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News Notes

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

Memorial Day ceremonies in Alto Pass, Anna and Cobden had very nice turnouts.

The Union County Sheriff's Office reported a quiet Memorial Day holiday weekend.

The City of Anna is accepting orders for Home-town Hero banners.

American Legion Post No. 178 in Villa Ridge is planning to conduct a flag retirement ceremony at 4 p.m. Saturday, June 11. The post's hall is located at 1853 Olmsted Rd. in Villa Ridge.

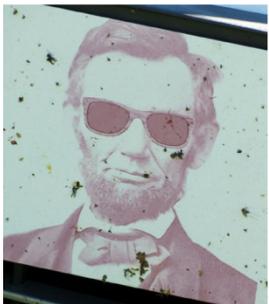
Flag Day will be commemorated on June 14.

May 29 was the 40th anniversary of a deadly tornado which struck Marion and Williamson County.

A worship service is planned at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 9, at historic Kornthal Church near Jonesboro.

Looks like a full slate of special events is planned for the upcoming Annabelle Festival in Anna. The celebration is planned from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 11.

Anna Junior High School's Pat Pitts has been honored as the 2021-2022 District 21 SIJHSAA Class M junior high basketball coach of the year.



Honest...it's Abe...in those shades... Mr. Lincoln was spotted on a vehicle in Union County on Monday morning.

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Ceremony to honor Sgt. Romines set at Anna City Park

On Memorial Day, the community was reminded about the opportunity to be a part of a special ceremony which is planned in Union County.

State Rep. Patrick Windhorst, R-Metropolis, and State Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg, partnered together to pass Illinois House Joint Resolution 42 – legislation that honors the life, service and sacrifice of fallen Illinois Army National Guard Sgt. Brian Romines by renaming the section of Illinois Route 146 between Anna and Vienna as the "Sergeant Brian Romines Memorial Highway."

Sgt. Brian Romines, of Simpson, and formerly of Anna, lost his life serving in Iraq on June 6, 2005.

The City of Anna and Sgt. Romines' mother, Melinda Clary, have been working with Windhorst, Fowler and the Illinois National Guard to plan a renaming ceremony.

The ceremony is set for 3 p.m. Monday, June 6, at the grandstand at the Anna City Park. The ceremony will be open to the public.

Windhorst, Fowler, Anna city officials and members of the Illinois National Guard will be participating

in the ceremony.

Both Windhorst and Fowler said they were honored to work together on the resolution which honors Sgt. Romines.

"Although the bill memorializes the passing of a beloved son of Southern Illinois and fallen U.S. service member, the renaming of Route 146 between Anna and Vienna as the Sergeant Brian Romines Memorial Highway is an important step we can take to honor the service and sacrifice of Sgt. Romines," Windhorst said in a news release.

During a Memorial Day ceremony conducted Monday morning, May 30, in Union County, the community was encouraged to be a part of the ceremony which is planned to honor Sgt. Romines.

The ceremony was held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 near Anna.

The keynote speaker at the ceremony was retired U.S. Navy officer Norma Lee Hackney of Anna.

During her keynote talk, Hackney made note of the ceremony which is planned on June 6 in Anna. She invited those in attendance to be on hand for the special event.

Cobden students' project qualifies for national history fair

Two students from the Cobden School District will be participating in national history fair competition this summer in the nation's capital with an entry about local history.

Eighth graders Alyssa Fabian and Adri Caraker advanced from the local fair in Cobden in February, to the regional fair at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale in March and to the state fair in Springfield in May.

Alyssa and Adriana's project was one of only two selected from Illinois to advance to the national competition. The duo's work is now headed to Washington, D.C.

"This is the first time that we've had students from Cobden go to the national fair in many, many years," said Cobden teacher Ashley Taylor.

"Typically, in a normal year, we'd be going to Washington, D.C., this summer. But because of the COVID restrictions, it's a virtual competition this year."

Titled "The Racial Unrest in Cairo, IL 1967-1973," Alyssa and Adriana's project covers the conflict in the region following racial unrest in Cairo in 1967.

"My teacher showed me this book about Cairo and the racial unrest," said Alyssa, "and I found it really interesting, and I thought maybe I should bring some light to it in my project."

The 2022 national contest is scheduled June 12-16 and will be presented by the National History Day organization. More information can be found at nhd.org/national-contest.

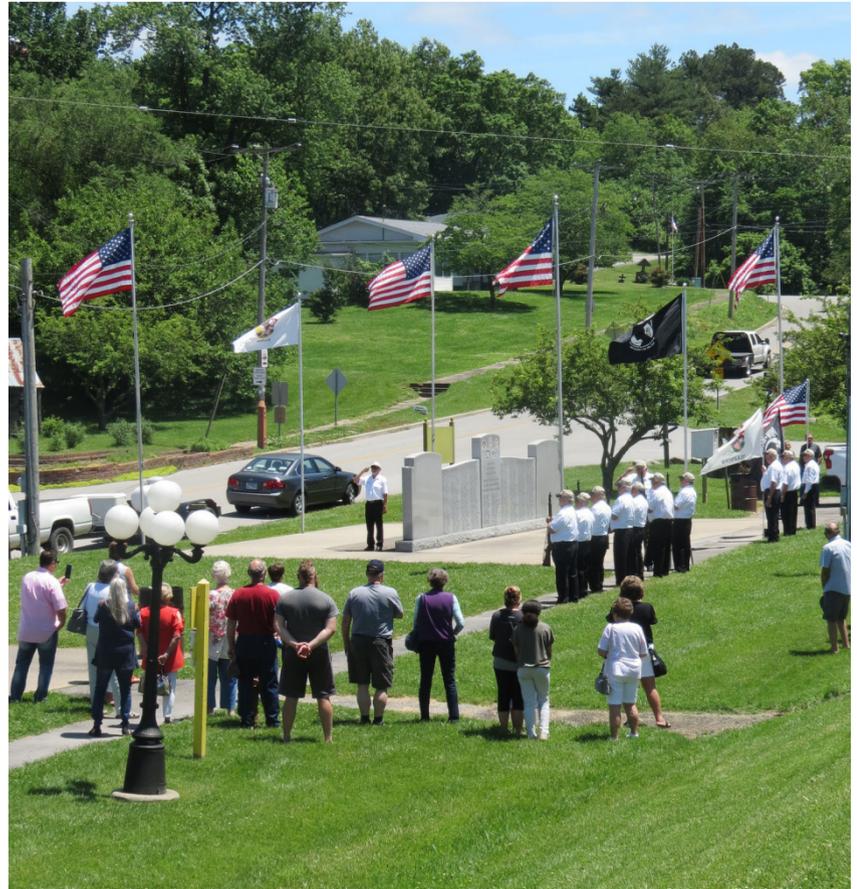


National history fair qualifier

Alyssa Fabian and her partner Adri Caraker, who could not be present for the photograph, have advanced to the national history fair competition with their project titled "The Racial Unrest in Cairo, IL, 1967-1973." Photo by Benjamin Marxer

Memorial Day commemorated with ceremonies in Union County

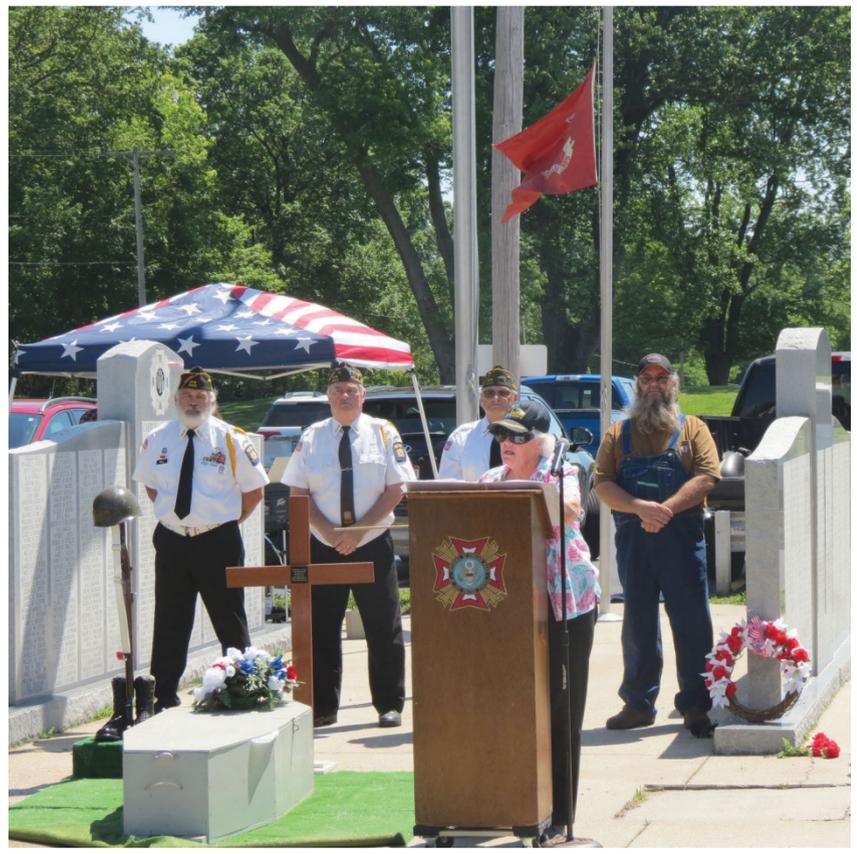
Memorial Day was commemorated on Monday, May 30. Memorial Day ceremonies and events were conducted throughout the Union County area, including in Alto Pass, Cobden and Anna.



In Alto Pass, a Memorial Day ceremony was held Saturday afternoon, May 28. The ceremony was held at the veterans memorial in downtown Alto Pass. The Alto Pass Area Veterans Memorial Organization sponsored the service.



A Memorial Day ceremony was conducted Monday morning, May 30, at the Cobden Cemetery. Those who attended the ceremony were reminded to remember the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for their nation. An honor guard stood at attention while "Taps" was being played during the ceremony.



A Memorial Day service also was held Monday morning, May 30, at Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna. Norma Lee Hackney of Anna, a retired U.S. Navy officer, was the keynote speaker at the ceremony. Hackney, standing at the podium, urged everyone in attendance to remember the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the nation.



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36,843 new COVID cases reported in state

The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, on Friday, May 27, reported 36,843 new confirmed and probable cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Illinois, including 45 deaths since May 20.

According to the CDC, as of May 27, 15 Illinois counties were rated at high community level for COVID-19, an area that includes Chicago, Cook County and surrounding counties in northeastern Illinois, as well as counties around Peoria.

An additional 30 counties in Illinois were rated at medium community level, the CDC reported.

As of Friday, IDPH was reporting a total of 3,286,377 cases, including 33,806 deaths, in 102 counties in Illinois since the beginning of the pandemic.

As of Thursday night, May 26, 1,136 individuals in Illinois were reported to be in the hospital with COVID-19.

Of those, 123 patients were in the ICU and 35 patients with COVID-19 were on ventilators.

The counties listed at high community level are Cook, DuPage, Lake, McHenry, Will, Grundy, Boone, Lee and Winnebago in Northern Illinois and Fulton, Knox, Henderson, Mason, Peoria and Tazewell in Central Illinois.

As of Friday, Union, Alexander and Pulaski counties were reported to be at a low community level.

Jackson, Williamson, Johnson and Massac counties were reported to be at a medium community level.

"With 45 counties in Illinois now rated at a medium or high community level, we should all be sure that we are up-to-date with vaccinations and booster shots," IDPH acting director Amaal Tokars said in a news release.

"We should all strongly consider masking up if we are entering indoor public places and avoiding indoor crowded spaces whenever possible at this time, especially if you are at risk of a severe outcome.

"If you test positive, promptly contact a health-care provider to discuss which treatment is right

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

IDPH reported that 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 52 percent of the vaccinated population has had an initial booster according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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

Weekly new COVID-19 cases reported in Illinois

- May 27: 36,843
- May 20: 40,193
- 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

Union County COVID Cases Update

- May 26: 5,465 total cases. 65 deaths.
 - May 25: 5,462 total cases. 65 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.

Veterans Honor Flight Welcome Home Celebration planned at Marion airport

Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois invites the public to a Welcome Home ceremony which is set for 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 7, at Veterans Airport in Marion.

