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Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area



This is one of the many faces which can be seen at the 2021 Pumpkin Town display at the Anna City Park.

Happy Halloween to all of our readers. Be sure to watch out for the little ones who will be out trick-or-treating this weekend.

The weather forecast for this weekend is calling for high temperatures around 60 degrees on Saturday and Sunday...should be nice for trick-or-treating.

If you haven't gone to see the Pumpkin Town displays at the Anna City Park, be sure to do so...it's well worth a visit.

The City of Anna is accepting applications for a full-time police officer.

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council's Anna Arts Center is planning to host a salute to veterans, active duty military personnel and their families on Monday, Nov. 1. The tribute begins at 6 p.m.

Other activities on the calendar during November at the Anna Arts Center include an art exhibit for students in grades 4 through 12 Nov. 12-27, a Reindeer Run/Walk Nov. 27, a holiday bazaar and a gingerbread competition and exhibit, both on Nov. 27.

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State, AFSCME reach COVID vaccine agreement

The largest union agreement regarding COVID-19 vaccines for 7,800 state employees who are represented by AFSCME was announced Monday.

Nearly 10,000 state workers are now covered under union vaccine agreements, the governor's office said.

The agreement will ensure employees in 24/7 congregate facilities within the Illinois Departments of Human Services and Veterans' Affairs are protected with the COVID-19 vaccines.

Employees under all union vaccine agreements were required to get their

first shot by Oct. 26 and a second shot by Nov. 30.

"I'm proud to announce our sixth and largest union agreement that will protect nearly 10,000 state workers and the people under their care," Gov. JB Pritzker said Monday in a news release.

"We've overcome tremendous challenges during the pandemic, and I want to thank our partners in the labor movement for being a part of the solution.

"Each person that gets vaccinated is protecting themselves, the people around them and our state as a whole.

"We will continue to

work through the established legal process to ensure all state employees who work with the vulnerable and incarcerated are vaccinated."

In addition to the announced agreements, the state and AFSCME have reached an impasse at the bargaining table for employees at the Departments of Corrections and Juvenile Justice. The next steps for those bargaining units are as follows:

For roughly 10,300 security employees at the Departments of Corrections and Juvenile Justice, the state and the union will sub-

mit to interest arbitration.

For an additional 1,900 non-security employees at those two departments, the state has informed AFSCME that it will implement the following terms: employees must have gotten their first shot by Oct. 26 and are to get their second shot by Nov. 30. This is in accordance with state law.

State employees who remain unvaccinated pose a significant risk to individuals in Illinois' congregate facilities, officials declared.

Therefore, if employees do not receive the vaccine or an exemption by the dates identified, progressive

disciplinary measures will be implemented.

The agreement includes a process whereby employees can seek an exemption based on medical contraindications or sincerely held religious beliefs.

Following Monday's announcement that all state workers who work in state-run congregate facilities would be required to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, the agreements covering 2,090 workers have been made:

VR-704: 260 supervisory employees at the Illinois Department of Corrections, (continued on page 2)

VFW welcomes entries for Veterans Day parade

Carroll P. Foster VFW Post No. 3455 in Anna continues to accept entries for this year's Veteran's Day parade. The parade is scheduled Thursday, Nov. 11, in Anna.

The parade's organizers requested that if a business, club, organization or school received an invitation and it hasn't yet been returned to the VFW, "please take a few minutes and return it as soon as possible."

If a group did not receive an invitation, but would like to participate in the parade, stop by the VFW during its regular business hours of 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. and pick up an invitation at the bar.

Entrants will receive a phone call two or three days before the parade with their lineup position at the Anna park.

The VFW advises that entrants will need to enter the park at the Anna Pool, and cars which are not in the parade will need to leave the park by Rusty's Home Center.

Line up begins at 10 a.m. and the parade will begin promptly at 11 a.m.

Chili and hot dogs will be provided at the VFW post to those in the parade.

Certificates will be distributed at the conclusion of the parade in the back hall of the VFW Post.

Pumpkin Town on display in Anna



The 2021 Pumpkin Town creations are on display at the Anna City Park. The theme for this year is "Let's Play a Game." Among the many Pumpkin Town displays is a unique, Anna version of a Monopoly board game. The display was created by workers from several city departments.

County COVID-19 update

Southern Seven Health Department on Monday, Oct. 25, reported seven newly confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Union County.

The newly confirmed Union County cases involved one person in the 20s, three in their 30s, one in the 50s, one in the 60s and one in the 70s.

A total of 2,958 recovered cases were reported in the county as of Monday.

Also as of Monday, there were 33 active cases in the county. A total of 48 deaths had been reported in the

county since the start of the pandemic.

Southern Seven 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:

43 newly confirmed cases. 29 newly recovered. 183 total active cases. 173 total deaths. 10,512 cumulative total cases.

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



A ribbon cutting was held Thursday evening, Oct. 21, to formally mark the opening of Pumpkin Town for 2021. Pumpkin Town, which can be seen by driving through the Anna City Park, is scheduled to be on display through Oct. 31.



Fire hydrant breaks

An Anna city crew was at work repairing a fire hydrant in the 100 block of West Vienna Street which broke last week. The photograph was taken Tuesday night, Oct. 19.

Anna Pre-K honored

Anna School District No. 37 announces that the pre-kindergarten program at Lincoln Elementary School has met all of the requirements for the Excellence Illinois Gold Circle of Quality.

The Gold Circle of Quality is awarded to schools which demonstrate commitment to providing quality early childhood education to children in the district.

The Pre-K program at Lincoln Elementary School currently has 50 students enrolled in the three half-day classes.

Stacey Plott and April Kissiar-Ferguson are the classroom teachers, with Sara Jones and Amy Sturgeon serving as classroom aides.

The program focuses on the developing skills for the youngest learners in the district that will help them be successful in school.

Families with children who are 3 or 4 years of age can inquire about the Pre-K program by calling Lincoln Elementary School at 833-6851.



State, AFSCME vaccines

(continued from page 1) IDOC, and the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice, DJJ. The agreement was announced Sept. 20.

Illinois Nurses Association: approximately 1,100 nurses working in 24/7 facilities like McFarland Mental Health Facility, the Quincy Veterans' Home

and the Jacksonville Correctional Center. The agreement was announced Oct. 7. Illinois Federation of Public Employees: approximately 160 employees working in Human Services and Veterans' Affairs. The agreement was announced Oct. 7. Illinois Trade Unions:

approximately 470 employees working in 24/7 facilities such as Menard Corrections Center, Shapiro Developmental Center and Quincy Veteran's Home. The agreement was announced Oct. 18. Teamsters: approximately 100 maintenance equipment operators and

maintenance workers at the Illinois Department of Human Services and Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs. The agreement was announced Oct. 20.

AFSCME: approximately 7,800 employees in 24/7 congregate facilities within the Illinois Departments of, Human Services and Veterans' Affairs.

To further encourage vaccinations under the agreements with the unions, employees will receive an additional personal day.

If the vaccine administration is not available during an employee's regularly scheduled shift, the employee may be compensated at their regular pay for the time taken to receive the vaccine.

In addition, vaccinated employees will receive paid "COVID time," so that if a vaccinated employee gets COVID-19 they will receive a period of paid time off without using their benefit time.

All area counties at orange warning level

Southern Seven Health Department reports the Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, announced Oct. 22 that all of the counties served by Southern Seven remain at the orange warning level status on the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) risk metrics.

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.

Union County had 190 potential new cases (based on 32 positive cases) per 100,000 reported. The test positivity percentage for the county was 2.8 percent out of 1,147 tests. ICU availability was 14.7 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.

"Our ICU bed availability declined slightly this past week after making

significant improvements and hopefully that will just be a tiny blip in an overall positive trend," said Nathan Ryder, COVID-19 community outreach coordinator for Southern Seven Health Department, in a news release.

"We're really hoping ev-

Stormy Sunday night in area

Severe weather swept through the region late Sunday night.

The Union County Sheriff's Office in Jonesboro said Monday morning that no major problems had been reported as a result of the stormy weather.

Very heavy rain, strong winds and frequent lightning occurred during the storms.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah was alerting the region about the potential for severe weather throughout the day on Sunday.

"Thunderstorms will move into the area from the west early this evening and spread east through the rest of the evening and into the early overnight hours. These storms could produce damaging winds and possibly tornadoes," the weather service stated in a message which was posted on its website during the middle of the afternoon on Sunday.

everyone across the Southern Seven region will do their part to keep our community healthy heading into the busy holiday season."

Southern Seven Health Department continues to urge Southern Illinois residents to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

Union County was under a tornado watch until 1 a.m. Sunday.

Southwestern Union County was under a severe thunderstorm warning at around midnight. The warning was issued by the weather service office in Paducah.

At 11:20 p.m., the Union County Sheriff's Office posted a message by phone and on social media which advised that the "National Weather Service has issued a Tornado Warning for Cape County Missouri. At this time Union County is not under a Warning. Union County could potentially be in the path of this storm. This is an early alert and we ask that you monitor the weather conditions."

At about the same time that the alert was issued by the sheriff's office, severe weather warning sirens sounded in Union County communities.

Weather

Temperatures ranged from a high of 79 degrees to a low of 38 during the period of Oct. 19-25 in Union County.

Precipitation for the period included .39 of an inch of rain on Oct. 23, .04 of an inch of rain on Oct. 24 and .70 of an inch of rain on Oct. 25.

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

	H	L
Tuesday, Oct. 19	71	38
Wednesday, Oct. 20	76	46
Thursday, Oct. 21	69	53
Friday, Oct. 22	63	43
Saturday, Oct. 23	59	41
Sunday, Oct. 24	79	56
Monday, Oct. 25	67	51

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News Notes

(continued from page 1) As the paper was going to press Tuesday afternoon, Southern Seven Health Department announced that it was scheduling appointments for individuals who want to get a COVID-19 booster shot.

Union County and the cities of Anna and Jonesboro are offering financial support for a major project which is planned by the Anna-Jonesboro Water Commission. More on this to come.

The City of Anna and the Union County CEO program are working together on a Christmas holiday season special event.

The City of Anna is planning to reapply for Tree City USA designation. In a related matter, the city plans to have a tree planting at 2 p.m. on Nov. 10 at the Anna City Park.

The Anna Fire and Rescue Department is anticipating a May 2022 delivery date for a new fire truck.

Federal grant funding is being sought to help with major improvements at the Anna Business Park. The City of Anna is working with the Southern Five Regional Planning District and Development Commission on the grant application.

Anna Mayor Steve Hartline reported last week that he had received a lot of positive feedback about the Union County city's first ColorFest street festival, which was held in early October.

Resurfacing work appears to be in the plans for old U.S. Route 51, from Anna to Cobden.

Major resurfacing work from the four-way stop in downtown Anna to Jonesboro also appears to be under consideration.

Anna School District No. 37 has voiced appreciation to the City of Anna for the city's cooperation related to special activities held at the Anna City Park.

The City of Jonesboro is participating this year in the Honor Wreaths for Veterans program.

An agreement between Southern Illinois University Carbondale and Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois will provide mentoring and educational opportunities, summer camps and potential scholarships for junior high and high school stu-

dents and encourage them to pursue STEM careers.

Grace Pitts of Cobden will preside as queen of the Mardi Gras party in Pinckneyville this weekend. She was crowned as queen on Oct. 17.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution's Daniel Chapman Chapter is planning to host an annual Veterans Day service at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11 on the grounds of the Carnegie Library in Vienna.

Reminder: Southern Seven Health Department is planning to offer a drive-thru flu shot clinic from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Nov. 4 at the Union County farmers market location in Anna.

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

University of Illinois Extension announces that a Master Naturalist training program is scheduled to begin in early 2022.

PAWS is making plans for its annual auction and dinner, which are planned on the evening of Nov. 6 at The Barn on Lick Creek Road.

Information posted on the website for the National Weather Service office in Paducah shared that the outlook for winter 2021-2022 "favors above normal temperatures and above normal precipitation."

Another "official" sign that the summer season has come to an end: the fountain on the square in Jonesboro has been shut down.

Don't forget about the annual New Coats, New Hope Campaign sponsored by WIBH Radio in Anna.

Minutes from an early October village board meeting reported that a test drill for an additional well had begun in Cobden.

The start of high school "winter" sports seasons is just around the corner. The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School bowling team is set to open its season Nov. 6.

Fuzzy's in Cobden had an unexpected, four-legged furry guest drop in for a visit last weekend.

Last Thursday afternoon apparently was a good time to transport modular homes along Illinois Route 146 between Jonesboro and Ware.

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Transgender issues surface at county school district

A transphobic note circulating on social media and in the halls of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School has surfaced in the wake of a school board meeting where the topic of transgender facilities use was hotly debated.

Alleging to be the work of the "Anti Queer Association," the note prompted A-JCHS students to choose between two options:

"(YES) I WANT QUEERS TO GO IN THE BATHROOM"

or
 "(NO) I DON'T WANT QUEER KIDS TO GO TO THE BATHROOM WITH US NORMAL PEOPLE"

(The wording on the note appeared in all capital letters.)

According to school officials, the students behind the note have been identified and disciplined.

"We investigated what took place and found the people responsible and proper disciplinary actions have been taken," said A-JCHS District No. 81 superintendent Rob Wright.

Wright stated that specific information regarding the individuals involved and the disciplinary measures taken remains confidential. However, he reiterated the seriousness that the school treats cases of student harassment.

"We were able to put a stop to it before it got distributed much," Wright said. "This kind of behavior will not be tolerated in our school district."

The note surfaced on social media as early as the evening of Monday, Oct. 18, the same evening as the monthly A-JCHS District No. 81 School Board of Education meeting.

The meeting was marked by a 90-minute discussion on equal use of school facilities by transgendered students during the "visitors comments" section of the agenda.

School Board Meeting
 More than 100 people attended the District 81 Board meeting to voice their views on the issue of transgender rights in Illinois schools. The meeting took place in the A-JCHS auditorium.

