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Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area



Don't worry...be happy... that might be the message Snoopy and Woodstock were sharing...

All City of Anna water customers were under a boil water order on Tuesday due to hydrant flushing.

Be sure to see the Pumpkin Town displays at the Anna City Park.

Illinois Master Gardeners, Master Naturalists, a local University of Illinois Extension program coordinator and an Illinois Department of Natural Resources natural resources coordinator collected micro-trash Friday morning, Oct. 15, at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

Hundreds of visitors and many local businesses participated in last weekend's Fall Colors at the Cross event at the Cross of Peace on Bald Knob Mountain near Alto Pass. The event helped to raise thousands of dollars for a water well project which is planned at the cross.

National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week is Oct. 24-30. Southern Seven Health Department is joining the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to bring attention to the need for blood lead screening in children and adults.
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State worker COVID vaccine deadline extended

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SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker announced Monday that his administration has reached agreement with multiple trade unions requiring certain state workers to be vaccinated against COVID-19, but it is extending the deadline for workers to get their first shot to Oct. 26 while

negotiations continue with the state's largest public employees union.

Pritzker issued executive orders in late August and early September that apply to state employees, contractors and vendors who work in congregate facilities, as well as certain health care workers, school personnel and higher education employees.

Congregate facilities include those operated by the Illinois Department

of Veterans' Affairs, the Illinois Department of Human Services, the Illinois Department of Corrections, and the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice.

The original deadline for a first dose was set for Oct. 4, but has been extended several times.

The order also directed the Department of Central Management Services Labor Relations team to negotiate how to implement the mandate.

While four unions have entered agreements with the state, negotiations continue with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, or AFSCME, which is the largest public employee union in Illinois.

"Leadership by President Biden and businesses across the country show that vaccine requirements work," Pritzker said in a statement.

"I'm proud to announce that Illinois has reached our fourth union agreement to ensure those we serve are protected. Vaccination remains our strongest tool to stay safe from COVID-19 and protect our children."

The order allows for exemptions for medical or religious reasons, but those who take the exemption will be subject to additional testing requirements.

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Arts center plans salute to veterans, active duty military personnel, families

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council's Anna Arts Center invites the community to join in a salute to all veterans, active duty military personnel and their families at an upcoming event.

The arts center plans to host the special event on Monday, Nov. 1. The program begins at 6 p.m. at the arts center.

The evening will feature dinner and a show featuring The Little Egypt Barber-shop Chorus.

The Kitchen on Lafayette is catering the dinner, which will feature chicken breasts in a brown parsley sauce with mashed potatoes, green beans and rolls. Desserts and drinks are included.

Everyone who plans to attend the dinner needs to make a reservation, with an RSVP requested by no later than Oct. 26.

Veterans and active duty personnel are free. All oth-

ers are asked to make a \$10 donation.

To make a reservation, or for more information, contact Lee Hackney by phone at 904-625-1109 or by email at vabchlee@gmail.com.

As part of the celebration, the arts center would like to display pictures and stories of veterans and active duty members.

The arts center said in a news release that "this is a great opportunity" to recognize those who served in the military.

Pictures and information about veterans or active duty military personnel can be brought to the arts center from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 30.

Those who may need to arrange for a different time can do so by calling Lee Hackney prior to Oct. 30.

Items which are submitted to the arts center can be taken home after the dinner/show on Nov. 1.



Anna City Park hosts Pumpkin Town

The 2021 Pumpkin Town display is scheduled to open Thursday, today, in Anna. Pumpkin Town again this year is on display at the Anna City Park. A display for Pumpkin Town was set up early this week next to the Anna Kiwanis Club building at the park. The theme for this year is "Let's Play a Game." A ribbon cutting to open Pumpkin Town has been announced for 5:30 p.m. today. Pumpkin Town is scheduled to be on display through Oct. 31. More than 20 participants will be setting up displays at Pumpkin Town. Light poles at the park also will be decorated in a Halloween theme.

Traditional quinceanera presented in Cobden

A traditional quinceanera dance was performed last Friday in the Cobden School District's small gymnasium.

The presentation was sponsored by the new English as a Second Language, ESL, Club at Cobden High School.

Angelica Vicente Guijon is Cobden's junior and senior high school ESL

teacher. She is sponsor of the ESL Club.

Friday's presentation culminated the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month at Cobden.

The ESL Club has been offering weekly events since Sept. 16 to celebrate the Hispanic culture.

The students who presented the dance worked hard for several weeks in

preparation for Friday's performance.

Vicente Guijon voiced pride in the hard work which was done by the students as they prepared to share a beautiful part of Hispanic culture with those in attendance. She also voiced appreciation to businesses which supported the event.

Information shared at

Friday's event explained that quinceanera is Spanish for "15 year" and is a "celebration of a girl's 15th birthday, marking her passage from girlhood to womanhood. The term also is used for the celebrant herself.

"The quinceanera is both a religious and a social event that emphasizes the importance of family and

society in the life of a young woman.

"It is celebrated in Mexico, Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as in Latino communities in the United States and elsewhere.

"The celebration begins with a Mass attended by the girl and her family and godparents.

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Special presentation in Cobden

A traditional quinceanera dance was presented last Friday at the Cobden School. The dance was presented by the Cobden High School ESL Club. The students who presented the dance received a standing ovation after their first performance.



Women in Business host first prom for adults

Union County Women in Business hosted its first official adult prom, a "Prom of the Ages," on Saturday, Oct. 2, in Anna.

Union County Women in Business shared that the fund-raising event "would not have been possible without the planning of Lindsey Bailey and the fund-raising committee."

The event was held at the Davie School Inn, which is owned by Lyle and Tammy Woodrum.

"Lyle and Tammy went above and beyond to help facilitate the event," Union County Women in Business stated. "There could not have been a more apt location to host the first official adult prom."

Union County Women in Business's review of the first-time event continued:

"The very talented Jamie Watkins transformed the space with her impressive decorating skills.

"Mystify Music Service kept everyone dancing the night away.

"Attendees snacked on delicious treats from our own local Anna Baking Company and Davis Pastry.

"The evening ended with the coronation of our first official King and Queen of Adult Prom 2021, Kyle Wilson and Leni Lambdin.

"We are also happy to report that the prom was a huge success!

"We are able to fund our scholarships for the year and hopefully put some to use with the Locally First Project.

"We have been hearing great things from those that attended and questions about when it is happening next year!"

Union County Women in Business said the adult prom "could not have been possible without the donations and support" from

the event's sponsors, who included:

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Windy Hill Acres Inn/Carol Nebughr. Doc's Lake-side Cabin/Tanya Loveless. Country Financial Anna/Charlotte Clover and Danielle Stevens.

Dixie BBQ/Jennifer York. Bald Knob Cross. Coad. Annabelle Market. Luxy Girl Boutique/Deidra Coleson. J.R. and Hope Holderfield. Steve Hornbeak Productions.

Union County Women in Business hopes to have another adult prom next year.

Those who want to keep up with plans for next year can "Like" and "Subscribe" to the organization's Facebook page, Union County Women in Business.

Local business women who may be interested in learning more about Union County Women in Business can email the organization at unioncountywomeninbusiness@gmail.com.



Prom queen, king
Leni Lambdin and Kyle Wilson were crowned as the queen and king of the adult prom. Photo provided.



Prom for adults
Union County Women in Business hosted its first adult prom on Saturday, Oct. 2, at the Davie School Inn in Anna. Photo provided.

Early trick-or-treating fun planned in Anna, Jonesboro

Halloween season means it's time for trick-or-treating. Trick-or-treating will come a little bit early in downtown Anna and on the square in Jonesboro. Participating businesses are planning to have trick-or-treating from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 23. A list of participating businesses is available this week at the Anna-Jonesboro National Bank location on South Main Street in downtown Anna, at Kiki's CoffeeHouse on South Main Street in downtown Anna and at the Edward Jones office in Jonesboro. Information also is being shared on the Downtown Anna, IL, Facebook page.

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Quinceanera

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"Mass is followed by a reception, or party, to which friends and relatives are invited.

"The reception features food, music and dancing, with the girl accompanied by her 'court' of damas ('maids of honor') and chambelanes ('chamberlains').

"Symbolic actions may include the presentation of a doll to a younger sister, to show that the celebrant is giving up her childhood, and the placement of heeled shoes on her feet, to indicate that she is ready for womanhood.

"Traditionally, the dance portion of the quince includes a choreographed waltz-type dance that is prepared and is considered one of the main events of the evening.

"Toasts are often offered, and sometimes the cutting of a fancy cake is also involved.

"The celebration is generally as elaborate as the means of the family will allow.

"Although the quince observance originally signified that the girl was prepared for marriage, the modern celebration is more

likely to signal the beginning of formal dating.

"Some girls choose a trip abroad rather than a party, and others now choose not to celebrate their 15th birthday in the traditional manner."

Three traditional dances, accompanied by music, were performed on Friday in Cobden.

The roles of the quinceaneras were filled by:

Daisy Amesquita, Melissa Del Aguila, Dora Funes, Leyla Guijon, Maria Hernandez, Giselle Martinez, Maria Martinez, Leslie Morales, Fatima Murillo, Vanessa Rafael, Yadira Rafael, Alejandra Ramirez, Laritza Roman and Zitlalli Tomas.

The chambelands on Friday were:

Agoberto Amesquita, Gerardo Bucio, Jack Eagle, Noel Fabian, Fredy Guerrero, Eric Guijon, Colby Hartline, Connor Hartline, Kevin Hernandez, Gustavo Juarez, Omar Martinez, Jonathan Munoz, Fernando Salas and Melesio Zamora.

As the audience was leaving the first performance on Friday afternoon, one student was heard to say: "That was beautiful."

Vaccines

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Those who remain unvaccinated and are not granted an exemption will be subject to progressive disciplinary actions that could ultimately lead to being fired, the administration said in a news release.

The agreements reached so far cover about 1,990 employees throughout the state.

In addition to the trade unions, which represent about 470 employees at various facilities, other agreements include VR-

704, which represents 260 supervisory workers at the Department of Corrections and Department of Juvenile Justice; the Illinois Nurses Association, representing about 1,100 nurses at state facilities; and the Illinois Federation of Public Employees, with about 160 workers.

Under the agreements, if the vaccine is not available during an employee's regularly scheduled shift, they will receive regular pay for the time taken to get the vaccine.

Employees will also receive paid "COVID time" so if a vaccinated worker contracts the disease, they will receive paid time off without using their benefit time.