Those on hand will welcome home veterans from their day in Washington, D.C.

Event organizers have been working for most of the year on the Welcome Home event and invite everyone to come out and enjoy the festivities.

Several food trucks are scheduled to participate in the Welcome Home event.

Food service is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. and last until all the veterans have passed through the Freedom Path through the airport terminal.

Entertainment is planned at the event. The entertainment lineup for the evening includes the Daniel Brothers Band and the JOY Singers from Marion First Baptist Church.

The Welcome Home ceremony is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m.

Due to limited parking on airport grounds, the event planning committee encourages the general public to utilize free transportation busses from off-site parking locations.

Rides Mass Transit will be providing transportation. Buses are scheduled to run approximately every 20 minutes beginning at 5 p.m.

The Welcome Home committee encourages the general public to bring Welcome Home banners and flags to the ceremony and to wear patriotic attire.

Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois is an es-

tablished 501c3 non-profit hub of the Honor Flight network.

All expenses for the one-day trip are covered by Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois, including the flight, ground transportation, meals and beverages.

The trip to Washington, D.C., is provided free of charge to the veterans.

For more information or to apply to become a guardian, volunteer or Honor Flight veteran, visit the website at www.veteran-honorflight.org.

Anna Pool scheduled to open

The Anna City Pool is scheduled to open Thursday, today, for the 2022 season.

The pool is scheduled to be open Monday through Saturday. Carson Pengress is the pool manager this year.

The pool's schedule includes a regular swim time from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. A lap swim time is scheduled from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A free swim is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 11, the day of the Annabelle Festival which is planned in Anna.

Admission prices are \$3 per person. A pool pass, offering 10 admissions, is available for \$25.

A doggy swim is planned on Aug. 13.

The pool is available for special events, such as parties.

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The Illinois Department of Natural Resources reported a 2022 spring wild turkey season preliminary harvest of 13,701 birds. The harvest in Union County totalled 211 turkeys.

The Illinois Conservation Foundation is accepting nominations for the 2022 members of the Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame.

A number of groups plan to have informational

booths during commemoration of National Get Outdoors Day on Saturday afternoon, June 11.

Father's Day will be celebrated on June 19.

The first day of summer is June 21.

A clothing giveaway is planned Saturday morning, June 11, at the First Baptist Church in Jonesboro.

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School basketball program is planning to host a summer camp this week for boys and girls entering grades 4 through 8.

A Sandlot Legends Camp, featuring "sandlot-style ball," is planned June 6-9 at Jonesboro School.

The Oasis Shrine Club plans to serve Friday night fish fries at its building at the Anna City Park. The club also is planning to cook and sell baby back ribs on July 4 at the Anna City Park.

Shawnee Hills Lavender near Cobden is scheduled to be open June 4-5, 11-12 and 18-19.

A golf scramble in support of the Anna School District No. 37 DARE program is planned July 8 at the Union County Country Club golf course.

Weather High 87, low 50; .41 of an inch of rain

Temperatures for the period of May 24-30 in the Union County area ranged from a high of 87 degrees to a low of 50.

Precipitation for the period totaled .41 of an inch of rain, which included .36 of an inch on May 25, .03 of an inch on May 26 and .02 of an inch on May 27.

Windy conditions continued as well during the past week in the area.

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

	H	L
Tuesday, May 24	72	50
Wednesday, May 25	81	67
Thursday, May 26	72	58
Friday, May 27	64	55
Saturday, May 28	76	61
Sunday, May 29	84	57
Monday, May 30	87	63



Fire in Anna Tuesday morning

Multiple emergency services agencies responded to a fire at an apartment on West Spring Street in Anna Tuesday morning. One person was reported to have been transported by ambulance to the hospital as a result of the fire. The fire was reported at about 8:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Safety checks planned

Illinois State Police District 22 is planning to conduct roadside safety checks in Union County during June.

Plans for the roadside safety checks were announced by Capt. Michael Alvey, who is the commander of the district.

The state police said in a news release that the use of roadside safety checks "combine a strong sense of public awareness and enforcement in order to save lives of the motoring public."

Officers working the detail will be watching for drivers who are operating vehicles in an unsafe manner, driving with a suspended or revoked driver's license and transporting open alcoholic beverages.

The state police especially will be watching for driving under the influence, DUI, violations, safety belt and child restraint use violations, speeding, distracted driving and all Illinois Vehicle Code and Criminal Violations.

The project is funded through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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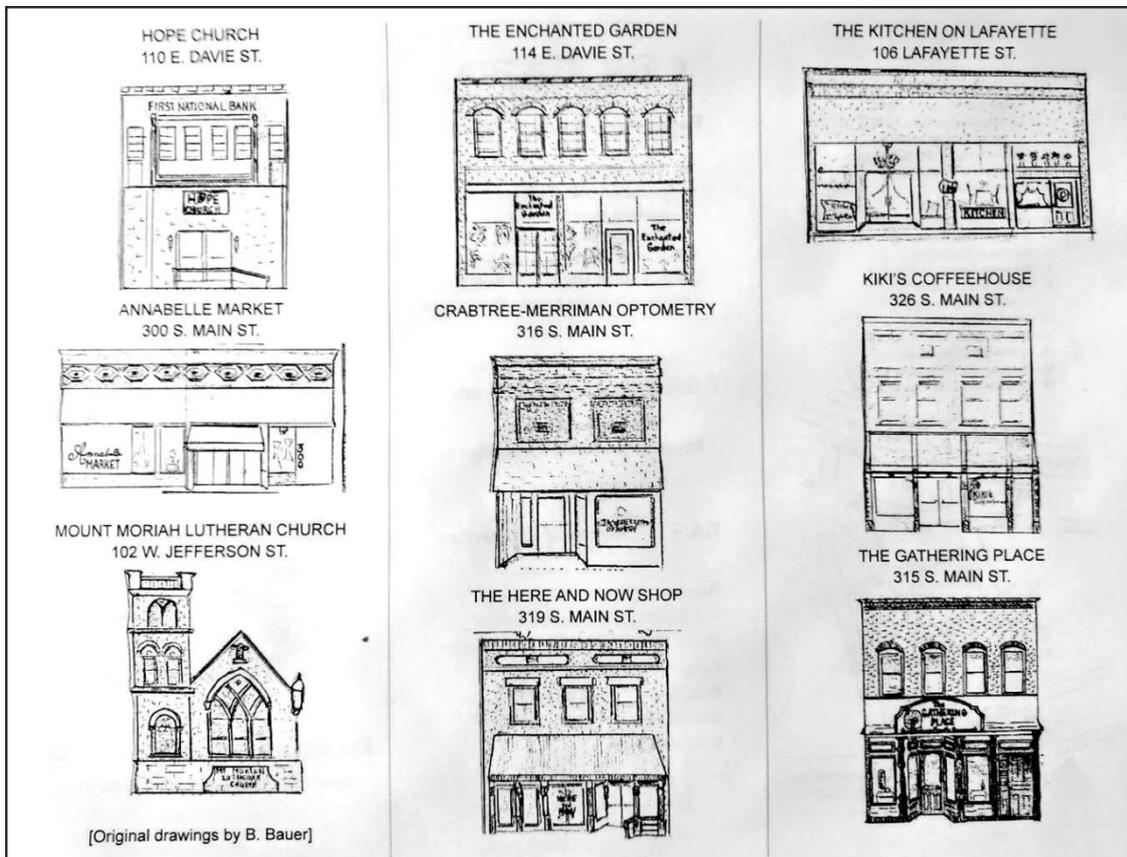


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Timeless treasures
'Timeless Treasure Blossom Awards' locations to be highlighted during Annabelle Festival.

Annabelle Festival in Anna

Timeless Treasures to be featured on tour

Editor's note: The following article and the accompanying drawings were shared by Barbara Bauer on behalf of the PAST organization of Union County.

On Annabelle Festival Saturday, June 11, PAST of Union County plans to "Promote Appreciation of Structural Treasures" in and around Anna-Jonesboro.

Visitors can expect to see and hear history interpreters highlight selected buildings and tell stories about life therein for several generations.

PAST's Annabelle Festival self-guided walking tour in Downtown Anna is an attempt to share stories about life in and around the businesses and churches that make up this community.

The "Timeless Treasure Blossom Awards" put the spotlight on a few area structures with stories to tell.

These buildings and their stories give a glimpse of the past, to provide insight and appreciation for the present.

Featured 2022 sites include Annabelle Market,

Enchanted Garden, HOPE Church, The Kitchen on Lafayette, Merriman Optometry, Kiki's Coffeehouse, Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, The Here and Now Shop and The Gathering Place.

PAST conducted the first self-guided walking tour in 2010 as an opportunity to research and share the histories of local homes, businesses and churches.

The booklet created for the tour was titled "WALK PAST, A Self-Guided Walking Tour."

In 2011, Dr. Susan Whitemountain joined PAST's tour book committee.

For several years, the guide was a small booklet with pictures and brief histories researched and edited by Dr. Whitemountain, assisted by PAST members, and published by Sitter Books, for the benefit of PAST.

Each year a block, section of town, or portion of a street was featured.

In 2010, the guide featured a walk around the Stinson Library community

and even included a hidden garden.

In 2011, the focus was on North Main Street and Civil War era history. An original centerfold Whitemountain map revealed locations of Civil War Camps.

The 2012 WALK PAST Guide featured West Vienna Street businesses, the railroad and depot, and honored the 100th anniversary of the (Norris) Crain Funeral Home.

The fourth annual WALK PAST 2013 book was titled "A Walk Down Old West Davie Street" and spotlighted the new Anna Arts Center.

In the year 2015, Dr. Whitemountain's in-depth research became so descriptive, graphic and interesting that the next annual WALK PAST book took on a new, more detailed format.

No longer a "booklet," it was now a comprehensive volume profiling a specific section of town by lots, blocks and numbers. The 2015 volume explored a portion of the east side of

South Main Street.

The 2016 volume, the seventh annual WALK PAST continued to discover faces and stories along South Main Street.

Historians doing research about Union County persons, places or things have long been indebted to historical authors and publishers: Perrin, Leonard, Kent, Parks and Brown.

More recently historical authors Dexter and Whitemountain deserve attention, for without their research, we would know little of these fascinating facts and captivating stories.

Dr. Whitemountain's research of Anna businesses is essential to the stories told by the PAST teams.

In 2022, the guide is a simple folder with listings and a map directing visitors to "living history" sites to see or hear history presentations.

The folder is free and can be picked up at the Annabelle Market, or at any of the other historical sites.

PAST hopes that by sharing the stories, pointing out the beauty in the architecture, and calling attention to the businesses, there will be greater appreciation for the life of our structural treasures to the benefit of all.

In addition to the nine "Blossom Award Timeless Treasures," other historical sites to visit include Stinson Memorial Library, historical St. Anne's Church, Anna Arts Center, the Moose parking lot pet parade, Anna-Jo Garden Club plant sale, the Davie Inn Vendor Fair and the PAST/Shawnee College bus tour.

Jonesboro Junefest helps to support public library

A Junefest celebration is planned Saturday, June 4, in Jonesboro.

Activities will be held on the parking lot next to the post office in Jonesboro.

Junefest is held to support the Jonesboro Public Library. The event is one of the main fund-raisers for the library.

A yard sale and book sale are scheduled to start at 8 a.m.

A silent auction is planned during the day which will feature St. Louis Cardinals tickets, a car detail, an oil change and much more. A bounce house is planned.

The Jonesboro Library will be serving barbeque,

drinks and desserts from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Danny and the Dreamers band is scheduled to perform from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Community members are invited to bring a chair and enjoy the food and music.

This year, for the first time, the library is welcoming sponsors to help offset the costs of putting on the festival.

The library runs on a limited budget while continuing to provide books, periodicals, materials, computer time, wifi access and other services to the public.

Support from sponsors will assist the library in continuing to provide ser-

Music festival events planned in Union County

The 18th annual Southern Illinois Music Festival is planned in June. The festival's schedule includes performances in Union County.

This year's festival, scheduled June 6-26, is set to feature a blend of professional singers and instrumentalists, along with Southern Illinois University Carbondale faculty and students.

The festival is scheduled to feature Richard Strauss' one-act opera "Salome," which has never been performed in the region.

