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News Notes

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

Armed Forces Day is commemorated on May 21.

We join in saying thank you to all law enforcement personnel during National Police Week, which is commemorated May 15-21.

Union County Clerk Lance Meisenheimer noted at last Friday morning's board of commissioners meeting in Jonesboro that early voting is scheduled to begin Thursday, today, for the June 28 primary election.

Union County property taxes could be in the mail by mid-June.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah was calling for the possibility of severe thunderstorms Tuesday night and early Wednesday morning. A chance for thunderstorms is in the forecast for Thursday, today, and then again Friday night through Saturday evening.

Anna Police Chief Bryan Watkins reminds residents of the Union County community about an ordinance pertaining to tall grass and weeds. A fine can be levied for violations.

The Cobden Village Board has approved the awarding of the following scholarships: the R.G. Williams Award to Maria Hernandez and Homer Forby Memorial Awards to Olivia Brumleve and Callie McGee.

The Union County Republican Party Central Committee is planning to host a Lincoln Day dinner Friday, May 20, at Giant City Lodge near Makanda. A social hour is planned starting at 5 p.m., with a home-style dinner at 6 p.m. and a presentation to follow.
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Dazzling show: Total eclipse of moon occurs Sunday night

Union County residents had an opportunity to watch a total lunar eclipse last weekend in the night sky.

An event which NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, JPL, described on its website as "one of the sky's

most dazzling shows" occurred Sunday night, May 15, when the sun, Earth and moon aligned to create a total lunar eclipse.

Weather permitting, the eclipse was going to be visible in North America,

South America, Africa and Europe. After storms in the afternoon, a thin layer of clouds covered part of the sky over Union County last Sunday night.

The JPL reported that the lunar eclipse began at about

8:32 p.m. on Sunday. By 9:28 p.m., significant darkening of the moon could be seen. The beginning of the total lunar eclipse, also known as totality, was at 10:29 p.m.

At the moment of great-

est eclipse, at 11:12 p.m., the moon appeared to turn reddish-orange. The eclipse officially ended at 12:55 a.m. The accompanying photographs were taken in Union County during Sunday night's eclipse.

40,026 new COVID-19 cases reported in Illinois

The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, on Friday, May 13, reported 40,026 new confirmed and probable cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Illinois, including 45 deaths since May 6.

According to the CDC, 23 counties in Illinois were rated at the medium community level, including 14 counties in the northern part of the state, eight in the central part of the state and one in Southern Illinois.

At the medium community level, people at risk of severe health outcomes

are advised to take additional precautions to protect themselves from the virus, including masking up in indoor spaces.

Johnson County rose to the medium community level. Johnson County is Union County's neighbor to the east.

Union County remained at the low community level as of Friday, according to IDPH.

Jackson, Williamson, Alexander, Pulaski and Massac counties also remained at the low community level.

As of May 12, Union

County had recorded a total of 5,415 COVID-19 cases since the start of the pandemic. The total was up from 5,392 on May 5.

Union County had recorded a total of 64 COVID-19 deaths as of May 12. The county had not recorded a new death since March 17.

As of May 13, IDPH was reporting a total of 3,209,341 cases, including 33,705 deaths, in 102 counties in Illinois since the beginning of the pandemic.

As of Thursday night May 12, 909 individuals

in Illinois were reported to be in the hospital with COVID-19. Of those, 87 patients were in the ICU and 25 patients with COVID-19 were on ventilators.

The CDC reported that 23 Illinois counties were listed at the medium community level, including:

Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, Lake, LaSalle, Lee, McHenry, Ogle, Whiteside, Will and Winnebago in northeastern Illinois; and Sangamon, Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Logan, Mason, McLean and Peoria

in the center of the state; and Johnson in Southern Illinois.

At the medium community level, persons who are elderly or immunocompromised (at risk of severe outcomes) are advised to wear a mask in indoor public places.

In addition, they should make sure to get up to date on their COVID-19 vaccines or get their 2nd booster, if eligible, IDPH advised.

"While case counts are rising, we would urge the
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Teen leaders ready to tackle healthy living issues

BETHESDA, MD. — Teen health leaders from across the country gathered at the National 4-H Summit for Healthy Living April 21-24 to focus on learning about and solving healthy living issues impacting homes, communities, and economies.

Four teens were chosen to represent Illinois at the conference as 4-H Healthy Living Teen Ambassadors.

This year's delegation included: Olivia Clover from Union County, Naomi Dolan from Richland County, Alana Dolan from Richland County and Victoria Zwilling from Richland County.

"The youth that were selected have spent the past year investing in supporting healthy living programming locally, and in some cases across the state, as Healthy Living Ambassadors and

Teen Teachers," University of Illinois Extension 4-H youth development specialist Pat McGlaughlin said in a news release.

Designed for grades 9 through 12, the Summit provided the opportunity to develop the knowledge and skills to address today's issues facing nutrition education, physical fitness, wellness and emotional well-being.

"This was a fantastic opportunity to meet new people, increase my knowledge about health, and learn how to make positive changes in the world," delegate Victoria Zwilling of Richland County said.

"I loved talking to kids from the other states and territories about how they are helping people in their communities live healthier lives."

Summit topics includ-

ed career preparation and networking, educational workshops, community action plan development, community service projects, Washington, D.C. field trips, and a state showcase of 4-H agriculture and STEM programs.

"My favorite part was

the workshops," Victoria said. "The presenters gave me lots of ideas to apply in my life and my community. I learned about mindfulness, forming healthy relationships, ways to make exercising fun, and new recipes to try from around the world. The Healthy

Living Summit is an opportunity I would recommend to anyone who is passionate about helping others live healthier lives."

The event was sponsored in part by Illinois Extension and funded by the Wal-Mart Foundation.



From left are Victoria Zwilling, Alana Dolan, Naomi Dolan and Olivia Clover. Photo provided.



Parade held for Cobden High School graduates

A parade was held Thursday evening, May 12, to honor Cobden High School's 2022 graduates. Forty seniors were in Cobden's graduating class this year. The parade route was through the downtown Cobden area. Many people gathered along the parade route to honor the graduates. Cobden High School's 2022 commencement ceremony was held Friday evening, May 13.



County commissioners meeting held Friday

Chairman issues statement on animal control

The county's animal control program was addressed at last week's regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners.

The meeting was Friday morning, May 13, at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

"Wags and Wine" During the meeting, it was noted that a "Wags and Wine" evening is planned at a local winery which will promote Union County animal control.

"Wags and Wine" is scheduled from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, May 20, at StarView Vineyards near Cobden.

Dogs from Union County animal control which are looking for new homes will be at the event and available for adoption. Monetary and

supply donations will be accepted at the event.

County Board Chairman Reads Statement

During last Friday morning's meeting, Union County Board of Commissioners chairman Max Miller read a prepared statement about the animal control program. The statement follow:

I have overseen animal control through 2 previous administrators. There have been many issues and changes under the direction of the previous administrators.

I am confident animal control has improved each year and continues to do so. We strive to always move forward with improvements.

I have read the social media posts and emails sent. I,

nor anyone else here, will respond to social media platforms.

Social media can manipulate readers with pictures and words. It is unfortunate but there have been staged photos and verbiage used on social media for what we conclude to be a personal vendetta toward current employees and board members.

We have firsthand knowledge the former employee that took the picture of the dog in the muddy pool water was the one who put the dog in the pool solely for the purpose of staging the photo for Facebook.

A complaint was recently filed with OSHA. This complaint was filed concerning the hazards of a storage unit which was under the previous 2 administrators as well.

The County had already taken action to clean this storage unit and had a dumpster on site. We finished cleaning the storage container and sent pictures to OSHA. We then received a letter from OSHA stating they have closed the complaint.

Complaint(s) were made to the Department of Ag as well and 2 weeks ago an unscheduled inspection was conducted at AC. The inspector found ZERO violations with regards to the care of the animals.

I can assure you all animals are being properly taken care of. We currently have some of the best kennel techs the County has ever had.

With that being said, if you were to come out to animal control at 8 in the morning, you are going to find kennels and litter boxes are a mess. It's what happens when animals need to go to the bathroom after hours. Then the kennel techs arrive and everything is cleaned up again.

We are not an adoption facility. We do not get to pick the cute little dogs that are easy to adopt out and look great.

We are animal control. We take possession of the aggressive dogs, the mistreated dogs, the malnourished dogs and the ones that have been abused by their owners.

So when you are out at animal control you are going to see underweight dogs, dogs with wounds and dogs that are timid and scared.

I take this personal as does everyone else here. Implying I do not care about animals is hurtful.

I just had to put to sleep my Schnauzer after 13 years battling several diseases. We buried him in a casket in a pet cemetery.

I would appreciate not being told on your social media platforms that I and others do not care about the animals. AC is monitored on a daily basis.

If we believed animals were being mistreated, we would take immediate action. Are human mistakes made due to time or other circumstances? Yes, but they are not intentional nor mistreating animals. Again, the County board strives to always move toward continued improvements.

The AC facilities have much to be desired. The current board is aggressively working toward a new AC building to be built by late fall if everything falls in line.

The new building, along with equipment, etc. that has never been available before will be instrumental in continuing the best care for animals. Please be patient, watch, and be a part of the

progress.

Do not be swept up in the social media sabotaging by former disgruntled employees, who chose to leave on their own accord.

These misleading posts have led to our employees being cursed at, called horrible names and now even physically being threatened. These threats of violence must stop immediately. ' If they do not stop they will be turned over to the Sheriff's office.

Again, we appreciate you coming to this meeting. We can all work together to make AC a better facility for the animals and workers. We encourage each of you, to volunteer at AC and contribute alongside our employees to love and care for the animals.

(No names of any former employees were shared during Friday morning's meeting.)

Former Employee Addresses Issue

Following last week's county board meeting, former Union County animal control kennel technician issued the following statement:

Dear Union County Residents,

I made a public post on my social media on April 25, 2022 in regards to conditions at Union County Animal Control.

I did this socially, because I made multiple attempts to reach out to The County Administrator about my concerns, which in turn I received either excuses, was ignored and I was told how disappointed they were in me because I reached out to the Department of Ag with my concerns.

First and foremost, I never staged any photo!!! The photo that is being talked about, I did not even take, a volunteer did and I can prove the time and date the photo was taken.

To be accused of that breaks my heart and is against everything I stand for in Animal Welfare. I have a duty to care for these animals and I intended on fulfilling that duty.

Second, this goes so much further than a couple of former employees. This is not a personal vendetta. This is all about the animals in UCAC care, their safety, and their welfare along with the safety of the employees and the condition of the facility.

During my employment at UCAC, multiple community members complained about questionable practices in regards to found animals, citations and the conditions of the facility.

Volunteers quit working with UCAC due to the way the current Administration treated them. Rescues we worked with had concerns after receiving sick animals and false medical records. I personally had to answer many of the Animal Rescue Networkers questions, due to the fact they could not get the information from the Administrator.

Adopters have complained about not receiving full medical records upon adoption even though they were asked for. I can prove each and every one of these statements.

In conclusion, none of the County Board has ever requested to sit down and talk to me, or other previous employees in regards to this matter. Being accused of such disgrace, goes against my character and everything I believe in. Mediation is needed to bring a lot of this to light and the truth be told.

Sincerely, Sara Yarbrough

Redeploy Illinois program on agenda at county board meeting

An update about the Redeploy Illinois program was shared at last week's regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners.

The meeting was Friday morning, May 13, at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Redeploy Illinois program director of juvenile justice programs Becky Pearce attended Friday morning's meeting.

The program's application with the Illinois Department of Human Services and budget for Fiscal Year 2023 were on the agenda for Friday morning's county board meeting. The fiscal year begins July 1.

Union County serves as administrator for a Redeploy Illinois program which has a nine-county service area. The counties include Union, Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski, Saline and Williamson.

The goal of Redeploy Illinois is to decrease youth incarceration in the state Department of Juvenile Justice through evidence-based community programs that maintain public safety and promote positive outcomes for young people.