But the administration still has not reached such an agreement with AF-SCME, which, according to a union spokesman, represents 39,000 state workers, including more than 20,000 in facilities covered by the executive order.

More information about where vaccines are available can be found at www.vaccines.gov.

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Congratulations to junior high school cross country runners from Union County schools for their accomplishments.

Jonesboro School's Fall Festival is planned Nov. 10.

The Shawnee Athletic Boosters hosted the 18th annual Munz Memorial Golf Tournament on Oct. 16 at the Union County Country Club in Anna. The boosters are grateful to the team members and sponsors.

Anna Fight Underground is celebrating its one-year anniversary with an event set for Thursday evening (today) at Quick's Skating Rink in Anna. Bell time is at 7 p.m.

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The American Cancer Society recommends both men and women of average risk of colorectal cancer should begin receiving a colonoscopy every 10 years at age 50. But you should talk with your doctor about your own health and your family history so that you can choose the best screening plan for you. Member of the Medical Staff at Union County Hospital. * Patient results may vary. Consult your physician about the benefits and risks of any surgical procedure or treatment.

Updated COVID-19 Halloween guidance shared

The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, has issued updated guidance to help people celebrate fall and the holiday season in the midst of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

“Although we’re still in the pandemic, this Halloween and fall festivities season will look a little different than last year thanks to the safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines that are readily available,” IDPH director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said in a news release.

“However, we must still take precautions as not everyone is vaccinated and a vaccine for children younger than 12 years is not yet available.

“Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect yourself, your friends and family, and your community, but it’s also important to use a layered approach by wearing a mask indoors and limiting/avoiding settings where physical distancing is not possible to help stop the spread of the virus.”

Masks
IDPH noted that as of Friday, Oct. 15, masks were currently required, per executive order, in all indoor public locations in Illinois.

A costume mask is not a substitute for a well-fitting mask to prevent the spread of COVID-19, IDPH advised.

Wearing a costume mask over a face covering to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is not recommended because it could make breathing more difficult.

Safer options include choosing a costume that does not come with a costume mask or finding a costume that incorporates a face covering.

Trick-or-Treat
Trick-or-treating outdoors in small groups is best, but if outdoors is not an option, there are steps people can take to make indoor trick-or-treating safer.

Those handing out tricks or treats indoors should open doors and windows as much as possible to promote increased ventilation and wear a mask.

It is also important for everyone handing out or receiving treats to wash their hands, IDPH advised.

Alternatives to door-to-door trick-or-treating can include setting up tables in a parking lot or other safe outdoor area where individually wrapped treats can be set out or holding an outdoor costume parade for kids along with a parent/guardian.

Haunted Houses, Wood, Walks

Open-air haunted houses are safer than an enclosed haunted house.

Masks are required to be worn in indoor haunted houses and the number of people should be limited to reduce crowding.

Other options include visiting outdoor haunted woods or going on a haunted walk.

Pumpkin Patches, Orchard Visits, Fall Festivals

Try to visit pumpkin patches, orchards and festivals at times that aren’t as busy, IDPH suggested.

You can also limit your exposure by moving away from crowded areas and wearing a mask.

Halloween Parties, Social Gatherings

Large gatherings with more people increase the risk of COVID-19 transmission compared to small gatherings, and outdoor parties are safer than indoor parties.

If indoors, mask must be worn in public places, but can also be worn in private settings where physical distancing is difficult.

For indoor gatherings, try to increase air flow by opening doors and windows.

Día Los Muertos
Holding events and activities outdoors to honor deceased loved ones for Día de los Muertos is safer than indoors.

If gathering indoors, increase air flow by opening windows and try to physically distance as much as

All area counties at orange warning level

‘Silver lining’: test positivity rates coming down in region

Southern Seven Health Department reports the Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, announced Oct. 15 that Alexander and Hardin counties have returned to the orange warning level status on the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) risk metrics.

All seven of the counties served by the regional health department are now at the orange warning level.

The health department serves Union, Alexander, Hardin, Johnson, Massac, Pope and Pulaski counties.

The amount of new cases per 100,000 people, test positivity percentage metrics and low but improving ICU bed availability at area hospitals are causing the elevated risk levels.

According to IDPH, an orange designation indicates warning signs of increased COVID-19 risk in the community.

A warning for new case rate indicates the rate is greater than 50 cases per 100,000 people.

A warning for test positivity indicates that the percentage was above 8 percent from the previous seven-day period.

A warning for ICU availability shows the number of ICU beds has dropped below a 20 percent availability threshold.

The new cases per 100,000 people rate is a unit of measure calculated as a rate to compare the number of cases in large and small counties.

The rate is calculated by dividing the county case count for seven days by county population times 100,000.

This describes the potential number of people who are currently ill and may be infectious in the county.

Union County had 166 potential new cases (based on 28 positive cases) per 100,000 reported. The test positivity percentage for the county was 2.1 percent out of 1,308 tests. ICU availability was 15.1 percent.

Eight different indicators are used to determine a county’s designation.

A county is considered at the orange warning level when at least two of the main indicators are going in the wrong direction.

“Despite our counties all

possible.

Another option to celebrate and remember deceased loved ones is to exchange traditional family recipes with family or neighbors that they can make at home.

If you have symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to someone who has COVID-19, do not participate in any Halloween or Fall events.



Boss's Day celebrated

National Boss's Day was celebrated on Oct. 16. The special day was observed with special recognition in the City of Anna's public works department. From left are Steve Kelly, serviceman (filling in for Austin Pender, gas foreman); Scott Wagner, disposal foreman; Gary Dahmer, superintendent; and Bill Sharp, street foreman. Photo provided.

County surpasses 3,000 total COVID-19 cases since start of pandemic

The total number of cases of COVID-19 in Union County has surpassed 3,000 since the start of the pandemic.

As of early this week, a total of 3,017 cases had been recorded in the county.

Southern Seven Health Department on Monday, Oct. 18, reported five newly confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Union County.

The newly confirmed Union County cases involved one teen, one person in the 20s, two in their 40s and one in the 50s.

A total of 2,925 recovered cases were reported in the county as of Monday.

Also as of Monday, there were 44 active cases in the county. A total of 48 deaths had been reported in the county since the start of the pandemic.

The health department serves Union, Johnson, Pope, Hardin, Alexander, Pulaski and Massac counties.

Southern Seven Health Department shared the following update on cases in the region, as of Monday:

34 newly confirmed cases. 23 newly recovered. 171 total active cases. 170 total deaths. 10,351 cumulative total cases.

All of the statistics provided by the health department are provisional and are subject to change.

The health department reminds everyone to continue to follow COVID-19 safety measures in public settings, even after they have been fully vaccinated, to further control the spread of the virus.

Illinois COVID-19 case numbers

Oct. 15: 15,669
Oct. 8: 19,244
Oct. 1: 18,735
Sept. 24: 21,787
Sept. 17: 25,956
Sept. 10: 26,062
Sept. 3: 30,319
Aug. 27: 25,636
Aug. 20: 24,682
Aug. 13: 21,334
Aug. 6: 16,742
July 30: 11,682
July 23: 7,983
July 16: 4,449
July 9: 2,945
July 2: 2,120
June 25: 1,744
June 18: 928

Source: Illinois Department of Public Health

Haunted Hollow planned at Touch of Nature Center

Haunted Hollow is planned Oct. 24 at Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Touch of Nature Environmental Center.

Cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic, the fest and hayride are back this year. The festival is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is free and all ages are welcome.

Haunted Hollow features a haunted hayride, a portable climbing wall and interpretive nature hikes, a child-friendly “haunted” cabin and other activities.

Organizers said that those who plan to attend are encour-

aged to wear costumes and masks, too. The event will be held, rain or shine.

SIU is committed to protecting the community, so all those attending must follow current campus and state pandemic safety protocols and wear masks.

A parent or guardian should accompany all children.

Touch of Nature, located about 8 miles south of Carbondale off Giant City Road, is wheelchair and stroller-accessible for the Haunted Hollow.

For more information, visit ton.siu.edu, email tonec@siu.edu or call 618-453-1121.

15,669 cases of COVID-19 in Illinois

The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, on Friday, Oct. 15, reported 15,669 new confirmed and probable cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Illinois, including 184 additional deaths since reporting on Friday, Oct. 8.

Of Illinois’ total population, 69 percent had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose and 54 percent of Illinois’ total population was fully vaccinated.

IDPH was reporting a total of 1,665,777 cases, including 25,407 deaths, in 102 counties in Illinois.

As of Thursday night, Oct. 14, 1,550 individuals in Illinois were reported to be in the hospital with COVID-19. Of those, 341 patients were in the ICU and 172 patients with COVID-19 were on ventilators.

A total of 14,994,065 vaccines had been administered in Illinois as of midnight, Oct. 14.

All data are provisional and will change, IDPH reported.



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Sports

A-J scores road win at Madison

Matthew Wright came on and scored four touchdowns and ran in two extra point conversions to lead the visiting Anna-Jonesboro high school football team to a 36-26 win over Madison Saturday, Oct. 16.

A-J head football coach Brett Detering said that with Zach Stokes and Barry Johnson out, Wright "had to really grind out some yards."

Stokes and Johnson were both lost to injuries earlier in the year and Wright came to the forefront in the must-win game for the Wildcats, who improved to 4-4 overall.

A-J faces another must-win game Friday night at home against visiting Benton. The Wildcats' need a victory to have a chance for the postseason playoffs.

Last Saturday's game did not start well for A-J, which fumbled the opening kickoff.

Madison quarterback Anthony Silas then scored on a 5-yard run after a three-play drive. The extra point conversion run was stopped and the Trojans led 6-0 with 9:28 remaining in the first quarter.

Wright and the A-J offense then took off.

After a time consuming drive of 12 plays, Wright scored on a 5-yard run. He ran in the extra point conversion and A-J pulled ahead 8-6 with 1:30 left in the opening quarter.

An incomplete pass on fourth down ended Madison's next drive.

Wright then scored on a 4-yard run after an eight-play drive. Wright was stopped on the extra point conversion run and A-J led 14-6 with 5:16 remaining in the second quarter.

A-J recovered a Madison fumble on the next series.

Josh Davis then scored on a 7-yard run and added the extra point conversion points on a pass from quarterback Payton Denny.

The Wildcats led 22-6 with 2:10 remaining in the second quarter.

The Trojans fumbled again and lost the ball on

the next play with seconds remaining. Denny took a knee to run out the clock to end the first half.