On June 26, a free, all-American patriotic concert at Marion High School will include music celebrating the works of record-breaking Academy Award winning American composer and conductor John Williams, who turned 90 in February.

Klassics for Kids and Jive with Jazz events for children of all ages are free, and reservations are not needed.

A free American Guild of Organists Recital featuring Michael Hey is scheduled to kick off the festival June 6 at Shryock Auditorium, with suggested donations that night to support the

Survivor Empowerment Center of Southern Illinois, formerly The Women's Center, in Carbondale.

Performances are also scheduled at the Episcopal Church of Cairo and the Anna Arts Center.

Klassics for Kids and Jive with Jazz are set for noon Saturday, June 18, at the Anna Arts Center.

The arts center also is scheduled to host a chamber music concert at 7 p.m. Monday, June 20.

A chamber music concert is set for 5 p.m. Monday, June 20, in Cairo.

Tickets to most festival events are \$20 for general admission and \$10 for students of any age; \$25 and \$10 for the June 18 and 21 opera performances at Shryock Auditorium and the June 17 and 24 performances at Carterville High School.

Advance tickets are available by contacting the festival's artistic director and conductor, Edward Benyas, at benyas@siu.edu or 312-560-2094.

A complete schedule of performances also can be found on the festival's website at sifest.com/concerts.

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Sports

Steeleville ends Cobden's season with sectional win

The Cobden High School baseball team lost 13-4 to Steeleville in the Illinois High School Association Class 1A Goreville sectional in a game played at Southern Illinois University Carbondale Thursday, May 26.

The game was moved to Carbondale because of a wet field at Goreville.

The game was tied 3-3 early and the Appleknockers began making some errors.

"The first inning it was pretty tight," Cobden head coach Dana Pearson said. Cobden made six errors in the game.

Tyler Franklin led the hitting for the Appleknockers by going 1-for-2 with an RBI and scored a run. No-

lan Hand was 1-for-3 with a double and 2 RBIs. Hunter Pitts was 1-for-3 and scored 2 runs.

Nolan Hand and Reese Hand pitched in the loss. Nolan pitched 4 2/3 innings and allowed 4 hits to go with 6 walks and 7 strikeouts.

Reese pitched 2 1/3 innings and allowed 2 hits to go with 4 walks and a strikeout.

Cobden finished the season with a 13-4 record.

"The kids worked hard this year," Pearson said. "We're still young and we didn't graduate a lot. We're basically sophomores and juniors and we won the conference and regional titles with them. We've had a good year."

Du Quoin edges A-J at Class 2A sectional

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School baseball team lost 10-8 to Du Quoin in the Illinois High School Association Class 2A sectional semifinals at Benton Thursday, May 26.

The Wildcats fought back to load the bases in the 7th inning with two outs. However, the final out came when Hayden Ralls grounded in the infield to third base to end the threat.

Mason Watkins led A-J at the plate by going 2-for-4 with an RBI and scored a run.

Ralls was 2-for-3 with 2 RBIs and scored a run. Drake Hartline was 1-for-3 and scored a run. Ethan Ames was 1-for-4 with an RBI and scored a run. Kyle Jerrell added an RBI and Dylan Harvel scored 2 runs and Landon Trammel 1.

Jerrell, Ames and Wat-

kins pitched in the loss. Jerrell pitched 3 innings and allowed 5 hits to go with 2 walks and 3 strikeouts.

Ames pitched 1 1/3 innings and didn't allow a hit to go with 4 walks and a strikeout.

Watkins pitched 1 2/3 innings and allowed a hit to go with 2 walks and a strikeout.

The Wildcats finished the season at 17-12 overall. A-J claimed a regional title, as well as the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division title.

Giant City State Park events to feature grass ID program, bilingual hike, Civil War nurse

A guided hike in Spanish and English, a grass identification program and the story of an African American Civil War nurse will be featured at upcoming programs scheduled at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

Programs are free and open to the public. Registration is required. Registration can be made by calling the visitors center at the park at 618-457-4836.

Grass Identification: A grass identification program is planned from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on June 2.

Erin Garret with University of Illinois Extension will present a program featuring tips and techniques to help identify several different common grasses in Southern Illinois.

An indoor presentation will be followed by a short outdoor hike.

Guided Hike in Spanish, English: A guided hike in Spanish and English is planned from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 4.

The park naturalist and park volunteer Lisa Thomas will lead a casual hike along the moderate 1-mile Giant City Nature Trail.

The park's flora, fauna, geology and history will be highlighted.

¿Hablás español y te gusta pasear por la naturaleza? Si contestas "sí", ¡esta caminata guiada es para ti!

¿Te gusta pasear por la naturaleza, pero no hablas español? Pues, ¡esta caminata es para ti también!

Acompáñanos a la naturalista del parque y Lisa Thomas (voluntaria local) mientras damos un paseo moderado y casual de una milla por el sendero natural "Giant City."

Destacaremos un poco de la flora, fauna, geología e historia del parque estatal Giant City. Para registrarse por favor llame 618-457-4836.

Civil War Nurse: On Sunday, June 5, from 1

Shawnee season comes to end

The Shawnee High School baseball team's season came to an end with a 5-2 loss to Carrier Mills in the Illinois High School Association Class A regional at Cobden Wednesday, May 18.

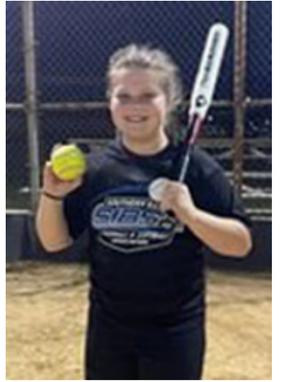
Chase Woodard was the losing pitcher, scattering 9 hits to go with 2 walks and 5 strikeouts.

Ryan Libbert was 1-for-2 to lead Shawnee at the plate. Braden Freeman was 1-for-3.

Shawnee finished the season with a 5-6 record.

SIBSA highlights

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



June Daniels hit a grand slam.



Aliyah Potter-Casey hit a grand slam.



Andrew Bunch went 4-for-4 with a game winning hit.



Flags at half staff in front of Anna City Hall

Flags were flying at half staff last week in front of Anna City Hall as a show of respect for the 19 students and two teachers at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, who were murdered on May 24 by a gunman. A local resident contacted The Gazette-Democrat last week and said that she was working to have flags at locations throughout Union County flown at half staff in honor of the students and teachers who were killed in Texas. The photograph was taken Wednesday evening, May 25, as storms were rolling through the area.

p.m. to 2 p.m., Marlene Rivero, a local, first-person heritage interpreter and storyteller, will reenact the life of "Ann Bradford Stokes: African American Civil War Nurse."

Stokes worked aboard the U.S. Navy's first hospital ship, the Red Rover, at Mound City, treating sick and wounded soldiers during the Civil War. The program is scheduled to be held outdoors.

Anna VFW having raffle

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna is conducting a raffle for a \$300 gift card to Union County Market in Jonesboro.

Tickets are \$5 each, or five for \$20. Tickets can be obtained at the post, which is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna.

The drawing is set for Saturday, July 16; ticket holders do not need to be present to win.

NOTICE

PUBLIC TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Public Test of the Automatic Tabulating Equipment required by 10 ILCS 5/24A-9, 24B-9 or 24C-9 will be held on

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As prescribed by the Election Code, this test is open to representatives of the political parties, the press, representatives of the State Board of Elections and the public.

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News from

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

Hands of Faith

Mt. Moriah Hands of Faith ladies met Tuesday, May 17, to consider the mission of the group to help folks in need.

Priorities are projects to provide food and comfort (blankets, quilts) for students and families at home and afar.

Donations of supplies, materials and money are always welcomed by the Hands of Faith group.

Fund-raisers to support the mission projects include the annual Christmas Gingerbread Bazaar and a "Lilies of the Field" quilt project.

Tickets for the quilt are available until the drawing on Nov. 26 at the Christmas Bazaar.

The embroidered "lily" design was cross-stitched by Mary Helen Ury. The quilt was assembled and quilted by

Kathleen Wright and Debbie Rossberg.

Following the "business meeting," the ladies spent time working on comfort quilts and enjoying the company of one another.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is planned July 25-29, from 8 a.m. to noon, for children 3 (and potty-trained) through grade 5.

To register a child, or children, for Vacation Bible School, call or text Paula Hasty at 618-614-8739.

Choir News

Mt. Moriah members Tim and Patty Simpson hosted the Mt. Moriah choir for a potluck cook-out on Wednesday, May 25.

The event marked the end of the choir activities until after summer.

The hosts provided outdoor

tours of their garden terraces (in spite of a burst of rain) and shared stories about their crafts and collections. All of those present shared fellowship and food.

Guests in attendance were Joyce Crews, Beth Martin, Barb Bauer, Candice Linton, Sarah Hensch, Kay and David Rothschild, Mary Jane and Randy Edmonds, Deb and Jay Rossberg, Nancy and Tom Caldwell, Jeff and Sherry Lence and Chico Travis.

Choir members Liz Kelly, Pastor Mark Hasty and Norm Bauer were not able to attend.

The choir planned to sing at a combined Mt. Moriah and Salem Lutheran Church joint service on Sunday morning, May 29, to honor the memory of former choir member Pete Housman. The service was planned at Mt. Moriah.



'Lilies of the Field' quilt
Shown with the "Lilies of the Field" quilt are Hands of Faith members Liz Kelly, Kathy Stegle, Kay Rothschild and Patty Simpson. Photo provided.

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Daily Bible Reading

Psalm	Psalm	Psalm	Romans	Romans	Romans	Romans
89:1-18	89:19-37	132	6:1-14	6:15-23	8:1-17	8:18-39

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County Line News

(Mill Creek and Upper Elco)

Some in the area may remember the Vandergraph family. Carl, Lynn and their children: Bruce, David, Gary, Barbara and Mike.

Carl's late parents, George and Marie Vandergraph, also lived in the Mill Creek area at one time, as well as in Alto Pass.

Anyway, I received word this week that Mike had passed away from complications of diabetes and heart disease.

Most of the family live in Texas now, but please remember the family in your prayers.

Mini Reunion

I had a mini reunion with some of my cousins from my mother's maternal side of the family on Friday afternoon.

I met with the former Shielda and Shirley Wheaton and the former Carlena Wright at Shielda's home. Shirley also brought a friend, Leanne, down with her from her home in Iowa.

We shared pizza and dessert and played catch-up with our lives and those of our families.

We also took many a walk down the "remember when" and the "do you remember" way.

As I was leaving, I told the ladies that we could have spent 100 years visiting and never run out of stories to tell. It was wonderful.

I had missed an earlier reunion, Monday, with a lot of the other members of the Wheaton/Arnold/Wright families.

Unfortunately, I had to work, but hope that we can find the time to get together again for more of those story times.

From the paternal side of my mother's family, I received a call from my cousin, Stuart Meiron and his wife, Margaret Elaine, wishing me a Happy Birthday and allowing me to say the same to Elaine since hers was a few days after mine.

I was further overjoyed to hear they were coming to visit next month during the Annabelle Festival.

Stuart's mother is my mother's eldest sister, the former Mary Thomasine Smiddy. We both have new grandchildren to brag about.

They'll be returning with my Aunt Tomi and the rest of Stuart's brothers in November for a bigger reunion.

The last time I saw most of them was at a wedding in Peoria back in 2019. We've stayed close through the years, but the last couple of years mainly through emails and phone calls.

A reason for me to get excited about all of these reunions was reinforced Friday night when I received word that a cousin of mine, from my daddy's paternal side of the family, had passed away in Florida.

The last time I saw him was at his brother's funeral back in 2017. It's a depressing way to see all your family at one time.

However, the older I get the more those types of reunions occur. I'd much rather have a fun planned reunion.

Please remember the Richard Foster family in prayer, as they deal with Ricky's death.

Ricky just had a new granddaughter born too, a week before my own...and the loss of that connection with her just makes me want to cry. He, like Mike Vandergraph, died from complications of diabetes and heart disease.

Folks, these conditions are not something to mess around with. Take your health seriously so that you can enjoy all those happy moments and memories with your family.

Ice Cream Socials

I also think that's why I miss having the ice cream socials and homecomings we used to have even more.

I know the pandemic knocked a lot of those off

track, but I think too many had already started phasing out. It's sad, really.

