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News

Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School is planning to have a homecoming celebration next week.

The Village of Cobden is joining the Honor Wreaths for Veterans program.

The Gazette-Democrat is starting to receive information about 2021 ColorFest activities, which are scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 8-10. The paper welcomes information about all upcoming ColorFest events.

Worth noting: the popular Pumpkin Town display, which will again be at the Anna City Park this year, is scheduled to be on display Oct. 21-31.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School has announced fall 2021 homecoming queen and king candidates: Kamden Richardson, Natalee Brown, Beta Vaca Diez, Gracie Barlow, Bradley Glasco, Payton Seip, Keegan Keller, Tabitha Smith, Barry Johnson and Alyvia Lawrence. Coronation is planned during halftime of the A-J football game on Sept. 24.

Southern Seven Health Department posted on social media that it is serving as the area's certified local health department for another five years. Union County is one of the area counties served by the department.

Southern Seven Health Department recommends that everyone get an annual flu shot.

Long-time Shawnee Community College faculty member Craig Bradley has been appointed to the state Community College Board by Gov. JB Pritzker.

The Union County farmers market in Anna was a busy place on Tuesday morning.

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Remembering September 11, 2001...



Special night at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School

All of those on the field at last Friday night's high school football game at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School were standing at attention during the playing of the National Anthem. The anthem was played prior to the start of the game. The terrorist attacks on the nation on Sept. 11, 2001, were remembered prior to the game. Those who are serving the nation, as well as those who have served, and sacrificed, as well as first responders, were honored during a pregame ceremony. Anna-Jonesboro hosted Massac County in the home team's White Out Game for Hadley's Haven, an all-inclusive playground which is planned at the Anna City Park.

Special events held in community

The 20th anniversary of terrorist attacks on the United States on Sept. 11, 2001, was commemorated with special activities in Union County.

The terrorist attacks on a bright and sunny late summer day two decades ago were remembered locally.

The community also took time to pay tribute to 13 American military personnel whose lives were lost in the final days of the nation's presence in Afghanistan.

America had been fighting a war in the south-central Asian country for 20 years.

Union County also honored first responders and emergency services personnel.

Some of the local observances are featured in the accompanying photographs.

Memorial Stair Walk

The Anna Fire and Rescue Department paid tribute to some of the heroes whose lives were lost on Sept. 11, 2001, with a special event on Saturday.

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Honoring fallen firefighters

Anna Fire and Rescue Department personnel paid tribute to heroes whose lives were lost on Sept. 11, 2001, with a memorial stair walk last Saturday afternoon at the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football field. The event honored firefighters who lost their lives in New York City in the terrorist attacks. More photographs of the stair walk can be found on page 2.



Remembering September 11, 2001

The terrorist attacks on the nation on September 11, 2001, were remembered again this year with a display of American flags and a banner in front of Anna City Hall. The tribute has been displayed each September for a number of years.



Tribute to fallen heroes

The City of Anna last week paid tribute to 13 American military personnel who recently sacrificed their lives in Kabul, Afghanistan. The city had a display of 13 American flags, each with a single black ribbon. The display was set up at the four-way stop in the heart of Anna. The city voiced its gratitude to Boy Scout Troop No. 44 for setting up holders and flags to make the display possible. The flags were on display near a veterans monument, which is not far from the four-way stop.



Memorial stair walk

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Five department personnel, including assistant chief Todd Harris. Lt. Jessica Roberts, and firefighters Seth Busby, Colyn Girtman, Austin Stoner, took part in a memorial stair walk.

The commemorative event honored 343 firefighters who lost their lives at the World Trade Center in New York City on Sept. 11, 2001.

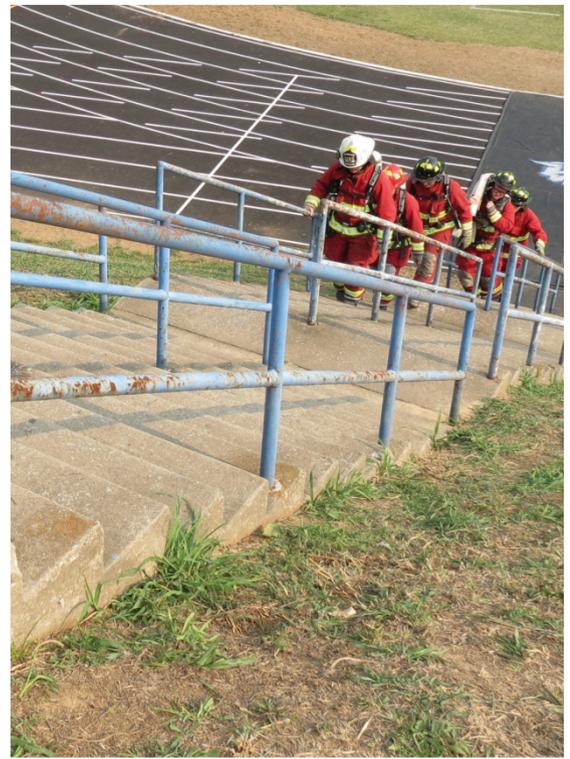
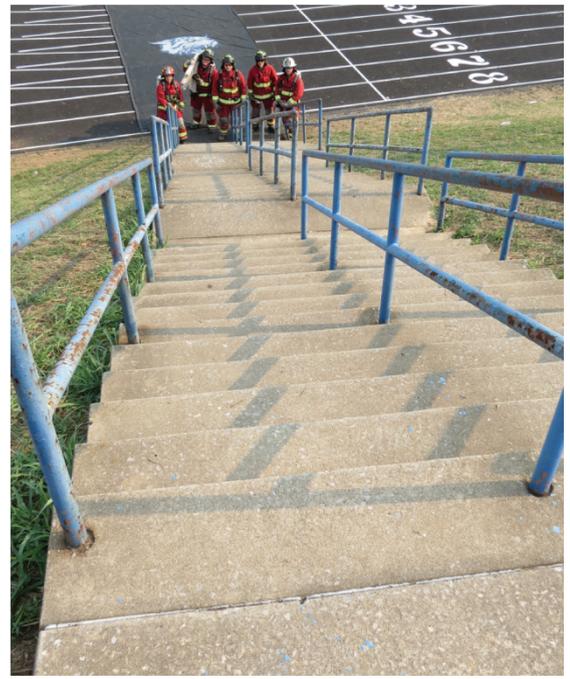
The memorial stair walk was held last Saturday afternoon, starting at 4 o'clock, at the Anna-Jonesboro

Community High School football stadium.

The Anna firefighters went up and down a flight of 41 steps leading into the stadium, which was equal to 110 flights, which would have been found in the tallest of World Trade Center buildings.

All together, the stair walk was expected to total 2,071 steps.

Firefighters were in full gear, weight about 50 pounds. One firefighter was carrying a hose, an additional 25 pounds.



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Special project

After being cancelled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Cobden Peach Festival was held once again this year. The Peach Festival was held in August and again was sponsored by the Cobden Lions Club.

During this year's festival, 2019 Peach Festival queen Addison Osman presented a box of eyeglasses to Richard Howell, president of the Cobden Lions Club. The glasses had been collected by this year's queen pageant candidates. As a service project, the Lions Club offers the glasses to those in need. Photo by Stephanie Stroehlein for The Gazette-Democrat.

Illinois State Police conduct school safety zone detail

Illinois State Police District 22 conducted a school zone safety detail Aug. 9 through Sept. 6.

The detail provided extra patrol coverage for the state police so officers could focus on school zone safety.

Capt. Michael Alvey, the commander of the district, announced results from the detail:

Speeding, school zone citations: six. Speeding, school zone warnings: 25.

Child restraint warnings: one. Wireless phone, school zone citations: two. Wire-

less phone, school zone warnings: 18.

Texting, school zone citations: one. Texting, school zone warnings: one.

Other charges, citations: 19. Other charges, warnings: 46.

Total citations: 28. Total written warnings: 91.

The Illinois State Police encourage all drivers to practice safe driving and to focus all of their attention on driving - especially through a school zone and around school buses.

News Notes

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The City of Anna continues to work on plans for a ColorFest street festival, which is scheduled Saturday afternoon and evening, Oct. 9. Music, food, vendors, arts and crafts are planned.

Plans are being made for the River-to-River Yard Sale, which is scheduled Oct. 7-10 in the region.

As of Tuesday, there had not been any rain recorded in Union County since Sept. 5. The possibility of rain was in the forecast for the middle of the week.

Southern Illinois Hunting and Fishing Days are planned Sept. 25-26 at John A. Logan College in Carterville.

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month. Stinson Memorial Library in Anna is promoting the observance...and prizes are involved.

Alto Vineyards in Alto Pass is planning to have a

Harvest Festival and fireworks show on Saturday, Sept. 25.

The 19th annual Christmas Shop in Cobden, sponsored by the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society, is scheduled to open for the 2021 season at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 6.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reports that, on average, the average last date for the temperature to reach 90 degrees includes Sept. 14 in Paducah, Sept. 15 in Cape Girardeau and Sept. 18 in Carbondale.

The Anna Arts Center is planning to have a Color the Town event on Saturday, Oct. 9.

Oops...a worship service is planned Thursday, today, at Kornthal Church. We incorrectly reported last week that the service was on Sept. 9. The editor erred...and apologizes for any confusion which may have occurred.



Anna beautification project. Anna city employees Aden Bass, Bill Sharp and Lonnie Lewis were doing concrete work along Davie Street as part of a beautification project in the Union County community. Photo provided.

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Proclamation signed

Union County Board of Commissioners chairman Max Miller held a proclamation which declared Sept. 17-23 as Constitution Week in Union County. The proclamation was signed at an Aug. 27 meeting of the county board. From left are commissioners David Gould, Bobby Toler Jr., Max Miller, Kent Pitts and Darryl Harvell.

Constitution Week to be celebrated with special events in Union County

Sept. 17 marks the 234th anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America in 1787 by the Constitutional Convention, which was meeting in Philadelphia, Pa.

Special events are being planned in Union County in commemoration of Constitution Week, which is celebrated each year, from Sept. 17 through Sept. 23.

A local celebration of Constitution Week is being sponsored by Looking for Lincoln, the Daniel Chapman Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Long Knives Chapter of the American Revolution, the PAST organization of Union County and the Shawnee Hills Arts Council/Anna Arts Center.

All of the upcoming events in Union County are free and open to the public.

Organizers of the upcoming events in Union County note that Constitution Week commemorates the nation's most important document.

The celebration was started by the Daughters of the American Revolution, DAR.

In 1955, the DAR petitioned Congress to set aside Sept. 17-23 as a time each year dedicated to the observance of Constitution Week.

A resolution was later adopted by the U.S. Congress and signed into public law on Aug. 2, 1956, by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

This is the 65th year in which Constitution Week is being celebrated and the annual bell ringing tradition was started by the DAR.

As part of the local commemoration, Constitution Week proclamations have been signed by Union County Board of Commissioners chairman Max Miller, Anna Mayor Steve Hartline and Jonesboro Mayor Ken Blandford.

Jonesboro Ceremony
Local Constitution Week activities are scheduled to kick off with a ceremony which is set for 5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro.

In keeping with current COVID-19 guidelines, those who plan to attend the ceremony are asked to bring lawn chairs and to practice social distancing.

The guest speaker is scheduled to be Dr. Larry Peterson, who will briefly share President Abraham Lincoln's thoughts about the Constitution.

In the event of rain, the Sept. 17 ceremony will be moved to the Shawnee Hills Arts Council's Anna Arts Center. The is located at 125 W. Davie St. in Anna.

The ceremony is scheduled to begin with presenting of the colors by the Boy Scouts, the National Anthem and the Girl Scouts leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

The guest speaker at the ceremony is scheduled to be Dr. Larry Peterson, who will share thoughts about the Constitution.

After Peterson's com-

ments, those in attendance will be invited to ring a bell for one minute. A one-minute bell ringing is planned across the country on Sept. 17. Churches in Union County also are invited to ring their bells.

Those who plan to attend are asked to bring a bell or some other noise maker.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Long Knives Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution plan to present a combination cannon/rifle 21-gun salute.

An ice cream social is planned following the ceremony.

Anna Arts Center
Three presentations about the Constitution and its history are planned starting at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Anna Arts Center.

Guest speakers at the arts center are scheduled to include:

9 a.m. Dr. Cindy Buys, a professor in the Southern Illinois University School

of Law, who will talk about "The Constitution as the Foundation of Our Legal and Political System."

10:10 a.m. Dr. Norma Lee Hackney will give a presentation titled "Meet the Founding Fathers."

11:20 a.m. Dr. Susan Whitemountain will give a presentation titled "Struggles for a Constitution."

Heritage House
An open house is planned from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, at PAST's Heritage House in Jonesboro. Heritage House is located at 102 S. Main St.

Presentations are scheduled at 2 p.m., with Pamela Turner portraying Mrs. John McIntosh and Brent Gordon portraying Dr. Sidney Condon.

More information about the upcoming Constitution Week activities is available by contacting Lee Hackney by cell phone at 1-904-625-1109 or by email at vabchlee@gmail.com.

A-J homecoming celebration planned

A fall season homecoming celebration is planned next week at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

The A-JCHS Student Council is planning the homecoming activities.

Homecoming week is scheduled Sept. 20-24 at the Union County school. The theme for this year's celebration is "Out of This World."

Daily themes are planned for the week. Monday will be Sweet Dream Day (PJs). Tuesday will be Space Jam Day (jerseys). Wednesday will be Out of This World Day (Galaxy/Space Day).

Thursday will be Wildcat Day (Blue and White Day). Friday will be Class Color Day.

A homecoming parade is scheduled Friday, Sept. 24. Lineup begins at noon. The parade begins at 1 p.m.