Madison's offense starting clicking to open the second half. Silas scored on a 24-yard run and added the extra point conversion run and the Trojans pulled to 22-14 with 10:27 left in the third quarter.

The Wildcats were halted on a fourth down play and Madison took over again.

Afer two plays, Silas connected with Erwin Baker on a 58-yard TD pass. The extra point conversion run failed and the Trojans pulled to 22-20 with 6:15 remaining the third quarter.

After an 18-play drive, Wright scored again on a 1-yard run and ran in the extra point conversion and A-J was ahead 30-20 with 6:23 left in the final quarter.

The Trojans were halted on a fourth down again and A-J took over. Wright scored on a 4-yard run after a three-play drive.

Denny's extra point conversion pass to Davis put the Wildcats ahead 38-20 with 3:02 remaining in the game.

On the ensuing first play for the Trojans, Silas passed to Baker for a 93-yard TD strike. Silas was stopped on the extra point conversion run and closed out the scoring with 2:46 left in the game.

"We knew they didn't have a kicker and would have to run for the conversion points," Detering said. "They only made one of those conversion runs. Conversion points were very, very big in the game."

In the five touchdowns scored by A-J, the Wildcats made four extra point conversions.

The Wildcats were driving near midfield when the game ended.

A-J had 252 yards rushing. Wright led the way with 163 yards on 33 carries. Davis followed with 49 yards on 11 carries.

Denny had 21 yards on 12 carries and T.J. Macy had 19 yards on 4 carries.

Madison had 87 yards rushing and 104 passing.

Wildcats host Benton to end regular season

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team is set to end its fall regular season with a home game against Benton Friday night, Oct. 22. Kick-off is set for 7 p.m. Friday at The Pit.

The Rangers are undefeated at 8-0 after beating Murphysboro 55-14 last Friday night. The Wildcats are 4-4 after a win on the road over Madison.

The Rangers are led at quarterback by senior Kee-gan Glover.

"Their quarterback is as good as we've seen," A-J head football coach Brett Detering said after watching the Rangers on film. "They have a lot of weapons on both sides of the ball."

The backfield is led by

seniors Landen Bolen and Jacob Kinsman and junior Wyatt Upton. Two targets downfield for Glover are Chase Thomas and Reid Baumgarte.

The line is full of experience: on offense with senior linemen in Patrick Stanley, Brad Longfellow, Kade Clark, Aaron Smith and Josh White.

The defense is led by seniors Jaden Ford, Brantley Reed, and Lukas Wilson and juniors Hunter Moss and Ethan Furlow.

"We have to win to get another game," Detering said. "It will be our last game for our seniors. They will be a challenge."

A-J will have to win for a chance for a playoff berth with its 4-4 record.

Jonesboro School Lady Bulldogs win back-to-back state cross country titles



From left are Lauren Crow, Kenzie Miller, Raegan Jones, Reese Jones, Sophia Hill, Melania Bundren, Kinley Leek and Aleah Box, along with coaches Beth Miller and Josh Staples. Photo provided.

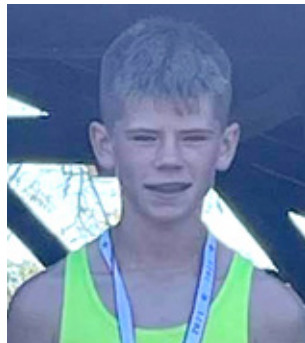
The weather finally got right for cross country last Saturday at Foundation Park in Centralia, and the Jonesboro School Lady Bulldogs were ready to roll.

The Lady Bulldogs lit-

erally ran away with their second straight state title by blowing away the competition.

Jonesboro finished with 32 points, followed by St. Joseph Olney with 87.

Abernathy, Thorpe run at boys' cross county state meet



Blake Abernathy

Blake Abernathy competed in the SIJHSAA Class S state cross country meet at Centralia.

Abernathy finished 11th in a loaded boys' field with a time of 10:46.5, which was a personal best time.

Abernathy was the lone boy competing in the Class S meet for Jonesboro School.

Beckett Thorpe ran at the SIJHSAA Class L state meet at Du Quoin.



Beckett Thorpe

Thorpe covered the very challenging 1.86 mile course in 11:43.6, which was a personal best time as well.

Thorpe was the only qualifier for the Anna Junior High School boys' cross country team.

Both Abernathy and Thorpe are just in 7th grade and look forward to improving upon their marks next year.

Next was Pinckneyville No. 204 with 144, which was followed by Aviston with 155 in 4th.

This was the second lowest team score in SIJHSAA cross country history.

The Lady Bulldogs were led by 7th grader Kinley Leek, who finished second overall with a time of 11:37.3.

Leek has been solid all year long, running towards the front of the pack for Jonesboro most of the year.

Next for the Lady Bulldogs were twin sisters Raegan and Reese Jones, who came in just behind Leek in 3rd and 4th places with times of 11:42.3 and 11:43.2, respectively.

Following the Jones' was 6th grader Melania Bundren, who came in 12th with a time of 12:00 flat.

Just behind Bundren was Aleah Box, with a time of 12:11.8, which was good enough for 15th place.

Kenzie Miller came in just behind Box, with a time 12:20.1, which put her in 22nd place.

Rounding out the team

for Jonesboro was Sophia Hill, who came in 42nd with a time of 12:39.8.

The Lady Bulldogs completed a perfect season as a team, never losing a meet all year.

They were dominant all year, even against the Class L schools in the Class L Pre State meet held at Du Quoin, where they outpaced Triad, Mascoutah and Richland County(Olney). They simply were the best in the south, no matter how big the competition.

The key to their success was simple. Just Run. Which they had done collectively as a team since late spring.

They were on a mission to be the best, to repeat as champions. The girls put in the miles, and the rest is history.

The Lady Bulldogs will have some work to do if they want to three peat, as they will lose four of their top runners to graduation.

Jonesboro's supporters say they wouldn't put anything past this group of girls, as they aren't afraid of putting in the work.

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Lick Creek's Gerardi goes back-to-back to win individual cross country state title



Jadyn Gerardi

Lick Creek School's Jadyn Gerardi, a.k.a. "Smoke," has won her second straight cross country individual SIJHSAA Class S championship.

Gerardi covered the 1.86 mile course at Foundation Park in Centralia on Saturday in a time of 10:37.0, 1 minute ahead of her closest competitor.

Gerardi finished her second year in a row un-



From left are Lilliah Hoehner, Mya Clutts, Macy Clutts, Jadyn Gerardi and Kelly Smith, along with coach Matt Denny. Photo provided.

defeated, and the amazing part is she is just in the 7th grade.

Gerardi competed in some very big meets this year against the best runners in either class in the SIJHSAA.

That didn't seem to phase her as she dominated her competition all season long. She will look to win the threepeat as she goes into her 8th

grade year.

Also medaling for Lick Creek was 4th grade standout Kelly Smith, who covered the course in 12:30.1, which was good for 28th place in the 181 person field.

This is Smith's first year running cross country, and she sure ran on to the scene this year, pun intended.

Next for Lick Creek was

Arts center planning Reindeer Run/Walk

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council's Anna Arts Center is planning to host the annual Reindeer Run/Walk 5K on Nov. 27 in Anna.

Runners and walkers will begin the race at the Anna Arts Center, which is located at 125 W. Davie St. The runners and walkers will head into the "fruit bowl" section of town.

The 5K is a down and back course that will end back at the Anna Arts Center.

Timing services will be provided by Run to Succeed.

Prizes for the top three finishers, and first, second and third place, will be awarded to different age categories for females and different age categories for males.

A Kids Fun Run is planned at 9 a.m. Kids will participate in a short race, approximately half a mile long, to catch Rudolf and Santa Claus.

Then they will have an opportunity to make a Christmas ornament (donations are welcomed).

The fun run and Christmas ornaments are free. Anyone can make a Christmas ornament throughout the day.

The event will help kick off Christmas in Downtown Anna, which is planned on Nov. 27.

The Anna Arts Center plans to host a holiday bazaar featuring local artists, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Nov. 27.

An exhibit of art works created by students in 4th grade through high school also is planned at the arts center.

Reindeer Run/Walk Details, Schedule

Registration is \$20 prior to race day; on race day, Nov. 27, registration is \$25.

Deadline to register for the race to guarantee a t-shirt is Friday, Nov. 5.

Registration is available online at <https://runtosucceed.com/reindeer5k/>.

Registration forms are at the Here & Now Shop at 319 S. Main St. in downtown Anna.

Race fees are non-refundable.

Runners and walkers are invited to wear festive Christmas running gear.

Registration starts at 7:15 a.m. on the day of the event at the Anna Arts Center.

The 5K race starts at 8 a.m. The Kids Fun Run starts at 9 a.m.

For more information, or to have a registration form sent by email, contact Lee Hackney by phone at 1-904-625-1109 or by email at vabchlee@gmail.com.

Anna Junior High girls compete at state cross country championships



From left are Liz Hammer, Finley Diemer, Presley Bierstedt, Raelynn Sadler, Gwen Eastman, Shaylee Sadler and Elina Chen; in the middle is Kansas Craig. Photo provided.

The Anna Junior High School girls' cross country team headed to Du Quoin Saturday for the SIJHSAA Class L state cross country championships.

The weather was cool as it was a perfect day for running.

The Anna Junior High School cross country team responded to the cooler weather with several personal records for its runners.

Leading the way for Anna was Liz Hammer, who made the top 10 in a loaded field.

Hammer covered the

course with a personal best time of 12:15.8.

Hammer has come on strong the second half of the year, as she had been battling a knee injury early on. She ran a personal best time by over a minute on the very challenging course.

Also medaling for Anna was 5th grade standout runner Gwen Eastman, who finished in 47th place with a time of 13:16.0. This is Eastman's first year competing in cross country.

Next for Anna was Presley Bierstedt, who came in 82nd place with a time of 13:45.9.

She was followed by Raelynn Sadler with a time of 14:30.3. Sadler was followed by Finley Diemer, with a time of 14:39.2.

Rounding out the Lady Indian team was Elina Chen and Shaylee Sadler who came in at 14:54.2 and 16:55.9, respectively.

The Lady Indians finished 13th overall, which is quite impressive fielding as young of a team that they have. They will only lose two runners that competed at state to graduation, so they should look to move back into the top 10 at the very least.

A-J girls', boys' cross country teams run at Mississippi Division event

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' and boys' cross country teams ran at the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division meet Thursday, Oct. 14, in Herrin.

A-J's Brodie Denny finished in second place in the girls' event. Denny finished with a time of 18:41.