A 2019 ruling by the Illinois Human Rights Commission of Illinois stated that Illinois schools cannot limit transgender students' access to the locker rooms that correspond to their gender identities.

Since the ruling, some school districts and parents in Illinois have unsuccessfully attempted to contest the ruling in both state and federal court.

Zack Plott introduced the issue with a prepared statement after being recognized by the board during the "recognition of visitors and correspondence" section of the board meeting.

"We all understand this is a mainstream idea," said Plott. "However this hit me personally when I found it was happening in this high school in my community, and that it was being kept from parents."

"Just because one person, or many, feel they should be able to enter and use the restroom, where a reasonable amount of privacy is expected, does not allow such a choice to infringe upon the right to privacy of others," Plott continued.

"Simply put, if a student has male parts, then they use the men's restroom and locker room. If student has female parts, they use the women's restroom and locker room."

"I understand that this is something you did not vote for. However, you did not notify the taxpayers that this was happening. Nor did you do anything to restrict or stop it."

A-JCHS superintendent Wright replied, voicing his own personal opinions, as well as the legal precedent in place.

"I too share many of the same concerns that Mr. Plott has. Speaking for myself personally, this has been very difficult," said Wright.

"I do not support the bullying or harassment of any student, regardless of their race, color, sex, sexual orientation or gender related identity or expression," Wright continued.

"However, the use of restrooms and locker rooms by the opposite sex is in my opinion an entirely different matter."

The superintendent then laid out the legal realities and ramifications surrounding the situation.

"These legal opinions came from both our school district's attorney and the Illinois State Board of Education," said Wright.

"The bottom line is that if a transgendered student, one who identifies as a member of the opposite sex, wishes to use the restroom or locker room of the sex that they identify with, there is nothing that we can do about it."

Wright also stressed that students will not be permitted to "switch back and forth," and that the administration has the option deal with each student's situation on a case-by-case basis.

"The student must, however, regularly and consistently identify with the opposite sex," said Wright, "and the administration has the discretion to make that determination."

Penalties for not adhering to the rulings would be steep for A-JCHS.

"If we do not allow this to happen, the district will be open to a OCR (Office of Civil Rights) complaint, and a civil law suit," said Wright.

"We would lose the case, based on current case law, and may also be forced to pay a summary judgment of up to \$1M, not to mention the thousands of dollars of legal fees incurred in our defense."

Refusal could also result in loss of all state and federal funds, which Wright stated makes up over 50 percent of the school's revenue. It could also mean the loss of recognized status by the state, affecting a graduate's ability to enter college.

Wright stated that plans to make renovations to current facilities that would add additional layers of privacy for students could help alleviate some concerns.

Others in attendance were unhappy with the lack of action by the board.

"If you knew this was just a matter of time before this happened, why weren't mitigation measures put in place a long time ago?" asked one member of the audience when the forum was opened up for questions.

Also in attendance was Jill Adams, who spoke on behalf of the Rainbow Cafe, an LGBTQ center serving Southern Illinois. Adams cited statistics illustrating the dangers that the transgen-

dered face.

"Based on a recent survey by the Trevor Project, 52 percent of all transgender and nonbinary people in the U.S. have seriously considered killing themselves," said Adams. "When gender is affirmed by the adults and institutions in these young people's lives, suicide rates drop dramatically."

"There have been no documented instances of violence, assault or bullying by transgendered individuals in restrooms, either in schools or public places," Adams continued.

Tor Neal, a rape crisis services counselor for adolescents from the Women's Center in Carbondale also spoke in defense of the rights of trans students.

"Transgendered people are four times more likely to report experience sexual violence than cisgendered people," said Neal. "The majority of trans youth in k-12 schools experience some form of mistreatment, and report being physically attacked and sexually assaulted."

Neal continued: "17 percent of trans students leave school forever to escape harassment."

The discussion lasted over 90 minutes, and involved some heated exchanges, including a shout of "domestic terrorist," from one member of the crowd. Many other speakers from the public expressed the need for patience and civility in the discourse.

The board president was able to call the crowd to order at times of uproar in order to continue the discussion, and Anna city police officers were in attendance.

Christmas shop grand opening set for Nov. 6

The old store building at 117 S. Appleknocker in Cobden is packed with all kinds of beautiful and unique items ready for the Saturday, Nov. 6, grand opening of the 2021 Christmas shop at 9 a.m.

The shop is scheduled to be open on weekends through Saturday, Dec. 18.

Hours are planned from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays. Friday afternoons are by chance.

Handmade trees in silver and white, Willow Tree Nativities, Dept. 56 Dickensville, ceramic trees, sleds, ice skates, ornaments, wreaths, lights, small trees and collectibles are among this year's offerings.

Specially designed, one-of-a-kind decorations incorporating vintage items by Frances Swedlund are a new feature this year.

This is the 19th year for the event, which is the primary fund-raiser for the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society, an all volunteer organization.

Masks are required. For more information call 893-2865, 893-2567 or 893-2067.



New business in Cobden

Salon 109 is a new business which is located in downtown Cobden. The new business is located in the former Phases Salon. Debbie Stroehlein, the owner of Phases Salon, has retired. She welcomes Jennifer Childers and Salon 109 to downtown Cobden and wishes her the best of luck. From left are Monte and Jennifer Childers and Debbie and Roger Stroehlein. Phases Salon had been in business for 29 years, including 27 years at its location in downtown Cobden. Photo provided.

Proposed Head Start project in Anna discussed at county board meeting

Representatives of the Southern Seven Head Start program presented a project proposal at last week's regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners.

The meeting was Friday morning, Oct. 22, at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro.

Southern Seven Health Department executive director/public health administrator Rhonda Andrews-Ray and early childhood administrator met with county officials to discuss the project.

Southern Seven Health Department is the grantee agency for the Head Start program in the region.

Southern Seven Head Start has leased the former Masters Choice building at 305 W. Vienna St. in Anna.

Plans are being made to renovate the facility, with the work being done in phases.

Andrews-Ray asked county officials if they would consider helping to support the project. The total cost of the project has not been finalized.

County board of commissioners chairman Max Miller said the proposal will be reviewed and discussed. He noted that the county

would like to have projected costs available as part of the review.

In other business, the county board approved a one-year contract for Union County Ambulance Service director Grant Capel.

Capel has been director of the ambulance service since July 1, 2013. He has been with the ambulance service

First responders being honored

Locally owned McDonald's restaurants in the area are celebrating first responders by offering them a free beverage of choice in the drive-thru in a promotion which began Oct. 25 and continues through Oct. 29.

McDonald's in Anna, Carbondale, Murphysboro and Vienna are among those offering the free beverages.

First responders include, but are not limited to, police officers, fire fighters, paramedics, EMTs and other emergency service providers.

First responders can present their ID to receive a free any size beverage of their choice.

The offer is only valid at participating McDonald's restaurants.

for almost 36 years.

Board chairman Miller praised Capel's work as director of the ambulance service. "Grant has done a tremendous job," Miller said.

State jobless rate 6.8 percent in September

The Illinois Department of Employment Security, IDES, reports that the state unemployment rate fell 0.2 of a percentage point to 6.8 percent, while nonfarm payrolls increased by 9,300, in September, based on preliminary data provided by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, BLS, and released by IDES.

The August monthly change in payrolls was revised from the preliminary report, from a gain of 2,500 to a gain of 7,400 jobs.

The August unemployment rate was unchanged from the preliminary report, remaining at 7.0 percent.

The state's unemployment rate was 2.0 percentage points higher than the national unemployment rate reported for September, which was 4.8 percent, down 0.4 of a percentage point from the previous month.

Amazon impersonators: what you need to know

Has Amazon contacted you to confirm a recent purchase you didn't make or to tell you that your account has been hacked? According to the FTC's new Data Spotlight, since July 2020, about one in three people who have reported a business say the scammer pretended to be Amazon.

These scams can look a few different ways. In one version, scammers offer to "refund" you for an unauthorized purchase but "accidentally transfer" more than promised. They then ask you to send back the difference. What really happens? The scammer moves your own money from one of your bank accounts to the other (like your savings to checking, or vice versa) to make it look like you were refunded. Any money you send back to "Amazon" is your money (not an overpayment) - and as soon as you send it out of your account, it becomes theirs. In another version of the scam, you're told that hackers have gotten access to your account- and the only way to supposedly protect it is to buy gift cards and share the gift card number and PIN on the back. Once that information is theirs, the money is, too.

Here are some ways to avoid an Amazon impersonator scam:

- Never call back an unknown number. Use the information on Amazon's website and not a number listed in an unexpected email or text.
- Don't pay for anything with a gift card. Gift cards are for gifts. If anyone asks you to pay with a gift card- or buy gift cards for anything other than a gift, it's a scam.
- Don't give remote access to someone who contacts you unexpectedly. This gives scammers easy access to your personal and financial information- like access to your bank accounts.

Have you spotted this scam? Report it at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/report-fraud)



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Sports

Commentary

A-J football season ends

By Mike Estel

Despite a loss in its final regular season game to an undefeated Benton squad, the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team has nothing to be ashamed of.

The Wildcats finished 4-5 and failed by one win of possibly clinching a state playoff berth. However, A-J played a lot of very good teams this season.

Benton has got to be the best high school football team this writer has watched in quite a few years. I believe they have all the things a team needs for a state playoff title.

And that's not to mention Murphysboro, Nashville, Carterville and Du Quoin. They all beat the Wildcats and had winning seasons and very likely will all be in the playoffs.

A-J could have won a lot more games. However, a lack of numbers and the injury bug affected several top players for the Wildcats during the fall season.

Injuries to key players Zack Stokes, Barry Johnson and Gavin Osman really hurt down the stretch. However, Osman was able to return for the final game, but was noticeably limping slightly. Matthew Wright's injury in the final game of the season didn't help the offense either.

For some reason, players aren't lining up by the droses to come out for the football team like they did in the past when this writer played.

You need to have a solid group of players on the bench just in case some of the regulars get injured like what happened to A-J

A-J girls', boys' cross country teams each finish third at Carterville regional

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' and boys' cross country teams ran at the Carterville Class 1A regional and each finished in third place. The regional was Saturday, Oct. 23.

Brodie Denny led the way for the Lady Wildcats with a time of 18:07 for her season best performance.

Zoe Jones finished in 6th place with a 19:28 time.

Other A-J finishers were Yoselin Avila, 12th, 21:01; Lakelyn Carter, 25th, 22:40; Kaylee Stover, 40th, 24:33;

during the fall season.

And head football coach Brett Detering got to coach his senior son, Andrew, for the final season, which has to be memorable for any coach.

Besides, Andrew the team will lose 14 other seniors to graduation and will have to rebuild for next season.

But all in all, A-J had a good season and the team has nothing to hang their heads down for. They were impressive to watch despite not advancing to the playoffs. They were ever so close.

Here's hoping the numbers pick up next season, but as Detering notes, injuries remain just part of the game every team has to deal with.

Trail society planning hike at Ferne Clyffe

The River-to-River Trail Society is planning to have a hike on Saturday, Oct. 30, at Dutchman Lake in Johnson County. The hike is free and open to the public.

The trail society said this will be a hike of between 5 and 6 miles, with some small creek crossings, and is 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. along the access road to Dutchman Lake, about 5 miles northwest of Vienna. For information or directions, call 270-331-1553.



A-J offense on the move

The Anna-Jonesboro offense was looking to move the ball against Benton in a high school football game played Friday night, Oct. 22. A-J hosted the game. Benton won the matchup, which was A-J's final regular season game of the fall 2021 season. Photo by Kendra Denny.

Benton ends Wildcats' football season

The Benton High School football team kept its undefeated record intact with a 42-14 win over Anna-Jonesboro at The Pit on A-J's Senior Night Friday, Oct. 22.

"There's a reason they're 9-0," A-J head football coach Brett Detering said. "They've got a good team. The quarterback was outstanding and they had a lot of team speed."

It didn't take long for Benton's offense to get rolling.

After three plays to begin the game, Isaiah Ward scored on a 1-yard run. Eli Hanson kicked the extra point conversion and Benton led 7-0 with 11:04 remaining in the first quarter.

The Rangers' onside kick worked on the ensuing drive and they took over at midfield.

Four plays later, quarterback Keegan Grover connected with Kyle Thomas

for a 22-yard TD pass. Hanson's extra point kick put Benton ahead 14-0 with 10:14 remaining in the opening quarter.

The Wildcats fumbled the football on their next drive and the Rangers recovered.

After a four-play drive, Glover passed to Thomas for a 29-yard TD pass.

Hanson's extra point kick had the Rangers ahead 21-0 with 7:32 remaining in the first quarter.

The Wildcats were then forced to punt and the Rangers took over again.

After three plays, Glover passed to Reid Baumgart for a 33-yard TD pass. Hanson's extra point kick pulled Benton ahead 28-0 with 2:11 left in only the first quarter.

The Wildcats finally moved into Ranger territory. But an incomplete pass on fourth down gave the ball up.

Four plays later, Glover passed to Baumgart for a

45-yard TD pass. Hanson's extra point kick was good and the Rangers led 35-0 with 5:24 remaining in the first half.

The Wildcats were forced to punt on their next drive.

Zach Howell then scored on a 15-yard run after a four play drive. Hanson's extra point kick closed out the scoring for Benton with 34 seconds left in the first half.

The A-J offense finally got something going in the second half.

After Josh Davis intercepted a Ranger pass at midfield, A-J's offense went to work.

Matthew Wright scored on a 4-yard run after a 10-play drive. The extra point conversion failed and A-J pulled to 42-6 with 1:54 left in the third quarter.

Quarterback Gavin Osman connected with Davis for a 41-yard TD pass. Osman ran in the extra point conversion and A-J closed

out the scoring with 2:24 remaining in the game.

Osman missed the last game with an injury and played Friday night's game with an obvious limp.