The plan is for parade units to step off from the Anna City Park by Rusty's

Outdoor service set at Kornthal

A third Thursday worship service is planned Thursday, today, at historic Kornthal Church near Jonesboro.

The service is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m., which is a time change.

The service is scheduled to take place outside. Those who plan to attend are asked to bring a lawn chair.

In the event of rain, there will be no services.

Kornthal Church is located 2.5 miles south of Jonesboro, just off Illinois Route 127.

(Note: an article in last week's paper incorrectly stated that the service would be held on the evening of Sept. 9. The editor erred.)

at 1 p.m. All participants will be asked to enter the park through the entrance at St. Mary Church.

Units will proceed west on Davie Street and turn south on Main Street. The parade route will end at Stinson Memorial Library.

A homecoming football game is set for 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24. A-J is slated to host Carterville.

Coronation of a homecoming queen and king is set for 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, in the Union Hall gymnasium at the school.

Hess News
By Glenn Heisner

A retirement party for Billy Halter was held Aug. 28 at their home. He worked for the City of Anna for 26 years. There was lots of good food and excellent barbecue.

The Heisner reunion was at Fort Massac Sept. 5.

Danny Heisner from Georgia came the farthest to attend. Sam Heisner was the second farthest.

Justin McClellan and Loni spent the night with us and attended. They live in Columbia, Tenn.

I would like to add my two cents to the good article "Ella Jane." She called Jim Goddard her "little hillbilly." She taught Jim, his dad Clyde and his grandfather Ernest.

If she had lived to see Jim in the ColorFest performance I wonder if she would have said well done "my little hillbilly."

I would like to thank Betty Carter and Linda Lence for the credits on The Gazette-Democrat.

September birthdays: Mike Scott, Sept. 1; Luke Schlenker, Sept. 1; Sam Heisner, Sept. 12; Sue Hoskins, Sept. 14; Danny Heisner, Sept. 15; Gary Hoskins, Sept. 19; Bonnie Treece, Sept. 28.

Area group leader for Wreaths Across America to be featured in interview

Local volunteer Jim Koonce of Carterville, who is a sponsorship group leader supporting the program at Carterville, Anna, Alto Pass, Jonesboro, Cobden, O' Fallon and Mt. Vernon cemeteries for Wreaths Across America, WAA, is scheduled to be featured in a national interview on Wreaths Across America Radio. The interview is set for 8:15 a.m. on Sept. 24.

Wreaths Across America Radio's 24/7 stream can be listened to anywhere at www.wreathscrossamerica.org/radio, and via the iHeart Radio app or download it at the App Store or on Google.

The Sept. 24 program will offer listeners nationwide the chance to learn more about local efforts in support of the mission to Remember, Honor and Teach, and ways to get involved locally.

Gallery hosting exhibit of works by student artists

"Of Myth and Fable," an exhibition of works by Southeast Missouri State University student artists Erin Ashwell and Gwendolyn Sterrett, is available for viewing through Friday, Oct. 1 at The Nest Gallery in the Seminary Building at Southeast's River Campus in Cape Girardeau.

The exhibition is on display on the first floor of the Seminary Building. A reception is planned Friday, Oct. 1, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Additionally, an artist's talk is planned Thursday, Sept. 30, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the River Campus Gallery. Face coverings are required.

Ashwell is a senior fine arts major with dual emphases in graphic design and printmaking from House Springs, Mo.

Sterrett is a senior fine arts major with an emphasis in digital art from Chester.

She is influenced by a variety of disciplines,

The Wreaths Across America Radio virtual countdown kicked off on Sept. 9, and will run through National Wreaths Across America Day, this year on Saturday, Dec. 18.

Interviews will feature volunteers from communities in every state.

During the interview, Koonce will share personal stories that evoke the emotion of the mission while offering a direct "call to action" to help raise funds needed to sponsor veterans' wreaths for placement at Carterville, Anna, Alto Pass, Jonesboro, Cobden, O' Fallon and Mt. Vernon cemeteries this December.

The goal of Wreaths Across America is to lay a wreath on the graves of as many veterans as possible.

Those involved with the program believe all veterans deserve this honor if they are buried in a coun-

try church cemetery or a national cemetery.

Wreaths Across America Radio is a 24/7 internet stream. Its format provides informational and inspiring content about members of the U.S. armed forces, their families, military veterans and volunteers throughout the country and overseas who support the mission to Remember, Honor and Teach.

Along with the inspiring content, Wreaths Across America Radio plays a variety of music with roots planted in patriotism and a country music thread running through the core of the stream.

Wreaths Across America Radio has a live morning show every weekday morning from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. Eastern Time, along with a variety of special programs that support the mission.

For more information, or to learn how to sponsor a wreath, visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org/IL00611P.

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Sports

A-J holds off Massac County for 28-27 win Friday night

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team held on in the final seconds for a 28-27 win over visiting Massac County last Friday night.

A-J was hosting Massac County in the Wildcats' fall 2021 White Out Game for Hadley's Haven.

With 7.6 seconds remaining in the game, the Patriots were trailing by a point.

Instead of kicking an extra point to tie the game and send it into overtime, Massac County attempted a pass for a 2-point conversion...and a possible win.

"It's kind of what I thought they would do," A-J football head coach Brett Detering said.

The A-J coach said he anticipated such a move because the Patriots were moving the ball well at that point in the game.

Massac County quarterback Justice Willis dropped back to pass and threw an incompletion.

"They had a guy open and didn't make the play for the win," Detering said.

The Wildcats took over

with seconds remaining in the game. A-J received the kickoff. Quarterback Gavin Osman took the snap and the game ended.

Massac County's offense started rolling to open the game.

On the Patriots' first drive, Willis connected with TreShaun Bagby for a 12-yard pass after a four play drive.

Willis' extra point kick put Massac County ahead 7-0 with 9:11 remaining in the first quarter.

A-J's offense then went to work.

After a 13-play drive, Zach Stokes scored on a 13-yard run. The extra point kick was blocked and A-J trailed 7-6 with 4:17 remaining in the first quarter.

The Patriots' next drive was thwarted when Jace Huckstep recovered a fumble in the middle of the field for A-J.

After four plays, Stokes scored again for A-J on a 4-yard run. Osman's extra point kick put the Wildcats ahead 13-7 with 11:27 remaining in the second quarter.

A-J faces Nashville this week in road game

The Nashville High School football team is scheduled to host Anna-Jonesboro this Friday night. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

The Hornets enter the game 2-1 after last Friday's 47-6 win over Trenton Wesleyan. A-J is also 2-1 overall.

Nashville is the defending Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division winner from last season.

A-J is opening the conference schedule portion of the fall 2021 season by facing Nashville and Carterville, back to back.

They will be a challenge for us. We will have to play good football and have to execute our offense better," A-J football head coach Brett Detering said as he

looked forward to the Wildcats' upcoming games.

The Hornets were led last season by standout quarterback Cole Malaway, who has graduated.

Replacing Malaway as the signal caller will be senior Kolten Gajewski.

A top receiver candidate is senior Isaac Turner, 6-3, 185 pounds, who averaged 110 yards a game last season and caught nine touchdown passes.

"We will have to keep him in check," Detering said of Turner.

Another leading receiver is Nola Heggemeier.

Returning in the backfield is senior Wyatt Kwiatkowski, with backup by seniors Connor Gladson and Radyn Schwartzkopf.

Massac County came right back and Willis connected with Bagby for a 30-yard TD pass after a 7-play drive. Willis' extra point kick put the Patriots on top 14-13 with 7:56 remaining in the second quarter.

On their next drive, the Wildcats' Barry Johnson scored on an 8-yard run after a 13-play drive. Osman ran in for the conversion points and A-J was ahead 21-14 with 28 seconds remaining in the first half.

Osman intercepted a Willis pass to stop the Patriots' final drive of the first half.

To open the second half, A-J's Johnson scored on a 1-yard run after a nine play drive.

Osman's extra point kick put A-J ahead 28-14 with 5:49 remaining in the third quarter.

The Patriots' next score came following an A-J fumble that Willis recovered.

Willis capped a seven play drive by scoring on a 37-yard run. The extra point kick pulled the Patriots to 28-21 with 4:22 remaining in the game.

The Wildcats' final drive ended when Osman was stopped on a short run on fourth down.

After Willis connected with Layton Dillard for a 37-yard TD strike near the end of the game, the Patriots' extra point pass failed and the home team had a win in the books.

The Wildcats rushed for 356 yards and had no passing yardage.

Osman led A-J's rushing attack with 160 yards on 22 carries. Johnson added 124 yards on 22 carries.

"We had a good rushing attack by Osman and Johnson," Detering said.

Stokes added 42 yards on 6 carries for the Wildcats. Josh Davis had 31 yards on five carries.

The Patriots rushed for 228 yards and had 129 yards passing. Willis passed for three TDs.

A-J hosts Massac County in Friday night football action

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School hosted Massac County in high school football action last Friday night. Friday night's matchup was A-J's fall 2021 White Out Game, which was in support of the Hadley's Haven playground project. The playground is planned at the Anna City Park. Friday night also was a time to remember the events of Sept. 11, 2001, and to recognize those who have served and sacrificed for the nation, as well as first responders who serve the community.



The Anna-Jonesboro football team, dressed in all-white uniforms, heads on to the field prior to the start of Friday night's game.



A coin toss was held at midfield prior to kickoff. A large American flag was displayed on the Anna Fire Department's ladder truck.

Jonesboro School softball team wins conference tournament title



Jonesboro wins conference tournament title

The Jonesboro School junior high softball team, coaches and fans are celebrating a conference tournament championship. The tournament was played at Meridian in Mounds. Photo provided.

The Jonesboro School junior high softball team continues its winning ways, adding the title of conference tournament champions to its list of accolades for the season.

The semifinals and championship game for the 2021 conference tournament were played Saturday, Sept. 11, at Meridian.

First round: Jonesboro 20, Cobden 0

The Lady Bulldogs shutout Cobden in the first round of the tournament in a home game held on Sept. 9.

Macayla Nance pitched the shutout for Jonesboro, giving up no hits and recording 5 strikeouts in the win.

Jayci Needling went 3 for 4 at the plate for the day. Emma Craig, Kayleigh

Wheaton and Avery Poole each contributed with 2 hits a piece.

Semifinals: Jonesboro 10, Century 0

Jonesboro topped Century in the semifinals of the tournament, racking up 10 runs while holding Century scoreless.

Pitcher Sadie Cross got the win for the Lady Bulldogs, giving up only 2 hits in 6 innings pitched, with 12 strikeouts.

Jayci Needling continued her offensive hot streak, going 2 for 3 at the plate. Emma Craig, Brook Sheffer, Mackenzie Barnhart and Maddie Moss each recorded a hit for the game as well.

Championship: Jonesboro 9, Anna 5

Jonesboro faced off

against Anna in the championship game of the tournament. The Lady Bulldogs outscored their cross-county rivals 9-5 to clinch the win.

Macayla Nance and Sadie Cross split pitching duties for the game. Nance pitched 5 innings, giving up 5 runs and 4 hits, while striking out 4.

Sadie Cross pitched 2 scoreless innings, getting 4 strikeouts and the win.

Jayci Needling went 2 for 2 at the plate, while Kayleigh Wheaton went 2 for 3 and Avery Poole went 2 for 4.

Jonesboro's record improved to 13-1 for the season after the game. The team is scheduled to be in action again on Sept. 17 at home against Egyptian.



The A-J defense lined up as Massac County prepared to run a play on offense during the first half.



The Wildcat defense looked to stop a Massac County ball carrier during the first half.

Invitational held in Peoria

A-J cross country teams compete at First to Finish event

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' and boys' cross country teams traveled to Peoria last weekend to compete in the First to the Finish cross country invitational.

First to the Finish is the largest invitational in the state. The event is held at Detweiler Park, the site of the IHSA state finals in November.

More than 5,500 runners competed in all of the races. An estimated 15,000 people were in attendance, which included spectators.

The girls' Class 1A race featured 478 competitors. Brodie Denny led A-J, covering the 3.0-mile course with a season best time of 19:15.3, which was good for 14th place at the invitational.

Next for the Wildcats was freshman standout Zoe Jones, who finished 91st with a season best time of 21:20.2.

Bree Hazelrigg followed Jones with a personal best time of 23:34.9.

Alexandria Keller and Hannah Webb rounded out the Wildcats with times of 29:50 and 30:03 respectively.

On the boys' side, there were 571 competitors in the Class 1A race.

Leading the Wildcats was Zach Henry, with a season best time of 18:12, which was good for 117th place.

Beto Vaca Diez followed Henry with an 18:36 time, which was good for 161st.

Next was younger brother Matteo Vaca Diez in a time of 18:51, which slotted him at 185.

First-year runner Nile Chotner was next, with a time of 19:00.

He was followed by Lucas Vaca Diez in a time of 20:01. Daniel Dover came in at 20:20, followed by Yovani Carrillo at 22:03. Logan Abernathy rounded out the team for A-J with a personal best time of 27:56.

The Wildcats are scheduled to travel to Southern Illinois University Edwardsville this Saturday. A-J will compete in the Edwardsville Invitational.

A-J/Cobden soccer wins twice in recent action

The Anna-Jonesboro/Cobden co-op boys' soccer team won twice and tied in recent action.

A-J 4, Pinckneyville 0: Romeo Godinez scored a pair of goals to lead host A-J/Cobden to the win Thursday, Sept. 9.

Zach Henry and Matteo Vaca Diez each added a goal apiece.

Daniel Dover and Charles Vaca Diez each had an assist.

Bryce Henry played 40 minutes in goal and had 4 saves. Carter Lannom played 40 minutes in goal and had 3 saves.

A-J 2, Murphysboro 2: Charles Vaca Diez and Tristan Brummer scored a

goal apiece to lead visiting A-J/Cobden in the tie Tuesday, Sept. 7. Matteo Vaca Diez had 2 assists.