Other A-J finishers were Zoe Jones, 11th in 19:58; Lakelyn Carter, 23rd, 22:32; Yoselin Avila, 27th, 23:21; Bree Hazelrigg, 29th, 25:10; and Alex Keller, 33rd, 28:47.

The A-J girls' team finished in fourth place with 92. Du Quoin won with 35.

The A-J boys' team fin-

ished in third place with 84. Pinckneyville won with 19.

Zach Henry finished in 11th place to lead the Wildcats with a time of 17:51.

Other A-J finishers were Beto Vaca Diez, 14th, 18:02; Nile Chotner, 18th, 18:15; Matteo Vaca Diez, 19th, 18:18; Daniel Dover, 22nd, 18:56; and Lucas Vaca Diez, 25th, 19:32.

A-J is scheduled to compete at the Class 1A regional in Cartersville on Saturday, Oct. 23.

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A-J football breakfast

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna hosted the players, coaches and cheerleaders of the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team for breakfast in preparation for their road game on Saturday, Oct. 16. Volunteers helping to prepare and serve the breakfast Saturday morning included, from left, Jeff Kelley, Mike Stegle, Norm Bauer, Willard Cunningham, Jack Partridge, Mike Partridge, Pastor Mark Hasty, James Neisz and Larry Hepburn. Photo provided.

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Illinois program offers help with Medicare enrollment

The Medicare open enrollment period began Oct. 15. Older adults who may be looking to change their existing Medicare plan can receive free, personalized assistance through the Illinois Department on Aging's, IDoA, Senior Health Insurance Program, SHIP. During open enrollment, which is scheduled to continue through Dec. 7, people who are already enrolled in Medicare have the opportunity to review their current coverage and switch to a different plan for the following year.

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Trail society planning hike at Ferne Clyffe

The River-to-River Trail is planning to have a hike on Saturday, Oct. 23, at Ferne Clyffe State Park in Johnson County. The hike is free and open to the public.

The trail society said this will be a hike of just under 6 miles, intended for people in good health who have done some hiking.

Hiking sticks and boots or sturdy shoes are strongly recommended.

Hikers are asked to bring their own water and a snack. The trail society asks that there be no dogs.

Hikers will meet at 10 a.m. at the parking lot near the main waterfall. After entering the park off Route 37, turn left at the first stop sign and then turn right at the lake. For information or directions, call 618-926-3250.

Weather

Low of 36 brings light, scattered frost

Temperatures dipped into the 30s early this week in the Union County area.

Light, scattered frost accompanied the chilly temperatures on Sunday morning, Oct. 17.

Temperatures for the period of Oct. 12-18 ranged from a high of 83 degrees to a low of 36.

Precipitation was light, was only .76 of an inch of rain recorded on Oct. 15.

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

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Tuesday, Oct. 12	77	54
Wednesday, Oct. 13	81	55
Thursday, Oct. 14	83	67
Friday, Oct. 15	77	57
Saturday, Oct. 16	66	41
Sunday, Oct. 17	70	36
Monday, Oct. 18	71	38

Touch of Nature to offer Canoe the Cache day trip

Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Touch of Nature Environmental Center plans to offer a Canoe the Cache paddling Basecamp day trip in November. The trip is open to the public.

The Nov. 13 outdoor adventure is an afternoon paddling trip on the Cache River to explore the true southern cypress/tupelo swamp, featuring the state champion cypress tree, wildlife and other sights.

All of the necessary gear is provided. Participants are advised to wear appropriate waterproof footwear and dress for the weather.

Those who take part in the trip will be shuttled from Touch of Nature, located about 8 miles south of Carbondale off Giant City Road, to the Cache River Wetlands for an afternoon of high-quality paddling.

The cost of the experience is \$20. The registration deadline is Nov. 12.

However, space is limited to the first 12 people to register canoeing so early sign-up is suggested by organizers. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

SIU is committed to protecting the community, so all those attending the Saluki Adventure must follow current campus and state pandemic safety protocols and wear masks in shared indoor spaces.

Basecamp staff will hold a short training session for participants prior to the canoeing so participants should arrive prior to 1 p.m. and plan to canoe at the Cache until about 4 p.m. before returning to Touch of Nature.

Sign-up and additional information are available online at rec.siu.edu/programs/ton-basecamp/trips.

For more information, contact Sydney Pogue, outdoor programs coordinator for Touch of Nature, at sydney.pogue@siu.edu.

Drive-thru flu shot clinics planned in area

Southern Seven Health Department has announced plans to offer a series of community drive-thru flu shot clinics throughout the region it serves.

One of the drive-thru clinics is scheduled on Nov. 4 in Anna. The clinic is planned from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Union County farmers market location in Anna.

Southern Seven Health Department is encouraging everyone to get an annual flu shot to reduce the overall burden of respiratory illnesses.

According to the CDC, it is possible to have the flu, as well as other respiratory illnesses, and COVID-19 at the same time.

The CDC recommends that all people 6 months and older get a yearly flu vaccine.

The health department noted that vaccines are covered whole or in part by most insurance companies. Be sure to bring your insurance card with you.

Regular and high dose vaccine (for those 65 and older) will be available.

Flu shots are also available at each Southern Seven clinic office during regular business hours.

Those who want to get a flu shot will be asked to follow all CDC guidelines to protect themselves and others from community spread of COVID-19, including wearing a face covering or mask.

For more information call Southern Seven Health Department at 618-634-2297 or visit the department online at www.southern7.org.

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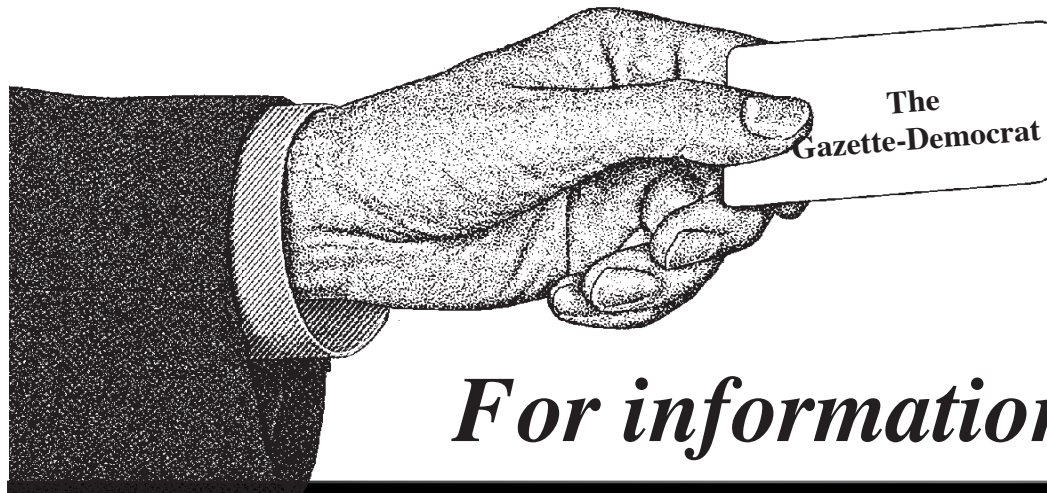
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James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He replied, "What do you wish me to do for you?" They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left."

Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" They said to him, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John. Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." From the Gospel of Mark

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

Special Thanks

A special thanks to Kathy and Dennis Thornburg for giving me credit when they renewed their subscription to The Gazette-Democrat.

Wedding Congratulations

To Macayla and Abe Godinez, who were married Saturday, Oct. 16.

Paducah Trip

Dennis and Kathy Thornburg and Ron and Kathie Watkins went to the Carson Center in Paducah to see a concert and eat out.

Local Girls Day Out

Hannah Dover, Lydia Dover, Penny McFarland, Erin Dillow, Brooklyn Thorn and Alli Morris enjoyed a day together.

They went to Bald Knob Cross of Peace and enjoyed the day being with friends.

Honor Wreaths for Veterans

A special thanks to An-

na-Jonesboro National Bank for their donation of 5 Honor Wreaths for Veterans in memory of Harold Bartruff, William Whiting, John Stegle, and two veterans who do not have anyone to buy for them.

A special thanks to Jack Brimm for 10 Honor Wreaths for Veterans who do not have anyone to buy for them. I received a very nice note from Jack and it was much appreciated.

If you pay online be sure you put the cemetery you want your wreath to go to. Also be sure to notify one of the coordinators of the cemetery of who you paid for so they will know.

Congratulations

To Magen Livesay for being appointed to the Mound City National Cemetery Preservation Commission.

Megan has also volunteered for her and Bryan

Watkins to help lay wreaths in our Anna Cemetery Dec. 18. They have helped to do this each year and are very much appreciated.

Millstadt Trip

Ron and Kathy Watkins and Bill and Nancy Hooks visited Lindsey and Jeff Houston and family in Millstadt last weekend.

Paint and Quilt Show

Marie Samuel and Jan Griffith Paint and Quilt Show runs until Nov. 8 and will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Longbranch Cafe & Bakery.

There was a reception Saturday, Oct. 16, at Longbranch Cafe & Bakery, 100 E. Jackson St., Carbondale.

Retirees Union to Meet

AFSCME Retirees will meet Oct. 26 at 9 a.m. at the Jonesboro Park.

Cobden Student

Congratulations, Cobden Scholar Bowl: Sophie Shay is on the Scholar Bowl team at Cobden High School. Her grandpa David Ray reports their team won first last Wednesday. Go Appleknockers.

Congratulations to the Cobden dancing Appleknockers and band and Sophie Shay from her grandfather David Ray. They were amazing at Corn Days at the Carmi-White County parade.

Pumpkin Town

Drive through our Anna Park and enjoy all the displays. They will be there starting with the ribbon cutting at 5 p.m. Oct. 21 through Halloween night.

Red Hat Ladies

Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies planned to meet Wednesday morning, Oct. 20, at El Jalapeño in Anna for a dinner and Halloween party.

American Legion

Will meet Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 6 p.m. in the back room at the VFW. All members are asked to come.

Congratulations

To the Jonesboro Lady Bulldogs cross country team for winning the Class S state championship for the second year in a row.