The program's budget for the fiscal year totals \$773,672.20. The program is completely funded by the State of Illinois.

The regional Redeploy Illinois program is hoping to serve 75 clients during the new fiscal year, an increase from 60.

Wellness on Wheels clinics set in county

Southern Seven Health Department is planning to offer mobile health services in Union County.

The services are being offered through a partnership with the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Services which are available include free blood pressure screenings, colorectal cancer tests (FIT), medication disposal packets and COVID-19 vaccines (including a second booster dose).

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

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

The schedule for upcoming mobile clinics includes: May 25, Shawnee High

Redeploy Illinois sub-contract agreements also were approved with the Stress and Trauma Treatment Center, the Egyptian Health Department, Arrowleaf, Jewell Psychological Services, Advanced Transportation, Choice Counseling and Visions LLC.

County board of commissioners chairman Max Miller praised the work done by Redeploy Illinois. "It's been very successful," Miller said. "I think it's a great program that we should be proud of."

In other business at Friday morning's meeting:

County commissioner David Gould praised the work being done by Jeff Denny and the Union County Highway Department. Denny is the county engineer.

Gould also praised the work which went into the acquisition of a new ambulance for the Union County Ambulance Service. The new unit is in service. Grant Capel is director of the ambulance service.

Rodney Reynolds and Mitchel McLane were reappointed as Shawnee Valley Water District commissioners.

Kevin Clover, Thomas Corbit, Mark Glasco and Carmen Dammerman were appointed as trustees on the Ebenezer Hall Cemetery board.

Building permits were approved for a shed, a garage, a house and a lean to.

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Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Illinois State Scholars include Andrew Detering, Marlee Smith, Chloe McFarland, Alex Little, Riley Rios, Ethan Minckler, Ian Crunk, Bryce Henry, Trevor Cochran, Addison Denny, Beto Vaca Diez and Bo Schuetz.

This year's outstanding seniors at A-JCHS include Andrew Detering, Bryce Henry, Marlee Smith, Addison Denny, Beto Vaca Diez and Gavin Osman.

A-JCHS seniors faced the teachers in a whiffle ball game last week.

The Cobden School Theater Department has a new YouTube page. The page features every play the department has produced since 2009.

The Cobden School Marching Appleknockers have unveiled a new drumline for the upcoming parade season. The band is looking forward to the Cobden Peach Festival parade.

The Thebes Historical Society is making plans to host its annual Memorial Day weekend event. The event is scheduled

May 28-29 at the historical courthouse in Thebes.

A "coming soon" sign for Karma Clothing and Accessories was seen last Friday in Alto Pass.

A fly fishing demonstration planned by David Field which had been scheduled for May 21 at the Anna Arts Center has been canceled. The arts center expects the event to be rescheduled in July.

Shawnee Community College recently hosted a University of Illinois 4-H Extension Teen Leader training program. Students in grades 8 through 12 from around the region participated.

Music students from Shawnee Community College recently took a trip to Memphis, Tenn. The group visited Graceland and Sun Records and had some Memphis barbeque.

WSIL TV reported last week that Readerlink, "the largest full-service distributor of hardcover, trade and paperback books in North America," is planning a new distribution center in the former Circuit City building in Marion.

COVID cases increase

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public not to be alarmed, but to be aware of this trend and to take action by making sure they are up-to-date with vaccinations and booster shots." IDPH acting director Amaal Tokars said in a news release.

"In addition, in areas that are rated at medium community level, people who are elderly or immunocompromised are strongly advised to mask up in indoor places.

"And if you test positive, you should consult with a

healthcare provider about obtaining a prescription for one of the therapeutic treatments that are widely available.

"The treatments are much more effective at preventing hospitalizations and deaths when they are taken early in the course of the illness."

Of Illinois' total population, more than 76 percent had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, more than 69 percent of Illinois' total population was fully vaccinated and more than 51 percent of the vaccinated population was boosted, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

IDPH noted that all data are provisional and are subject to change.

Union County COVID Cases Update May 15: 5,422 total cases. 64 total deaths. May 12: 5,415 total cases. 64 total deaths. May 1: 5,384 total cases. 64 deaths. April 1: 5,365 total cases. 64 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.

Weekly new COVID-19 cases reported in Illinois May 13: 40,026 May 6: 30,633 April 29: 24,646 April 22: 19,551 April 15: 14,049 April 8: 10,786 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, 2022: 201,428 Dec. 3, 2021: 42,559 Nov. 5: 17,462 Oct. 1: 18,735 Sept. 3: 30,319 Aug. 6: 16,742 June 18, 2021: 928 Source: Illinois Department of Public Health

A-J Women's Club shares stories of scholarship recipients

At a regular meeting on May 2, the General Federation of Women's Clubs Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club presented educational scholarships to two Union County young women.

Scholarships were presented to Cobden High School senior Leslie Morales and to Anna-Jonesboro Community High School senior Marlee Smith.

Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club scholarship chairman Lillian Milam welcomed and introduced the young women to members of the club.

She explained that both scholarship recipients were extremely committed to service in their communities and in their school activities.

She added that both students were exemplary academic students in spite of dealing with the stress of great personal challenges.

The women's club noted that the scholarship recipients' stories are best told in their own words, from the essays they submitted to the scholarship committee.

Leslie Morales
Hello, my name is Leslie Morales and I am a student at Cobden High School. I am a senior and will graduate in May of 2022.

I will be attending Southern Illinois University in the fall, where I plan to major in biological sciences and minor in chemistry.

I plan to finish my bachelor's and remain at SIU in Carbondale for 4 years of my education.

Afterward, I plan to finish my studies and attend the University of Illinois in the Veterinary School. I plan to attend this university in order to achieve my lifelong dream to become a veterinarian.

I have worked long and hard to prepare for college and am sure that I will give it my undivided attention and dedication.

I am part of the first generation of people in my family to attend college and the second of four children in

my family.
My brother is in college at Shawnee Community College pursuing a career in welding and building up his education to become an underwater welder.

My brother and I live in a low-income household and rely on the income of a single parent. The pressure of financing our college careers is difficult.

Getting the opportunity to go to college is essential to me and my family and something I look forward to fondly.

At SIU I hope to be involved in school and community organizations. It is good to be supported by like-minded individuals that have the same beliefs and goals, but it will help me to grow and learn from those that are different from me.

I look forward to volunteer opportunities, meeting new people and making new experiences.

Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club scholarship chairman Milam noted that not included in the essay, but certainly a part of the Leslie Morales story is the fact that she took a major role in the care of a younger sibling during his fight with a major illness.

A teacher wrote: "Further evidence of her commitment to family and doing what is right are her years of loving, attentive, selfless and tireless care of her little brother during his greatest hours of need."

Marlee Smith
Being an athlete, I have always thrived on a challenge.

Once I was diagnosed with leukemia, I knew cancer would be my most grueling opponent, and I honestly wondered if I would ever be strong enough to compete again as I did before cancer.

Many oncologists have said that being an athlete has been a critical factor in my recovery process, but I give all of the credit of my life to God.

God led me to a phenome-

nal group of men and women at Cardinal Glennon Hospital from physicians, nurses, teachers, receptionists, housekeepers and social workers who go above and beyond to support ALL their Glennon kiddos and our families.

God gave these men and women a special calling to care for pediatric cancer patients, and I will forever be grateful to each one and the inspiration they have given me.

There have been several teenagers who have gained their angel wings since my diagnosis.

No child should have to face their mortality at such a young age, never given a chance to grow into an adult.

So I stand here today to be a voice for all those who have lost their battle and the ones still yet to be diagnosed. I plan to go into a career in nursing to be a forever advocate for childhood cancer awareness.

I have become acutely aware of our limited time on earth.

Cancer truly is a life-changing event. It changed how I look at my life and what I deem as meaningful.

I need to give back something worthwhile with my life, and I feel that path is a career in nursing beginning at John A Logan, then transfer for BSN/NP.

I will continue to volunteer and fundraise for pediatric cancer with my annual Christmas toy drive for the children at Cardinal Glennon and Friends of Kids with Cancer, and also fundraise for children who have recently been diagnosed with cancer in Southern Illinois because I feel blessed and compelled not to waste the time God has granted with my life.

Scholarship chairman Milam spoke for the club when she congratulated the young women on their accomplishments and wished them well in the pursuit of their careers.



History detectives

PAST's history detectives, Amy Penninger, Diana Scherer and Barbara Bauer met recently to make plans to share their discoveries. PAST's history interpreters plan to have stories to tell at the upcoming Annabelle Festival. Visitors will have an opportunity to do a self-guided walking tour in downtown Anna or to take a bus tour to other historical locations. Photo provided.

PAST plans to highlight historic treasures during Annabelle Festival

PAST of Union County seeks to Promote Appreciation of Structural Treasures.

It is also the mission of PAST to discover, share and preserve the stories that tell about the folks who lived, worked, worshiped and played in those historic places.

APAST history committee has discovered "layers" of information about Anna's 168-year past. The discovery of the native Annabelle plant is one of the area's important historical events.

As a part of the upcoming Annabelle Festival, which is scheduled Saturday, June 11, and in order to tell these stories, PAST representatives plan to point out several local "treasured" structures and recall some of their storied past.

On Annabelle Festival Saturday, there will be a printed brochure available at the Annabelle Market on South Main Street for a "Downtown Anna" self-guided walking tour.

At the featured locations, costumed and special story tellers will share history of the buildings and their businesses.

PAST and Shawnee Community College also plan to

offer a bus tour to learn about several historical locations outside the downtown Anna area.

The bus tour will originate at the Shawnee Community College Anna Extension Center.

Preregistration is recommended, or those who want to go on the tour can arrive early to register before boarding the bus by 10 a.m.

Cost for the bus tour and booklet is \$20. For more information, or to register for the tour, call Shawnee Community College at 833-3399.

PAST noted that volunteer hostesses and helpers are still needed for this community project. For more information or to learn how to sign up to help, call Diana at 217-377-0994 or Barbara at 618-527-2046.

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From left are Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club scholarship recipient Marlee Smith, women's club scholarship chairman Lillian Milam and scholarship recipient Leslie Morales. Photo provided.

Pumpkin Town theme entries still welcomed

Plans are being made for the 2022 Pumpkin Town event in Anna.

Again this year, Pumpkin Town is scheduled to be on display in the fall at the Anna City Park.

Organizers of Pumpkin Town are looking for a theme for 2022 – and they are looking for some help from students in Union County.

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council's Anna Arts Center is sponsoring a Pumpkin Town theme contest – with the deadline for entries extended until the end of May. A May 15 deadline originally had been announced.

The arts center outlined the following requirements for those who would like to enter the contest:

Design a flyer on an 8 1/2

inch by 11 inch piece of paper with your theme for Pumpkin Town.

Entries are limited to children in kindergarten through 12th grades; those in all grades are welcome to submit a flyer.

Home-schoolers are invited to submit a flyer.

Please include your name, grade, school or home school and phone number with your entry.

Entries are due to the Shawnee Hills Arts Council May 31.

Entries can be dropped off at the Here & Now Shop at 319 S. Main St. in downtown Anna. Hours at the shop are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday.

Entries also can be mailed to the Anna Arts Center,

125 W. Davie St., Anna, Ill. 62906.

Flyers which are submitted for the contest are scheduled to be exhibited at the Anna Arts Center during the 2022 Annabelle Festival, which is set for June 11. Arts center visitors will be able to vote on their favorite theme entry for Pumpkin Town.

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place.

More information is available by contacting Lee Hackney by phone at 904-625-1109 or by email at vabchlee@gmail.com.

Plant sale set

American Legion Post No. 178 Auxiliary of Villa Ridge is planning to sponsor a plant sale on Saturday, May 21.

The sale is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon in the parking lot at Stop n Shop in Mounds.

The sale will feature perennial and annual flowers, hostas, daylilies and more.

Anna-Jonesboro National Bank would like to congratulate all local graduates! Best wishes for a bright and successful future!

Special congratulations to our bank family graduates!

Happy Graduation Day!