Upcoming generations will never know how much those events benefited the community, the cemeteries, and the residents, as well.

Yes, the money raised benefited the cemetery upkeep or whatever, but it was more than that...It was like a community reunion and often the one time of year that former residents came back to the area to see old friends, classmates, and relatives. It was a time of reminiscence, of slower paces along with slow churned ice cream, and memories were made for future storytelling.

Fairs and festivals are always fun and I enjoy them too.

However, nothing else is quite like an old-fashioned ice cream social, with music playing; kids running wild and chasing lightning bugs or each other; hamburgers or "spoonburgers" and many types of homemade treats to eat, while you, and folks you've not seen in a bit, sit around and tell stories.

Village of Mill Creek

The Village of Mill Creek board had a rescheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 24.

Two new board members were voted in: Virgil "George" Land and his wife, Tifney.

It was voted that two trees in bad condition would be removed this week: one in front of the post office, and another at the park.

Abandoned properties are subject to nuisance ordinances and will be served to owners if clean up and repairs are not dealt with.

The board advised residents that estimates on our road repair work would be coming soon. Once it's voted on, repairs to all roads in the village will begin. This includes drainage, resurfacing, and resealing.

It was voted that a dumpster will be brought in, for late spring clean-up. It was also voted that the bus huts will be torn down, as they are in bad repair. We will vote in June for the replacements, so that they are back in place before school resumes this fall.

Also tabled were repairs to the village town hall, including a/c repair and sidewalk ramp; classes for officers; and mulch for playground.

The Village of Mill Creek board will have its next meeting June 21 at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Mill Creek Baptist Church

Mill Creek Baptist Church hosted a youth baseball and softball team pancake breakfast, Saturday, May 28, for some local teams and their parents. Approximately 50 were in attendance. A lot of delicious food, great fun and fellowship were shared by all.

Sunday Services were rather small in numbers, but that's to be expected on holiday weekends.

It was announced that Mill Creek Baptist will be having Vacation Bible School during the week of June 20, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The theme is Jerusalem Marketplace. More will be posted in the following weeks. Contact Julie Bullard if you are interested in helping out. Light meals will be served for the children each evening.

Prayer is asked for Buck and Nina McDaniel's great niece, Lennox, an infant with viral meningitis; Barbara Layman, who underwent dental surgery; Braden and Allison Rider, who both have COVID; Dennis Taylor for health; Harper McDaniel for a broken arm; Karen Stone for health; the families of Wayne Mixen and Joe Rumpfelt in their passings; Erik Austad's mother, as she has cancer surgery; and travel mercies for Brynn Rider and her grandparents as they set out on vacation.

St. John's Cemetery

The St. John's Cemetery board were on hand this

By Suzan Harvel

past weekend to collect donations at the cemetery.

After giving my donation, I proceeded to haul my totes of flowers, supplies, and flags from one end of the cemetery to the other, decorating my family's graves.

I soon noticed that the graves of all those that had served in the military were honored with a flag. My sincere thanks to those that placed all of those flags.

As the ones I had brought weren't needed there, I took them on to other cemeteries where other family members are buried, and set them out.

I hope all of you take a moment to remember those men and women who didn't come home from their service to our country.

Memorial Day Events

Several events were being held in different areas to honor our fallen soldiers, so I hope you took a moment to join in. Among them were Memorial Day services at the Vienna Carnegie Library, in Vienna, on Memorial Day. This event is hosted, annually, by the Daniel Chapman Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

Services were also to be held at: the Mound City National Cemetery in Mound City. Anna was to host their services at the VFW with the public invited to a luncheon. Alto Pass was to have their services at the Alto Pass Cemetery and at the Dutch Ridge cemeteries an hour apart. A photo exhibit was to be available in Cobden after their Memorial Day ceremony at the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery and Cobden Cemetery.

The Thebes Courthouse also had Memorial Day events Saturday and Sunday. A lot going on for sure and in every area too.

Annabelle Festival

The Annabelle Festival is coming soon. Please check around town and you're sure to see the flyers. Many activities will be going on including an art competition sponsored by the Anna Arts Center, live music, and this year the P.A.S.T. organization is partnering with the Shawnee Community College extension center and offering a guided bus tour of eight different historic sites for \$20. Be sure to look into that, as it's only making one run and is slated to last about two hours.

Self-guided walking tours are also available and many costumed guides will be on hand to tell the history about these buildings. Pamphlets will be available at local businesses that are listed in the paper with news about these events.

Congratulations

Congratulations to all the recent graduates, from preschool to college. Each level of achievement is an exciting journey that needs our acknowledgment and congratulations.

Congratulations also to all the sports teams out there sweating and working hard. Stay hydrated and play safe.

Veterans Honor Flight

The Veterans Honor Flight will once again be taking veterans to Washington, D.C.

They will be hosting "Welcome Home" ceremonies at the Veterans Airport in Marion on June 7. Please join in and offer the welcome too many of our service personnel never received.

Enjoy Summer

Enjoy your summer everyone. Get out and see something you've never seen before. A lot of things are just a short drive away.

Go to the welcome center and get pamphlets and plan something out, or look online and find something that interests you.

Have a family reunion, a class reunion, a church potluck, a workplace cookout or picnic, a neighborhood block party...the list is endless. Just, please be safe out there, whatever you do.



Shawnee students of quarter honored

Shawnee School District No. 84 has honored students of the quarter. Third quarter students of the quarter were honored during a May 17 Shawnee School District No. 84 Board of Education meeting. Students were selected for the honor based on academic excellence, citizenship and attendance. Each student received a certificate and \$25 from First Southern Bank of Grand Tower. From left are Nick Dallas, 7th grade; Noah Mayberry, 9th grade; Adalyn Follis, 4th grade; and board of education president Tim Qualls. Pyper Brewer, 1st grade, and Brody Maeser, 6th grade, could not be present for the picture. Photo provided.

Shawnee Community College plans to host summer camps

Schools across Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky will soon be out for summer, leaving kids and parents alike looking for ways to fill their days.

Shawnee Community College once again plans to host nearly two dozen camps and activities this summer, covering a variety of age groups and interests.

Cooking, art, science, basketball and Esports are a few subjects being covered at the camps which are planned this year.

The activities are set to kick off June 7 with

Cooking with Connie and continue through July.

This year's program concludes with a softball camp for young people ages 12 to 18.

Camp registration is required one week before the program happens.

A complete schedule and payment options are available on the Shawnee Community College website at shawnecc.edu/community-education/saints-youth.

Information also can be obtained by emailing communityeducation@shawnecc.edu or by calling 618-634-3200.

Wellness on Wheels clinics scheduled in Union County

Southern Seven Health Department is planning to offer mobile health services in Union County during June and July.

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

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The schedule for upcoming mobile clinics includes: June 8, Alto Pass Community Park, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

June 8, Union County Market in Jonesboro, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

July 6, Sunshine Inn Senior Center at Harvest Church in Anna, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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

More information about the WOW program are available by contacting Shawanna Rhine at 618-634-2297, extension 9161, or visit S7HD on Facebook and at www.southern7.org.

VFW plans to have fish fry, Taco Tuesday

A fish fry and Taco Tuesday are planned at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna. The post is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna.

Fish Fry

The fish fry will be served from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, June 3.

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

The public is welcome. Carry outs will be available.

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

Taco Tuesday

Taco Tuesday is planned at the Anna VFW post on June 7. Serving will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tacos will be served for a donation of \$2 each.

The public is welcome. Carry outs will be available.

\$4 million in restitution for those deceived by tax service

More than \$4 million in relief has been announced for Illinois consumers who were deceived into paying for tax services that were available for free.

The announcement was made May 4 by Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul.

As a result of a bipartisan agreement between all 50 states and the owner of TurboTax, Intuit Inc. (Intuit), Intuit will pay \$141 million as restitution to millions of Americans, including more than 130,000 in Illinois.

In addition, Intuit must end its TurboTax "free, free, free" ad campaign that lured customers with promises of free tax preparation services, only to mislead them into paying.

States opened an investigation into Intuit following reports that the company was using deceptive digital tactics to steer low-income consumers toward its commercial products and away from federally-supported free tax services.

Consumers are expected to receive a direct payment of approximately \$30 for each year that they were deceived into paying for filing services.

Impacted consumers will automatically receive notices and a check by mail.

Intuit withdrew from the IRS Free File program in July 2021.

Sunset Concerts Series to resume this summer

The Sunset Concerts Series, a popular summer tradition since 1978, is scheduled to return in 2022 with six weeks of free musical entertainment in Carbondale.

This summer's season is scheduled to open June 30 on the steps of Shryock Auditorium at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

The outdoor concerts, which are planned each Thursday evening through July 28, are all free, and everyone is welcome to attend.

The venue alternates between the campus spot and two other locations in the City of Carbondale.

The summer of 2022 marks a return to normalcy for the event, which was canceled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and postponed until later than usual last summer.

Concert visitors are welcome to bring lawn chairs or blankets, as well as refreshments.

The concerts all begin at 7 p.m. and last about two hours. The locations are:

The steps of Shryock Auditorium on the SIU campus.

Carbondale's Turley Park, located on the west side of the city.

The corner of Washington Street and Illinois Route 13 in downtown Carbondale.

Here's the complete Sunset Concert schedule:

June 30, Modern Day Saints, Shryock Auditorium.

July 7, Greg Klyma, Turley Park.

July 14, Funky MojoDaddy, Washington Street and Illinois 13.

July 21, The Bashful Youngens, Turley Park.

July 28, Gizzae, Shryock Auditorium steps.

To assure that everyone has a safe, enjoyable time, organizers note that a few rules are in place.

Bans on glass bottles, kegs, smoking, pets and solicitation will be enforced, as will underage drinking laws.

SIU and its Student Center and Student Programming Council, along with the City of Carbondale and the Carbondale Park District, are collaborating to provide the concert series. Sponsors also include Country Financial and the Southern Illinois Credit Union.

Rabid animals, especially bats, more active during warm weather

With the weather warming up, Southern Seven Health Department is joining the Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, in warning the public to beware of rabid animals, especially bats, as they become more active this time of year.

IDPH reported on May 26 that it had received reports of four rabid bats in the state since May 15 from Champaign, Jackson, Macon and Will counties.

"While there is a preventive treatment for rabies, it is one of the deadliest diseases we know," IDPH acting director Amaal Tokars said in a news release.

"Bats are the most common carriers of the rabies virus in Illinois and are responsible for the vast majority of human rabies cases in the United States in recent years," Tokars said.

"But they are not the only carrier of rabies. The public should not approach bats or any wild, unfamiliar or stray animal, and any animal that appears to be sick."

IDPH stressed that a bite from a rabid animal can be potentially fatal if not treated and that the public should take precautions to keep bats out of their homes.

IDPH is also reminding the public to make sure that

rabies vaccinations are up-to-date for pets and any valuable livestock and horses for which a rabies vaccine is available.

If a pet is exposed to a high-risk wild animal, such as a bat, skunk, raccoon, fox or coyote, you should contact a veterinarian for advice immediately, IDPH advised.

Rabies is a virus that affects the nervous system (brain and nerves).

People can get rabies after being bitten by an infected animal.

Rabies can also be contracted when saliva or spit from a rabid animal gets directly into a person's eyes, nose, mouth or a wound.

People usually know when they have been bitten by a bat, but bats have very small teeth and the bite mark may not be easy to see.

If you find yourself in close proximity to a bat and are not sure if you were exposed; for example, if you wake up and find a bat in your room, do not kill or release the bat before calling your doctor or local health department to help determine if you could have been exposed to rabies and need preventive treatment (such as vaccines or other products to stop you from getting rabies).

If the bat is available for

testing and test results are negative, preventive treatment is not needed.

If you have been bitten by any animal, seek immediate medical attention.

Animal bites may also become infected with bacteria. Rabies preventive treatment, if needed, must begin quickly.

An animal does not have to be aggressive or exhibit other symptoms to have rabies. Changes in any animal's normal behavior can be early signs of rabies.

A bat that is active during the day, found on the ground or is unable to fly is more likely than others to be rabid. Such bats are often easily approached, but should never be handled.

IDPH shared the following tips on how to help prevent the spread of rabies:

Do not touch, feed, or unintentionally attract wild animals with open garbage cans or litter.

