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News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

Union County law enforcement and emergency services agencies reported that the Labor Day weekend was relatively quiet.

An annual ice cream supper is planned this Saturday evening at historic Kornthal Church near Jonesboro.

Friends of Stinson Memorial Library board members and officers include: Jackie Beatty, president; Carole Larsen, vice president; Alice Kerns, secretary; Janet Hunter, treasurer; Earl Miller, assistant treasurer; Marilyn Keller, Susan Hase, Allen Stanley, Andrea Witthoft, Tammy Woodrum and Terry House.

Chris Wells is back in charge of the Union County ColorFest Biathlon, which is set for Oct. 6.

The PAST organization of Union County is producing a pictorial history of Jonesboro for the community's upcoming bicentennial celebration. Linda Hileman is chairing the effort. Pre-sales are available for the limited edition publication. The Gazette-Democrat also will have copies available.

Progress on a new grocery store at the east edge of Anna appears to be going well.

The popular Critter Night event is planned Friday, Oct. 19, at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro.

The U.S. Forest Service/Shawnee National Forest has announced plans for a Snake Road tour on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 6.

The Forest Service also is planning a Bald Knob Wilderness trail volunteer day on Saturday, Oct. 20. Those who attend will learn how to maintain trails using primitive tools.

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New members of Union County CEO class

New members of the Union County CEO class include, from left, Olivia Schroeder, Elle Mason, Zach O'Neal, Connor Jerolds, Jackson Laster, Zach Griffin, Gabe Thompson, Maddie Bundren, Amanda Smith and Katie Charles. Students from all four of Union County's public high schools are participating in the program. Photo provided.

2018-2019 Union County CEO program underway

While most high school students are thinking about school supplies, classes and extracurricular activities, CEO students of Union County are thinking about what it looks like to step into the business world and life after high school.

On July 31, the new CEO class of 2019 and their

parents met with facilitator Kathy Bryan and some of the CEO board members at Anna-Jonesboro National Bank to begin the fourth CEO program year, along with 42 CEO communities across the Midwest.

The members of the new class include:

Olivia Schroeder, Cobden High School. Elle Mason, Cobden High School.

Zach O'Neal, Dongola High School. Connor Jerolds, Anna-Jonesboro Community High School.

Jackson Laster, A-JCHS. Zach Griffin, A-JCHS. Gabe Thompson, Shawnee High School at Wolf Lake.

Maddie Bundren, Cobden High School. Amanda Smith, Cobden High School. Katie Charles, Shawnee High School.

The summer orientation event, hosted by Stephanie Cox, assistant vice president of Anna-Jonesboro National Bank, was just the first in a series of steps to help cultivate real life skills in the community's young people and to enter them into a national network of high caliber, young leaders.

"I enjoyed working with Kathy Bryan and board members to give the students and parents a mini-site visit to see what the students will be experiencing throughout the school year. It was a very enjoyable evening, and I wish

the best to the CEO Class of 2019," Cox said.

"CEO" stands for Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities. It is a year-long, experiential learning-based course that uses community relationships to provide an overview of business processes and development for junior and seniors in high schools.

The Midland Institute for Entrepreneurship is the organization that supports communities across the United States as they build and grow CEO programs.

Throughout the program year, students from all four public high schools in Union County will get up early to attend their CEO program at a local business before their school day starts.

With a daily schedule from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., students visit local businesses, learn from guest speakers, participate in operating a class business, write a business plan, and, from concept to reality, build their own functioning business.

The business interactions they practice and see in action each day in CEO are similar to the things they will see in life after high school.

Practicing these techniques builds important 21st century skills, such as problem-solving, critical thinking, communication, responsibility, and self-motivation.

Ultimately, our goal is to prepare young people to enter into life after high school in a unique and tangible way.

The goal is to prepare the students with a strong network in their community, a wealth of business knowledge and the skills necessary to better face the future.

Along the way, one of the goals also is to allow the students to participate in the experience of a lifetime.

CEO classes are open to the community. To learn more about the program, visit the program's Facebook page or its website, unioncountyceo.org, to contact a facilitator.

'Illinois Poets on Parade' to be staged at Anna Arts Center

The Anna Arts Center plans to present "Illinois Poets on Parade" as a performance held in conjunction with the state's bicentennial celebration during 2018.

Performances are set for 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 7-8, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at the arts center, which is located at 125 W. Davie St. in Anna.

Tickets will be available at the door. Prices are \$15 for adults, and \$5 for students and children over 10 years of age. The arts center notes that the production is not for younger children.

The cast for "Illinois Poets on Parade" is diverse. Four families are involved.

David and Maryanne Fischler, husband and wife, are in the "Spoon River" unit and David will also be seen as Mr. Lincoln later on.

Mark Hasty portrays a man killed by his lover's wife in "Spoon River" and "jams" on Carl Sandburg's poem, "Jazz Fantasia."

His daughter Serena dances in both "Fog" and "Wynken, Blynken and Nod."

Laila and Everette Whitaker, a brother-sister duo, will be seen in the Act II children's unit.

Anthony Jimenez will

be in "Spoon River" and "Arithmetic," while his mother Mary is a production assistant and runs the box office.

Lynn Steveson has compiled the script. She and Elizabeth Corbit, seen in "Spoon River," are both retired school teachers.

Nancy Kucera, a veterinarian, is in "Spoon River" and shares "The Old Country Road" by James Newton Matthews.

Retired florist Pete Housman shares Carl Sandburg's famous poem "Chicago," is in "Spoon River" and also appears in the children's unit in a Shel Silverstein poem.

Frank LaFoon, a vineyard owner, will be reading "Abraham Lincoln Walks at Midnight."

Jackie Beatty, president of Friends of Stinson Library, is the main narrator for the poems.

Bonni Littleton, of Union County Chamber of Commerce, appears in "Spoon River" and also shares a Carl Sandburg poem.

Darryl Parks, who is retired, shares a Sandburg poem and is in the "Spoon River" unit.