University of Louisville - Lindsey Miller

High School - Brittany Hill, Luke Lasley, Gracie Barlow, Abigayle Thompson, Landon Roach, Kyle Jerrell, Breanna Plott, Addison Denny and Jade Caraker.

8th Grade - Miles Delashmutt, Jack Smith, Kale Waller and Adrianna Caraker.

Kindergarten - Lexi Lence



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Sports

High school baseball

Cobden wins SEC with no-hit victory

The Cobden High School baseball team closed out regular season play last week with a pair of wins.

Cobden 7, Pope County 2: Dawson Short led the hitting by going 3-for-3 with a home run and 2 RBIs for the visiting Appleknockers Tuesday, May 10.

Reese Hand was 3-for-4 with a home run, double and 2 RBIs. Brock Reynolds was 2-for-3 with a triple. John Fuhrhop was 2-for-3.

Tyler Franklin and Reese Hand pitched in the win. Franklin pitched 4 innings and allowed 3 hits to go with 3 walks and 8 strikeouts. Reese Hand pitched 3 innings and allowed a hit to go with a walk and 7 strikeouts.

Cobden 7, Herrin Agape 2: The host Appleknockers won the South Egyptian Conference with the victory Monday, May 9.

Nolan Hand and Reese

Hand combined to pitch a no-hitter.

Nolan Hand pitched 6 1/3 innings and allowed 3 walks to go with 17 strikeouts. Reese Hand pitched 2/3 of an inning and had 2 strikeouts.

Cobden pitchers combined to log 34 total strikeouts in the two wins.

Nolan Hand led the hitting by going 2-for-3 with 2 RBIs and a double. Hunter Pitts was 2-for-3 with 2 RBIs. Reynolds was 2-for-4 with 2 doubles. Noel Fabian was 1-for-1. Fuhrhop was 1-for-3.

Cobden, 10-3, was to have played on Wednesday at the Cobden Class A sub-regional against the winner of Monday's Century vs. Egyptian winner.

Shawnee goes against Meridian in the other first-round game at the sub-regional. The winners of both games play in the championship at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 21, in Cobden.

A-J boys track team competes at conference

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' track team competed at the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Meet at Herrin Thursday, May 12.

Matteo Vaca Diez led A-J with a 2nd place finish in the 800-meter run in 2:07.43.

Third place finishes were recorded by the 4x100-meter relay of Romeo Godinez, Ethan Carver, JJ Gerardi and Zach Stokes in 45.67; the 4x200-meter relay of Godinez, Carver, Nile Chotner and Stokes in 1:37.16 and the 4x800-meter relay of Charles Vaca Diez, Chotner, Zach Henry, Matteo Vaca Diez.

Fourth place finishes were recorded by Stokes in the 200-meter run in 24.38; Yovani Carillo in the 3200-meter run in 12:14.83; 4x200-meter relay of Wyatt Wright, Logan Abernathy, Lucas Vaca Diez and Kyle Conway in 1:52.28 and the 400-meter relay of Charles Vaca Diez, Chotner, Gerardi and Carver in 3:46.17.

Fifth place finishes were recorded by Gerardi in the 400-meter run in 54.79; Henry in the 1600-meter run in 5:03.03 and Godinez in the triple jump in 11.17 meters.

Sixth place efforts were recorded by Matteo Vaca Diez in the 1600-meter run in 5:10.24 and Lucas Vaca Diez in the 3200-meter run in 12:44.19.

Sixth place efforts were recorded by Stokes in the 100-meter dash in 11.92

and Matteo Vaca Diez in the 1600-meter run in 5:10.24.

Carver had a 7th place finish in the 100-meter dash in 12.02.

Eighth place finishes were recorded by Charles Vaca Diez in the 400-meter run in 1:01.01; Josh Williams in the 800-meter run in 2:33.96; Om Patel in the shot put with 7.79 meters and in the discus with 21.45 meters.

Williams had a 9th place finish in the long jump with 4.46 meters.

The boys compete this week in the Class 2A sectional at Mascoutah.

Shawnee over Meridian at subregional

The Shawnee High School baseball team defeated visiting Meridian 7-4 in first-round action at the Cobden Class 1A sub-regional.

Braden Freeman and Chase Woodard pitched for Shawnee in the win. Freeman worked 6 innings and allowed 3 hits to go with 2 walks and 5 strikeouts. Woodard pitched an inning and didn't allow a hit or walk and had a strikeout.

Freeman was 2-for-3 to lead Shawnee at the plate. Cole Pender was 1-for-2 and Austin Kinder was 1-for-3.

Shawnee, 5-5, was to have played Carrier Mills at the Cobden subregional on Wednesday, May 18.

A-J softball team 3-1 to close regular season

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School softball ball team was 3-1 last week to close out regular season play.

A-J 16, Chester 4: Avery Osman led the way at the plate by going 4-for-5 with a home run for the visiting Lady Wildcats Friday, May 13.

Hallie Plott was 2-for-3. Carmin Smith was 2-for-4. Jenna Sadler was 2-for-5. Ariana Turner had a home run. Cassidy Janke and Shea Thorn had a hit apiece.

Sadler and Ruby Yates pitched in the win. Sadler pitched 4 innings and allowed 3 hits to go with 2 walks and 2 strikeouts. Yates pitched 3 innings and allowed 3 hits to go with 2 walks and 5 strikeouts.

A-J 18, Pope County 0: Payton Seip was 3-for-3 with a home run to lead host A-J to the win Wednesday, May 11.

Osman was 3-for-4. Thorn was 2-for-3. Plott was 2-for-4. Brooke Carmack was 1-for-1 with a home run. Abigail Dahmer and Chesnee Marks were

each 1-for-1. Smith was 1-for-3. Olivia Schaefer and Turner were each 1-for-4.

Yates was the winning pitcher, allowing one hit to go with a walk and 11 strikeouts.

Trico 2, A-J 1: Thorn was 1-for-2 with a home run for visiting A-J, Tuesday, May 10.

Seip was 1-for-2 and Sadler was 1-for-3.

Marks pitched in the loss and allowed 5 hits to go with a walk and 4 strikeouts.

A-J 9, Harrisburg 1: Seip was 3-for-4 to lead the host Lady Wildcats to the win Monday, May 9.

Osman was 2-for-4. Turner had a home run. Sadler, Thorn, Dahmer and Schaefer had a hit apiece.

Yates was the winning pitcher with a 3-hitter to go with 4 walks and 14 strikeouts.

A-J, 19-11, was scheduled to play Vienna at home earlier this week in the first round of the Johnston City Class 2A subregional. The championship is scheduled for Saturday, May 21.

A-J baseball posts three wins as regular season play wraps up

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School baseball team posted a 3-1 record in action last week.

A-J 14, Goreville 7: Dylan Harvel was 3-for-4 with 4 RBIs to lead the visiting Wildcats to the win in 8 innings Saturday, May 14.

Ethan Ames was 3-for-5 with a double, home run and 3 RBIs. Luke Lasley was 2-for-4 with an RBI. Hayden Ralls was 2-for-5 with a double, home run and 4 RBIs. Aaron Sheffer was 2-for-5 with an RBI. Landon Trammel was 1-for-3 with a double. Dylan Ahlberg was 1-for-4. Mason Watkins and Gavin Osman scored a run apiece.

Ahlberg, Ames and Ralls pitched in the win and combined on 13 hits to go with 9 walks and 10 strikeouts.

A-J 14, Carbondale 4: Ralls was 2-for-3 with an RBI to lead the visiting Wildcats to the win Thursday, May 12.

Lasley was 1-for-1 with a triple. Watkins was 1-for-1 with a double. Harvel was 1-for-2 with an RBI. Osman was 1-for-3. Sheffer scored a run.

Watkins, Sheffer and Harvel pitched in the win, combining on 13 hits to go with 7 walks and 3 strikeouts.

A-J 11, Trico 4: Ralls was 2-for-3 with an RBI to lead visiting A-J to the win Tuesday, May 11.

Watkins was 2-for-4 with a double and 3 RBIs. Harvel was 2-for-5 with an RBI. Ahlberg was 1-for-2. Trammel was 1-for-3 with a double and an RBI. Osman was 1-for-3. Drake Hartline had an RBI.

Kyle Jerrell, Watkins and Sheffer pitched in the win, combining on a 7 hitter to go with 5 walks and 5 strikeouts.

Nashville 6, A-J 1: Osman was 2-for-3 to lead the hitting in the loss for the host Wildcats Monday, May 9.

Jerrell was 1-for-1 and Ralls was 1-for-3.

Ames, Ahlberg, Ralls and Hartline pitched in the loss, combining on 5 hits to go with 8 walks and 10 strikeouts.

A-J, 16-10, was to have played Wednesday in the Johnston City Class 2A subregional against Monday's winner between West Frankfort vs. Johnston City. The championship is set for 11 a.m. Saturday, May 21, at Johnston City.

A-J's Denny advances to state

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School's Brodie Denny was the Class 2A sectional champion at Salem in the 800-meter and 1600-meter runs in girls' track Saturday, May 14.

Denny will advance in both events to the Class 2A state championship in Charleston this weekend. The top two finishers in each event advance to the state meet.

In the 1600-meter run, Denny set a A-J school record of 5:20.12 with her 1st place finish.

In the 800-meter run, she finished in 1st place in 2:21.58.

The next highest finish for A-J was posted by Zoe Jones in the 3200-meter run with a 13:40.34.

Marlee Smith finished in 10th place in the discus with 28.19 meter toss and 11th in the shot put with 8.55 meters. Kati Sullivan finished in 11th place in the discus with a throw of 25.97 meters.

SIBSA highlights

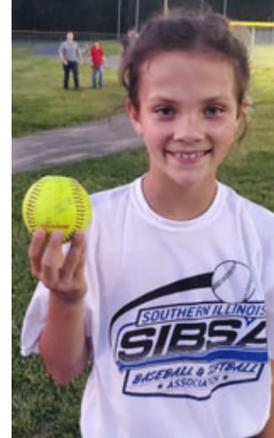
The Union County SIBSA shared photographs of players who have had big hits during the 2022 season. Photos provided.



Drake Chapman hit a home run.



Jayci Poe had a home run on May 12 and a home run on May 16.



Jenna Hoehner hit a grand slam home run.



Kaegan Craig hit two home runs on May 12 and two home runs on May 16.



Kendrix Schuster hit a grand slam home run.



Kinnley Shadowens hit a grand slam home run.



Mariah Carmack hit a home run.



Xavier Richardson hit a home run.

Cobden softball team 2-2 in action last week

The Cobden High School softball team posted a 2-2 record in last week's action.

Zeigler-Royalton 10, Cobden 9: Mackenzie Howell was 2-for-3 with a double, 2 RBIs and 2 stolen bases to lead Cobden in the final game of a doubleheader loss at Herrin Saturday, May 14.

Karleigh Ellis was 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI. Katelyn Shadowens was 2-for-4. Trish Aldridge was 1-for-1. Anna Staley was 1-for-2. Tess Brummer was 1-for-4 with an RBI.

Ellis was the losing pitcher, scattering 13 hits to go with 3 walks and no strikeouts.

Herrin 6, Cobden 0: Howell had the only hit for the Appleknockers in the doubleheader loss in the opener Saturday. She was 1-for-3 with a double and a stolen base.

Bianca Vicente pitched in the loss, giving up 8 hits to go with 2 walks and no strikeouts.

Cobden 15, Meridian 5: Howell was 4-for-5 with a double, 2 triples, a home run and 3 RBIs to lead visiting Cobden in the win Tuesday, May 10.

Emma Roberts was

2-for-3 with a triple and an RBI. Vicente was 2-for-3. Emma Phillippe was 2-for-4 with a double. Halle Short was 2-for-4. Emma Kilpatrick was 1-for-3 with a home run. Shadowens was 1-for-5 with an RBI.

Vicente was the winning pitcher, scattering 11 hits to go with no walks and 5 strikeouts.

Cobden 9, Herrin Agape 2: Brummer was 3-for-4 to lead host Cobden to the win Monday, May 9.