Henry played 80 minutes in goal and had 15 saves.

A-J 3, Marion 1: Charles Vaca Diez scored two goals to lead visiting A-J/Cobden to the win Monday, Sept. 6.

Godinez scored the other goal on a penalty kick.

Henry and Dover had an assist apiece.

Henry played 80 minutes in goal and had 11 saves.

A-J/Cobden had a 5-2-2 overall record following the recent games.

A-J/Cobden is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at home against Carterville.

A-J/Cobden faces Murphysboro in high school soccer action

Anna-Jonesboro/Cobden, in white jerseys, faced host Murphysboro Sept. 7 in boys' high school soccer action. The game ended in a 2-2 tie. Photos provided.



A-J/Cobden midfielder Romeo Godinez, number 9, looks to move the ball.



The ball soars over A-J/Cobden midfielder/forward Ethan Carver.



A-J junior varsity football action

Anna-Jonesboro played at Massac County Monday evening in high school junior varsity football action. A-J outscored Massac County 30-6 in the game. Photo provided.



Junior Wildcats football action

Anna-Jonesboro Junior Wildcats football teams were in action last Saturday. A-J welcomed teams from Edwards County and Carmi. Games were played at the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football field. Teams with players in grades 1 through 8 competed. Junior Wildcats football action is scheduled again this coming Saturday at the high school, with kickoff set for 1 p.m.

A tribute to our area veterans . . .

The Gazette-Democrat will publish on November 11, 2021, a special commemorative issue in honor of our area veterans and service members currently serving on active duty. There will be no charge for this service.

Don't miss this opportunity to pay tribute to those who have proudly served or are still serving our country. Please mail or bring in a picture of your veteran (living or deceased) or your family member still on active duty to:

The Gazette-Democrat, P.O. Box 529, Anna, IL 62906
OR email information to news@annanews.com.

Photos need to be scanned, not photocopied please. Please include your name and phone number where you can be reached if we have any questions.

If you wish to repeat information about a veteran which was part of last year's section, you must notify the newspaper by writing or calling 618-833-2158. The deadline to submit an item is October 20.

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Pictures may be picked up after publication date.

A-J girls' golf takes second

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' golf team finished in second place in a three-team match played Wednesday, Sept. 8, at the Hickory Ridge Golf Course in Carbondale.

Host Carbondale won with 202. A-J finished with 210 and Carterville tallied 256.

The Lady Wildcats' Marlee Smith had the best individual score for the day with a 40.

Gabby Flores was next with 56, Addi Hadley and Reese Reynolds followed, each scoring 57, Tori Ralls 59 and Aly Hasty 68.

A-J boys' golf plays in three recent events

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' golf team played in three recent events.

Benton Invitational: A-J finished in second place with a score of 327 at the Benton Invitational Saturday, Sept. 11.

The host Rangers won the 8-team event with 282.

Luke Lasley led the Wildcats with a fourth place finish at 72.

Ayden Baity was next for A-J with 74, followed by Kamden Richardson and Taj Hodges with 86 each and Tim Plott with 89.

A-J 144, Pinckneyville 164, Herrin 181, Murphysboro 213.
 Luke Lasley from A-J

had the best individual score for the day with a 32 at Pinckneyville Wednesday, Sept. 8.

The Wildcats' Taj Hodges was next with 35, followed by Kamden Richardson 36, Tim Plott 41 and Ayden Bailey and Hayden Ralls, each scoring 44 apiece.

Benton 138, A-J 168, Herrin 200: Lasley led the Wildcats in their first loss of the season with a score of 39 at Benton Tuesday, Sept. 7.

Bailey, Richardson and Ralls were next, scoring 43 apiece, followed by Nick Hannan 44 and Plott 46.

A-J is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at Pinckneyville.

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SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS

Each day thousands of children board school buses to take them to and from school. Parents and caregivers entrust their children's well-being to the care of school bus drivers and aides.

While a large part of protecting children is on the shoulders of the school bus driver, it is also vital for passengers to learn the basics of school bus safety. Children who are riding the bus for the first time should be taught the rules of school bus safety.

- Get to the bus stop 5 to 10 minutes prior to the assigned pickup time. Rushing last-minute can lead to injury.
- Remain on the sidewalk or grass at the bus stop.
- When boarding the bus, go directly to a seat and sit down. Buckle up if there are seat belts on the bus.
- Remain seated while the bus is in motion.
- Keep voices low so as not to distract the driver.
- Keep your head and hands inside of the bus, and never hang out of the window.
- Do not throw things on the bus or play rough with friends or classmates.
- Keep the aisle clear at all times.
- Be careful when getting off the bus. Hold on while going down the stairs.
- Only get off at your designated stop unless you have permission to get off elsewhere.
- When exiting the bus, walk at least 10 steps past the front of the bus and cross in front where the driver can see you. Do not cross behind the bus.
- Wait for the driver to give you a signal that it is safe to cross. Be sure to check that all cars on the road have come to a complete stop.
- Get to the sidewalk or off the street as quickly as possible.
- If you've forgotten something on the bus, do not run back and attempt to retrieve it.
- Do not get into the cars of strangers waiting around bus stops, even if they offer to take you home.

Head up, phone down

Summertime offers a reprieve from school-year activities, but once fall rolls around again life becomes much more hectic.

Parents and kids have a lot of new distractions to deal with: carpools, early schedules, after-school activities, bus traffic and more.

As your children march out the door on their way to school, there is really only one priority: Making sure they get home safe.

Back in 1995, children ages 5 to 9 were more at risk than any other age group under 19 for being struck by a vehicle while walking.

Today, there has been a noticeable demographic shift. It is now much more likely a teenager will be hit by a car than his younger counterpart.

According to Injury Facts, over all age groups since 2009, pedestrian fatalities have trended up sharply, totaling 6,205 traffic-related deaths in 2019.

The National Safety Council is focused on efforts to eliminate distracted walking – specifically walking while using a mobile device.

Kids often don't recognize the dangers of distracted walking.

Before your children head out, remind them about

these year-round safety tips: Never walk while texting or talking on the phone.

If texting, move out of the way of others and stop on the sidewalk.

Never cross the street while using an electronic device.

Do not walk with headphones in your ears.

Be aware of your surroundings.

Always walk on the sidewalk if one is available; if you must walk on the street, face oncoming traffic.

Look left, right, then left again before crossing the street.

Cross only at crosswalks.

Drivers have a lot to pay attention to in school zones, too, and there is never an occasion that justifies using a phone while driving. One call or text can change everything.

A study conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and prevention reveals that the most common form of travel to school for students age 5 to 14 is the family car.

That translates into a lot of cars in school zones at the same time.

Eliminating all distractions is key to keeping children safe.

From the National Safety Council.

State police: watch out for children, buses

The Illinois State Police each year remind motorists to watch out for children and buses out on the roadways with a new school year starting.

The start of the school year means there will be increased vehicle and pedestrian traffic on the roadways.

The Illinois State Police urge motorists to be watchful for children who are walking and riding their bicycles to school, as well as the possibility of children darting out from between parked vehicles.

Parents will be dropping off or picking up students,

which will add to the vehicular traffic during morning and afternoon commutes.

State police advise motorists to watch for slowing or stopped school buses and to remember that it is illegal to pass a school bus with its stop sign extended and flashing lights activated.

Failure to do so can result in a fine and a suspension of a driver's license.

Motorists also are urged to limit their distractions when they are traveling on roadways and to watch their speed in and around school zones.

The school zone speed

limit is 20 miles per hour, and is in effect from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. when children are present.

Motorists also are re-

minded that talking on their cell phone or texting is illegal on all public roadways, and pedestrians have the right-of-way in crosswalks.



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Slow down: Back to school means sharing the road

School days bring congestion: School buses are picking up their passengers, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school before the bell rings, harried parents are trying to drop their kids off before work.

It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present — especially before and after school.

If You're Dropping Off
Schools often have very specific drop-off procedures for the school year. Make sure you know them for the safety of all kids.

The following apply to all school zones:
Don't double park; it blocks visibility for other children and vehicles.

Don't load or unload children across the street from the school.

Carpool to reduce the number of vehicles at the school.

Sharing the Road with Young Pedestrians

According to research by the National Safety Council, most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are 4 to 7 years old, and they're walking.

They are hit by the bus, or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus. A few precautions go a long way toward keeping children safe:

Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic.

In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection.

Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign.

Take extra care to look out for children in school zones,

near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas.

Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way.

Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians.

Always use extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians wherever they may be, no matter who has the right of way.

Sharing the Road with School Buses

If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.

Never pass a bus from behind, or from either direction if you're on an undivided road, if it is stopped to load or unload children.

If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop.

The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus.

Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks.

Sharing the Road with Bicyclists

On most roads, bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as vehicles, but bikes can be hard to see. Children riding bikes create special problems for drivers because usually they are not able to properly determine traffic conditions. The most common cause of collision is a driver turning left in front of a bicyclist. When passing a bicyclist, proceed in the same direction slowly, and leave 3 feet between your car and the cyclist. When turning left and a bicyclist is approaching in the opposite direction, wait for the rider to pass. If you're turning right and a bicyclist is approaching from behind on the right, let the rider go through the intersection first, and always use your turn signals. Watch for bike riders turning in front of you without looking or signaling; children especially have a tendency to do this. Be extra vigilant in school zones and residential neighborhoods. Watch for bikes coming from driveways or behind parked cars. Check side mirrors before opening your door. By exercising a little extra care and caution, drivers and pedestrians can co-exist safely in school zones.

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School safety checklist

Summer has ended and children are back in school. It's important to remember, and share with your children, some key tips that will help keep them safe and healthy throughout the school year.

Transportation Safety

Whether children walk, ride their bicycle or take the bus to school, it is extremely important that they take proper safety precautions.

Here are some tips to make sure your child safely travels to school:

Walkers

Review your family's walking safety rules and practice walking to school with your child.

Walk on the sidewalk, if one is available; when on a street with no sidewalk, walk facing the traffic.

Before you cross the street, stop and look left, right and left again to see if cars are coming.

Make eye contact with drivers before crossing and always cross streets at crosswalks or intersections.

Stay alert and avoid distracted walking.

Bike Riders

Teach your child the rules of the road and practice riding the bike route to school with your child.

Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, and in a single file.

Come to a complete stop before crossing the street; walk bikes across the street.

Stay alert and avoid distracted riding.

Make sure your child always wears a properly fitted helmet and bright clothing.

Bus Riders

Teach your children school bus safety rules and practice with them.

Go to the bus stop with your child to teach them the proper way to get on and off the bus.

Teach your children to stand 6 feet (or three giant steps) away from the curb.

If your child must cross the street in front of the bus, teach him or her to walk on the side of the road until they are 10 feet ahead of the bus; your child and the bus driver should always be able to see each other.

Driving Your Child to School

Stay alert and avoid distracted driving.

Obey school zone speed limits and follow your school's drop-off procedure.

Make eye contact with children who are crossing the street.

Never pass a bus loading or unloading children.

The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them to safely enter and exit the bus.

Teen Drivers

Car crashes are the number one cause of death for teens. Fortunately, there is something we can do.

Teens crash because they are inexperienced; practice with new drivers every week, before and

after they get their license.

Set a good example; drive the way you want your teen to drive.

Sign a New Driver Deal, an agreement that helps define expectations for parents and teens. (Details are available online at cloud.safe.nsc.org.)

School Safety

Many school-related injuries are completely preventable. Follow these steps to ensure your child's safety at school.

Backpacks

Choose a backpack for your child carefully; it should have ergonomically designed features to enhance safety and comfort.

Ask your children to use both straps when wearing their backpack to evenly distribute the weight on their shoulders.

Don't overstuff a backpack; it should weigh no more than 5 percent to 10 percent of your child's body weight.

Rolling backpacks should be used cautiously since they can create a trip hazard in crowded school hallways.

Playgrounds and Sports

To reduce strangulation hazards on playgrounds, have your child leave necklaces and jackets with drawstrings at home.

A few bumps and bruises can be expected when your child plays sports, but head injuries should never be ignored.

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Breakfast served

The Anna Church of the Nazarene of Anna prepared and served a game-day breakfast for the players, coaches and cheerleaders of the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Wildcats football team on the morning of Friday, Sept. 10. Volunteering for the occasion were, from left, Ed Grisham, Jim Hammer, Senior Pastor Randy Wright, Leonard Sadler and Maddy Schnaare. Mark Smith could not be present for the picture. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

News from

Camp Ground Church, Community

Kenneth and Rev. Dee Ann Thompson were still out of town Sunday. Filling the pulpit at Camp Ground Church was Rev. Curtis Franklin.

His sermon was titled "Who Signed Me Up for

This?" Selected scripture was from Mark, chapter 8.

Three things occurred in the selected passage: Peter declared that Jesus was the Messiah, Jesus predicted His death and Jesus explained the "way of the

cross."

The sermon shared that "prior to the events in the scripture, Jesus had healed the sick, preached to the multitudes and all was good. Peter, and the other disciples, had experienced the 'baby stage' of being a follower of Christ.

"Then Jesus gave them the rest of the story: in addition to joy, they would experience frustration, conflict, persecution and possibly death as His disciple.

"This passage also speaks to us as Christians today: in addition to the joy of accepting Christ as our savior and assurance of eternal life, we will experience frustration, conflict, persecution and some even possible death as we try to share the Gospel."

"We 'signed up for this' when we became a Christian."

Rev. Franklin concluded with "let go and let God use us for His glory."

Tymber Roach and Donna Jean Miller took up the offering Sunday.

Camp Ground's lead elder for September is Rodney Miller.

Wedding anniversary wishes go to Lane and Ashley Patterson, whose special date was Tuesday, the 14th.

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.