"Gavin fought through a lot of pain," Detering said. "He had a chance for one final game on the field and he played."

Davis led A-J's 167-yard rushing attack with 57 yards in 8 carries. Wright had 49 yards in 9 carries. Osman had 30 yards in 12 carries. T.J. Macy had 19 yards in 4 carries.

The Rangers had 81 yards rushing and 217 yards passing.

The Wildcats closed out their season at 4-5 overall.

"It's not the way you want it to end," Detering said about the fall season. "They've worked hard these last four years. I hate it for these guys, but we had a lot of injuries. It's unfortunate...but what if we would have been healthy?"

A-J/Cobden soccer season ends at regional

The Anna-Jonesboro/Cobden co-op high school boys' soccer team lost 2-1 to host Carbondale in the Class 2A regional Tuesday, Oct. 19.

Charles Vaca Diez scored the lone goal for A-J/Cobden. Matteo Vaca Diez had an assist.

Goalkeeper Bryce Henry had 3 saves.

The loss ended A-J/Cobden's season at 13-5-4 overall.

The team also won the Southern Illinois River-River Conference Mississippi Division for the second consecutive year with a 9-0-1 record.

The squad was conference co-champion with Carterville last season.

A-J/Cobden head coach Mark Boomer will be rebuilding next season with the loss of eight senior starters this year to graduation.



Conference champions

The Cobden High School volleyball team won the 2021 South Egyptian Conference title with a victory over Joppa on Oct. 20. Team members include, in the first row, from left, Mackenzie Jackson, Abby Ramsey, Jade Caraker, Abby Clover, Hannah Stillman and Gracelynn Fisher. In the second row are Makenzie Howell, head coach Hanna LeFevre, Kaya Coleman, Olivia Brumleve, Marlea Poirier, Tess Brummer and assistant coach Aliah Delgado.

Cobden finished with a 17-13 overall record, but won the South Egyptian Conference with an 8-0 record earlier. Cobden posted conference wins over Elverado, Dongola, Century, Egyptian, Shawnee, Joppa, Meridian and Herrin Agape. Photo provided.



Sports displays at Pumpkin Town

Sports are featured at two of the many displays at this year's Pumpkin Town at the Anna City Park. Duck Works Lawn Care features golf. The Anna-Jonesboro Elks Lodge features local schools in its Pumpkin Town display.



IDNR reminds hunters about key dates for waterfowl seasons

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, is reminding waterfowl hunters of key dates and other information regarding the 2021-2022 waterfowl seasons.

Changes to daily procedures at IDNR waterfowl hunting sites are possible due to health and safety protocols.

IDNR advises hunters to check with sites for specific procedures.

All site visitors are reminded to follow current guidance from the CDC and Illinois Department of Public Health regarding face masks and social distancing.

2021-2022 Waterfowl Seasons

IDNR reminds Illinois waterfowl hunters about season dates and bag limits for the 2021-2022 seasons.

Illinois seasons include 60-day duck seasons in each of the state's four waterfowl hunting zones, along with 107 days of Canada goose hunting opportunity in the North and Central zones (15 days in September, two days of youth hunting and 90 days of "regular" goose season), 95 days of Canada goose hunting opportunity in the South Central Zone and

81 days of Canada goose hunting opportunity in the South Zone.

Goose season lengths are shorter in the South Central and South zones to coincide with duck season dates and to match hunter preferences.

The 2021-2022 Illinois season dates are the first year of a five-year plan that was developed in 2020.

This fall, Illinois opened the regular duck, Canada goose and snow goose seasons on Oct. 23, in the North Zone.

The seasons open Oct. 30, in the Central Zone, Nov. 13 in the South Central Zone and Nov. 27 in the South Zone.

White-fronted goose (specklebelly) seasons opened Oct. 25 in the North Zone.

The seasons open Nov. 5 in the Central Zone, and on the same date as duck season in the South Central (Nov. 13) and South zones (Nov. 27).

Duck Limits

The daily duck bag limit is six and may include no more than four mallards (two hens), three wood ducks, two redheads, two black ducks, two canvas-back, one pintail and one mottled duck.

Scaup (bluebills) will have a bag limit of two for the first 45 days of the season in each zone and one for the last 15 days of the season in each zone.

The daily bag limit of mergansers is five, only two of which may be hooded mergansers.

The possession limit for ducks and mergansers is three times the daily bag limit by species and sex.

Goose Limits

During the regular season, Canada goose limits will be three, with a possession limit of nine.

White-fronted goose daily bag limits will be two, with a possession limit of six.

The snow goose daily bag limit is 20 birds, with no possession limit, during the fall and winter season.

The spring light goose conservation order will open Jan. 21, 2022, in the North Zone and Feb. 1, 2022, in the Central, South Central and South zones, ending April 30, 2022, in all zones.

There is no daily bag or possession limit on snow, blue and Ross' geese during the spring conservation order.

The Illinois waterfowl hunting zone maps and anticipated season dates for the 2021-2025 seasons are available on the IDNR website at <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/news/Documents/IDNR-Waterfowl-2021-2025.pdf>.

Additional details about the duck, goose and other migratory bird hunting seasons are available on the IDNR website and in the Illinois Digest of Hunting and Trapping Regulations 2021-22, which is available on the IDNR website at <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/hunting/Pages/Hunt-TrapDigest.aspx>.

IDNR noted that sunrise and sunset times are not included in the Hunting and Trapping Digest this year. Hunters are advised to refer to the following website for their local sunrise and sunset: <https://www.weather.gov/dvn/sunrise-sunset>.



A-J football breakfast

The First Christian Church of Anna hosted the players, coaches and cheerleaders of the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team for breakfast on Friday morning, Oct. 22. Volunteers who prepared and served the breakfast included, from left, Tim Denny, Richard Vicenzi, Evelyn Vicenzi, Kendra Denny, Jennifer Osman and Shane Osman.

IDPH announces 15,131 new COVID cases in state; booster shots recommended

The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, on Friday, Oct. 22, reported 15,131 new confirmed and probable cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Illinois, including 183 additional deaths since reporting on Friday, Oct. 15.

IDPH noted that of Illinois' total population, more than 69 percent had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose and 54% of Illinois' total

population is fully vaccinated.

IDPH was reporting a total of 1,680,908 cases, including 25,590 deaths, in 102 counties in Illinois.

As of Thursday night, Oct. 21, 1,277 individuals in Illinois were reported to be in the hospital with COVID-19. Of those, 323 patients were in the ICU and 152 patients with COVID-19 were on ventilators.

A total of 15,203,716 vaccines had been administered in Illinois as of midnight, Oct. 21.

All data are provisional and will change.

IDPH has announced that it aligns with the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices', ACIP, recommendation for a booster shot of COVID-19 vaccines in certain populations.

The Food and Drug Ad-

ministration's, FDA, and CDC's recommendation for use are important steps forward as we work to stay ahead of the virus and keep Illinoisans safe.

For individuals who received a Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, the following groups are eligible for a booster shot at six months or more after their initial series:

65 years and older. Age 18-plus who live in long-term care settings.

Age 18-plus, who have underlying medical conditions. Age 18-plus who work or live in high-risk settings.

For the nearly 15 million people who got the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine, booster shots are also recommended for those who are 18 and older and who were vaccinated two or more months ago.

Illinois COVID-19 case numbers

- Oct. 22: 15,131
- 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

Local hardcore wrestling action set to return to Anna

Local hardcore wrestling federation Anna Fight Underground is celebrating its one-year anniversary with a Halloween-week show.

Anna Fight Underground presents: The Dance is scheduled to take place on Thursday, today, at Quicks Skating Rink in Anna.

Doors open to the event at 6 p.m., with the first bell scheduled for 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$17 the day of the show, and can be purchased at fightunderground.net.

Featured on the card for the evening is a "fans bring the weapons" match between hardcore wrestling veterans Atticus Cogar and Mad Man Pondo.

The two will square off

in what the promotion is calling potentially the most violent match in AFU history.

The event will also showcase an inter-gender battle between Mickie Knuckles and Herzog, and an eight-man tag-team match with Roscoe Eat Lisa, Gary Jay and Anakin Murphy squaring off against The Skimahorns, Stonewall and Jaques Kennedy.

Other matches on the card include AJ Gray vs. Merc, Matt Cross vs. Everett Connors, The Carver vs. Ty Blade, and Sean Campbell vs. Davey Richards.

Also appearing, AFU Champion Cash Borden confronts rivals Bull Bronson and Dalton Diamond.

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2021

REVENUES SUMMARY: Property Tax 43649; Sales and Local Use Tax 92655; Utility Tax 31895; State Income Tax 95495; Replacement Tax 4277; Telecommunications Tax 36797; Licenses 4661; Permits and Zoning Fees 947; Cable TV Franchise 4200; Copies and Faxes 112; Special Events 697; Interest 1813; Fines 8275; Grave Spaces/Recording Fees 5981; Grave Openings 7000; Donations 14895; Trash Collection 78827; Water Sales 171942; Sewer Fees 107758; Gas Sales 325101; Utility Taps 2612; Bulk Water Sales 18561; Turn On Fees 340; Returned Check Fees 225; MFT 33195; Grant Receipts 15324; Street Lighting Surcharge 10848; Veterans Banners 475; School Patrol Reimbursement 2636; Culvert Installation 2247; Foreman Trust 8597; Training Reimbursement 1923; Accident Reports 75; IML claim 3700; All other income \$1,077 **TOTAL REVENUES: \$1,138,812.**

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SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION (Excerpt from Comptroller Report)

	GENERAL	SPECIAL	FIDUCIARY	ENTERPRISE
Beginning Fund Balance/ Retained Earnings	117,165	34,810	184,768	1,209,989
Revenues	468,355	33,244	8,845	628,368
Less Disbursements/ Expenditures	(609,157)	(36,473)	—	(469,524)
Operating Transfers	159,915	—	(15,300)	(144,615)
Ending Fund Balance/ Retained Earnings	136,278	31,581	178,313	1,305,218

Subscribed and sworn on this 25th day of October, 2021.

Lou A. Hartline
Lou A. Hartline, Village Treasurer

I, Karen M. Winzenburger, Village Clerk of the Village of Cobden, Union County, Illinois, do hereby certify the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2021.

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Haunted Trail set at college

Shawnee Community College plans to host a Haunted Trail event on Saturday, Oct. 30.

The event is scheduled from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. on the college's main campus near Ullin.

The event will also include games and trunk-or-treat beginning at 5 p.m. and a hayride beginning at 5 p.m.

The cost to attend is \$5 for children ages 6 and over and \$30 for groups of six or more.

The trail includes an escorted walk throughout the wooded area on campus, where creepy, lingering creatures will be hiding in the darkness.

The Haunted Trail will be dialed down for younger thrill-seekers, as necessary.

All proceeds from the event will help to support the Shawnee College Phi Theta Kappa chapter and Shawnee Community College Music Club.

For more information, contact Lee VanAlstine at leev@shawnecc.edu or call 618-634-3200.

Halloween activities planned

Trick-or-treat and other Halloween activities are planned in Union County communities.

Anna VFW

A Star Karaoke Halloween party is planned Oct. 29 at the Anna VFW post. The party begins at 6 p.m.

Anna

Trick-or-treat is planned in Anna from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30.

Jonesboro



Trick-or-treat is planned in Jonesboro from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30.

Dongola

Trunk or treat is planned in Dongola from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30.

Trunk or treat will be

in the parking lot across from the Hometown Grocery.

Stinson Library, Anna

Halloween treat bags will be handed out from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30, at Stinson Memorial

Library in Anna.

Cobden

Trick-or-treat is planned in Cobden from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 31.

Residents are welcome to "trunk or treat" in the downtown park or downtown Cobden area.

Local churches plan activities

Trunk-or-treat and a Pumpkin Patch event are planned at local churches.

Anna First Church of the Nazarene: Trunk-or-treat, Saturday, Oct. 30, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro: Trunk-or-treat, Saturday, Oct. 30, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Anna Heights Baptist Church, Anna: An outdoor Pumpkin Patch event is planned from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, at the church.

First Baptist Church, Cobden: Trunk-or-treat, Sunday, Oct. 31, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., in the church parking lot.

Trek N' Treat set at Giant City

Halloween will be celebrated at Giant City State Park near Makanda with a Trek N' Treat event which is planned from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30.

An easy, self-guided hike at the Devil's Standtable Trail is planned.

The trail is about 1/3 of a mile long. The hike is expected to take about 20 to 30 minutes.

Organizers said that along the trail, there will be "creature characters" who will teach about some of the "wonderful and most misunderstood creatures that call Giant City home."

There will be treats and goodies for all of the hikers.

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Early trick-or-treating set in Anna, Jonesboro

Halloween trick-or-treating is planned in the downtown Anna area and on the square in Jonesboro.

The event originally was scheduled for last Saturday, but was postponed until Saturday, Oct. 30, due to rainy weather.

Participating businesses announced plans to have trick-or-treating from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday. Many participants were planning to be a part of the special event.

A list of participating businesses was to have been made available 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.

The Anna VFW also had announced plans to hand out candy.

Information about the event is being shared on the Downtown Anna, IL, Facebook page.

Updated COVID-19 guidelines for this year's Halloween activities

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.

Dia 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 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.

Treats planned

The Anna Fire and Rescue Department announced on social media that it plans to pass out candy at the fire station during trick-or-treating hours in Anna, which are scheduled from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30.

HALLOWEEN Safety Tips

The celebration of Halloween can bring potential fire hazards related to seasonal decor and costumes.

Fire can start when candles are too close to decorations or when long, trailing costumes come into contact with candles.

Fire risks can be avoided by following some fire safety precautions shared by safety experts.

Candles
Refrain from having an open flame.

Use battery-operated candles or glow-sticks in your jack-o-lanterns.

Costumes

Choose the right costume. Try to stay away from long or flowing fabric, and remain vigilant of extraneous costume pieces.