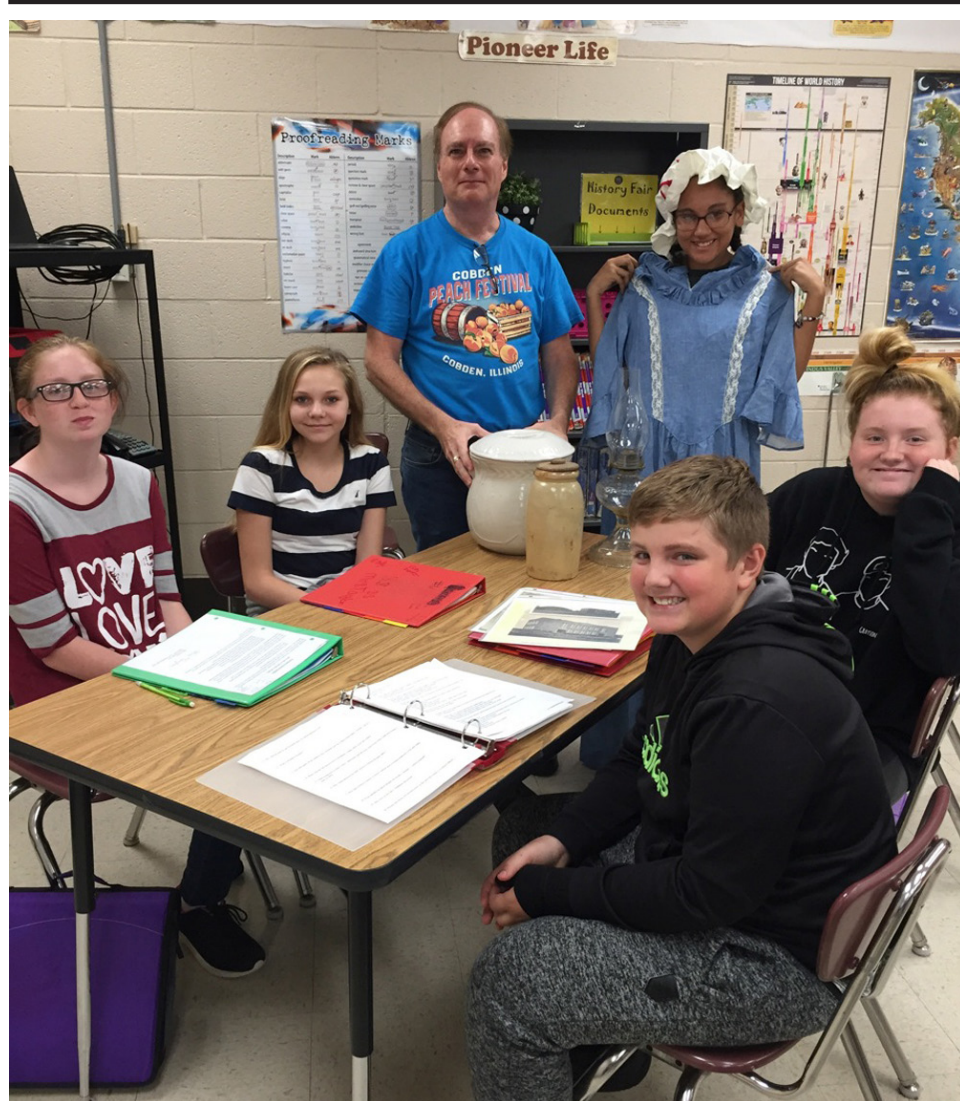
Two guest artists from Carbondale's Stage Company also are featured in the production.

Jeff McGoy will be sharing Vachel Lindsay's "The Congo." Charlie Hope Dorsey will be performing three of Gwendolyn Brooks poems, including the well known "We Real Cool."

Several students appear in the children's unit which is mostly the poetry of Eugene Field and Shel Silverstein.

The students who are performing include Anna Madura, Aaron Madura, Marilyn Musgrave and Angel Wiseman.

Trinity Sweet, appears in "Spoon River," and the Lincoln section as Anne Rutledge. She has also worked on scenery.



Learning about life in mid-1800s

Patrick Brumleve of the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society recently gave a program for the Cobden School 8th grade class of Ashley Taylor. He brought a variety of pioneer items from the Union County Museum in Cobden and discussed how life was in the mid-1800s. Some of the items he showed included a chamber pot, a kerosene lantern, a rug beater and a pioneer dress. Brumleve also brought a daizey churn and showed the class how to make butter. He is pictured with some of the students who were in attendance.



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Local real estate broker Steve Landreth reports brisk sales in recent months.

Democratic Party Congressional candidate Brendan Kelly paid a visit to Union County last Friday. More on this to come...

An event to support Union County treasurer candidate Leigh Burns is planned from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sept. 8 at Lou's Room in downtown Anna.

A meet the candidates for judge in the First Circuit event is set for 5 p.m. Sept. 10 at Downtown Abbey in Cobden. Tyler R. Edmonds, Jason Olson and Kevin Ho-

erner are scheduled to be in attendance.

A Fall Festival is planned Oct. 13 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Anna. The festival is slated to start with a 5K event that will be run in the morning.

An all-day youth football event at A-J on Saturday was brutal. Three individuals were taken away by ambulance and some were treated off the field for injuries. Those hurt were injured in separate events and none were from the Anna squad.

Two armadillos, in the past tense, were spotted early this week along old U.S. Route 51 between Anna and Cobden.

Cobden School Board meeting held Aug. 27

By Benjamin Marxer
The Cobden Unit School District No.17 Board of Education held its monthly meeting on Monday evening, Aug. 27, in the high school library.

The consent agenda for the meeting held several items for the board to consider.

Bills, payroll and the treasurer's report were all listed as per usual, as was the pending approval of the elementary school handbook, a resolution regarding the Farmers State Bank revolving account and the prevailing wage resolution for the school year.

It contained a request from Girl Scout Troop 8540 for use of the school's facility. There were also funding requests from athletic boosters, the FFA and the high school cheerleading squad.

Additionally, a number of staff changes for the 2018-2019 school year were on the agenda.

There were requests for the approval of Shannon Kaszubski as extraordinary aide, Julie Roberts as cafeteria clerk, Ethan LeFevre as special education teacher, Stephanie Bowen as assistant junior high softball coach, Emily Goins and Guy Kuhn as volunteer golf coaches, Anjelica Guijon as ESL teacher and Adam Reynolds as the high school assistant basketball coach.

The retirement letter of Donna Brumleve for the end of the school year and

the resignation of Kyla Holtzman effective July 30, 2018, were also on the list for approval.

The list of consent items was approved with all attending members voting yes.

Dave Stewart of the Cobden Village Board of Trustees gave a presentation about an upcoming project to put a disk golf course in Cobden.

Stewart was asking permission to enter school property to set up the course, for the path of which would go near the school's campus, behind the softball and soccer fields. He also suggested that the course could be used by the school's physical education department as another available activity for their curriculum.

Faculty member Karen Englemann was also in attendance to report on news and projects from teachers in the district.

After attending a guitar-building workshop sponsored by the National Science Foundation, art teacher Jeremy Crawford has added guitar building into the curriculum for his sculpture class.

Carissa Coleman has added a new chapter on logic to her contemporary mathematics class that utilizes Polya's four-step problem solving technique. Students implemented the system on perceived problems around the school and presented the solutions to the superintendent.

Englemann also discusses her new adult living class that was added this year for seniors. In it, students learn several basic skills necessary for adulthood, including balancing a checkbook, car maintenance, renting an apartment and budgeting.

The open house that the school hosted on Aug. 15 had a big turnout, with teachers reporting that most of their students attended.

The next school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 24.

Marion man sentenced

Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds reported on Aug. 30 that James Robert Webb Jr., 50, of Marion, was sentenced to six years in the Illinois Department of Corrections after pleading guilty to one count of unlawful possession of a stolen motor vehicle, which is a Class 2 felony.

Webb will serve a three-year period of mandatory supervised release.

Webb was sentenced as a Class X offender based upon his prior criminal history.

Webb was arrested in September 2016 following an investigation conducted by the Anna Police Department. The Herrin Police Department assisted in the investigation.



Candidate visits Anna
State representative candidate Patrick Windhorst paid a campaign visit to Stinson Memorial Library in Anna.

Legislative candidate backs People's Pledge

By Benjamin Marxer
This fall, Massac County State's Attorney Patrick Windhorst is running for the position of Illinois state representative from the 118th District.