Howell was 2-for-3. Shadowens was 2-for-4. Phillippe and Roberts were both 1-for-3. Ellis and Kilpatrick were each 1-for-4.

Vicente was the winning pitcher, scattering 4 hits to go with 2 walks and 3 strikeouts.

Cobden, 7-11, plays Goreville at 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 20, for the championship of the Cobden Class 1A subregional. Both Shawnee and Dongola dropped out of the subregional because neither team had enough players to compete.



A-JCHS student athlete signs letter of intent

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School senior Ethan Ames has signed a letter of intent to join the baseball team at Lewis & Clark Community College in Godfrey in the fall. Ethan was joined by his family for a signing ceremony on Friday, May 13, at A-JCHS. From left are Ethan's sister Katie Ames (holding nephew Oliver Daniels); his mother, Jennifer Johnson; Ethan Ames; his father, Josh Ames; and his stepmother, Kayla Ames.

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A-J/Cobden soccer ends regular season

The Anna-Jonesboro/Cobden high school co-op girls' soccer team closed out regular season play last week.

Carterville 4, A-J/Cobden 0: Riley Cruse and Hannah Webb played 40 minutes apiece in goal and had 8 saves apiece in the loss for the visiting team Tuesday, May 10.

A-J/Cobden 12, Du Quoin 0: Riley Cruse led the way for the host winners with 6 goals Monday, May 9.

Payton Brust and Savannah Smith had 2 goals apiece. Webb and Madelyn Eastman had a goal each. Kenzie Stover had the only assist.

Webb and Smith split time in goal. Webb had a save. Smith had 3 saves.

A-J/Cobden, 10-8, was scheduled to play earlier this week against host Carbondale in the Class 2A regional. The winner plays the Mount Vernon vs. Marion winner at 5 p.m. Friday, at Carbondale.

A-J softball wins opener at subregional

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School softball team overcame a 4-0 deficit to post a 9-6 win over visiting Vienna in first round action of the Johnston City subregional.

Avery Osman led A-J at the plate by going 2-for-3 with a home run. The home run tied the school record for home runs in a season with 14.

Payton Seip was 2-for-3. Jenna Sadler was 2-for-4. Olivia Schaefer was 1-for-2. Hallie Plott and Cassidy Janke were both 1-for-3. Ariana Turner was 1-for-4 with a home run. Shea Thorn was 1-for-4.

Ruby Yates was the winning pitcher, giving up 6 hits to go with 3 walks and 10 strikeouts.

A-J, 20-11, was to have played Carterville in second round action on Wednesday, May 18, at Johnston City.

Shawnee 7, Egyptian 3

The Shawnee High School baseball team closed out regular season play with a 7-3 win over visiting Egyptian Monday, May 9.

Chase Woodard was the winning pitcher with a 3-hitter to go with 3 walks and 9 strikeouts.

Dustin Smith led the hitting by going 2-for-2 with an RBI. Woodard and Austin Kinder were each 2-for-3. Braden Freeman, Brody Wills and Brian Libert were 1-for-3.

Shawnee, 4-5, was to have played Meridian earlier this week in the first round of the Cobden Class 1A subregional.



Ribbon cutting

Union County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development sponsored a ribbon cutting at Pizza Villa in Anna. Pizza Villa, a long-time favorite restaurant in the region located along Lafayette Street in Anna, has new owners. The new proprietors, James Dillow and Jodie Stewart-Dillow, were joined by family, friends, employees and other members of the community for the ribbon cutting on Saturday, May 14. Those present included Josh Belford, Dalton Cobb, Garyt Johnson, Drew Page, Ethan Carver, Keegan Keller, Hunter Boyd, Matthew Wright, Blake Dillow, James Dillow, Alan Stewart, JP Wilkins, Jane Goins, Justin Carver, Carsen Morrison, Reid Morrison, Nathan Plott, Daniel Page, Mandy Page, Judy Stegle, Mike Stegle, Avery Page, Leigh Burns, Tracey Smith, Phil Dillow, Sharon Dillow, Crystal Gurley, Kaden Gurley, Cooper Gurley, Codie Carver, Tonya Loveless, Martha Webb, Angela Boyd, Skylar Webb, Kylie Dillow, Jodie Stewart-Dillow and Josh Stegle.

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Lawyer in Library program scheduled at Anna library

Persons who want to represent themselves in court, or those who have a legal matter to discuss, will have the opportunity for a 20-minute, private, in-person consultation with attorney Gene Turk through the Lawyer in the Library program offered at the Stinson Memorial Public Library in Anna.

A Lawyer in the Library session is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon May 25 at the Anna library. Sessions also are scheduled in June and July.

The library is located at 409 S. Main St. in Anna. Turk has practiced law in Carbondale since 1991.

There is no fee for the Lawyer in the Library, but preregistration is required. Preregistration is available by calling the library at 833-

2521. Space is limited.

Those who make an appointment are asked to bring any paperwork pertaining to their legal matter, if applicable, with them.

The only requirements for participation is the patron must not be represented by an attorney in the matter and the patron must reside in one of the nine counties of the Illinois First Judicial Circuit.

The circuit includes Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski, Saline, Union and Williamson counties.

More information about the program is available by contacting Stinson Memorial Public Library director Sarah Watkins at 833-2521 or Brenda Sprague at the office of the chief judge at 618-997-1234.

Blessing of Jeeps planned at Bald Knob

The annual Blessing of the Jeeps is planned Saturday, May 21, at the Cross of Peace on Bald Knob Cross near Alto Pass.

The event is coordinated by Jeep'n Shawnee, a Jeep enthusiast group with nearly 5,000 members.

The event is scheduled to feature three broadcasted blessings/prayers, two guided trail rides throughout the Shawnee National Forest in Southern Illinois, educational booths presented by state and federal organizations, local vendors and food trucks.

Anna VFW Welcomes Visitors

On the day of the Blessing of the Jeeps, Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 in Anna plans to serve food.

Complimentary biscuits and gravy will be served from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Hot dogs will be served, starting at noon. The post is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna.

Blessing of the Jeeps participants are invited to stop by, have a bite to eat and visit with VFW members.

Weather

High 91, low 51; .34 of an inch of rain

Warm temperatures and light precipitation were recorded in the Union County area May 10-16.

The high temperature was 91 degrees. The low was 51.

Precipitation included .01 of an inch of rain on May 12 and .33 of an inch of rain on May 15.

The Union County area was under a severe thunderstorm watch for part of the day on Sunday. Storms, with strong winds, moved through the area late Sunday afternoon.

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

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Tuesday, May 10	87	65
Wednesday, May 11	91	69
Thursday, May 12	91	67
Friday, May 13	88	59
Saturday, May 14	87	62
Sunday, May 15	87	59
Monday, May 16	80	51

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"The Preaching Pen" But, I Just Thought?

Good morning, I would like to discuss a New Testament passage with you. In Matthew 26: 6-12, the Bible says, "Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, there came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he sat at meat. But when his disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying To what purpose is this waste? For this ointment might have been sold for much and given to the poor. When Jesus understood it, he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? For she hath wrought a good work upon me. For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always. For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial."

In order to please God, Christians must make appropriate judgments in life. In this account even his disciples (those who had been with him for about 3 years) make a rash judgment based on appearances. The disciples make their judgments on what they saw and concluded it to be wasteful. However, Christ makes his judgment on what he understood, not guessed, or assumed. Christ knew that she was preparing him for this burial (12).

How many times have we uttered these words? "But I just thought" or "It seemed like to me?" How many hearts have we crushed? How many souls have been pained by our inaccurate perceptions? It just takes a couple of seconds to close our mouths, but it may take years to make up for an unwarranted judgment. Let us judge as Christ commands John 7:24. Knowing and heeding the truth becomes increasingly more difficult when we make unwise judgments.

Ryan Thornsberry
Anna church of Christ

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News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, May 15, in the morning service, Pastor Perry Williams presented a message discussing "the trap of expectations." The message was based on scripture from Luke in the New Testament.

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. Marion Hill played a song on his banjo, "Because He Lives."

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

The Dig-In children's program and a youth group skating party were planned Wednesday evening

A monthly Hospitality Sunday potluck is planned following morning worship on Sunday, May 22. The church will provide meat. Those who attend are asked to bring side dishes, salads and desserts to share.

Birthdays: Bon Kohler, May 16; Mary "Murk" Cripps, May 20.

Wedding anniversary: Jose and Jerri Tehandon,

May 15, 23 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.

Cobden Women's Club to meet

The Cobden Women's Club plans to meet Thursday, today.

The meeting is set for 1 p.m. in the Family Life Center at the First Baptist Church in Cobden. The club always welcomes new members.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

A Sunday morning worship service was held May 15 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 "The Parable of the Sower."

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

Birthdays: Madison Schnaare, May 15.

Fellowship Connect is planned at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 20.

Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. Sunday, May 22.

Sunday School is planned at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, May 22.

A morning worship service and children's church

are planned at 10:35 a.m. Sunday, May 22.

Children's quizzing is planned at 5 p.m. Sunday, May 22.

An annual meeting banquet is planned at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, May 22.

A Wednesday night service is planned at 6:30 p.m. on May 25 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 grocery giveaway is planned from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on May 28.

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.

News from

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna



Dallas Keller received an award for attendance on the last day of children's church for attending the most Sundays. Children's church is scheduled to resume in September. Photo provided.

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Daily Bible Reading

1 Samuel 9:1-27	1 Samuel 10:1-16	1 Samuel 10:17-27	1 Samuel 11:1-15	1 Samuel 12:1-25	1 Samuel 15:1-9	1 Samuel 15:10-35
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Obituaries

George T. 'Tom' Hubbs

George T. "Tom" Hubbs, 88, of Anna, died Thursday, May 12, 2022, at the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna.

He was born on July 10, 1933, in Anna, the son of James Ray and Florence Ann Haire Hubbs.

He married Barbara Sue Templeton on May 22, 1955, in Anna. She preceded him in death on Aug. 29, 2016.

Mr. Hubbs is survived by his son, Greg Hubbs of Anna; grandchildren Lyndsey Hubbs and Emily Hubbs; great-grandchildren Clayton Thomas Hubbs and Ella Clara Hubbs; siblings May King, Betty Carter and Harold Hubbs; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Barbara Sue Hubbs; a daughter-in-law, Angela Hubbs; and a brother, Doris Hubbs.

Mr. Hubbs was a member of Anna Heights Baptist Church in Anna. He was a musician and loved playing steel guitar. He also enjoyed riding his motorcycle.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Tom loved his family.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with the Rev. LaRue Parr officiating.

Interment was in the Anna Cemetery. Graveside military rites were conducted by Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna and the Illinois Army National Guard military honor 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 Jonesboro was in charge of arrangements.



Lucretia Ellen (Aldridge) Stoelzle 'Lou'

Lucretia Ellen (Aldridge) Stoelzle "Lou," of Carbondale, went home to her Savior Jesus on Friday, May 6, 2022, at 5:20 p.m.

Lou was surrounded by her sister Tempa, best friend Tamara Dixon and her daughter Lauren. Lou loved to sing and left this world hearing "This is the Reason I Sing."

Lou was born on Sept. 8, 1951, the daughter of Tommy and Joyce Gray Aldridge, who resided in Wolf Lake.

Lou is survived by her daughter, Lauren; three grandchildren, whom she loved dearly, Beulah, Star and Wyatt; her sister, Tempa Dunn; nieces Katie and Abby; her second nieces, Norah, Rowan; second nephew Asa; her cousin SaDona Gray and her son Jack; her cousin LaDonna Chandler and her daughter Whitney and her children.

Lou was preceded in death by her mother and father; her former husband, Michael Stoelzle; and her dearly loved brother-in-law, Joe Dunn.

Lou had so many friends. She cherished her friendship with her neighbor Nour Farhat and her new found friendship in Tamara Dixon.

Lou loved people. She loved the gift of song and laughter. Her love of life and joy was contagious. Her laugh was one of a kind and brought love to many.

She received her master's in rehabilitation counseling degree and bachelor's of music degree from Southern Illinois University.

