is planned at 10:35 a.m. Sunday, April 10.

Children's church is planned at 10:35 a.m. Sunday, April 10.

Quizzing is planned at 5 p.m. Sunday, April 10.

A Wednesday night service is planned at 6:30 p.m. on April 13 in the sanctuary and on Zoom, with the youth group meeting and children's Bible quizzing in the fellowship hall. The pastor can be texted prior to the meeting for the Zoom password.

A Passover meal is planned at 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 15, in the fellowship hall.

An Easter egg hunt is planned at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 16, at the Graham Farm.

Easter Sunday is April 17. Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. Sunday School

is planned at 9:30 a.m. A morning worship service is planned at 10:35 a.m. Quizzing is planned at 5 p.m.

The church can be contacted by calling the church office at 833-6702 and leaving a message if necessary or by calling Pastor Wright at 618-534-7103.

Fish dinner set at Cobden church

The final fish dinner of the Lenten season will be served Friday, April 8, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cobden.

Serving will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the parish hall on the church grounds. The church is located at 101 Centennial St. in Cobden.

Costs for a meal will be \$12 for adults and \$6 for children ages 5-12. Children 4 and under will eat free. Carry outs will be available.

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Daily Bible Reading

Psalm	John	John	John	John	John	John
43	9:1-12	9:13-41	11:1-27	11:28-44	11:45-57	12:1-11

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Worship services set to resume at historic Kornthal Church

Worship services are scheduled to resume at historic Kornthal Church in Union County.

The Kornthal Memorial board announced that a service is set for 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 10. Palm Sunday is that day. Light refreshments will be served following the service.

The board also has announced plans to change a regular Thursday night worship service. Services now will be held on the second Thursday of the month. Thursday services are set to resume on May 12. Services will be at 7 p.m.

Kornthal Church is located 2 miles south of Jonesboro, just off Illinois Route 127. File photo.

First Evangelical Presbyterian Church

315 South Street • Anna • 833-5225

Rev. Dr. David Fischler

April 10th - Palm Sunday

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

April 14th - Maundy Thursday

Communion Service 7:00 p.m.

April 15th - Good Friday

Services at 12:15 and 7:00 p.m.

April 17th - Easter Sunday Services

Sunrise Service 6:00 a.m. at Jane Rader's residence

Sunday School 8:45 a.m.

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Anna First Church of the Nazarene
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Pastor Randy Wright

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Sunday School
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St. Mary Catholic Church
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Palm Sunday Mass

Saturday, April 9 - 5 p.m. Mass at St. Mary
Sunday, April 10 - 8 a.m. Mass at St. Mary; 10 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph

April 14 - Holy Thursday

7 p.m. Mass of the Supper of the Lord at St. Joseph

April 15 - Good Friday

12 p.m. Stations of the Cross at St. Mary
3 p.m. The Passion of the Lord Service at St. Joseph

April 16 - Holy Saturday

8 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass at St. Joseph

April 17 - Easter Sunday

8 a.m. Mass at St. Mary; 10 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph

First Baptist Church of Cobden

200 Walker St.

893-2261

Pastor Ed Falgout

Friday, April 15th
Good Friday Service with
Communion 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 17th
Bible Study/Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m.

Everyone is cordially invited to come hear the historical evidence, this Easter Sunday, that necessitates the bodily resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

Dongola Lutheran Parish

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

April 15th - Good Friday Service at First Lutheran Church 6:30 p.m.

April 17th - Easter Sunday
Worship Service with Holy Communion at St. John's Lutheran Church 9:00 a.m.

Everyone is welcome!

Anna United Methodist Church

111 West Monroe • 833-2234

Palm Sunday - April 10th

10:45 a.m. - Cantata - Redeemer

Maundy Thursday, April 14th

7:00 p.m. - Holy Communion Service

Good Friday - April 15th

7:00 p.m. - Seder Meal

Easter Sunday - April 17th

10:45 a.m. - Worship celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Pastor Tim Gossett • Happy Easter

Mill Creek Baptist Church

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April 16th
Hot Dog Roast prior to Easter
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April 17th
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Saturday, April 16
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Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Regular Worship 10 A.M.

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Salem Lutheran Church

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Rev. Mark Hasty

Palm Sunday - April 10th

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Maundy Thursday - April 14th

7:00 p.m. Worship at Salem

Good Friday - April 15th

7:00 p.m. Mount Moriah

Prayer Vigil til Noon Friday at Mount Moriah

Easter Sunday - April 17th

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YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL
RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. Unless
you appear you will not be
entitled to further written
notices or publication notices
of the proceedings in this
case, including the filing of
an amended petition or a
motion to terminate parental
rights. Now, unless you appear
at the hearing and show cause
against the petition, the
allegations of the petition
may stand admitted as
against you and each of you,
and an order or judgment
entered.

Keri E. Clark

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Dated: April 1, 2022

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Notice for Bid

The Dongola Unit School
District #66 is accepting bids
for milk for the 2022-2023
school year. For more
information or bid specifications,
please contact the unit office
at (618) 827-3841. Bids need

to be submitted to Dr. Paige
Helm Maginel, Dongola Unit
#66, 1000 High Street, Dongola,
Illinois 62926. Sealed
bids will be accepted until
May 20th, 2022.

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Notice for Bid

The Dongola Unit School
District #66 is accepting bids
for lawn services (mowing)
for the 2022-2023 school
year. For more information
or bid specifications, please
contact the unit office at (618)
827-3841. Bids need to be
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Maginel, Dongola Unit #66,
1000 High Street, Dongola,
Illinois 62926. Sealed bids
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IN THE CIRCUIT

COURT FOR THE 1ST

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

UNION COUNTY -

JONESBORO, ILLINOIS

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

PLAINTIFF

Vs.

Tiffany D. Farris;

Felix Mumba;

Cavalry SPV I, LLC;

State of Illinois -

Department of Revenue;

Unknown Owners and

Nonrecord Claimants

DEFENDANTS

2022FC4

NOTICE BY

PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO

YOU:

Felix Mumba

Unknown Owners and

Nonrecord Claimants

That this case has been
commenced in this Court
against you and other
defendants, praying for the
foreclosure of a certain
Mortgage conveying the
premises described as
follows, to-wit:
COMMONLY KNOWN
AS:

100 Williams Street

Anna, IL 62906

and which said Mortgage

was made by:

Tiffany D. Farris

Felix Mumba

the Mortgageor(s), to

Mortgage Electronic
Registration Systems, Inc.,
as mortgagee, as nominee
for American Bank, a
Federal Savings Bank,
as Mortgagee, and

recorded in the Office of
the Recorder of Deeds of
Union County, Illinois, as
Document No. 2013R1981;
and for other relief; that
summons was duly issued
out of said Court against
you as provided by law
and that the said suit is
now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE,
UNLESS YOU file your
answer or otherwise file
your appearance in this
case in the Office of the
Clerk of this Court,

Keri Clark, Circuit Clerk

P.O. Box 450

Jonesboro, IL 62952

on or before May 9, 2022,

A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED

AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME

AFTER THAT DAY AND A

JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE

PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

CODILIS &

ASSOCIATES, P.C.