But the 118th isn't the only government position that Windhorst would like to see a new elected official occupy in the future.

As part of his campaign, Windhorst has been championing the People's Pledge, an initiative started by Gov. Bruce Rauner that promises to bring about change in Illinois government.

Rauner is asking every candidate for state office to sign the pledge, promising to put term limits on the ballot, and to vote for someone besides Mike Madigan for speaker of the house.

Windhorst is one such candidate, and has been traveling to public bulletin boards throughout the district to post copies of the pledge, signed by him, and to discuss the importance of it's message. One of his stops was at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna.

"Given the nature of where our state is, the problems we've had with entrenched power, I believe it is important for us as a state to have term limits. Just so we can continue to get new people and fresh ideas into the offices," said Windhorst.

"We have a lot of big problems in the state, a lot of big problems that we need to move forward with. And the entrenched interests are not getting that done."

Windhorst believes that one of those entrenched interests is current Illinois Speaker of the House Mike Madigan. It is for this reason that electing a new speaker is the second goal of the People's Pledge.

"Mike Madigan has been in the house since 1971, he's been speaker for all but two years since 1983, and as speaker of the house he has complete control over what comes

for a vote, and therefore what becomes law," said Windhorst. "In my opinion, that's too much power for one person to have for that period of time."

Area Republican candidates like State Rep. Terri Bryant, R-Murphysboro, and State Rep. Dave Severin, R-Benton, have both taken the governor's pledge. But Windhorst argues that this initiative can be bipartisan, and not just the first part dealing with term limits.

"We are not asking Democrats to say they will vote for a Republican as speaker, we are just asking them to commit to voting for someone other than Mike Madigan for speaker," said Windhorst.

Windhorst believes that electing a speaker of the house is an incredibly important responsibility of a state representative that often gets overlooked by their voters.

"Voters go to the polls, they vote for governor, they vote for secretary of state, they vote for local elections, but they don't get a direct vote for the speaker. They vote for the representative that votes for the speaker, so it's important to know who their rep will vote for speaker."

Copies of the People's Pledge can be found at Stinson Memorial Library or at Patrickwindhorst.com.

Fish fry set at Anna VFW

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna plans to serve a fish fry on Friday, Sept. 7.

Serving is planned from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the post, which is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna.

The menu will include fish, potato salad and slaw for a \$10 donation.

The fish fry is open to the public. Carry outs will be available.

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Group meetings begin Thursday September 6 from 7-9 P.M. at Harvest Church of Southern Illinois 602 E. Davie Street • Anna, IL • 833-0603

It may be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future right now. If you've lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before. GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. Contact Marilyn Uehle at 697-1772 for more information.

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Historical artifacts topic of program

Dr. Susan A. White-mountain plans to present a program titled “How is the founding history of Union County told through historical artifacts?” on Thursday evening, Sept. 13, in Anna. The program is set for

School Menus

Jonesboro School Breakfast
Daily alternative: Choice of cereal, muffin, paired with string cheese, graham cracker, or yogurt.
Thursday, Sept. 6: Denver breakfast bowl, fruit cocktail, grape juice.
Friday, Sept. 7: Biscuit and gravy, fresh banana, apple juice.
Monday, Sept. 10: Breakfast sausage pizza, fresh orange wedges, grape juice.
Tuesday, Sept. 11: Southwest breakfast bowl, chilled sliced pears, apple juice.
Wednesday, Sept. 12: Turkey ham and cheese burrito, fresh red grapes, fruit punch juice.
Jonesboro Elementary Lunch
Thursday, Sept. 6: Cheeseburger flatbread, oven curly fries, fresh carrots, baked apple slices.
Friday, Sept. 7: Spaghetti/Italian meat sauce with breadstick, seasoned broccoli, fresh cherry tomatoes, blue raspberry sidekick.
Monday, Sept. 10: Hot dog on bun, macaroni and cheese, curly fries, fresh carrots, baked apple slices.
Tuesday, Sept. 11: Taco Tuesday, soft shell taco, tater tots, fresh cherry tomatoes, pineapple tidbits.
Wednesday, Sept. 12: Pulled pork sandwich, Boston baked beans, fresh broccoli florets, chilled peaches.

6 p.m. at The Gathering Place, which is located at 313 S. Main St. Admission is free.
The event will be the sixth program in an ongoing series of presentations about Union County’s bicentennial, which is being observed in 2018.
The presentation will include an overview of the 1818 map showing roads, taverns, land occupants up to and including November and December 1818, what

Tent revival set in Karnak

Eagle House Ministries plans to host an annual tent revival Sept. 9-14 in Karnak.
The revival will be held in the yard at the Karnak United Methodist Church.
The annual revival is sponsored by the Karnak, Powers, Cypress, Luther’s Chapel, Vienna, Belknap and West Eden United

Ice cream supper set at Kornthal

An ice cream supper is planned Saturday evening, Sept. 8, at the historic Kornthal Church in Union County.
The church is located 2.5 miles south of Jonesboro, just off Illinois Route 127.
Serving at the ice cream supper begins at 5 p.m. The menu also will feature bratwursts, pork steaks, hamburgers, hot dogs and desserts.
Donations of non-refrigerated dessert items are welcomed. Desserts can be brought to the church from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the day of the event.
For more information, contact Bill Littrell at 618-697-7765.

the county was like when Illinois was admitted into the union.
The session will bring to a close the 1818 history of Union County as documented in a number of historical artifacts, such as land records, maps, books and court records.
Those who are planning to attend are asked to RSVP by calling 833-6525 or by emailing gathermyhistory@gmail.com.

Methodist churches.

Refreshments will be served starting each day at 5 p.m. Special music is set for 5:30 p.m. Services begin at 6 p.m. each day.
Canned goods will be collected to distribute to area food banks.
The revival’s preachers are the pastors of each of the sponsoring churches.
At 5 p.m. on the opening day of the revival, an ice cream social supper will be served at no cost.
Wednesday, Sept. 12, is youth night. A carnival will begin at 5 p.m. A puppet presentation is planned at 5:30 p.m. A service which begins at 6 p.m.
On closing night, Eric Horner is scheduled to minister in concert from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The revival message will follow the concert. The offering on Friday night will go to Eric Horner Ministries.
For more information call 618-771-2279.

Garden Club meeting set

The Anna-Jonesboro Garden Club plans to meet Tuesday, Sept. 11, in Cartersville.
The meeting is set for 1 p.m. at Changing Seasons Landscaping, which is located along Route 13.
Trent Mohlenbrock is scheduled to present a program about hydrangeas.
The club also is making plans for a fall perennial plant sale.
The sale is scheduled from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Sept. 15 at the Anna-Jonesboro Garden Club Park in Anna.



New welcome signs

The City of Jonesboro has installed new welcome signs at the east and west edges of the community along Illinois Route 146 and south along Illinois Route 127. The Union County community is celebrating its bicentennial in 2018. Street commissioner Jimmy Watkins spearheaded the project. The signs were created by ArtFX in Ullin.