She worked at the Illinois Youth Center in Harrisburg, as a probation officer in Jackson County Courthouse and enjoyed helping youth as a mental health therapist at Jefferson County Comprehensive Services for 10 years.

Lou loved bringing hope to people who faced hardships. She listened to WBGL 24/7 and put her hope and faith in Jesus.

A celebration of the abundant life of Lou was held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 15, at University Baptist Church in Carbondale.

"Grandmother, Mother, but first Mommy. We will miss you dearly. We love you and this is not a goodbye. This is a see you later."

Memorials can be made in her name to DEW Haven Maine Zoo and Rescue in Mt. Vernon, Maine; or a donation to the people she loved most in life, her grandchildren's college fund and donations will be accepted at the church.

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

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



Ronald Peterson Jr.

Ronald Peterson Jr., 56, of Karnak, died Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 1:45 p.m. at his residence.

Mr. Peterson was born on April 12, 1966, in Yorkville, the son of Clara Mae Holst and Ronald Allan Peterson Sr.

He married Tina Marie Slusher on March 22, 1997. She survives.

He was a proud veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. He began his career as an over the road truck driver and later transitioned to OilDri, where he worked for over 15 years. He attended Maple Grove Baptist Church.

Besides his wife, survivors include a daughter, Kerri Ann (Ricky Jr.) Plazarin; a grandson, Kevin Lee Plazarin; one step-daughter, Michelle Rene Orack Paller; one step-granddaughter, Averie Lauren Orack; siblings Beverly, Tina, Sherry, Jennifer and Jack; special friends Larry and Treasa Sauerbrunn, Mark Sauerbrunn, Ida Sauerbrunn and Renee Sauerbrunn; as well as nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Mr. Peterson was preceded in death by his parents and by a sister, Lynn Peterson; as well as special friends Harold "Pops" Sauerbrunn Sr. and Harold "Bud" Sauerbrunn Jr.

Funeral services were at noon Monday, May 16, at Crain Funeral Home in Ullin, with Pastor Jim Collins officiating. Burial and military honors were held at Concord Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the family. Crain Funeral Home in Ullin was in charge of arrangements.



News from Camp Ground Church, Community

Rev. Chris Fleming's sermon Sunday was titled "Being Humble as Christ was Humble," with the main scripture from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

The sermon recalled that "Jesus gave up His heavenly home and equality with God to come to earth to take on humanness.

"Jesus humbled Himself, even to the cross. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, God provided a way for our salvation and eternal life.

"When we humble ourselves and submit our life to Him, we become a tool in the hand of God. Some may take advantage of us and we may even be persecuted, but as we grow nearer to God, He will draw nearer to us.

"We can choose to be obedient to God and have eternal life, or we can disobey and reap the consequence of our sin."

During the time of announcements, the church presented a Bible and card to Addi Bonner, who will graduate from Anna Junior High School this week.

Following morning worship, the congregation enjoyed a potluck and fellowship in Addi's honor. Many members of her family were in attendance.

Billy and Donna Williams, who recently celebrated their 50th wedding

anniversary, were also given a gift and card from the church.

Birthday greetings to Berna Gerard, whose birthday was May 5; and to Landon Roach, whose birthday was Tuesday, the 17th.

Several members of David and Jhan Miller's family joined with them Sunday, the 8th to celebrate Mother's Day and David and Jhan's wedding anniversary, which was the 11th.

Jeff and Brittany Roach and Tanner hosted family and friends for lunch Sunday afternoon in honor of their son/brother Landon's upcoming graduation from Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. His birthday Tuesday was also celebrated.

The Camp Ground Church congregation congratulates all the 2022 graduates, be they kindergarten, junior or senior high school and college.

All are welcome to services each Sunday at Camp Ground Church. 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.

Brenda Lea Clutts Flores

Brenda Lea Clutts Flores, 63, of Cobden, died Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

She was born on May 6, 1959, in Anna, the daughter of William Van and Rose Marie Vandergraph Clutts.

She is survived by her mother, Rose Marie Clutts of Cobden; two brothers, Larry Allan (Jana) Clutts and Brian Edward Clutts, all of Cobden; nieces and nephews Bobbielyn Crews, Jeremy (Ayrica) Clutts, Jason (Rebecca) Clutts and Hali Clutts; great-nieces and nephews Ayramis James Moschino, Lillian Jane Scott, Elijah Van Clutts, Israel Don Clutts, Josiah Gene Clutts, Guinevere Alice Rose Clutts, Sebastian Antonio Gonzalez, Gannon Matthew Clutts, Kylie Jo Clutts; other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her father.

Mrs. Flores was a devoted Christian and loved her Lord and Savior. She was an avid reader and enjoyed crocheting and needlepoint. She loved her nieces and nephews as if they were her own children. She was retired from Mulberry Manor, where she worked many years as an LPN.

Graveside funeral services were at 11 a.m. Monday, May 16, at the Cobden Cemetery. Interment immediately followed.

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

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



Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Deanie and Jerry Hinkle of Jonesboro and Penny Hill of McClure visited Thursday with Shirley Miller of McClure.

Kacie Hill Gollieher of Fenton, Mo., was the guest of a baby shower held at East Cape Baptist Church on Saturday, May 14. Kacie and Derek are expecting a baby in June.

Those having lunch with Penny and Kerry Hill of McClure on Sunday were Kacie and Derek Gollieher, Julie, Tessa and Micah Burtin of St. Charles, Mo., and Shirley Miller.

Happy birthday to Kristy Miller of St. Charles, Mo., on Monday, May 16.

Diane and Lonnie Dillon of Anna visited Saturday with Sue and Steve Eudy.

Emma Eudy and Jonathan Bohnert of Cape Girardeau enjoyed a big country breakfast Sunday morning, May 15, at the home of Sue and Steve Eudy.

You are invited to attend services at Reynoldsville Missionary Baptist Church. Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning wor-

ship service is at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday night service is at 7 p.m. Rev. Jamie Bridgeman is the pastor.

Anna VFW plans fish fry, Taco Tuesday

Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna is making plans for a fish fry and for Taco Tuesday. The post is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna.

Fish Fry: A fish fry is planned Friday, May 20. Serving will be from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The menu will include fish, potato salad and baked beans for a \$12 donation.

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

Taco Tuesday: Taco Tuesday is planned on May 24 at the post. Serving will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tacos will be a \$2 donation each.

The public is welcome at both events. Carry outs will be available for the fish fry and for Taco Tuesday.

Kenneth J. Franklin

Kenneth J. Franklin, 77, of Anna, died Saturday, May 14, 2022, at his home.

He was born on May 10, 1945, in Stoke-on-Trent, England, the son of Arthur and Joyce Roberts Franklin.

He married Theresa Stell on Jan. 16, 2009. She preceded him in death on June 11, 2021.

Mr. Franklin is survived by his children, Stuart Franklin and Joanne Clowes; stepchildren Carl Tripp Jr., Valerie (Gordon) Struthers, Jeremy Stell and Scott Tripp; his grandchildren, Brittany, George, Saskia, Jack, Rhianna and Luke; numerous step-grandchildren; a great-granddaughter, Lola; three siblings, Pat, Allan and Linda; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by his wife, Theresa.

Mr. Franklin served his country as a member of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. He was a member of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes. He was a family man who enjoyed spending time with those he loved, as well as taking time to talk with other veterans.

The service date and time are pending and will be announced by Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna.

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



Obits Online at annanews.com

Notice

The St. John's Cemetery Board wants to thank everyone for their support of the cemetery. We will have people at the cemetery again this year to collect donations to help with upkeep and maintenance.

We also would like to inform everyone that due to the continued risk of the COVID 19 virus and the rise in cost for food items there will be no ice cream suppers again this year. We sincerely hope that next year will bring more stability and allow us to return to having them. Again, we want to thank you for your help and understanding.

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Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m.
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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.

Guests

Of Jennifer Cleghorn were her children Reagan Morrison from Georgia and Reid and Carson Morrison from Virginia. They came for Mother's Day and their brother Landon's A-JCHS graduation.

A special thanks to Reagan and Reid who both serve our country in the U.S. Navy.

A-JCHS Class of 1972

Great news. A 50 year reunion is being planned. The dates are Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 2022. This is homecoming weekend for A-J.

Plans tentatively include participation in the homecoming parade, tailgate on Williford Road before the game, and, of course, attending the big game.

Plans are also in the works for an additional social gathering on Saturday.

No mailings will be sent out so please share with classmates.

Mary Ann Westbrook Bowen will continue to post updates but also hope

to post on Anna-Jonesboro Class of 1972 Facebook site.

Honor Wreaths for Veterans

I received an email from the president of Honor Wreaths for Veterans branch off Wreaths Across America that our group was number one in the state for the sale of Wreaths for our Veterans in our local cemeteries.

Congratulations to us, we have come so far in three years. Special thanks to our coordinator myself who started Honor Wreaths for Veterans in Union County and coordinator for Anna Cemetery, Liz and David Wilkins coordinators for Jonesboro Cemetery, Alisha Penrod for Dongola American Legion and St John's Cemetery, Karen Winzenburger Cobden Village Hall for Cobden Cemetery, Monica Williams Alto Pass, Casper Church, Bev Bolanowski, McGinnis.

Jim Koonce sent this letter he got from Wreaths

Across America to all our coordinators:

Dear Jim Koonce, Congratulations! You have been identified as the #1 ranked Sponsorship Group in the state of Illinois for Wreaths Across America in 2021.

Thanks to your hard work and efforts to support the mission, you helped ensure that veterans in your own community were remembered with a total of 9767 wreaths last year.

We will be sending a breakdown of the Top Groups by State to all participating groups within the next couple of days, so stay tuned! Thanks! Julie Bright Director of Locations and Groups Wreaths Across America.

Jim works with several counties in the State of Illinois.

A special thanks to everyone who has made this possible by supporting Honor Wreaths for Veterans by buying a wreath for \$15 for your loved one and those donated for someone who doesn't have anyone to buy for them left.

We sell Honor Wreaths for Veterans all year and our ceremony and laying of the wreaths is in December each year.

You can purchase a wreath from any of us but its best to buy from the coordinator that is over that cemetery.

The wreaths are new each year so have to be purchased each year. Each branch of the wreath has a meaning and are all hand made. Never forget to Honor, Respect and Remember!

21st Wedding Anniversary

May 12 Gary and Andrea Dahmer 21 years. On Sunday, they were honored with an anniversary dinner with their family at El Jalepeno.

The Butterfields Pat and Bob, Andrea's aunt and uncle from Texas were passing though. Pat is a sister to Kathy Milam, who also attended the dinner.

They took a trip of the north east coast and have been on the road since March. Next they are headed to Colorado Springs to visit their son and wife.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Rev. Tim Gossett's sermon was God Speaks, with scripture from Acts 11:1-18. Choir special was Hammer Out Love.

A special guest was with Rev. Millie Sloan, her son James visiting Millie and his brother Paul.

Martha Ann Webb was celebrating her (my) birthday, so James Sloan led everyone in singing "Happy Birthday" to her.

Texas
I received a birthday card from Louise Pitts from Texas formerly from Anna and really appreciate her thinking about me. She even remembered the date and my age.

Louise was also asking about Honor Wreaths for Veterans for her husband Dale Pitts. Louis enjoyed reading her copy of The Gazette-Democrat and keeping up on what is happening where she grew up.

Birthday Celebration

I was honored with several surprises last week for my birthday that was Sunday, May 15.

Bessie came by early Friday, May 13, and took me to get coffee at Hebrewz in Jonesboro. We then enjoyed going to several yard sales in Anna, Jonesboro, Lick Creek and Cobden.

My favorite place to go. Curt joined us for dinner at Dinner Bell Too. Then later that evening when Elijah got off work I opened presents and enjoyed a beautiful decorated cake from Davis Pastry and ice cream from Dairy Queen. Curt brought



Owners of Pizza Villa James, Jodie, Blake Dillow pictured with James' parents Sharon and Philip Dillow at their ribbon cutting Saturday. A beautiful rose pizza was decorated by David and Liz Wilkins Country Roads Florist. The ribbon for the ribbon cutting was donated by Lisa Lowe at Enchanted Garden Florist.