Attorneys for Plaintiff

15W030 North Frontage

Road, Suite 100



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CONTEST RULES

- Must be 18 or older to enter at any or all of the participating sponsors.
- Entries must be received by 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 12.
- The winners will be notified by phone on Wednesday, April 13.
- All entries must be delivered to the corresponding sponsors. (No mail-in entries will be accepted.)
- Only one entry per household, per business and only one winner per household.
- Employees of Reppert Publications, participating sponsors and their immediate family members are not eligible to win.



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Paul C. Jacobs, O.D., F.A.C.O.P.
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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

Please have news to me by Sunday night. Email me at marthaannwebb@gmail.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.

Easter Bunny Visits

The Easter Bunny came to Anna last Saturday. Thanks to all the store owners for making this a great day for the children to enjoy and our Anna City Police Department.

Saturday, April 9, is the Kiwanis Club Easter egg hunt in our Anna City Park.

Wear Blue

April 1 was the kickoff for the 12th annual Union County Child Abuse Prevention Month.

In honor of this wear blue all month and pray all year for the safety of children everywhere.

If you came from a home where your had a wonderful family and a Christian home be thankful. So many children do not. Everyone deserves to have a wonderful childhood to remember.

My parents, Claude A. and Bessie Davis have gone to heaven but there is not a day goes by that I do not thank them for the wonderful home we had.

I may not have always thought it when I was growing up but as I have gotten

older I know now the No's and why they said them. We prayed at every meal. Every night before we went to bed we had a family devotion and everyone prayed with my dad leading it.

I appreciate all the days I was made to go to church even if I didn't want to sometime but I knew if I didn't go every time the church doors were opened in the week I would not be able to go to Teen Town on Friday and Saturday nights.

If I was too sick to go to church then come the weekend my mother would say I was too sick to go out with my friends.

I loved church and still do, and the songs and fellowship we had in Sunday School, Training Union, church service, children's church, Wednesday prayer meetings, Sunbeams, GA's, choir, revivals, church camp growing up at Anna First Baptist Church.

I think of how some children do not have these happy memories and its so sad.

If people would only put God first in their lives,

read their Bible every day, everything else would fall in place. Love is something we can never return but we can pass it on. Being kind to others is one of the greatest gifts we can receive or give.

Special Thanks

To Golda Kessler, Brenda Allen, Curt and Bessie Ellis for giving me credit when you renewed your subscriptions to The Gazette-Democrat in March.

6th Birthday

Nathan and Kae Bracken hosted a family dinner on March 27 in honor of their daughter, Emerson, who celebrated her 6th birthday.

Emerson has six brothers and one sister. Those present were her grandpa Will Bracken, Amber and Robert Mayberry and children, Lexie, Ava, Kylie and Titus, Mary Dew and Tina Bryant.

Everyone enjoyed cake and ice cream, and Emerson enjoyed playing with her cousins.

Vacation

Rick and Wanda Dillow enjoyed a three week vacation in South Carolina.

First, they visited their grandchildren Brittany and Braden at Clemson where they go to school. Their children Andrea and Bryan brought their youngest granddaughter, Bridget, and joined them for Braden's 19th birthday. They had a great visit.

The next day they went to see their niece, Amy Linsin, and her family in Greenville, S.C. They enjoyed visiting with Dennis and Amy, as well as Lucas, for a few days. They also investigated Greenville and the beautiful water falls in

the downtown park.

The remaining time was spent in Mt. Pleasant, S.C., with Bryan, Andrea and Bridget. They got to see Bridget play lacross, walk on the beach, shop and tour several historic areas. Their favorite was in Beaufort, S.C. The carriage ride through the historical section was very interesting.

Their visits with family were great. The weather was decent for their time there and the flowers and blooming trees were beautiful. They had a very pleasant time.

Bauers Florida Trip

Barb and Norm Bauer enjoyed an evening together recently in historic Monticello, Fla., with Bob and Linda Boyd of Tallahassee, Fla.

Barbara's and Bob's great-grandfathers, C. Jerry and James Richard Boyd, were Union County brothers, sons of Jonathan and Almira Johnson Boyd (C. Jerry-Ernest C.-Glenn E.-Barbara. James Richard-Lester-Wayne-Bob.)

Bob grew up and was educated in Kankakee, but appreciates his Union County roots and family history. He is a retired attorney and lives in Tallahassee with his wife Linda.

SIU Graduate

Tina Bryant's nephew, Johnathan Dew, graduated from SIU on Dec. 11, 2021. He received a BA in media arts/film and Video production.

Those who attended the graduation were his nother, Mary Lazenby-Dew, his aunt, Tina Bryant, both from Anna, John's dad, Dylan, Joyce Schuchman his grandmother, Michael Dew, his uncle and his sisters Crystal and Lilly Dew, all of St. Louis area.

John was very excited about graduating and his family was too.

Birthday

March 25 Jimmy Meller.

Wedding Anniversaries

March 31 Valeria and Jimmy Meller, 33 years. Bessie and Curt Ellis, April 10, 23 years.

Ziegler News

Cathy Ziegler and



Maj. Gen. James Bonner was guest speaker at the Anna American Legion meeting and was welcomed by Anna VFW commander Jerry Forcht. The American Legion meets in the back room of the Anna VFW. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, at 6 p.m.



Homer Hawk, commander of the Anna American Legion, welcomed his daughter Debra and her husband Maj. Gen. James Bonner from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., in the Ozarks to the American Legion meeting Tuesday, March 29.



Maj. Gen. James Bonner was welcomed by Jean Few, retired nurse who served in the Vietnam War and is on the Blue Star and Gold Star committee for the Anna-Jo Garden Club, and Martha Ann Webb, coordinator for Honor Wreaths for Veterans, whose husband Glen served in the Korean War, welcomed James to the American Legion meeting.



Valeria and Jimmy Meller celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary March 31. Jimmy celebrated his birthday March 25.



Happy 23rd wedding anniversary April 10 to my daughter Bessie Mae and son-in-law Curt Ellis.



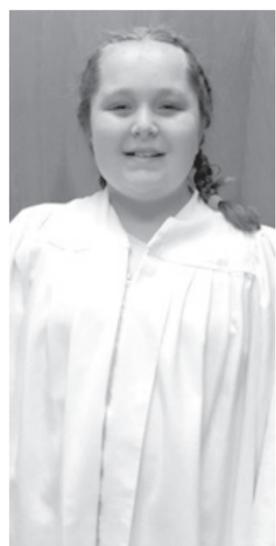
Members Susie Kessler back, Lillian Milam, Marie Samuel, Jane Bauer from the Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club attended the District 25 Women's Club meeting in Herrin. Pictured with them is Jackie Hancock from Marion.



Anna Police Chief Bryan Watkins and Assistant Police Chief Tim Smith prepared Easter treat eggs for the city's Easter event Saturday, April 2.