Hikes, plant programs planned at Giant City

Hikes and programs about plants are planned during September and October at Giant City State Park near Makanda.
Registration is needed for some of the events. To register, or for more information, call 618-457-4836.
Here’s a look at the upcoming events:
Guided Hikes
Leisurely guided hikes are planned at 1 p.m. each Saturday during September and October.
Hikes will be on trails that range in length from 1 to 2 miles.
No registration is necessary. Hikers will meet at the visitors center.
“Plant Blindness”
A “plant blindness” program is planned at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at the park.
Organizers explained that an “inability to see the plants that surround us is termed ‘plant blindness’.”
At the Sept. 9 program, Illinois botanist Christopher David Benda “will challenge your perceptions about plants and teach you ways to inform others about their value to humans and nature.”
No registration is necessary. The program will be at the visitors center.
Identifying Grasses
The program is set for 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15.
Erin Medvecz, who is with University of Illinois Extension, is scheduled to present the free program.
Medvecz will share tips and techniques which can be used to help identify

30 different grasses which grow in Southern Illinois.
A hike is planned following the presentation.
Registration is requested to attend the program.

Wild Plants of Giant City
Giant City State Park is home to hundreds of species of plants.

Extension forester Chris Evans plans to lead a wild plant hike on the one-mile-long Giant City Nature Trail from 10 a.m. until noon on Saturday, Sept. 15.
The program is free. Registration is requested.
Hike with Homeless Dog
Giant City is partnering with Wright Way Animal Rescue to get our four-legged and two-legged friends out for a hike together.

Hikes are planned from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 11 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Sept. 22.
Participants will have an opportunity to walk either the moderate, one-mile Giant City Nature Trail, or the easy one-third-mile Devil’s Standtable Trail.
Hikers will have a chance to give some new canine friends a little bit of exercise, and maybe even find a “fur-ever” home.
The program is free and open to the public, but registration is required. Space is limited.
Wright-Way Rescue is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization.

Celebration of Life set for Brian Goins

A Celebration of Life is being planned for this Sunday in honor of Brian Goins.
Mr. Goins died last Thursday in Colombia, South America.
Mr. Goins was the owner of Trails End Lodge near Cobden.
The Celebration of Life is planned from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at StarView Vineyard, which is located at 5100 Wing Hill Rd. near Cobden.
Those who are organizing the event said that the goal is to raise funds which allow Mr. Goins to be returned home for burial.
The celebration will feature live music with Eli Tellor and Friends. The day also will feature barbecue, a gun raffle and a silent auction.
A \$10 donation is requested to be a part of the Celebration of Life.

Weather

September started with hot and humid weather in the Union County area.
High temperatures during the first three days of the month were in the upper 80s and lower 90s.
Precipitation during the period from Aug. 28 through Sept. 3 was very light.
Rainfall amounts measured during the period included .18 of an inch Aug. 29 and .02 of an inch Aug. 31.
Following are temperatures for the period as recorded by official weather observer Dana Cross in Jonesboro:

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Tuesday, Aug. 28	92	72
Wednesday, Aug. 29	84	70
Thursday, Aug. 30	88	65
Friday, Aug. 31	88	71
Saturday, Sept. 1	89	69
Sunday, Sept. 2	92	68
Monday, Sept. 3	92	69

August Weather
The high temperature for the month of August was 93 degrees. The high was recorded on Aug. 5 and 6.
The low for the month was 52, which was recorded on Aug. 23.
Precipitation for the month totalled 3.49 inches of rain.

Pearson reunion set at Giant City

An annual Pearson reunion is planned Saturday, Sept. 8, at Giant City State Park near Makanda.
The reunion will be at shelter number 4 at the park. Registration begins at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m.
Those who plan to attend are asked to bring a covered dish and a drink. Family and friends are welcome.

Wilson relatives reunion planned

An Alfred and Daisy Wilson relatives and friends reunion is planned Saturday, Sept. 22.
The reunion is planned at the Pitts picnic area off Lick Creek Road, on the Gurley Loop.
Dale Foster is catering lunch at 12:30 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited to come for fellowship and to share memories, stories and pictures.

Hickam reunion set in Alto Pass

A Hickam family reunion is planned Saturday, Sept. 22, in Alto Pass.
The reunion will be at the pavilion in downtown Alto Pass.
Family and friends are invited to gather at any time. A meal is planned at about 1:15 p.m.

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Murphysboro hosts A-J

Murphysboro hosted Anna-Jonesboro last Friday night in Southern Illinois high school football action. The home team won the game. Photos by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.



Senior Damien Chrisp carries the ball for A-J. Also in the photo are A-J's Reid Morrison, a senior, number 28, and senior Noah Craig, number 70.



A-J senior Wyatt Johnson, number 9, looks for some running room. Also in the photo are A-J's Damien Chrisp, a senior, number 27, and senior Reid Morrison, number 28.



A-J senior Reid Morrison, number 28, tries to elude the Murphysboro defense. Also in the photo are A-J's Noah Craig, a senior, number 70; senior Nate Kisat, number 2; and senior Tyler Smith, number 1.

A-J football team heads to Massac County Friday

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team will take on Massac County on the road Friday, Sept. 10.

Game time is set for 7 p.m. The game will be aired on WIBH radio in Anna.

Both teams are 0-2 and looking for a win.

“They have a new coach and we both have similar records,” A-J coach Brett Detering said. “We’ve just got to rebound. We’ll prepare our team for them.”

Former Harrisburg coach Jason Roper is the new head Patriot coach.

The Patriots were shut out by Nashville 33-0 last week. The week previously, Massac County lost 53-12 to Du Quoin.

Senior running back Tyler Alexander, 6-0, 213 pounds, led the way for Massac County with 70 yards rushing on 11 carries. In the Du Quoin loss, Alexander had 17 yards on 5 carries.

Junior running back David Thompson, 6-3, 185

pounds, added 19 yards on 9 carries. Against the Indians, he led the way with 61 yards on 14 carries.

Quarterbacking Massac County is junior Ethan Parks, 6-3, 250 pounds. He was held to minus yards rushing and failed to complete a pass in 3 attempts against the Hornets. Against the Indians, he was 2 of 5 passing for 22 yards with an interception.

Scramble results

The team of Joe Mason, Stacey Ury, Chris Whitaker and Tony Wolford won first place at a men’s golf scramble which was played Aug. 29 at the Union County Country Club course in Anna.

The team of Dino Bankston, Brent Goforth, Earl Hampton and Steve Hoffman finished second.

The team of Bubba Koblner, George Warren, Joe Wendling and Walt Zeschke was third.

Shawnee baseball loses twice

The Shawnee High School baseball team lost twice in recent action.

Egyptian 11, Shawnee 5: Ryan Schaefer was 3-for-4 with 3 RBIs to lead host Shawnee in the loss Thursday, Aug. 30.

Nick Rose was 2-for-4 with an RBI and scored a run for the Redskins.

Cody McLane was 1-for-2 and scored 2 runs. Braden Freeman and Justin Kaufman were each 1-for-3. Caden Baltzell and Caleb Nicholson were each 1-for-4.

Baltzell and Nicholson pitched in the loss, combining to scatter 9 hits to go with 6 strikeouts and 12 walks.

Century 1, Shawnee 0: Schaefer was the losing pitcher for host Shawnee Tuesday, Aug. 28.

