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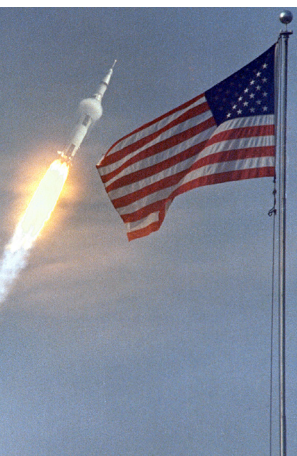
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## News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area



50 years ago this week: an American flag heralded the launch of Apollo 11, the first lunar landing mission, on July 16, 1969. The massive Saturn V rocket lifted off from NASA's Kennedy Space Center with astronauts Neil A. Armstrong, Michael Collins and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin at 9:32 a.m. EDT. Four days later, on July 20, Armstrong and Aldrin landed on the Moon's surface. More about the 50th anniversary lunar landing, including a local connection, can be found elsewhere in this week's paper. The photo is from NASA's website.

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Southern Seven Health Department plans to have a well water safety check Monday morning, Aug. 19, at the Union County Farm Bureau in Jonesboro.

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A Wildcat Youth Football League summer camp is underway this week at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

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Development of a new disc golf course at the Cobden Community Park is moving forward.

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A basketball tournament is planned July 27 in Cobden.

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A Southern Seven Head Start Recruitment Fun Day is planned from 8 a.m. to noon Friday, July 26, at the Dongola Community Center.

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## State officials urge reports about flood damage

By Jerry Nowicki  
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SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker's office is urging Illinoisans to report any damages caused by recent flooding to their county's emergency management agencies in order to increase the likelihood of the state qualifying for federal aid.

A release from Pritzker's

office said Illinois can qualify for federal assistance if the total flood damage in the state meets or exceeds \$19 million.

A formal request to the federal government must be submitted by Aug. 3, which is 30 days after the last impacted river fell below major flood stage, the governor's office said.

Once the state completes the report, the Federal Emergency Management

Agency makes a recommendation to the president, who has the final say as to whether relief can be granted.

"While the ultimate decision on our state receiving federal funds lies with Washington, my administration is committed to doing everything in our power to ensure our communities get all resources available to recover," Pritz-

ker, a Democrat, said in a news release.

"Our state has not received a federal disaster declaration since 2013 and there is no doubt this will be an uphill battle."

Emergency managers in each impacted county are assessing damage, including residential, commercial and governmental expenses.

The county agencies will then report that information

to the state by the close of business July 22 via the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

Some flexibility will be given for counties where floodwaters are still blocking access to homes or roads.

The state established a website for flood communications and resources which can be found at [www.Illinois.gov/2019Floods](http://www.Illinois.gov/2019Floods).

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## River levels slowly falling

Water levels continued to slowly fall early this week along the Mississippi River at Cape Girardeau and Thebes.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported that flood warnings remained in effect until further notice for both locations.

As of early this week, a flood warning was no longer in effect along the Big Muddy River near Murphysboro.

The weather service reported the following flood updates:

**Mississippi River at Cape Girardeau:** At 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 15, the river's stage was 37.2 feet. Flood stage is 32.0 feet.

Moderate flooding was occurring. Moderate flooding was in the forecast.

The forecast called for the river to continue to fall to a stage of 36.7 feet by Wednesday morning, July 17.

**Mississippi River at Thebes:** At 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 15, the river's stage was 36.0 feet. Flood stage is 33.0 feet.

Minor flooding was occurring. Minor flooding was in the forecast.

The forecast called for the river to fall below flood stage by Thursday, July 25.



### Driving through the rain

A car passed through water on a low-lying area along East Davie Street in Anna during heavy rain early Monday afternoon, July 15.

## Remnants of Tropical Storm Barry pass through region with heavy rain; heat wave in forecast

A flash flood watch which accompanied the arrival of Tropical Storm Barry will be followed by a heat wave this week in the Union County area.

### Flash Flood Watch

The National Weather Service office in Paducah issued a flash flood watch for the region on Saturday, July 13.

The flash flood watch was in effect until Tuesday evening, July 16, and included parts of Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky.

The weather service reported that locally heavy rainfall from the remnants of Tropical Storm Barry

would continue to affect the region on Tuesday.

Showers and storms were expected to increase in coverage and intensity on Tuesday.

The primary hazard was expected to be localized flash flooding from thunderstorms and torrential rainfall.

The forecast called for the possibility of storms which could produce hourly rainfall rates of up to 2 inches.

### Heat Wave on the Way

The weather service reported that as the remnants of Barry departed the region, conditions are expected to turn very hot and humid.

"The hottest stretch of the summer so far is on the way Thursday into the weekend," the weather service reported on its website. Maximum afternoon heat index values are expected to

easily surpass 100 degrees. Numerous locations may top out around 105 degrees or slightly higher.

Little relief is anticipated at night, the weather service advised.

## Weather

### 2.05 inches of rain, high of 96 degrees

Rainfall totalling 2.05 inches was recorded July 9-15 in the Union County area.

Precipitation included .35 of an inch on July 13, .03 of an inch on July 14 and 1.67 inches on July 15.

The high temperature for the period was 96 degrees.

Following are temperatures for July 9-15 as re-

corded by local weather observer Dana Cross in Jonesboro:

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Tuesday, July 9	93	70
Wednesday, July 10	96	73
Thursday, July 11	87	69
Friday, July 12	88	64
Saturday, July 13	92	63
Sunday, July 14	87	70
Monday, July 15	76	70

## State public health director visits Southern Seven

As local agencies struggle against the rising cost of serving people in Southern Illinois, one agency welcomes a closer look into meeting those needs.

On Thursday, July 11, Illinois Department of Public Health director Dr. Ngozi

Ezike, assistant director Evonda Thomas-Smith and chief of staff Justin DeWitt spent several hours with the staff at Southern Seven Health Department in Ullin to learn about the challenges faced by the department in order to facilitate

concrete solutions.

During the meeting Southern Seven executive director Rhonda Andrews-Ray presented demographic evidence and health data that validated the purpose of the visit.

Department supervisors

shared the details of program services and their concerns and ideas for moving the department forward.

"It is always a good sign when a department director gets out of the office to visit where the rubber meets the road and talk to

the employees on the front lines," Andrews-Ray said in a news release.

"We appreciate the fact that Dr. Ezike was really concerned about our issues and is interested in the greater good of Southern Illinois."

Since Southern Seven serves everyone living in the lower seven counties in Illinois, it covers more territory than any other health department in the state at 2,003 square miles.

The department serves more than 65,000 people with services that take a proactive approach to health and safety including controlling communicable diseases, providing assistance to families, and maintaining a safe water supply. The Department is also home to the area's Head Start program.

For more information about Southern Seven Health Department, call 618-634-2297 or visit [southern7.org](http://southern7.org).



### Agency director visits

Illinois Department of Public Health director Dr. Ngozi Ezike visited the Southern Seven Health Department in Ullin on July 11. Photo provided.





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**Anna incident investigation continues**

The Anna Police Department continues to search for a suspect in connection with an incident which happened at around midday on Thursday, July 11. The incident involved a sport utility vehicle which the police department suspected of having a license registration plate violation. The driver of the vehicle subsequently crashed the SUV into a barricade and fled on foot from the scene near Lime Kiln Road and Sycamore Street in Anna. A woman who was a passenger in the vehicle was arrested on a warrant out of Franklin County. No injuries were reported as a result of the accident. The driver, who also was wanted on a warrant, fled into a rugged, wooded area along a creek near the Anna Quarries. Multiple law enforcement agencies were involved in a search for the suspect. The vehicle was removed from the scene by Rod's Towing.

## Illinois Democrats plan to welcome Speaker Pelosi

The annual Illinois Democratic County Chairs’ Association, IDCCA, County Chairs’ Brunch is scheduled Wednesday, Aug. 14, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield.

General admission tickets were scheduled to go on sale Monday, July 15.

Event details and methods of purchasing tickets can be found at [www.ILDCCA.org/chairs-brunch](http://www.ILDCCA.org/chairs-brunch) and on social media at [www.facebook.com/ILDC-CA](http://www.facebook.com/ILDC-CA) and [www.twitter.com/ILDCCA](http://www.twitter.com/ILDCCA).

Throughout the years, the annual IDCCA County Chairs’ Brunch has grown from a small gathering into a Midwestern event to rally thousands of grassroots Democrats into activism.

Association president Kristina Zahorik announced on July 3 that Democrats are ready to show this year’s special guest, U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, the party is leading on “big things” for Illinois and they’re ready to bring the same enthusiasm to the 2020 election cycle.

Pelosi has served as a member of the California Congressional delegation since 1987.

She became the first female to be elected House Speaker in 2007 and served until Republicans took control in 2011.

Under Pelosi’s leadership, Democrats added 43 seats to Congress in the 2018 election, including two pickups in Illinois.

Pelosi regained the Speaker’s gavel, and, IDC-CA said in a news release,

“has worked to lead an agenda to restore middle-class opportunity and progress and ending Republican Donald Trump’s priorities that cater only to the world’s richest insiders.”

IDCCA said that since entering office in January, Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker, a Democrat, “has shepherded a movement to stabilize state government and move quickly on opportunities for progress. Coming off one of the most productive legislative sessions in contemporary history, Pritzker is fulfilling the promise of his ‘Think Big’ agenda to weave Democratic values with achievable goals for every Illinois community.”

Throughout Pelosi’s tenure as Speaker and leader of the House Democratic Caucus, women have accepted important roles in strengthening the national Democratic Party.

Illinois Congresswoman Cheri Bustos chairs the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee where she is focusing on bringing more Democrats to Washington.

In 2018, a crowd of more than 3,000 people attended the IDCCA’s County Chairs’ Brunch.

Organizers said this summer’s event is expected to meet or exceed last year’s numbers, drawing visitors from throughout Illinois, as well as neighboring states.

IDCCA is a statewide, grassroots Democratic Party organization comprised of the elected Democratic county chairs in all 102 counties in Illinois.

## Shred, Med Disposal Day set

Southern Seven Health Department, along with Union County Farm Bureau, plan to host a Shred & Med Disposal Day in Union County.

The event is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon on July 20 at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Organizers said the event will offer free and confidential document shredding and safe disposal of unwanted medication.

Items to look for include old, confidential documents like tax returns and insurance papers.

These often include personal information that may be used to access bank accounts and credit reports.

Those who want to participate in the event are invited to collect unused or outdated prescription and over-the-counter medications including pills, creams and patches.

Southern Seven Health Department recommends never sharing medications with others, adding that

anyone who is requiring medication should always consult their physician prior to use.

Each resident/household will be limited to five banker-sized boxes or one 18-gallon sized tote of documents to be shredded.

More information about Shred & Med Disposal Day is available by contacting Natalie Sawyer at Southern Seven Health Department at 618-634-2297, extension 136.

## State police highlight activities

Illinois State Police District 22 has released a review of activities for the month of June.

The district includes Union, Johnson, Pope, Massac, Hardin, Pulaski and Alexander counties.

District 22 officers responded to 107 calls for service.

Officers issued 462 citations and 883 written warnings.

Six motorists were arrested for driving under the influence, DUI.

Officers handled 33 crashes (one fatal).

A total of 231 motor carrier safety inspections were conducted; 50 of the inspections led to either the driver or the vehicle being placed out of service for safety violations.

A total of 96 motorists were assisted on the side of the road.

Officers made 26 criminal arrests.

The following citations were issued for what are termed as “Fatal Four” violations:

DUI, six. Speeding, 153. Occupant restraint, 108. Distracted driving, 13.

**Scott’s Law**

District 22 continues to remind motorists who travel on area highways about

Officers made 26 criminal arrests.

The law requires motorists to reduce the speed of their vehicle, to yield the right of way by changing lanes away from an authorized emergency vehicle and any vehicle with emergency flashers activated, and to proceed with due regard to safety and traffic conditions.

## Safety checks conducted

Illinois State Police District 22 has announced the results of roadside safety checks which were conducted from late night on June 15 to early morning June 16 in Union County.

The results were announced by Capt. Michael Alvey, who is the commander of District 22.

The roadside safety checks were conducted by District 22 officers at the intersection of U.S. Route 51 and Wing High Road.

The following results were reported:

Other alcohol/drug citations, five. Occupant restraint offenses, seven. Registration offenses, four. Driver’s license offenses, 10. Insurance violations, three.

Total citations/arrests, 24. Total written warnings, 17.

Alvey noted that the roadside safety checks are designed to keep roads safe by taking dangerous DUI offenders off the road.

The detail was funded through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

## SI Bridges to Baccalaureate grant program receives funding

Shawnee Community College math/science chair Lori Armstrong recently received good news for students attending Shawnee College who are interested in STEM: science, technology, engineering and math.

The SI Bridges to Baccalaureate grant program has been funded by the National Institutes of Health, NIH, for an additional five years.

The program extension means the partnership will have an opportunity to recruit and select a total of 12 students in the fall semester.

The SI Bridges to the Baccalaureate Program is an NIH-funded grant partnership between Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Shawnee Community College and John A. Logan College at Carterville.

The program is designed to enable community college students to learn skills and abilities which will enable them to conduct scientific research in the biomedical or behavioral sciences.

The program also provides strong mentorship and guidance as the students transition from their respective community colleges to a university setting.

Students from the Shawnee Community College district who are interested in the SI Bridges program are advised to contact Lori Armstrong at 618-634-3313 or [loria@shawneecc.edu](mailto:loria@shawneecc.edu).

## Flood damage

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The site contains a module which allows residents and business owners to submit an initial damage report online.

The website then forwards the submission to the appropriate county emergency management agency for follow-up reporting.