Decorations

Avoid flammable decorations including dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper that are highly flammable.

Keep decorations away from open flames and other heat sources, including light bulbs and heaters.

Exits
Remember to keep all decorations away from doors so that they are not blocking any exits or escape routes.

Smoke Alarms
Make sure all of your smoke alarms are working and up to date.

Visibility
Provide flashlights to children or have children carry glow sticks as part of their costumes.

Make sure if a child is wearing a mask that the eye holes are large enough so he or she can see out of them.

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Pumpkin (or Squash) Pancakes Recipe

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1 cup all purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
1 egg, slightly beaten
2 cups pumpkin puree
1/2 cup molasses or maple syrup
3-4 tablespoons buttermilk or milk
2 tablespoons unsalted butter or margarine, melted

1/2 cup chopped pecans or hazelnuts, optional
Powdered sugar for dusting
In a large bowl, sift together flour, baking powder, salt, and pumpkin pie spice. Set aside.
In another bowl, beat egg slightly. Add pumpkin or squash puree, molasses or syrup, milk or buttermilk and melted butter or margarine. Mix until smooth.
Blend in the dry ingredients all at once. Mix until batter is smooth. Allow batter to rest for 30 minutes or more.
(Source: University of Illinois Extension.)

City of Jonesboro
833-2712

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HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED: QIDP/Supervisor needed for 7 local CILA homes! Bachelor's Degree is required and experience working with Developmental Disabilities is preferred. Contact Becky Swink at CIL, Inc., Anna, IL (618)-833-2500 or mail resume to P.O. Box 267, Anna, IL 62906.

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VACANCY NOTICE

Dongola Unit # 66 is seeking applicants to fill the following position:

Paraprofessional

Specifics of the position are:

- 9 month position
- Benefits include sick, personal and bereavement leave
- Health, dental and vision insurance is available
- Board paid life insurance policy
- Applicant must be able to: work at a fast pace, able to lift heavy objects, possess some computer skills for required paperwork, display good organizational skills, possess a good work ethic and the ability to develop a positive rapport with students and co-workers.

Applicants must submit a letter of interest, resume, valid paraprofessional license and three letters of reference to:

Dr. Paige Helm Maginel,
Superintendent
Dongola Unit #66
1000 High Street
Dongola, Illinois 62926
DUSD # 66 is an equal opportunity employer
Position will be filled as soon as possible.

44p-46g

pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 5th day of October, 2021, under the Assumed Name of Diva Nails with the place of business located at 515-517 E. Vienna Street, Anna, Illinois 62906, and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Long V. Deo
406 N. Beadle Drive
Apt. 1
Carbondale, IL 62901

Lance Meisenheimer
Union County Clerk
44-46gc

ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois
SS
County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 8th day of October, 2021, under the Assumed Name of Cook's Welding & Repair with the place of business located at 409 E. Chestnut Street, Anna, Illinois 62906, and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

David Cook
409 E. Chestnut Street
Anna, IL 62906

Lance Meisenheimer
Union County Clerk
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NOTICE OF DISPOSITION

Notice is hereby given of the disposing of the following described personal property which is stored at the self storage facility known as Wyatt Storage, 105 E. Chestnut Street, Anna, IL.

1. Name of occupant: Billy Cleghorn
2. Property to be disposed of: Misc. personal property
3. Time and place of disposition: November 1, 2021, Wyatt Storage, 105 E. Chestnut Street, Anna, IL 62906, Phone: (618)-833-5653.

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

IN THE INTEREST OF: NIKKIDA THRASHER, GENEVIEVE THRASHER, CARL THRASHER, JR., Minors. NO. 2019-JA-25 2019-JA-26 2019-JA-27

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO 705 ILCS 405/2-16

Carl J. Thrasher, and to ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

TAKE NOTICE that on 10/5/2021 a motion for termination of parental rights and for appointment of guardian with power to consent to adoption was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by PATRICK D. DALY, as Special Prosecutor, in and for Union County, Illinois, in the Circuit Court of Union County entitled "In the interest of NIKKIDA THRASHER, a minor", "In the interest of GENEVIEVE THRASHER, a minor", and "In the interest of CARL THRASHER, JR., a minor", and that in Judge Amanda Byassee Gott courtroom at Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois on Tuesday, the 25th day of January, 2022, at the hour of 1:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a termination hearing will be held upon the motion to have the child declared to be a ward of

the court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Keri Clark
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Dated: October 28, 2021
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE INTEREST OF: KAYLEIGH SHEPARD, KYILEIGH SHEPARD, Minors. NO. 2019-JA-36 2019-JA-37

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO 705 ILCS 405/2-16

Daniel Trammel, and to ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

TAKE NOTICE that on 9/7/2021 a Motion for Termination of Parental Rights was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by PATRICK D. DALY, as Special Prosecutor, in and for Union County, Illinois, in the Circuit Court of Union County entitled "In the interest of KAYLEIGH SHEPARD, a minor", and "In the interest of KYILEIGH SHEPARD, a minor", and that in Judge Amanda Byassee Gott courtroom at Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois on Tuesday, the 30th day of November, 2021, at the hour of 2:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a termination of parental rights hearing will be held upon the motion to have the child declared to be a ward of the court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

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Keri Clark
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Dated: October 28, 2021
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HELP WANTED

City of Anna, Police Officer

The City of Anna, IL is accepting applications for the position of a Full-Time Police Officer. Duties include but are not limited to enforcement of laws and ordinances, protection of life and property, order maintenance, apprehending suspects, monitoring traffic, as well as preserving the peace and service to our community. Minimum qualifications for an interested candidate are as follows; must be a U.S. citizen, have a valid driver's license, possess a valid Illinois FOID card, must pass a medical and criminal background check, and reside within 30 minutes of the corporate limits of Anna. Preferred but not required qualifications include certification from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. Applications will be available for interested candidates at Anna City Hall or online at cityofanna.org. Please return resume and employment application to the Human Resources Department at Anna City Hall, 103 Market Street, Anna, IL 62906 or by email to aguinod@cityofanna.org. Position will remain open until filled.

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

IN THE INTEREST OF: KYNLEIGH SHEPARD, A Minor. NO. 2019-JA-38

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO 705 ILCS 405/2-16

to ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

TAKE NOTICE that on 9/7/2021 a Motion for Termination of Parental Rights was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by PATRICK D. DALY, as Special Prosecutor, in and for Union County, Illinois, in the Circuit Court of Union County entitled "In the interest of KAYLEIGH SHEPARD, a minor", and "In the interest of KYILEIGH SHEPARD, a minor", and that in Judge Amanda Byassee Gott courtroom at Union County Courthouse, 309 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois on Tuesday, the 30th day of November, 2021, at the hour of 2:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a termination of parental rights hearing will be held upon the motion to have the child declared to be a ward of the court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Keri Clark
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Dated: October 28, 2021
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Keri Clark
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Dated: October 28, 2021
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF EVELYN M. COX, DECEASED. NO. 2021-P- 43 IN PROBATE

NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Evelyn M. Cox, of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on October 12, 2021, to Shane A. Jones, 317 S. Locust St., Jonesboro, Illinois

62952, and Sara M. (Jones) Verble, 130 New Saratoga Rd., Anna, IL 62906, as Independent Co-Executors, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

NOTICE is further given to Steven Jones, who is named in the petition but whose address is unknown to the Co-Petitioners as to the rights contained herein.

Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of admission, you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses in open Court or other evidence, as provided by Section 5/6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21.)

You also have the right, under Section 5/8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1), to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within six (6) months after admission of the Will to probate.

The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless, under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755, Par. 5/28-4), any interested person terminates Independent Administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk of this Court.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Co-Executors, or both, on or before April 28, 2022, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Co-Executors is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: October 18, 2021.

SHANE A. JONES,
Co-Executor

SARA M. (JONES) VERBLE,
Co-Executor

CAMERON LAW FIRM, LLC
ELVIS C. CAMERON
ATTORNEY FOR
INDEPENDENT
CO-EXECUTORS
205B N. MAIN ST.
ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906
PHONE: 618-833-2220
ARDC# 6244394
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF PATRICIA HERZ, DECEASED. NO. 2021-P- 40 IN PROBATE

NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Patricia Herz, of Makanda, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on October 6, 2021, to Misty Restivo, 1450 Mt. Hebron Road, Makanda, IL 62958, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N.

Main St., Anna, Illinois.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN to any and all unknown heirs of Patricia Herz, whose names or addresses are not stated in the Petition, that an Order was entered on October 5, 2021, admitting to probate the Last Will and Testament of Patricia Herz dated February 6, 2019.

Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of admission, you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses in open Court or other evidence, as provided by Section 5/6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21.)

You also have the right, under Section 5/8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1), to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within six (6) months after admission of the Will to probate.

The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless, under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755, Par. 5/28-4), any interested person terminates Independent Administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk of this Court.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before April 28, 2022, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: October 6, 2021.

MISTY RESTIVO

CAMERON LAW FIRM, LLC
 ELVIS C. CAMERON
 ATTORNEY FOR
 INDEPENDENT
 EXECUTOR
 205B N. MAIN ST.
 ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906
 PHONE: 618-833-2220
 ARDC# 6244394
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**IN THE CIRCUIT
 COURT OF THE FIRST
 JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

**UNION COUNTY,
 ILLINOIS**

**ESTATE OF
 NANCY JO SCHMIDT,
 DECEASED.
 NO. 2021-P-41
 IN PROBATE**

**NOTICE OF DEATH
 INDEPENDENT
 ADMINISTRATION,
 AND CLAIM DATE**

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Nancy Jo Schmidt, of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on October 7, 2021, to John Paul Schmidt, 205 Plank Hill Loop, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of admission, you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses in open Court or other evidence, as provided by Section 5/6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21.)

You also have the right, under Section 5/8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1), to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition

with the Court within six (6) months after admission of the Will to probate.

The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless, under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755, Par. 5/28-4), any interested person terminates Independent Administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk of this Court.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 309 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before April 28, 2022, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: October 14, 2021.

JOHN PAUL SCHMIDT,
 Executor

CAMERON LAW FIRM, LLC
 ELVIS C. CAMERON
 ATTORNEY FOR
 INDEPENDENT
 EXECUTOR
 205B N. MAIN ST.
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 Union County Clerk
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**ASSUMED BUSINESS
 NAME ACT**

**State of Illinois
 SS
 County of Union**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 21st day of October, 2021, under the Assumed Name of Morning Star Farm with the place of business located at 1000 Mt. Pleasant Road, Buncombe, Illinois 62912, and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Dawn Weaver
 1000 Mt. Pleasant Road
 Buncombe, IL 62912

Lance Meisenheimer
 Union County Clerk
 46-48gc

**ASSUMED BUSINESS
 NAME ACT**

**State of Illinois
 SS
 County of Union**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 25th day of October, 2021, under the Assumed Name of Annie's Pots with the place of business located at 955 Vines Road, Cobden, Illinois 62920 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the sole owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

David A. Christ Sr.
 955 Vines Road

Television Listings

THURSDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Pre-Game	Local Programs	College Football <i>South Florida Bulls at East Carolina Pirates</i> (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Chrisley	Big City	Succession (HD)	★★★ "The Order" (03)	(20) "Come Play" (20, Horror) <i>Lonely boy.</i>
7 PM :30	Grey's Anatomy (HD)	Young The United	Thursday Night Football <i>Green Bay Packers at Arizona Cardinals</i> (Live)	The Blacklist (HD)		Bang (HD)	Chrisley	Big City	Succession (HD)	"True Grit" (10) Jeff Bridges. <i>Men seek killer.</i>	"Wrong Turn" (21) <i>A hiking trip turns deadly.</i>
8 PM :30	Station 19 (HD)	Ghosts B Positive		Law & Order: SVU		Wipeout	America's Big Deal	Jessie	(05) "The Internship" (13) <i>Job competition.</i>	★★★ "Raw Deal" <i>An undercover job.</i>	
9 PM :30	(01) Match Game	Bull (HD)		Organized Crime (HD)		Wipeout	Chrisley	Big City			
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local		Conan	Chrisley	Unsitatable	Curb Your		DESUS &
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)		Wipeout	Chrisley	Sydney	(150) Four Hours at the Capitol	(38) "Down a Dark Hall" (18)	American Rust (HD)
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night		Conan	America's Big Deal	Raven			DESUS &

OCTOBER 28, 2021

THURSDAY

7:00pm
USA Chrisley Knows Best "Hurricane Todd" Todd prepares to meet Chase's new girlfriend and feels anxious about the encounter; Grayson decides he wants to be a storm chaser. TV14 (HD)

8:00pm
TBS Wipeout Contestants attempt to complete three rounds of a staged obstacle course as they rely on their determination and athleticism to conquer various challenges. TV14

FRIDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Pregame	Local Programs	NBA (Live)	Seinfeld	Man (HD)	(5:20) "Movie"	★★★ "Annabelle" (17)	"Bourne Legacy-Deak"	★★★ "Blithe Spirit" (21)
7 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	S.W.A.T. <i>Robin Hood.</i>	2021 World Series "Game 3" (Live)	Home Sweet Home	NBA Basketball <i>Charlotte Hornets at Miami Heat</i> (Live)	"Movie"	Man (HD)	BUNK'D	"The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It"	"X Files: I Want to Believe" (08)	★★★½ "Minari" (21, Drama) <i>Family moves.</i> (HD)
8 PM :30	(01) 20/20 <i>Investigative news.</i> (HD)	Magnum P.I. (HD)		Dateline NBC		"Movie"	Man (HD)	Owl House		(45) "Deception" (08) <i>Sex club scandal.</i> (HD)	"The Mauritanian" (21) <i>Terror conspiracy.</i> (R)
9 PM :30	Local	Blue Bloods (HD)			(05) NBA Basketball <i>Dallas vs Denver</i> (Live) (HD)		Man (HD)	(40) Descendant (HD)	Real Time Maher (HD)		
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local		"Movie"	Man (HD)	BUNK'D	Succession (HD)		
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)		"Movie"	Man (HD)	Sydney		(35) "The Hours" (02, Drama)	(15) Wakefield (HD)
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night	Sports		Man (HD)	Unsitatable	(05) Real Time Maher		