He allowed 4 hits to go with a walk and 3 strikeouts. Winning pitcher Christian Halveson gave up one hit to go with a walk and 11 strikeouts.

Shawnee, 0-2, is scheduled to play Friday at Century.

Sports

Murphysboro outscores A-J

For the second week, the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team let a lead slip away in a 27-23 loss to host Murphysboro Friday, Aug. 31.

“We’ve got to do better on defense,” A-J coach Brett Detering said. “We had breakdowns on our defense and gave up the big play.”

With a 16-13 halftime lead, the Wildcats fumbled opening kickoff in their own territory to open the third quarter.

“You can’t make those mistakes in a close game,” Detering said.

Two plays later, the Red Devils’ Zane Caraway scored on an 18-yard run.

The extra-point kick was off the mark and the Red Devils took a 19-16 lead with 11:07 remaining in the third quarter.

The Wildcats bounced right back to take the lead. Quarterback Conner Jerolds scored on a 13-yard run at the end of a lengthy 14-play drive.

Noah Treece kicked the extra point and A-J led 23-19 with 4:23 remaining in the quarter.

The Red Devils were forced to punt on their next possession.

A-J’s drive then stalled on an incomplete pass on a fourth down play.

Murphysboro’s next drive was halted and forced a punt. A-J’s ensuing drive stalled to also force a punt.

On the punt to the Red Devils, Hunter Meade made a 46-yard return to move the ball to A-J’s 23-yard line.

Two plays later, Caraway scored on a 5-yard run. Quarterback Jamarr McZeke made the conversion points run to boost the Red Devils to a 27-23 lead with 2:40 remaining in the game.

Murphysboro then attempted an onside kick and Nick Sanders recovered for A-J at midfield.

The Wildcats wasted little time driving down field. However, with no time outs remaining and the clock down to 10 seconds, the Wildcats drove to the 8-yard line before quarterback Jerolds was halted after a one-yard gain to end the game.

The game didn’t begin well for the Wildcats.

Jake Hoppenstedt made a 56-yard run to move the ball to A-J’s 35-yard line.

Two plays later, quarterback McZeke connected on a 15-yard touchdown pass to Dezmond Clark.

Max Hoem’s extra point kick put the Red Devils ahead 7-0 with 11:01 remaining in the opening quarter.

Devon Toliver then moved the Wildcats to midfield on a nifty kickoff return.

Twelve plays later, Nate Kisat scored on a 5-yard run. Reed Morrison ran in the two-point conversion and A-J moved ahead 8-7 with 3:57 remaining in the opening quarter.

The Red Devils’ next drive stalled when Wyatt Johnston picked off McZeke’s pass.

On the ensuing drive the

Wildcats lost the ball on a fumble.

McZeke then connected with Meade for a 70-yard TD strike. The extra point kick was off and Murphysboro led 13-8 with 1:27 remaining in the opening quarter.

The Wildcats came right back. After an 11-play drive, Quarterback Jerolds made a 13-yard TD pass to Luke McMahan.

Kisat made the conversion point run and A-J led 16-13 with 8:40 remaining in the first half.

The Wildcats’ defense came though in the waning seconds of the first half and stopped Caraway on a fourth down and short yardage run.

“We’re probably four or five plays from being 2-0,” Detering said. “We’re not able to make the plays when we need to.”

Jerolds led A-J’s 214 yard rushing attack with 79 yards on 24 carries. Damien Chrisp had 50 yards on 20 carries. Kisat added 26 yards on 8 carries and Morrison had 35 yards on 4 carries.

Jerolds was 4 of 8 passing for 45 yards with Kisat leading the way with 29 yards on 2 receptions.

“We’ve not had that explosive play,” Detering said. “We’ve not been able to do that this year.”

Despite the loss, Detering remains optimistic.

“We’ve got a long season to go and we’ve got to stay on top of it,” Detering said. “Our kids played with great effort.”

Lick Creek softball undefeated

The Lick Creek Lady Eagles softball team remained undefeated with a 4-0 record after recent action.

Behind the strong pitching of Morgan Smith, the Lady Eagles defeated a very fine New Simpson Hill team 15-11. The coaches felt good in recent games about the team’s chemistry and performance.

The game was played in extreme heat with a heat index close to 100 degrees.

Lick Creek came out in the first inning with intentions of setting the pace early in the game.

Brenley Corbit got the game started with a walk and a single by Matti Houseman. Following the hit by Houseman, Shea Thorn reached base on a fielder’s choice. Three stolen bases by Thorn and Houseman helped the Lady Eagles pick up two early runs on fly balls.

New Simpson Hill was held to one run as Morgan Smith picked up her first strike out. Following the strike out New Simpson Hill threatened to score, sending a runner from third who was thrown out at home by a block of the plate by catcher Danielle Dunaway.

The second inning wasn’t as kind to the Lady Eagles as they had two strikeouts and a ground out. Lick Creek stranded Kylie Tripp, who reached first on an error.

New Simpson Hill made a statement in the second inning as they were not intimidated by the Eagles. They started the inning on an error, followed by a pop fly error by Lick Creek that allowed New Simpson Hill to tie the game at 2 runs apiece.

The wheels came off the bus as the Lady Eagles allowed 3 additional runs on 2 pass balls and an inside the park home run by the Lady Mustangs.

With New Simpson Hill now leading 6-2 Lick Creek had to circle the wagons and show the Lick Creek savvy and fight back. It was showtime.

Lick Creek led off the 3rd with consecutive singles by Houseman and Thorn. Both Houseman and Thorn scored following 2 stolen bases and a pass ball. A single by Sammi Turner made the score 6-4 entering the bottom of the 3rd inning.

Lick Creek turned up the defensive pressure against New Simpson Hill in the bottom of the third inning. Smith whiffed two more batters to go along with some fielding, and held New Simpson Hill scoreless.

The Lady Eagles Kiley Dailey started the 4th inning with a walk. After reaching first, Dailey picked up 2 stolen bases and scored from third on a fly ball by Houseman.

New Simpson Hill remained ahead 6-5 entering the bottom half of the 4th as

Tripp struck out, Houseman flied out and Hoehner was thrown out at first.

The bottom half of the 4th was three up and 3 down as Smith began her assault on New Simpson Hill’s batters. A fly out, strikeout and a ground out ended the Mustangs inning quickly.

Lick Creek had a super 5th inning offensively. Thorn, Smith, Hoehner, Corbit and Houseman all had singles. Adding insult to injury both Thorn and Smith picked up doubles in the same inning. The Lady Eagles exploded for 9 runs to take a commanding lead 13-6. Those scoring were as follows: pinch runner Lauren Ecker, Thorn (2), Turner, Dailey, Tripp, Hoehner, Corbit and Houseman.

New Simpson Hill was held to a single and a leadoff walk in the bottom of the 5th. Smith struck out the next three batters to send a message that the Eagles meant business.

Lick Creek picked up 2 additional insurance runs in the 6th and 7th innings. New Simpson Hill finally got some offense going scoring 5 runs over the remaining innings, as they came up short losing 15-11.

Top hitters: Brinley Corbit 3-3, Matti Houseman 3-3, Shea Thorn 3-3, Morgan Smith 2-2 and Kylie Tripp 2-3. Morgan Smith had 14 strikeouts, a season high for the talented 8th grader.