Acting IEMA director Alicia Tate-Nadeau said any damage, “regardless of whether it is \$200 or \$20,000,” should be reported to county agencies.

“Previous agency experience has demonstrated the importance of being as thorough as possible during this initial damage assessment,” she said in a statement.

“Any kind of flood-related damage should be reported to your county emergency management office.

“...Without a complete picture of the damage caused by this flood, Illinois could miss out on invaluable federal funds that can help our state rebuild following this extensive disaster.”

There have been 36 Illinois counties covered by gubernatorial disaster declaration in 2019, and Pritzker’s office said the state’s emergency operations center in Springfield was activated for more than 150 days throughout the flooding cycle.

The governor’s office said the state and its partners have deployed more than 5 million sandbags, 38,000 tons of rock, 3,000 rolls of plastic, 450 feet of flood control barriers and 1,750 feet of water control dams.

It also deployed more than 400 Illinois National Guardsmen and 97 pumps in affected areas, and distributed more than 14,000 emergency supplies.

## County board addresses flooding

Union County is one of the 36 Illinois counties included in the disaster proclamations. The proclamations also include Alexander and Jackson counties.

The 2019 flood again was addressed at last Friday morning’s regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners. Updates about the flood situation have been a regular matter of discussion at recent county board meetings.

As of late last week, 14 roads in Union County were still being impacted by the flood.

County board chairman Max Miller repeated that the condition of local roads cannot be determined until flood waters fall.

County officials noted that they hope a deadline for reporting the damage caused by the flood can be extended until water levels fall and allow for inspection of local roads.

## News Notes

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The third annual Cross of Peace dinner is planned Saturday evening, July 27, at Hedman Vineyards in Alto Pass. The event will support the Cross of Peace on Bald Knob Mountain near Alto Pass.

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Chris Egelston, the “Reading Magician,” is scheduled to present his “Reading Is Magic Show” at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 30, at the Jonesboro Public Library.



**Donation presented for flood fighters**

The Union County Democrat Organization voted to buy Gatorade for the flood fighters in East Cape Girardeau and McClure. Union County Circuit Clerk Tiffany Busby, left, and retired Union County Sheriff Jim Nash delivered a truck load of Gatorade to Becky Clover-Glodo, center, the village clerk of East Cape Girardeau. Clover-Glodo is one of the coordinators for the flood fighters. Photo provided.



# Apollo 11

## 50th anniversary of lunar landing highlighted at Union County Museum

The Union County Museum in Cobden is hosting an exhibit to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing which occurred on July 20, 1969.

The exhibit features memorabilia from the collection of the late Galen Weakley, who lived in Cobden.

He was assigned to the Saturn/Apollo program in 1963 and worked at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida for seven years.

Mr. Weakley was at the space center during the moon landing. He was the first IBM Saturn/Apollo engineer and charter member of the launch team.

The display includes Kennedy Space Center patches, plaques received by Mr. Weakley for his service, photos, booklets, newspapers covering the moon landing and other artifacts.

Mr. Weakley died in 1995 in Cobden. His widow, Mary Anna Weakley of Cobden, loaned the items for the exhibit.

Mr. Weakley's obituary, which appeared in The Southern Illinoisan newspaper in February of 1995, recalled that he was the manager of the guidance and control systems project at IBM Corporation's Cape Kennedy facility in Florida. He held the distinction of being the first IBM Saturn employee at the Cape.

He was a member of the KSG government/industry team that launched Apollo 11.



**‘A Moment in History’**  
Memorabilia from the collection of the late Galen Weakley is on display at the Union County Museum in downtown Cobden.



**Certificate of appreciation**  
Galen Weakley received a certificate of appreciation to commemorate the launch from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida on Dec. 21, 1968, of Apollo 8, which was the first manned spacecraft to orbit the moon. The certificate is on display at the Union County Museum in downtown Cobden. Apollo 8 made its flight only months prior to the Apollo 11 lunar landing.

The Apollo 11 exhibit is scheduled to be on display

through the end of August.

The Union County Museum is located in downtown Cobden.

Museum hours are scheduled from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, and on Friday afternoons by chance.

(For more about the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 lunar landing, see Section B of this week's paper.)

# Union County Fair queen

## pageant welcomes contestants

The Union County Fair queen pageant is in search of contestants for the 2019 pageant.

The pageant will be Sunday, Aug. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the fair grounds (the Anna City Park).

Contestants must be 16 years of age by Aug. 18, 2019, and not have reached their 22nd birthday by Jan. 1, 2020.

Contestants must have never been married, have never had a child and cannot be an adoptive parent.

Contestants must be a resident of Union County or attended or graduated from a Union County school and are not competing in another county fair queen pageant in 2019 or have been a former queen of a county fair.

Information packet and online application links are available through the Union County Fair's website at [www.unioncountyfair.net](http://www.unioncountyfair.net).

Contestants will need to go to the "EVENTS" tab and then click on "Miss Union County Fair Queen Pageant," and then click on the links to download the information packet with required forms and the online application link.

Contestants can also contact Janice Osman at 618-833-7777 to request an information packet and the link to the online application or with any questions they may have.

A schedule of practice days and times are with the application. Practice loca-

## County board accepts audit, approves bids

The Union County Board of Commissioners accepted an audit and approved several bids at its regular meeting last Friday morning.

The meeting was at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

The board accepted a 2018 audit prepared by the Sikich firm in Springfield. A representative of the firm was in attendance at Friday morning's meeting to review the audit with county officials.

It was noted during discussion about the audit that findings which had been reported were either already resolved or are being addressed.

The commissioners approved a printer/copier lease from CDS in Marion.

A bid for new computers for the Union County clerk's office was approved. The successful bid was from Mayer Network in Carbondale.

The commissioners also approved the reappointment of Chris Boyd, Brad Donna and Rollie Hawk to the Union County Hospital District board.

tions are to be determined.

There will be an informational meeting on July 23 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the fair office located at the Anna City Park.

Those who are interested in competing and can't make it to the July 23 meeting are asked to contact Janice Osman for information.

Each contestant will require a sponsor. The deadline to enter the pageant is Aug. 4. No late entries will be accepted after Aug. 4.

There will be a meeting on Sunday, Aug. 4, at 6 p.m.

# Little, Junior Miss

## contestants sought for 2019 pageant

The Union County Fair queen pageant is in search of Little and Junior Miss contestants for the 2019 pageant.

The pageant will be Sunday, Aug. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the fair grounds (the Anna City Park).

Little Miss Contestants must be 6-10 years of age and Junior Miss Contestants must be 11-15 years of age by Aug. 18, 2019.

Contestants must be a resident of Union County and attend a Union County School.

If contestants attend a private school outside of Union County they must provide proof of registration with their application.

Information packet and online application links are available through the Union County Fair's website at [www.unioncountyfair.net](http://www.unioncountyfair.net).

Contestants will need to go to the "EVENTS" tab and then click on "Little Miss & Junior Miss Pageant" and then click on the appropriate age group for the online application and the information packet which is the same for both age groups.

Contestants can also contact Janice Osman at 618-833-7777 to request an information packet and the link to the online application or with any questions they may have.

# Participants welcomed for

## Cache River Days Pageant

Participants are being sought for the 25th annual Cache River Days Pageant.

The pageant is set for 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6, at the Leona Brust Civic Center in Ullin.

Contestants must be a resident of Pulaski, Union, Alexander, Johnson or Massac county.

Organizers noted that only the first 12 postmarked

at the Union County Fair Board office at the Anna City Park.

All signed forms and entry/sponsor fees can be turned in at the meeting. Online applications are to be submitted by the Aug. 4 deadline.

Contestants are asked to come "picture ready." Tiffany Dillow Photography will be taking a group photo for the local papers and portrait pictures for the pageant program and judges books.

More information is available by contacting Janice Osman at 833-7777.

A schedule of practice days and times are with the pageant information packet. Practice locations are still to be determined.

There will be an informational meeting on July 23 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the fair office located at the Anna City Park.

Those who are interested in competing and can't make it to the July 23rd meeting, please contact Janice Osman for information.

The deadline to enter the pageant is Aug. 4. No late entries will be accepted after the deadline.

There will be a meeting on Sunday, Aug. 4, at 5:30 p.m. at the Union County Fair Board office at the Anna City Park for Little Miss and Junior Miss contestants.

All signed forms and entry fees can be turned in at the meeting. Online applications are to be submitted by the Aug. 4 deadline.

Contestants are asked to come "picture ready" please. Tiffany Dillow Photography will be taking a group photo for the local papers and portrait pictures for the pageant program book.

More information is available by contacting Janice Osman at 618-833-7777.

**Meisenheimer-Mt. Olive Cemetery Ice Cream Social**  
**Saturday, July 27th**  
Located east of Dongola - Under a Tent

**Serving begins at 5:00 P.M.**  
**Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers/Porkburgers**  
**Hot Dogs • Chips • Soda/Water**  
**Desserts • Ice Cream**  
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valid entries in each category will be accepted.

The categories, and age guidelines, in the pageant include:

Little Miss Cache River, must be between the ages of 4-6.

Junior Miss Cache River, age group is from 7-11.

Senior Miss Cache River, must be between the ages 12-15.

Miss Cache River pageant, age ranges are 16-20 years old, having never been married and without children.

These categories/age ranges are subject to change at the sole discretion of the pageant director based on participation.

The entry deadline for the pageant is 4 p.m. on Aug. 10.

Information about the rules, as well as entry forms, are available by contacting pageant director Molly Williams at 618-697-8076, [cacheriverpageant@gmail.com](mailto:cacheriverpageant@gmail.com) or by visiting [www.facebook.com/CRDPageant](http://www.facebook.com/CRDPageant).

Those who leave a voice mail are asked to leave their full name, telephone number, email address and mailing address.



# Sports

## Blue Dolphins swim at Marion invitational



Swimmers Isabella Hawk, Agent Inman aand Cassidy Janke. Photo provided.



Adam Clark with his third place trophy. Photo provided.

The Blue Dolphins competed on Saturday at the Marion Swim-Your-Own-Age Invitational. The meet consisted of each age competing all four swim strokes. The top 3 winners in each event won bobblehead trophies, while the 4th through 8th place winners were awarded medals. The Blue Dolphins performed well at the meet, with 34 swimmers earning team points. Swimmers from the Blue Dolphins who attended the meet included Sophie Barnhart, Katryna Borders, Sabryna Borders, Trystan Borders, Leah Buchheit, Niah Chotner, Nile Chotner, Noah Chotner, Adam Clark, Jenna Clark, Megan Clark, Caprice Conder, Darcy Conder, Lydia Conder, JJ Dallas, Luke Dallas, Tilman Dallas, Haley Graff, Karsen Graff, Isabella Hawk, Agent Inman, Cassidy Janke, Isaac Janke, Maggie Johnson, Kinley Leek, Aden Lingle, Kinley Lingle, Ben Marggraf, Jamison Marggraf, Michael Marggraf, Drue Teske, Christian Thompson, John Turner and Marissa Turner. The most improved time at the meet was by Kinley Lingle. Kinley dropped

## Heron Pond, frogs, Nile River highlight wetlands center events

The Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands Center near Cypress has announced plans for three upcoming events. The wetlands center is located at 8885 State Route 37 South. The center’s phone number is 618-657-2064. **Journey to Heron Pond** A Journey to Heron Pond/Todd Fink-Heron Pond Trail near Belknap is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, June 20. Wildflowers, wetland habitat and wildlife will be featured. Those who plan to go on the walk are asked to meet at the Heron Pond Trail Access at the end of Heron Pond Road. **Story Hour: Frogs** A story hour featuring frogs is scheduled from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 21, at the wetlands center. The free family program will feature a story with a nature theme, a game, a hands-on activity or a nature walk outside.

## Egyptian Senior golf event held

The team of Bob Hite and Bill Fisher won low gross score at the Egyptian Senior Golf Association tournament played at the Union County Country Club course in Anna Thursday, July 11. Second place low gross was won by Bill Fisher, followed by third place Darren Lindsey and fourth place Danny McClellan. There was a tie for low net score between Alex Christ and John Shum. Second place was won by Bill Fisher and Bob Coffield and third place by Dwight Lehr. Closest to pin winners on No. 3 hole were John Shum, No. 6 hole Dwight Lehr, No. 11 hole Bill Kucera and No. 15 hole Danny McClellan.

## Couples golf tourney played

The teams of Steve and Michelle Hoffman and Tom and Carolyn Tripp won the couples tournament played at the Union County Country Club golf course in Anna Sunday, July 7. The teams of Tony Chamness and Kim Peppers and Jim Honey and Peggy Mansfield finished in second place. The teams of Chuck and Sherry Goforth, Al and Patty Joiner and Jim and Linda Thompson finished in third place. The next scramble at the course is set for Sunday, July 28, with a 4 p.m. tee-time. More information is available by calling the golf course at 833-7912.

## Hawk competes at 2019 Junior Gold Championships



Madi Hawk

Madi Hawk, a young bowler from Union County, qualified for this year’s Junior Gold Championships in Detroit, Mich.

The Junior Gold Championships are an annual national tournament for the top male and female youth bowlers in the United States. The tournament has eight divisions: U12 boys, U12 girls, U15 boys, U15 girls, U17 boys, U17 girls, U20 boys and U20 girls. This year’s tournament in Detroit was scheduled to begin with a trade show on July 13 and opening cere-

# Southern Illinois legislator hosts first Kids Fishing Derby

State Sen Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg, welcomed dozens of area children and their parents to his first Kids Fishing Derby on July 13. Fowler hosted the free Fishing Derby at the John A. Logan Pond in Carterville from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, attended and assisted with the event, providing poles and other materials for kids. Bait for the event was provided by local Marion bait shop, Timberline Fisheries.