Congratulations to Marie Samuel on receiving first place with her art work at the District 25 General Federation of Women's Clubs convention in Marion March 30.



Violet Yates was baptized at Anna Heights Baptist Church on April 3. Her parents are Jamie and Rebecca Yates, grandparents are Don and Joni Yates and Willie and Terrie Rhymer.



Dorothy Mitchelle celebrated her birthday April 1.



Emerson Bracken celebrated her 6th birthday March 27.



Kathy Wills, chief of staff at State Sen. Terri Bryant's office attended the Union County 12th annual Child Abuse Prevention Month Kickoff.



Congratulations to Johnathan Dew who graduated from SIU. He received a BA in media arts/film and video production. His aunt Tina Bryant and all his family and friends are very proud of him.



Barbara and Norm Bauer from Anna visited with Linda and Bob Boyd from Tallahassee in historic Monticello, Jefferson County (named for Thomas Jefferson), Florida. Barb and Bob enjoyed remembering their Union County Boyd heritage and laughed about things they have in common. DNA studies led to their friendship and heritage discoveries.

Corinne Steveson met with their brother, Daryl McCoy, and sister, Joyce and her husband Don King, for Family Friday on Friday, April 1, at the Kings.

Saturday, April 2, Cathy Ziegler and Marie Samuel attended the Delta Kappa Gamma meeting at the Scuttle Inn in Percy.

Saturday evening Cathy Ziegler attended a musical program at Grace Presbyterian Church in Carbondale in honor of Five Loaves, a charitable organization in Uganda.

Guest
Of Lovella Graig was her daughter Monica Trimble of Missoula, Mont.

Monica also visited other family members and friends and enjoyed the church service at United Methodist Church in Anna, where her niece Jessica Anderson played the piano for the church service and special music a piano solo.

Rhymer News
Willie and Terrie Rhymer had guests Bob and Betty Caraker on Monday at their house for supper in celebration of the Carakers' birthdays.

The Rhymer have been busy this week attending soccer games of four of

their grandchildren who play for Union County Soccer. Two of their oldest grands also are referees at the games. Most games at least two are playing at the same time on different parts of the field so they sit and watch between the fields.

American Legion
Will meet Tuesday, April 12, at 6 p.m. at the back room of the Anna VFW.

United Methodist Church, Anna
Next Sunday, April 10, is Palm Sunday. There will be an Easter cantata at 10:45 a.m. There will be a special offering for the Bald Knob Cross of Peace.

Sunday morning, April 3, the fifth Sunday of Lent, Holy Communion was taken.

Rev. Tim Gossett's sermon was Anointed for Burial with scripture from John. Linda LaFoon did the Lenten candle litany. Jessica Anderson played a piano solo for the special music and also played for the church service.

Janet Boyd was celebrating her birthday Sunday and everyone wished her happy birthday.

The youth met Sunday night at the church with leaders Terry and Tina Ri-

ley.
Game night is Friday, April 8. The theme this month is breakfast.

Thursday prayer group meets at 5 p.m.

Loaves and Fishes is scheduled on the third Tuesday of each month starting at 4:30 p.m.

Sympathy to the family of Rosalie Boreup, mother and grandmother of Eric, Amanda, Ava, Paxton Boreup, Hayden Carter. Her family said right before she walked through those pearly gates without her cane, the sun came out and there was a rainbow in the sky, kinda perfect.

There will be a Maundy Thursday worship service Thursday, April 14, at 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Anna.

On Good Friday, April 15, there will be two opportunities for worship at the Vienna United Methodist Church at noon and at 7 p.m. at United Methodist Church Anna.

Easter Sunday, April 17, services will be at 10:45 a.m. at United Methodist Church in Anna.

The United Methodist Church in Anna spring plant sale will be Saturday, April 30.

Bald Knob
Easter Sunday sunrise service will be held at Bald Knob Cross of Peace at 6:30 a.m. April 17.

Birthdays
April 1 Shooter Belcher, Dorothy Mitchell, 3 Janet Boyd, 5 Emily Goins, Marcy Morris, 6 Elaine Crain, 13 Jessica Anderson, 15 Brian West, 17 Bryson West, 20 Michelle Wiseman, 21 Natilyn Corbit, Christian Goins, 28 Gayle Caraker, 29 Rebecca Corbit.

Wedding Anniversaries
March 30 Jacob and Sara Cole 9. April 10 Curt and Bessie Mae Ellis 23. April 14 Terry and Barbara House. April 26 Tyler and Muriel Zachary.

Small Town Scoops
Open now for the season in Murphysboro, 1400 Walnut St. Their first day was April 1 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Mandy Davenport Pfeaster owner.

Guests
Of Homer and Janet Hawk were their daughter Debra and her husband Maj. Gen. James Bonner from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., in the Ozarks.

Anna Heights Baptist Church
Pastor Darryl Williams continued his sermon series

Questions and Answers. This week How can the church be more supportive of Christian singles of all ages?

Sunday, April 10, Palm Sunday there is a special offering for Bald Knob Cross of Peace \$1 for every member.

March 27 attendance: 8 a.m. worship 69. 10:30 a.m. worship 121. Small group Bible study 200. 6 p.m. worship 32.

Walk Thru the Old Testament Bible event is April 24.

April birthdays: 10th Sydnie Ralls, 13 Linda Sampson, Darryl Williams, Aaron Wright, 14 September Davis, Patti Hannahs, 15 Eleanor Echols, Larry Miller, 16 Jessi Watson.

April anniversary: 14th Jerry and Pam.
Grief share is every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the church.

Celebrate recovery is every Saturday at 6:30 p.m. at the Family Life Center Chapel.

WMU Seniors group will meet Thursday, today, at 1 p.m.

Young at Heart Azalea trip to Charleston, Mo., is planned Thursday, April 28. Bus leaves at 9:30 a.m.

Easter eggs for Annie

Armstrong pick an egg from basket and fill with offerings and return to basket.

Preschool Easter egg hunt is Sunday, April 17.

District Convention
The General Federation of Women's Clubs District 25 convention was held at First Baptist Church in Herrin.

Guest speaker was Cheryl Ranchino Trench. Her topic was "Sisterhood, & Support." Cheryl has written a book, "Snapshots & Footnotes."

Jane Bauer did the memorial service for those who passed away the last two years.

Susie Kessler and Jane Bauer are both district chairmen and gave out awards. The Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club received district and state awards for their volunteer work in the community.

Attending the meeting from the GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club were Jane Bauer, Susie Kessler, Lillian Milam and Marie Samuel.

Jane Bauer received state award from GFWC state president Teresa Sanford-Shiple. Lillian Milam and Marie Samuel also received first on their work.