A-J football breakfast

The First Baptist Church in Anna hosted a breakfast for the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team’s players, coaches and cheerleaders last Friday morning. Those who helped to prepare and serve the breakfast included Dale Farris, Dale Denny, Janet Brooks, Jean Denny, Peggy Bittle, Dale Brooks and Tom Fisher.

High school soccer action

The Anna-Jonesboro/Cobden high school co-op boys' soccer team hosted Carterville/Herrin in a match which was played Thursday afternoon, Aug. 30. The A-J/Cobden team, in dark uniforms, won the match. The accompanying pictures were taken during action at the match.



A-J boys' golf team improves to 7-1 with recent victories

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys' golf team improved to 7-1 in recent action.

A-J 174, Eldorado 185: Luke Lasley won medalist honors with a score of 36 in a win over Eldorado at the Union County Country Club course in Anna Thursday, Aug. 30.

Carson Reynolds was next for the Wildcats with 38, followed by Peter Hauser 48, Trent Mason 52 and Ayden Bailey and Dylan Holderfield 58 apiece.

A-J 181, Goreville 200: Reynolds earned medalist honors to lead the Wildcats

with a score of 39 to the win at the Lake of Egypt golf course Wednesday, Aug. 29.

Lasley was next for A-J with 44, followed by Hauser 47, Holderfield 51, Mason 52 and Bailey 63.

A-J 171, Chester 176, New Athens 203: Reynolds led the Wildcats with 40 at the Chester Country Club Tuesday, Aug. 28.

Hauser was next with 41, followed by Lasley 42, Bailey and Mason 48 apiece and Holderfield 54.

A-J plays again at the Crab Orchard Country Club Monday, Sept. 10.

A-J/Cobden soccer team scores win

Blake Pena scored a pair of goals to lead the Anna-Jonesboro/Cobden co-op boys' soccer team to a 4-1 win over visiting Carterville/Herrin Thursday, Aug. 30.

Steen Vacadiev and Christian Valencia had a goal apiece for the winners.

Nicholas Bussey had 2 assists and Beto Vacadiev had one.

Jacob Schaefer, playing 80 minutes in goal, had 5 saves.

A-J/Cobden, 1-4, is scheduled to play at home against Harrisburg on Saturday, Sept. 8.



Runner on first

Woodlawn had a runner on first base during the 5th inning of a high school baseball game which was played Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 29, at Cobden. Zane Nance was pitching for Cobden. Brayden Clark was playing first base for the host Appleknockers.

Cobden baseball loses three in recent play

The Cobden High School baseball team lost three games in recent action.

North Clay 7, Cobden 3: Dylan Lewey was 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Cobden in the loss at Webber Township Saturday, Sept. 1.

Alex Ramsey, Cody Wieseman and Brayden Clark were each 1-for-2. Chandler West was 1-for-3.

West and Zane Nance pitched in the loss. West pitched 4 innings and allowed 5 hits to go with 3 walks and a strikeout. Nance pitched 2 innings and allowed 2 hits to go with no walks and a strikeout.

Cobden committed 3 errors.

Webber Township 6, Cobden 0: Clark was 1-for-2 to lead visiting Cobden in the other loss Saturday.

Ditterline, Landon Britt and Wieseman were each 1-for-3.

Ditterline pitched 5 innings and allowed 8 hits to go with a walk and 5 strikeouts. Ramsey pitched an inning and didn't allow a hit to go with a walk and 5 strikeouts.

Cobden had 4 errors.

Woodlawn 3, Cobden 1: Clark and Nance were each 2-for-3 to lead host Cobden in the season-opening loss Wednesday, Aug. 29.

Ditterline was 2-for-4. Britt, Ryan Barr and West were each 1-for-3.

West, Nance and Ditterline pitched in the loss, combining on 5 hits. West pitched 3 innings and didn't allow a hit to go with no walks and 5 strikeouts. Nance pitched 3 innings and allowed a hit to go with no walks and 4 strikeouts. Ditterline pitched an inning

and allowed 4 hits with no walks or strikeouts.

Cobden, 0-3, is scheduled to play at Woodlawn against the host team and St. Elmo on Saturday, Sept. 11.

A-J girls' golf improves to 3-0

Emma Ray won medalist honors with a score of 42 to lead host Anna-Jonesboro girls' golf team over Goreville at the Union County Country Club course in Anna Wednesday, Aug. 29.

Goreville didn't have enough players for a team score.

Sydney Ray was next for A-J with 48, followed by Marlee Smith 52, Hannah Hileman 53 and Chloe Gamber 64.

A-J, 3-0, is scheduled to play Thursday, today, at the 9-hole A-J Invitational.



Canine companion

A dog was ready to join a round of golf during a recent match hosted by Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. The dog spent a moment or two visiting with A-J golfers Emma Ray, left, and Marlee Smith, and then headed on its way. The match was played at the Union County Country Club golf course in Anna.

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Back to School Safety Tips

On the travel between school and home, about 150,000 students suffer injuries every year.[1] Before the first-day school bell rings, discuss these tips to help keep your child safe on his or her route.

If your child walks ...
Map out a safe route on sidewalks and across crosswalks. Practice walking the route with your child well before the first day of school. Talk about traffic and crosswalks: looking both ways and making sure a car comes to a full stop, for example. Find schoolmates who live along the way and want to walk, too. Outfit your child with helpful safety gear, including reflective tape on backpacks, jackets or shoes. Stress that phones should be put away, and eyes forward and alert. **If your child bikes ...**

Find the safest route possible on well-lit streets with minimal traffic. Invest in safety gear, including bike lights and a properly fitting helmet. Discuss traffic rules and bike signaling. **If your child takes the bus ...**
Introduce yourself and your child to the bus driver. Review bus stop rules such as waiting away from the road and always crossing in front of the bus, not behind. Remind kids to sit quietly while the bus is in motion and follow any additional rules the bus driver has. Go over what stop to get off at, along with what to do if your child accidentally gets off at the wrong stop. **If your child drives ...**
Establish safe routes to and from school, and have your child practice driving the route with a licensed adult. Prohibit smartphone use and driving, which is now illegal in many states. Understand the state laws for teen driving such as passenger restrictions. **While at school ...**
Talk about playground safety rules, for example, making sure equipment is dry and taking turns. Help kids identify a specific adult to ask for help if they feel unsafe or have a difficult interaction with another child. Work with younger kids to help them memorize your contact information, specifically phone numbers of parents, other caregivers, and emergency contacts. (Source: State Farm Insurance.)

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.