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

A morning worship service was held Sunday, Sept. 12, at 10:35 a.m. in the church and on Zoom.

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

Special music was presented by Jessica Elkins.

The message, titled "Stand Together in Unity," was given by Pastor Wright. Scripture was from Philipians, Ecclesiastes, Jude,

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Sept. 12, Pastor Perry Williams spoke in the Sunday morning worship service.

The morning message was about righteousness, self-control and a convenient time to accept Christ. The message was based on scripture from Acts.

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

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

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

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

A youth lock-in is planned from 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, through 7 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 18.

The Dig-In children's program is scheduled to resume Wednesday, Sept. 22, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., for children ages 4 through 6th grade.

Birthdays: Jaime Wright, Sept. 12; Rhonda Brumitt, Sept. 14; Michael Holsouser, Sept. 18.

Anniversaries: Bill and Lois Dillow, Sept. 12, 62 years; John Sr. and Mary "Murk" Cripps, Sept. 17, 66 years.

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.

Prayer and Bible study, as well as youth group meetings, are scheduled at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

a.m. Sunday, Sept. 19.

Bible quizzing is planned at 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19.

A Wednesday night service is planned at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 22 in the sanctuary and on Zoom, with the youth group meeting in the fellowship hall. The pastor can be texted prior to the meeting for the Zoom password.

A grocery giveaway is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon on Sept. 25.

Alabaster Offering Sunday is scheduled Sept. 26. The 10:35 a.m. service will include Olivet Nazarene University preaching and the Music Ambassadors. A missionary service is planned at 5 p.m.

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.

August weather in region

Temperatures just above normal, precipitation totals varied widely

Temperatures during the month of August in the Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky region were slightly above normal.

August precipitation totals varied widely across the region.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported temperatures finished the month of August anywhere from 0.5 of a degree to 1.5 degrees above normal.

While average high temperatures were generally within a degree of normal, average lows ended up around 1.5 to 2 degrees above normal, which was likely a function of higher humidity and above normal precipitation across much of the area.

The month started out cooler than normal, as a refreshing air mass built into the region in the wake of a series of cold frontal passages at the beginning of the month.

"By its second week, August started to feel more like the August we're accustomed to as highs topped the 90 degree mark for a handful of days from August 9-12," the weather service reported on its website.

Low temperatures were also quite muggy during this period, highlighted by the record warm low temperature of 77 degrees set at Cape Girardeau and Poplar Bluff, Mo., and tied at Paducah on Aug. 10.

Temperatures once again dropped back into the 80s for highs and 60s for lows

during the middle of the month following the passage of a cold front on Aug. 15.

Both Cape Girardeau and Poplar Bluff tied their record cool high temperatures for Aug. 18.

However, the cooler weather wouldn't last, and was ultimately followed by a week-long period of excessive heat as highs topped 90 degrees and heat index readings surged past the century mark during the last full week of the month.

In typical summer fashion, August precipitation totals varied widely across the region, ranging from about 1.5 inches below to 4 inches above normal, depending on the location.

Rainfall totals for August averaged above normal across much of Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky, with another band of above normal rainfall along the Interstate 64 corridor in south central and southeast Illinois.

However, not everyone shared in the wealth. Most notably, rainfall totals in the middle part of the region were well below normal, particularly across portions of Southern Illinois.

In fact, parts of Jackson, Williamson, Franklin and Union counties in Illinois only picked up 1 to 2 inches of rainfall during the entire month.

The cooperative observation site at Wappapello Dam in Southeast Missouri had the highest precipitation total of the month at 7.92 inches.



Remembering Sept. 11, 2001

Randy Edmonds, from Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna, was one of several bell ringers from churches in the Anna-Jonesboro area who rang bells at 7:46 a.m. (8:46 a.m. Eastern Time) and again 20 more times at 8:03 a.m. (9:03 Eastern Time) to commemorate 20 years since the Twin Towers in New York City were hit and destroyed on Sept. 11, 2001. Photo provided.

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Please contact The Gazette-Democrat at 618-833-2158 or you can email information to news@annanews.com Attn. ColorFest.

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How to Become a Man #5

Today, we conclude our study of I Kings 2:1-4.

We see a father relay the rewards of responsibility and obedience. David conveys in the **latter half of verse 3 and in verse 4** two incredible benefits that will result from his son's obedience to God. "...that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself: *'That the LORD may continue his word which he spake concerning me, saying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel.'*"

The promise given here is that obedience to the revelation of God would guarantee success, for God's blessing depended on His people's obedience to His Word. That was true then, it's true now.

The first blessing or benefit is personal. Living faithfully to God is the way to prosper in all thou doest. Our prosperity may not be material, it may not come in this life, but if we live a life of dedicated service to God, it will surely come in the hereafter (Rev. 2:10).

Secondly, God had promised David that the Messiah would come from his loins, and that promise was absolute, but the promise that there should not fail him *a man on the throne of Israel* was conditional. If Solomon were to fulfill the condition – walk with God, he would thus do his part to perpetuate the promise. In any age, there are always blessings associated with obedience to God.

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YARD SALE: 201 North Walker Street, Cobden. Amish books, household items, albums, many items. CHEAP! CHEAP! Friday & Saturday, September 17 & 18.

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YARD SALE: 114 Young Avenue, Anna. Friday & Saturday, September 17 & 18, 8 a.m. to ??? Bedding, home decor, clothing, and much more.

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HUGE MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE: Friday & Saturday, September 17 & 18, 8 a.m. to ??? 302 Orange Street, Anna (first house on left after Private Drive sign). Watch for signs. All sizes men's, women's & children's name brand clothing; Longaberger baskets, American Girl doll, prom & formal dresses. Too much to mention. Owner not responsible for accidents. Bring cash, we do not take checks!

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HUGE YARD SALE: Friday, September 17, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, September 18, 7 a.m. to ??? 90 Ryan Lane, Cobden. Dishes, bed linens, doilies, decorating items, household items, crafting supplies, exercise bike, quilt rack, wood TV trays, mailbox, sinks, men's & women's clothing, heavy-duty air hose, duck decoys, fishing equipment, golf balls, RV items, bicycles, old hub caps, weed eaters, much, much more.

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Delta Area Economic Opportunity Corporation, a not-for-profit community action agency intends to solicit assistance from the Department of Defense's Innovative Readiness Training Program. The Assistance will include no-cost health clinic projects to augment local health services. The proposed assistance will take place in New Madrid County, MO, Butler County, MO, Madison County, MO, and Union County, IL in 2023. Individuals, businesses, and organizations who have questions or who wish to voice opposition to military assistance for this project may contact Joel Evans, DAEOC President & CEO by telephone at 573-931-8400 ext. 115 or by email at jevans@daeoc.com no later than 30 days after posting of this notice. Persons not filing comments within the time frame noted will be considered to have waived their objections to military assistance for this project.

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TAX DEED NO. 2019TX1(P9) FILED September 8, 2021

TAKE NOTICE

TO: LANCE MEISENHEIMER, UNION COUNTY CLERK; GORDON PLUMB; PAUL GAINES; MARGARET GAINES; MONICA PLUMB; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED; AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property:
All of Lot 5 in George McPass First Addition to the Village of South Pass (now Village of Cobden), except for South 123.0 feet thereof. And all of Lot 6 in George McPass First Addition to the Village of South Pass (now Village of Cobden) all situated in Union County, Illinois.
Property Index Number 04-30-02-743
On January 12, 2022

at 9:00 a.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on March 13, 2019 for general taxes of the year 2017. The period of redemption will expire January 10, 2022.

Jerry A. Tuffentsamer, Attorney for Petitioner
(309) 839-8049
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TAX DEED NO. 2019TX1(P10) FILED September 8, 2021

TAKE NOTICE

TO: LANCE MEISENHEIMER, UNION COUNTY CLERK; FIRST SOUTHERN BANK; JOSEPH D. WILSON; OCCUPANT; UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED; AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS.

This is NOTICE of the filing of the Petition for Tax Deed on the following described property:

LOT NUMBER ONE (1) IN WARE, ILLINOIS, AS SHOWN BY PLAT BOOK TWO (2) ON PAGE ELEV-EN (11) OF RECORDER OF DEEDS FOR UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Property Index Number 14-00-11-447

On January 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. the Petitioner intends to make application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on March 13, 2019 for general taxes of the year 2017. The period of redemption will expire January 10, 2022.

Jerry A. Tuffentsamer, Attorney for Petitioner
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TAKE NOTICE Certificate No. 2017-00047

TO: HATHY MARK, Anna State Bank, and unknown owners, occupants or parties interested. A petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, IL

Parcel No. 06-25-04-858-S25 T13 R1W PT NE CR NE SE.
Said property was sold

on 3/13/2019 for the general taxes for the year 2017. The period of redemption will expire on 1/31/2022. On February 9, 2022 at 9:00 A.M., the petitioner will make application to such court in said County for an order for Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed.

Vinod C. Gupta, Petitioner
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TAKE NOTICE Certificate No. 2017-00093

TO: HITE, SHIRLEY LIFEESTHITE THOMAS & RANDY M, Anna Hospital Corporation-R/A CT Corporation System and unknown owners, occupants or parties interested. A petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, IL

Parcel No. 14-00-10-329- LOTS 6 & 7 ORIGINAL PLAT OF DONGOLA

Said property was sold on 3/13/2019 for the general taxes for the year 2017. The period of redemption will expire on 1/31/2022. On February 9, 2022 at 9:00 A.M., the petitioner will make application to such court in said County for an order for Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed.

Vinod C. Gupta, Petitioner
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TAKE NOTICE Certificate No. 2017-90004

TO: HOWERTON GARY S, MERS, Accredited Home Lenders Inc and unknown owners, occupants or parties interested. A petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, IL

Parcel No. 02-212-VIN: SSDAL41471, SQUARE FOOTAGE: 1,216, MODEL YEAR: 2004

Said property was sold on 3/13/2019 for the general taxes for the year 2018. The period of redemption will expire on 1/31/2022. On February 9, 2022 at 9:00 A.M., the petitioner will make application to such court in said County for an order for Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed.

Vinod C. Gupta, Petitioner
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Obituaries

Carlos Wayne 'Los' McKinney

Carlos Wayne "Los" McKinney, 52, of Jonesboro, died Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021, at his home.

He was born on March 1, 1969, in Anna, the son of Larry Dean and Carolyn Sue McCann McKinney.

He married the love of his life, Tammy Daily, on Aug. 28, 1993, in Jonesboro.

Mr. McKinney is survived by his wife, Tammy McKinney of Jonesboro; a son, Kiel McKinney of Jonesboro; his mother, Carolyn Sue (C.D.) Bostian of Lick Creek; three brothers, Scott McKinney (Lynn Stoner) of Anna, Treiver (Corina) McKinney of Daien, Wis., and Tony (Becky) McKinney of Delevan, Wis.; many aunts and uncles; nieces and nephews; his father-in-law, Bill Daily of Jonesboro; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Larry Dean McKinney; grandparents Floyd and Ruby McCann, Carlos and Freda McKinney; his mother-in-law, Catherine Daily; and a brother-in-law, Rick Daily.

Mr. McKinney was a member of the Anna Church of the Nazarene. He was a son, brother, husband, father, uncle and a friend to so many.

We're grateful for so many memories, but Kiel explains his father best. He loved his job and his 18 wheeler, but not quite as much as he loved fishing the river with his son, random weekend adventures with his wife, who he loved with his entire heart and soul for 30 years.

He loved the outdoors, family getting together to enjoy each other's company. He aggravated each one of his nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews, but he loved them more.

He loved doing life with his family. Riding horses, telling jokes as he stood so firm in his signature stance with his hand on his back and those crooked glasses on his head. If you knew him, then you know.

Carlos never failed at protecting his family no matter what he stood up against. Family is what kept him driving on, both in life and in his 18 wheeler.

I witnessed him be fun, look down the eye of trouble and fear and even spoon fed our grandmother. He was always humble and kind.

He traveled many roads in his life in the years gone past, it was a life he chose. Many times driving all night, trying to get home and arriving so late. He has parked his truck now, his engine has stopped.

And those who love him, their hearts have dropped, he traveled this country with a smile and so much pride, now he drives the streets of Heaven from the trucker's last ride.

If I could give anyone a word from him, it would be - Don't miss him here. You should be fishing with a cold beer in your hand or hunting way up in your deer stand. That's where he'll be; that's where you should miss him.

Memorial services will be from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, today, at King Neptune's on East Davie Street in Anna. Memorials are requested to the family to assist with expenses.

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

RENDELMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES Randleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro is in charge of arrangements.

Naomi Absher

Naomi Absher, 97, of Pleasant Hill, Mo., and formerly of Dongola, died at 1:49 a.m. Friday, Sept. 10, 2021, at her residence.

She was born on Sept. 23, 1923, in Dongola, the daughter of Herman and Virgie Miller Sowers.

She married William H. (Junior) Absher on July 20, 1945.

She was employed at International Shoe Factory in Anna for 42 years. She was a member of the Friendship Baptist Church of Dongola.

She is survived by her son, Terry Absher and daughter-in-law Bonnie Absher of Pleasant Hill, Mo.; two granddaughters, Tonya Dyke (Colin) of Bonney Lake, Wash., and Andria Kenslow (Paul) of Kansas City, Mo.; one great-grandson, Brayden Dyke of Bonney Lake, Wash.; two great-granddaughters, Denaya Dyke and Elise Dyke of Bonney Lake, Wash.; as well as nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, William H. Absher; and two sisters, Oreine Simmerman and Alva Davis.

Visitation was Tuesday, Sept. 14, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna. Graveside funeral services and interment immediately followed at the Anna Cemetery.

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

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

George White

George White, 56, of Anna, died Saturday, Sept. 11, at Mulberry Manor in Anna.