Television Listings

THURSDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD)	9-1-1 "Fallout"	Big City	★★★ "The King's Man" (21) Saving humanity.	"Way, Way Back"	"Road to Perdition"
7 PM	Station 19 (HD)	Young The United	MasterChef Junior	Law & Order (HD)	NBA (HD)	Bang (HD)	9-1-1	Big City	"Cinderella Man" (05) Boxer regains prizefighting status.	(15) "Deadlock" (21) Hostage situation.	(HD)
8 PM	Grey's Anatomy (HD)	Ghosts How We	Call Me Welcome to	Law & Order: SVU	(45) NBA Basketball (HD)	Bang (HD)	9-1-1 "Seize the Day"	Big City	Winning	Winning	Super Pump (HD)
9 PM	(01) Big Sky (HD)	Bull "The Diana Affair"	Local Programs Local info.	Organized Crime (HD)	(05) NBA Basketball (HD)	Bang (HD)	9-1-1 "Fools"	Big City	Winning	(25) "Master and Commander" (03, Drama)	DESUS & Billions "Succession"
10 PM	Local	Local	Local	Local	(05) NBA Basketball (HD)	Last O.G.	Law & Order: SVU	Unsitatable	Game	The Invisible Pilot	DESUS &
11 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(50) Late Show Stephen Colbert	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	Local	Young	Law & Order: SVU	Sydney Raven	"Free Guy"	"Waist"	DESUS &

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FRIDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	MLS Soccer (HD)	(03) "Movie"	(5:30) Fire	(5:20) "Movie"	★★★ "Cry Macho" (21)	(521) "Twisted" (04)	★★★ "The Lobster" (15) Mate in 45 days. (HD)
7 PM	Shark Tank (HD)	Undercover Boss	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live) (HD)	The Blacklist (HD)			Chicago Fire (HD)	BUNK'D	(55) "The Many Saints of Newark" (21) (R)	"War" (07) Agent seeks revenge.	★★★ "The Killing of a Sacred Deer" (17) (HD)
8 PM	(01) 20/20 Investigative news. (HD)	Magnum P.I. (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Dateline NBC	UFC Fight Night		Chicago Fire (HD)	Owl House		(43) "Max Payne" (08) Conspiracy case. (HD)	"The Wolf of Wall Street" Amoral pursuits.
9 PM	Local	Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Local		"Movie"	Chicago Fire (HD)	(40) Descendant (HD)	Real Time Maher (HD)		
10 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(50) Late Show Stephen Colbert	Local	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	B/R Gaming (HD)	Chicago Fire (HD)	BUNK'D	Sydney	Real Time Maher (HD)	
11 PM	Nightline	Local	Local	Late Night			Mud, Sweat & Beards	Unsitatable	Sketch	Sketch	

APRIL 8, 2022

SATURDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	"The Ten Commandments" (56) Moses leads his people from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land.	Local Programs	Worm Soccer	Local Programs	Baseball (HD)	(4:45) "Movie"	Mud, Sweat & Beards	(5:20) "Movie"	★★★ "Limitless" (11)	(515) ★★ "Fatale" (20)	Super Pump (HD)
7 PM	FBI "Hactivist"	FBI "Hactivist"	MLS Soccer "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Law & Order (HD)	MLB Baseball (HD)	"Movie"	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Big City	★★★½ "King Richard" (21) Drama Venus and Serena.	★★★ "Darkness Falls" (03, Horror)	Super Pump (HD)
8 PM	FBI: Most Wanted	Magnum P.I. (HD)	Dateline NBC	Dateline NBC			Chicago P.D. (HD)	Big City		★★½ "The Amityville Horror" (79)	ALL ACCESS
9 PM	48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Sat. Night Live (HD)	Sat. Night Live (HD)			Chicago P.D. (HD)	Big City	Sketch	★★★ "Horsemen" (09, Drama) (HD)	ALL ACCESS
10 PM	(44) Local	Local Programs Local info.	Local	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Christmas (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Owl House	Winning	★★ "Horsemen" (09, Drama) (HD)	Showtime Championship Boxing "Lubin vs. Fundora" (Live) (HD)
11 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Saturday Night Live (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Wipeout	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Owl House	"Red" (10, Action)	"Adventure"	

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SUNDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Videos A bear swims.	60 Minutes (HD)	Simpsons	American Song Contest Artists compete. (HD)	MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees (Live) (HD)	"Avengers" (19) (HD)	SVU (HD)	"UglyDolls"	★★★½ "King Richard" (21) Drama Venus and Serena.	(525) ★★ "Bears' (78)	Billions "Succession"
7 PM	American Idol The Top 24 compete. (HD)	The Equalizer "Pulse"	Simpsons	Law & Order (HD)	MLB Baseball (HD)	Return to Hogwarts Cast reunion. (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	★★★ "Bad News Bears" (05) Little league coach.	(35) ★ "Meet the Spartans" (08)	The Circus
8 PM	NCIS: L. A. (HD)	Burgers	Local Programs Local info.	Weakest Link (HD)			Law & Order: SVU	Big City	Winning	(53) "The Inheritance" (13) Job competition.	The Circus
9 PM	The Rookie (HD)	S.W.A.T. (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Transplant "Roads"	SportsCenter (HD)	The Flight Attendant	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	Game	(10) Winning	Billions (HD)
10 PM	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	SportsCenter (HD)	The Flight Attendant	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	Game	"Deep Impact" (98)	Super Pump (HD)
11 PM	(35) Local	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	(15) "Avengers" (19)	Mud, Sweat & Beards	Big City	Winning	"Cinderella"	Super Pump (HD)

APRIL 10, 2022

MONDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	2022 WNBA Draft (Live)	Bang (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Big City	"Dune" (21) Timothée Chalamet. A noble son.	★★★ "Out Towner" (99)	★★½ "Hide and Seek"
7 PM	American Idol Top 24 perform. (HD)	2022 CMT Music Awards Country music award. (HD)	9-1-1 "Fear-o-Phobia" (HD)	American Song Contest Original songs. (HD)	E60 (HD)	Bang (HD)	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (HD)	Raven		★★★ "Just Married" (03) (HD)	Super Pump (HD)
8 PM			(01) 9-1-1: Lone Star			Bang (HD)		Raven	The Invisible Pilot	(35) ★ "Meet the Spartans" (08)	"The Green Knight" Headstrong nephew. (R)
9 PM	The Good Doctor	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs Local info.	The Endgame (HD)	NBA75	Dad (HD)	Dad (HD)	Big City	My Brilliant Friend	"Chasing Papi" Three girlfriends.	Super Pump (HD)
10 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	NBA75	Dad (HD)	Dad (HD)	Big City	Miraculous	(10) Super Pump (HD)	Super Pump (HD)
11 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Burgers	(01) Man	Big City	Miraculous	(10) Billions (HD)	Billions (HD)

APRIL 11, 2022

TUESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NHL Hockey Philadelphia vs Washington (Live)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	Real Time	"Untouchables" (87)	"C'mon C'mon" (21)
7 PM	Judge Steve Harvey	FBI "One Night Stand"	The Resident (HD)	Young Rock		Bang (HD)	WWE NXT "NXT 665" (Live) (HD)	Miraculous: Ladybug	Game	★★★½ "The Break-Up" (06) (HD)	(15) ★★½ "After Yang" (22) Robot companion.
8 PM	Elementary	FBI: International	(01) Name That Tune	Mr. Mayor		Bang (HD)		Raven	Winning	★★★ "Coneheads" Aliens in Jersey.	"The Djinn" (21) A mute boy. (HD)
9 PM	To Tell the Truth (HD)	FBI: Most Wanted	Local Programs Local info.	The Thing About Pam	NHL Hockey Tampa Bay Lightning at Dallas Stars (Live)	Bang (HD)	WWE Evil "Ric Flair"	Big City	(50) Winning	(40) ★★½ "New in Town" (09) (PG)	Billions (HD)
10 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local		Last O.G.	Mud, Sweat & Beards	Miraculous	Sketch	"Kajillionaire" Two con-artists.	
11 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Young	(01) Man	Jessie	Until the Wheels Fall Off	"Grimm"	"Insurrect."