“This was a great event that brought together children and their parents for a fun and educational experience,” Fowler said in a news release. “IDNR, the staff from John A. Logan Community College and Timberline Fisheries were instrumental in making the derby possible. We had a great turnout and look forward to hosting it again next year.”

## Scramble results

The team of Jay Beacham, Dickey Reynolds, Jim Thompson and George Warren won first place at a men’s golf scramble which was played July 10 at the Union County Country Club course in Anna. The team of Bryan Crain, Chase Hargrave, Eric Hoffman and Steve Hoffman finished second. The team of Kevin Conroy, Chad Messerly, Steve Poole and Chris Whitaker finished third.

**Senior Health Fair** Fowler has other event opportunities later this month for area constituents, including a Senior Health Fair in Carbondale on July 24 at the Carbondale Civic Center from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Fowler will be partnering with State Sen. Paul Schimpf, R-Waterloo, and State Representatives Terri Bryant, R-Murphysboro, and Patrick Windhorst, R-Metropolis, to host the annual event that brings together several vendors and free screenings in one place for area seniors.

**Traveling Office Hours** On July 27-28, Fowler plans to host traveling office hours at the Southern Illinois Made Expo. Constituents can stop by Fowler’s legislative information booth, speak with staff and ask their questions. Office hours are scheduled just outside the Pavilion located at 1602 Sioux Dr. in Marion from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Appointments are not required. The public is also invited to attend the expo, which will be taking place inside the Pavilion. The event will feature dozens of area vendors, showcasing their products, creations and tasty treats made and sold in Southern Illinois.

Fowler is encouraging everyone to come out and support their local business community. More information can be found at senator-fowler.com. **Appreciation Luncheon** In other news, Fowler attended the Saline-Gallatin County Farm Bureau Member Appreciation Luncheon. “With all the rain and flooding, it’s been a tough year for Illinois farmers and the agriculture industry,” said Fowler. “Their continued hard work and dedication, especially here in Southern Illinois, deserves recognition and the luncheon was a great opportunity to appreciate that.” “Their continued hard work and dedication, especially here in Southern Illinois, deserves recognition and the luncheon was a great opportunity to appreciate that.”

**State Police Recruitment** Fowler said the Illinois State Police are looking for ways to increase the number of troopers and are reinstituting their “Fast Track” program. The program offers current certified police officers the opportunity to join the Illinois State Police. Fast Track is an accelerated 13-week training

program for current police officers, as opposed to the typical 26-week class for new cadets. To qualify for Fast Track, applicants must be a current certified police officer, a graduate from an accredited law enforcement academy and have at least two years of experience while employed full-time. Fowler said that according to the state police: “Individuals interested in applying for a future Fast Track Cadet Class must complete the online application on the ISP Merit Board’s website at https://www.illinoistrooper.com/online-application/.” The Fast Track cadet class is expected to begin in the spring of 2020.

**Summer Heat Hits Hard** Fowler reported that if you need to escape from high heat and humidity, the Illinois Department of Human Services, IDHS, says you can get relief by visiting one of the 120 state facilities that serve as cooling centers. Cooling centers are located at IDHS offices throughout the state. They will be open to the public during regular business hours. Search for the cooling center nearest to your location at www.KeepCool.Illinois.gov. Additional information about the state’s cooling centers is available by calling the IDHS toll-free hotline (800-843-6154).

**Disaster Planning Involving Youth** Also during the month of July, IEMA is focusing on preparing young people for emergencies. IEMA says preparing them individually, and as part of the family, can instill confidence at a time when panic can easily rise. The agency suggests the following tips: Involve children in the development of a family emergency plan. Use real-world events to teach about emergency situations and disasters. Use media coverage of current disasters (floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, power outages), talk to children about how your family would respond if this happened to you; and Discuss where to go, what to do and how you will ensure their safety during an emergency. For more information about youth preparedness, visit Ready.Illinois.gov.



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**Notice of Pubic Hearing**  
**Tuesday, July 30, 2019**

The Board of Education of the Dongola Unit School District #66 will hold a public hearing Tuesday, July 30, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the board room at the Dongola Unit School District Building located at 1000 High Street, Dongola, Illinois.

The purpose of said hearing will be to receive public comment on a proposed waiver application to allow the district to waive tuition for children of full-time district employees who do not live within the district.

Phillip Miller,  
President  
Board of Education  
Dongola Unit School District #66  
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**NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE**

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Shelly M. Nimmo of 301 S. Main St., Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on June 25, 2019, to Tim McGrath, 95 Maid Marian Lane, Anna, Illinois 62906, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B Main St., Anna, Illinois 62906.

The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless, under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act of 1975 (75 ILCS 5/28-4), any interested person terminates Independent Administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk of this Court.

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**TIM MCGRATH**  
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# Obituaries

## Charles W. Harwell

Charles W. Harwell, 84, of Anna, died Thursday, July 11, 2019, at his home.

He was born on Oct. 20, 1934, in Mt. Pleasant, Texas, the son of Willie D. and Eleanor Redfearn Harwell.

He married his true love, Jennifer West, in 1978 in Mobile, Ala.

Mr. Harwell is survived by his wife, Jennifer Harwell of Anna; a sister, Betty Ballew of Texas; nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He was a graduate of Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, and later the Princeton School of Divinity.

He was ordained as a Presbyterian minister and served for many years as the chaplain at Louisiana State University.

He later turned to teaching, finishing his career as a teacher in English and writing in South Alabama. He was an accomplished author, publishing three textbooks and various other works.

He was a lifelong tennis player. He and his wife Jennifer were active in the University Community Theater, both enjoying acting and participating for many years.

A celebration of his life was held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, July 15, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna. Memorial remembrances began at 5 p.m.

Memorials can be made to Trinity University. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home or can be mailed directly to Trinity University at 1 Trinity Place, San Antonio, Texas 78212.

To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com).

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

## Eanis Poole

Eanis Poole, 74, of Tamms, died Sunday, July 14, 2019, at his home.

He was born on Feb. 8, 1945, in Anna, the son of Eanis Sr. and Cleta Sims Poole.

He married Eveline Smith on March 16, 1962 in Anna.

Mr. Poole is survived by his wife, Eveline Poole of Tamms; his mother, Cleta Poole of Dongola; two daughters, Rebecca (Charlie) Mills of Jonesboro and Beverly (Michael) Miller of Tamms; grandchildren Ashley Trexler, Brandon Hunter, Amber Miller, Michael Miller, Nicole Mills, Davin Mills and Regina Barnes; great-grandchildren Eric, Miley, Chloe, Bentley, Hadley, Konner, Avah, Abby and Raylynn; siblings Fred (Carol) Poole of Anna, Bill (Brenda) Poole of Mill Creek, Bob Poole of Mill Creek, Janice Burchyett of Anna, Joann Boling of Du Quoin, Jennie Huffine of Elco, Brenda (John) Berry of Anna and Jackie (Chuck) Mitroka of Royalton; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his father; and by siblings Dennis Poole, Effie Lang, Mike Poole and Bonnie Land.

Mr. Poole worked many years as a driller for the Jonesboro Quarry until his retirement.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 17, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with the Rev. Clint Nale officiating. Interment was in St. John's Cemetery near Dongola.

To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com).

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



## Sonja F. Underwood

Sonja F. Underwood, 71, of Goreville, died Wednesday, July 10, 2019, at her son's home in Goreville.

She was born on July 2, 1948, in Anna, the daughter of Luther "Fuzz" and Juanita Fern (Durham) Wheaton.

She is survived by her son, Brian (Tina) Underwood of Goreville; a daughter, Christina Frampton of Goreville; grandchildren Garrett, Zachary, and Addyson Underwood, Brittany (Jason Etheridge) Frampton and Ryan Frampton; a brother, Gene (Peggy) Wheaton; sisters Rita (Randy) Herren and Kathy (Darrell) Burlison, all of Goreville; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sisters, Pamela Wheaton and Denise Wheaton; and her brothers, Harold Wheaton and Skip Wheaton.

She loved reading the paper every morning and doing the daily sudoku. She enjoyed antiques and sewing. She worked and retired from the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna for over 18 years.

Graveside services were at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, July 13, at the Anna Cemetery, with Anthony Underwood officiating. Interment followed.



To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com).

**RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN**  
FUNERAL HOMES

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

## Rev. Robert L. Goins

Rev. Robert L. Goins, 87, of Anna, died at 11:38 a.m. Tuesday, July 16, at home in Anna.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, July 19, at the United Pentecostal Church in Dongola.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. at the church. Interment will follow in Cypress Cemetery in Cypress.

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

**Crain**  
*Funeral home*

To view the full obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family visit [www.crainsonline.com](http://www.crainsonline.com).



### Masonic Funeral Service

Members from the Jonesboro Masonic Lodge No. 111 conducted a Masonic Funeral Service on Saturday, June 8, at Poplar Bluff Masonic Lodge No. 209 for Brother Jack Flagg. Brother Rollie Matlock, Worshipful Master of Jonesboro Masonic Lodge No. 111, conducted the funeral service as Worshipful Master. Brother Don Baugher, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of the State of Michigan, was the chaplain. Brother Alan Lang of Jonesboro Masonic Lodge No. 111 was the marshall. Brother Ernie Wilson of Poplar Bluff Masonic Lodge No. 209 was the secretary. In the first row are, from left, Rollie Matlock, Don Baugher and Alan Lang. In the second row are members of Poplar Bluff Masonic Lodge No. 209. Photo provided.

## News from Anna Nazarene Church

Congregational songs for Sunday morning's worship service were led by Pastor Randy Wright, Abby Barlow and Madison Schnaare, accompanied by Jack and Nina Shepard and Kathy Cook.

Ushers for the morning worship service were Matt Macy, T.J. Macy, Robert Smith and Terry Wiseman Sr.

Special music was provided by Madison Schnaare and Jacob Wells.

The morning message brought by Pastor Wright was titled "What Have You Kept Back From God?"

Congregational songs for Sunday evening's service were led by Pastor Wright, Abby Barlow, Madison and Harley Schnaare, accompanied by Jack and Nina Shepard.

Ushers for the evening worship service were Curly

Ralls, Jason Elkins, Robert Smith and Terry Wiseman Sr.

Special music was provided by Nina Shepard.

The evening message, "The Price He Paid for Our Salvation," was brought by Pastor Wright.

Birthday: Rick Mulback, July 18.

Pastor Wright received his district license last week at the Illinois District Assembly in Decatur.

The church extends sympathy to the Pitts family in the loss of their loved one, Truman Dale Pitts. Funeral services for Mr. Pitts were Saturday, July 13, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna.

The church extends sympathy to the Vicenzi family in the loss of their special friend, Homer Seals. Funeral services for Mr. Seals were Thursday, July 11, at Crain Funeral Home in

Anna.

Dan Bohi Ministries will be at the morning and evening services on July 21. A potluck meal will follow the morning service.

A Back-to-School Bash is planned from 10 a.m. until noon July 27 in the fellowship hall. School supplies will be available for students from preschool to college.

A missionary service is planned at 6 p.m. on July 28.

A WOW conference is planned Aug. 10 at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

Sunday School begins at

9:30 a.m. Worship services are Sunday at 10:35 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Youth services are at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Bible study is planned at 6:30 p.m. on Friday in the fellowship hall.

### Church welcomes Bohi Ministries

Anna Church of the Nazarene plans to welcome Dan Bohi Ministries at its morning and evening services on Sunday, July 21.

Worship services are Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

A church potluck is planned following the Sunday morning worship service.

### Meisenheimer (Mt. Olive) ice cream social set

A Meisenheimer (Mt. Olive) Cemetery ice cream social is planned Saturday, July 27.

The cemetery is located east of Dongola. The eating area for the social will be under a tent. Serving is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m.

The menu will feature grilled hamburgers, cheeseburgers, porkburgers, hot dogs, chips, soda, bottled water, desserts and ice cream.

Music will be presented during the evening.

The social is sponsored by the Meisenheimer Cemetery Association.

Proceeds will go to providing for the cemetery's upkeep and maintenance.

## Reynoldsville News

**By Sue Eudy**

Thank you to John Johnson of Hollister, Calif., for his new subscription to The Gazette-Democrat and giving me the credit.

Sue Eudy visited with Berniece McRaven and Ervina Johnson at River to River last Friday.

Sue and Steve Eudy visited with Venita and Robert Lingle of Anna on Tuesday evening.

Recent visitors of Maxine and Fred Pender of Fair City were Tony, Richard and Cora Pender of Tennessee

and Brad and Lori Pender and Gary Gibbs, all of Jonesboro.

Happy birthday wishes to our grandson, Ryan Wachter of Jonesboro, whose birthday was Wednesday, July 17.

You are invited to attend services at Reynoldsville Missionary Baptist Church. Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship service is at 10:30 a.m. Sunday evening worship service is at 6 p.m. Rev. Jamie Bridgeman is the pastor.

**Pastor's Corner** by Pastor Don Cox

If God ordains the fall of a nation, it cannot be stopped, and most likely won't even be realized as it happens! Consider the warnings throughout history that were ignored!

**Congregational Church of Alto Pass**  
Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.  
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In Acts 23:1, Paul writes, "Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day." Conscience is that inner voice which accuses us when we do wrong. It's an alarm that sounds within - warning us ahead of time, too. First, we need a word of warning about our conscience.

The world says, "Let your conscience be your guide." But that's not always a good idea. You can't always do that, because conscience doesn't set the standard of right and wrong, it only applies the standards that you've been taught. We need to be careful with our conscience. It is important, but...

1. It can be defiled. Titus 1:15 "Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled."

Conscience is like a sundial...you can shine a flashlight on a sundial and make it say anything you want, if you hold it from the right angle. However, truth isn't based on feeling it's based on fact. Their conscience is still there, it's just been defiled!