Never adopt wild animals or bring them into your home. Do not try to nurse sick, wild animals to health. Call animal control or an animal rescue agency for assistance.

Teach children never to handle unfamiliar animals, wild or domestic, even if they appear friendly. "Love your own, leave other animals alone" is a good principle for

children to learn to reduce the risk of exposures to rabid animals.

Maintain homes and other buildings so bats cannot get inside.

If a bat is in your home, do not release the bat outdoors until after speaking with animal control or public health officials.

After consulting with animal control or public health officials, the bat may need to be captured for rabies testing to determine if you need preventive treatment.

Steps you can take to capture the bat if animal control is not available are:

When the bat lands, approach it slowly, while wearing gloves, and place a box or coffee can over it.

Slide a piece of cardboard under the container to trap the bat inside.

Tape the cardboard to the container securely, and punch small holes in the cardboard, allowing the bat to breathe.

Do not come into physical contact with a bat.

For more information about rabies, visit the IDPH website at <https://dph.illinois.gov/>.

Victims of an animal bite can call Southern Seven Health Department at 618-634-2297, extension 9114, for information on how to collect the animal for testing.

Southern Seven Health Department does not test humans for rabies.

Anna School District names honor students

Anna School District No. 37 announces high honor roll and honor roll students for the end of the 2021-2022 academic year.

8th Grade, High Honor Roll

Jaylen Althoff, Drake Bible, Presley Bierstedt, Dawson Brunner, Zoe Chen, Adam Clark, Kansas Craig, Kaci Davis, Emma Edwards, Jordan Gentry.

Maggie Gooden, Alexa Hinkle, Alexis Houseman, Anastazia Kerr, Natasha Martin, Mariel McGrath, Jake Menees, Madison Moore, Danica Morgan, Layne Murray.

Foster Needling, Ethan Plott, Raelynn Sadler, Ally Simmons, Timothy Taylor, Zachary Taylor, Drue Teske, Logan Thompson, Kale Waller, Cole Whitaker, Mason Yates.

8th Grade, Honor Roll

Brooklyn Barnhart, Jayda Benefield, Jerome Benefield, Addison Bonner, Raegan Cook, Mariah Downs, Gabe Eddings.

Elias Harner, Lauren Jackson, Aaliyah Prater, Owen Quick, Jayda Shepherd, Sam Smith, Saige Street, Christian Thompson.

7th Grade, High Honor Roll

Revolution Chaput, Jasmine Garcia-Ledbetter, Liz Hammer, Tyler Haywood, Milla Hunter, Evan Inman, Bodhi Laws, Camiah Lowe, Dillon Moreland, Zane Plummer, Maxwel Rudnick, Jaron Taliseo, Brian Thompson, Beckett Thorpe, Lizbeth Zamora.

7th Grade, Honor Roll

Madelyn Ahlberg, Courtney Brame, Lyra Casper, Nicholas Cook, Hunter Craft, Jaxon Cruz, Finley

Diemer, Peyton Fleming.

Jimena Flores, Rocelin Lilly, Daelan McNelly, Charlie Pierson, Kayleigh Shepard, Abigail Shipley, Holly Yana.

6th Grade, High Honor Roll

Shooter Belcher, Ava Boreup, Julian Brust, Elina Chen, Joshua Dalton, Ava Frazier, Cobie Hodges, Lera Hoehner, Hayden Keller.

Camryn Kelley, Jozilyn Kerr, Holli Lopez, Madalyn Perez, Elliott Poulos, Reaslyn Shepard, Jaida Smith, Emma Thurston, Ella Whitaker.

6th Grade, Honor Roll

Alyna Althoff, Landon Boyd, Briley Clay, Aden Dublin, Liam Fowler, Tyler Jackson, Isaiah Lieberman, Gabriel Morey, Aryanna Ozment, Addison Simmons, Kai VanAlstine, Allie Yana.

5th Grade, High Honor Roll

Sophie Cooley, Hayden Craft, Abbey Del Rosario, Gwendelynn Eastman, David Franklin, Frank Gaddis, Zakira Kerr, Ava McDowell, Lola Pierson.

Elijah Revelle, Xavier Richardson, Shaylee Sadler, Jersey Shepard, Carter Sims, Sophey Spurlock, Ian Sullivan, Sailor Waters.

5th Grade, Honor Roll

Trystan Borders, Drake Bullard, Alison Carrillo, Cristian Carrillo-Garcia, Ruger Chick, Isabelle Giron.

Vivienne Gooden, RJ Gottschall, Larry Hernandez, Taryn Koontz, Adalyn Landis-Plott, Addison Lingle, Merikha Oliver.

Owen Pickel, Lexsis Robertson, Alyssia Schexnider, Leah Turner, Blake Williams, Zachary Won.

Oasis Shrine Club

is cooking and selling baby back ribs on July 4th at the Anna City Park. \$20 for a rack.

To order in advance, call 618-697-5798 or 618-697-1363.

Located at the Shrine Club at Anna City Park. 25&26GP

Oasis Shrine Club

Friday Night Fish Fry

Every Friday night at Anna City Park From 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. Includes 2 sides for \$10

Located at the Shrine Club at Anna City Park. 25&26GP

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HINDERANCES TO SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS

It is God's will that we, as His children, be blessed both physically, **Matthew 5:45**, and spiritually **Ephesians 1:3**. However, as we examine our lives, we often see that for one reason or the other we are not blessed spiritually as we should be. When this happens, do we blame God rather than taking the blame ourselves?

Lesson #1: SELFISHNESS IS A HINDERANCE TO SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS. Selfish people only think of themselves. They show confidence in themselves not God. Very often, these same people covet the things of the world rather than showing gratitude for the things in which they have been blessed with. In your free time, please compare **Luke 12:17-21** to **Luke 21:1-4**. If God measured his gifts by the rule of what you give Him, would you be found deficient?

Lesson #2 PRAYERLESSNESS IS A Hinderance TO SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS. Since all spiritual blessings come from God, if we never take time to speak to him, and petition Him to bless our efforts, how do we expect to obtain them? We have a loving Father who desires to bless us, but our Father desires to hear from us concerning these blessings **Matthew 7:7-8**. Prayerless people are also disobedient people, and because of our failure to ask, we will not receive these blessings **James 4:2**.

Lesson #3 UNFAITHFULNESS IS A Hinderance TO SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS. The Apostle Paul makes it clear that unfaithfulness is sin **Romans 14:23**. Worldliness reveals the inward life of man **1 John 2:15**. Worldliness does not, please God - **Romans 8:5-8**. We cannot possibly be worldly minded, and still please God, and receive from Him spiritual blessings. Worldliness separates man from God and robs us from the crown of life - **2 Timothy 4:6-8**. Let us strive to avoid these hinderances.

Ryan Thornsberry
Anna church of Christ

Ann Bothos Long

Ann Bothos Long, 83, of Cape Girardeau, and formerly of Anna, died Thursday, May 19, 2022, surrounded by her family at St. Francis Hospital.

She was born on Nov. 30, 1938, in Athens, Greece, the daughter of John and Angela Bothos.

She became a U.S. citizen in her early 20s. She loved cooking for her family and friends. Her hands were her instruments for serving others, decorating, sewing, babysitting and organizing everyone's house, whether they asked her to or not.

She was known and loved by many as "Yia Yia." A book could be written about all the "Yia Yia" isms, but she didn't want anyone to tell her life story or to make a fuss over her.

She was a member of Connection Point Church in Jackson.

Survivors include three daughters, Angie Miskell and Linda (Lance) McKinney, both of Jackson, Mo., and Brenda (Darryl) Rendleman of Anna; a brother, George (Mary) Bothos; granddaughters Bobbi Jo (Miles) Martin, Christy (Marc) Gardner and Conner (Will) Simmons; grandsons Paul "Toodie" (Sandra) Carter and Jacob (Molly) Long; seven great-grandchildren; two stepchildren, Amalia (Brian Phillips) Demopoulos and their children, Alexia and Nefeli and Kostas (Maggie) Demopoulos and children, Nikolaos, Astraia, Ioanna, and Kostiki; several nieces and nephews; and her best friend, Fotoula Demopoulos.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Margie Long Carter; and three great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Russell Heights Cemetery in Jackson. Memorials can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or to Connection Point Church in Jackson.

Online condolences can be made at www.fordandsons-funeralhome.com.

Obituaries

Joe Rumfelt

Joe Rumfelt, 89, of Jonesboro, died Thursday, May 26, 2022, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on Nov. 21, 1932, in Wolf Lake, the son of Cyrus Sylvester and Besie Marie Kenny Rumfelt.

He married Doris Treece on June 15, 1957, in Corinth, Miss.

Mr. Rumfelt is survived by his wife of 64 years, Doris Rumfelt; a daughter, Carla (Scott) Harvel, all of Jonesboro; a daughter-in-law, Brenda Rumfelt of Alto Pass; four grandchildren, Jared (Katie) Rumfelt, Brandon (Ashley) Harvel, Joseph Morrison and Alaina (Tyler) Johnson; eight great-grandchildren; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Joey Alan Rumfelt; and four brothers.

Mr. Rumfelt was a member of the Cape Cowboy Church for many years. He farmed all his life and in his spare time was a Teamster and drove for ABF for 24 years. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and was an avid baseball and basketball enthusiast.

Mr. Rumfelt served in the U.S. Air Force during Korea. Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 31, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with Pastor Jim Matthews officiating.

Interment was in the Jonesboro Cemetery. Graveside military honors were conducted by Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW and the Scott Air Force honor guard team.

Memorials can be made to Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital or to The Wounded Warrior Project.

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

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES
Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro was in charge of arrangements.



Margaret 'Jean' Cash

Margaret "Jean" Cash, 72, of Carbondale, died Friday, May 20, 2022, at her home.

She was born on June 30, 1949, in Belleville, the daughter of Eugene and Adele Stanfield Spradling.

She married Paul Cash on March 29, 1970, in Lancaster, Pa.

Jean is survived by her husband, Paul Cash of Carbondale; a son, Michael Cash; a sister, Elizabeth Cash; nephews Eugene and Eddie Cash; other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Loving mother, devoted wife, trusted friend. Jean was honored to share her talents with the family of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cobden for the past 20 years, leading the singing and working with the children.

For still longer, she was an Oblate to the order of St. Benedict and exemplified the motto "work and prayer."

Her days were filled with creating works of art, be they paintings or drawings, knitted or crocheted clothing or afghans, preserved jams, jellies or pickles, and she kept the church supplied with one-decade rosaries which she also sent to Our Lady of the Snows Shrine in Belleville.

Jean always enjoyed the competition in the home shows at the Du Quoin State Fair and in the Union County Fair in Anna. She said that it was an inspiration to finish projects on time.

Of course, her creations then found their way to the church bazaar or various charities. The support, encouragement, and love she shared with her husband and son and everyone who knew her will truly be missed, but they know she would rather be remembered with love than missed in sorrow.

Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 7, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cobden. Interment will be held privately. Friends can call from 9 a.m. until the service hour at 10 a.m. at the church.

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

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



County board meets Friday

Texas tragedy honored with moment of silence

The recent tragedy at an elementary school in Texas was addressed at last week's regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners.

The meeting was Friday morning, May 27, at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

On May 24, a gunman killed 19 students and two teachers at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas.

Union County Ambulance Service director Grant Capel addressed the shooting during a prayer prior to the start of Friday morning's meeting.

Union County Board of Commissioners chairman Max Miller opened the meeting by asking for a moment of silence for the people of Texas.

Harry Brockus, the CEO of Union County Hospital in Anna, was a guest at Friday morning's meeting. Brockus

shared an update about the hospital.

He said the Anna hospital experienced a COVID-19 surge in December and January which left the facility overwhelmed. He said the surge peaked on Jan. 21.

Brockus addressed concerns about a new increase in COVID cases. "We hope that this remains controlled," he said.

He announced that thanks to a \$115,000 gift from the Union County Hospital District, the Anna facility is planning to acquire new in-patient beds this fall.

Brockus also announced plans for the relocation of a helipad to a site closer to the hospital's emergency room.

Responding to a question from county commissioner David Gould, Brockus said the hospital would look into the possibility of providing kidney dialysis services.

Summer book sale, reading program activities planned at Stinson Library

A book sale and summer reading activities are planned at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna.

Summer Book Sale
A summer book sale is planned Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 10-12.