APRIL 12, 2022

WEDNESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA (Live)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	(4:45) Wheels Fall Off	"Amityville" (05) (HD)	(05) ★★½ "Footloose" (84) A dance-free zone.
7 PM	Goldbergs	Survivor (HD)	The Masked Singer	Chicago Med (HD)	(45) NBA Basketball "Play-In Game" (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Miraculous: Ladybug	Game	★★★ "Hugo" (11, Adventure) Boy unlocks secret.	"The Gambler" (14) Professor's debt. (R) (HD)
8 PM	Conners		(01) Domino Masters	Chicago Fire (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven About BUNK'D	Winning	(40) ★★½ "New in Town" (09) (PG)	
9 PM	A Million Little Things	Beyond the Edge	Local Programs Local info.	Chicago P.D. (HD)	(05) NBA Basketball "Play-In Game" (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Temptation Island	Big City	(10) Real Sports (HD)	(10) Game Theory with Borani	"The Prince" Retired crime boss.
10 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local		Frontal	Law & Order: SVU	Miraculous	Game	Winning	"Schindler's List" (93) A man of conscience.
11 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Young	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie	Winning		

APRIL 13, 2022

THURSDAY

	SHOW
7:00pm	ABC Station 19 "When the Party's Over" Andy copes with the aftermath of a trauma. TV14 (HD)
7:31pm	CBS The United States of AI "College / Pohantoon" Riley puts it upon himself to speak to Al's professor as he struggles with a class; Art learns that a professional football player used to be married to Lois. TVPG (HD)

FRIDAY

	SHOW
8:40pm	DISN Descendants: Wicked World The story is told of the children of several villains, who have been given the chance to attend a preparatory school in a kingdom by the king and queen's son. TV G (HD)
10:00pm	SHOW The Wolf of Wall Street ★★★½ (2013, Crime) Leonardo DiCaprio, Jonah Hill. Corruption and fraud encapsulate the life of a nefarious New York stock broker in the late '80s as he pursues the American dream with excess and affluence. R (HD)

SATURDAY

	SHOW
7:00pm	HBO King Richard ★★★½ (2021, Drama) Will Smith, Saniyya Sidney. Tennis stars Venus and Serena Williams get coached by their father, Richard Williams, who is determined to shape their commitment and intuition. PG-13
8:00pm	CBS FBI: Most Wanted "Patriots" A new member of the Fugitive Task Force is introduced to Jess and the team before they discover a fugitive from the Jan. 6 Capital riot inside Washington, D.C. TV14 (HD)

SUNDAY

	SHOW
7:00pm	TBS Harry Potter 20th Anniversary: Return to Hogwarts Cast members from the "Harry Potter" franchise reunite on the 20th anniversary of the franchise's first film to share memories and discuss the movies. (HD)
	CBS The Equalizer "Pulse" McCall's old trainee brings her in to help on a difficult case involving one of the most dangerous and fearsome enemies from her past. TV14 (HD)

MONDAY

	SHOW
7:00pm	ABC American Idol "510 (Top 24 at Disney's Aulani Resort in Hawaii Part #2)" The Top 24 continue to perform in Hawaii in the hopes of winning America's vote and making it through to the next round; pop star Bebe Rexha mentors singers. TVPG (HD)
	NBC American Song Contest Musicians from all 50 states and five U.S. territories perform original songs from different genres as they compete for America's votes in live events. (HD)

TUESDAY

	SHOW
8:00pm	NBC This Is Us A group of strangers are affected by life's unexpected events when their paths cross and life journeys intersect in unlikely ways, revealing shared attributes. TV14
8:01pm	FOX Name That Tune "The Good, The Shag, and the 90210 Icons" "Beverly Hills 90210" stars Jennie Garth and Ian Ziering face off, Equus Foundation versus The Epidermolysis Bullosa Medical Research Foundation. (HD)

WEDNESDAY

Obituaries

Oliver G. Ridgway

Oliver G. Ridgway, 81, of Anna, died Sunday, April 3, 2022, at the Marion Veterans Community Living Center.

He was born on Nov. 18, 1940, in Anna, the son of Donald and Velda Mae Green Ridgway.

He married Glenda Sloan, who preceded him in death on Dec. 21, 1999. He later married Phyllis Womack, who also preceded him in death on Oct. 20, 2010.

Mr. Ridgway served in the U.S. Army. He worked for over 39 years at Kroger as a meat cutter. He was a member of the Jonesboro First Baptist Church.

He is survived by his friend, Charlene Fairless of Jonesboro; cousins Darla Dobbins of Cumming, Ga., Debby Beckinger of Nashville, Ind., Randy Brown of Nashville, Ind., and Deanna Wilson of St. Charles, Mo.; second cousin Bobby Spicer of Creal Springs; best friend Robert "Cal" Gallagher of Lake Clear, N.Y.; many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by wife Glenda Ridgway; wife Phyllis Ridgway; a brother, Steven Ridgway; and a sister, Brenda Ridgway.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 9, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with Bill Littrell officiating. Interment will be in the Cobden Cemetery in Cobden.

Friends can call from 11 a.m. until the service hour at 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Military funeral honors will be accorded by Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna and the Illinois Army National Guard military honors team of Marion.

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

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



Ignacio Paredes

Ignacio Paredes, 97, of Anna, died Monday, April 4, at his home.

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

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

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

Ronnie Dean Bond

Ronnie Dean Bond, 65, of Dongola, died Tuesday, March 29, 2022, at his home.

He was born on May 24, 1956, in Anna, the son of Archie and Pauline Haynes Bond.

He is survived by his siblings, Virgil Williams, Louise Mowell, Calvin, Earl and Carl Bond; a cousin, Brenda Haynes; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He worked for many years at Osman Farms in Dongola and at the Florsheim Shoe Factory in Anna. Later, he drove a truck. He enjoyed model trains.

His family will host a memorial service at a later date. Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna is in charge of arrangements.

To visit his memorial page and to leave online condolences for the family, visit the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home website at rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

RENDELMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES

Donna Sue Miller

Donna Sue Miller, 79, of Houston, Texas, and formerly of Anna, died Saturday, April 2, 2022, at St. Clare Hospital in Fenton, Mo.