Some Christians so repeatedly sin that they defile their conscience. The first time they sinned, it really bothered them. They confessed it, asked forgiveness, and tried to do better, but fell again, and felt guilty, and this cycle continued, so eventually, they didn't want to confess anymore, so they just went on and swept it under the rug, and now they can do it freely anytime because they've come to accept something they shouldn't! The conscience can be defiled.

Lord willing, we'll continue this discussion next week. Until then, we invite you to be with us at 104 Nile St. this Sunday. We meet at 9:30 for Bible study, and 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. for worship. Our Vacation Bible School begins Sunday and goes through Wednesday! 5 p.m. Sunday w/a meal to follow, and 7 p.m. M-W. We hope to see you and wish you a great day!

R.W. McAlister, Minister  
Anna church of Christ





**The new...and the old**  
New asphalt could be seen next to old bricks last Friday morning at the intersection of South Main and High streets in Anna. Improvement work is being done on the road, from the four-way stop in downtown Anna and continuing to the square in Jonesboro.

## Culture clash at Du Quoin State Fair

### Disagreement over Pritzker’s decision to cancel Confederate Railroad performance

By Peter Hancock  
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SPRINGFIELD – For nearly a century, the Du Quoin State Fair was known as a showcase for the rural, agrarian culture of Southern Illinois, featuring livestock shows, carnival rides, harness racing, auto racing, monster truck shows, demolition derbies and, of course, country music.

This year, however, the annual festival in Southern Illinois has become the focus of a statewide controversy involving a clash of political cultures.

The controversy involved a musical act that was booked for this year’s fair, a Southern rock band from Georgia called Confederate Railroad, which has been recording and performing in smaller venues and county fairs for more than 30 years.

The musical group was scheduled to perform Aug. 27. But when Gov. JB Pritzker, a Chicago Democrat, learned about it, he ordered the Department of Agriculture, which is in charge of the fair, to cancel the performance.

At issue was the band’s logo, which features a railroad engine adorned with two Confederate flags.

“The Confederate flag is a symbol of the hate, oppression and enslavement of African Americans,” Pritzker’s communications chief Emily Bittner said in a statement. “It was flown over states that committed treason and started a war: so that they could keep enslaving people. Hundreds of thousands were slaughtered in this fight over whether the nation should allow slavery or end it.”

Officials at the fair declined to comment on the controversy, referring questions to the Department of Agriculture.

“While every artist has a right to expression, we believe this decision is in the best interest of serving all the people of our state,” said the department’s spokeswoman Krista Lisser in a statement.

But Pritzker’s decision did not sit well with some Southern Illinois lawmakers, including Rep. Terri Bryant, R-Murphysboro, who vented her frustration on Facebook.

“I’m a firm believer in the government censoring as little speech as possible,” Bryant posted July 6. “I am a firm believer in First Amendment Rights. But, if these arbitrary ‘politically correct’ lines are going to be drawn for certain acts, then I would like to know

from the administration where this starts and where it stops.”

Bryant went on to point out that the Illinois State Fair in Springfield this year will feature the rap artist Snoop Dogg, whose 2017 EP, “Make America Crip Again,” features an image on its cover depicting a dead President Donald Trump with an American flag draped over the body.

“If that doesn’t offend the average person, I don’t know what does,” Bryant wrote.

The Du Quoin State Fair began in 1923 as a private venture started by local businessmen who hoped it would become the region’s equivalent of the Illinois State Fair in Springfield.

From 1957 through 1980, it hosted the Hambletonian

Stakes, the first race in the Triple Crown of harness racing.

With the loss of that event, the fair ran into financial challenges and in 1986 it was taken over by the state.

This year’s fair is scheduled to run Aug. 23 through Sept. 2.

The Illinois State Fair in Springfield’s schedule is Aug. 8-18.

### Worship set at Kornthal

A worship service is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, today, at Kornthal Church near Jonesboro.

The church is located 2 1/2 miles south of Jonesboro, just off Illinois Route 127.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Union County Farmland Assessment Review Committee will hold its annual meeting and public hearing in the Union County Courthouse Community Room on Friday, July 26, 2019, at 12:00 P.M.

Subject of which shall be the equalized assessed values of farmland for the 2020 assessment year. This meeting and public hearing is held in accordance with Section 10-120 of the Property Tax Code.

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## Union County Hospital welcomes volunteers

Union County Hospital in Anna says that it is refreshing to see that the spirit of volunteerism is still alive in many communities.

Yet when it comes to “me” actually getting out there, a multitude of excuses arise: the commitment and time factor, age, and fear of not being able to make certain days.

It’s easy to find excuses for just about anything. But why should volunteering be a significant aspect of one’s life?

“Volunteering is about taking part in the world – no matter what the age – and giving back to the community that is there for us each day,” said Union County Hospital’s community services coordinator Monica Schramm.

“It’s about making the planet a better place to live and, believe it or not, any small step helps.”

Some people simply want to do something good for others, and there are those who want to do something for themselves, such as learn a new skill or meet new people.

Still others were at one point in their lives recipients of volunteerism and truly want to give back.

It doesn’t matter the task or project, nor does it matter if you only have a small amount of time each month to give.

Volunteering can be as simple as handing out juice at a blood drive, assisting at a health fair or reading.

You may not be able

to lift heavy boxes for an event, but there are lots of behind the scenes ways that volunteers make an event come together.

“All you really need is motivation, a positive attitude and a willingness to learn,” Schramm said.

At Union County Hospital, volunteers are utilized to assist patients and staff members throughout the hospital.

“Our volunteer application will capture an individual’s areas of interest, which will help with placement,” Schramm explained.

“Our volunteers add a personal touch to help provide comfort to patients and family members, as well as provide service and support to hospital staff.”

Currently, Union County Hospital has 20 adult volunteers.

Volunteering can be personally satisfying, challenging and fun when one uses his or her skills, talents and free time to benefit others, Schramm said.

It shifts the daily self-survival and interest focus to others who aren’t as fortunate. With the right perspective, one can’t give without also receiving back.

Union County Hospital is seeking volunteers to assist with the gift shop and fill-in spots for admitting.

More information about the volunteer program at Union County Hospital is available by contacting Monica Schramm at 618-833-4511, extension 4359.

## Free swim day scheduled July 27 at Anna City Pool

Further details have been announced for a free swim day which is planned Saturday, July 27, at the Anna City Pool.

The event was approved at a July 2 meeting of the Anna City Council.

The free swim day was proposed by Anna City Council member Michael Bigler as a way to give back to the community.

The free swim day is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 27.

On the day of the event, entry to the pool will be free to all swimmers ages 16 and under.

DJ music will be presented by Mystify Music Service.

Whiffle Boys Pizza will be available at the pool’s concession stand.

Prizes will be given away during the day. Free hot dogs and drinks will be served.

Those who plan to attend are invited to bring a school supply item.

School supplies will be donated to the Shawnee School District to help students and their families who have been impacted by the flood of 2019.

Those who donate school supplies will be entered to win prizes donated by area businesses.

More information about the free swim day is available by calling Anna City Hall at 833-8528.

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Section B

## 10.73 inches recorded near Cobden

## Above average precipitation continued during June in Illinois

The weather for June 2019 in Illinois will be remembered for a continuation of above average precipitation and near to seasonably cool temperatures, despite an unseasonably warm finish.

The Illinois State Water Survey in Urbana-Champaign reported that preliminary statistics suggested that June concluded wetter than average, with temperatures slightly below the long-term average.

### **Precipitation and Flooding**

After near historic crests at multiple gages along both the Illinois and Mississippi rivers early in the month,

## Children's musical auditions set

Auditions are scheduled for an upcoming children's musical which will be presented at the Shawnee Hills Arts Council's Anna Arts Center.

"One Smart Pig" is scheduled to be performed in September at the arts center.

The auditions for the musical are scheduled from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. July 19 and from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. July 20.

Auditions will be at the arts center, which is located at 117 W. Davie St. in Anna.

Those who plan to audition are asked to be prepared to read a paragraph and to sing "Happy Birthday."

All ticket money from the performances will go to Marlee Smith.

water levels continued to slowly recede for many regions heading into July.

However, above average precipitation in June, combined with calculated soil moisture content remaining in the 90th to 99th percentile across Illinois, left the state with an elevated risk of continued flooding, especially in regions that may be affected by storms or locally heavy rainfall.

Flooding concerns along Lake Michigan were common in June.

According to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, water levels in the Lake Michigan-Huron system had risen by nearly 5 inches throughout the month.

By the end of June, average levels were reported to be 33 inches, or about 2.75 feet above the historical June average.

These levels set a June record by nearly 2 inches. Water levels of this magnitude haven't been exceeded since 1986.

Preliminary results show that the June 2019 statewide precipitation total of 5.39 inches was 1.18 inches above the long-term average.

This marked the eighth consecutive month in which no part of Illinois has been listed as in drought or abnormally dry by the U.S. Drought Monitor, and the seventh consecutive month with above average statewide precipitation.

June rainfall in Illinois was not evenly distributed.

Several regions in the northern half of the state reported precipitation to-

tals slightly below to near average for the month, with localized regions of above average precipitation.

A large majority of the southern half of the state experienced more uniform above average precipitation departures, with numerous localities receiving 200 to 300 percent of normal.

A gage near Cobden in Union County reported the highest official precipitation total for June, with a reading of 10.73 inches.

### **Temperatures**

Preliminary results show that June finished with a statewide average temperature of 71.0 degrees, which was 0.9 of a degree below the long-term average.

The middle of the month was characterized by an extended period of unseasonably cool temperatures.

The start of astronomical summer brought a steady warming trend which allowed temperatures to reach into the upper 80s and 90s for the final days of June.

Temperature departures for the month were near 1 to 3 degrees below average, with average temperature values ranging from the mid-60s up into the mid-70s.

The highest maximum temperature recorded in the state, at two separate stations, was 97 degrees, once at a station near Bentley in Hancock County on June 5, and once at a station near Flora in Clay County on June 30.

The lowest minimum temperature of 43 degrees was reported at Danville in Vermilion County on the morning of June 14.

## Mount Olive Baptist Church featured at PAST Parlor Talk

Mount Olive Baptist Church was the subject of PAST's weekly Heritage House Parlor Talk on Sunday, July 14.

The rural southeast Union County church is located at 1460 Mount Olive Rd., Dongola.

Guest presenter Helen Lingle Head said she went to school in Jonesboro and Anna.

Growing up, she attended church in the Mill Creek community. When she married Atwood Head over 60 years ago, she became a part of his rural Dongola family and began her faith journey at Mount Olive Baptist Church in 1952.

Part of Mount Olive's history is that it was founded in 1892 as a "mission" congregation of Friendship Baptist Church, also of rural Dongola.

The founding members cast ballots to choose the name Mount Olive for their new place of worship.

Memorial monuments of the Sydney Wilson Owen Head family can be found at Friendship Church Cemetery and at the Meisenheimer-Mount Olive Cemetery.

The land on which Mount Olive church was built was deeded to the church trustees from landowner Zachary Groner.

The land description is recorded with an additional piece "across the road" designated as the "hitching ground." (Today that piece of land would be known as the "parking lot.")

Among Sunday's guests in the crowded parlors of Heritage House, was former Union County resident Nancy (Housman) Vassenkemper from Bethalto. She was pleased to see the church location on a 1908 Plat Map, in the middle of the property of her ancestor Zachary Groner.

Helen Head explained that some of the church records have been lost over the 127 years since its founding, but copies of available records are now kept in safety deposit boxes and at the Union County Court House.

Records show that the present building was constructed in 1920 with donated funds and labor.

As time progressed, improvements and additions have been made with memorial or other donated funds.

The building has been modernized with heat and air conditioning, plumbing and greater accessibility.

In 2019, addition to weekly services, the church still hosts weddings.

Head said that some early members of record were Henry Sifford and Elsie Karaker Goodman.

She said the minister list was too lengthy to name, but one notable minister was Pastor Alonzo Dale who ministered in the early 2000s.

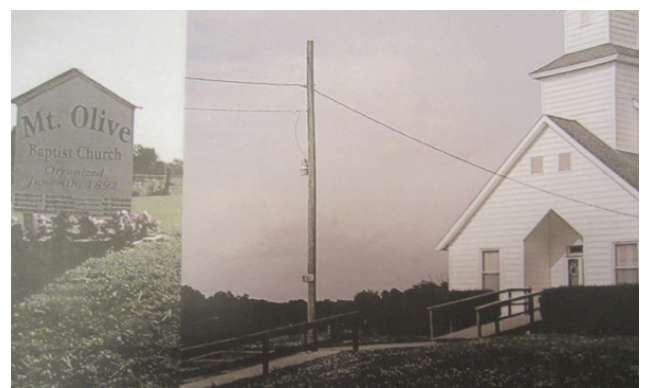
Mrs. Joan Dale was among the parlor guests on Sunday, and she remembered when there were numerous families with children who attended Sunday School and Vacation Bible School.

Today the church's leader is Pastor Victor Duckworth, but like many small rural



### **Guest speaker**

Helen Lingle Head is seated in the background of visitors to PAST's Heritage House Parlor Talk on Sunday, July 14. She spoke and showed photos about her research into the history of Mount Olive Baptist Church, which is still serving its rural Dongola community in 2019. Photo provided.



### **Mount Olive Baptist Church**

Helen Head shared a picture she prepared to show the entrance to Mount Olive Baptist Church along side the sign that announces Bible Class at 9:30 a.m. and Worship at 10:30 a.m. Photo provided.

churches, the congregation is faced with diminished membership and low attendance.