The sale will be conducted by the Friends of Stinson Library and will be held in conjunction with the Annabelle Festival which is planned June 11 in Anna.

The book sale will be at the Anna library, which is located at 409 S. Main St. in Anna.

A Friends Appreciation Sale is scheduled from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, June 10. For those who are not members of the Friends of Stinson Library, memberships will be available at the sale for \$5.

A public sale is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 11.

A bag sale is planned from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 12. A bag of books can be purchased for \$5. Bags will be provided.

Summer Reading Activities

Summer reading activities are scheduled at the library from June 14 through July 21.

Registration for all of the activities is underway. Information is available by contacting the library at 833-2521.

The theme for the summer program is "Oceans of Possibilities."

The schedule of activities includes:

Storytimes for Small Fries

Storytimes for Small Fries

is for ages 0 to 3. Weekly storytimes are planned on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Small Fry Storytimes will be offered online through Zoom and Facebook Live.

The program will feature early literacy tips; singing songs, rhymes and fingerplays; reading books together and completing a reading journal for prizes.

Storytimes for Narwhals
Storytimes for Narwhals is for ages pre-kindergarten through 4th grade.

Weekly storytimes are planned on Wednesdays at 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Narwhal Storytimes will be offered outdoors, weather permitting. Any indoor programs will require masking and distancing.

Activities will include reading a book together, doing a craft (or take it home), a snack and completing a reading journal for prizes.

Tiger Shark Summer Club

The Tiger Shark Summer Club is for those in 5th grade through 8th.

Weekly programs are planned on Tuesdays, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Some of the Tiger Shark Summer Club programs will be held outdoors, weather permitting. Any indoor programs will require masking and distancing.

Activities will include water relay races, a Bristlebot obstacle course, "Escape the Bermuda Triangle," crafts and snacks, and completing a reading journal for prizes.

THURSDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	2022 NCAA Women's College "Game 3" (Live)	Bang (HD)	Women Open Prev	Big City	(10) The Time Travel	★★ "The Animal" (01)	Couples
7 PM	Kimmel	Young	MasterChef Junior	Law & Order (HD)	(Live)	Bang (HD)	Chicago Fire (HD)	Big City	"The Matrix Resurrections" (21, Action) Neo's reality.	"First Blood" (19) Dev Patel. Headstrong nephew.	"The Green Knight" (21)
8 PM	2022 NBA Playoffs (Live)	Ghosts	MasterChef Junior	Law & Order: SVU	NCAA 2022 NCAA Women's College "Game 4" (Live)	Bang (HD)	Chicago Fire (HD)	Jessie		★★★ "Rambo: First Blood II" (85)	The Man (HD)
9 PM	How We	Her Majesty the (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Organized Crime (HD)		Bang (HD)	Chicago Fire (HD)	Big City	Barry (HD)		
10 PM	Local	(35) Late Show (HD)		Local	SportsCenter with Scott (HD)	Last O.G.	Chicago Fire (HD)	Miraculous	Pause	(13) "Rambo III" (88, Action) Rescue mission.	DESUS & ZIWE
11 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Corden	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	Late Night	Young	Chicago Fire (HD)	Jessie			VICE (HD)

FRIDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Dad (HD)	Open Prev. (Live)	Raven	Gentleman Jack (HD)	"Untouchables" (87)	"Last Vegas" (13)
7 PM	Shark Tank (HD)	Come Dance with Me	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live) (HD)	The Blacklist (HD)	(10) 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs (Live)	(02) "Movie"	USFL Football (Live)	"Movie"	"Boomerang" (92) Don Juan's payback. (HD)	"Voyagers" (21) Astronauts. (HD)	Couples
8 PM	(01) 20/20 Investigative news. (HD)	Magnum P.I. (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Dateline NBC Investigative news.				Jessie	Real Time Maher (HD)	★★★ "The Forgotten" (04) Existence question.	"Lamb" (21) Mysterious newborn.
9 PM	Local	Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	(50) "Movie"	9-1-1 "Trapped"	Jessie	Pause		Couples
10 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)		Local (35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	B/R Gaming (HD)	9-1-1	Real Time with Bill Maher (HD)	"Monster's Ball" Interracial affair.	"Strip-tease" Mom turns stripper.	
11 PM	Nightline	Corden	Local	Late Night				Jessie			

SATURDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local	Local Programs	MLB Baseball "Regional Coverage-Teans TBA" (Live) (HD)	Local Programs	2022 NCAA Women's College "Game 8" (Live)	(4:45) "Movie"	"Speed"	"Movie"	"Jurassic Park" (93)	(5:00) "Riddick" (13)	The Chi (HD)
7 PM	To Be Announced Info unavailable.	Bull "Better Angels"	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (Live) (HD)	Law & Order (HD)	(10) 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs (Live)	"Movie"	(09) A family takes a boy into their home. (HD)	The Ghost	To Be Announced Info unavailable.	★★★ "Reindeer Games" (00) (HD)	The Chi (HD)
8 PM		48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs	Dateline NBC	Top Rank Boxing "Devin Haney vs George Kambosos Jr." (Live)	Christmas (HD)		Big City	"Changing Lanes" (02) Car accident chaos.	"The Blind Side" (09) Sandra Bullock. A boy gets help.	Showtime Championship Boxing "Fulton vs. Roman" (Live) (HD)
9 PM		48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs	Sat. Night Live (HD)		Christmas (HD)		Big City	The Time		
10 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	I Can See Your Voice	Local Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.	SportsCenter (HD)	Wipeout		Owl House	(15) The Time	"Jumper" (08) Instant transport.	
11 PM	Local Programs		Local Programs					Miraculous	(05) The Time Travel		

SUNDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Kimmel	60 Minutes (HD)	MasterChef (HD)	Dancing with Myself	MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago Cubs (Live) (HD)	"Age of Ultron" (15)	Law & Order: SVU	"Movie"	(5:28) To Be Announced Info unavailable.	"28 Days Later" (02)	Couples
7 PM	2022 NBA Finals "Game 2" (Live)	The Equalizer "Pulse"	Simpsons Burgers	America's Got Talent "Auditions 1" (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	(45) "Movie"		★★★ "Max Payne" Conspiracy case.	VICE (HD)
8 PM		NCIS: L. A. (HD)	Duncanville.			Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU		The Time Travel	(40) "Cold Pursuit" (19) Hunting killer. (HD)	The First Lady (HD)
9 PM	Postgame	S.W.A.T. (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	To Be Announced	SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie	Barry (HD)		The Man "Changes"
10 PM	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs		Local Programs Local info.		"Ant-Man and the Wasp" Quantum search.	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	Oliver	"First Blood" Veteran enraged.	ZIWE
11 PM	(35) Local	Local Programs	Local		Sports		Law & Order: SVU	Big City	(36) The Time Travel		The First Lady (HD)

MONDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	2022 Women's College "Game 13" (Live)	Bang (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	"Movie"	(05) ★★ "Old" (21) Rapidly aging. (HD)	"Git You Sucka" (88)	(5:00) "Lamb" (21) (R)
7 PM	"Brave" (12) Scottish princess fights curse.	Neighbor.	Don't (HD)	American Song Contest Original songs. (HD)		Bang (HD)	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (HD)	Jessie		"Nice Dreams" & "The Man Changes"	The First Lady (HD)
8 PM		NCIS "Fight or Flight"	Beat Shazam (HD)		NCAA 2022 Women's College (Live)	Bang (HD)		Big City	Irma Vep	★★★ "Borat" Out from Kazakhstan.	I Love
9 PM	The Chase (HD)	NCIS: Hawaii (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	The Endgame (HD)		Young	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	Gentleman Jack (HD)		ZIWE
10 PM	Local	Local		Local (35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter with Scott (HD)	Young	Miz & Mrs	Miraculous	Irma Vep	"Win Win" (11) Wrestling prodigy.	"The Disaster Artist" (17) (HD)
11 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Late Night		The Cube	Miz & Mrs (33) Man	Raven	Gentleman Jack (HD)	"The Animal"	The Man

TUESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Kitchen Pregame	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	Irma Vep	"The Firm" (93) (HD)	★★★ "Hello I Must Be Going" (12)
7 PM	Holey Moley (HD)	FBI "All That Glitters"	Crime Scene Kitchen	Young Rock Mr. Mayor	(10) 2022 Stanley Cup Playoffs (Live)	MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at Chicago White Sox (Live) (HD)	WWE NXT (Live) (HD)	Jessie	"F9" (21) Dom and the team fight Dom's brother.	"Cold Pursuit" (19) Hunting killer. (R) (HD)	I Love
8 PM	The Chase (HD)	FBI: Most Wanted	I Can See Your Voice	This Is Us (HD)		Bang (HD)		Jessie		"Lady Bird" Mom-daughter clash.	The First Lady (HD)
9 PM	Who Do You Believe?	FBI: International	Local Programs Local info.	The Thing About Pam		Young	Miz & Mrs (10) "John Wick" (14) Ex-hit man, Kingpin.	Big City	Barry (HD)	"Riddick" (13) Vn Diesel. Battling predators.	(40) The First Lady
10 PM	Local	Local		Local (35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Post Game		Unsubtle	Pause		"Last Vegas" 60-year-olds party.
11 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	Late Night		Young		Raven	Gentleman Jack	"Voyagers" (21) (HD)	

WEDNESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD)	"John Wick" (14) (R)	Big City	(5:50) ★★ "The Eyes of Tammy Faye" (21)	★★★ "Biker Boyz" (03)	"Mission: Impossible" (06) Spy vs. dealer.
7 PM	Kimmel	Let's Make a Deal	MasterChef (HD)	Chicago Med (HD)	NBA (Live)	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite	★★★ "John Wick: Chapter 3 - Parabellum" (19, Action)	Jessie	"The Janes" (22, Documentary)	(32) ★★ "The Forgiven" (04) (HD)	"Norman" (17) Richard Gere. Strong bond. (R)
8 PM	2022 NBA Finals "Game 3" (Live)	The Price Is Right at	Think You Can Dance	Chicago Fire (HD)		Dad (HD)		Big City	(45) The Time Travel		★★★ "Dead-locked" Hostage situation.
9 PM		S.W.A.T. "Survival"	Local Programs Local info.	Chicago P.D. (HD)		Dad (HD)		Big City	Pause		
10 PM	Local	(35) Late Show (HD)		Local (35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Dad (HD)		Unsubtle	(35) Gentleman Jack	"X-Files: I Want to Believe" (08)	
11 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night		Lopez		Raven	"Budapest"		DESUS &

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Dongola Unit # 66 is seeking applicants to fill the following position:
Paraprofessional – 3 positions available
Specifics of the position are:
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- Board paid life insurance policy
- Applicant must be able to: work at a fast pace, able to lift heavy objects, possess some computer skills for required paperwork, display good organizational skills, possess a good work ethic and the ability to develop a positive rapport with students and co-workers.

Applicants must submit a letter of interest, resume, valid paraprofessional license and three letters of reference to:
Dr. Paige Helm Maginel,

Superintendent, Dongola Unit #66, 1000 High Street, Dongola, Illinois 62926

DUSD # 66 is an equal opportunity employer
Position will be filled as soon as possible.
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HELP WANTED: Jonesboro Elementary School is taking applications for the following positions:

- Head Junior High Baseball Coach
- Office Secretary

If interested, please submit a letter of interest, resume and three letters of recommendation to: Tom Stark, Principals Office, Jonesboro Elementary School, 309 Cook Avenue, Jonesboro, IL 62952, or Email tstark@jonesboro43.com
Application Deadline: June 3, 2022.
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WANTED

ARROWHEADS! Amateur Archeologist is obsessed with the hobby. I am building a museum of artifacts from Missouri & Illinois, and would like to buy individual finds or whole collections. ALSO, looking for sites to buy or lease that have a lot of "flint". Happy to answer any questions! Call Sean, (314)-608-2692.
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YARD SALE

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4 FAMILY YARD SALE: Friday, June 3, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, June 4, 7 a.m. to ??? 705 Dogwalk Road, Anna. Too much to mention!!!
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Come to our lane, it could be your gain!
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PUBLIC NOTICE

ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

**State of Illinois
SS
County of Union**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 11th day of May, 2022, under the Assumed Name of Countryside Variety with the place of business located at 80 Mt. Pleasant Road, Buncombe, Illinois 62912, and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Cheryl Weaver
Sharon Weaver
665 Moscow Road
Dongola, IL 62926

Lance Meisenheimer
Union County Clerk
23-25gc

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

**In the Matter of the Estate of:
ESTHER WILLCUT
Deceased.
2021P8**

CLAIMS NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors, heirs and legatees of the death of Esther Willcut. An order was entered on April 27, 2022 and filed on April 28, 2022, authorizing issuance of Letters of Office for Independent Administrator to Rebecca J. O'Neill, Union County Public Administrator. Rebecca J. O'Neill also serves as attorney for Rebecca J. O'Neill, Union County Public Administrator. Her address is 118 East Union Street Marion, IL 62959. Claims against the estate 2021P8, may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's office, Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Administrator or both not less than 6 months from May 26, 2022, the date of the first publication, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Administrator is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, three

months from the date of mailing or delivery, whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk should be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Independent Administrator's Attorney.