She was born on March 25, 1943, in Anna, the daughter of Lester and Cynthia Williams Miller.

She was a devoted follower of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She spent much of her time reading the Bible. She loved to attend church with her family at Horizon Baptist Church in Houston. She was a former member at the Dongola United Pentecostal Church, while living in Anna.

In 2019, she moved to Texas to live with her son and daughter-in-law, where she enjoyed the best years of her life.

She is survived by her son, James Paul and wife, Virginia Abigail Morgan; sisters Eleanor Clardy of Anna, Cynthia Hall of Anna, Betty Casey of Buncombe and Janet (Jack) Treece of Marissa; brothers Larry (Jane) Miller of Cobden and Jim (Rhonda) Brumitt of Jonesboro; sisters-in-law Glenna Miller and Phyllis Miller, both of Anna; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters Joyce Miller and Ann Etta Seliger; brothers Gerald and Carol Miller; her stepmother, Fannie Miller, and brothers-in-law Jim Clardy, George Seliger, Larry Hall and Max Casey.

Graveside services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 6, at the Anna City Cemetery, with Lake Norris officiating.

Memorials can be made to KHCB Christian Radio Station in Houston, Texas, and/or to PreBorn of Indianapolis, Ind.

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

Crain Funeral Home

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



Gerald 'Jerry' Cruse

Gerald "Jerry" Cruse, 71, of Dongola, was called to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at home, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on April 17, 1950, in Anna, the son of Charles Oliver and Leota Smith Cruse.

He married Janet Hase on Sept. 12, 1970. She survives.

Mr. Cruse retired in 2009 after working as an ironworker for over 35 years. During this time, he owned and operated a filling station in Dongola, as well as a grain and livestock farm with his family.

After retirement, he worked for IDOT during the winter months for nine years.

Mr. Cruse had a passion for fixing things and pulling tractors. He enjoyed being outside and camping with his family and friends. He also loved attending his children and grandchildren's activities, wherever they may have been.

Mr. Cruse was a man of faith, serving as a deacon at the First Baptist Church in Dongola, along with teaching Sunday School there and at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, where he was a member.

He, alongside his wife, worked with the Illinois Baptist Association for Disaster Relief. They volunteered many hours and traveled to several places to help those who were in need.

Besides his wife of 51 years, Mr. Cruse is survived by his son, Lane (Deanna) Cruse of Anna; a daughter, Leslie (Stanley) Treat of Dongola; five grandchildren, Ashton (Jake) Casey, Raegan Cruse and Riley Cruse, all of Anna, and Dalen Treat and Evan Treat, both of Dongola; two great-grandchildren, Aliyah and Paisley Casey of Anna; a brother, Gaylon (Goldie) Cruse of Dongola; a sister-in-law, Joyce (Marion) Hill of Dongola; a brother-in-law, Jerry (Sheila) Hase of Anna; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by a brother, Larry Wayne Cruse.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 2, at Crain Funeral Home in Dongola, with the Rev. Paul Sadler and the Rev. Victor Duckworth officiating. Interment followed in Friendship Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Residential Hospice.

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

Crain Funeral Home Crain Funeral Home in Dongola was in charge of arrangements.

Marilyn Pender

Marilyn Pender, 81, of Cobden, died Sunday, April 3, at her home.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, April 8, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden.

Family and friends can gather from noon until the service hour at 1 p.m. at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden, which is in charge of arrangements.

To read the full obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit her memorial page on the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home website at rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

RENDELMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES

Jewell A. McHughes

Jewell A. McHughes, 87, of Anna, died Saturday, April 2, at Integrity Healthcare in Anna.

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

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

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

Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Russ and Patsy Pender of Olive Branch and Brad and Lori Pender of Jonesboro visited Sunday with Fred and Maxine Pender of Fair City.

Maxine and Fred Pender went to Tamms last Wednesday night to help their great-grandson, Slayton Miller celebrate his 7th birthday which was March 23. Heather and Josh Miller are his parents.

Kacie and Derek Gollither and Penny and Kerry Hill, all of McClure visited Saturday with Shirley Miller of McClure.

Kevin Eudy of Cape Girardeau and Ryan and Jade Driscoll of Scott City, Mo., visited Sunday with Sue and Steve Eudy of Anna.

Happy birthday wishes to my sister, Venita Lingle of Anna whose birthday is Tuesday, April 12.

You are invited to attend services at Reynoldsville Missionary Baptist Church. Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship service is at 10:30 a.m. Sunday evening worship



Shirley J. Smoot

Shirley J. Smoot, 82, of Anna, died Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at Union County Hospital Long Term Care in Anna.

She was born on March 29, 1940, in Anna, the daughter of Rayburn A. and Mary Alice Barringer Russell.

She was raised in Saratoga and was a lifelong resident of Union County.

She married Kenneth "Smokie" Smoot on March 16, 1968, at New Hope Baptist Church. He preceded her in death on May 28, 2011.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Karen Smoot of Anna; her grandson, Evan Smoot; a sister, Alice (Donald) Bird of Elgin; three brothers, Ernest (Marilyn) Russell of Jonesboro, John (Helen) Russell of Vergennes and Rick (Nancy) Russell of Anna; nieces and nephews Greg Bird, Denise Bird-Sharpe, Tina Wiersema, Elizabeth Bowen and Kim Burger, as well as a special niece, Maria Boerngen; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; and a nephew, Kevin Bird.

Mrs. Smoot retired from Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna, where she worked as a seamstress. She was a member of Anna Heights Baptist Church. She will be remembered for her love of playing the piano, sewing, quilting, gardening and her pride and joy, her grandson Evan.

Funeral services for Shirley Smoot were at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 2, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with Bill Littrell officiating. Interment followed in the Anna Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

To visit her memorial page and to leave online condolences for the family, visit the Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home website at rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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

News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

Rev. Dee Ann Thompson's sermon Sunday was titled "Extravagant Love," with scripture from the Gospel of John.

The selected text was the account of Jesus' raising Lazarus from the dead, and Mary's anointing of Jesus feet.

The sermon recalled that "Mary, Martha and Lazarus were hosting their good friend Jesus and others at a dinner in their home 'celebrating' Jesus' recent raising Lazarus from death and all being able to be together again in spite of the threats to Jesus and those who were following Him.

"Many Jews who had witnessed or heard of Jesus' raising Lazarus were beginning to believe in and follow Him. For the Jewish and government authorities, Jesus was no longer a 'tolerable nuisance,' but an all-out threat to their power.

"Mary recognized who Jesus was and what was ahead. She did not anoint His head as a king, but anointed His feet.

"In that time, the only people whose feet were anointed were deceased. Mary took the best that

she had to give to Jesus: an extravagant gift."

In closing, Rev. Thompson asked: "What about us?"

"Will we withhold the best for ourselves? Jesus gave us extravagant love when He gave His all on the cross. If we are going to give anything to Jesus, it must be our best and our all."