OCTOBER 29, 2021

FRIDAY

7:00pm
HBO The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It ★★★ (2021, Horror) Vera Farmiga, Patrick Wilson. Paranormal investigators Ed and Lorraine Warren encounter a strange case after a police officer discovers a stranded young man who is soon accused of murder. R

SHOW Minari ★★★½ (2021, Drama) Steven Yeun, Ye-ri Han. A Korean American family embraces a new life as they move to an Arkansas farm to pursue the American dream, but they encounter challenges. PG-13 (HD)

SATURDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Scoreboard	Local Programs	FOX Pregame (Live)	Local	College Football <i>Teams TBA</i> (Live) (HD)	(5:00) "Movie"	"Boo 2!"	(5:20) "Movie"	★★½ "The Internship"	★★★ "Point Break" (15)	American Rust (HD)
7 PM :30	(37) College Football <i>Teams TBA</i> (Live) (HD)	Magnum P.I. (HD)	2021 World Series "Game 4" (Live)	College Football <i>North Carolina Tar Heels at Notre Dame Fighting Irish</i> (Live)		Bang (HD)	★★★ "The Proposal" (09, Comedy) <i>A boss marries to avoid deportation.</i> (PG-13)	Big City	"In the Heights" A sympathetic <i>New York bodega owner.</i>	"The Book of Eli" (10) <i>A nomad and a book.</i>	"Four Brothers" (05) <i>Mother murdered.</i> (HD)
8 PM :30		Blue Bloods (HD)				Bang (HD)		Big City			
9 PM :30		48 Hours (HD)			Scoreboard	Bang (HD)		Big City	Insecure	★★★ "The Transporter" (02) (HD)	Showtime Championship Boxing <i>James vs. Butaev</i> (Live) (HD)
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	I Can See Your Voice	Local	College Football <i>Teams TBA</i> (Live) (HD)	Wipeout	★ "Boo 2!" (17) (HD)	Owl House	Curb Your	(45) "Freaky" (20) <i>Body swap.</i> (R)	"12 Strong" (18) <i>Post 9/11 battle.</i>
11 PM :30	Local Programs		Local Programs	Sat. Night Live <i>Sketch comedy.</i>		Wipeout	Chuckie <i>Demonic doll.</i>	Owl House	Jessie		

OCTOBER 30, 2021

SATURDAY

7:00pm
HBO In the Heights ★★★½ (2021, Musical) Anthony Ramos, Corey Hawkins. A sympathetic New York bodega owner saves up money with the daily work he does while imagining and singing about having a better life. PG-13

8:00pm
CBS Blue Bloods "Spilling Secrets" A civilian claims Eddie and her partner lied about stopping a shooter as a part of a government conspiracy; Frank investigates cash payments from his father. TV14 (HD)

SUNDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Videos (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	NFL (Live)	Football America (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	(5:00) "Hotel 2" (15)	Law & Order: SVU	Miraculous	(5:30) "In the Heights" (21) <i>A bodega owner.</i>	★★ "Black Christmas" (93)	Dexter "Born Free"
7 PM :30	Celebrity Wheel of Fortune (HD)	The Equalizer (HD)	2021 World Series "Game 5 (if necessary)" (Live)	(15) Sun. Night Football <i>Dallas Cowboys at Minnesota Vikings</i> (Live) (HD)	Sports	"The Witches" (20) <i>A young orphaned boy.</i>	Law & Order: SVU	Miraculous		★★½ "The Relic" (97, Horror) (HD)	The Circus
8 PM :30	Supermarket Sweep	NCIS: L. A. (HD)			ESPN Original Documentaries		Law & Order: SVU	Miraculous	Succession (HD)	"My Bloody Valentine" (09) <i>Miner terrorizes.</i>	The Circus Buried
9 PM :30	The Rookie "A.C.H."	SEAL Team (HD)			ESPN Original Documentaries	"Hotel Transylvania 2" (15) <i>Dracula's father.</i>	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie	Insecure		American Rust (HD)
10 PM :30	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>		"The Witches" (20)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	Oliver	(40) Succession (HD)	DESUS &
11 PM :30	(35) Local		Local				Law & Order: SVU	Big City	Insecure	"Jason Goes to Hell: Final" (93)	American Rust (HD)

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SUNDAY

8:00pm
ABC Supermarket Sweep "You Only Got Half the Scarecrow!" Host Leslie Jones and the teams of contestants celebrate the Halloween holiday with a selection of grocery games and scary-good prizes. (HD)

9:00pm
CBS SEAL Team "Need To Know" The team is forced to embark on a sudden mission in Africa while they deal with individual family obstacles, but new intelligence seriously changes their plan. TV14 (HD)

MONDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	NBA (HD)	Burgers	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Big City	(15) ★★½ "Those Who Wish Me Dead" (21)	★★½ "Hard Rain" (98)	Dexter (HD)
7 PM :30	Dancing with the Stars "Queen Night" (HD)	Neighbor. Bob Hearts	9-1-1 "Ghost Stories"	The Voice <i>Hopefuls coached.</i> (HD)	(45) NBA Basketball (HD)	Dad (HD)	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	Big City		"Brothers by Blood" (21) (HD)	Dexter (HD)
8 PM :30		NCIS "False Start"	(01) The Big Leap			Dad (HD)		Big City	Jessie	We're Here (HD)	Wakefield (HD)
9 PM :30	The Good Doctor	NCIS: Hawai'i (HD)	Local Programs <i>Local info.</i>	Ordinary Joe (HD)	(05) NBA Basketball (HD)	Dad (HD)		Big City	Jessie	We're Here (HD)	American Rust (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local		Local		Dad (HD)	Man (HD)	Unsitatable	Insecure	(08) "Man on a Ledger" (12) <i>Suicidal man.</i>	Wakefield (HD)
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)		Dad (HD)	(33) Man	Sydney	(35) "The Transporter" (02) (HD)		The Circus
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night	Sports	Wipeout	(33) Man	Raven			ALL ACCESS

NOVEMBER 1, 2021

MONDAY

7:00pm
NBC The Voice After being judged solely on their voice, hopeful musicians are divided into teams and coached by professionals, before moving on to the live competition. TVPG (HD)

8:01pm
FOX The Big Leap "Episode 107: Revenge Plot" Gabby and Nick seek revenge and try to create drama around the show; Reggie hopes his former coach will agree to work with him again. (HD)

TUESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Pregame	Local Programs	MLB Baseball (HD)	Bang (HD)	(4:05) "Movie"	Big City	Real Time Maher (HD)	"Risky Business" (R)	Dexter (HD)
7 PM :30	The Bachelorette (HD)	FBI "Charlotte's Web"	2021 World Series "Game 6 (if necessary)" (Live)	The Voice (HD)		Bang (HD)	WWE NXT (HD)	Jessie	★★★ "Promising Young Woman" (20) (R) (HD)	"Irresistible" A <i>retired veteran.</i>	Dexter (HD)
8 PM :30		FBI: International		La Brea		Bang (HD)		Jessie		(43) "One More Time" (16) (NR)	Dexter (HD)
9 PM :30	(01) Queens (HD)	FBI: Most Wanted		New Amsterdam (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD)	Chuckie (HD)	Jessie	(55) Succession (HD)		Wakefield (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local		Miracle	Day of the Dead (HD)	Unsitatable	We're Here (HD)	(20) ★★½ "Cesar Chavez" (14) <i>Stirring portrait.</i>	American Rust (HD)
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)		Wipeout	Law & Order: SVU	Sydney	(40) Succession (HD)		Buried
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night	Sports	Conan	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	"Greenland" A <i>comet.</i>		

NOVEMBER 2, 2021

TUESDAY

7:00pm
HBO Promising Young Woman ★★★ (2020, Thriller) Carey Mulligan, Bo Burnham. A young woman goes through a tragic event that traumatizes and derails her future, but it seems that she is leading a secret double life at night. R (HD)

8:00pm
NBC La Brea A massive sinkhole in Los Angeles swallows hundreds of people and buildings into its depths, and those below find themselves in a dangerous, primeval land.

WEDNESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Pregame	Local Programs	Stephen A (45) NBA Basketball (HD)	Bang (HD)	SVU (HD)	Big City	Ricky Velez: Here's	"Blades of Glory"	Dexter "Lost Boys"
7 PM :30	Goldbergs	Survivor (HD)	2021 World Series "Game 7 (if necessary)" (Live)	Chicago Med (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	BUNK'D	"News of the World" (20) <i>A 10-year-old girl.</i>	★★★ "City Slickers" (91) <i>Men on cattle drive.</i>	Dexter <i>Stalling.</i> (HD)
8 PM :30	Conners	Tough as Nails (HD)		Chicago Fire (HD)		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Jessie			Dexter <i>The Getaway</i>
9 PM :30	A Million Little Things	CSI: Vegas (HD)		Chicago P.D. (HD)	(05) NBA Basketball (HD)	Bang (HD)	The Sinner (HD)	Jessie	Curb Your	(55) "The Tuxedo" (02, Action)	"The Godfather" (72) <i>The story of a New York Mafia family.</i> (R) (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local		Conan	Law & Order: SVU	Unsitatable	(45) ★★½ "Hotel Rwanda" (04)		
11 PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)		Frontal	Law & Order: SVU	Sydney	Raven		
	Nightline	Corden		Late Night	Sports	Conan	Law & Order: SVU	Raven			

NOVEMBER 3, 2021

WEDNESDAY

7:00pm
ABC The Goldbergs "The Rose-Kissy Thing" Beverly asks Principal Ball to establish a Non-Athlete Senior Night; Erica searches for someone to be her "pre-wedding fun captain." TVPG (HD)

8:00pm

Obituaries

Eldridge 'AL' Williams

Eldridge "AL" Williams, 86, of Cobden, died Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021, at his home.

He was born on June 22, 1935, in Holcomb, Mo., the son of R.D. and Beatrice "Cledis" Crowell Williams.

He married Gloria Glasco Cox on July 1, 1984, in Marion.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria Williams of Cobden; children Lanakae Glasco of Pulaski, Brenda Hampton of Anna, Debora (Terry) Wenger of Anna, Kathy (Dwight) Lipford of Paducah, David (Charity) Williams of Cobden, Jonathan (Amber) Williams of Jonesboro and Kenny (Melissa) Reese of Carterville, and by marriage he gained three more children, Tina (Billy) Zdankiewicz of Cobden, Candice (Mike) Cooper of Camby, Ind., and G. Spencer (Stephanie) Cox of Cobden; 20 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Ricky R.D. Williams; grandsons Eric Yancey and Joshua Williams; brothers Benny and Denny Williams; and a sister, Coma Reese.

He was a member of the Water Valley Church near Cobden for many years. He was a master mechanic, scoutmaster and honorably served as a Guardsman for his country in the National Guard.

He owned and operated the Shawnee Motel and Restaurant in Jonesboro, as well as numerous other businesses over the years.

Aside from these accomplishments, he would have considered his greatest accomplishment to be his many years of service to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He pastored at many churches over the years and retired from the Community of Faith Church in Carterville in 2007 after 11 years of faithful service.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1, at United Missionary Baptist Church in Lick Creek, with Pastor David Williams officiating.

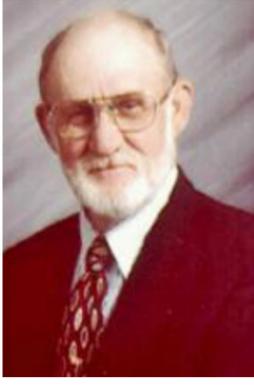
Interment will be in the Anna Cemetery. Graveside military rites will be conducted by Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna.

Friends can call after 11 a.m. and until the service hour at 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1, at the church.

Memorials are preferred to the family to assist with expenses or the Water Valley Country Church. Envelopes will be available at the church and at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home.

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

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



Shirley Ann Brown Downey

Shirley Ann Brown Downey, 87, of Jonesboro, died Monday, Oct. 18, 2021, at Stearns Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Granite City.

She was born on May 25, 1934, in McClure, the daughter of Orvil and Maggie Smiddy Brown.

She is survived by her daughters, Jacquelyn "Jackie" (Randy) Baldwin and Gwendolyn "Gwen" (Jerry) Fuller, both of Granite City; a son, Danny (Tina) Wright of St. Louis; her grandchildren, Cheryl (Jeff) Seemiller, Melissa (Brian) Boss, Christopher (Lisa) Baldwin, Timothy (Stacy) Baldwin, Victoria (Chad) Sanford, Danielle (Dave) Price, Joscelyn (Cody) Tatum, Daniel (Scott) Wright and Branden (Victoria) Wright; great-grandchildren, Zachary and Brett Pearman, Katelyn Wense, Hailey and Caden Yarber, Meredith, Miranda, Xander and Garrett Baldwin, Jesse and Samantha Seemiller, Jack, Mick and Tripp Sanford, Tyson and Teagan Tatum; her siblings, Ramona Wright and Gerald Brown, both of Anna, Carolyn (Bob) Coryell of Granite City and Rockie (Sandy) Brown of Milan, Tenn.; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She had a special furry friend, Abby.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Gerald Downey; her special friend and companion, Fred J. Wright; and five siblings, Robert Brown, Lonnie Brown, Oliver (Bert) Brown, Patricia Reynolds, and an infant brother, Orvil Dean Brown.

She loved her family and all of God's creatures. She enjoyed working in her yard and spending time among her flowers.

Funeral services for Shirley Downey were at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with David Adams officiating.