Hunter Boyd works at Pizza Villa and was also in the CEO program at A-JCHS. The fishing lures he makes for his business can also be purchased at Pizza Villa. Pictured with him are owner Jodi Dillow, Sharon Dillow, Jodi's mother-in-law, Judy Stegle, Joni's mother and Angela Boyd, Hunter's mother.



Congratulations to Jeanne Mixen on her new store Wine Trail Mercantile in Cobden. Their first day of business was Friday, May 13. It's located behind the Dollar Store.



Tracey Smith was working hard on vacation in Gulf Shores, Ala., pushing all their belongings to their motel room.



Tracey Smith, Lisa Tomazzoli, Patty Young, Emily Beanland, Sue Hileman and Mary Jane Butler enjoyed a trip to Gulf Shores, Ala. A large crane came to visit them while they were getting their picture made.



Mike and Judy Stegle took a beautiful bouquet of flowers from Judy's garden to the ribbon cutting at Pizza Villa Saturday.



Sharon Dillow welcomed Thomas Partain to Anna Pizza Villa Saturday when he came in to eat while they were having their ribbon cutting. Thomas said he feels welcome and will be back. He also said he loved everyone and God bless everyone.

home Hangry Hut supper. I love their food and hush puppies.

Guest
Dalton Seip was home visiting over Mothers Day week with family and his many friends.

Welcome New Store

Congratulations to Andrea Wheaton Hutchison who has opened a new store in Anna. The Closet, at 101 Springfield Ave., next to the Anna Dollar Store. The first day of opening was May 10.

This is a Ministry store where everything is donated and then sold for a small monetary donation only. Andrea says this is a store that allows for everyone to set their own price and pay what they can afford.

All monetary donations go to help The Closet and outreach to other families and areas that have experienced disaster. If you would like to make a nonetary donation you can do so at the store or at A-J National Bank to The Closet Ministries account.

Anna Nazarene Church

May 28, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. they are having free grocery giveaway at the church located at the corner of Kirk Street and West Vienna Street.

More Celebrations

On my birthday Sunday Earl took me to Cape Girardeau to eat out. I got a singing birthday message from Lee Hackney and Susan Whitemountain.

Wedding Anniversary

May 15 Jon and Tiffany Beisner.



Reid and Carson Morrison of Virginia attended the ribbon cutting at Pizza Villa. Thanks to Reid for serving our country in the U.S. Navy. Reid and Carson were childhood sweethearts since 7th grade and this is their second year of marriage.



Dennis Winter made this beautiful flower arrangement out of recycled parts of metal bolts and other metals for James and Jodie Dillow at Pizza Villa. Other decorations Dennis made can also be seen there.



Gary Dahmer and Martha Ann Webb received a certificate of appreciation from Wreaths Across America for their dedicated volunteer work for Honor Wreaths for Veterans.

Mother's Day Celebration

Cathy Ziegler and her brother Daryl McCoy spent Mother's Day with their sister and her husband, Joyce and Don King. Happy belated birthday, Cathy.

Rhymers Busy

Willie and Terrie Rhymer of Dongola have been busy this past week.

On Friday they drove to Chester to watch the A-J Lady Wildcats play softball.

Saturday, May 14, they attended LPN graduation

and pinning of their granddaughter Alexis Rhymer at Shawnee College and later drove to Cape Girardeau to watch granddaughter Violet Yates play in a soccer tournament.

On Sunday, May 15, the Rhymers, along with their grandson Jordan, his wife Alexis children, Junior, Hadley, Jaxson and Emmy Rhymer, drove to Grand Rivers, Ky., to eat at Patti's in celebration of Alexis graduating from Shawnee College of Nursing.

Sunday evening they at-

tended the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School spring concert.

Anna VFW

Star Karaoke will be at the VFW Friday night, May 20. Fish dinner 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Karaoke 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Anna Heights Baptist Church

May birthdays: 18th Joshua Williams, 20th Danny McFarland, Joey Sullivan, 22nd Violet Yates, 23rd Sara Quick, 24th Bonnie Hileman, 26th Kinley Leek.

Anniversaries: 21st Steve and Pelisa Karsen, 24th Marc and Rebecca Korb, 26 Justin and Angela Ralls.

Attendance for May 8: 8 a.m. worship 82. 10:30 a.m. worship 123. Small group Bible study 191.

Saturday, July 9, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., annual rummage event.

ELC is looking for summer help, must be 16 and older. Must have high school diploma for aide.

Momma Lou's Crafters Thursday, May 26, at 6:30 p.m. chapel. This month's

project is a door hanger.

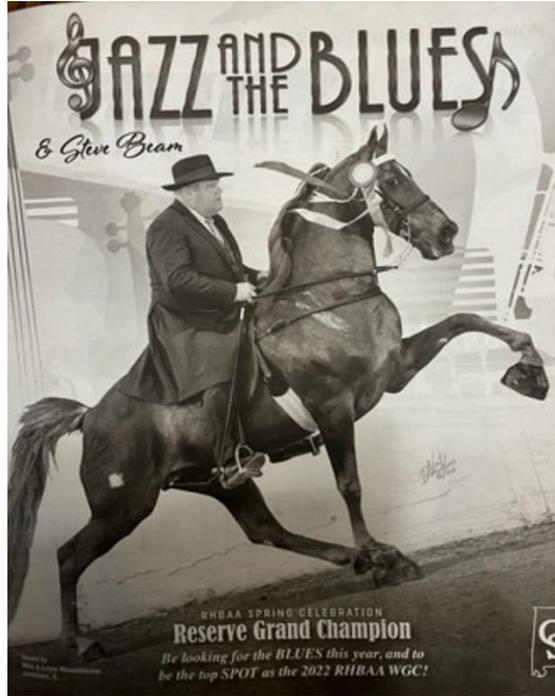
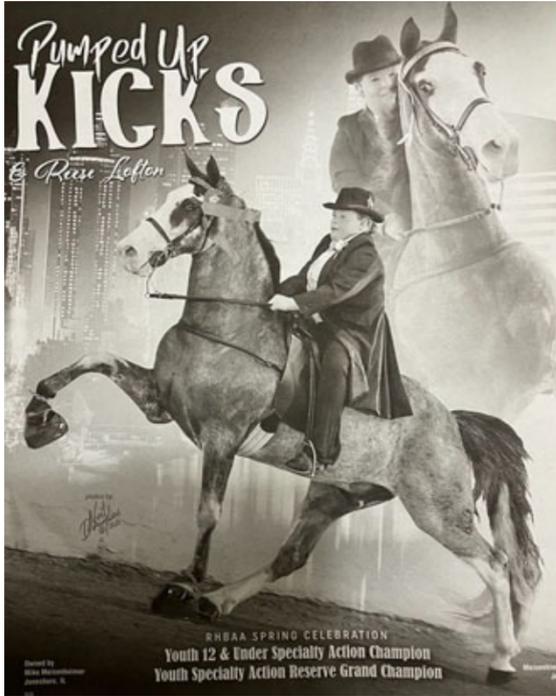
Pregnancy Matters Walk for Life is Saturday, June 9.

CCBA golf scramble June 4 at the Union County

Country Club.

Sermon Series: Koinonia, Life with God's People

This week: The Unity of Fellowship.



Mike Meisenheimer said the Meisenheimer family had some great success with our horses at the Racking Horse Spring Celebration at Decatur, Ala., earlier in May. His granddaughter, Reese Lofton, rode Pumped Up Kicks to a first place win in her juvenile class, and a second place win in the championship juvenile class. The second picture is of one of the Meisenheimer family horses, Jazz and the Blues, that received reserve second place in the grand championship class, and will be competing this fall for the World Grand Championship. "Needless to say I was very proud of our family horses and riders," Mike said.



Jordan Rhymer and her family were at Shawnee Community College's graduation, where Alexis was pinned as an LPN.



Willie and Terrie Rhymer, with their grandchildren at Patti's in Grand Rivers, Ky.

Television Listings

THURSDAY MAY 19, 2022

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	PGA Champ (Live)	Bang (HD)	"Fast" (25) Barry	Big City	"The Mule" (25) Barry	"The Empty Man" (R)	Couples
7 PM	Station 19 (HD)	Young	MasterChef Junior	Law & Order (HD)	NBA (Live)	Bang (HD)	"Fast Five" (11, Action) Vin Diesel. Former cop and ex-con team up.	Big City	"Killers" (10) "Assassin targeted."	★★★ "13 Minutes" (21) Toronto hits town. (HD)	Couples
8 PM	Grey's Anatomy (HD)	Ghosts	Welcome to Flatch	Law & Order: SVU	(40) 2022 NBA Playoffs (Live)	Bang (HD)		Big City	Jessie	(45) "The Voices" (15) Delusional behavior. (HD)	The Man (HD)
9 PM	(01) Big Sky (HD)	"Bull 'Silent Killer' (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Organized Crime (HD)		Bang (HD)		Big City	Jessie	"Fast Five" Ex-cop and ex-con.	Local
10 PM	Local	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Local	Young	Miraculous	We Own This City	The Baby	DESIUS &
11 PM	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Frontal	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie	(10) "Kick-Ass" (10)	"Cloverfield" (08) Monster attack.	ZIWE (HD)

FRIDAY MAY 20, 2022

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	PGA Champ (Live)	(03) "Movie"	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	"The King's Man" (R)	(4:49) ★★★ "Loud" (11)	"Side Effects" (13)
7 PM	Shark Tank (HD)	Come Dance with Me	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live) (HD)	The Blacklist (HD)	2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs (Live)	"Movie"	Law & Order: SVU	"Beverly Hills Chihuahua" (08)	To Be Announced Info unavailable.	"The Day After Tomorrow" Global warming.	Couples
8 PM	(01) 20/20 Investigative news. (HD)	Magnum P.I. (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Dateline NBC		"Movie"	Law & Order: SVU	Amphibia	Real Time Maher (HD)	"Transformers" (07) Shia LaBeouf. Alien robots battle.	Couples
9 PM	Local	Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs	Local	2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs (Live)	B/R Gaming (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Owl House	Jessie	Real Time Maher (HD)	"Zola" (21) Trip to Florida. (HD)
10 PM	Local	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)		Law & Order: SVU	Jessie	Jessie	"47 Ronin"	SHOW Zola ★★★ (2021, Comedy) Taylour Paige, Riley Keough. A part-time stripper makes a new friend who convinces her to go on a road trip to Florida where they can party and make easy money. R (HD)
11 PM	Nightline	Corden	Local	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)		Law & Order: SVU	Jessie	TBA		

SATURDAY MAY 21, 2022

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local	Local Programs	Local	Preakness	SportsCenter (HD)	(4:45) "Movie"	Chicago Fire (HD)	Big City	"King Richard" (21)	"Identity Thief" (13)	I Love
7 PM	NBA (Live)	FBI: Most Wanted	MLS Soccer Atlanta United FC at Nashville SC (Live) (HD)	USFL Football (Live)	Top Rank Boxing "Danny Dignum vs. Janibek Alimkhanuly" (Live)	"Movie"	Chicago Fire (HD)	Spring	To Be Announced	★★★ "My Country My Country" (92) New York lawyer.	The First Lady (HD)
8 PM	2022 NBA Playoffs (Live)	48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs	The Wall		Christmas (HD)	Chicago Fire (HD)	Big City	(5:00) The Time Travel	"Body swap. (R) (11)	ALL ACCESS
9 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	I Can See Your Voice	Local Saturday Night Live (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Christmas (HD)	Chicago Fire (HD)	Spring	(15) Barry	"Hitman's Wife's Bodyguard"	Showtime Championship Boxing "Benavidez vs. Lemieux" (Live) (HD)
10 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Wipeout	Chicago Fire (HD)	Owl House	"Hitman's Wife's Bodyguard"	(44) "You, Me and Dupree" (06)	The Man (HD)
11 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)		Chicago Fire (HD)	Miraculous	Jessie		