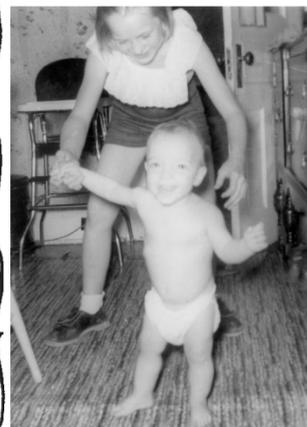
Brooke Bates rang the bell to start the worship service. Addi Bonner and her guest Alexis Houseman received the offering.

All are welcome to services each Sunday at Camp Ground Church, especially this Sunday, which is Palm Sunday. Holy Communion will be shared as Holy Week begins. Bible study begins at 9:30 a.m. Worship is at 10:30 a.m.

Worship also is available on Zoom. Those who would like to join in worship via Zoom can leave a message on the church phone (833-9000) with their email address or cell phone number and the link will be sent Sunday morning.

This week, greetings go to Sara Rogers Poole whose birthday was April 6.

In Loving Memory
of our brother
Paul David Womick
4/5/53 - 8/13/15



Our family circle is forming ever closer "together again." See you both soon!

Dennis and Sharon



'Light It Up Blue'

Anna School District No. 37 celebrated World Autism Awareness Day on Friday, April 1, with a "Light It Up Blue" activity to support the observance. Students wore blue to promote autism awareness and raised funds for the Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders in Carbondale. Students from the 3rd grade took time out of recess to show their support. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.



Grand opening celebrated

Just Chill Concessions celebrated its grand opening with a day-long event Saturday, April 2, at the Anna City Park. Just Chill Concessions, owned by Dale and Monica Russell, will be operating the concessions stand at the park through Oct. 31. Saturday's grand opening featured food and refreshments, hourly door prizes and live music. The concessions stand at the park is located next to the Henry Don Dillow Grandstand and a pavilion and can be seen in the middle, on the right.

Six communities selected to participate in Illinois broadband planning program

Six communities have been selected to participate in the inaugural cohort of the Accelerate Illinois Broadband Infrastructure Planning Program.

Those selected to participate were announced by Gov. JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, DCEO, Office of Broadband.

Hosted in collaboration with Heartland Forward

Dixon Springs plant sale set

University of Illinois Extension invites the public to a plant sale which is planned at the Dixon Springs Agricultural Center near Simpson.

The sale is scheduled April 30, May 6 and May 7. Hours are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

In addition to various kinds of vegetable plants, flowering plants, houseplants and succulents, locally made products will also be available to purchase.

Extension Master Gardener volunteers will be available with information about certain topics and 4-H members will have crafts and activities for kids.

More information can be found online at www.extension.illinois.edu/ghhpsw.

and the Benton Institute for Broadband & Society, the six communities are Jackson County, the City of Springfield, Knox County, Mercer County, Whiteside County and the Village of Elsau.

The 14-week intensive training program will help leaders from participating communities to develop broadband plans responsive to their unique local needs and position them to effectively leverage newly available state and federal broadband infrastructure funding.

In late February, participants launched community surveys to gather input and data from local residents and stakeholders to help shape their plans.

With the recent passage of the \$1 trillion federal infrastructure plan, Illinois communities stand poised to receive historic funding for the expansion of broadband infrastructure.

This is in addition to the Rebuild Illinois capital plan, which dedicated \$420 million to broadband expansion, as well as funds made available through the American Rescue Plan Act, ARPA.

Accelerate Illinois aims to level the playing field and

allow cities and counties of all sizes and staffing levels to apply for these funds and plan to most effectively implement them in their communities.

The Accelerate Illinois program is offered through a collaborative effort between the Illinois Office of Broadband, the Illinois-based Benton Institute for Broadband & Society and University of Illinois Extension, as well as funding by Heartland Forward.

The training is designed to guide communities through the process of establishing and implementing a full-scale broadband connectivity vision.

A core component of the program is the community survey to gather information from local residents, businesses and community stakeholders about their current use of broadband and satisfaction with existing services.

Accelerate program participants will gather input through both online and paper surveys.

In addition to the first cohort of six communities, there will be a second cohort of Accelerate Illinois communities that will be announced later this spring.

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Benefit for KEITH ROBERTSON

Saturday, April 9, 2022

Cornhole Tournament 1 p.m.

Live Music 2-5 p.m. • Silent Auction 3 p.m.

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Opinion and Commentary

Better Politics, Smarter Government

Internships build skills, launch careers, enrich lives

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By John T. Shaw

On a late Friday afternoon in early March, my final appointment for the week was a conversation with the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute's interns, most of whom are working at the Capitol in Springfield.

I was looking forward to the conversation but was tired from the long week, so I spent a few minutes gathering my energy for the meeting. It quickly became clear this was unnecessary.

The curiosity, passion, idealism, intelligence and hopefulness of our interns gave me a jolt of energy that propelled me through the afternoon and it remains.

In an hour-long conversation, they discussed working in the Capitol as COVID-19 lingers, the ebbs and flows of the General Assembly's schedule, and the opportunity to meet state representatives, senators and constitutional officers. One student described meeting Gov. and Mrs. Pritzker at this year's State of the State Address.

The conversation reminded me how important internships are for students, universities and employers.

Research shows that internships during college provide critical opportunities for students to channel academic learning into workplace skills.

Internships also spur personal growth, boost confidence, and help students build professional and social networks and assess career options. For employers, interns bring energy, inquisitiveness, creativity and fun to the workplace. Everybody wins.

"Internships and other forms of work-based learning are one of the most influential ideas shaping research, policymaking, and educational practice in higher education in the early 21st century," concludes a national study of college internships conducted last year by the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

When Paul Simon created the Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University 25 years ago, he envisioned student opportunities, including internships, as central to its mission.

Over the years, the institute created several internship programs in Springfield and one for a government agency in Southern Illinois. We also have a social work internship.

The institute's interns have had enriching experiences that helped launch impressive careers in state government, politics, business, academics, media and lobbying.

Please allow me to let the institute's interns say a few words.

Mallory Harrity, from Fox Lake, Illinois, major in criminology and criminal justice: "I took this internship to be able to have experience in government and learn about the inner workings of the State Capitol. ...I hope this internship will help my career by continuing to introduce me to successful people in legislation who share my passion for criminal justice reform."

Crystal Kendzior, from LaGrange, Illinois, major in economics: "I have always wanted to help fix the social ills in our country. I took this internship to narrow my passions and figure out where to apply my skill set to create change. Becoming a Gene Callahan Intern in the Speaker's Office has provided me with a launchpad for the rest of my career. ...I gained valuable lessons on the fundamentals of state government, how to perform in professional social interactions, and the importance of being confident and willing to learn."

Ajara Yakoubou, from Plainfield, Illinois, major in political science: "I took this internship so I can learn firsthand how state government operates. This internship has taught me how to build professional relationships with others and that people are willing to help me strengthen my future in politics by showing me different things I can do in it."