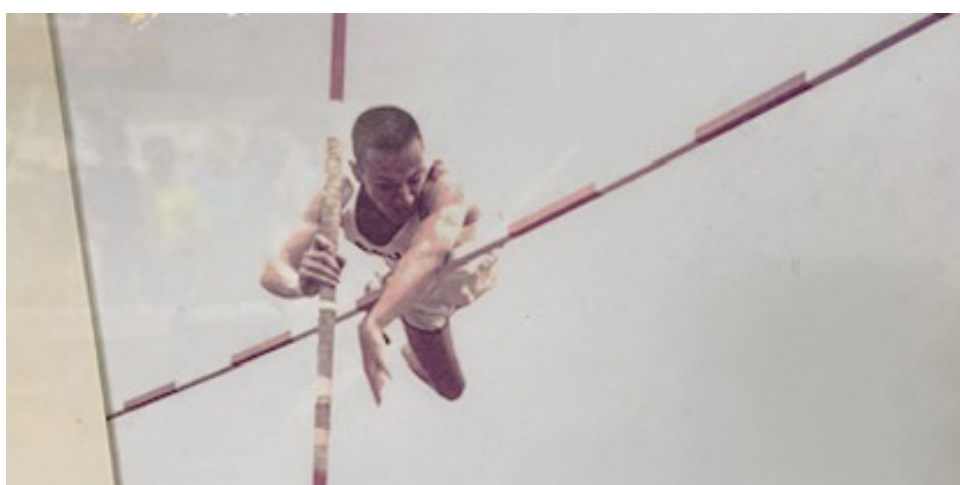
Out of the 181 girls who competed in Centralia, Kinsey Leek placed second over all. Congratulations Kinsey.

Anna First Baptist Church

Rev. Andy Gillespie preached Sunday morning, Oct. 17. His message concerned how God uses crises in this country and the world to draw us to him. Rev. Gillespie will return to the pulpit Sunday, Oct. 24, and Sunday, Oct. 31.

Beth Perry led the singing and will be leading the singing for all these services, along with Jean Denny as pianist.

Anna First Baptist



The Anna Kiwanis Club presented a check to the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School track team in memory of George Warren. Coach Michael Eudy, along with Linda Warren, displayed imprinted hurdles that will now grace the track. George was a prominent presence within the track and field community, having lettered in pole vaulting at SIU. Linda and other Kiwanis Club members shared stories about George, all of which involved humor. If you were poked, pinched, prodded and prayed for, you knew you were loved by George. Thank you, Linda, for sharing him with the group since 1974. Thanks for the pictures and information by Tina Waller.



Country Roads Flowers and Gifts new florist in Jonesboro owner Liz Wilkins fixed a beautiful bouquet of roses for Cory Girtman of Cobden for his wife Lori. Cory said just because she is good to me and fixes me good chicken and dumplings.



Dori Bigler's birthday was Oct. 11 and Danyelle Dodd's birthday was Oct. 14. They were given a surprise birthday dinner party by friends on Oct. 12 with a Davis Pastry Cake and a cake from The Kitchen of Lafayette.



Wyatt Ethan Hileman celebrated his 1st birthday with a lawn and patio party hosted by his parents Lucas and Rachael Johnson Hileman in Fort Branch, Ind. His special guests who traveled from Anna were, standing, grandfather Doug Hileman, great-grandfather Norm Bauer, his mother Rachael Hileman and his grandmother Beth Hileman. Seated are his great-grandmothers Bonnie Hileman and Barbara Bauer, dad Lucas Hileman with Wyatt, and cousin Joshua Song from Fort Worth, Texas. Also in attendance were his maternal grandparents Larry and Carolyn Johnson, along with Wyatt's aunts, uncles and cousins from Fort Branch. It was a splendid late fall day for the outdoor celebration among the mums and pumpkins, and the little fellow felt "well celebrated."

Church is actively seeking a permanent senior pastor.

The church's adult Sunday School starts at 9 a.m. Church service begins at 10:15 a.m. All are welcome to worship in person at 409 Morgan St. or on YouTube-Anna First Live Feed.

Anna Heights Baptist Church

Pastor Darryl Williams continued his sermon series: Genesis the Beginning. This week: the Fall and the Heart of Sin.

Anna Heights is grieving another loss of one of its long time members, Mary Edmonds. She served in the nursery/child care for many years. Our sympathy goes out to her family.

October birthdays: 21 Barbara Gamble, Ben Greer, Glenna Miller, 24 Darrell Hannahs, 25 Elijah Revelle, 28 Rachel Frazier, Chuck Marks, Aaliyah Prater, McKenzie Spurlock.

October anniversaries: 22 James and Megan Houseman, 23 Rodney and Kendra Seip, 26 Victor and Alisha Murillo, 30 Richard and Donna Lyerla.

Attendance for Oct. 10: 8 a.m. worship 92. 10:30 a.m. morning worship 111. Small group Bible study 219. 6 p.m. worship 35.

Pumpkin Patch Outdoors will be Saturday, Oct. 30, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the church parking lot.

Momma Lou's Crafters will meet Thursday, today, at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center chapel. They will be making Christmas ornaments.

Operation Christmas Child October donations are for the \$9 postage for filled shoeboxes due Nov. 7.

United Methodist Church, Anna

It was good to have Rev. Tim and Myra Gossett back. The church will celebrate after church next Sunday with a pastor appreciation party for them.

Liturgist was Nelly Corbit. Praises were given. Prayers for those who are sick and have lost loved ones.

Barbara House led the singing. Special music was I Lift My Voice by Teri Goldsberry. Gabe Mus-



Kiwanis Induction Dinner, 2021

Randy Kinder welcomed John Hughey as incoming Kiwanis president for 2021-2022.

John Hughey presented a thank you to Randy Kinder for serving as president this past season.

Acting Lt. Gov. Peter Alexander welcomed Randy into his new role.

The club was happy to have guests from the Carbondale Kiwanis join them, as well as super proud to have Eric Massey and Steve Hornbeak provide entertainment.

Tina Dudley was inducted as the 2021-2022 secretary while Kari Kinder was acknowledged as outgoing secretary.

Over this past year, the Anna Kiwanis has donated over \$15,000 to various organizations in support of serving the children of Union County and the world.

grave took up the children's mission offering.

Rev. Tim's sermon "I was glad when they said unto me Let us go into the House of the Lord! Words by David," from the Psalms. "Stewardship of Presence."

In loving memory of Virginia Housman there will be a celebration of life Friday, Oct. 22, at 11 a.m., with visitation at 9:30 a.m., at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church. Virginia was very fond of many of our congregation and Pete invites all her friends to come celebrate her life.

Fall Bazaar

The Bazaar Women of the United Methodist Church Anna are sponsoring an All Church Bazaar Saturday, Nov. 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will also be some cookies for sale as well as their beautiful fall and Christmas crafts.

They will be serving ham and beans, cornbread as well as dessert. Veterans may eat free.



Magen Livesay and Bryan Watkins have returned from a trip to Panama City Beach, Fla., on the beach and fishing to celebrate Magen's move back home from Nashville.

The bazaar committee will be setting up on Friday, Nov. 5, starting at 3 p.m. You can drop off your items then. They invite all to participate by bringing crafts or baked goods.

All the proceeds from the bazaar will go back into doing church missions.



Jane Bauer, president of the GFWC Illinois Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club, welcomed guest speaker Officer Jason Leek to the club's meeting at the Anna Arts Center Oct. 4, who told about his work as school resource officer and working on the police force in Anna and Jonesboro. Jason has been with the Anna Police Department eight years and with our schools for two years. He also helps his daughters train for cross country and the other students as well.

Trick or Treat

Saturday, Oct. 23, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Downtown Anna and the Jonesboro Square. Quick's Skating Rink will be giving out trick or treat also on East Davie Street.

Trick or treat at homes will be Saturday, Oct. 30, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Anna and Jonesboro.

Anna VFW

Star Karaoke Halloween party will be Oct. 29 at 6 p.m.



Eva Meisenheimer competed in the 50th annual Racking Horse World Celebration held in Decatur, Ala. This is the world championship horse show for the breed and this was Eva's first time showing at the annual event. Eva is the third generation to show at the Celebration, following in the footsteps of her grandfather, Mike Meisenheimer, and father, Lance Meisenheimer. Eva showed a 23-year-old mare named Spotlight on Glory in the Juvenile 12 and Under Trail Pleasure class and placed 5th out of 16 entries. Eva had most of her family present in Alabama and it looks like she will have a bright future ahead in the horse business.

Television Listings

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Mary M. Edmonds

Mary M. Edmonds, 94, of Anna, died Monday, Oct. 11, 2021, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

She was born on Sept. 14, 1927, the daughter of Grover Bismark and Lena M. Lingle Lyerly.

She married the love of her life, Carl W. Edmonds, on July 4, 1948, in Hernando, Miss. He preceded her in death on Jan. 19, 1994.

She was adored by all of her family. She was welcomed into this world by her own grandfather, Andrew J. Lyerly, who was a physician at that time.

She was an active member of the garden club and the PTA. She enjoyed playing the piano. She attended the Anna Heights Baptist Church in Anna, where she also taught in the Sunday School, worked in the nursery and also worked in the treasury department.

She is survived by her children, Carl Randall "Randy" (Mary Jane) Edmonds of Anna, Rebecca Susan Tripp of Anna, William Roderick (Julia) Edmonds of Anna, Betsy Rhea Welby of Wildwood, Mo., and Jonathan Robert (Ellen) Edmonds of Edwardsville; grandchildren Joe Collier, Ashley Bellini, Allison Martin, Christopher Edmonds, Tyler Edmonds, Kodie Ritchie, Adam Tripp, Sarah and Katie Edmonds and Anna and Matthew Welby; great-grandchildren Sadie, Anthony and William Carwyle, Drew Edmonds, Alexandra Martin, Alessandro and Tommaso Bellini and Graydon and Adeline Edmonds.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl W. Edwards; her parents; granddaughters Kacie and Kylie Edmonds; a nephew, Steve Sharkness; brothers John and Ralph Lyerly, and two infant brothers; and a sister, Genevieve Sharkness.

Funeral services were at noon Saturday, Oct. 16, at Anna Heights Baptist Church, with the Rev. Darryl Williams officiating. Interment immediately followed in the Anna City Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to Anna Heights Baptist Church.

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

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



Obituaries

Correne Lavonna Bliss

Correne Lavonna Bliss, 93, of Coweta, Okla., and formerly of Olathe, Kan., Mount Morris, Davis and Anna died at 3:20 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021, at her home.

She was born on April 15, 1928, in Anna, the daughter of Lester Lee and Enola Lois Williams Stevens.

She first married Russell Arvid Swenson, and to this union three children were born.

She later married John Merlin Bliss on Aug. 21, 1989, and he survives.

Mrs. Bliss worked as a school bus driver for a time, and was a homemaker. She was an excellent cook and loved baking and decorating cakes.