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

Memorials can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

To visit her memorial page and to leave online condolences for the family, visit rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

RENDELMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES



C. Lowell Hubble

C. Lowell Hubble, 62, of Carbondale, died Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021, at Integrity Healthcare in Carbondale.

He was born on Aug. 16, 1959, in Pomona, Calif., the son of Scottie Sr. and Juanita Beckel Hubble.

He is survived by his mother, Juanita Hubble of Flora; a daughter, Nicole Renee Hubble of Texas; a sister, Linda (Gene) Robinson of Jonesboro; a brother, Scottie Jr. (Regina) Hubble of Jonesboro; several nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his father.

He worked many years as a diesel mechanic at the Naval base when he lived in California.

After moving to Southern Illinois he worked at Jo-Co Pools. He was a member of the Refuge Worship Center in Ware and loved attending church.

He enjoyed family events, hot rods and helping others in need.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with the Rev. Danny Jones officiating. Interment was in Jonesboro Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Refuge Worship Center.

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

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



James Rowan

James Rowan, of Sierra Vista, Ariz., was born on Jan. 29, 1952, at the Anna City Hospital, the son of William Ivan Rowan and Anita Marie Shasteen Rowan.

He died on Oct. 11, 2021, at Carondelet St. Joseph's Hospital in Tucson, Ariz.

He was a simple person and you never wondered what was on his mind. He was a hard worker who loved to help others.

James will be sorely missed by his family and his four legged companion of 15 years, Daisy.

Family and friends were invited to attend a memorial service which was held at 4 p.m. on Oct. 16 at Hope Church in Anna.

He grew up in Makanda and graduated from Carbondale Community High School.

He married Betty Jo Baggett on May 22, 1970, and shortly after started his family.

He was a hard worker who worked in the steel mill in Indiana and relocated his family back to Southern Illinois, where he was a truck driver over 30 years. He retired and moved to Sierra Vista, Ariz., in 2016.

Survivors include his ex-wife Betty Jo Rowan of 50 years; sons James (Jimbo) Rowan, Joseph (Tara) Rowan, and Roger (Nikki) Rowan; daughter Anita (Rowan) Elliott; 14 grandchildren and six-great grandchildren, all of Southern Illinois.

He also is survived by his siblings, Gayla (Rowan) Borganoni, Jeff Rowan, Jesse Rowan and John Rowan.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Joe Rowan; a daughter, Jeanne (Rowan) Dalton; and a grandson, RJ Stroehlein.

Matthew 'Matt' Cole

Matthew "Matt" Cole, 45, of Jonesboro, died Sunday, Oct. 17, 2021, at his residence.

He was born on Sept. 13, 1976, the son of Ralph Cole and Brenda Stephens.

He married Jeanna Wrench on May 12, 2012. She survives.

Mr. Cole worked for Wright's Auto Body as a mechanic and tow truck driver for 12 years. He loved his job working on cars. He also enjoyed fishing and participating in the demolition derby.

He is survived by his parents; his wife, Jeanna Cole; his children, Kara Marie Clarkson of Kentucky, Tyler James Wrench of Jonesboro and Tara Ashlynn Cole of Jonesboro; two grandsons; four brothers, Michael (Holly) Cole, Mark Cole, Gene (Sarah) Cole and Jonathan Cole; two sisters, Shirley (Jay) Frankell and Michelle Cole; several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He also leaves five dogs, Spot, Budda, Mater, Chloe and Sky; and one cat, Caramel.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; his stepmom, Annie Cole; an aunt, Naomi Cole; and an uncle, Ray Cole.

A memorial service was held at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna, with Pastor Jack Richardson officiating.

The family asks that memorials be made to Crain Funeral Home or to the Matthew Cole's Final Expense fund-raiser account through Facebook.

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.

Crain Funeral Home



Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Recent visitors of Maxine and Fred Pender of Fair City were Brad and Lori Pender and Gary Gibbs, all of Jonesboro and Jerry Basler of Cobden.

A baby shower for Valley Reynolds of Reynoldsville was held Sunday, Oct. 24, at the home of her parents, Greg and Amy Reynolds of Reynoldsville. Those attending were Amy's sisters, Janet and Sandy, Jessie and Rhiannon Livesay of Wolf Lake, Dolores Reynolds and Jackie Jennings of Reynoldsville, other friends and family.

Sunday, Oct. 17, Shirley Miller and Penny Hill of McClure attended the Clear Creek Baptist Association

meeting held at Caledonia Baptist Church.

Levan Cox of Sikeston visited Monday with Shirley Miller of McClure.

Visiting Sunday afternoon with Steve and Sue Anna was Larry Driscoll of Cape Girardeau.

Happy birthday wishes to my brother, Norman Gibbs of Anna, on Monday, Nov. 1.

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.



Hunter's Moon

A Hunter's Moon was shining in a clear sky over Union County on Wednesday night, Oct. 20. The website space.com explained that the Hunter's Moon is the "first full moon of the fall season in the Northern Hemisphere." The Hunter's Moon "always follows the Harvest Moon, and is named after the time of year when animals fatten up in preparation for the colder months ahead and hunting season is underway for hunters to stock up on meat for the winter."



We thought long and hard about how to show our appreciation of the outpouring of love and sympathy from our church, sister congregations, family, friends, neighbors, teachers, students, businesses and the community as a whole. Unfortunately, we didn't always get a name or an address, so we felt the only way not to miss anyone is to make our appreciation public.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for the thoughts and prayers while R.W. was sick. Thank you for the food, supplies, gifts, calls, cards and texts letting us know you were thinking about us and praying he would come home soon. When the worst happened, thank you for your continued thoughts, prayers and assistance. Thank you for the memorial donations, gifts, flowers and plants. Thank you for loving him, and us, so much you stood in line for two hours to pay your respects. Thank you for your comforting presence at his memorial service. Thank you for the thoughts and prayers of those that were unable to attend. On behalf of his family, who are truly blessed by your love and generosity . . .

THANK YOU!

*Love,
R.W. McAlister's Family*

Merle Walker

Merle Walker, 81, of Jonesboro, died Thursday, Oct. 21, 2021, at the Marion V.A. Medical Center.

He was born on Aug. 27, 1940, in Jonesboro, the son of Henry Willard and Elnora Elizabeth Reynolds Walker.

Mr. Walker is survived by his life partner of 30 years, Marjorie Rendleman of Jonesboro; sons Joe Walker of Cape Girardeau, Tony (Cathy) Rendleman of Murphysboro and John Rendleman of Jonesboro; four grandchildren, Jordyn Rendleman, Jared Rendleman, Johnny (Eunice) Rendleman and Lily Helleny; a great-grandson, Legend Rushing; brothers Joe Walker of Lake of Egypt and John (Karen) Walker of Pawnee; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Bill Walker; and a brother, Richard Walker.

He was retired from CIPS as a boiler operator. He loved riding his motorcycle and enjoying life.

Funeral services were at 4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with the Rev. Randy Morgan officiating.

Military rites were conducted immediately after the service by Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW and the Illinois Army National Guard funeral honor team of Marion.

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

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



Patricia Ann Schlenker

Patricia Ann Schlenker, 85, of Jonesboro, died Monday, Oct. 18, 2021, at her home.

She was born on Sept. 22, 1936, in Union County, the daughter of Merritt and Beulah Bittle McMahan.

She married Donald Schlenker on March 25, 1956, in Hernando, Miss. They shared 65 years together.

She is survived by her husband Donald; a son, Scott (Alisha) Schlenker of Anna; three grandchildren, Kimberly, Brandon and Brittany Schlenker; a daughter-in-law, Pam Schlenker of Jonesboro; one brother, Joe McMahan; a sister, Vicki (Gary) Sadler; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Donald Schlenker Jr. and two siblings, Millie Gardner and Archie McMahan.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Jonesboro for over 43 years. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother who loved spending time with her family.

Funeral services for Patricia Schlenker were at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with the Rev. Perry Williams officiating. Interment followed in Jonesboro Cemetery.

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

Memorials can be made to Jonesboro First Baptist Church.

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES To visit her memorial page and to leave online condolences for the family, visit rendlemanhilemanfh.com.



James Michael Lutz

James Michael Lutz, 85, of St. Ann, Mo., and formerly of Anna-Jonesboro, died Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021, in St. Ann, Mo.

He was born on Dec. 31, 1935, in Anna, the son of James R. and Margaret McCarty Lutz.

He married Edna Kneezle. She preceded him in death on Sept. 11, 2020.

Mr. Lutz graduated from Anna-Jonesboro Community High School in the class of 1953.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and retired from the Electro-Motive Division of General Motors.

Mr. Lutz is survived by his daughter, Vicki Lutz of Sarasota, Fla.; a son Marc Lutz of St. Ann, Mo.; grandchildren Joshua Koenig and Jenny Kirkpatrick; four great-grandchildren; brothers Jon McCarty Lutz of Anna and Timothy Howard Lutz of Henderson, Ky.; a brother-in-law, John Watkins of Anna; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Edna Lutz; a sister, Judith Lee Lutz Watkins; and brothers Julian Thiel Lutz, Peter Alan Lutz and Steven Roberts Lutz.

Private services and burial will be on his farm in Potosi, Mo.

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

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



Shawnee College ElderReach program offers 'Tech for Seniors'

As people age, they often cope with feelings of loss, inadequacy and disengagement from their community.

The Shawnee Community College Continuing Education Center is working to help them reengage with friends, family and the world around them through the ElderReach program.

ElderReach is designed to provide elderly citizens with lifelong learning opportunities that encourage social engagement, personal connection and intellectual stimulation, regardless of their age.

The college notes that research suggests older adults who continue learning new activities are less likely to develop cognitive decline.

Additionally, lifelong learning helps them to maintain healthy emotional well-being and positive self-image and to overcome the sense of social isolation many feel as they age.

"The ElderReach seminars and workshops are a game-changer for our aging population," says Dr. Gregory Mason. Mason is dean of workforce innovation at Shawnee Community College.

"These non-credit courses vary in topic, length of session and requirements for participation; however, we offer something for everyone to enjoy."

Mason says the courses may be formal or informal and can be offered in a traditional classroom setting, group gathering or by remote learning.

"Whether in arts and culture, computer science, economics, health or whatever field the senior is interested in, ElderReach helps seniors to explore their different interests, interact amongst themselves and with others, boost their

self-esteem and participate in learning that is both enlightening and fun."

The new program has been providing learning opportunities for only a few weeks, but already there has been significant interest, the college says.

The college has partnered with the Egyptian Area Agency on Aging to offer a "Tech for Seniors" computer/tablet navigation course for seniors at the West Vienna Senior Center in West Vienna, along with other senior centers throughout the region.

The workshops teach basic computer skills, including conducting Zoom meetings for seniors who want to connect via video conferencing with family members who may live too far to visit frequently.

A recent survey from AARP found that older adults boosted technology purchases during the pandemic.

Still, more than half indicated they needed a better grasp on using the devices they had acquired. Mason says his team hopes to change that.

"Our classes are taught in four-week sessions and explain the value of digital technology in the lives of older adults while helping them overcome obstacles to using digital technology."

"The program provides opportunities to actively learn through "hands-on" engagement via a tablet or PC. It includes training for email, video conferencing and a host of senior-friendly applications."

For more information about ElderReach, contact the Shawnee Community College Continuing Education Center by phone at 618-634-3364 or by email training@shawneecc.edu.

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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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

District Meeting

Anna-Jo Garden Club will host the district meeting at the Catholic Church Family Life Center Thursday, today, starting at 9 a.m. **Anna Arts Center**
A lot is happening next

week at the Anna Arts Center.

Anna-Jo Women's Club

The Illinois GFWC Anna-Jo Women's Club will meet at the Anna Arts Center Nov. 1 at 1:30 p.m.

Guest speaker Phil Ray will talk about his military life. Phil is much appreciated for always doing the ceremony for our Honor Wreaths for Veterans.

Lee Hackney will give the devotion. Martha Schwegman will give a talk about white snake root. Martha will also do current events.

The club is always looking for new members. If you think you would like to join please come and be our guest.

District 25 of the Women's Clubs of Illinois meeting will be Thursday in Marion, noon, at Mackie's Pizza. Guest will be GFWC state president Teresa Sanford from Abington.

American Heroes

A salute to our veterans and active duty service

members dinner and show is Nov. 1 at 6 p.m. at the Anna Arts Center, 125 W. Davie St.

Dinner catered by The Kitchen on Lafayette. Featuring The Little Egypt Barbershop Chorus.

Veterans eat free. Let Lee know if you are coming so she will know how many dinners to order. 904-625 1109. \$10 donation for those who are not veterans.

On Display at the Anna Arts Center

Joshua Douglas Song from Fort Worth, Texas, a recent visitor of Union County, rifle making project that he engaged his grandfather Doug Hileman and great-grandfather Norm Bauer in that he envisioned as a part of his school project, as well as his upcoming Halloween costume, will be on exhibit at the Anna Arts Center Salute to Veterans and active duty service members.

His grandfather Doug and great-grandfather Norm and Joshua drew the plan, cut out the wooden parts, then fashioned and assembled the gun barrel, etc. for his rifle making project.

Great-gram Barb Bauer seized the moment for some recommended reading and together they created a chart of Joshua's American Patriot Heroes.

He had a keen interest in war history and the project was to focus on his actual ancestors who had been patriot heroes for "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." He was able to make a list from a 7Xgreat grandfather in the 1775, to his Korean American father who served in the recent Gulf War.

Joshua spent time with



During World War I in 1918, Major Tullie Van Boyd, M.D., was on leave in Anna before he deployed to Europe. A rare photo was made with his father and brothers at that time. From left: the patriarch of the family, Christopher Jeremiah (C.J. or Jerry) Boyd, then his sons, Ernest Clinton (E.C. or Ernie), John Jasper (J.J.), Charles Webster (Charlie or Colonel), Herbert Jeremiah (Herb), Tullie Van (T.Van) and Ora Homer (Homer) Boyd. Numerous descendants of these men live today in the Union County area. The brothers had one sister, Minnie Jane ("Pete," Mrs. Jasper) Hartline. Four other young relatives were "fostered" in that home. They were William and Jeff Johnson, Mamie Hess (Winn) and Rose Penninger Bostain.