Valeria Beltran, from Mundelein, Illinois, major in social work: "With this internship, I have the chance to learn about how committees in the Illinois Senate and House of Representatives operate and how bills make their way through government. This internship has showed me a different side of social work and I know it will help prepare me for the future in watching out for bills that will affect my clients so I can advocate for their needs."

Chelsey Varela, from Centralia, Illinois, major in criminology and criminal justice: "Throughout these past months, I have learned the benefits of social interactions, introducing myself to new faces, and stepping beyond my comfort zone. As someone with an interest in policy and a dedication to pursuing law, I hope this internship will assist me in propelling forward to spark change within the criminal justice system both on the state and federal level."

John T. Shaw is the director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois Carbondale. Shaw's monthly column explores how Illinois can work toward better politics and smarter government.

Political letters to the editor

All letters to the editor endorsing, opposing or pertaining to political candidates must be published as paid election letters. They will be subject to a publication fee of \$50.

A paid election letter must be paid for by the writer. If the letter is paid for by another individual or organization, that information must be stated, according to election laws.

A letter must be signed and must contain the name of the person who wrote the letter, the writer's address and the writer's telephone number. The telephone number will not be published, but must be included for verification purposes.

The deadline to submit a paid election letter, and payment for the letter, is noon on the Thursday prior to publication of the letter. The newspaper reserves the right to edit a letter for clarity, brevity and legal purposes.

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

Sometimes, it's good to pay attention to things...

Tuesday morning, as yours truly was preparing for the daily journey to The Paragraph Factory, I happened to notice that everyone was taking a morning nap...

The Other Half...taking a nap. Cat one...taking a nap. Cat two...taking a nap. Cat three...taking a nap. It was like the night before Christmas...not a creature was stirring...

Oh, well, at least I was paying attention to what was happening in the world around me...

Sometimes...actually, most of the time...it's a good thing to pay attention to what you are doing...

For example...when I'm driving, it always seems like a good thing to pay attention...which is why I get somewhat confused when I see folks yakking on the phone...or ignoring traffic signal lights...or speed limits...

I'm still not quite sure how it is that people think they can drive a ton or so of metal, glass, rubber and the occasion faux leather or wood at a high rate of speed while talking on their cellphone...or maybe texting some sort of really "important" message.

Sometimes, I'll see a driver with a phone in one hand, a cup of coffee in another hand, yesterday's mail in another hand and, maybe, a cigarette in another hand.

Wait a minute, you're saying to yourself (and I hope you're not driving)...people don't have four hands. Exactly.

And what confuses me even more is to know that using a cellphone in one of your four hands is, in a word, at least in Illinois, illegal.

This is straight from the Illinois Secretary of State's website:

"Illinois law prohibits the use of hand-held cellphones, texting or using other electronic communications while operating a motor vehicle. Hands-free devices or Blue Tooth technology is allowed for persons age 19 and older.

"Even using hands-free technology is considered a distraction while driving and can be dangerous. If you must make a phone call, even with hands-free technology, it is recommended that you pull off to the side of the road before making the call.

"The only time Illinois drivers can use a cell phone that is not hands free is: To report an emergency situation. While parked on the shoulder of a roadway. While stopped due to normal traffic being obstructed and the vehicle is in neutral or park.

"Drivers who are in a crash resulting from distracted driving may face criminal penalties and incarceration."

I don't know about you, but I would not be very excited about the possibility of facing criminal penalties and incarceration. Maybe I'm a little old school that way. Or, maybe just a little bit too old.

For the sake of full disclosure, I have received a speeding ticket. Once. In what I later learned was a notorious



This little critter was showing a spirit of determination when it was spotted during a recent visit to the little gem of a park in Jonesboro which the photographer frequents. Please notice that the turtle was not using a cellphone at the time the photo was taken.

speed trap. The speed trap was located in what we call a company town.

Subsequent to my brief life of crime, the company which owned all of the residential property in the city evicted all of the residents. The city then was dissolved by a court order. Or so I read on the internet. Apparently, karma is indeed a beautiful thing.

I will say that I was not behind the wheel last weekend when I did something that should have involved paying closer attention...

So...I opened our refrigerator door...reached down to grab of a bottle of a cold lemon-lime flavored beverage... The beverage, you see, is always in the same place in the refrigerator. Always.

I grabbed the container... and... without really paying attention... twisted off the lid... and took a big gulp... A BIG GULP...

...of...

...pure lemon juice...

As you can probably imagine, I quickly realized the error of my ways... And, I'm here to tell you that a swig of pure lemon juice can be a bit of a jolt.

Fortunately, taking a big gulp of pure lemon juice did not involve paying a hefty fine. And, lucky for me, pure lemon juice doesn't taste all that bad...

A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, April 6, 1972

Voters will go to the polls Saturday, April 8, for the purpose of electing members of the seven-man Boards of Education in the various school districts. Polls will be open from 12 noon to 7 p.m. for the purpose of this election.

With the low temperatures being recorded in the Union County area at the present time, area fruit growers are keeping an anxious watch on the soon-to-be-blooming peach and apple trees. The thermometer dipped to a chilly 26 degrees last Thursday.

Despite the chilly weather, the annual Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 1, in the Anna City Park drew about 350 children who wasted no time in collecting the 750 hidden eggs.

A crowd of about 3,000 persons gathered at the foot of the Bald Knob Cross, high atop Bald Knob Mountain, early Easter Sunday morning to attend the annual Easter Sunrise Service. At least six states were represented among those gathered in the 35 degree weather, wrapped in blankets, surrounded by jonquils, to welcome the sun and the advent of Easter Sunday.

For the staff and residents of Anna State Hospital, celebration of the recent Easter holiday brought with it a gift of several thousand spring flowers. Shawnee Orchards of Cobden presented 600 dozen daffodils to the hospital for use during the holiday.

Commentary

Journalists are casualties

By Mike Estel

It was recently reported on the National News that the third journalist had been killed in Ukraine.

The invasion by the Russian army into Ukraine has caused a lot of civilian casualties as well.

But journalists trying to give an accurate account of the uncalled for Russian invasion has already been very costly.

Journalists are suffering in Russia as well. Journalists who report the truth about what is happening in Russia newspapers, especially about the slaughter of innocent women and children in Ukraine, are tossed in prison for lengthy sentences as well.

The newspapers there can't even protest the unprovoked war in Ukraine in Russia because the journalists writing those truthful stories will be tossed in jail as well.

The Russian woman journalist who waved a No War protest sign on television will now be sentenced to some prison time as well.

Journalists are not only risking their lives in Ukraine reporting on the war, but in Russia are facing serious prison time.

Does the truth being reported by the journalists hurt that much? Apparently, the Adolph Hitler type dictator, Russia's, Valdimir Putin thinks so.

I believe that Putin is the type of leader that has branded all journalists as bearers of fake news.

Let's just hope cooler minds prevail and the costly sanctions by all the countries throughout the world against Russia will finally lead to a cease fire and not to another World War.

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