Recently the congregation joined in a cooperative effort with Dongola area churches to promote increased attendance at worship services.

Along with the Dongola Baptist and Lutheran Churches, they participated in "Drive-A-Tractor-To-Church Sunday."

The annual event rotates with attendance each year at a different church. It is said the tractor brigade usually fills the parking lot and the attendees enjoy a pot luck meal together. In 2019, the host church was Mount Olive.

In spite of fewer families to participate, the small church continues to serve the community with a weekly 9:30 a.m. Bible class and 10:30 a.m. worship service.

When an accompanist is not available for worship music, recorded accompaniment is used.

Mount Olive continues to meet its budget and contribute regularly to mission programs of the larger church body.

Head said a special of-

fering at Christmas time is given in support of the Carmi Baptist Children's Home.

The Meisenheimer-Mount Olive Cemetery is managed with a separate board of trustees.

The PAST Organization "Promotes Appreciation for Structural Treasures" of Union County. It encourages sharing the history and stories about the people who inhabited those structures, and how people of the past have contributed to the quality of life in the community today.

PAST's Parlor Talk for Sunday, July 21, is scheduled to be Steve Haldeman of Jonesboro, with his presentation of Abram Hunsaker and the early Dunkards.

Heritage House is located at 102 S. Main St. in Jonesboro. Open house times are scheduled from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., with the Parlor Talk presentation at 2 p.m.

For more information or to volunteer to host a church history, call Linda at 618-697-1870 or Barbara at 618-527-2046.

(Note: the accompanying article and pictures were shared by Barbara Bauer on behalf of PAST.)

## Anna poet receives honors in dozen national competitions

Kathy Lohrum Cotton of Anna recently received awards in a dozen national poetry competitions.

Winners from nearly 7,000 submissions were announced at the recent 2019 National Federation of State Poetry Societies, NFSPS, convention in Santa Fe, N.M.

Five poems earned cash prizes for second-place wins in the Illinois State Poetry Society Award, Donald Stodghill Memorial Award, Poetry Society of Texas Award, Prouty Memorial Award and Ohio Award. The poems have been published in the Encore 2019 Prize Poems anthology.

Cotton's poems also took

seven honorable mentions for the Mildred Vorpahl Baass Remembrance Award, William Stafford Memorial Award, Louisiana State Poetry Society Award, Claire Van Breeman Downes Memorial Award, Massachusetts State Poetry Society Award, Margo Award and Alabama State Poetry Society Award.

Cotton is a member of the Illinois State Poetry Society board of directors and ISPS facilitator of the Southern Chapter in Carbondale.

Cotton also a member of the NFSPS board of directors. She serves as editor for the national organization's annual poetry anthology.



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*This week, The Gazette-Democrat takes a look back at the historic events of July 1969, when two Americans became the first humans to set foot on the moon.*

From The Gazette-Democrat, July 17, 1969

## Man’s Greatest Adventure “Man On The Moon” Launched Wednesday

Three American astronauts, Neil Armstrong, Edwin E. Aldrin Jr. and Michael Collins, were on their way to the moon, as of press time, Wednesday morning, July 16.

The successful blast-off of Apollo 11 came at precisely 8:32 a.m. CDT. Millions of on-lookers watched the epic start of man’s most fantastic voyage – to be climaxed by placing a man on the moon’s surface.

The high points of the Apollo 11 flight will come Sunday, July 20, when the lunar module landing vehicle is to touch down on the moon, and Monday, July 21, when the two astronauts, Armstrong and Aldrin, become the first men to walk on the moon’s surface.

The highlights of the journey are as follows: blast-off Wednesday, July 16, 8:32 a.m. Sunday, July 20, 8:32 a.m. Armstrong and Aldrin enter the lunar module. 12:47 p.m. Armstrong and Aldrin separate LM and begin descent to lunar surface. Collins remains in lunar orbit and will show television views

of the separation and the lunar surface.

3:19 p.m. Sunday, LM lands in the moon’s Sea of Tranquility and for ten hours the two will rest, check systems, and make preparations for walking on the moon.

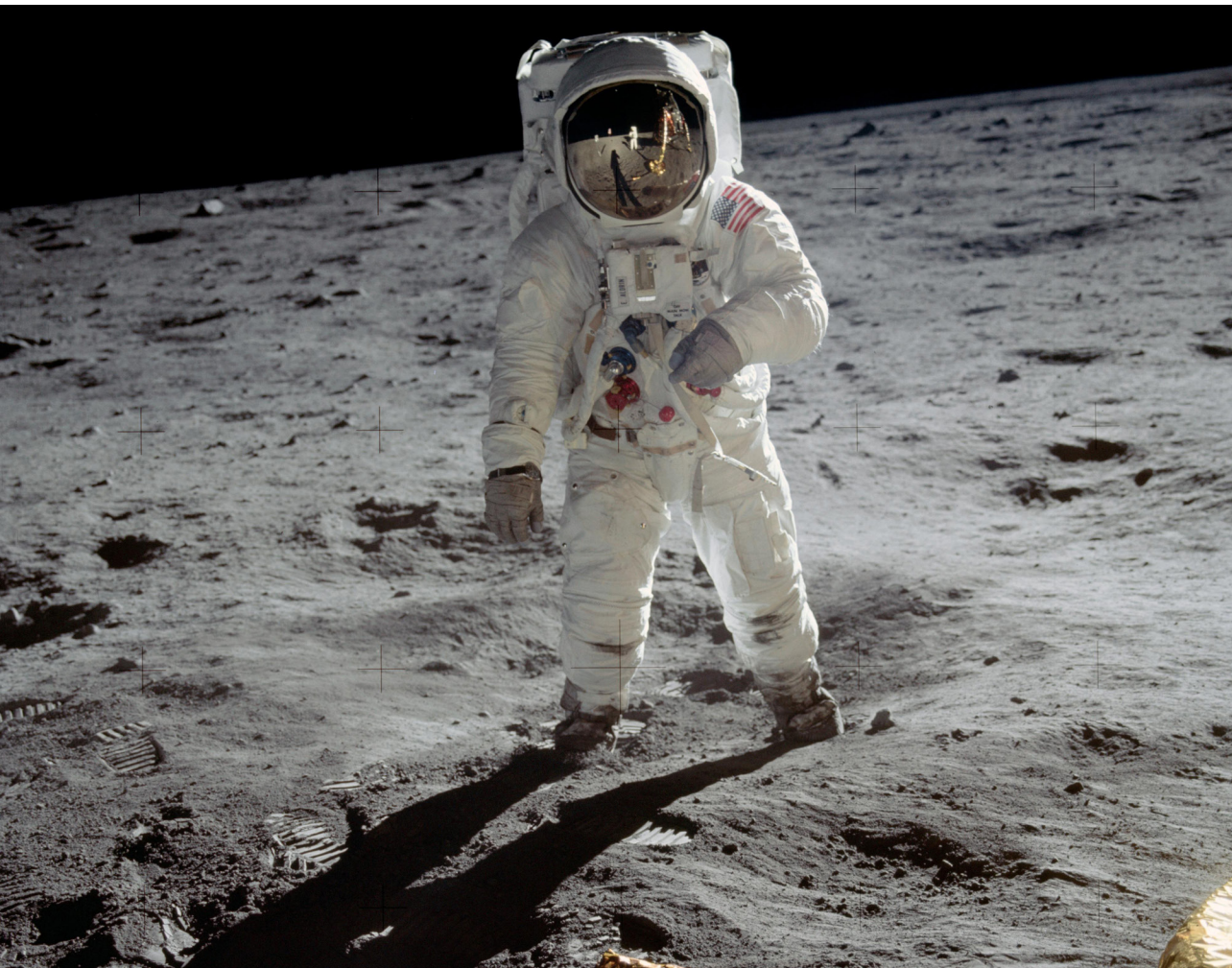
1:12 a.m. Monday, July 21, Armstrong starts descent on ladder and at 1:21 a.m. he will make the first step on the moon’s surface. 1:41 a.m. Aldrin joins Armstrong on the surface, and they will plant the American flag, gather soil and rock samples, take photographs, and evaluate their ability to work in the moon’s one-sixth gravity.

At 12:55 p.m. the LM ascent engine is fired to lift the cabin section off the moon, leaving the descent stage with its landing legs on the moon. At 4:32 p.m. the command ship and LM are scheduled to dock, and Armstrong and Aldrin will rejoin Collins in the Command cabin.

Splashdown is scheduled for 11:51 p.m. Thursday, July 24, in the Pacific Ocean about 1200 miles southwest of Hawaii.



**Launch of Apollo 11**  
On July 16, 1969, the huge, 363-foot tall Saturn V rocket launches on the Apollo 11 mission from Pad A, Launch Complex 39, Kennedy Space Center, at 9:32 a.m. EDT. NASA photo.



**Buzz Aldrin on the moon**  
Astronaut Buzz Aldrin walks on the surface of the moon near the leg of the lunar module Eagle during the Apollo 11 mission. Mission commander Neil Armstrong took this photograph with a 70 millimeter lunar surface camera. While astronauts Armstrong and Aldrin explored the Sea of Tranquility region of the moon, astronaut Michael Collins remained with the command module in lunar orbit. NASA photo.

From The Gazette-Democrat, July 24, 1969

## First Man Lands On Moon Sunday, July 20; Splashdown Set for Today 11:51 a.m. If All Goes Well

**American Astronauts Remain on Surface More Than 21 Hours**

“That’s one small step for man, (one) giant leap for mankind” – these words were spoken by an American at 10:56 p.m. Sunday, July 20, 1969, as he placed his left foot on the surface of the moon.

For the first time in many long years, perhaps in the history of mankind, people everywhere were joined together in a mutual effort, that of watching and waiting for the word that man had safely stepped on the surface of the moon. Many watched prayerfully as the long waiting hours narrowed to minutes and then seconds until slowly, the hatch of the lunar module, Eagle, opened and Neil Armstrong, American, stepped down the ladder and placed his left foot on the alien surface of the moon.

This step was the culmination of years of experiments, tests, space flights, deaths and billions of dollars of expense to the American people and to spacemen.

The saga began at 8:32 a.m. Monday, July 14, when

three astronauts, Neil Armstrong, Edwin Aldrin and Michael Collins left the earth for their historic flight.

After separating from the mother ship, the Columbia, Sunday, July 20, two of the astronauts, Armstrong and Aldrin, landed in their lunar module, Eagle, on the surface of the moon at approximately 3:17 p.m.

The two remained on the moon’s surface for 21 hours and 36 minutes, and left it at 12:45 p.m. Monday, July 21, to rejoin the Columbia, for the long flight back to earth.

While on the moon, both astronauts picked up samples of rock and soil and put them in pre-numbered bags, loaded them in an air-tight container and using a rope and pulley, loaded the two containers aboard the ascent stage of the lunar module.

The two men took pictures of the moon’s surface, as well as pictures of one another, as tourists for years have done.

Even though ordered to return to the Eagle, the two astronauts seemed reluctant to do so when the allotted time was used for their exploration. They remained outside the lunar module for approximately two hours.

From The Gazette-Democrat, July 24, 1969

### Alto Pass Sailor Aboard Ship to Recover Astronauts

An Alto Pass sailor is serving aboard the ship that is standing by to recover the three astronauts when they return from their trip to the moon today, Thursday, July 24.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Ronald E. Parmly, Alto Pass, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Parmly, is one of the 3500 men serving aboard the USS Hornet, which is scheduled to meet the Apollo 11 spacecraft when it splashes down about 1000 miles south of Hawaii.

Parmly is a storekeeper aboard the Hornet on which he has served for approximately two and one-half

years. He was assigned to the Hornet shortly after basic training. The Hornet recently ended a one-year stay off the coast of Vietnam.

Ronald’s mother told The Gazette-Democrat that her daughter-in-law, the former Brenda Tellor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tellor, also of Alto Pass, has been visiting her son in Hawaii; she and her young daughter, Lori, are waiting for the return of Parmly from his historic mission, and will join him in Hawaii upon his return.

Of particular interest is the fact that Mrs. Parmly saw the decontamination chamber in which the three astronauts will be housed immediately upon arrival aboard the Hornet, when it was brought into Pearl Harbor, prior to being placed aboard the Hornet.

The first mission after stepping out of the module was to plant an American flag and salute it. The flag does not float proudly in the breeze on the moon – it is rigidly planted – there is no breeze on the moon.

They left on the moon a disc on which messages from the leaders of 76 nations had been recorded, as well as mementoes for three American astronauts and two Russian cosmonauts who had died in the cause of space exploration.

A stainless steel plaque bearing these words was also left on the moon: “Here men from planet earth first set foot upon the moon, July 1969 AD, we came in peace for all mankind.”

When they left the moon Monday, they left many mementoes of their visit, black and white lunar surface camera, moon tools, tongs, scoop, long-handled hammer, extension ladder, boots, back packs which kept them alive during their walk, and the descent stage of the lunar module.

The moon is the nearest neighbor to earth in space. It is one of the 32 satellites that orbit the nine planets of the solar system. It is one-fourth the size of the earth, weighs one-eightieth as much and moves around the earth in a nearly circular orbit at a distance of about 250,000 miles.

The moon lacks atmosphere and oceans and has preserved a record of its past for thousands of years, and may hold clues to the history of the solar system unavailable on the earth.

The oldest rocks on earth date back 3.5 billion years. The age of this planet is 4.5 billion years. The antiquity of the moon’s surface may shed some light on the basic questions relating to the origin of life on the earth.

Splashdown of the Columbia is scheduled for 11:51 a.m. today, Thursday, July 24, in the Pacific Ocean about 1,200 miles southwest of Hawaii.