Lovella Graig of the United Methodist Church in Anna preparing for the after church fellowship Sunday morning.



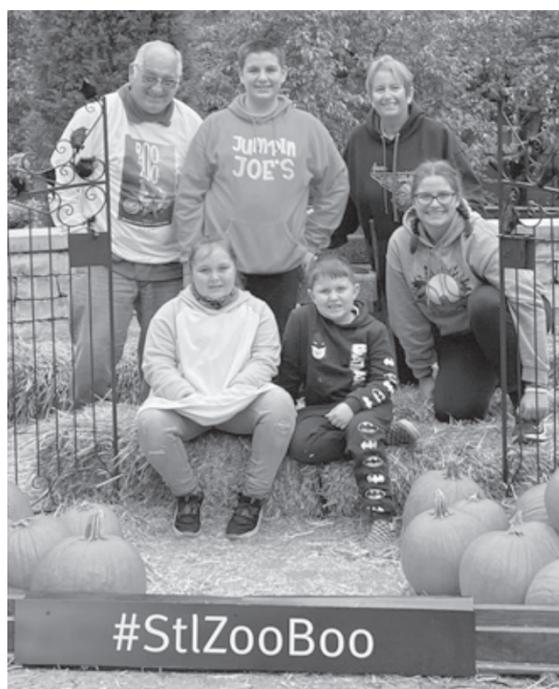
Ayla and Easton Corbit bringing in the Light of Jesus with Rev. Tim Gossett at the United Methodist Church in Anna Sunday morning.



Rev. Tim and Myra Gossett at the United Methodist Church in Anna were honored at an after church fellowship in the Family Life Center for Pastor Appreciation Month.



Wanda Spurlock, Nancy Hooks, Barbara House with crafts they made that will be for sale at the United Methodist Church in Anna winter craft sale Nov. 6 starting at 9 a.m. All proceeds go back to the church to benefit the church and community.



Willie and Terrie Rhymer met Jamie and Rebecca Yates and their children, Ruby, Mason, Violet and Miles at the St. Louis Zoo on Friday. They had a wonderful time. The zoo was all decorated for Halloween.



Recently Robert and Amber Mayberry and family enjoyed vacationing in Gatlinburg. Also going along were Robert's parents, Bobby and Lorie Mayberry and Tina Bryant, Amber's aunt. They enjoyed touring Cades Cove as well as other scenic drives. They went to the Dixie Stampede, which everyone had seen except for Tina and the kids. The Titanic Museum and Ripley's Aquarium were also on the must see list. There was a lot of shopping as well as trying out new restaurants. Everyone had a nice time, but as usual, everyone was glad to be home.



Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies met at El Jalapeño in Anna for a Halloween party meeting and dinner Oct. 20.

his grandparents Doug and Beth Hileman and other family, including great grandparents Bonnie Hileman and Norm and Barbara Bauer.

Nine year old Joshua was pleased to help his granddad Doug around the farm with the livestock, to do some log cutting and other farm duties.

Joshua came focused on school assignments that



Martha Ann Webb, Queen Mom Joan Graves Edwards, Cathy Milam at the Little Egypt Red Hat Halloween party. In September Joan got icing in her face from her birthday cake, this month she was scared by knives and bubble blower. What will happen next month at Giant City Lodge Thanksgiving dinner the third Wednesday of Nov. 17, 11 a.m. Everyone is invited to come see. Maybe a live turkey.



Martha Ann Webb was surprised by Peggy Wickline when she brought her a bouquet of beautiful fall flowers and a Halloween card at their Red Hat Halloween party. Get well wishes to Peggy she recently broke her finger moving some flower pots.



Sunday, Oct. 24, the Apostolic Lighthouse in Cobden celebrated Pastor Appreciation Month. They appreciate their new pastor and his family, Rev. Joe and Marcie Jones and children Wes, Carly and Mia. They appreciate their dedication to God and their leadership. God has blessed them greatly. They had a nice dinner and everything was decorated nicely.

included some historical research, and some plans for construction crafts.

A highlight of Joshua's visit was to attend the 2021 Fort Massac Encampment on the Ohio River near Metropolis with his grandfather Doug Hileman.

There they met early

American reenactor Jake O'Neal. The O' Neal and Hileman families had been 4-H Japanese host families some years ago. It was a good reunion and a plus for Joshua to learn to know a reenactor.

Doug and Beth Hileman have returned from driving

Joshua back to his family in Texas. There they celebrated birthdays with Abigale Song, 7, and Gideon Boyd Song 4, and attended a Texas Air Show with Matthew and Sarah Song and the family.

Anna Heights Baptist Church

Pastor Darryl Williams continued his Sermon Series on Genesis, The Beginning. This week: The fall out of Sin.

Oct. 17 attendance: 8 a.m. worship 93. 10:30 a.m. worship 120. Small group study 221.

October birthdays: 29th Beto Vaca Diez, 30th Noah McFarland, 31 Pelesia Karsen.

Saturday, Oct. 30, is Pumpkin Patch outdoors at the Anna Heights Baptist Church parking lot, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., with lots of candy and games to play. Social distancing will be observed.

Fun Riding

Several from our area went to the Wright's Area 252 Riding Park in Barkley, Ky., along the Mississippi River. It started raining but had a great time.

6th Birthday

Nekoli Allen celebrated his 6th birthday Sunday, Oct. 24. He is the son of the famous painter Nick Allen.

Rhymer News

Violet and Ruby Yates spent the weekend at soccer and softball tournaments.

Violet played soccer in Perryville, Mo., and Ruby played softball in Mascoutah.

Their parents traveled back and forth to their games on Saturday and Sunday and spent their evenings at a hotel in Sparta.

Willie and Terrie Rhymer's visitor this week was their son, Andy Rhymer from Kansas. He was traveling for work and stopped by on his way out and on the way back.

Honor Wreaths for Veterans

A special thanks to Gayla J. Smithy for her donation for 2 Honor Wreaths for Veterans for Howard R. Davie Navy, Russell B. Brown both in Anna Cemetery.

A special thanks to Eva Meisenheimer and Eleanor Dodd for their donation for 2 Honor Wreaths for Veterans that do not have anyone to buy for them.

A special thanks to Emily J Boyd-Meyer and Gary for 2 Honor Wreaths for Major Tilley Van Boyd World War I Anna Cemetery and Michael Craver War of 1812 Jonesboro.

If you pay online be sure you put the cemetery you want your wreath to go to. Anna is ILAILA IL0061P. Also be sure to notify one of the coordinators of the cemetery of who you paid for so they will know because they are not notified of the names.

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

AFSCME Retirees union planned to met Tuesday morning, Oct. 26, at the park in Jonesboro.

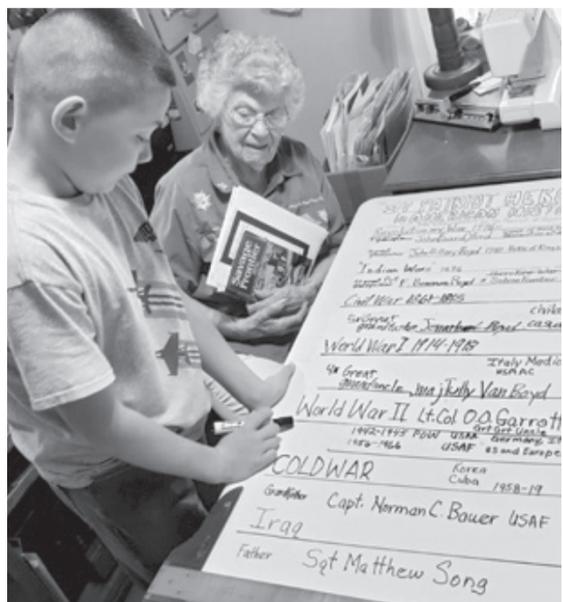
Red Hat Ladies

Around 18 Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies met at El Jalapeño in Anna for a dinner and Halloween party. Dressed up or came as a Red Hat Lady. They brought a gift if they wanted to be in the gift exchange.

Hostesses were Martha Ann Webb with helpers and guest Shirley Page, Brenda Lovelace, Judy Smith and Kathy Milam. Other guests



Gary Dahmer city of Anna public works manager with the hand made Monopoly game he and the city workers and city hall staff and garage staff made and hand painted. A special thanks to everyone who set up a display at our Anna City Park for Pumpkin Town. Open through Nov. 1.



Joshua and great-grandmother Barb Bauer research and chart some of Joshua's ancestors who were American patriots.



Joshua Song and great-granddad Norm Bauer craft the replica early American gun that Joshua designed.



Granddad Doug Hileman, Joshua D. Song and great-granddad Norm Bauer inspect the replica gun they have designed and crafted.



Joshua in early American costume and the hand-crafted replica gun.



Joshua Song and early American reenactor Jake O'Neal at the 2021 Fort Massac Encampment.



A special thanks to the Rotary Club for hosting Pumpkin Town USA. Left to right president of the Rotary Club Wanda Honey, Dori Bigler, Myra and Rev. Tim Gossett, Martha Ann Webb, Carol Hoffman, Chris Clark Rotary Club and Pete Housman Rotary Club.

were Connie Harvey and Jan Hunter .

It was decided the Ladies would meet at Giant City Lodge at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 17, for a Thanksgiving meal.

American Legion

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

Anna First Baptist Church

Rev. Andy Gillespie was guest pastor. His sermon was on Strength Through Faith in Prayer. He will return to the pulpit Sunday, Oct. 31. Beth Perry led the singing and will be leading the singing for these services along with Jean Denny as pianist. Anna First Baptist 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.

United Methodist Church, Anna.

Rev. Tim Gossett's sermon was Stewardship and Giving with scripture from Matt. 22:15-22.

Rev. Tim told the children that we need to give to God because he first gives to us and we are to give back to him some of what he gives us so our churches can continue to stay open. We are also to pay our taxes and give the government what we need to give them.

When Jesus was on earth he told the men who were trying to trick him to give unto the emperor what is his and to God what is his. The emperor back then would be like our government today. Rev. Tim told them we want to share God's love with everyone.

Special music was the hand chime choir. Simple Gifts.

Jack Zimmerman presented a gift card to Rev. Tim Gossett from the church family for Pastor Appreciation Month.

Praises were given and prayers were given for those sick and who have lost loved ones. Rev. Tim asked for prayers as he is scheduled to have cataract surgery Thursday.

Tai chi is starting back at 2 p.m. on Wednesday after the Women's Bible Study.



Lyle Woodrum of Davie School Inn says their game is Don't Try To Pin A Tail On A Live Donkey! Caught him working on their display at Pumpkin Town USA in our Anna City Park.

The church celebrated after church Sunday with a pastor appreciation fellowship.

In loving memory of Virginia Housman there was a celebration of life Friday, Oct. 22, at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church. Pete Housman brought a memorial from his mother to the United Methodist Church Anna Sunday morning for Loaves and Fishes.

Fall Bazaar

The Bazaar Women of the United Methodist Church in 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.

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.

Wanda Spurlock, Nancy Hooks and Barbara House have worked really hard all year to make nice crafts to sell.

Put it on your calendar and come by to check them out. All the proceeds from the bazaar will go back into doing church missions.

Anniversary

David and Brooke Frank 5 years Oct. 23rd.

Anna VFW

Star Karaoke Halloween party will be Friday night, Oct. 29, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Dress in your Halloween costume if you would like. Food available: BBQ and chips.



When they were in Texas Beth and Doug Hileman encountered all sizes of American patriots, from the U.S. Air Force Blue Angels at an air show to 4-year-old Gideon Boyd Song with his sidewalk scooter.

Trick or Treating

Stores trick or treating got moved from last Saturday because of the rain to this Saturday in the afternoon.

Homes trick or treating will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Anna-Jo Garden Club

The club will have a regular meeting Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 1 p.m. in the Family Life Center at the United Methodist Church in Anna.

Friends Meet

Recently, Cathy Ziegler, Corinne Steveson and five friends met at Ray Fosse Park to have a farewell picnic for Terry Tefft, who is moving to Chicago.

The long-time friends enjoyed food, friendship, fun and much laughter as they bid farewell to their friend.

Thursday, Oct. 21, Cathy Ziegler and Corinne Steveson met with five friends for supper at Cracker Barrel in Marion.

Thus says the LORD: Shout with joy for Jacob, exult at the head of the nations; proclaim your praise and say: The LORD has delivered his people, the remnant of Israel. Behold, I will bring them back from the land of the north; I will gather them from the ends of the world, with the blind and the lame in their midst, the mothers and those with child; they shall return as an immense throng. They departed in tears, but I will console them and guide them; I will lead them to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble. For I am a father to Israel, Ephraim is my first-born. From Jeremiah

When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion, we were like men dreaming. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing. Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad indeed. Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the torrents in the southern desert. Those that sow in tears shall reap rejoicing. Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, They shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves. From the Psalms

Brothers and sisters: Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring, for he himself is beset by weakness and so, for this reason, must make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honor upon himself but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. In the same way, it was not Christ who glorified himself in becoming high priest, but rather the one who said to him: You are my son: this day I have begotten you; just as he says in another place: You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. From the Letter to the Hebrews

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me."

Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. From the Gospel of Mark

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Daily Devotional Reading

Micah	Micah	Micah	Micah	Micah	Micah	Psalm
2:1-13	3:1-12	4:1-13	5:1-15	6:1-16	7:1-20	9

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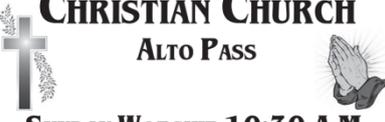
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County Line News

(Mill Creek and Upper Elco)
By Suzan Harvel



Pastor Bob was honored in recognition of Pastor Appreciation Day. Photo provided.