SUNDAY MAY 22, 2022

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Videos Grand prize.	60 Minutes (HD)	Simpsons	Weakest Link (HD)	MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at New York Yankees (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	★★★ "Hercules" (97)	(4:55) "The Batman" (22) Killer in Gotham.	(4:54) "Oblivion" (13)	Couples
7 PM	American Idol '59 (Grand Finale)" (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	North (HD)	To Be Announced	ESPN Films "Dinosaur theme park gone awry." (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Spring	Big City	★★★ "Setup" (11) Friend's betrayal.	Couples
8 PM	Local	NCIS: L. A. (HD)	Burgers	Dateline NBC Investigative news.		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie	The Time Travel	"Promising Young Woman" (20)	VICE (HD)
9 PM	Local	S.W.A.T. "Farewell"	Family Guy	Local Programs Local info.	SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie	Barry (HD)	"Race" (16, Drama) Fighting adversity.	I Love
10 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	"Avengers: Age of Ultron" Robotic villain.	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	Oliver	(42) The Time Travel	The First Lady (HD)
11 PM	(35) Local	Local Programs	Local	Local	Sports		Law & Order: SVU	Big City	(31) Barry		

MONDAY MAY 23, 2022

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	Sports	Bang (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Big City	"Death on the Nile" (22) Murdered heiress.	"47 Ronin" (13)	"Simon Cimon" (21) A radio Journalist. (HD)
7 PM	NBA (Live)	Neighbor.	Local	"Jurassic World" (15, Action) Dinosaur theme park gone awry. (HD)	ESPN Films (HD)	Bang (HD)	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (HD)	Spring	Descendant	"Mimic" (97) Bugs mimic people.	The First Lady (HD)
8 PM	NBA Basketball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Bob Hearts NCIS (HD)	Beat Shazam (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	ESPN Films (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie	We Own This City	"Cloverfield" (08) Monster attack.	I Love
9 PM	Local	NCIS: Hawaii (HD)	Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Young	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie	Gentleman Jack (HD)	"The Day After Tomorrow" Global warming.	The Man Adventure.
10 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Young	9-1-1 "Point of Origin"	Miraculous	We Own This City		The Wolf of Wall Street" Amoral pursuits.
11 PM	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Young	9-1-1 "Heartbreaker"	Jessie	Gentleman Jack (HD)		

TUESDAY MAY 24, 2022

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs (Live)	Rat in the Kitchen	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	We Own This City	"Never Die Alone"	★★★ "Road House" (89) Bouncer makes right.
7 PM	Holey Moley (HD)	FBI "Prodigal Son"	Names That Tune (HD)	Young Rock		Rat in the Kitchen	WWE NXT (Live) (HD)	Big City	"The Matrix Resurrections" (21, Action) Neo's reality.	"The Aviator" (04, Drama) Wealthy Texan's aeronautical fame. (HD)	The Man (HD)
8 PM	The Chase (HD)	FBI: International	Local Programs	This Is Us "Us" (HD)	2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs (Live)	Pregame	Miz & Mrs	Big City	Real Sports (HD)	"The Great Gatsby" (13) Decadent world.	The Man (HD)
9 PM	Who Do You Believe?	FBI: Most Wanted	Local Programs	(01) New Amsterdam		MLB Baseball (Live) (HD)	Miz & Mrs	Big City	The Time	"The Great Gatsby" (13) Decadent world.	The First Lady (HD)
10 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Young	Miz & Mrs	Miraculous	(50) The Baby		I Love
11 PM	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Young	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie	Pause		ZIWE

WEDNESDAY MAY 25, 2022

Time	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Sports	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	(4:55) "Saints" (21)	"Unbroken" (14) (HD)	★★★ "Road House" (89) Bouncer makes right.
7 PM	Tag Sale Big sale.	Survivor (HD)	MasterChef (HD)	Chicago Med (HD)	NBA Countdown (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	"The Night House" (21, Horror)	"Frida" A chronicle of the life of Frida Kahlo.	The Man Adventure.
8 PM	The American Rescue Dog Dogs compete.	Think You Can Dance	Local Programs	Chicago Fire (HD)	(40) 2022 NBA Playoffs (Live)	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (Live)	Temptation Island	Raven	We Own This City	"Waiting to Exhale" (95) Friends face woes.	The Man (HD)
9 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Chicago P.D. (HD)		Dad (HD)	Temptation Island "The Reunion"	Big City	(50) Barry	"Something New"	The Man (HD)
10 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Dad (HD)	Dad (HD)	Big City	(20) Gentleman Jack		"Side Effects" (13) New anxiety drug. (HD)
11 PM	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Dad (HD)	(31) The Courtship (HD)	Miraculous	Jessie		

THURSDAY

Time	SHOW
8:01pm	CBS Ghosts A close group of ghosts that resides in a renovated countryside estate unexpectedly stumble upon a living person who can see and hear them. TVPG (HD)
9:25pm	USA Fast Five ★★★ (2011, Action) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. A former cop and an ex-con team up on the wrong side of the law and assemble their team of racers in Rio de Janeiro for one final job to gain their freedom. PG-13 TV14 (HD)

FRIDAY

Time	SHOW
7:00pm	MAX The Day After Tomorrow ★★★ (2004, Drama) Dennis Quaid, Jake Gyllenhaal. A climatologist tries to figure out a way to save the world from abrupt global warming while trying to rescue his son from a deadly ice storm in New York. PG-13 (HD)
8:00pm	SHOW Zola ★★★ (2021, Comedy) Taylour Paige, Riley Keough. A part-time stripper makes a new friend who convinces her to go on a road trip to Florida where they can party and make easy money. R (HD)

SATURDAY

Time	SHOW
7:30pm	DISN The Ghost and Molly McGee "The Turnip Twist; All Systems No" Dad and Molly hope to beat their rival town, so they host a Turnip Fest to win Best Fest of the Midwest; for one day, Scratch can only say "no." TVY7
8:00pm	USA Chicago Fire "Fault in Him" Lt. Casey suddenly finds his life in danger during an emergency call; Grissom lets the firehouse know that they must prepare for a performance evaluation. TV14 (HD)

SUNDAY

Time	SHOW
7:30pm	FOX The Great North "Papa Don't Fiend Adventure" While spending Father's Day weekend at an RV park, the Tobins discover the true identity of the Fiend of Family Land: Moon meets a skunk; Judy finds new love. (HD)
8:00pm	CBS NCIS: Los Angeles "Come Together" The NCIS team goes on the hunt after a crew robs a Los Angeles casino while packing military-grade equipment; Kensi and Deeks get exciting news. TV14 (HD)

MONDAY

Time	SHOW
7:00pm	NBC Jurassic World ★★★ (2015, Action) Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard. Twenty-two years after the failure of Jurassic Park, the island's dinosaur theme park gets a new attraction that goes horribly awry. PG-13 TV14 (HD)
7:30pm	DISN Descendants: The Royal Wedding The people of Auradon are abuzz about Mal and King Ben's upcoming wedding until Hades unexpectedly threatens to bring the epic celebration to an early end. TV G

TUESDAY

Time	SHOW
7:00pm	TBS Rat in the Kitchen "The Case of the Rat Queen" Female chefs compete in the hopes of showing off their skills and winning up to \$50,000, but one of the chefs attempts to sabotage the group. TV14 (HD)
8:00pm	ABC The Chase "Handsome, Intelligent, Charming...And Humble" Brad "The Buzzsaw" Rutter faces several competitors, including an English professor, a medical science liaison and a criminal defense attorney. (HD)

WEDNESDAY

Time	SHOW
7:00pm	HBO The Night House ★★★ (2021, Horror) Rebecca Hall, Sarah Goldberg. After the death of her husband, a widow trying to hold it together decides to dig into her husband's past, she uncovers some disturbing secrets. R
8:00pm	SHOW The Man Who Fell To Earth "New Angles of Promise" Justin finally accepts that Faraday's mission is the next step in working towards her own neglected dream, and they go on an adventure together. TVMA (HD)

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

In the Matter of the Estate of MARILYN J. PENDER, Deceased.
Case No. 2022-PR-11

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of Marilyn J. Pender. Letters of Office were issued April 21, 2022, to Linda K. Parks, whose address is 212 N. Centennial, Cobden, IL 62920, as Independent Administrator, whose attorneys of record are Patricia A. Hoke and Casey L. Twomey, Barrett, Twomey, Broom, Hughes & Hoke, LLP, 100 N. Illinois Ave., P.O. Box 3747, Carbon-dale, IL 62902-3747. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's office, Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before November 11, 2022. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or

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History class visits museum

The 7th grade history class of Cobden Unit School District teacher Ashley Taylor recently visited the Union County Museum. The museum is in downtown Cobden. The class has been studying the Civil War and also examined the museum's exhibit about Winstead Davie, who founded the nearby City of Anna in Union County. Photo provided.



May garden of the month

Anna-Jo Garden Club has announced that the garden of the month for May is owned and tended by Lisa Wells of 300 Plum St. in Anna. Her landscape is filled with blooming azaleas, irises, hostas and many other perennials and shrubs. Members of the Anna-Jo Garden Club selection committee were Lois Clutts and Betty Sirls. Photo provided.

Annabelle Festival art competition, exhibit set

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council's Anna Arts Center is planning to host an Annabelle Festival art competition and exhibit.

The theme for the competition and exhibit is birds, flowers and trees.

An opening reception for the exhibit is planned from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on May 29. The exhibit is scheduled to be open through June 11, which is the day of the Annabelle Festival.

The competition will feature three categories: painting and drawing, photography and fine crafts.

Entry fees will be \$5 per entry for adults and \$3 per entry for children.

Art works can be delivered to the Anna Arts Center from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, May 23, or Tuesday, May 24. The arts center is located at 125 W. Davie St. in Anna. All art work must be submitted before 4 p.m. on May 26.

Prizes will be awarded for adults and for young people.

More information about the competition and exhibit is avail-

able by contacting Lee Hackney by phone at 904-625-1109 or by email at vabchlee@gmail.com.

Those who are not able to deliver entries on May 23 or May 24 can contact Hackney for another time.

Financial adviser honored for building client relationships

Phillip McGrath of the financial services firm Edward Jones in Union County recently earned the firm's Frank Finnegan Award for his exceptional achievement in building client relationships.

McGrath was one of 1,166 Edward Jones financial advisors to receive the Frank Finnegan Award.

The award is named after Frank Finnegan, who joined Edward Jones in 1953 in St. Louis after playing professional baseball. He served as a financial advisor for 65 years.

"It's truly an honor to receive recognition for building relationships with those clients we serve," McGrath

County Line News

(Mill Creek and Upper Elco)

By Suzan Harvel

Well, today was my birthday. My thanks to all who called, texted, emailed and social media posted their best wishes to me. It's not as exciting a birthday, like when I turned 16, but it's still nice to have them.

Extra-Special Present

My extra-special present was the birth of my granddaughter.

Allena Colleen made her appearance on Friday the 13th of May...yeah...I know. For some reason my children are excited about that. It was also the start of a full moon. Although, technically it's tonight, which according to a website update will also include a lunar eclipse. How does that happen? Most confusing.

In any event, we are very blessed, both mom and baby are doing great, no matter what day of the week it is.

We have also inherited four kittens when our barn cat mama passed away. The midnight feeding is irritating, but the 4 a.m. rotation is wiping me out.

This past weekend I had four kittens, three cats, one dog, two grandsons and two households to deal with while my granddaughter was making her debut. I am looking forward to going back to work tomorrow.

Seriously, if you want a kitten let me know. They are all gray, some have a bit of white. Litter box training is progressing and they are eating solids and have taken to the goat milk.

Prayer Needs

Prayer needs continue. Our prayers go out to the family of Bo Bragg with his passing. A friend, Chris Fiske, lost her mother, Debbie Hicks, to cancer this past week and we send our prayers to the family.

Pete Housman's family and the community mourn his passing. He was a unique and interesting man who will be missed.