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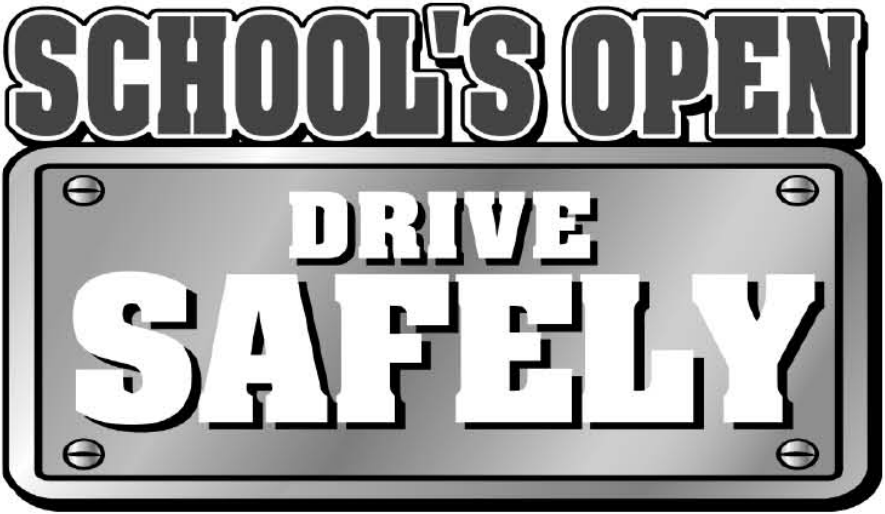
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Back To School: Make safety a top priority

Safety in schools and on college campuses is a right every student and family should expect.

As students from pre-kindergarten to college head back to school, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, IEMA, and local emergency management agencies across the state are reminding educators about the recent recommendations of the Illinois Terrorism Task Force School Safety Working Group.

The group's 13 recommendations are designed to help make Illinois schools safer.

The recommendations were presented to Gov. Bruce Rauner in May.

"There is no single answer to achieving school safety," said Mike Channess, chairman of the Illinois Terrorism Task Force.

"No individual has all of the answers, but the experience and expertise found within the members of the School Safety Working Group illustrate the state's commitment to offer practical recommendations for our schools to implement into their policies and procedures."

In addition to the recommendations of the School Safety Working Group, there are additional resources available to help increase the level of preparedness of schools and campuses.

The Illinois School and

Campus Safety Resource Center provides a variety of training programs to help public and private K-12 schools and higher education institutions plan for, respond to, and recover from an emergency or disaster.

Training opportunities, which are provided free of charge, include traditional classroom courses, workshops, webinars and online training.

The Statewide Terrorism & Intelligence Center's, STIC, School Safety Information Sharing Program is designed to identify the information needs of school and campus safety officials and ensure timely and wide dissemination of actionable intelligence that is tailored to the protection of these communities.

The goal of the program is to aid in school safety efforts through sharing information from local, state and federal agencies with at least one person in every school and campus in the state of Illinois.

Parents can also play a crucial role in protecting our students.

As students head back to the classroom this fall, be sure to include emergency preparedness in your back-to-school plans.

Here are some planning tips for parents to consider:

- Find out where children will be taken in the event of an evacuation

during school hours;

- Ensure your current emergency contact information is on file at your child's school;
- Pre-authorize a friend or relative to pick up your children in an emergency and make sure the school knows who that designated person is; and,
- Teach children with cell phones about "Text First, Talk Later." Short, simple text messages, such as "R U OK?" and "I'm OK," are more likely to get through than a phone call if phone service is disrupted following an emergency. As phone congestion eases, you can follow up with a phone call to relay more information.

For parents of college-aged students, a little research can provide peace of mind.

Many college campuses offer email and text messages to alert students of

potential dangers, such as severe weather and other threats.

Encourage your college student to sign up for such alerts.

Some colleges also provide alert messages for parents so they also are aware of potential dangers on campus.

In addition, make sure your student knows the emergency plans for their dorm or apartment building.

Parents and educators alike are encouraged to take a moment to review the information available on the ready.illinois.gov website.

Whether you are a parent, school administrator or school resource officer, there is helpful information and training available, many times at little to no cost, to help you keep our youngest citizens and future leaders safe.

Stopped School Buses, School Speed Zones

What is the law with regards to pass a stopped school bus in Illinois?

The driver of a vehicle shall stop such vehicle before meeting or overtaking, from either direction, any school bus stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging pupils on a highway or upon a private road.

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Where does a speed limit begin in Illinois?

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What is a school speed zone in Illinois?

The following is an excerpt from Chapter 625 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, Act 5, Chapter 11, Section 605. The title of the section is "Special speed limit while passing schools and while traveling through highway construction zones"

(a) On a school day when children are present and so close thereto that a potential hazard exists because of the close proximity of the motorized traffic, no person shall drive a motor vehicle at a speed in excess of 20 miles per hour while passing a school zone or while traveling upon any public thoroughfare where children pass going to and from school.

The following is an Opinion of the Attorney

General's Office (Number S-706):


This paragraph limits vehicle speed to 20 miles per hour only during school days while the vehicle is passing a school zone or is traveling on a street on or across which children pass going to or from school, and then only when children are physically present on such street or are outside the school building in a school zone. The 20 mile speed limit is not in effect when the children are inside the school building even though school is in session.

(Source: Illinois Secretary of State's Office, Secretary of State Police.)

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Currently, the Union County Soil & Water Conservation District office is taking orders for fish to stock ponds and small lakes until October 9, 2018, for pick-up on October 13, 2018. Now is the time to be thinking about getting your pond ready for upcoming fall. A little planning now can reduce problems with fish and weed populations in your pond for years to come. We have several game species available ranging from small pan fish and sunfish to largemouth bass and channel catfish. Also available are fat head minnows for fish forage as well as grass carp to control the weed, grass, and algae problems your pond or lake may have. For more information on management tips, fish descriptions, stocking rates and fish species availability contact John Wingate in the Anna USDA office (201 Springfield Avenue), or call (618)-833-5666, ext. 101.

FOR SALE:

Couch, very nice, \$100.00; 2 pair boots, Florsheim, 1- burgundy, size 8, \$50.00 new, 1- black, size 8, \$50.00 new; 1 pair slippers, burgundy, size 8, \$40.00 new; 2 pair, wore some, black & brown, \$25.00 each. Call (618)-833-2261.

FOR SALE:

2007 Dodge Grand Caravan SXT. Silver, 7-passenger van, good condition, good tires. Belonged to my mother. Power windows, doors and power back hatch, AC/DC good. Garage kept, serviced regularly, 105,000 miles, no rust. \$4,600. (618)-553-2924, text preferred. In Anna.

FOR SALE:

2000 Chevy Silverado Z71. New transmission, good condition, clean interior. \$4,500. Call or text (618)-697-5811.

FOR SALE:

2007 Chevy Tahoe. \$9,000 obo. Call or text (618)-833-3338.

STRAW FOR SALE:

Call (618)-833-3864.

FOR SALE
REAL ESTATE

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

BAYVIEW LOAN
SERVICING, LLC,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
MICHAEL A
THETFORD A/K/A
MICHAEL THETFORD;
HALIE L THETFORD
A/K/A HALIE
LEA PEARL,
A/K/A HALIE
THETFORD;
UNKNOWN OWNERS
AND NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS;

CITY OF ANNA,
DEFENDANTS.
16 CH 5

506 SOUTH STREET
ANNA, IL 62906

NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO
JUDGMENT OF
FORECLOSURE

UNDER ILLINOIS
MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS
HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on June 20, 2018, Sheriff of Union County will on October 3, 2018, in UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 309 W. MARKET, JONESBORO, IL 62952, at 9:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Union, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 14-00-08-015
Original Tax ID: 14-00-08-13 & 14-00-08-14
COMMONLY KNOWN AS:
506 South Street
Anna, IL 62906
Description of Improvements: Tan vinyl siding, two story single family home with attached garage
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Maintenance Mechanic

Union County Housing Authority is seeking applicants for the position of Maintenance Mechanic. This full-time position performs a variety of skilled tasks in maintenance and repairs, painting, preventative maintenance work on buildings, grounds, streets, equipment and machinery. This position is on a rotating schedule for emergency maintenance calls.