On the carrier Hornet, they transfer into an airtight trailer to start quarantine. In the trailer are a doctor and technician who will stay with them, and after their arrival at Houston, they will remain in isolation until Tuesday, August 12. If the astronauts have developed no illnesses and the rocks they brought back with them show no signs of lunar bacteria, Armstrong, Aldrin and Collins will be released from quarantine.

From The Gazette-Democrat, July 31, 1969

## Heroes Return Thursday After Long Journey

**Residents Join In Watch as Moon Voyagers Land**

Union Countians joined with people all over the world in waiting and watching for the return of the three American astronauts, Neil Armstrong, Edwin Aldrin and Michael Collins from their long journey to the moon, Thursday morning, July 24.

Many merchants had special “splashdown items” advertised and many had television sets available to shoppers at the witching hour to watch for the landing.

The three men were scheduled to splashdown in the Pacific about 1,000 miles south of Hawaii and to be picked up by the recovery ship, USS Hornet. A Union County sailor, Ronald E. Parmly of Alto Pass, should have first-hand information when he returns to the States. He is one of the 3500 men assigned to the Hornet.

These three Americans left the planet Earth on one of the longest and costliest round-trip journeys in the history of mankind July 16 for a goal that seemed almost out of the reach of mankind – the Moon.

But reach the moon they did, Sunday, July 20, and at 10:56 p.m. Neil Armstrong became the first man to set foot on the surface of a planet other than Earth.

The first mission after stepping on the moon’s surface was to firmly plant the American Flag, and Armstrong said the first words: “That’s one small step for man, (one) giant leap for mankind.”

They left on the moon a disc on which messages from leaders of 76 nations were recorded; mementoes of three American astronauts and two Russian cosmonauts who had given their lives in the cause of space exploration. They took with them samples of soil and rock from the lunar surface for scientists to study.

By making this landing on the moon, the astronauts have carried out man’s eternal quest for knowledge of the celestial body. They have opened the door to the limitless frontiers of space, they have carried out a dream.

The world will never forget the courage of these men, history books will record their deed, these three, Neil Armstrong, Edwin Aldrin, Michael Collins, Americans.



# 50 years ago: July, 1969

Flooding, Union County Fair, Cobden Peach Festival, call for new jail, Western Saratoga Homecoming also in news



**FIRST MEN ON MOON?** – This 1918 photograph (shows) Chauncey Eaton and Everett Yates of Anna safely sitting on the moon’s surface. Although there is a definite contrast between this week’s historic moon trip and the trip taken to St. Louis where this photo was taken it is hoped that the return will be equally safe. (Reprinted from The Gazette-Democrat, July 17, 1969.)

Fifty years ago this month, flooding along the Mississippi River was in the headlines.

The Gazette-Democrat also reported about plans for the 1969 Cobden Peach Festival and Union County Fair in Anna.

Here’s a look back at some of the headlines which appeared on page one of the newspaper during the weeks of July 17, 1969, July 24, 1969 and July 31, 1969:

**July 17, 1969**  
**More Than \$2 Million Damage Caused by Flood Conditions in Union County and Surrounding Area**

A little more than \$2 million in damage has been caused by flood conditions in Jackson, Alexander and Union County; this estimate covering 39,000 flood damaged or destroyed acres in the Mississippi River bottomlands.

Some farmers have lost two crops; wheat in the spring and corn or soybeans during the past month due to flood conditions.

**Ken Gray Requests Emergency Action**

Congressman Kenneth J. Gray (D) has announced that he has requested the Office of Emergency Planning in the White House to provide emergency pumps along the Mississippi River from Jackson County to Cairo in an effort to alleviate flooding conditions

that have already caused 2 million dollars in property damage in Jackson, Union and Alexander Counties. Gray has also requested Governor Richard Ogilvie to declare these counties as a disaster area in order for President Nixon to make the same designation that will provide financial assistance to the stricken farmers and others residing in the area.

**Cobden Peach Festival Set For Aug. 15, 16**

Plans and preparations for the 32nd Annual Cobden Peach Festival are getting underway at the present time. This year’s Festival will be held Friday and Saturday, August 15 and 16.

**Thirteen Candidates For Union County Fair Queen Contest**

To date, 13 candidates have entered the Miss Union County Fair Contest.

The coronation will take place Friday night of the fair.

**Residents of Anna Asked to Conserve On Use of Water**

Ray Plott of the Anna City Water Department has asked that residents be conservative in the use of water at the present time.

Due to the extremely hot weather prevailing in the area in the past few weeks, use of water has reached an all time high.

**New Water Storage Under Construction Behind High School**

The huge orange struc-

ture atop the hill behind the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School has been the subject of much speculation among residents who are not aware of the nature of the object under construction, and which is visible to motorists on the highway between Jonesboro and Anna.

The structure is the water storage tower, which will aid in producing almost two million gallons of water daily when the new water system is completed in approximately 60 days. Rain has delayed work on the system for the past few weeks.

**Percy West Dies Suddenly At Home July 16**

Funeral arrangements are incomplete for Percy M. West, who passed away suddenly at his home in Anna about noon, Wednesday, July 16, and will be announced by the McCarty Funeral Home.

Mr. West came to Anna in 1920 and entered business with his brother, M.L. West, forming a company known as West Brothers. He retired from active work there in 1962 and the business is now operated by his son, Jim.

**July 24, 1969**  
**Recent Weather Takes Toll On Local Harvests**

According to several area shippers and growers, the fruit and vegetable harvests in the Union County area have been badly damaged by the recent weather.

The sun, wind, rain and extremely high temperatures prevailing in the past month have caused much damage, particularly to the tomato crop, they said.

**Flooded Areas Not Qualified for Relief State or Federal**

Col. Donovan M. Vance, civil defense director, reported to Gov. Richard B. Ogilvie that none of the flooded land bordering the Mississippi River qualifies for disaster relief under federal or state laws.

**Union County Grand Jury Makes Recommendation to Build New Jail**

The Union County Grand Jury met Monday, July 21, at which time several persons were indicted on various counts.

In other action, the Grand Jury inspected the county jail, as required by law each year. After such an inspection, the jury is to give recommendations to the court as to the condition of the jail.

Following the inspection, the jury gave a written recommendation to the court that the jail be condemned as unfit, and a new one constructed.

**Capacity Crowd Enjoys Festivities At Western Saratoga Homecoming**

A capacity crowd at-

tended the annual Western Saratoga Homecoming Saturday evening, July 19, and enjoyed the good food, entertainment, games and visiting with old friends.

Many persons participated in the games, visited with old friends and enjoyed the entertainment provided by the Sharecroppers and the Dadburns.

Proceeds...go toward upkeep and further additions to the little Village Park of Western Saratoga, home of that good old “Togie” water.

**Borens Observe 65th Anniversary At Jonesboro Home**

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Boren observed their 65th Wedding Anniversary recently. They were married July 17, 1904, in Anna. Mrs. Boren is the former Madue Thomas.

Mr. Boren began work in 1904 with the Peabody Quarry Co., now the rock quarry. He installed the electricity for Anna-Jonesboro’s long defunct trolley line.

**July 31, 1969**  
**Union County Civil Defense Appeals to Area For Support**

Union County very badly needs a trained and equipped rescue squad. Civil Defense is trying every possible means to fill this need, but at present the budget allows practically no expenditure at all for this purpose.

The last general meeting was devoted almost entirely to this problem, and it was decided that the only real hope was in an appeal to residents, businessmen, community leaders and civic groups for donations of tools and equipment.

With many people each donating a few, or even one item, most of the necessary things could probably be accumulated.

**Kornthal Church Ice Cream Social Set For Saturday**

An ice cream social will be held at Kornthal Church Saturday, Aug. 2, sponsored by the Kornthal Union County Memorial Association.

This annual event is to be held for the upkeep of the historic old church and the parsonage.

**Eight Page Vacation Issue**

We want to again express out appreciation to everyone for cooperating and allowing The Gazette-Democrat staff to have a week’s vacation. It is our sincere hope that it has not been a great inconvenience.

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God replied, “I am who am.” Then he added, “This is what you shall tell the children of Israel: I AM sent me to you.” God spoke further to Moses, “Thus shall you say to the children of Israel: The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is my name forever; this my title for all generations.

“Go and assemble the elders of Israel, and tell them: The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, has appeared to me and said: I am concerned about you and about the way you are being treated in Egypt; so I have decided to lead you up out of the misery of Egypt into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, a land flowing with milk and honey. Thus they will heed your message. Then you and the elders of Israel shall go to the king of Egypt and say to him: “The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has sent us word. Permit us, then, to go a three-days’ journey in the desert, that we may offer sacrifice to the LORD, our God.

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Daily Bible Reading

1 Samuel 15:1-35	1 Samuel 16:1-23	1 Samuel 25:1-22	1 Samuel 25:23-44	1 Samuel 31:1-13	2 Samuel 1:1-27	2 Samuel 2:1-3:1
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# Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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

## Viking Ocean Cruise

Jim and Shirley Harris recently took a Viking ocean cruise to Norway and a few other stops in Scandinavia.

Their ship was the Viking Sky, which was in the news a lot this past March, when it was in a bad storm in Norway.

They had seen many pictures on the news of the piano sliding all around, ceiling tiles falling off, and people being lifted off the ship by helicopter.

Of course the ship had been repaired and was in beautiful condition for this cruise.

The cruise began in Bergen, Norway, and cruised through several of the Norwegian fjords, where the scenery was breathtaking. God's creation is awe inspiring.

They took land excursions in each port that were very entertaining and informative.

Then, after two days in Oslo, Norway, they stopped in Gothenburg, Sweden. Then came Alborg, Denmark, a beautiful small city.

The ship then took them to Waremunde (Rostock) Germany. After a day exploring this area, their last days were in Copenhagen, another famous and beautiful city.

The things they loved about this cruise were the natural beauty they saw, the amazing amount of history in these countries that was unfamiliar to them before, the amazing food and hospitality on the ship, and meeting many new and interesting people.

They are very thankful for having the health to be able to travel, and are still making plans for more in their future.

As always, it was great for them to be back home in Southern Illinois.

## Florida Vacation

Mia and her grandma Linda Comte were treated to a vacation by and with Linda's daughter Tonya Thompson of Brandon, Miss.

Mia had been first vacationing in Kokomo, Ind., visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Haden Jarvis. Mia also got to see Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Rushing, Haden's (parents), Scott and Krista Jarvis,

Hannah's (parents), Ken and Rhondalynn Rushing.

Mia has really enjoyed her vacations so far. They stayed at a condo in Perdido, Fla. For a week they all enjoyed setting at the beach, enjoying the pool and the food. They ate at so many different restaurants they got Linda turned around a lot. It was so wonderful and relaxing.

## Texas Trip

Bill and Pamela Barker have returned from a trip to Dallas, Texas, June 27 to July 7, visiting family.

They enjoyed seeing the Barry Barker City Park, which was named after Bill's brother, who was a city commissioner and honored for his service to Dallas.

## Chicago Trip

Carl and Suzanne Dilow spent the 4th of July weekend in Chicago. They went to the zoo, aquarium, dinner shows and the House of Blues.

They watched the fireworks on Navy Pier and unfortunately afterwards they were caught up in the mayhem of several stabbings.

After taking cover, they had to walk 2 miles back to their hotel. Thank God just a few were hurt.

## Birthday Celebration

Cathy Freeman will be celebrating her birthday July 20th.

## Birthday Celebration

Sunday, July 14, two friends treated Stephen Burns of St. Louis to a tour of the Dana-Thomas House in Springfield as a birthday treat.

They left St. Louis, arriving in Springfield and while touring the house a couple on our tour group mentioned they were from St. Louis, so the three began chatting with them after the tour out on the sidewalk. Turns out they knew some people mutually. Another example of what a small world this is.

Following the tour we had a late lunch at an eatery located in a Lincoln era building and it was very nice.

They ended the day at the Lincoln Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery. Nice cemetery with beautiful flowers and mature trees planted throughout the grounds.

The only disappointment was Stephen had no way of locating the grave of David L. Phillips. Stephen was surprised to find his name not on the list of notable people buried in the cemetery. The list was available at the Lincoln Tomb.

## Anna Vista

Sharon Dickerson won the peppermint afghan that they raffled off at the River to River yard sale.

They are accepting unwanted Christmas trees, wreaths, lights and decorations for their Winter Wonderland on Nov. 1-2. If anyone has any Christmas items they would like

to donate they can call 618-614-8350 and make arrangements to drop them off to Brenda Kelley.

## CCHS Class of 1959

The Carbondale Community High School class of 1959 plans to have a reunion Sept. 20-21.

On Friday, Sept. 20, an informal get-together social hour will be at Italian Village in Carbondale starting at 6 p.m.

A reunion dinner is planned at the Carbondale Holiday Inn, with a social hour at 6 p.m. and a buffet dinner at 7 p.m.

Notify Norma Langan, 3208 W. Kent Dr., Carbondale, Ill., 62901 if you plan to attend. If you have any questions call Norma at 618-967-0305 after 5 p.m.

They also plan to meet for their annual luncheon at noon Monday, July 29, at Chili's in Carbondale.

## Trip

Bessie Mae and Curt Ellis and Martha Ann Webb enjoyed visiting the Rendleman Orchard where Bessie picked a bouquet of zinnias.

They enjoyed the chickens, goats and admired the beautiful American flag on the side of their barn. They got a peach slushy.

They also visited Flamm's Orchard and got peach cobbler and ice cream.

## Guests

Guests of Gaylon and Clara Cates were Pat Johnson of Morris and her sister-in-law Ervina Johnson of Anna. Also visiting were Bob and Joan Hernandez from Elwood.

## Guest

Guest of Tom Sadowski and Shari Sweeney-Sadowski was her mother, Rosemary Ellis from Palestine, Ill. She will be celebrating her 84th birthday this month.