Keri E. Clark
Circuit Court Clerk

Attorney Rebecca J. O'Neill
Illinois Bar No. 06199381

118 East Union Street
Marion, IL 62969
(618)-751-1753
rebeccaoneill51law@gmail.com
UNION COUNTY PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR
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Tracy Dillard
113 West Poplar Street
Cobden, IL 62920

Lance Meisenheimer
Union County Clerk
24-26gc

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

**ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK, an Illinois Banking corporation, Plaintiff,
Vs
TARA J. STONE, UNKNOWN OWNERS And NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
Case No.: 2021-CH-13**

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above captioned matter on March 15, 2022, the Sheriff in Union County, will by public sale on June 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Union County Courthouse, in Jonesboro, Illinois, sell at public venue to the highest and best bidder, for cash, or cashier's check drawn on a federally or state chartered bank or savings and loan, the following described real estate:

Exhibit A
Legal Description of the Property
PIN 14-00-10-484
Common Address:
111 Ash Street,
Dongola, IL 62926
Legal Description: Fifty (50) feet of even width off the West side of the South 120 feet of Lot Number One Hundred Fifteen (115) of E Leavenworth's Addition to the Village of Dongola, situated in Union County, Illinois.
Potential buyers may contact John R. Schneider of the law firm of Johnson, Schneider & Ferrell, L.L.C., 212 North Main Street, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701, Phone Number 573-335-3300 for information regarding this real estate.

At said sale, the Court will give the purchaser a certificate showing the amount of the bid, a particular description of the property sold, and the time when the purchaser will be entitled to a deed for such property unless same shall have been redeemed according to law.

Keri Clark
Circuit Clerk

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Successful respondents will provide services that meet the requirements of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Section 134(c) (2) (A) (B) (C).

Additional information and applications may be obtained by contacting the offices of the Southern 14 Workforce Investment Board Inc. P.O. Box 186, Carmi, Illinois. Phone (618) 382-5024 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM Monday through Thursday. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the Southern 14 website www.SO14LWIB.com. Responses must be received by close of business on June 4, 2021.

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Southern 14 Workforce

ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

**State of Illinois
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County of Union**

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Beatriss Miller
Jesse Thomas Adams
125 Mount Pleasant Road
Buncombe, IL 62912

Lance Meisenheimer
Union County Clerk
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS, THAT:

The City of Anna, proposes to institute annexation proceedings to enlarge and extend the boundary limits of said city to include the following described territory, to-wit:

A PARCEL OF LAND BEING PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTH-EAST QUARTER OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN.

A public hearing will be held by and before the City Council of the City of Anna on the 21st day of June, 2022 at 4:45 p.m. in the Chambers of the City Council at the Anna City Hall, 103 Market Street, Anna, Illinois for all persons interested in the above proposed annexation. At said time and place all such persons shall have the right to be heard. Of all said matters and things, all persons interested in the things and matters herein mentioned, will take notice by order of the City Council of the City of Anna, Illinois this 17th day of May, 2022.
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REQUEST FOR BIDS/ PROPOSALS FOR 10 PASSENGER VAN

The Board of Education for the Dongola Unit School District #66 is seeking bids for a 10 passenger van. Bid specifications are available in the Unit Office. Bid specifications may also be obtained by calling Lyndsey Paulding at (618)-827-3841.

Sealed bids shall be delivered to Dr. Paige Maginel in the Unit Office and will be accepted until June 17, 2022, after which time no bids will be accepted. Qualified bids received by the deadline listed above will be opened and publicly read at the District offices at 9 a.m. on June 21, 2022. No faxed or e-mailed bids will be accepted. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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

Memorial Day

Hope everyone had a safe Memorial Day weekend.

Annabelle Festival

Just in time for our Annabelle Festival and Annabelle Trail: a picture in this week's Anna News showed Barbara Bauer's Annabelle plant that will be on the Annabelle Trail. The blooms are small right now but should be a lot larger by June 11.

Thanks to Barbara Bauer for this article:

You have heard: "Ask and you shall receive." That certainly worked for me this week.

At a recent PAST event, I mentioned that I would like to find an old "ice cream shop" table and chairs. I went on to say, "Like I remember at the E.P. Owens Drug Store on the corner of Main and Vienna Streets."

We would like to use the table and/or chairs on Annabelle Festival Saturday.

We will be in front of the Merriman Optometry

office telling the history of that and other Main Street buildings.

Several times the tenants of the 316 Main Street location operated ice cream shops. Among those managers were my Corzine grandparents.

Elaine Crain said she might have a chair. She checked her storage and sure enough there it was. An actual chair from the E.P. Owen Drug Store from the 1940s.

In addition, Mindy Carter has found a soda fountain stool to share with our story-telling team.

The photo of Elaine Crain's "ice cream" chair has Barb Bauer's budded Annabelle plant in the background.

Late Mother's Day Celebration

Cathy Ziegler treated four mothers to a late Mother's Day lunch at Wok 'n Roll in Marion on Sunday, May 22.

The ladies included her sister Joyce King and Corinne Steveson, her cousin Leslie Ebright and a friend, Denise Coffman. The ladies enjoyed the meal and visiting.

Anna American Legion

Thanks to all those who gave a donation for a poppy last Saturday to support our veterans and to all those who volunteered their day collecting the donations.

The next meeting will be June 14 at 6 p.m. in the back room of the VFW.

AFSCME Retirees Meet

Sub Chapter 90 met Tuesday, May 24, at Jonesboro Park.

There was a vote to donate to the Union County garden. We appreciate all the work that is done there



The chamber of commerce and City of Anna Annabelle Festival committee Dori Bigler, Martha Ann Webb, Tracey Smith, and Joni Bavwick met Friday, May 27, to make plans for the Annabelle Festival on June 11.



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by Shari Sweeney-Sadowski, her husband Tom and all the volunteers to help make sure people have fresh garden vegetables to eat this summer. The gardens are located on the grounds of Choate Mental Health in Anna.

Health insurance was discussed. How important it is to vote was discussed and to read about those candidates who are running to make your choice of who you think will best serve our state and country.

Congratulations to Debbie Nash who won the door prize.

The next meeting will be June 28 at 9 a.m. in the Jonesboro Park. This is Election Day so don't forget to vote.

Honors Fallen Sgt. Brian Romines

A Sergeant Brian Ro-

mines Memorial Highway naming ceremony will be Monday, June 6, at 3 p.m. at Union County Fair Grandstand in our Anna City Park, 185 Herman Wright Dr., Anna. The public is invited to attend.

The City of Anna and Sgt. Romines' mother, Melinda Clary, have been working with State Rep. Patrick Windhorst, State Sen. Dale Fowler and the Illinois National Guard to plan this ceremony.

State Rep. Windhorst and State Sen. Fowler partnered together to pass House Joint Resolution 42, legislation that honors the life, service and sacrifice of fallen Illinois Army National Guard Sergeant Brian Romines by renaming the section of Illinois Route 146 between Anna and Vienna as the "Sergeant Brian Romines Memorial Highway."

Birthdays

May 25 Abraham Lara, Sandy Carter, Debbie McKibben, Jessie Tucker.

Wedding Anniversary

Matt and Vickie Sadler May 23.

Sympathy

To John Casper on the passing of his brother Don. Don was minister of music at Anna First Baptist Church several years ago. He will be missed. Don was a wonderful person and always had a smile and was kind to everyone.

Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies

Twelve Red Hat Ladies met May 18 at El Jalapeno in Anna for their dinner party.

The ladies took up a collection for Red Hat friend Barbara McNeely's daughter, who recently lost her home to a fire. She didn't have insurance to cover it.

Anna Police Chief Bryan Watkins visited and told the



Some of PAST's Annabelle Tour hostesses met last week to select period costumes and plan for the festival activities. Visitors to the tour sites can expect to see this charming group of "history interpreters" at Stinson Memorial Library and at the historical Jonesboro Depot Library. Shown here are the Kell family. From left are Maeve, Rachel Beatty Kell and Mia. In front are Leah and Lucy.

ladies Martha Ann Webb who was going to be honored for her May birthday would not be able to attend because her friend Earl Miller had fallen when his dogs pulled him down jumping at a stray dog.

The ladies had a gift exchange. Their next meeting will be June 15 at 11 a.m. at El Jalapeno in Anna, one of their favorite places.

United Methodist Church, Anna

The seventh Sunday of Easter was Ascension Sunday.

Rev. Tim Gossett's sermon was Remembering Our Loved Ones, with scripture from Philipians.

Special music was by Barbara House, "God Bless America."

Patriotic songs were sung in honor and memory of loved ones and those who have served our country and have gone on before us.

Loaves and Fishes mission is on the third Tuesday of each month. Tuesday, June 21, starting at 4:30 p.m., will be the next one.

Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. Worship service is at 10:45 a.m.

On Wednesday, men's

Bible study meets at 7 a.m. and women's Bible study meets at 1 p.m.

Friendship and Sewing/Happy Scrappers will meet Thursday, June 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You are invited to join them. Bring your craft project to work on and enjoy the fellowship of other crafters.

Please pray without ceasing for all those who are sick and have lost loved ones.

Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club

The GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's club will meet June 6 at 1:30 p.m. at the Anna Arts Center. Devotion will be by Jane Bauer and current events by Lee Hackney.

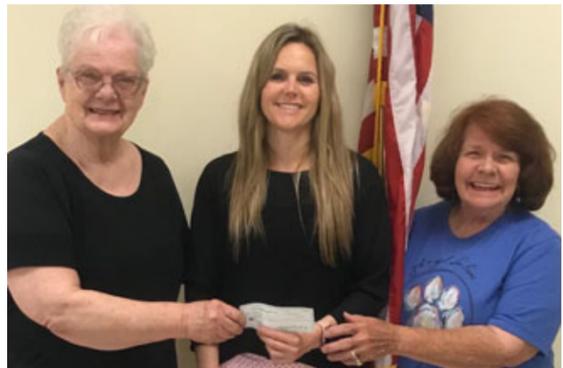
The speaker will be Pam Mathews. She will portray Cornelia Crosby, who was an angler, hunter, journalist and early advocate from Maine and its natural beauty.

Crosby's story is one of perseverance and breaking of barriers in 1800s.

Refreshments will be served. Come join us for this interesting program. Anyone is welcome.



Peggy Hubbard and Lillian Milam were at the Lincoln Day Dinner at Giant City Lodge Saturday, May 20.



GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club, represented by president Jane Bauer and publicity chairman Martha Ann Webb, presented a check for Hadley's Haven to Dori Bigler, Anna city administrator.



Woodmen Life Lodge No. 26 members Lilah Williams and Twilla Williams Smith presented a new American flag to Beverly Stillely Gibbons, senior regent of Women of the Moose Anna Chapter No. 1181. Together, with their shared commitment to patriotism, along with the value of being good citizens by donating time and money to others, they strive to make a positive difference within our community and beyond.



Abraham Lara celebrated his birthday May 25.



Debbie Nash attended a Union County community gardens open house. A special thanks to Shari Sweeney Sadowski, Tom and all the volunteers for all their hard work.