Happy Halloween

Happy Halloween a few days early. Our church had "Trunk or Treat" this past Saturday. We had estimates that ran from 80 to 100. It was hard to tell, they just kept coming. It was a good night for it. The rain had passed, thankfully, and the temperatures were perfect.

We had a lot of vehicles rigged up with lots of candy and the children just kept making the rounds until we ran out. Then we proceeded to the cookout. Lots of food and lots of fun.

The adult men, and some ladies, congregated around the bonfire discussing the world's events and/or hunting/fishing.

Which is kind of the same thing around here. The kids ran amok (my grandsons included) both inside and outside the church. Most of the ladies congregated in the kitchen and ran herd on said kids. A typical event.

One of the gentlemen at our event last night commented on how good it was to hear kids having fun. No truer words were spoken.

Pastor Appreciation Day

Today we had Pastor Appreciation Day. We showed our appreciation with a potluck dinner, gifts and cake.

In hindsight, back-to-back food events probably wasn't wise. I may not eat again

until Thanksgiving and even the thought of that makes me groan.

I'm sure I'll be hungry again by morning, but I just don't want to think of it now.

Anyway, we do appreciate our pastor and his wife and I'm glad we were able to express that. Thank you, Bro. Bob and Melodie, for all you do for us.

Miracle Recalled

Bro. Bob's sermon today was from the Book of John and covered the feeding of the five thousand. This is the only one of Jesus's miracles that is talked about in all four of the gospels.

Our prayer list has added the following: the family of a small child who died from choking, Keith Robertson for health, the family of George Oliver, who passed away, Barbara Layman who is in the hospital, Josh Hathy had hernia surgery, and Cliff Waller who is nursing a broken ankle.

I also received word that my brother-in-law in South Carolina has found out his brother, Alan Lott, has prostate cancer.

Then tonight we learned that my husband's cousin, Julianna, has developed serious health issues, is in the hospital, and needs all the prayers she can get.

We've got stormy weather moving in this evening. I can do without the storms, and we'll pray this moves out soon.

This 80-degree weather is just weird for late October and probably the reason we are having the storms.

I thought I should get this column done or it would slip past me like last week. Also, a concern is the fact that we live in the boonies, so all our media comes via satellite. Storms knock it out every time.

Have a wonderful week, a safe Halloween, and enjoy these last days of October.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

A Sunday morning worship service was held Oct. 24 in the church and on Zoom.

Carla Ramage presented Pastor Randy Wright with cards of encouragement and gifts from the congregation in honor of Pastor Appreciation Month.

Singing was led by Pastor Wright and the worship team.

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

The morning message by Pastor Wright was titled "Saved to Serve."

Birthday: Randy Sutherland, Oct. 29.

Anniversary: Jack and Nina Shepard, Oct. 26.

Friday night Bible study is planned at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 29 on Zoom. The pastor can be texted for the ID number for the Zoom 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 with Prime Timers appreciation, communion and baptism is planned at 10:35 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 31.

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

A Wednesday night service is planned at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 3 in the sanctuary and on Zoom, with the youth group meeting and children's Bible quizzing in the fellowship hall. The pastor can be texted prior to the meeting for the Zoom password.

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are due Nov. 14.

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.

Couple wed for 60 years

Larry J. and Evelyn Saul Davis of Makanda celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Oct. 21.

For their anniversary, they went to Rockford and got a white Shar-Pei.

October has been a special month for the couple.

Their son, Marty Davis of San Antonio, Texas, celebrated his birthday on Oct. 10 (10-10).

A cousin, Shirley Hileman DeVore, also celebrated her birthday this month.

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Oct. 24, Perry Williams spoke at the Sunday morning worship service.

His message addressed the question: "Can I fall from the grip of grace?" Scripture was from Hebrews.

Music director Dee Rose led the worship. Debbie York was the pianist.

Jerry Hunter presented a solo, "Thank You."

A youth trip to Pirate Pete's was planned Wednesday, Oct. 27.

The Lord's Supper and a special offering for the Clear Creek Baptist Association are planned at the Sunday morning worship service on Oct. 31.

Also on Oct. 31, a Fifth Sun-

day Singing is planned at Big Creek Baptist Church.

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: Doris Whiteside, Oct. 24; Kacey Shipley, Oct. 27; Alice McCann, Oct. 28; Gwen Tripp, Oct. 30.

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.

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News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

Rev. Dee Ann Thompson's sermon Sunday was titled "Where Are You Looking for Your Joy?" Scripture selections were from Psalm 51 and 1 Peter.

The message shared that "we are living in an environment filled with stress. Absence of joy leaves room for stress to fill our hearts and minds.

"Christians are not promised a life without trouble, but our faith should cause joy to be visible to others as we walk with Jesus.

"Real joy comes from salvation through Jesus Christ and an eternal inheritance with God. How do we recapture the joy God gives? Through forgiveness and a closer walk with Him.

"Satan will continually work to steal our joy. Circumstances will 'betray' us. But God's promise to every believer is reserved for us in Heaven until the time we see Jesus face to face."

Rev. Thompson closed with the challenge to "get your eyes off the world and turn them upon Jesus: the ultimate source of joy!"

Aldi and Vodra Gerard rang the bell signaling time for worship. Addi and Raelynn Bonner took up the offering.

Camp Ground's lead elder for October is Karen Vaughn.

In lieu of the children's sermon, the junior high Sunday school class presented a skit titled "A Fashion Statement: The Full Armor of God."

Addi Bonner "modeled" the various parts of armor as Ephesians 6:14-17 was read and passed out "color pages" to the children.

The "Fall in Love with Jesus" event has been postponed until Sunday, Nov. 7, due to scheduling conflicts with other events in the community.

The Vacation Bible School type event for ages up through junior high will commence at 1 p.m. and conclude at 5 p.m. with a wiener roast and hayride.

Those having birthdays this week include David Miller on the 25th and Gage Roach today, the 28th.

Don and Mary Jones celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary Sunday, the 24th.

All are welcome to Bible study at Camp Ground Church at 9:30 a.m., followed by worship at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. Services are also available on Zoom. Any member of the congregation can be contacted for the link.

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Pets Are Worth Saving, Inc.

Sat., November 6th
5:00 - 8:00 P.M.

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Q: "Can anything be done for leg veins that ache and look unattractive?"

A: "Pain, swelling and heaviness may indicate a venous disease. Talk to a specialist about your symptoms."

Varicose veins can not only hurt, but they also can lead to potentially serious complications. Fortunately, there are treatments that can make them look and feel much better. Using new, minimally invasive techniques, a specialist can help you get back to your life without the pain of traditional treatments. These procedures are safe, effective, and covered by most insurance.

If you are concerned about varicose veins or any venous issue, visit UnionCountyHospital.com for more information or call 618-998-7089 to make an appointment.



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Opinion and Commentary

Southern Seven: Blood lead screenings a must for children

Southern Seven Health Department notes that about 3.3 million American households, including 2.1 million low-income households, have children under 6 years of age who live in homes with lead exposure hazards.

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.

Children with blood lead levels can experience delayed growth and development, damage to the brain and nervous system, learning and behavior problems, and a host of other health-related problems.

Public health actions are needed for these children, Southern Seven Health Department said.

There is no safe blood lead level in children. Even relatively low levels of lead exposure can impair a child's cognitive development and impact their overall health later in life.

Lead can be found inside and outside the home, including in the water that travels through lead pipes or in the soil around the house.

However, the most common source of exposure for children is from lead-based paint, which was used in many homes built before 1978.

Adults and children can get lead into their bodies by breathing in lead dust, especially during activities such as renovations, repairs, or painting, or by swallowing lead dust that settles in food, food preparation surfaces, floors, window sills, eating paint chips, soil that contains lead or other places.

Children can also become exposed to lead dust from adults' jobs or hobbies and from some metal toys or toys painted with lead-based paint.

Children are not exposed equally to lead, nor suffer its consequences in the same way. These disparities unduly burden minority families and low-income families and their communities.

Lead poisoning has no obvious signs, and most children do not report any abnormal symptoms.

Children with lead poisoning might report stomachaches, decreased appetite, hyperactivity, sleeping problems or irritability.

Because these symptoms appear to mimic other childhood problems, lead poisoning is sometimes mistaken for a cold or the flu.

Often, blood lead levels drop when the cause of exposure is removed. However, if levels are high medications may be given.

Children with elevated blood levels may be placed on special diets and need to be monitored closely to lower their risk of lead related complications.

Southern Seven Health Department offers blood lead screenings for children by appointment. Appointments can be made by calling 618-634-2297.

More information about National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week 2021 can be found online at www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead.

A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, October 28, 1971

Voters will go to the polls Tuesday, Nov. 2, in Union County to elect one County Commissioner and a State's Attorney.

The nation will revert to Standard Time Sunday, Oct. 31, and residents are being reminded to set their clocks back one hour.

The annual Halloween party for youngsters of the area will be held Saturday evening, Oct. 30, beginning at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Pam Landreth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Landreth of Jonesboro, was crowned 1971 Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Homecoming Queen at ceremonies Friday evening by retiring queen Nancy Cunningham.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Carroll P. Foster Post 3455, Anna, held its Veterans Day service at 11:00 a.m. Monday, Oct. 25, at the post home.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Poole celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary Sunday, Oct. 17, 1971, with an Open House at their home. The Pooles have retired from farming and continue to reside in their country home south of Anna.

Grace Clark and Wayne Dunn, counselors at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, are announcing Career Night will be held Tuesday evening, Nov. 2, in the Learning Center of Bar-San Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Metropolis foiled A-J's homecoming by beating the Cats 16 to 14.

The annual Fall Carnival will be held at the Shawnee High School, Wolf Lake, Friday.

From the Cobden News: The Cobden School Beta Club is sponsoring a "Beauty and the Beast" dance in the multipurpose room Saturday, Oct. 30, at 7:30 p.m. The Deep Creek Band will provide the music.

From the Shiloh news: Thanks to the response for pumpkins. They went fast. So glad we could give them to someone who could use them.

From the Mountain Glen news: The school children here enjoyed the long Veterans Day week end.

From the Lockard Chapel news: There will be a party for the little folks and a hayride for the older ones at Lockard Chapel Saturday evening. We'll watch out for the hob-goblins.

From the Friendship news: We are so proud of the beautiful fall we have had. The leaves are now coming down and such beautiful colors.

Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

Fossils...a dark and stormy night...and a surprise...

In the things that make you hmmm category... Sunday night, stepped outside to do some sky watching. Nearby wind chimes were ringing. Made me think of a scene from the movie "Twister." Which, under the circumstances last Sunday night, seemed rather appropriate...

(At the time this was being crafted, we had just received a weather alert about a severe thunderstorm warning in Cape Girardeau County...a little bit later, the tornado warning siren sounded...)

Meanwhile... Well...only about 20,999,999 to go... ..fossils, that is.

Over the weekend, I got to wondering how many fossil treasures I need to find to fetch \$7.74 million. Seven point seventy four MILLION dollars.

That was how much the fossilized remains of Big John sold for at a recent auction in Paris. Paris, France. Not Paris, Illinois.

As BBC explained on its website, Big John is "the largest triceratops dinosaur ever found." Guess that's why the critter sold for a European record price of the aforementioned \$7.74 million.

As BBC explained: "Some 66 million years ago, Big John roamed modern-day South Dakota in the US, where the dinosaur's bones were unearthed in 2014. With its huge collared skull and three horns, the plant-eating triceratops was a giant of the Cretaceous period."

A "private, anonymous collector" from the United States bought Big John's skeleton. No, it was not me. I don't pay money for rocks, well, unless you count the gravel which we needed for our driveway a number of years ago.

After learning about a fossil selling for over \$7 million at an auction, I decided it was time to get to work.

I did a little research online...determined that the kind of fossils which I usually find sell for, oh, something like three for 99 cents. And you get to pay four or five bucks for shipping and handling, too.

Oh, well. Like Ringo Starr sang in his song of long, long ago...it don't come easy.

So, I went on a fossil hunting adventure last Sunday afternoon. Found one nice fossil of a seashell. All I need to do now is to find a couple more. Then, at a price of three for 99 cents, I will only need about 21 million more to fetch my \$7 million. I did some quick figuring, and determined that it should only take about 45,000 years to collect 21 million fossil seashells. Guess I'll be busy for a while...

Meanwhile... As I was heading home from my fossil hunting adventure last Sunday afternoon, the song "Copperhead Road" by Steve Earle came on the radio. Had to turn it up.

And, just in case you were wondering, you can change the words "Copperhead Road" to "Mountain Glen Road"... and they just kind of fit right in to the song...

Remember back in the first paragraph, when I mentioned venturing out on Sunday night to do a little sky watching?

I went back out a second time, to try to get a photograph



Three distant cousins of triceratops were seen basking in October afternoon sunshine at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro. A skeleton of one of these critters only costs about twenty or thirty bucks on eBay. Then again, the skeleton probably won't be 66 million years old, since the turtles were spotted last week in Union County.

of lightning. Achieved that goal, sort of.

While watching the sky, I happened to notice something moving off to my left...just across the street from our humble abode. Did a double take. And a triple take...

An armadillo, as in a real, live armadillo, was out for a stroll in our neighborhood. Up until Sunday night, I had never seen an armadillo that was actually alive. All of my previous experiences involved life-challenged armadillos...generally in the form of road kill, baking in the summer sunshine and heat, creating an appetizer for vultures.

Wasn't expecting to see an armadillo on a stormy night in October in Southern Illinois. The critter quickly vanished into the dark. Too bad it wasn't a triceratops. Might have made the next 45,000 years a little easier...



It's alive...did not expect to see this on a dark and stormy Sunday night...a skunk...maybe...a raccoon... maybe...a possum...maybe...a fox...maybe...an armadillo...nope...and yet, there it was...

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