She was a member of The Way Church of the Nazarene and faithfully attended church until her health no longer allowed her to do so. During her life, she taught Sunday School and sang in church choirs and trios.

She loved flowers, gardening, cardinals and hummingbirds, but mostly she loved spending time with her family. She was a wonderful and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Survivors include her husband of 32 years, John Bliss of Coweta, Okla.; her son, K. Steven (G. Dale) Swenson of Lake Wales, Fla.; her daughter, Rhonda (Rev. Steven) Lester of Coweta, Okla.; her daughter-in-law, Pam Swenson of Winterhaven, Fla.; seven grandchildren, Alana (Dr. Joe) Hauter of Mackinaw, Kaitlyn (Andrew) Sterken of Port Saint Lucie, Fla., Joshua (Marisa) Swenson of Lakeland, Fla., Matthew Swenson of Houston, Texas, Kristin Lester of San Francisco, Calif., Lindsay Lester of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Drew (Hayden) Lester of Tulsa, Okla.; five great-grandchildren, Dade, Milli, Lyla, Sebastian and Este; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, W. Bradley Swenson; and two brothers, Wallace Stevens and Norbert Stevens.

Family and close friends gathered for a graveside funeral service at Casper Cemetery near Anna at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, with the Rev. Steven Lester officiating.

Memorials can be made to The Way Church of the Nazarene and will be accepted at Crain Funeral Home, 135 W. Vienna St., Anna, Ill. 62906.

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

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



George G. Oliver

George G. Oliver, 62, of Dongola, died Friday, Oct. 15, 2021, at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

He was born on Nov. 20, 1958, in Metropolis, the son of Cletus and Nina Hannah Oliver.

He married Lena Battaglia on Nov. 20, 2004, in Alto Pass.

Mr. Oliver is survived by his wife, Lena Oliver of Dongola; a daughter, Nicole (Ryan) Stuart of Anna; a son, Dustin (Marina) Newberry of Cobden; four grandchildren, Bryan and Ian Stuart, Evelyn and Kennady Newberry; three brothers, Bill (Nancy) Oliver of Waynesboro, Va., Rev. C.J. "Rock" Oliver of Anna and Alvin L. (Sandy) Oliver of New Castle, Ind.; one sister, Laura Ann (Warren) Weatherford of Clinton, Ky.; other relatives and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Mr. Oliver worked as an ironworker for many years and was a member of Local No. 782 in Paducah. He was very passionate about his work and took pride in all he did.

He was an avid fisherman, and enjoyed bowling and motorcycle riding with his wife Lena. Family was very important to him and he loved spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, at Randleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna.

Memorials can be made to Autism Awareness. To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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



Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Mildred Fox and Helen Bracken of Jonesboro visited Wednesday with Maxine and Fred Pender of Fair City.

Sue and Steve Eudy of Anna enjoyed going to Cape Girardeau on Friday, Oct. 15. They did some shopping, enjoyed lunch at Grecian Steak House in Cape Girardeau and then supper at Tom's Place in Tamms. They were celebrating Sue's birthday.

Not much news this

week as older people are staying inside because of COVID.

Please get your COVID and flu shots for your own health and for others.

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.

Grant money available for Illinois businesses affected by pandemic

An Illinois state government program aimed at aiding small business recovery could be a welcome respite for struggling business owners in the region.

As part of Gov. JB Pritzker's economic recovery strategy, \$250 million has been allocated for the Back to Business, B2B, grant program.

The program aims to deploy small business recovery grants for those hit hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Grants will be available in amounts of \$5,000 up to \$150,000, depending on need, to cover a wide range of operations, staff and overhead costs.

Priority for the program will be given to the industries hardest hit by the pandemic, including hotels, salons, fitness centers, restaurants and others.

Economically distressed communities in Illinois with higher case counts of COVID-19 will also receive special consideration, as will businesses with less than \$5 million in revenue in 2019.

Priority will also be given to businesses that have yet to qualify for state or federal assistance. However, business owners may still apply even if they have received government assistance previously.

To qualify, a business must have had revenues of less than \$20 million in 2019 and show a reduction

of revenue in 2020 due to COVID-19.

Applicants will need copies of 2019 and 2020 federal tax returns as well as two business bank statements from the period of March 2019 to December 2019, along with a current business statement. A business owner ID is also required (ITIN accepted).

Applications will be accepted on a rolling base until funds for the program are depleted.

Applications for the program can be found online at Illinois.gov/dceo. For more information, contact Larry A. Moore at 618-614-0317.

Lick Creek Fall Festival scheduled

Lick Creek School plans to host a Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 23. The festival will be from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Many activities are planned, including games, a silent auction, a pie auction, a cake walk, a bounce house, raffles and more. Fried fish will be served.

A Power Wheels demo derby presented by Baker Racing also will be featured at the festival.

The schedule for festival includes: 3 p.m., Power Wheels derby. 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., silent auction, games, activities. 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., pie auction, live auction.



Check out the yard sales in this week's paper and yard sale safely. To place yours call 618-833-2158.

Do you have pain every time you eat? It could be your gallbladder.



Tamer Aiti, MD, FACS
General Surgeon

Pain in the upper right or upper middle of your stomach after eating is often caused by a gallbladder condition such as gallstones. If you're suffering from this or symptoms including nausea, vomiting, fever, yellowing of the skin and eyes, or bloating, don't wait to get help. We'll provide a careful diagnosis. And if gallbladder surgery is needed, we use a minimally invasive technique that requires only tiny incisions.

Next-day appointments are often available. And if you need a referral, we'll help you get one from your primary care physician. To schedule an appointment, call 618-833-2872.



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Dongola High School escrow students

Shawnee Community College Board of Trustees president Steve Heisner met with Dongola High School escrow students, the board of education and administration at a recent school board meeting to discuss future plans. In the first row are board member Wayne Brown, Presley Hoffman, Melanie Altamirano, Mady Mead, Connor Crider and Shawnee Community College Board president Steve Heisner. In the second row are principal Salina Hilliard, Peyton Lingle, Madison Delgadillo, Kristen Duckworth and bookkeeper Joni Lewis. In the third row are superintendent Dr. Paige Maginel, Angelina Wiseman and Ariana Cosenza. In the fourth row are board members Dave Gaddis, Brenda Hogue and Cherie Wright. In the fifth row is director of curriculum and instruction Ellie Rush. Photo provided.

10-digit dialing slated to begin in 618 area code

The Illinois Commerce Commission, ICC, announced early this year that effective Oct. 24, phone customers in the 618, 309 and 708 area codes will be required to use 10 digit dialing (or 1+10-digit) when making local calls to ensure users can dial 988 to reach the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline starting in July 2022.

Union County is in the 618 area code.

The ICC reported that on July 16, 2020, the Federal Communications Commission adopted an order (FCC 20-100) approving 988 as the abbreviated dialing code to reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, starting July 16, 2022.

Additionally, the order requires all telecommunications carriers, Interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) providers,

and one-way VoIP providers (covered providers) to make any network changes necessary to support 988 as the abbreviated dialing code for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

The FCC also ordered any area code that has a 988 prefix assigned and has seven-digit local dialing to be transitioned to 10-digit local dialing.

There are 37 states and 83 area codes impacted by the order where 988 is a working prefix.

All services, automatic dialing equipment or other types of equipment (life safety systems, fax machines, fire or burglar alarms, mobile contact lists, call forwarding) that are

programmed to complete local calls using only seven-digit numbers will need to be reprogrammed to complete calls to 10-digit numbers, the ICC noted.

Any local phone call made by dialing seven digits will not go through after Oct. 24 in any of the three area codes and a recording will inform you that your call cannot be completed as dialed, the ICC advised.

Customers will not have to change phone numbers and the price of the call will not change due to the dialing change.

Customers must continue to dial 1-800-273-TALK (8255) to reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

Public Record

from the files at the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro

Realty Transactions

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

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Sherry W. Eudy, Karen R. Hicks, Rose A. Nevels. Grantee: Jamie Lynn Hinkle. Tract Section 30 Township 12S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Melissa Keck, William S. Keck. Grantee: Alyssa B. Reynolds. Subdivision Name: E.H. and Helen Smith Add. of Jonesboro. Lot 3.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Duane Lee Dillow. Grantee: Duane Dillow, Duane L. Dillow Living Trust. Tract Section 26 Township 13S Range 2W. Tract Section 27 Township 13S Range 2W. Tract Section 11 Township 13S Range 2W. Tract Section 12 Township 13S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Andrew Quintana. Grantee: Robert D. Bolanowski. Subdivision Name: I.F. Champions Add. Lot 2.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Union Church, Union Water Valley Church. Grantee: Water Valley Country Church Trustees. Tract Section 13 Township 11S Range 1W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Kyle Anthony Johnson. Grantee: Keith Sorrell, Linda Sorrell. Tract Section 23 Township 12S Range 1E.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Jarid B. Veronesi. Grantee: Donald Kent Dublin, Kimberly Sue Dublin. Subdivision Name: Forest Place Addition. Block 14. Lots 10, 11.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Nancy S. Young. Grantee: David Lee Larssonneur. Subdivision Name: Daniel Siffords Heirs Add. Lot 6.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: W.E. Rayburn, William Earl Rayburn. Grantee: Julia Lee Thiel. Tract Section 6 Township 13S Range 1W.

Quit Claim Deed. Grantor: Leslie Dublin, Lisa Penrod. Grantee: Linda Reynolds. Tract Section 23 Township 12S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: Linda Reynolds. Grantee: Damian Eftink. Tract Section 23 Township 12S Range 2W.

Warranty Deed. Grantor: David D. Prater, Kimberly D. Prater. Grantee: John E. Wyatt III, Susanne K. Wyatt. Tract Section 21 Township 12S Range 1W.

Traffic Citations

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

Timothy L. Hanney, Anna, mufflers, \$345. Nisalia Y. Montalbo, Berwyn, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$255.

Debbrah Lee King, Spring Valley, pedestrian/influence drug/alcohol, \$255. Breanna N. Miner, Cape Girardeau, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$255.

Sarah B. Cordia, Cape Girardeau, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$255. Tamara K.

Beggs, Anna, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Tamara S. Purcell, Salem, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164. Laura A. Korando, Campbell Hill, registration expiration, \$255.

Kenneth O. Merryman, Dongola, seat belt required/driver, \$164. Kaylee M. Wagner, Steeleville, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Sandra Lee Morgan, Marion, transport/carry alcoholic liquor/passenger, \$164. Lawrence R. Bennett, Lafayette, Ind., transport/carry alcoholic liquor/passenger, \$255.