I met and took a picture of Craig and Donna Lingafelter and her daughter when they were visiting Anna and were enjoying the paintings in the Alley beside Annabelle Market. They are from Salem. Craig and Donna were married May 21, and were on their honeymoon. They said they stayed in a cabin close to Bald Knob Cross of Peace and were getting ready to go horseback riding close to there. They enjoyed visiting the cross and hiking at several places in Union County. Next they are getting ready to eat in Anna. I invited them to come back for our Annabelle Festival June 11. They said it was beautiful here.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

A Sunday morning worship service was held May 29 in the church and on Zoom.

Singing was led by Pastor Randy Wright and the worship team. Special music was provided by Jessica Elkins.

The message given by Pastor Wright was titled "God Desires a Relationship with You." Scripture was from Deuteronomy, Exodus, Proverbs, Galatians, the Psalms and Joshua.

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: Michael Hill, May 29; Aaron Wiseman, May 30; Merikha Oliver, May 31; Jenna Capogreco, June 3.

Fellowship Connect on Fridays has been canceled until further notice.

A regional quiz is planned June 3-4 at Olivet Nazarene University.

Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. Sunday, June 5.

Sunday School is planned at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, June 5.

A morning worship service and Promotion Sunday are planned at 10:35 a.m. on June 5.

A Wednesday night service is planned at 6:30 p.m. on June 8 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.

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.

Garden club plans picnic at Anna park

Members of the Anna-Jo Garden Club plan to enjoy their park in Anna with a picnic potluck at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 7.

Hostesses are scheduled to be the officers of the club: Nancy Kucera, Marge Selinger, Susan Prestia and Betty Sirls. They will provide paper products and drinks. Members are asked to bring a covered dish and a lawn chair.

A program titled "Fabulous Floral Arrangements" is planned. Club members are asked to bring blooms from their garden to use in creating floral arrangements.

Bouquets will be given to local businesses for display. This activity is being done in recognition of National Garden Week, which is June 5-11. The club has celebrated the week in this way for many years.

The club also plans to donate a garden book to Stinson Memorial Library in Anna in celebration of the week.

Opinion and Commentary

Reduce stroke risk

Stroke is a leading cause of death and disability in the United States, but in many cases, it can be prevented.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the lifetime risk of stroke for women between 55 and 75 in the United States is 1 in 5. Stroke is the third leading cause of death in women and Black women are more likely to die from a stroke than Hispanic or non-Hispanic white women in the United States.

As a form of cardiovascular disease, stroke shares many of the same characteristics as heart disease. For instance, an ischemic stroke and coronary artery disease are both caused by the plaque buildup in the arteries. If this buildup occurs in an artery that supplies blood to your heart, it results in a heart attack. If the buildup blocks an artery supplying blood to the brain, it causes an ischemic stroke.

Understanding risk factors and making some lifestyle modifications can help reduce your stroke risk. Union County Hospital Emergency Department director Mark Yates shares information about the risk factors, breaks down the "FAST" acronym and provides some healthy lifestyle changes.

A recent study published in the Journal of the American Heart Association shows that pregnant women may significantly reduce stroke risk with a Mediterranean diet. Women who followed a Mediterranean diet saw a decrease in a stroke of roughly 20 percent, compared with women who had different eating habits.

And while the study was unclear whether it was diet alone or an overall healthy lifestyle that helped lower risk, the benefits of adding healthy food choices to your diet are clear.

Make it Mediterranean

The benefits of a Mediterranean diet apply to men and women alike. Here are some simple ways to add some color and nutrition to your plate:

Load up on colors: phytochemicals, the colors in fruits and vegetables, can increase the number of vitamins and minerals in your diet. Add an additional serving of fresh and simply prepared vegetables to your meals.

Choose poultry, fish and plant-based proteins rather than red meats. Cook with olive oil rather than butter. Limit your sugar intake by making desserts with fresh fruit.

Make your bread, pasta and cereal whole wheat, or try different whole grains, such as brown rice or quinoa. Snack on nuts and fresh vegetables with hummus rather than chips or crackers.

A nutrient-rich diet makes a significant difference in overall health. But exercise matters too. Be sure to take some time to exercise – at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic exercise weekly, with your physician's guidance, to boost the effectiveness of a Mediterranean diet. The National Institute of Health recommends aiming for a body mass index between 18.5 and 24.9.

Stroke and heart disease also share many of the same risk factors, including: Age. Pregnancy and eclampsia. Ethnicity or race. Excessive alcohol use. Genetics. High blood pressure. High cholesterol. Lack of exercise. Obesity. Migraines. Poor diet. Smoking. Stress.

"Strokes can leave you permanently disabled, but many strokes are preventable and treatable. It is important to know how to act "FAST" when someone is having a stroke," Yates said. Here are the signs and actions to take:

Face: One side of the person's face droops when he or she is asked to smile.

Arms: One of the person's arms drifts downward when he or she is asked to lift both arms.

Speech: The person's speech is slurred or difficult to understand when he or she is asked to repeat a simple sentence.

Time: Call 911 immediately if you notice any of the above symptoms.

Some women may experience subtler symptoms that can be easier to miss. These may include: Confusion or disorientation. Fatigue or general weakness. Memory issues. Nausea or vomiting.

"A trip to the emergency department is never something we want to do, but when illnesses and injuries are life-threatening or severe, you want to be somewhere that is equipped to handle those life-threatening conditions" Yates said. "Union County Hospital's Emergency Department is open 24/7 and prepared to treat and care for your emergent needs." For more information about Union County Hospital, go to UnionCountyHospital.com.

A Page from the Past

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Thursday, June 1, 1972

Union County residents joined with Americans across the land in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 29. Rev. William Werner, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Carbondale, who delivered the Memorial Day message at the Anna Cemetery Monday gave all the reasons why Americans should observe the day in the manner in which it was originally intended.

A memorial service will be held at Kornthal Union County Memorial Sunday, June 4, at 3:30 p.m.

The thermometer reached the high for the summer thus far when 92 degrees was recorded Saturday, May 27. The low was 47 recorded Wednesday morning, May 31.

The Anna Municipal Swimming Pool opened on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, with a large crowd of youngsters enjoying the first day.

The quarterly dinner meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held Monday, June 5, at the Whitehouse Coffee Shop.

Union County Khoury League action will open for the 1972 season June 5.

From the Ware News: The Ware Elementary School had their picnic and field trip Tuesday with 125 persons attending. A potluck dinner was served at noon.

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

Dinosaur pirates...and two rainbows...all in one day



Ahoy there, maties... there be "Dinosaur Pirates" afoot at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna... aarghhh...

Dinosaurs...and rainbows...all in one day...

Wednesday morning, on the 25th day of the fifth month of 2022, yours truly paid a visit to Stinson Memorial Library in Anna.

Back in the Before Times, my weekly routine included a visit to Stinson Memorial Library on Wednesdays. Then the plague arrived...the library was closed...the routine was interrupted. Given what many folks have had to experience, not being able to go to the library was not a really big deal.

Circumstances have changed, thank goodness, and I've been able to resume my routine. With that in mind, I paid a visit to the landmark Anna library on the aforementioned Wednesday in May.

As I was heading into the library, I happened to notice a sign along the sidewalk leading into the library. Actually, there were several signs. A whole story's worth of signs, as a matter of the fact.

The story was titled "Dinosaur Pirates." Well, now, your writer never really grew up when it came to dinosaurs. Quite honestly, though, I'd never made a connection between dinosaurs and pirates.

Turns out the signs are part of a little story trail which was on display on the library grounds. The trail is helping to encourage participation in a summer reading program which is scheduled to start in June at the library. Check it out. Reading is a good thing... for those of all ages... in any season.

And, if you pay a visit to the library, maybe you'll get to see the story about dinosaur pirates. The timing is wonderful, since the new "Jurassic World" movie is roaring into the theaters...this week, I think.

As the 25th day of the merry olde month of May continued to unfold, Mother Nature shared some stormy, windy, thundery, rainy weather with us.

As it so happened, while I was heading home after another hard day of crafting sentences at The Paragraph Factory, the sun broke through the clouds... and rain was still falling... perfect conditions for a rainbow.

And I saw one... and I'm pretty sure I also saw the end of the rainbow, too...in a field...off to my right... And you know what you find at the end of a rainbow? Lucky Charms. And maybe even a pot of gold.

Well, at 55 miles per hour, it would have been hard to just stop in the middle of the highway, jump out of the car and run into a field while it was raining to pick up a pot of gold. The pot probably would have been too heavy to carry. Another missed opportunity...

A few minutes later, I saw another rainbow, which lasted for about 10 seconds. Didn't even have a chance to see if there was a pot of gold.

So, there you have it. Dinosaur pirates. Two rainbows. All in the same day. I wonder if there were rainbows when dinosaurs were wandering around on the planet on their pirate ships...

We'll close this week with a bit of a personal note... happy anniversary to my sweetheart. The adventure continues...with all kinds of twists and turns...



Not sure what this creature might be... saw it on a building on state property during a recent visit...

Southern Seven Health Department testing for West Nile virus in region

Southern Seven Health Department says West Nile virus is the leading cause of mosquito-borne disease in the continental United States.

There are no vaccines to prevent or specific medications to treat West Nile virus in people, but there are steps which can be taken by people to prevent contracting the disease.

Beginning last week, Southern Seven Health Department planned to begin its annual trapping of mosquitoes throughout the lower seven counties in Illinois, including Union County, to test for West Nile virus. Trapping is scheduled to continue in the region through fall.

The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, on May 26 confirmed the first mosquitoes to test positive for West Nile virus in the state in 2022.

The DuPage County Health Department collected a positive mosquito batch on May 24 from Roselle in DuPage.

As of May 26, no human cases of West Nile virus had been reported in Illinois.

"This is the time of year when West Nile virus makes its annual appearance," IDPH acting director Amaal Tokars said in a news release.

"We remind everyone, and especially older people and those with weakened immune systems, to take precautions to protect themselves from mosquitoes and the viruses they carry by wearing insect repellent and eliminating standing water around their home where mosquitoes breed."

As of May 26, there had not been any cases of West Nile virus reported in the area counties served by the Southern Seven Health Department.

West Nile virus is transmitted through the bite of a Culex pipiens mosquito, commonly called a house mosquito, that has picked up the virus by feeding on an infected bird.

Monitoring for West Nile virus in Illinois includes laboratory tests for mosquito batches, dead crows, blue jays, robins and other perching birds, as well as testing sick horses and humans with West Nile virus-like symptoms.

People who see a sick or dying crow, blue jay, robin or other perching bird are advised to contact their local health department, which will determine if the bird will be picked up for testing.

The virus is not spread through coughing, sneezing or touching. It is not spread by touching live or dead animals; however, the health department advises avoiding bare-handed contact when touching any dead animal.

When disposing of a dead bird, gloves or double plastic bags should be used to place the carcass in a garbage can,

the health department advised.

The virus also cannot be spread through eating infected birds or animals. Always follow instructions for fully cooking meat from either birds or mammals, Southern Seven Health Department stated.

Common symptoms of West Nile virus include fever, nausea, headache and muscle aches. Symptoms may last from a few days to a few weeks.

However, four out of five people infected with West Nile virus will not show any symptoms.

In rare cases, severe illness including meningitis, encephalitis or even death can occur.

The health department advises people with symptoms of West Nile virus to contact their physician immediately.

Southern Seven Health Department advises that the risk of spreading West Nile virus can be reduced by following the three "R's": Reduce, Repel and Report.

Reduce: make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or other openings. Try to keep doors and windows shut.

Eliminate, or refresh each week, all sources of standing water where mosquitoes can breed, including water in bird baths, ponds, flowerpots, wading pools, old tires and any other containers.

Repel: when outdoors, wear shoes and socks, long pants and a light-colored, long-sleeved shirt, and apply insect repellent that contains DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR 3535 according to label instructions.

Consult a physician before using repellents on infants. Do not use products containing oil of lemon eucalyptus, OLE, or para-menthane-diol, PMD, on children under 3 years old.

Do not apply insect repellent to a child's hands, eyes, mouth, cuts or irritated skin. Spray insect repellent onto your hands and then apply to a child's face.

Report: report locations where you see water sitting stagnant for more than a week such as roadside ditches, flooded yards and similar locations that may produce mosquitoes.

The local health department or city government may be able to add larvicide to the water, which will kill any mosquito eggs.

More information about West Nile virus is available by contacting Southern Seven Health Department environmental health services director Miranda Adams by phone at 618-634-2297, extension 9114, or visit www.southern7.org online.