Funeral arrangements were pending at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna.

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

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

William 'Craig' Jackson

William "Craig" Jackson, 59, of Anna, died Thursday, Sept. 9, 2021, at St. Vincent Hospital in Evansville, Ind., following a brief illness.

He was born on Aug. 15, 1962, in Twin Falls, Idaho, the son of Norman K. and Rose Marie Maus Jackson.

He married Patti Eads on June 4, 1988.

He is survived by his wife, Patti Jackson of Anna; a sister, Cyndee (Doug) Fugate of Eldorado Springs, Mo.; a brother, Kip (Mary) Jackson of Nevada, Mo.; his mother-in-law, Jean Ellen Eads of Anna; six brothers-in-law, Larry Ray Eads, William "Bill" (Yvonne) Eads and David Eads, all of Cobden, Roger (Lisa) Eads and Jim Mount of Anna and Donnie Verble of Jonesboro; nieces and nephews Aaron (Miriam) Eads, Matt (Sara) Verble, Torey (Ashlea) Fugate, Sean Jackson, Jaycee (Patrick) McIntosh and Jessica Jackson; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers-in-law, Robert Eads, Jr. and James Eads; and three sisters-in-law, Donna Mount, Teresa Verble and Julie Eads.

A 1981 graduate of Eldorado Springs High School, he went on to receive a bachelor's degree at the School of the Ozarks in Point Lookout, Mo.

After college, he joined the management team at Wal-Mart, retiring after 20 years. He then went to work for Transcraft Trailer Manufacturing until its closure. He later worked at the Choate Mental Health and Developmental in Anna as a mental health technician for nine and a half years.

He was loved by so many. A very gifted and giving soul, he loved helping his neighbors and took so much pride in everything he did. He loved working in his yard and flower gardens side by side with Patti. He loved their two little Yorkies, Izzy and Sassy very much.

Funeral services for Craig Jackson will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with Gaylen Holden officiating. Interment will follow in the Anna Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of service Friday at the funeral home. Per State of Illinois mandate, those attending will be required to wear a face covering while indoors.

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

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

Frankie Lence

Frankie Lence, 84, of Cisne, and formerly of Anna, died Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021, at Aperion Care in Fairfield.

He was born on Aug. 27, 1937, in Union County, the son of Frank and Minnie Snell Lence.

He married Mary Sue Hammonds in March of 1954. She preceded him in death in October of 2000.

Mr. Lence is survived by his son, Kenneth Wayne (Terri) Lence of Cisne; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Mary Lence; a daughter, Beverly Carol Smith; and two brothers, Bob and John Lence.

Mr. Lence enjoyed being outdoors. He especially liked camping, hunting, fishing and riding side by sides.

Graveside funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Anna Cemetery. Interment will immediately follow. Everyone is asked to go directly to the cemetery.

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

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

Warren Jeffrey Johnson

Warren Jeffrey Johnson, 80, died Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021.

He was born on July 19, 1941. Warren lived the majority of his life in Chicago, before retiring in Tamms.

Mr. Johnson was the son of Hazel Alice Williams, of Chicago, who preceded him in death.

He is survived by his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna. Interment will be in Rosehill Cemetery in Chicago on Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 1 p.m.

Everyone attending visitation will be required to wear a mask or face covering.

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

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

Patrick E. Wisenbaugh

Patrick E. Wisenbaugh, 74, of Perks, died Friday, Sept. 10, at his home.

Funeral arrangements were pending at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna.

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

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

Sgt. William Hollie Craig

Sgt. William Hollie Craig, born Oct. 17, 1929, in Union County, went to be with the Lord on Sept. 8, 2021.

He was united in marriage to Betty Louise Brags on July 2, 1949, until her death May 7, 2015.

He served in the U.S. Army as a gunnery sergeant from 1947-1952 during World War II and the Korean War. During his service, he helped liberate concentration camps as well as dispose of German munitions. He was a POW during the Korean War. This service earned him multiple medals, including the distinguished Purple Heart. He was a beloved hero and patriot.

Survivors include his three surviving children, William Scott Craig, Steven David Craig and Pamela Jo Anaya; 10 grandchildren, Tracy, Edward, Bridget, William, Joe, Brandon, Kristi, Kenneth, Nicholas and Jessica; 11 great-grandchildren, Jacob, Brittny, Ashley, Logan, Kansas, Kaegon, Jonah, Olivia, Zander, Jasmine and Carter; as well as other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Stella and Alonzo Craig; his wife, Betty Louise Craig; daughters Betty Anne Oshman and Theda Darlene Legocki; brothers Rollie Craig and Charles Craig; and sisters, Juanita Dangbar, Helen Lingle and Evelyn Adams.

Funeral services for William Hollie Craig were at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden.

Graveside committal services and inurnment with military honors will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, today, at the Alto Pass Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Wounded Warriors Project.

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

RENDELMAN & HILEMAN FUNERAL HOMES Randleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden is in charge of arrangements.

Bobby (Bob) K. Smith

Bobby (Bob) K. Smith, 82, of Conroe, Texas, and formerly of Bradley, died Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, at Houston Methodist the Woodlands Hospital.

He was born on Feb. 3, 1939, in Cobden, the son of Roy Lee Smith and Thelma Louise Bloodworth Smith.

He married Connie Sue Rich of Anna on Sept. 13, 1958.

Mr. Smith served in the U.S. Army 101st Airborne Screaming Eagles from May 28, 1957, to March of 1960.

He worked at General Foods in Kankakee for 33 years, retiring in 1995. He then went on to manage a family-owned laundromat with his wife Connie for 10 years, in Bourbonnais.

Mr. Smith was passionate about flying and was a licensed private pilot, a hobby he enjoyed in retirement. In retirement, he also drove a school bus for the Manteno Public Schools. He loved God, his beloved wife Connie and his family dearly.

Mr. Smith also loved serving in his church, Kankakee Gospel Assembly, where he was an elder for 50 years.

He never missed an opportunity to serve as a lunch monitor and to spend time with the kids at school.

He loved bringing his loyal canine companion, Barney, to visit with the students. Bob had a heart of gold, a true servant of the Lord and he served wherever he could.

Bob also was a super fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and cheered for whoever played against the Chicago Cubs.

Survivors include his wife, Connie Smith of Conroe, Texas; three sons and three daughters-in-law, Michael and Sharon Smith of Bradley, Jeffrey and Karla Smith of Limestone and Timothy and Denise Smith of Houston, Texas; one daughter and son-in-law, Cherie (Smith) and Wayne Roberts of Conroe, Texas; 10 grandchildren, Amy Riley, Heather Smith, Rachel Abraham, Brent Smith, Bryan Smith, Logan Smith, Haley Rhudy, Collin Smith, Ryan Smith and Austin Burge; 11 great-grandchildren; three sisters-in-law, Sue Smith of Bradley, Pat Smith of Harrisburg and Pat Boie of Bradley; and many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Smith was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Thelma Smith; five brothers Roy Jr., Charles, Donald, Bill and Gordan; two sisters, Marietta and Evelyn; and one infant sister, Dorothy.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at Kankakee Gospel Assembly in Bourbonnais.

Interment was at noon Monday, Sept. 13, at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

His guestbook can be signed online at www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com.

Robert O. Casper

Robert O. Casper, 85, of Rosiclare, died Sunday, Sept. 12, at Hardin County General Hospital in Rosiclare.

Funeral arrangements were pending at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna.

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

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

Obituaries Online at
annanews.com



Barbara Corzine

Barbara Corzine, 90, of Dongola, died Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

She was born on Aug. 20, 1931, in Dongola, the daughter of Dock and Lucrecia West Acuff.

She married Esco B. Corzine on Sept. 2, 1956. He preceded her in death on Sept. 17, 2004.

She is survived by one son, Kyle (Jane) Corzine of Dongola; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; siblings Emerson, Paul, Lottie, Lyndal, Beatrice, Fred, William David and Darrell; her half-brothers, Bill Corzine and Frank Acuff; and half-sisters, Ethel, Irma, Ann Lee and Mary Acuff.

She was a member of Friendship Baptist Church in Dongola. She worked in the optometry and eye care industry for over 40 years. She, along with her husband, loved to garden.

Funeral services for Barbara Corzine were at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with Larry Jordan officiating. Interment followed in Friendship Cemetery in Dongola.

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

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

Wayland 'Bud' Duty

Wayland "Bud" Duty, 84, of Cobden, died Friday, Sept. 10, 2021, at Herrin Hospital.

He was born on Dec. 21, 1936, in Cobden, the son of Alvie and Mildred King Duty. He married Donna Girtman in 1959 in Cobden.

Mr. Duty is survived by his wife, Donna Duty; a son, David Scott Duty; a daughter, Cheryl Renee Goforth; grandchildren Robin Wilson, Jeremy Duty, Jennifer Hill and Tony Goforth; great-grandchildren Zion Smith, Mackenzie Hill, Abby Hill, Olivia Goforth and Luke Goforth; brothers Joe, Francis and Ronnie Duty; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Bonnie White; and a son-in-law, Rex Goforth.

Mr. Duty was a member of the Apostolic Lighthouse Church in Cobden. He enjoyed gardening, and especially loved tomatoes. He loved his Silverado truck and Dixon lawn mower.

His greatest joys in life were his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and he loved them all very much.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, today, at the Apostolic Lighthouse Church in Cobden, with Joe Jones and Travis Hill officiating. Interment will be in the Cobden Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Apostolic Lighthouse Church.

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

RENDELMAN & HILEMAN Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden is in charge of arrangements.



Wendall R. Miller

Wendall R. Miller, 85, of Alto Pass, died Monday, Sept. 6, 2021, at Manor Court in Carbondale.

He was born on Nov. 8, 1935, in Cobden, the son of Ray J. and Donna Marie Fox Miller.

He married Vernita G. Pitts on Jan. 1, 1998, in Alto Pass.

Mr. Miller is survived by his wife, Vernita G. Miller; a son, Wendall Wade Miller; grandchildren Cassidy Miller, Cortney Evans, James A. Hickam and Justin Hickam; a great-grandchild, Grace Lynn Evans; a sister, Vernita May Pender; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by a daughter, Carol Bernice Hickam.

Mr. Miller was a member of Anna Heights Baptist Church in Anna and he loved his church family very much. He greatly enjoyed southern gospel music.

He served in the U.S. Army. He was a member of the American Legion in Cobden. He was an avid Cardinals baseball fan.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden. Interment was in Ebenezer Hall Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Alto Pass Fire Department or to Ebenezer Hall Cemetery.

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

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



Jeanette Imogene Shaffer

Jeanette Imogene Shaffer, 84, of Zionsville, Ind., went to be with the Lord peacefully at home, surrounded by her family, on Saturday, Sept. 4, 2021.

She was born in Wolf Lake on Dec. 27, 1936, a daughter of Arthur and Daisy Butcher Brown.

She married the love of her life, Bob Shaffer, on Sept. 3, 1955, and they spent 66 wonderful years together.

At an early age, she professed her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ at Anna First Baptist Church.

She graduated from Anna-Jonesboro Community High School in Anna in 1955, and began her family.

Bob and Jeanette had four boys. She spent most of her life as a full-time mother, eventually graduating to grandmother and finally, great-grandmother.

Survivors include her husband, Bob Shaffer, children Kent (Carol) Shaffer, Mike (Linda) Shaffer, Randy (Ploi) Shaffer and Chris Shaffer; grandchildren Kristin (Aaron) Shaffer, Derek Shaffer, Adam Shaffer, Jordan (Jess) Shaffer, Shelby (Luke) Calvert, Baleigh Shaffer and Shaune Shaffer; great-grandchildren Adrianna Hale, Liam Hale, Blake Shaffer and Baker Calvert; brothers James Brown, Mickey Brown and Steven Brown; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, at Simplicity Funeral and Cremation Care in Zionsville, Ind. Burial immediately followed in Salem Cemetery in Zionsville, Ind.

Memorials can be made to the Parkinson's Foundation, 200 SE 1st Street, Ste 800, Miami, Fla. 33131.

Stanley Campbell

Stanley Campbell, 70, of Mill Creek, died Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021, at his home.

He was born on Dec. 20, 1950, in Cairo, the son of John Harold and Margaret Francis Jordan Campbell.

Mr. Campbell is survived by his brother, Phillip (Barbara) Campbell of Cape Girardeau; a nephew, Christopher Campbell of St. Petersburg, Fla.; other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Mr. Campbell was a retired deckhand with Archer Daniels Midland. He was a graduate of Anna-Jonesboro Community High School class of 1968. He loved restoring and riding motorcycles and was a member of the American Motorcycle Association.

Services will be private for his family.

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

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

Check out the yard sales in this weeks paper! To place yours call 618-833-2158.