Zachary A. Rybicki, Ashley, transport/carry alcoholic liquor/passenger, \$255. Samuel J. Hileman, Anna, seat belt required/driver, \$164.

Ismael Mata, Memphis, Tenn., driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164. Jesus Olvera Amezcua, Cobden, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164.

Samuel J. Childers, Marion, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Seth D. Halligan, Murphysboro, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Bailey A. Brewer, Karnak, seat belt required/driver, \$164.

Quintin Q. Porter, Batesville, Miss., speeding 26-34 mph over limit, \$902. Dustin Kyle Davenport, St. Charles, Mo., use mobile telephone/driving, \$426.

Elmer L. Teller, Makanda, unlicensed, \$255. Dakota M. Pickles, Anna, fail to reduce speed, \$255.

Kacee Victoria Breen, Crawford, Texas, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$255. Derrick M. Raney, Carbondale, unlicensed, \$255.

Shurita Arashia Twiggs, Charleston, Mo., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$255. Hali D. Clutts, Tamms, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$731.

Maddison B. Smith, Harrisburg, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Victoria L. Combs, Bolingbrook, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Gunter J. Gosha, Herrin, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164. Kenneth L. Irvin, Carterville, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Roberto G. Meza, Carbondale, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Brandon M. Harris, Fishers, Ind., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Jeffrey R. Williams, Creal Springs, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Samantha L. Schaefer, Wolf Lake, electronic communication device, \$164. Richard H. Theis, Dongola, seat belt required/driver, \$164.

Johny L. Eubanks, Jonesboro, operate uninsured motor vehicle, \$731. Steven C. Morgan, Benton, Mo., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Maranda J. Yerk, Marion, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$255. Hollie L. Harrel, Anna, registration expiration, \$255.

Andrea L. Jones, Williamsville, Mo., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Landon Tyler Scott, Bismarck, Mo., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$64.

Sandra Lee Morgan, Marion, transport/carry alcoholic liquor/passenger, \$164. James M.L. Dethrow, Murphysboro, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$253.50.

Danny R. Dillon, Marion, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$255. Ezra A. Johnson, Chicago, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$255.

Kori A. Grove, Jonesboro, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Kristy A. Schulte, O'Fallon, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Hope E. Schmidt, Bluford, electronic communication device, \$164. Brandon E. King, Belleville, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164.

Genevieve Underwood, Carterville, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164. Gerald Lee Wilke, Knox, Ind., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$255.

Jonathan C. Gibbs, Carbondale, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$255. Alexandra Brooke McCulley, Fairfield Bay, Ark., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

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Kirsten L. Riehl, Jackson, Mo., driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164. Nathan P. Odea, Mount Vernon, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164.

Trenton H. Bennett, Cobden, driving 21-25 mph above limit, \$164. Thomas J. Brilley, Corinth, Miss., improper traffic lane usage, \$164. Cindy M. Daily, Odin, driving 15-20 mph above limit, \$164.

Marriage Licenses

The county clerk's office issued a marriage license to: Michael Lawrence Huskey of Makanda and Gina Raye of Makanda.

Morgan Elizabeth Dillard of Belleville and Zachary Michael Miller of Belleville. Jeffrey Allen Sill of Murphysboro and Betty Jo Dillon of Murphysboro.

Collin Jeffery Crews of Anna and Lori Ann Williams of Anna. Brandon K. Smith of Cave-In-Rock and Chelse D. Frazee of Cave-In-Rock.

Sierra Danielle Calloni of Buckner and Dakota Ray Gregge of Buckner. Andrew Fletcher Brackett of Carlyle and Jocelyn Claire Rothschild-Frey of Carlyle.

Anthony Joseph Crane of Jonesboro and Angel Ann Steiner of Sparta.

John Adam Brust of Ullin and Barbara Marie Lynn

Gorst of Ullin.

Marisa Jean Roney of Clarksville, Tenn., and Kristin Elizabeth Vance of Clarksville, Tenn.

Aquila Michelle Wheeler of Metropolis and Roy Scott Johnson of Cobden.

Zackary Scott Winding of Paducah and Cynthia Jewell Blair of Paducah.

Daniel Lee Williams of Buncombe and Abbey Michelle Heath of Buncombe.

Robert Ellis Grove IV of Anna and Samantha Lynn Richards of Anna.

Crystal Gayle Clapper of Wickliffe, Ky., and Joshua David Simmons of Jonesboro.

Anthony Titus Fobs of Marion and Tenisha Lynn Brown of Marion.



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County of Union

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Lance Meisenheimer
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Clerk of Union County. Filed

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and that the True Name(s) and
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owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of
said Business is:

David Cook
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Anna, IL 62906

Lance Meisenheimer
Union County Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

**IN THE INTEREST OF:
ANTWON HOFFMAN,
GRAYSON BRETOLD,
Minors.
NO. 2019-JA-28
2019-JA-29**

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Jason D. Brethold, and
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CONCERN:

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DALY, as Special Prosecutor,
in and for Union County,
Illinois, in the Circuit Court
of Union County entitled "In
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HOFFMAN, a minor" and
"In the interest of GRAYSON
BRETOLD, a minor", and
that in Judge Amanda Byas-
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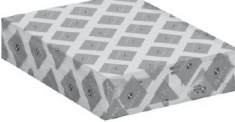


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Cloudy October night

The moon was shining through clouds in the sky over St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cobden on Wednesday night, Oct. 13.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Oct. 17, Perry Williams spoke at the Sunday morning worship service.

In the message, he shared about being a pastor and a discussion about death, based on scripture from the Old Testament Book of Ecclesiastes.

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

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

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

Music director Dee Rose led the worship. Debbie York was the pianist. Debbie also presented the song "How Great is Our God" as an instrumental solo. Marlee Smith sang the song "Just Be Held."

The church's Sunday evening service was cancelled so everyone could attend the 191st annual meeting of the Clear Creek Baptist Associ-

ation. The meeting was held at Caledonia Community Church.

A Hospitality Sunday is planned Oct. 24. A potluck meal and a card shower for Pastor Appreciation Month are planned. The event is scheduled to begin immediately following the morning worship service.

The church plans to host a Trunk or Treat event for kids from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, in the lower parking lot.

Birthdays: Lynn Timmerman, Oct. 18; Joyce Holsouser, Oct. 21; Doris Whiteside, Oct. 24.

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

The Dig-In children's program and youth group meetings are planned from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays.

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

Motorists reminded that autumn brings active season for white-tailed deer

As the days get shorter, the temperatures drop and the leaves change color and fall, the Illinois Department of Transportation, IDOT, and Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, are reminding motorists that autumn is accompanied by deer mating season in Illinois.

During this time of year, deer become especially active, mainly at dawn and dusk, from October through December.

"Although a collision with a deer can happen any time of year, we are entering the peak season," Illinois Department of Transportation Secretary Omer Osman said.

"Deer can often appear suddenly in some surprising environments so you are urged to be on alert.

"Slow down, pay attention in areas where they are known to travel and remember - don't veer for deer.

"While the urge to swerve is instinctual, it could cause you to lose control of your vehicle and increase the severity of a crash."

Safe driving tips to observe during deer mating season include:

Be aware of your surroundings, especially in areas with deer crossing signs.

Scan the sides of the road for eye shine - the reflection of headlights in their eyes.

Slow down if you see a deer. They travel in groups, so more are likely nearby.

Prepare for the unexpected. Deer may stop in the middle of the road or double back.

If a collision is inevita-

ble, try to glance your vehicle off the deer and avoid swerving into the opposite lanes of traffic.

In 2020, 13,787 motor vehicle crashes involved deer in Illinois.

Of these, 13,166 resulted in damage to property or vehicles, while 611 caused personal injuries. Ten of the crashes resulted in fatalities.

More than 43 percent of crashes involving deer in Illinois occurred in October, November and December, with November being the highest-risk month.

Rural environments were the site of more than 62 percent of all motor vehicle crashes involving deer, with more than 72 percent occurring at twilight or nighttime.

The top 10 Illinois counties for crashes involving deer in 2020:

Cook, 469. Madison, 375. Will, 322. Sangamon, 308. Peoria, 306. Kane, 275. McHenry, 271. Fulton, 268. Lake, 250. Williamson, 249.

Statistics shared by state officials showed 88 motor vehicle crashes involving deer occurred on Illinois public roadways in Union County during 2020.

Injuries were reported in five of the accidents. Six persons sustained injuries. Property damage occurred in 83 of the accidents.

"Whether in rural or urban areas, deer are part of the Illinois landscape and we need to be alert to their presence," IDNR director Colleen Callahan said.

"Please be cautious while on the road as deer are particularly active during the mating season in the fall and during busy

driving times around dawn and dusk."

If you hit a deer, pull off to the shoulder, turn on your hazard lights and call 911 to report the accident.

Do not exit the vehicle to check on an injured deer

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

A Sunday morning worship service was held Oct. 17 in the church and on Zoom.

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

Special music was provided by Jessica Elkins, Madison Schnaare, Lottie Smith and Harley Schnaare.

The morning message by Pastor Wright was titled "Where is the Fire Today?" Scripture was from Genesis, Acts, 1 Corinthians, Galatians and Romans.

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

Friday night Bible study is planned at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 22 on Zoom. The pastor can be texted for the ID number for the Zoom meeting.

NYI bowling and a lock-in are planned Oct. 22.

A grocery giveaway is planned from 10 a.m. to noon on Oct. 23.

Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 24.

Adult and children's Sunday School is planned at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 24.

A morning worship service is planned at 10:35 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 24. Oct. 24 is Pastor Appreciation Sunday. Cards of encouragement can be brought for Pastor Wright.

Quizzing is planned at 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24.

A Wednesday night service is planned at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 27 in the sanctuary and on Zoom, with the youth

or pull it from the road.

For information on how to claim a deer involved in a crash, or to report possession of a deer killed in a deer-vehicle crash, visit the IDNR website, www2.illinois.gov/dnr.

group meeting and children's Bible quizzing in the fellowship hall. The pastor can be texted prior to the meeting for the Zoom password.

Friday night Bible study is planned at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, on Zoom. Pastor Wright can be texted for the password prior to the meeting.

Trunk or treat is planned from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Oct. 30.

Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 31.

Adult and children's Sunday School is planned at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 31.

A morning worship service is planned at 10:35 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 31. Prime Timer's appreciation will be on Oct. 31.

Quizzing is planned at 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31.