Rosemary also enjoyed attending the Anna-Jo Garden Club with Tom and Shari.

## Special Olympics Volunteer

"My name is Jackie Flechs the Assistant Director of Region K Special Olympics Illinois.

"I am reaching out to your organization today to ask for help. There are a few volunteer opportunities coming up that we need your help at.

"Without the help of volunteers like you Special Olympics would not be able to provide these opportunities to the athletes.

"These events help give the athletes the chance to advance to state competition.

"The first opportunity we have is 3 days of bowling at SI Bowl in Carterville on August 12, 14 and 16. Then on October 10 & 11 at the First Christian Church in Herrin will be the bocce competition.

"Would you please contact me at jflechs@soill.org if your organization, or anyone you know would be able to help us, or would like more information about these events or other opportunities. Thank you."

## Anna VFW

Friday, July 19, the Auxiliary will serve a chicken and dumplings dinner from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Peggy with her Star Karaoke will be there from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

## Casper Church

Pastor Randy Wheaton is preaching at Casper Church. Sunday service at 10 a.m. and Bible study Thursday at 6 p.m. Everyone welcome.

## 60th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Freddie and Linda (Eaves) Clutts. Their 60th wedding anniversary is Aug. 7.

They welcome family and friends Sunday, Aug.



**Kincaid Mounds Support Organization presented a copy of "Kincaid A Prehistoric Illinois Metropolis" to artist Herb Roe in front of the Kincaid flood wall mural in downtown Paducah. Roe, headquartered in Louisiana was commissioned to create a new illustration for an interpretative panel at the site. From left are Mark Benson, John Schwegman, Martha Schwegman, Herb Roe and Mike McNerney.**



**The fiber group of the Little Egypt Art Association in Marion meets one Tuesday a month to explore fiber arts. Recent subjects include hoop weaving with Jerri Palmer, pour painting taught by Janet Bixler and painting on turkey feathers led by Peggy McPhillips. All were taught by members of LEAA. Classes are free for members and \$5 for non-members, with most materials furnished for others. Shown here at the July 9 class is Marie Samuel standing with three of the 15 folks who learned to make felt from local llama wool. Some colors used were natural browns, reds, and blacks donated by Judy Spiller, who also helped catch wool with her granddaughter, Adriana, when llamas were sheared recently owned by Gloria and Gary Cravins. Marie dyed white llama wool with Kool-Aid colors for those who wanted brighter hues to work with. The next fiber class meets Aug. 13 to embellish the felt with beads and yarns and learn how to create a flower brooch with the felt and beads. Call Marie at 889-4145 for more information.**

11, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. to come help them celebrate at Southern Illinois Christian Campgrounds, Makanda. Go to Cedar Creek Road, 1/4 mile, turn left to Church Camp Road and follow the signs.

There will be a picnic lunch beginning at 1:30 p.m. Bring a side dish to share if you wish. Music jam session, horseshoes, washers, fishing available. No alcohol. No gifts, your presence will make their celebration even more special.

## United Methodist Church, Anna

Sunday morning liturgist Dean Corbit welcomed everyone. Bringing in the light were Leah Goins and Jessi Riley.

Rev. Richard Sullins' sermon was "Who Is My Neighbor?"

Janet Boyd gave her personal witness. Special music was "It is Well with My Soul" by Nancy Hooks, Barbara House, and Kathie Watkins. Barbara told the story of when the song was written.

Lovella Graig's son John was visiting to help celebrate his mother's 88th birthday.

Janet Boyd and Bonnie Sullivan's sister-in-law Mary Hileman from Chicago was visiting.

Debbie Janowski asked for prayers for her granddaughter Kayla, who was not doing well.

Thomas, Rebecca, Brinley, Natilyn, Easton, Ayla, Owen, Corbit, Troy Michelle, Angel and Anthony Wiseman enjoyed a trip to Disney World in Florida.

It was good to have Frank and Linda LaFoon back from their vacations. Also Paul Sloan who has

been in Florida.

Congratulations to JoAnn Keller's grandson Jake Alley, who was inducted in the SIU baseball Hall Of Fame.

Loaves and Fishes: David Isom was scheduled to give his testimony and sing.

## PAST

The PAST organization plans to continue presentations each Sunday. The House Museum will be open each Sunday from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. for tours, and an informal presentation will be given each Sunday at 2 p.m.

The theme will be to exhibit and tell about the churches' foundings and their continued inspiration in the community.

Barbara Bauer reported a large group of 24 people attended the Heritage House Parlor Talk by Helen Lingle Head on the history of Mt. Olive Baptist Church in rural Dongola. Some in attendance traveled from Marion and Bethalto.

Thanks to Barbara Bauer for all the news she gives me about the visitors and presentations.

## Wisconsin Trip

Norm and Barb Bauer have returned from a trip to Wisconsin to attend a family gathering and the funeral of cousin Doris Bauer Martin in Wauwatosa.

While there, they were able to spend a couple of days with their son David and Ursula Bauer in Brookfield. David's Annabelle hydrangeas were just beginning to bloom.

## AFSCME

If you are a retired state worker and not a member you are welcome to join us July 23 at 1 p.m. at Anna Heights Baptist Church across from the chapel

room. The retiree's meet the 4th Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m.

## Anna Eastern Star 522

Anna Eastern Star meets at the Masonic Lodge in the Anna Park across from the swimming pool on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

## The Spark Ministries

They have been meeting on Sunday at 11 a.m. at Hebrews Coffee House in Jonesboro until the flood waters go down.

They meet in the Old Shawnee South elementary school building McClure, Il.

## News

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You can also leave news in the back of the green box by the right of my front door at 118 W. Monroe St. in Anna, Ill. 62906 or send news to me. If you send a picture be sure and make a copy.

## Military Prayer List

Jacob Schaefer, Jerod Schaefer, Creighton Last-er, Reagan Morrison, Josh Steveson, Josh Williams, Faith Odom, Jim Bonner. Jennifer Ann Bishop, Arin Whitemountain, James McWhorter, Nick Harvel, Nona Elizabeth Luke, Lucas J. Strickland, William Nathaniel Frankell, Ethan Maze, Lukas W. Davis, Tanner Anderson, Hayden Young, Garrett Goines, Kiefer Stull, Davis Jorden Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, C.J. Youngerman, Freddy Morse.



**Erin Siebert's granddaughters: Victoria Grace is the proud big sister to Lilith Rose. She arrived July 11, 2019.**



**Bessie Mae Ellis enjoyed visiting the Rendleman Farm and learning they support pollinators with a safe place for bees and butterflies in their fields of zinnias. Proper management allows wildflowers to flourish.**





**Evening dove**  
The rising moon on a summer evening helped to create a silhouette image of a dove which was perched on a utility line in Union County.

# Television Listings

## THURSDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Humanitarian	Seinfeld Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	Just Roll BUNK'D	I Love You Tonight	“The Snowman” (‘17)	Loudest
<b>7 PM</b> :30	Holey Moley (HD)	Love Island (HD)	MasterChef Beef dish.	The Wall (HD)	MLS Soccer from Nippert Stadium (Live) (HD)	Seinfeld Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D BUNK'D	★★★ “Little Fockers” (‘10) (HD)	★★★½ “Day-light” (‘96) A tunnel collapse. (HD)	(‘25) “Tomb Raider Cradle Life” (‘03, Action)
<b>8 PM</b> :30	Family Food Fight	Big Brother (HD)	Spin the Wheel (HD)	Hollywood (HD)		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Coop & Cam Sydney	(‘45) Big Little Lies		(‘25) “Hotel Artemis” (‘18, Action)
<b>9 PM</b> :30	Reef Break (HD)	Elementary (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Law & Order: SVU	MLS Soccer Orlando City SC vs Portland (HD)	Bang (HD) Conan (HD)	Queen of the South	Amphibia Big City	Divorce	★★★½ “Pacific Rim: Uprising” (‘18)	DEUSUS & Gigolos DEUSUS &
<b>10 PM</b> :30	Local Jimmy Kimmel Live	Local (‘35) Late Show (HD)		Local (‘35) Tonight (HD)			(‘01) Pearson	BUNK'D Andi Mack	(‘10) Euphoria (HD)	(‘50) Jett “Bernie” (HD)	
<b>11 PM</b> :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan (HD)	Queen of the South	BUNK'D BUNK'D	“True Justice” (‘19)	“Darkness”	“House Jack”

## JULY 18, 2019

### THURSDAY

**7:00pm**  
**FOX MasterChef** “Backyard BBQ” The losing team from the wedding meal challenge must make the most delectable beef-based dish that they can cook in just 60 minutes.

**8:00pm**  
**Hollywood Game Night** Two contestants are ushered in to the lavish world of Hollywood, behind the velvet ropes, as they mingle with A-List celebrities and compete for a cash prize. TVPG (HD)

## FRIDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	ESPN Films (HD)	Burgers Burgers	Family	BUNK'D	“Old Man” Tonight	“Blade Runner” (‘17)	(‘515) “Faster” (‘10)
<b>7 PM</b> :30	S.H.I.E.L.D. “Leap”	Love Island (HD)	Responders (HD)	American Ninja Warrior Endurance course.	EXP Pro-Am Apex Legends (T)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Family Family	Andi Mack Raven	“Night School” (‘18) GED adult class. (HD)	★★★½ “Hunter Killer” (‘18) Russian coup. (HD)	Crawford (HD)
<b>8 PM</b> :30	20/20 Investigative news. (HD)	Hawaii Five-0 (HD)	MasterChef (HD)			Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Family Family	Sydney Just Roll			Shangri-La
<b>9 PM</b> :30		Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Dateline NBC (HD)	MLS Soccer Los Angeles FC vs Los Angeles	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Family Family	Amphibia Big City	Euphoria (HD)	Jett “Josie” (HD)	★★★ “Black 47” Homeland fameine.
<b>10 PM</b> :30	Local Jimmy Kimmel Live	Local (‘35) Late Show (HD)		Local (‘35) Tonight (HD)		Conan (HD)	Family Family	Andi Mack Andi Mack	Espookys Espookys	(‘05) Jett “Josie” (HD)	The Loudest Voice
<b>11 PM</b> :30	Nightline	Corden	Local	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan (HD)	Family Family	BUNK'D BUNK'D	“Machete” (‘10) (HD)	“Fifty Shades” (‘18)	City Hill

## JULY 19, 2019

### FRIDAY

**7:00pm**  
**HBO Night School** ★★★½ (2018, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Tiffany Haddish. When a high-school dropout finds himself unemployed and in debt, he meets a group of misfits set on doing everything to pass their GED exam. PG-13 (HD)

**SHOW Lavell Crawford: New Look Same Funny!** Comedian Lavell Crawford returns to the stand-up comedy stage after losing over 120 pounds and is ready to tell everyone what’s what. TVMA (HD)

## SATURDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	PBC Fight Night “Caleb Plant vs Mike Lee”	Local Programs	(5:00) UFC Fight Night Prelims (Live)	“Wedding Crashers” Bang (HD)	★★★½ “Sweet Home Alabama” (‘02)	“Moana” Raven	(5:00) “The Meg” (‘18)	(‘20) Jett “Josie” (HD)	“Den of Thieves” (‘18) \$30 million heist. (HD)
<b>7 PM</b> :30	Shark Tank (HD)	Million Dollar Mile		Dateline NBC (HD)		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)		Sydney	★★★ “First Man” (‘18) First human to reach the moon. (HD)	★★★½ “E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial” (‘82) (HD)	
<b>8 PM</b> :30	A Million Little Things	48 Hours (HD)	To Be Announced	Dateline NBC Investigative news. (HD)	UFC Fight Night from AT&T Center in San Antonio (Live)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	“Couples Retreat” (‘09, Comedy) Troubled couples. (HD)	Andi Mack BUNK'D			“Mile 22” (‘18) CIA unit rescue. (R)
<b>9 PM</b> :30	The Rookie (HD)	48 Hours (HD)	Local Programs			Bang (HD) Bang (HD)		Amphibia Big City		“Enemy Mine” Former foes unite.	The Loudest Voice
<b>10 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs Local info.	MasterChef Junior	Local		Conan (HD)	Family	Raven	(‘25) Succession (HD)		
<b>11 PM</b> :30	Local Programs		Local Programs	Sat. Night Live Sketch comedy.	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan (HD)	Family Family	Andi Mack BUNK'D	Big Little Lies (HD)	(‘45) Jett “Josie” (HD)	The Loudest Voice
								BUNK'D	“First Man”	“Welcome”	Loudest

## JULY 20, 2019

### SATURDAY

**8:00pm**  
**CBS 48 Hours** Investigators take an in-depth look at a single story of real-life crime, considering the case from multiple angles in their pursuit of the truth. TV14 (HD)

**ABC A Million Little Things** “Pilot” A shocking death continues to affect a group of Boston friends, who all feel stuck in their lives.