Television Listings

THURSDAY											
ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW	
6:30 PM: Holy Moley (HD)	Big Brother (HD)	MasterChef (HD)	Brooklyn Brooklyn	College Football Ohio Bobcats at Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Chrisley	Big City	Scenes From a Marriage	"City Slickers" (91)	American Rust (HD)	
7:30 PM: When (HD)		Call Me	Making It (HD)		Bang (HD)	Chrisley	Big City	"The Great Gatsby" (13, Drama) Decadent world. (HD)	★★★ "El Cantante" (07) Jamie Foxx, Rescuing wife. (R)	"Django Unchained" (12)	
9:30 PM: The Hustler (HD)	Bull Teen defendant.	Local Programs	Organized Crime (HD)		Bang (HD)	Chrisley	Big City	Wipeout "Family" (HD)	(56) "Gone" (12) Sister abducted. (HD)	(50) American Rust "The Mill"	
10:30 PM: Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Wipeout Trick Stears.	Chrisley	Miraculous	(25) NYC Epicenters: 9/11 - 2021 1/2 (HD)	(33) "Dead Man Walking" (96)	Billions "Implosion"	
11:30 PM: Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Wipeout (HD)	Chrisley	Miraculous	Growing Up	Laetitia		

FRIDAY											
ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW	
6:30 PM: Shark Tank (HD)	Big Brother (HD)	WWE Friday SmackDown (Live) (HD)	American Ninja Warrior Endurance course.	Countdown College Football UCF Knights at Louisville Cardinals (Live) (HD)	"Bad Boys" (40) "Bad Boys II" (03) "Bad Boys" narcotics cops stop drug kingpin. (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Disney's	(505) "Sing" (16)	"Cloverfield."	"2 Minutes of Fame"	(555) "Pixie" (21) A trio of misfits.
8:30 PM: (01) 20/20 Investigative news. (HD)	#AllHome (HD)	Blue Bloods (HD)	Dateline NBC (HD)		Chicago P.D. (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Disney's BUNKD	Chicago P.D. (HD)	(110) "Freaky" (20) Girl lives in killer's body.	★★★ "Beverly Hills Cop II" (94) (HD)	"Billie Spirit" A crime novelist.
9:30 PM: Local	Local	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)		Chicago P.D. (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Disney's "Home"	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Real Time Maher (HD)	★★★ "Beverly Hills Cop III" (94) (HD)	"Crank" (06) Poisoned hitman. (R)
10:30 PM: Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	(50) ELEGANT	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Disney's "Toy Story"	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Real Time Maher (HD)		USA Chicago P.D. "Burden of Truth" The Intelligence Unit's pursuit of a dealer, who cause multiple overdoses, turns into a homicide investigation when they discover the dealer's dead body. TV14 (HD)
11:30 PM: Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	"Money"	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Unsitatable	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Real Time Maher (HD)		

SATURDAY											
ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW	
6:30 PM: Scoreboard (37) College Football Auburn Tigers at Penn State Nittany Lions (Live) (HD)	S.W.A.T. (HD)	MLB Baseball "Regional Coverage Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	America's Got Talent search. (HD)	College Football South Carolina vs Georgia (Live) (HD)	"Bad Boys II" (03) "Bad Boys" narcotics cops stop drug kingpin. (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Disney's	"News of the World"	★★★ "Leap Year" (10)	Billions "Implosion"	
7:30 PM: The Chase (HD)	NCIS: New Orleans	Local Programs	Dateline NBC (HD)		Chicago P.D. (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Disney's BUNKD	Chicago P.D. (HD)	(110) "Freaky" (20) Girl lives in killer's body.	★★★ "Beverly Hills Cop II" (94) (HD)	"Billie Spirit" A crime novelist.
9:30 PM: Local	Local	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)		Chicago P.D. (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Disney's "Home"	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Real Time Maher (HD)	★★★ "Beverly Hills Cop III" (94) (HD)	"Crank" (06) Poisoned hitman. (R)
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11:30 PM: Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	"Money"	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Unsitatable	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Real Time Maher (HD)		

SUNDAY											
ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW	
6:30 PM: Videos Scared dog.	NFL Football (Live)	North (HD)	Football America (HD)	College Football Philadelphia Phillies at New York Mets (Live) (HD)	"Bad Boys II" (03) "Bad Boys" narcotics cops stop drug kingpin. (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Disney's	"News of the World"	★★★ "Leap Year" (10)	Billions "Implosion"	
7:30 PM: Feud (HD)	73rd Emmy Awards Television awards. (HD)	Fantasy Island (HD)	(15) Sun. Night Football Kansas City Chiefs at Baltimore Ravens (Live) (HD)	College Football Arizona State Sun Devils at BYU Cougars (Live)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Disney's BUNKD	Chicago P.D. (HD)	(110) "Freaky" (20) Girl lives in killer's body.	★★★ "Beverly Hills Cop II" (94) (HD)	"Billie Spirit" A crime novelist.
9:30 PM: To Tell the Truth (HD)	Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter (HD)		Chicago P.D. (HD)	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Disney's "Home"	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Real Time Maher (HD)	★★★ "Beverly Hills Cop III" (94) (HD)	"Crank" (06) Poisoned hitman. (R)
10:30 PM: Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	(50) ELEGANT	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Disney's "Toy Story"	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Real Time Maher (HD)		USA Chicago P.D. "Burden of Truth" The Intelligence Unit's pursuit of a dealer, who cause multiple overdoses, turns into a homicide investigation when they discover the dealer's dead body. TV14 (HD)
11:30 PM: (35) Local	Local	Local	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	"Maybe"	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Unsitatable	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Real Time Maher (HD)		

MONDAY											
ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW	
6:30 PM: Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	Local Programs	Monday Countdown	Family Guy	Chicago P.D. (HD)	Big City	"News of the World" (20) A 10-year-old girl.	"Killer Klowns" (98)	(530) "The Bodyguard" (92) Diva's protector.	
7:30 PM: Dancing with the Stars "Season 30 Premieres"	Neighbor. Bob Hearts NCIS (HD)	9-1-1 (HD)	The Voice (HD)	(15) Monday Football Detroit Lions at Green Bay Packers (Live) (HD)	Family Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (HD)	Big City	Laetitia	★★★ "City Slickers" (91) Men on cattle drive.	Generation Q "Light"	
9:30 PM: (01) TIME100 (HD)	NCIS: Hawaii "Pilot"	Local Programs	Ordinary Joe (HD)		Family Guy	Family Guy	Big City	Scenes From "Pol"	"Masters of the Universe" (87)	American Rust (HD)	
10:30 PM: Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	Monday	Dad (HD)	The Cube (HD)	Growing Up	(50) Laetitia		Work (HD)	
11:30 PM: Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Dad (HD)	Miracle	Chrisley	Chicago P.D. (HD)	★★★ "Lost World: Jurassic Park" (16)	American Rust (HD)	
11:30 PM: Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	NFL Rewind	Wipeout	Wipeout	Chrisley	Chicago P.D. (HD)		Generation Q "Light"	

TUESDAY											
ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW	
6:30 PM: Bachelor in Paradise (HD)	FBI "All That Glitters" (HD)	To Be Announced	The Voice (HD)	MLB Baseball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	(5:00) "Movie"	Big City	(5:23) "Taken 2" (12)	"BH Cop 2" (87) (HD)	Billions "Liberty" (HD)	
7:30 PM: Bachelor in Paradise (HD)	FBI: Most Wanted	To Be Announced			Bang (HD)	WWE NXT (HD)	Big City	Playing	★★★ "The Peacekeeper" (05) Monster attacks.	"Raiders of the Lost Ark" Seeking a relic.	
9:30 PM: The Ultimate Surfer	FBI: International	New Amsterdam			Bang (HD)	(08) "Movie"	Big City	Real Sports (HD)	"A Perfect Murder" (98) Man plots a death.	American Rust (HD)	
10:30 PM: Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Bang (HD)	Miracle	Big City	Playing		Generation Q "Light"	
11:30 PM: Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Wipeout	Wipeout	Miraculous	"All My Life" Romantic tragedy.	★★★ "A Good Day" (13)	Work (HD)	
11:30 PM: Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan	Conan	Miraculous	Laetitia		Life (HD)	

WEDNESDAY											
ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW	
6:30 PM: Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	MLB Baseball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	Scenes (HD)	(5:21) "Leap Year" (12)	"The Longest Yard"	
7:30 PM: Goldbergs	Survivor (HD)	The Masked Singer	America's Got Talent		Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	Scenes From "Pol"	★★★ "Doom" (84) Man seeks relic. (HD)	"Temple of Doom" (84) Man seeks relic. (HD)	
9:30 PM: A Million Little Things	Big Brother (HD)	Local Programs	Chicago P.D. (HD)	MLB Baseball "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Bang (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	(05) "Identity Thief" (13) Stolen identity. (HD)	(45) "Snitch" (13, Action) Father.	American Rust (HD)	
10:30 PM: Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	Monday	Conan	Law & Order: SVU	Big City	Laetitia		Work (HD)	
11:30 PM: Jimmy Kimmel Live	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan	Law & Order: SVU	Miraculous	Scenes From "Pol"	★★★ "Brothers by Blood" (21)	"Billie Spirit" A crime novelist.	
11:30 PM: Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan	Law & Order: SVU	Miraculous	Obama		American	

THURSDAY

7:00pm
USA Chrisley Knows Best "Mrs. Doubt Hire" Todd and Julie hire a nanny; Faye and Grayson bet on baseball games together. TV14 (HD)

7:05pm
SHOW Django Unchained ★★ (2012, Western) Jamie Foxx, Christoph Waltz. A freed slave travels across the United States with a German bounty hunter to liberate his wife from the clutches of a ruthless plantation owner in Mississippi. R (HD)

FRIDAY

7:00pm
MAX Beverly Hills Cop ★★ (1984, Action) Eddie Murphy, Judge Reinhold. A Detroit cop turns the city of Los Angeles and local police upside down while tracking down an old buddy's killer with a system of unorthodox measures. R (HD)

8:00pm
USA Chicago P.D. "Burden of Truth" The Intelligence Unit's pursuit of a dealer, who cause multiple overdoses, turns into a homicide investigation when they discover the dealer's dead body. TV14 (HD)

SATURDAY

7:00pm
HBO Mortal Kombat ★★ (2021, Action) Jessica McNamee, Josh Lawson. An MMA fighter prepares to stand with some of the greatest fighters to battle the enemies of Outworld in a fight to determine the fate of the universe. R (HD)

DISN Big City Greens "Photo Op; Remy Rescue" Bill tricks his family into getting a family portrait at the mall; Remy is discovered ditching his violin lesson in order to spend time with Cricket. TVY7 (HD)

SUNDAY

7:00pm
CBS 73rd Emmy Awards Host Cedric the Entertainer in Los Angeles to recognize the accomplishments of talented television program makers. (HD)

FOX Fantasy Island "Dia de los Vivos" A young artist desires to meet his mentor once again, who comes to realize that he was not the perfect influence on his impressionable mentee. (HD)

MONDAY

8:00pm
HBO Laetitia The pathology report causes a rift between the legal system and public opinion; back in 2005, Jessica and Laetitia get ready to meet the Patrons. TVMA

8:30pm
DISN Almost Never "The Birthday" The group tries to take advantage of opportunities during the R1 Live Lounge session; Mya is distracted while Girls Here First tries to plan a European tour. TV G

TUESDAY

9:05pm
MAX A Perfect Murder ★★ (1998, Thriller) Michael Douglas, Gwyneth Paltrow. A Wall Street trader devises a plan to get rid of his unfaithful wife by manipulating her struggling-artist lover to do the dirty work for him. R

9:30pm
TBS Miracle Workers Comedic stories are focused on casts of characters trying to achieve unrealistic goals in the face of overwhelming odds. TVMA (HD)

WEDNESDAY

8:00pm
NBC Family Game Night Hosts Kristen Bell and Dax Shepard, who serve as team captains, compete against each other as they lead families in various games for a chance to win \$100,000. TVPG (HD)

9:29pm
TBS Full Frontal with Samantha Bee Host Samantha Bee shares her satirical point of view on current political topics and relevant cultural issues in an innovative newsmagazine-type format. TVMA (HD)

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.

Congratulations

On Sunday, Sept. 5, Sydney Brust received her white coat as induction into the Purdue University College of Pharmacy.

She is the daughter of Nancy and Mark Brust of Evansville, Ind., and the granddaughter of Carol Frick of Anna.

Special Thanks

To Leah Stanley for her donation of a Honor Wreath for Veterans for a veteran who doesn't have anyone to buy for them in our Anna Cemetery.

36th Anniversary

John and Gina Myers celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary in Branson, Mo.

56th Anniversary

Sept. 11, Jim and Shirley Harris celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary Friday evening with a dinner.

Birthdays

Sept. 11 Shawn Yother, 25 Sharon Dillon, Earl Miller.

65th Anniversary

Jerry and Helen Middeke Sept. 10. They live close to St. Louis and celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary visiting their daughter Leah Stanley and their son Jerome Middeke in Anna.

They enjoyed the Anna-Jo Garden Club plant sale, going to Rendlemans to see the sunflowers, eating

at the Kitchen on Lafayette Street, Old Route 51 South Barbecue Restaurant in Cobden and seeing the beautiful country of Southern Illinois

70th Anniversary

Al and Carolyn Dammann, Sept. 23.

Cousins Meet for First Time

Grandparents were brothers and sisters. From Helen Duckworth from Dongola.

Sunday morning, Sept. 5, Dave and Renee Scott and Mark Urban of Belleville and Jennifer Dananay of Ziegler met Helen Duckworth and Charles at Revelation Road Baptist Church, where Charles is pastor for church services.

They later had lunch at Hometown Eatery at Dongola then went to the Duckworth home to visit.

Jennifer, Charles and Renee are cousins, with Jennifer and Renee meeting for the first time.

Helen and Charles later took Jennifer to Christian Chapel, Friendship and Meisenheimer cemeteries, where Casper relatives are buried. Driving on to Perks, where great-grandparents, uncles and aunts lived.

Guest

Guest of Weldon and Judy Brown was Judy's 89 year

old sister over Labor Day weekend.

She lives by herself but doesn't drive any more so they took her shopping and out to eat a few times.

They all went to the Arthur Cheese Festival on Labor Day. Went to Mattoon on Tuesday to shop and eat at the Bee Hive. Good times were had by all.

Exciting News

Anna Walmart is getting online grocery pickup in October.

You shop from the comfort of your home, choose your pick up time, they deliver curbside to your vehicle. Anna Walmart team is excited to serve you.

Anna-Jo Garden Club

It was a beautiful Saturday for their plant sale. They would like to thank everyone who stopped by and supported them and visited with them.

Anna Heights Baptist Church News

Birthdays: Sept. 14th Mary Edmonds and Kelly Jackson, 16th Dixie Miller, 19th Ermadell Elkins, 21st Alexis Houseman, 22 Molly Oliver, Linda Treece.