We have several on the prayer list for health: Amelia Marshall has been sick; her grandparent's Bob and Melody Richardson were also ill last week; Jerry Richardson will be having surgery soon and needs our prayers for successful surgery and a speedy recovery; Danny Weaver will be undergoing surgery; and Elaine Helton is still battling pneumonia.

It has been announced to me by a board member that Mill Creek and St. John's will not be having their ice cream social this year. This is due to the high cost of beef, gas and everything else.

Hopefully, our economy will even out and we'll have one next year. There will be someone at the cemetery on the Memorial Day weekend to collect donations for the cemetery.

Church Potluck

Mill Creek Baptist Church will be hosting a pot luck dinner after Sunday services on May 22. Please bring a side dish and/or a dessert. Chicken and ham will be provided.

Mill Creek Village Board

The Village of Mill Creek will be having its board meeting Tuesday, May 17, at 6 p.m. The meetings are open to the public and are scheduled each third Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Mini-Reunion

The Arnold, Wright and Wheaton families will be having a mini reunion at El Jala-peño on Monday, May 23, at 11 a.m. Come if you can.

I am pleased that the high summer temperatures have abated for a bit. That was just too rude. My sandals were handy, but I haven't transitioned my closets yet for the full-blown summer wardrobe.

With the baby coming and the hurry to get on my way, I had to buy a few tops to see me through. By the way, that's my story and I'm sticking to it.

Friends of Stinson announce results of successful Book in Every Home project

The Friends of Stinson Library have announced the results of a successful Book In Every Home project.

In May, the Friends donated 221 books to area Head Start and pre-K programs at the Anna, Cobden, Dongola, Jonesboro, Lincoln and Shawnee schools.

The Book In Every Home project has been an annual event for the Friends group since December 2002, with the exception of 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID outbreak.

The Friends of Stinson Library voiced their appreciation to Stinson Memorial Library director Sarah Watkins,

Stinson Memorial Library children's program director Beth Sisler and volunteers of Friends for their assistance with the project and to the community for its support.

Summer Book Sale

The Friends of Stinson Library are planning a summer book sale, which is scheduled June 10-12, which is the weekend of the Annabelle Festival.

The Friends' next monthly meeting is planned at 10 a.m. Monday, June 6, at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna.

They will begin to set up for the book sale immediately after the meeting. They welcome anyone who would like to join them.



Tammy Woodrum, left, secretary of the Friends of Stinson Library, delivered books to teachers Stacey Plott and April Kissiar-Ferguson at Lincoln School in Anna. Photo provided.



The Lick Creek School pre-kindergarten class received books. Photo provided.



Books were presented to Dongola School Head Start and pre-kindergarten students.




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Opinion and Commentary

One solution to food price spikes: reduce waste

By Daniel Grant

Consumers should think twice before throwing out those last few pieces of bread, lightly bruised fruit or milk barely beyond its sell-by date.

Food waste and loss is a key contributor to sub-optimal diets, environmental issues and inflationary pressure currently gripping most countries in the world – some more severe than others.

USDA recently forecast grocery store prices could increase another 3 percent to 4 percent this year, while eating out at restaurants could take another 5.5 percent to 6.5 percent bite out of Americans' food budgets. This after the consumer price index, CPI, jumped 8.5 percent from March 2021 to 2022.

"Food prices are going up around the world," said Rob Vos, director of markets, trade and institutions division for the International Food Policy Research Institute. "It could cause millions of poor people to fall into hunger or food shortages."

Vos and other food industry experts discussed the growing concern of food price inflation, malnutrition and widespread food waste and loss during an online panel discussion hosted by the Farm Journal Foundation.

Recent issues accelerating food price inflation include the war in Ukraine, which could reduce global supplies of some commodities, and the outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza in the United States. Wholesale wheat prices are projected to rise 12 percent to 15 percent, while USDA predicts poultry prices could climb 6 percent to 7 percent this year.

But, a long-term issue contributing to food shortages in some areas remains waste. Patrick Webb, professor of food policy at Tufts University, reported about 14 percent of all food is lost and another 6 percent is wasted globally each year. Other estimates suggest up to a third of all food is lost and wasted annually.

"Food waste and loss represents a significant contributor to planetary challenges of nutrition (and environmental concerns)," Webb said.

"It's really, really important to focus on this low-hanging fruit. It (the issue of food waste) still isn't receiving the traction it deserves," he noted. "The goal is a food system that nourishes people and the planet."

Some of the reasons for food waste differ depending on the country. More food losses generally occur due to inadequate storage and transportation issues in developing countries while some waste in high-income countries occurs due to discarding beyond sell-by dates and excess purchases. But, regardless of the cause, the rate of overall food waste is eerily similar in all countries across the world.

"I was surrounded by hunger (growing up in Alabama). It's always so shocking for people to hear in America," said Olivia Fuller, Alabama Cooperative Extension agent. "It's important we realize this is a domestic situation. It's not just something happening in developing countries."

On the bright side, there's many steps people can take to reduce food waste, even if it doesn't diminish food price inflation in the near-term.

Webb suggested improving access to infrastructure and markets, upgrading storage technologies and handling to reduce food damage and spoilage, improve packaging to keep food fresher, make cosmetic standards more amenable to selling "imperfect" food with irregular shape or blemishes and improve access to storage facilities.

Tim Fox, fellow and chair of The Climate Change Adaptation Working Group, Institution of Mechanical Engineers, reported about 70 percent of food in U.S. supermarkets was transported there via a climate-controlled cold chain process.

There are opportunities to improve refrigeration efficiencies in the U.S. and add those opportunities elsewhere. He noted up to 40 percent of fruits and vegetables are lost due to spoilage in India, where there's a deficit of about 53,000 refrigerated trucks to move products.

"We need a better, integrated food supply chain," Fox said.

Webb agreed as he noted, "the quality of food matters as much as the quantity. If it's not good, it's not contributing to good nutrition."

On the farm, Fuller believes it's important to take advantage of research and resources so farmers can grow the most food they can with the least amount of resources.

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Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

An eclipse...a skunk...and some worthwhile advice...

Some special advice shared with me recently came to mind after I stood out in the dark last Sunday night and watched a total eclipse of the moon.

I hope you had an opportunity to watch the eclipse. Especially the part of the eclipse when the color of the moon changed to a reddish-orange. It did. Really.

Anyway, while I was standing out in the dark, I happened to catch a glimpse of a critter wander under The Other Half's car. Moments later, the critter made an appearance.

It was a skunk. I'm hoping the critter was just out watching the lunar eclipse. I'm also glad he wandered away into the night...without putting on a stinky show...

Keeping one's distance from skunks was wisdom shared in a wonderful item shared with me a while back by a fellow traveler on The Journey Through Life.

The item came in the form of "Advice from an Old Hillbilly." Hope you don't mind if I share some of that advice with you this week...along with a few thoughts and observations...and thanks to the person who shared this with me...

Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong. (The Other Half might suggest that your fences also need to be able to keep out deer, armadillos and ground hogs.)

Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.

Words that soak into your ears are whispered, not yelled. (Whispers aren't very common these days. Maybe they should be.)

The best sermons are lived, not preached.

Forgive your enemies; it's what GOD says to do. (If you are like me, and I'm pretty sure you are not, this is a tough one.)

If you don't take the time to do it right, you'll find the time to do it twice.

Don't corner something that is meaner than you.

It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.

You cannot unsay a cruel word. (True...true...true...)

Every path has a few puddles. (Sometimes, we step in a puddle...that might not be all bad...)

When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.

Don't be banging your shin on a stool that's not in the way.



A photograph of a turtle...just because it seemed like a good time for another photograph of a turtle...

A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, May 18, 1972

Congressman Kenneth J. Gray has announced that a contract reservation for the Illinois Pilot Program, low rent public housing in an amount of \$2,132,304 has been released to the Union County Housing Authority for construction of an eight story modular type building in Anna.

Construction of the Wolf Lake sewage system will begin immediately, according to Wolf Lake Sanitary Corporation chairman Lee Roy Rendleman. This statement followed the announcement that the Farmers Home Administration (FHA) had granted the sanitary corporation a \$98,000 loan to construct such a system.

One hundred and twenty-three seniors will be in the graduating class at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Thursday, May 25, with ceremonies beginning at 8 p.m. in Union Hall.

The American Legion Auxiliary will be selling Poppies in Anna and Jonesboro on Saturday, May 20.

The first phase of a major addition to the Anna Plaza Motel complex got underway Tuesday morning, May 16, with groundbreaking ceremonies.

Construction of a new sidewalk in front of the Stinson Memorial Library has begun as well as a new entrance to the library.

The Anna Chamber of Commerce is sending letters to all businesses, civic organizations, schools and churches, inviting participation in the Christmas Parade to be held Saturday, Dec. 2. The theme for this year will be "The Lord of Christmas."

The Music Department and Art Department of the Shawnee High School will present a Spring Fine Arts Festival in the High School gymnasium Friday, May 19.

The Lincoln and Davie Parent-Teacher Association held joint installation services Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Davie School.

The Union County Christian Action Council will meet at the Presbyterian Church in Cobden Monday, May 22, at 7:30 p.m.

From the Casper Church news: We are enjoying the blooming flowers now. Also berries are ripe, although it seems the nights continue to be too cold for cat fish to bite good. In other words, I will be so glad for warmer weather in general.

From the Western Saratoga news: The kindergarten class of the Lick Creek School had a picnic Monday at the Saratoga Park. Mrs. Winning is the teacher.



A sure sign that warm weather has arrived...yours truly saw a dragonfly during a walkabout one day last week along the banks of a pond of the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro.

Borrowing trouble from the future doesn't deplete the supply.

Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway. (Yours truly is guilty of such worry...)

Don't judge folks by their relatives.

Silence is sometimes the best answer. (Yup...)

Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't botherin' you none.

Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.

If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.

The biggest troublemaker you'll ever have to deal with watches you from the mirror every mornin'.

Always drink upstream from the herd.

Lettin' that cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.

If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.

We'll close with my favorite Advice from an Old Hillbilly...

Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.

Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time. (Your writer is meandering through that getting older part...and it's true...sometimes I sit out on the front porch...do some thinking back...and enjoy the memories a second, or third, or fourth time...)

Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God. (The Other Half lives this one...)

Most times, it just gets down to common sense. (Indeed. Indeed. Indeed.)

Union County Gardens open house scheduled

The community is invited to get a firsthand look at the Union County Gardens in Anna. An open house is planned from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 21, at the gardens.

The gardens are located on the grounds of the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center at 1000 N. Main St. in Anna. Signs will be posted.

Visitors will be able to tour the gardens, ask questions, learn about the mission of the gardens and see how they can help with the project.

The Union County Gardens were established in 2017. The gardens are located next to Shawnee Development Council's food pantry.

Those involved with the program noted that the goal of the gardens is to introduce and engage food pantry clients and community members to the concepts of sustainable gardening, environmental stewardship and garden decisions.

Memorial Day ceremonies scheduled in Alto Pass

A Memorial Day ceremony is planned Saturday, May 28, in Alto Pass. The service is set for 1 p.m. at the veterans memorial in downtown Alto Pass.

The Alto Pass Area Veterans Memorial Organization is sponsoring the service. The ceremony will include a brief presentation and a three-volley salute.

May 30 Ceremonies: The veterans also plan to conduct Memorial Day ceremonies on Monday, May 30. Services are set for 10 a.m. at the Alto Pass Cemetery and at 11 a.m. at the Dutch Ridge Cemetery near Alto Pass.

The Alto Pass Area Veterans Memorial group is responsible for creating and maintaining the Alto Pass Veterans Memorial. The memorial honors U.S. military veterans who have passed away and are from the Alto Pass area. Veterans from the Alto Pass area are invited to become members of the group.

Stinson summer program set

Registration is scheduled to begin May 23 for the upcoming summer reading program at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna. Weekly programs are planned from June 14 through July 27.

"Oceans of Possibility" is the theme for the 2022 program. The program will feature books, games, crafts, challenges and more. Information about the program is available at the library.

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.