**8:30pm**  
**DISN BUNK'D** “Hot Spring Friend Machine” Gwen discovers that her parents are planning to send her away to school when the summer ends; Ava stumbles upon a hot spring near Camp Kikiwaka. TV G (HD)

## SUNDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> :30	Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	Man (HD) Man (HD)	Hollywood (HD)	MLB Baseball Washington Nationals at Atlanta Braves (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Raven Raven	“First Man” (‘18) Ryan Gosling. Moon landing.	(5:20) “Soldier” (‘98)	City on a Hill
<b>7 PM</b> :30	Feud Celebrity trivia.	Big Brother (HD)	Simpsons Burgers	America’s Got Talent “Judge Cuts 1” (HD)		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Sydney Just Roll		“Pacific Rim: Uprising” A new Kaiju threat	The Loudest Voice
<b>8 PM</b> :30	Pyramid “This Is Us.”	Instinct “Big Splash”	Fam Guy What Just			Claws (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Andi Mack BUNK'D	Big Little Lies (HD)		City on a Hill
<b>9 PM</b> :30	To Tell the Truth (HD)	The Good Fight (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	New Amsterdam (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	(‘01) Claws (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Amphibia Big City	Euphoria (HD)	(‘55) “Fight Club” (‘99, Thriller) Secret fights.	The Loudest Voice
<b>10 PM</b> :30	Local Programs Local info.	Local Programs		Local Programs Local info.	SportsCenter (HD)	(‘02) “Transformers” (‘07) Alien robots battle.	Pearson (HD)	“Shrek” (‘01) A princess’ secret.	Big Little Lies (HD)		City on a Hill
<b>11 PM</b> :30	(‘35) Local	Local Programs	Local		Sports		Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D	(‘55) Euphoria (HD)	“Mystery, Alaska” (R)	The Loudest Voice

## JULY 21, 2019

### SUNDAY

**7:00pm**  
**ABC Celebrity Family Feud** “Brooklyn Decker & Andy Roddick vs. Bobby Bones and Tara Lipinski vs. Johnny Weir” Actress Brooklyn Decker and her husband Andy Roddick compete against radio personality Bobby Bones to win cash for their charities. TVPG

**8:00pm**  
**HBO Big Little Lies** “I Want to Know” Celeste inquires about a traumatic event from Perry’s past from Mary Louise.

## MONDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	ESPN Monday Night Baseball “Teams TBA” (Live)	Fam Guy Fam Guy	Family Family	BUNK'D Raven	(5:40) “Fantastic Beasts: Crimes” (‘18) (HD)	“Analyze This” (‘99) Jett “Josie” (HD)	“Charlie’s Angels” City on a Hill
<b>7 PM</b> :30	The Bachelorette “The Men Tell All” (HD)	Love Island (HD)	Beat Shazam (HD)	American Ninja Warrior “Atlanta City Finals”		Fam Guy Fam Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	Raven Raven			
<b>8 PM</b> :30		The Code (HD)	Think You Can Dance			Fam Guy Fam Guy		Coop & Cam Sydney	Years and Years (HD)	“American Wedding” (‘03) (HD)	The Loudest Voice
<b>9 PM</b> :30	(‘01) Grand Hotel (HD)	Bull “Security Fraud”	Local Programs Local info.	Dateline NBC (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Dad (HD) Space		Amphibia Big City	Divorce		City on a Hill
<b>10 PM</b> :30	Local Jimmy Kimmel Live	Local (‘35) Late Show (HD)		Local (‘35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan Seinfeld	Pearson (HD)	Raven Andi Mack	Years and Years (HD) Divorce	(‘40) “There’s Something About Mary” (‘98)	DEUSUS & Gigolos DEUSUS &
<b>11 PM</b> :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan	NCIS: L. A. (HD)	BUNK'D BUNK'D	“Manchurian” (‘04)	“Pitch”	Loudest

## JULY 22, 2019

### MONDAY

**7:00pm**  
**FOX Beat Shazam** “A Game of One Word” The competing teams are comprised of newly-weds, best friends and a father-son duo. TVPG (HD)

**9:00pm**  
**HBO Divorce** “Bad Manners” Frances and Henry sit down with Robert and Jackie to share a meal together; Frances’ work day yields something important; Dallas faces a disagreeable client. TVMA (HD)

## TUESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	International Champ. Cup (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Family Family	Raven Sydney	Espookys Tonight	“Love, Simon” (‘18)	“Rounders” (‘98) Student plays poker. (HD)
<b>7 PM</b> :30	Conners Housewife	Love Island (HD)	Spin the Wheel (HD)	America’s Got Talent “Judge Cuts 2” (HD)		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	WWE SmackDown (Live) (HD)	Sydney Sydney	Killed Garrett Phillips? “Part 1”	★★★½ “The Great White Hypert” (‘96)	City on a Hill
<b>8 PM</b> :30	Family black-ish	NCIS “Third Wheel”	9-1-1 “Merry Ex-Mas”		International Champ. Cup (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)		Coop & Cam Sydney			
<b>9 PM</b> :30	Family black-ish	Blood & Treasure	Local Programs Local info.	(‘01) Bring the Funny		Detour	Chrisley Growing Up	Amphibia Big City	★★★ “Red Sparrow” (‘18, Thriller) Russian agent. (R) (HD)	★★★½ “CB4” (‘93) Rappers exposed.	The Loudest Voice
<b>10 PM</b> :30	Local Jimmy Kimmel Live	Local (‘35) Late Show (HD)		Local (‘35) Tonight (HD)	2019 Leagues Cup Tijuana vs Los Angeles	Conan Detour	Family Family	Sydney Andi Mack	Years and Years (HD) Divorce	Jett “Josie” (HD)	City on a Hill
<b>11 PM</b> :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night		Seinfeld Conan	Family Family	BUNK'D BUNK'D	Big Little Divorce	“Soldier” (‘98) (HD)	DEUSUS & “Bad Moms”

## JULY 23, 2019

### TUESDAY

**7:00pm**  
**ABC The Conners** “O Sister, Where Art Thou?” Becky helps Harris keep a secret from Darlene; Jackie supports Peter with his Nordic history project; Dan reunites with an old friend. TVPG (HD)

**8:30pm**  
**MAX CB4** ★★★½ (1993, Comedy) Chris Rock, Allen Payne. Controversy surrounds a popular rap group after a big-time gangster discovers the band’s gangster history is nothing more than a mere marketing plot for fame. R (HD)

## WEDNESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
<b>6 PM</b> :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)	Burgers Burgers	Law & Order: SVU	Sydney Just Roll	“I, Robot” Tonight	“Pacific Rim 2” (‘18)	★★★ “I Feel Pretty” (‘18)
<b>7 PM</b> :30	Press Your Luck (HD)	Love Island (HD)	MasterChef (HD)	Games “Say Whaat?”	ESPN Wednesday Night Baseball “Teams TBA” (Live)	Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Just Roll Just Roll	Killed Garrett Phillips? “Part 2”	“Blade Runner 2049” (‘17) Blade runner search. (R) (HD)	“13 Going on 30” (‘04) Girl ages overnight.
<b>8 PM</b> :30	Card Sharks (HD)	Big Brother (HD)	Responders (HD)	Songland (HD)		Bang (HD) Bang (HD)	Suits “Special Master”	Coop & Cam Sydney		“The Old Man & the Gun” Escaped convict.	
<b>9 PM</b> :30	Match Game (HD)	S.W.A.T. “Pride” (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	The InBetween (HD)		Bang (HD) Frontal	(‘01) Pearson (HD)	Amphibia Big City			City on a Hill
<b>10 PM</b> :30	Local Jimmy Kimmel Live	Local (‘35) Late Show (HD)		Local (‘35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan Frontal	Law & Order: SVU	Just Roll Andi Mack		Jett “Josie” (HD)	
<b>11 PM</b> :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld Conan	Suits “Special Master”	BUNK'D BUNK'D	(‘25) Years and Years Espookys	“Kin” (‘18) Myles Truitt. Otherworldly weapon.	“The House That Jack Built” Serial killer.
										“Enemy Mine”	

## JULY 24, 2019

### WEDNESDAY

**7:00pm**  
**NBC Ellen’s Game of Games** “Gone With the Win” Ellen presents “You Bet Your Wife,” “Son of a One-Eyed Monster,” “Say Whaat?” and “Mount St. Ellen”; the winner of each round moves on to “Know or Go.” TVPG (HD)

**9:00pm**  
**CBS S.W.A.T.** “Pride” A hate crime is committed at an LGBTQ pride festival that erupts in citywide violence; Street is concerned about his mother returning to prison. TV14 (HD)



# Opinion and Commentary

## Health department: make caution a priority during flood clean up

While many throughout the region are still waiting for flood waters to recede, others are beginning the daunting task of clean-up to homes and storage properties.

During this time, Southern Seven Health Department reminds everyone to use caution when clearing debris and removing water.

What’s left behind after a flood can include mold, unwanted pests like snakes, spiders and other insects, contaminated drinking and cooking water, and unsafe food.

Victims of a flood must take whatever steps necessary to insure the health and safety of everyone involved in the clean-up process.

Southern Seven recommends wearing insect repellent to combat mosquito and tick bites.

Use sunscreen to help prevent sunburn. Wear protective footwear such as water boots if working in standing water.

Have a current tetanus vaccination (which is valid for 10 years). Wash hands frequently. And stay hydrated while working.

Consider the safety of water supplies. Listen for public announcements about the safety of your area’s water supply and follow all instructions.

Never eat any food that may have come in contact with flood water.

Throw out all food left in freezers and refrigerators even if your electricity is on when you return.

If you have been gone for several days, there may have been prolonged power outages during your absence.

Have all gas lines and electrical sources checked for damage.

If your home is served by gas, do not turn on lights, use candles, oil or gas lanterns or torches, as these may cause an explosion.

There are many things to consider during flood clean-up when it comes to keeping your family safe and healthy.

For more information, contact Southern Seven Health Department at 618-634-2297, or visit southern7.org online.

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# Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

## Living proof: 'Stupid is as stupid does'



Hopeful vulture? Looked out of our kitchen window Sunday evening after doing something really stupid and saw this...not really...

“Stupid is as stupid does.” And a box of chocolates wouldn’t have helped much. The chocolates just would have melted.

As you may know, “Stupid is as stupid does” were words uttered by a fellow named Forrest Gump. Mr. Gump, as you also may know, was featured in a film of the same name. Tom Hanks, who is a pretty good actor, played Mr. Gump.

I’ve seen the film several times, and read the book, too, but don’t remember the context in which the words were spoken. “Stupid is as stupid does” came to mind Sunday evening while yours truly was working on Sunday evening dinner.

Dinner involved cooking some “home-grown” potatoes. The potatoes were “grewed” by The Other Half. They went into the oven, at 350 degrees. Keep that number in mind.

The particular batch of potatoes that I was cooking were some of the tinier ones from this year’s harvest. We tend to consume everything that comes out of the garden which is not eaten first by a woodchuck or skunk or deer or some other critter.

Sunday dinner also involved some meat on the grill. Seemed like a good idea. Of course, when I went to start the charcoal for a fire, sprinkles started to fall, courtesy of the arrival of what had been Hurricane Barry. They didn’t last long, though.

So, I was doing a little bit of cooking indoors, and a little bit of cooking outdoors. Maybe that was too much for my simple little mind. Remember, I’m a journalist. We’re not very smart. Or, so I keep hearing.

## Nature helps restore brain’s ability to focus

Being in nature helps restore your brain’s ability to focus attention on a task. But if you are checking social media on your phone or answering emails on your laptop, even if you are doing so while surrounded by trees, your brain is not getting the benefits that nature offers.

“The space conveys no benefits if your head is in your device,” said William Sullivan, a professor and the head of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign landscape architecture department.

Sullivan and two colleagues, Bin Jiang, a landscape architecture professor at The University of Hong Kong, and Rose Schmillen, a former Illinois graduate student who now practices in Nashville, studied how the use of portable electronic devices affects the restoration of your brain’s attention capacity while in green spaces.

They found that using a device substantially counteracts the restoration effect of nature. Their findings were published in the journal Environment and Behavior.

“Paying attention is necessary for every single thing we care about accomplishing: planning, carrying out plans, evaluating, learning, problem-solving and social relationships,” Sullivan said.

When you pay attention to a task, your brain filters out competing stimuli from the world around you and the thoughts inside your head and allows you to focus on the task.

But that capacity to pay attention fatigues, particularly when we are constantly connected to the world through digital technology that demands our attention.

“After a while, it’s really hard to focus and pay attention,” Sullivan said.

Studies by Sullivan and other researchers have demonstrated a concept called Attention Restoration Theory, which predicts that being in a natural setting helps you recover from mental fatigue.

According to the theory, natural settings or scenes such as waterfalls, campfires or puppies hold a person’s attention effortlessly and help restore the brain’s capacity to pay attention.

Sullivan and his colleagues wondered if such settings

were still restorative if a person was using a laptop while in nature.

Their study randomly assigned 81 participants to four groups: those resting in a green setting with or without a laptop and those resting in a barren setting (with views of parking lots, walls or buildings) with or without a laptop. All of the settings had wireless internet access.

Resting in a green space without using an electronic device substantially improved a person’s attention following the break.

For those resting in a green space while using an electronic device or in a barren space with or without an electronic device, the break “was the equivalent of no break at all,” the researchers found.

The participants took baseline attention tests, then performed 10 minutes of cognitive activities involving proofreading and subtraction. They took a second attention test, followed by a 15-minute break.

During the break, those with laptops were told they could use them for leisure activities such as looking at social media, news sites, YouTube, blogs, online games, online shopping or email unrelated to work. They could not use the laptops for anything related to work.

After the break, the participants took another attention test. Only those who had rested in a green space without access to a laptop showed significant improvement in their scores on this final test. For those in the other groups, “a 15-minute break was the equivalent of no break at all,” the researchers wrote.

“It is not enough to go to a green space. You have to put aside your electronic devices in that space,” they wrote.

Sullivan said the findings could help designers and planners create settings that pull a person’s attention away from electronic devices with elements such as moving water or areas that attract animals or butterflies.

“They can help people deal with the stress of the day and mental fatigue by creating landscapes that are hard not to look at,” he said. “Designers need to think about what makes people put their phones down.”

In their next study, Sullivan and his colleagues will look at how much time in nature is needed to restore the brain’s capacity to pay attention.



Turtle trio  
Three turtles found a log in a Union County pond to be a nice place for a rest in some afternoon sunshine.