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

Church planning grocery giveaway

A grocery giveaway is planned Saturday, Oct. 23, at the Anna First Church of the Nazarene. The giveaway will be from 10 a.m. to noon.

The church is located at 100 Kirk St. in Anna. Those who come to the giveaway are asked to enter the church parking lot by way of Kirk Street and then proceed to the fellowship hall.

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Opinion and Commentary

Editorial

Virtual meetings should be an exception

Every city council or school board has issues large and small that impact the lives of the people it serves.

Should residents be allowed to have chickens within city limits?

Should the city-owned hospital be sold?

What programs should the school district cut to have a balanced budget?

How should students be allowed to dress in school?

Even matters that may seem trivial are important to someone. It is the duty of public officials on public bodies to give every matter serious consideration. And it is the duty of citizens to whom those matters are important to provide input.

Those duties are most effectively carried out in person, during in-person interactions.

Meetings of city councils, school boards and other public bodies are opportunities for community residents to voice their opinions, and for public officials to hear them. Those meetings, many times held in a room full of people with passionate and sometimes opposing viewpoints, are fundamental and vital processes that play out in all Illinois communities.

The impact of those vital interactions has been diminished since the pandemic forced many public meetings to be held virtually. Now, there is a bill in the Illinois Senate that would give government entities the power to conduct any meeting electronically, not in person, for any reason. The bill is a threat to our democracy, and must not become law.

Senate Bill 482 was introduced in February by Sen. Christina Castro, D-Elgin. It did not make it out of committee during the regular session, but it could be considered when the legislature meets for its fall veto session, which was scheduled to begin Oct. 19. The legislation is a top agenda item for the Illinois Municipal League.

The bill would amend the Open Meetings Act by modifying requirements by which an open or closed meeting may be conducted by audio or video conference without the physical presence of a quorum of the members.

The bill's proponents believe virtual meetings are more efficient and transparent than those held in person. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Anyone who has attended a virtual meeting or family gathering during the past 18 months – who hasn't?! – knows that discussions are shorter and ultimately less effective when they are not held in person, face to face. Dialogue simply isn't as meaningful when we're all in different rooms.

In public meetings, people are more reluctant to provide input if they are forced to do it remotely. There's just something about being able to look a board member in the eye, and gauge their reactions, in person. Often, that board member will look back at you.

And there's much to be said about the access a resident or reporter has to a public official once the meeting has concluded. They're in the room. In a virtual meeting, the "leave" button is an escape hatch for any public official who wishes to have no further conversation.

Certainly, the pandemic was a valid reason for taking proceedings from council chambers to a Zoom room. But it was simply an exception to the rule, a need that no longer exists as we all return to a safer normal.

The public has a right to interact with their elected officials, face to face and not on a screen.

Let's not create an environment that further removes governing from the public's eye. Let's find ways to create more opportunities for personal interactions with our elected officials.

As society returns to normal, so, too, should public meetings. The rule must be for in-person proceedings. Virtual meetings should be an exception, only when participants' health and safety is at risk.

Senate Bill 482 must be rejected.

The Illinois Press Association, IPA, distributed this editorial stating opposition to a bill in the Illinois Senate that would give government entities the power to conduct any meeting electronically, not in person, for any reason. The Gazette-Democrat is a member of the IPA.



An October evening

Rays of sunshine were shining through a break in a cloudy sky over Union County on Thursday evening, Oct. 14. The photo was taken from the road at the Union County State Fish and Wildlife Area at Ware.

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

October time traveling...a little closer to home



Well...at least now we know why the chicken...make that chickens...crossed the road...and you'll find out, too, just by reading on...

In keeping with tradition...sort of...the Other Half and yours truly once again were able to do a little bit of time traveling during the third weekend of October.

And, while we were on our adventures, we also were able to answer an age-old question...

As you may recall, for many years, in mid-October, we have taken a trip back in time. The journey involved a bit of a road trip which included some time on Illinois Route 146 and Interstate 24.

Our destination was the annual Fort Massac Encampment in Metropolis, which traditionally has been held during the third weekend of October. Except in 2020. Something about a pandemic.

The encampment took place last weekend. We're still being rather cautious about being around thousands of people, so we decided to go on a time traveling adventure a little bit closer to home...and a little less crowded.

Our journey took us for a bit of a jaunt along the Lick Creek International Speedway, also known as Lick Creek Road. Not far north of Anna, we left Lick Creek Road and made a right turn onto Camp Ground Road.

Our time traveling on a bright, sunny and warm mid-October day in 2021 took us along part of what is designated as the original route of the Trail of Tears. The road took us to Camp Ground Church and Cemetery, which is east of Anna, not far from Interstate 57. As a matter of fact, when you get out of the car at the landmark church and cemetery, you can hear the traffic zooming by on the nearby interstate.

A Trail of Tears National Historic Trail marker on the grounds of the church and cemetery offers a little bit of history for readers:

"Home to thousands of men, women, and children, the Cherokee Nation once spread across parts of Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Alabama. The 1830 Indian Removal Act required that the Cherokee surrender their land and move west.

"In 1838, more than 15,000 Cherokee began their trek west from their eastern homeland to Indiana Territory (present-day Oklahoma) over the 'Trail of Tears.' They traveled by roads and rivers, passing through southern Illinois. Nearly 1,000 died during the journey westward, and up to 4,000 died as a result of the forced removal process."

Sobering words. Especially on such a beautiful October afternoon.

If you are not familiar with the story of the Trail of Tears, and its connection to the history of Union County, I would encourage you to look further into the story...you might even want to do a little bit of time traveling on a Saturday afternoon...

Meanwhile...

...something a little bit lighter...about the answer to that age-old question...

While we were motoring along Camp Ground Road, we came upon a gathering of chickens. (Camp Ground Road, by the way, is spelled incorrectly on Google maps, which lists the thoroughfare as "Campground Road." Common mistake, I suppose.)

The chickens did not seem the least bit concerned about the possibility of being flattened by a chunk of metal and rubber tooling down what I am pretty sure they thought was their road.

Apparently, concerns about chickens crossing the road first surfaced in a magazine in New York City in 1847. I guess folks in New York City didn't have much to do back then. If I were a chicken, I would probably be more concerned about crossing a road in New York City in 2021...just sayin'...

The chickens we saw last Saturday afternoon just kind of nonchalantly meandered along the side of the road, out into the road...and then...we had the question answered...

...the chickens crossed the road...to get to the other side...

And now you know...

...well, maybe...I did not specifically ask any of the chickens why they were crossing the road...guess the whole thing might still be a mystery after all...

...before we finish up with chickens, let me share a joke with you...

Why did the chicken cross the road? To prove to the possum that it could actually be done. Sorry...

Meanwhile...

...I saw a little snake crossing the road last Monday afternoon...which raises a whole new set of questions...which we will deal with another time...

Stay safe...

(One last thing...to the folks who share their appreciation and kind words about this column...thank you...it really means a lot...)



A sign along Camp Ground Road designates the original route of the Trail of Tears.

Drop, Cover, Hold On

Great Central U.S. Shakeout scheduled; families urged to be ready for earthquake

Southern Seven Health Department says that if you have lived in Southern Illinois for more than a minute, you've likely heard of the New Madrid fault, also known as the New Madrid Seismic Zone, NMSZ.

But, the health department asks: are you and your family prepared if the earth starts shaking?

This year's Great Central U.S. Shakeout is set for 10:21 a.m. on Oct. 21. Southern Seven Health Department is encouraging families to be ready for an earthquake by practicing the Drop, Cover and Hold On drill – and practice it often.

The health department says that according to shakeout.org, you may only have seconds to protect yourself in an earthquake, before strong shaking knocks you down or drops something on you. Practicing helps you be ready to respond.

The health department offers some scenarios you can practice with your family.

If you are inside a building, move no more than a few steps, then Drop, Cover and Hold On:

DROP to the ground (before the earthquake drops you).

Take COVER by getting under a sturdy desk or table.

HOLD ON to it until the shaking stops.

Stay indoors until the shaking stops and you are sure it is safe to exit. In most buildings in the United States, you are safer if you stay where you are until the shaking stops.

If you are outdoors when the shaking starts, you should

find a clear spot away from buildings, trees, streetlights and power lines, then Drop, Cover and Hold On. Stay there until the shaking stops.

If you are driving, pull over to a clear location, stop and stay there with your seatbelt fastened until the shaking stops. Once it does proceed with caution and avoid bridges or ramps that might have been damaged.

Ground shaking during an earthquake is seldom the cause of injury. Move as little as possible to avoid falling debris or flying glass.

Most injuries occur when people try to move more than a short distance during the shaking.

Now is the time to identify safe places such as under sturdy furniture or against an interior wall, the health department says. The safest place should be within a few steps to avoid injury.

In the past 25 years, scientists have learned that strong earthquakes in the central Mississippi Valley are not freak events, but have occurred repeatedly in the geologic past. The area of major earthquake activity also has frequent minor shocks and is known as the New Madrid Seismic Zone.

The NMSZ is made up of several thrust faults that stretch from Marked Tree, Ark., to Cairo in Southern Illinois.

To learn more about protecting yourself during an earthquake, call Southern Seven Health Department at 618-634-2297 or visit www.shakeout.org.

A Page from the Past

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A parade, scheduled to commence at 1:30 (p.m. Friday) will kick off this year's annual Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Homecoming activities.

The Homecoming (football) game, beginning at 8:15 p.m. will pit Anna-Jonesboro's Wildcats against the Metropolis Trojans.

All schools, financial institutions, county, state and federal offices will be closed Monday, Oct. 25.

They will be closed in observance of Veterans Day, another three day holiday recently decreed by Congress. The day was originally known as Armistice Day and observed on November 11.

The Carroll P. Foster Post 3455, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will sponsor a brief ceremony honoring our Veter-

ans, living and dead, at the Memorial Park adjacent to the post home north of Anna at 11:00 a.m. Monday, Oct. 25.

Plans are well underway for the annual Halloween party for young people of the area to be held Saturday, Oct. 30, beginning at approximately 7:00 p.m. The party this year will be held in the old heel factory on Market Street.

With the exception of two mornings when the area was shrouded in fog, the Union County area has experienced typical October weather this past week.

The United Christian Action Council of Union County will sponsor "Worship in Music" Sunday night, Oct. 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Anna.

Kerasotas Friendly Theatres and Kenneth Sherrill, manager of the Rodgers Theatre, Anna, announce the installation of a new 16 by 25 foot Walker High Intensity Screen.

From the Trinity news: Everyone is enjoying the lovely autumn weather.