Anniversaries: Sept. 19th Josh and Kim Spurlock, 25th Chuck and Emilee Marks.

See You at the Pole Sept 22. Praying for our schools at Anna-Jonesboro schools and Jonesboro schools and all area schools. AHBC students will be leading prayers at their school around the flag pole before the start of school. Others are welcome to pray near the school area too.

Attendance for Sept. 5: 8 a.m. worship 73. 10:30 a.m. worship 97. Small group Bible study 194. 6 p.m. worship 31.

The annual church picnic is Sunday, Sept. 19, at noon at Trail of Tears State Forest shelter number 2. There will be no evening service.

Momma Lou's crafters will meet on Thursday, Sept. 30, at 6:30, in the FLC chapel. They will be making a rolled paper Christmas tree on canvas.

Young at Heart fellowships have been cancelled until further notice due to the rise of COVID in our area.

Illinois Disaster Relief Training will be Oct. 15-16 at Lake Sallateaska. Register



Martha Ann Webb, Betty Sirles, Tom Caldwell and Marge Selinger were getting ready for the Anna-Jo Garden Club plant sale last weekend at their park next to McDonald's.



A special thanks to Glenda Jones for hosting the Anna-Jo Garden Club meeting at her home and letting everyone tour her beautiful gardens.



Leah Stanley and her mother Helen Middeke enjoyed the Anna-Jo Garden Club plant sale.



Jennifer Dananay, Charles Duckworth, Rene Scott: cousins Jennifer and Rene meeting for the first time.



Willie and Terrie Rhymer of Dongola participated in the Karnak car show and won a trophy for the top 50 car.



Willie and Terrie Rhymer celebrated their great-granddaughter Hadley Grace Rhymer's 3rd birthday at her home with many in attendance. The party was complete with bounce house, cake, ice cream and presents.



Susan Sherwin explained how to care for plants at the Anna-Jo Garden Club sale last Saturday.



Opal Ulrich and Darlene Lingle enjoyed the beautiful weather at the Anna-Jo Garden Club plant sale. Both have been members of the club for many years.

at ibsa.org.

Pastor Darryl Williams continued his sermon series: Genesis, the Beginning. This week: the Seventh Day and Sabbath Keeping from Genesis 2:1-3.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Frank and Linda LaFoon celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary Sunday, Sept. 12.

Rev. Tim had a recognition for all firefighters, police and EMT's in memory of the 20th anniversary of the World Trade Center. Prayers were said for them and the families of all those who lost loved ones that day and for our country.

Rev. Tim Gossett's sermon was Let There be Peace on Earth, with scripture from Ephesians.

Special music was the hand bell choir, "Jesus Shall Reign."

Rev. Tim told the children we were in the Lord's army and taught them that song and hand signs to it.

Loaves and Fishes mission will be Sept. 21 at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday School starts at 9:30 a.m., with church at 10:45.

Prayer group will meet Thursday, today, at 4 p.m.

Confirmation class for anyone who has completed the 6th grade in school and is interested in deepening their relationship with God and the church. Anyone who is interested, please let Rev. Tim know.

Family Reunion

Pam Baker attended her Curry-Baker family reunion at Golden Corral in Carbon-dale. Twenty family members attended. Everyone had a good time.



Willie and Terrie Rhymer attended the Cache River Day parade in Ullin, where Willie drove two queen candidates in the parade and also watched their grandchildren, Violet and Mason Yates, in the Anna Indians Marching band. Their brother Miles enjoyed the parade and collecting lots of candy.

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PAST Summer Sunday presentation

Lt. Gov, Mrs. Dougherty welcomed at Heritage House

Summer Sunday programs are being presented at PAST's Heritage House in Jonesboro.

Jonesboro's most prominent citizen, Lt. Gov. John Dougherty (in the person of Pete Housman) and his wife, Katherine James Dougherty (in the person of Lillian Milam) visited with friends at 102 S. Main, Jonesboro on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 12.

With his deep, melodious voice and his smart attire, the Honorable Lt. Gov. told his story. His wife, Katherine, let him do most of the talking (as she said was the usual case).

Dougherty stated the facts of his early life: he

was born in 1806 near Marietta, Ohio.

When he was only 2, he moved with his parents, Charles and Elizabeth Woolf Daugherty, down the Ohio River in a flatboat to Cape Girardeau Louisiana Territory.

John's maternal grandfather was George Woolf, a preacher in the German Baptist Brethren Church, had likely encouraged his daughter's family to come west.

Soon after arriving, the grandfather Woolf and also John Dougherty's father died a month apart in 1808.

Elizabeth was now a 24-year-old widow with four children.

After the New Madrid Earthquake began to affect their home in 1811 and 1812, Elizabeth moved to Illinois to be near her brothers.

The Wolfe family were what were known as Dunkards, and were convinced the end was near.

The group in the settlement west of what is now Jonesboro selected Elizabeth's brother, George Woolf, as their first pastor in 1812.

Dougherty, as any good politician would, told of his many accomplishments.

The list included studying law under Alexander Pope Field in Jonesboro and practicing law, holding office as a Representative in the Illinois House, State Senator, Circuit Judge and being elected in 1868 as Lieutenant Governor.

He was sure to point out that he always had the best interests of Southern Illinois in mind in all his endeavors, which included support of the laying of the first Illinois Central Railroad tracks from Cairo to Union County.

He was also instrumental in acquiring the State Hospital for the Insane at Anna and the Illinois Normal College at Carbondale.

Maybe because of the religious influence of his mother, John and Catherine Dougherty purchased a slave boy named Harry in 1834 in Vienna, and set him free on Christmas Day 1835 in Jonesboro. This was one of the earliest acts of emancipation, if not the first, in the state.

John and Catherine built their home in the 1850s in Jonesboro at 301 Broad St.

The splendid brick mansion of southern Georgian architecture still stands today, owned by Mrs. Spellman, on Highway 146 across from HeBrewz Coffee Shop.

The "widow's walk" at the top was said to be where Mrs. Daugherty could watch the Mississippi for her husband's returning steamships.

The home's location was convenient for John's business at the courthouse.

The couple also donated the back part of their property for the Jonesboro Methodist Church.

The Doughertys raised five children to adulthood. John died in 1879 (aged 73) and Catherine in 1882 (aged 74).

Their daughter, Ellen Schuchardt, remained in the family home until her death in 1884.

Lt. Gov. and Mrs. Daugherty are buried in the Jonesboro Cemetery, as are some of their children.

Their son, John Jefferson, served in the Civil War and is buried in the National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas.

Appreciation is due Darrel Dexter for his research on this subject and that of many others of the "Pioneers of Union County." His book may be purchased for \$25 at the Annabelle Market or by contacting hileman14@frontier.com.

Programs Continue

The 2 p.m. Summer Sunday programs are scheduled to continue through Oct. 10 at the PAST Heritage House in Jonesboro.

On Sunday, Sept. 19, Pamela Turner Rich will portray her ancestor, Mrs. John McIntosh, and Brent Gordon will appear as Dr. Sidney S. Condon.



Expanding and remodeling

A construction crew and heavy equipment have been at work this week at Anna State Bank. The project is for remodeling and office space expansion. The bank is located near the four-way stop in the heart of the downtown Anna area. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

VFW, Auxiliary offer variety of programs for area students

Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 and its Auxiliary in Anna sponsor many programs for school age children.

All of the information has been taken to the Union County schools.

The VFW and Auxiliary noted that if a child has not received the information, they might want to check with the school counselors and see who has the information available for them.

Information about the programs follows:

Essay Contest

The essay contest is for students in grades 4-5. The essay should be typed or legibly written in black ink.

The essay will require a cover sheet listing the student's name and school, and grade. The Auxiliary name and district number should be on back page.

The theme is "Honoring Old Glory and those that fought for her."

Entries must be turned in to the VFW no later than March 4, 2022.

First place winners from district are due to department chairman by April 15, 2022.

There are local and state awards for this program.

Voice of Democracy Audio-Essay Contest

This is one of the contests that is due first. This is a democratic and patriotic-themed recorded essay that was established in 1947.

The theme for the 2021-2022 Voice of Democracy Audio-Essay Contest is "America: Where Do We Go From Here?"

This contest is for students in grades 9-12. The students can be in public, parochial, home schools or private schools and they must reside in the State of Illinois to be considered for the VFW department to be a winner.

Judging is based on three criteria: Originality, 30 points. Content, 35 points. Delivery, 35 points.

Deadline: Entries to VFW post, midnight Oct. 31.

There will be local, district, state and national awards for this program.

National awards: First place, \$30,000 scholarship. Second place, \$16,000 scholarship. Third place, \$10,000 scholarship. Fourth through 36th place, \$7,000 to \$1,500 scholarship. 37th through 54th place, \$1,000 scholarship

The department winner will also receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C.

Patriot's Pen

The theme for this year's Patriots Pen essay contest

is "How Can I Be a Good American?"

This essay contest is open to all students in public, parochial, home schools or private schools and must reside in the State of Illinois to be eligible as a department winner.

There will be local, district, state and national awards for this program.

Judging is based on three criteria: Knowledge of the theme, 30 points. Theme development, 35 points. Clarity of ideas, 35 points.

Deadlines: Entries to post, midnight, Oct. 31.

National awards: First place, \$5,000. Second place, \$4,000. Third place, \$3,500. Fourth through 54th place, \$2,750 to \$500.

Young American Patriotic Art Contest

The Young American Patriotic Art contest is open to all students in grades 9-12, including those that are home schooled, not older than 18 years of age at time of the entry and must be a U.S. citizen or a U.S. national.

Artwork must be on canvas or paper. No digital art will be accepted. It is judged on patriotic theme and technique.

There are local, state and national awards for this program.

Applications and information have been taken to all area schools. Students must attend school in the state of the sponsoring Auxiliary. The deadline for this contest is March 4, 2022.

National scholarships: First place, \$15,000. Second place, \$7,500. Third place, \$3,500. Fourth and fifth place, \$1,500. Sixth through 10th place, \$500.

Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue

This contest is open to students between the ages of 6 and 16, who are citi-

VFW plans

to have fish fry

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

The VFW plans to serve a fish fry on Friday, Sept. 17. Serving is scheduled from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The menu will include fish, potato salad, baked beans and hush puppies for a donation of \$10.

The public is welcome. Carry outs will be available. Drive-thru pick up also will be available. Reservations for drive-thru pick up can be made by calling 833-7737 by no later than noon on Sept. 17.

Star Karaoke will be playing music from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

zens of the United States or a U.S. national.

The contest gives the entrant the opportunity to sing the National Anthem in that student's best style. The words may not be changed, but the rhythm and tempo, the style, arrangement and genre are the choice of the vocalist.

Submissions must be given to local Auxiliaries by March 31, 2022.

There will be one winner chosen from the Department of Illinois and their entry will be forwarded to national headquarters by May 5, 2022.

(Students must enter in the state where they attend school.) For more information, please contact Sherry Haddick at 559-4347.

Teacher Award

The VFW launched the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award in 1999 to recognize classroom teachers for promoting citizenship education.

This annual contest recognizes the nation's top classroom teachers who teach citizen education topics regularly and promote America's history and traditions effectively.

Teachers who are prime candidates for this award promote civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism.

Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Awards include the items below:

A national \$1,000 Past Commander-in-Chief John Smart award for each of the top K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 teachers for professional development expenses.

A \$1,000 award for each winning teacher's school. Plaques for both the winning teacher and school.

An all-expenses-paid trip to attend the VFW national convention.

Top 10 high school teacher's invitation to attend a summer graduate seminar at Freedoms Foundation in Pennsylvania.

If you know a teacher who may be eligible for this program, contact Linda Jackson at 833-7737.

VFW Auxiliary

offers pork butts

Carroll P. Foster Auxiliary No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna is planning to smoke pork butts on Saturday, Oct. 9.

Pork butts are available for \$40 each. A limited supply is available. Orders can be placed by calling auxiliary president Phillip Wright at 967-1374.

Proceeds from sales help to fund awards for area students who participate in various VFW and VFW Auxiliary programs.



Special guests

Katherine James Dougherty was portrayed at the PAST Summer Sunday presentation by Lillian Milam. Pete Housman portrayed Lt. Gov. John Dougherty. Photo provided.



Local landmark

The Spellman/Dougherty house on Broad Street in Jonesboro. Photo provided.

Anna plans public hearing on TIF district

The Anna City Council continues to move forward to establish a Tax Increment Financing, TIF, district in the Union County community.

TIF districts give municipalities in Illinois an opportunity to make improvements without tapping into general municipal revenues or raising taxes.

The city is working with Moran Economic Development in Edwardsville to establish a TIF district.

The TIF district was addressed during a regular meeting of the Anna City Council which was held last week. The meeting was Tuesday evening, Sept. 7, at Anna City Hall.

The district is slated to be the focus of a public hearing which is scheduled prior to the council's next meeting, which is set for 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21. The public hearing is scheduled to start at 4 p.m.

Last week's council meeting featured discussion about a wide range of topics.

The city continues to move forward with the process involved in the final closing of the municipal landfill site. The site is located along Kaolin Road, between Anna and Cobden. The landfill closed in the 1990s. Monitoring and testing at the site has continued. New state legislative

maps appear to put the city in the 59th State Senate District and the 118th State Representative District.

The city is looking into seeking federal grants funds for work on the municipal water system.

A major project in the 500 block of East Vienna Street was nearing its conclusion last week. The project was undertaken to ease flooding which occurs when heavy rain falls.

Mayor Steve Hartline has signed a proclamation declaring Sept. 20-24 as Rail Safety Week.

In conjunction with the observance of the week, the city planned to repaint alerts on streets at most of the railroad crossings in the Union County community.

The city is seeking \$400,000 in state grant funding for the Hadley's Haven playground project, which is planned at the Anna City Park.

The city plans to install speed bumps in the 600 block of East High Street. The action is being taken to slow traffic in the area.

The council approved allocation of up to \$49,000 for new fencing at the Denny and E ball fields at the Anna City Park.

Long-time city employee Bill Sharp was appointed as street foreman.

The Lord GOD opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. He is near who upholds my right; if anyone wishes to oppose me, let us appear together. Who disputes my right? Let that man confront me. See, the Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? From the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it?

So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. Indeed someone might say, "You have faith and I have works." Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works. From the Letter of James

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him.

He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." From the Gospel of Mark

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Luke	1 Cor.	1 Cor.	1 Cor.	Psalm	Psalm	Proverbs
17:1-10	1:1-17	1:18-31	2:1-16	19	37	1:1-33

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Southern Seven update

COVID-19 claims lives of three more persons from county

Southern Seven Health Department has reported four new deaths as a result of COVID-19 in the region. Three of the deaths involved Union County residents.

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

The health department on Sept. 13 reported one new death. The individual was a female in her 60s in Massac County.

26,062 new COVID cases in Illinois

The Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, on Friday, Sept. 10, reported 26,062 new confirmed and probable cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Illinois, including 197 additional deaths since reporting on Friday, Sept. 3.

More than 79 percent of Illinois adults had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose and more than 62 percent of Illinois adults are fully vaccinated, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Of Illinois' total population, more than 66 percent had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose and more than 51 percent of Illinois' total population was fully vaccinated.

As of Thursday night, Sept. 9, 2,346 individuals in Illinois were reported to be in the hospital with COVID-19. Of those, 549 patients were in the ICU and 311 patients with COVID-19 were on ventilators.

Weather

High 90, no rain

Temperatures in the Union County area during the period of Sept. 7-13 ranged from a high of 90 degrees to a low of 51.

The period was dry; no rainfall was recorded.

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

	H	L
Tuesday, Sept. 7	86	56
Wednesday, Sept. 8	83	56
Thursday, Sept. 9	81	53
Friday, Sept. 10	83	51
Saturday, Sept. 11	85	62
Sunday, Sept. 12	86	64
Monday, Sept. 13	90	63

On Sept. 10, the health department reported two new deaths. The individuals were a male in his 70s in Union County and a female in her 60s in Hardin County.

The health department on Sept. 9 reported two new deaths. The individuals were a male in his 70s in Union County and a female in her 80s in Union County.

Southern Seven Health Department on Monday, Sept. 13, reported 16 newly confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Union County.

The newly confirmed Union County cases involved four teens, three in their 20s, four in their 40s, one in the 50s, three in the 60s and one 80-plus years old.

The numbers were provisional and subject to change.

As of Monday, Union County had recorded a total of 2,863 cases of COVID-19 since the start of the pandemic. A total of 2,758 recovered cases were reported.

Also as of Monday, there were 68 active cases in the county. A total of 37 deaths had been reported in the county since the start of the pandemic.

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

75 newly confirmed cases. 66 newly recovered. 376 total active cases. 122 total deaths. 9,429 cumulative total cases.

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

Illinois COVID-19 case numbers

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

Public health officials: All area counties remain at orange warning level on COVID risk metrics

Southern Seven Health Department reports the Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, announced Sept. 10 that all of the counties it serves remain at an orange warning level on the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) risk metrics.

Alexander, Hardin, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski, and Union counties were all at the orange warning level for the previous two weeks.

The amount of new cases per 100,000 people, test positivity percentage metrics and falling 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.

The health department said that area residents are

asked to remain vigilant to slow spread of the virus.

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

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

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

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

The rate is calculated by dividing the county case count for seven days by county population times 100,000. This describes the potential number of

people who are currently ill and may be infectious in the county.

Union County had 398 potential new cases (based on 67 positive cases) per 100,000 reported. The test positivity percentage for the county was 5.5 percent out of 1,372 tests. ICU availability was 4.8 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.

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

The health department also recommends that people continue to follow COVID-19 mitigation pro-

cedures: wear a mask, wash your hands frequently and keep your distance, especially in crowded situations or indoor environments.

Constitution Week events set at SIU

A discussion about recent and pending constitutional decisions before the U.S. Supreme Court are a part of Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Constitution Day activities which are scheduled this week.

The SIU School of Law will livestream the two-hour discussion beginning at 12:15 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17.

The topics will focus on myriad issues, including reproductive rights, immigrant rights, the Second Amendment right to bear arms, Fourth Amendment rights, and sexual orientation and identity rights.

The livestream will be available on the Chancellor's YouTube channel.

Only members of the SIU law school community will be able to attend the presentation in person in the law school's auditorium and masks are required. However, the livestream will be available to the general public.

Constitution Day is Friday, Sept. 17. The day marks the anniversary of delegates to the Philadelphia Convention completing and signing the U.S. Constitution in 1787.

Donation presented to Extension

Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative recently presented a check for \$1,000 to the University of Illinois Extension office.

The funds will be used for supplies for electricity camps held throughout the seven Southern Illinois counties served by Extension's AJMPU office.

The co-op said it was proud to support Extension and looks forward to continuing to provide electricity education to young people in the community.

Kristi Stout, 4-H youth development educator with University of Illinois Extension, accepted the check from co-op representatives Brent Goforth, director of member services, and David Johnston, executive vice president and general manager.



No mandate
Employees and associates of the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna gathered last week to voice, and show, their opposition to vaccine mandates for health care professionals. The day-long demonstration took place on Tuesday, Sept. 7, near the four-way stop in downtown Anna. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.



Pro vaccine
Marty Spears held a one-man demonstration strongly encouraging increased vaccination to combat the spread of COVID-19. Spears was stationed at the corner of Lewis and North Main streets in Anna on Monday, Sept. 13. Spears said his protest was in direct response to an anti-mandate protest held in Anna last week. All seven counties of the southern seven region are currently at orange warning levels for COVID-19 risk. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.

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Opinion and Commentary

'We the People...'

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Those are words of the Preamble to the Constitution of the United States of America. The Constitution will be celebrated at several special events which are planned this week in Union County.

Constitution Week has been proclaimed in Union County. A proclamation declaring September 17-23 as Constitution Week in the county was signed by board of commissioners chairman Max Miller on Aug. 27. Constitution Week proclamations also have been signed by the mayors of Anna and Jonesboro.

The proclamation reminds us that September 17, 2021, marks the 234th anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution in 1787 by the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Public Law 915 guarantees an issuing of a proclamation each year by the president of the United States designating September 17-23 as Constitution Week.

The Union County Constitution Week proclamation asks all of us to "reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787."

We encourage everyone to reflect on the meaning of the Constitution...and to join in reaffirming those ideals which were crafted 234 years ago.

Impact of COVID-19 Southern Illinois community college presidents issue joint statement

The presidents of five community colleges in Southern Illinois have issued a joint statement regarding the impact of COVID-19 on the region.

The joint statement from the presidents follows:

Our local community colleges are working hard to develop and operationalize mitigation protocols at our various campuses.

Our region has for many weeks now been an area with a dangerously high transmission rate of COVID-19.

While each of our campuses will implement procedures that best fit our campus communities, it is essential to recognize that we are unified in our message and our adherence to state and federal guidance and orders regarding vaccination and testing.

It is vital to note that we are unified in ensuring our students and staff can visit our campuses, knowing that their safety is our top priority.

It also should be noted that we, as Presidents, are in agreement that the best and safest way for our campuses to continue providing face-to-face learning and services is for our communities to get vaccinated against this virus.

For over a year, we waited while the vaccinations were developed and tested.

Since May of this year, our campuses have held vaccination clinics and worked with our local county health departments and the medical community to promote and provide vaccination.

The vaccines have been shown to successfully mitigate the virus and the duration and severity of the virus in rare breakthrough cases.

We as a collective believe that the science behind the vaccines and the widespread vaccination efforts will allow us to stay face-to-face on our campuses and in our communities.

This message is not about politics, we are educators, and our ultimate goal is to ensure our students succeed while also keeping everyone safe.

If vaccinations are not the chosen option, for the good of public health and serving the interest of helping others stay safe, simple testing to help control the spread of the virus is essential.

We all must do our part to help reduce the spread and save our healthcare system from imploding.

Reducing disease spread is how we stay open for business and protect lives, be it through vaccination or this simple testing.

You have options. Please help us to help you by researching, discussing your concerns with your doctor, and committing to the choices you have to keep everyone safe.

Per both the United States President's order and the Illinois Governor's order, we will continue to test those individuals who cannot take the vaccination for various reasons.

We will all have a variety of ways for this to be accomplished, and as a group, we continue to support and work together and assist each other in our efforts and resolve.

We are here to serve our community; the educational and career success of our students and staff is our mission. Let's focus on each other to move us all forward.

George M. Evans, President, Kaskaskia College
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Terry Wilkerson, President, Rend Lake College
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Please read this...

By Geof Skinner

New favorite team...Rocket City Trash Pandas...

For this week, one thing led to another...and another...and another...and then another...

The column kind of started one night last week, when Rocky, the Raccoon, paid another visit to our front porch. And, I'll have to be honest with you, Rocky was pretty brazen about the whole thing.

Rocky apparently was looking for a snack and discovered that we had some cat food on the front porch, which might not have been a smart move on our part. Rocky found the food and proceeded to munch away.

Well, we happened to see Rocky and attempted to shoo him away. Rocky was a stubborn Raccoon and did not seem in much of a hurry to leave. Even with a flashlight shining on him and a bunch of foot stomping and other noise.

Rocky did finally skulk away into the dark. With a great deal of reluctance. We figure he'll be back at some point.

By the way, up until I started typing this column, our raccoon didn't have a name. Well, not that I am aware of. He's never formally introduced himself. On a whim, I just decided we'll call him Rocky, because, well, because Rocky Raccoon is so obvious.

Rocky was nowhere to be seen last Sunday night, which was when yours truly decided to watch a little bit of the Rams and Bears tube. The two teams were playing their 2021 National Football League season opener.

I think my interest in the game was piqued by wanting to see the Rams in their new \$5.5 billion stadium. Yup. \$5.5 billion. As in the kind of money you and I and everyone we know will never, never, never have.

Watching the Rams play brought back a lot of bittersweet memories from the team's years in St. Louis. Especially the 1999 season, which ended with a Super Bowl championship for the Rams...and St. Louis.

I had to look it up, but the St. Louis Rams opened the 1999 season on September 12...just like this year. The Rams defeated the Baltimore Ravens to open the season. We probably watched the game at our humble abode.

That 1999 game seems kind of ironic...the St. Louis Rams, who had been the Los Angeles Rams, who had been the Cleveland Rams, and are now once again the Los Angeles Rams, defeated the Baltimore Ravens, who used to be the Cleveland Browns. Meanwhile, the team that is now the Cleveland Browns has always been the Cleveland Browns. At least for now.

Now, you may be asking yourself, what in the world is the connection between Rocky Raccoon and the National Football League team that used to be in St. Louis? Glad you asked.

While delving into extensive research for about five minutes while trying to figure out where to go with this week's gem, I stumbled across some interesting stuff online.

(And, as always, I will offer the disclaimer that since the stuff was on the internet, it had to be true.)

Interesting Stuff, Number One: Somebody has created a fictional National Football League team called the Toronto (as in Canada) Raccoons. Really. Mere coincidence. I think not.

Interesting Stuff, Number Two: There is a Minor League Baseball team in Alabama called the Rocket City Trash Pandas. Really.

Wikipedia, "the free encyclopedia" you can find online, explained that the Rocket City Trash Pandas are a Minor



Rocky, the Raccoon, paid us a couple of night time visits last week. Or, should I say Rocky the Trash Panda?

League Baseball team and a Double A affiliate of the Los Angeles Angels. The Trash Pandas are located in Madison, Alabama.

Further, in-depth research, late on a Sunday night, uncovered the Rocket City Trash Pandas website...and the team's 2021 media guide.

The media guide shared: "The name was chosen in a name-the-team contest and is a reference to the area's association with the space industry and the determination and ingenuity of raccoons, aka trash pandas." I did not know this, but "trash pandas" apparently is slang for raccoons.

It's worthy of note that in the name-the-team contest for the Rocket City Nine, Moon Possums was the third favorite choice. Some of the other choices included Comet Jockeys, Puffy Head Bird Legs and Space Sloths.

I will say that our very own Trash Panda, the aforementioned Rocky, was indeed determined about trying to get a snack on our front porch last week. Maybe he was getting ready to watch a ball game.

As for me, I may be adding the Rocket City Trash Pandas to my list of favorite teams, along with the Forest City Owls...

Meanwhile...

I'm going to close this week by wishing my sweetheart a happy birthday. Friday is the big day. She's going to be, well, still younger than yours truly...

A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, September 16, 1971

After many months of indecision, meetings, both public and with architects and contractors, remodeling of the Union County courthouse, second floor, has begun.

Mrs. Rosella Gordon was honored on her hundredth birthday September 1 with a noon day dinner in the east dining room in the Giant City Park Lodge.

The Union County Saddle Club will have a Western Horse Show Friday, Sept. 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Anna City Park.

Cool breezes blowing early Wednesday morning, Sept. 15, with a temperature recording of 63, made residents feel as though fall was in the air, after almost a week of recordings in the nineties and high eighties.

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School's Wildcats will open the 1971 football season Friday evening, Sept. 17, with an away game at Carterville. The game will begin at 8 p.m.

The annual Homecoming of the Water Valley Christian Church east of Cobden will be held Sunday, Sept. 19.



Cheering on the Wildcats...with a dash of color

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School cheerleading squad made last Friday night a little bit more colorful. The squad was helping to cheer on the Wildcats to a win at home over visiting Massac County in high school football action.