Minimum Qualifications:

High school diploma or equivalent and a minimum of four years of experience in a skilled maintenance field. Possession of a valid driver's license. Ability to be covered under the Housing Authority's vehicle insurance policy.

The starting wage for this position is \$12.75 an hour plus benefits that include health insurance and a 13% employer funded retirement plan.

Applications may be obtained at the Union County Housing Office at 131 Hillside Terrace, Anna, IL 62906. Submission deadline is 2:00 p.m. September 6, 2018. Section 3 residents of the Housing Authority are encouraged to apply.

Union County Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

9088. Please refer to file# 254291

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FOR SALE: 4 miles north of Cobden off of old route 51, 3 bedroom home and a mobile home with a new roof on 3 acres, \$85,000. Call (618)-969-2451.

FOR RENT

NOTICE: All real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation, or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination."

This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination call HUD toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. The toll-free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.

FOR RENT ANNA:

3 bedroom, 2 bath house. \$800.00 per month. Call (217)-565-9882.

FOR RENT DONGOLA:

16x80, 3 bedroom mobile home. All electric. \$500.00 per month. Available September 1. Call (618)-827-4705 or (618)-697-8407.

FOR RENT:

Commercial Building/Office Space for rent in high traffic area. Approximately 880 sq. ft., many uses, owner may remodel to suit. Broker Owned. For details contact Busby Realty, (618)-833-2899.

FOR RENT:

Modern, energy-efficient 2 bedroom apartment with washer/dryer & appliances. \$575.00 monthly. Apply in person at Classic Properties Realty, across from Dairy Queen in Anna.

FOR RENT:

Homes, A-Frames and Mobile Homes For Rent in East Cape. Call (618)-661-1118.

HELP
WANTED

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Independent Living Services, Inc. is accepting applications for full-time House Manager. Prefer certified, but will train. Must have high school diploma or GED. Apply in person at Independent Living Services office, 156 E. Vienna Street, Anna, IL.

HELP WANTED:

Independent Living Services, Inc. is accepting applications for full or part-time DSP's. Prefer certified, but will train. Must have high school diploma or GED. Apply in person at Independent Living Services office, 156 E. Vienna Street, Anna, IL.

HELP WANTED:

Direct Support Person to assist in providing training to individuals with developmental disabilities in a vocational, day training & residential program. High school diploma or GED required. Benefits for full-time staff of dental, vision, life insurance, and medical insurance are available. Workshop starting salary \$9.50/hour and residential \$10.00/hour. We have a dollar an hour differential increase for working the midnight shifts (\$11.00/hour). Over-time hours available. Training & certification provided. Experience preferred. Apply at RAVE, Inc., 214 W. Davie, Anna, IL 62906. EOE.

HELP WANTED:

Hiring air-brush painters to paint religious statues. Experience preferred, but will train. Attention to detail a must. Artistic abilities desirable. Apply at RAVE Inc., 214 W. Davie Street, Anna, IL 62906. EOE.

HELPER WANTED:

Family Reunion, October 5-8. Duties: Set-up, cooking, cleaning, wood cutting. Meals & lodging provided. Call (618)-697-0939 for details.

HIDDEN VALLEY CARE CENTER

204 S. Pecan Street, Jonesboro, IL

Now hiring for full-time position and/or part-time position. The position is Saturday and Sunday, 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. and Thursday-Sunday, 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. Weekend differential adjusted pay for this job is available. The position offers well above the minimum wage pay. Please contact Hidden Valley at (618)-833-5740 or (618)-697-2351. We are looking to hire somebody with experience in the health care field.

WANTED

ALL MAINTENANCE & REMODELING: (Summer's Here): Roofing, Carpentry, Ceramic Tile, Flooring, Painting, Siding, Pressure Washing, Gutter Cleaning, Tree Service, 55' Bucket Truck. FREE ESTIMATES Cobden, IL. (618)-364-2870 "WE DO IT ALL"

CARPENTRY WORK WANTED:

No job too big or too small. Carpentry, painting, roofing. Over 30 years experience. References. Call (618)-202-9992.

LOOKING FOR

Housekeeping Job. Have references & experience. Call Sheila, (618)-697-7266.

WANTED TO BUY:

Aluminum cans and other junk. Will pick up junk appliances. ALSO, APPLIANCES FOR SALE. Call (618)-833-3544.

Chief of Security

Union County Housing Authority is seeking applicants for the position of Chief of Security. The Chief of Security and Tenant Safety serves as a key member of the Union County Housing Authority's leadership team and is responsible for overseeing all aspects of security at the Housing Authority, including implementing UCHA policies, safety programs and security operations.

Minimum Qualifications:

Two years of experience in a security leadership role including experience providing supervision, guidance, and mentoring for team members. Must possess strong analytical ability, sound managerial judgment, and the capacity to think strategically and multi-dimensionally in order to solve problems and make decisions and recommendations. Successful candidates will possess the ability to foster positive work relationships and to resolve interpersonal conflicts with diplomacy and tact. Possession of a valid driver's license. Insurable on UCHA vehicle insurance policy.

Salary commensurate with experience. Benefits plan including PTO, health insurance, and 401k. Optional coverages available.

Applications may be obtained at the Union County Housing Office at 131 Hillside Terrace, Anna, IL 62906. Submission deadline is 2:00 p.m. September 6, 2018. Section 3 residents of the Housing Authority are encouraged to apply.

Union County Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

WANTED TO BUY:

Junked & wrecked automobiles and scraped metal. Clark & Son, 100 Kelly Cemetery, Cobden. Call (618)-893-2195.

WANTED TO DO:

Bush hogging, small and large acreage. Call (618)-697-1204.

WANTED:

An occasional bedroom with bathroom privileges in home in Cobden on as needed basis. Have references. Call (618)-521-8049.

YARD SALE

GARAGE SALE:

Saturday, September 8, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. 530 Body Barn Road, Anna. Oak table with 6 chairs, bedroom suite, fire pit, landscape rocks, lots of other items. Rain or shine.

YARD SALE:

223 George Street, Anna. Friday, September 7, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturday, September 8, 8 a.m. to noon. 1st one this year. Canceled in case of rain.

YARD SALE:

Friday & Saturday, September 7 & 8, 8 a.m. 451 Ullin Avenue, Ullin, IL. 2 old iron wheels, Coke table & 4 chairs, #6 Beehive jug, and much more. (618)-745-3446.

YARD SALE: 402 Springfield Avenue, Anna. Friday, September 7, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, September 8, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Groceries, health & beauty items; men's, women's & children's clothing, books, wall shelves, knick-knacks, 6' aluminum step ladder, 8' wooden step ladder, small air compressor, lots more stuff.

YARD SALE:

1490 Old U.S. Hwy. 51 N. 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, September 8. Household items, clothing, tools & much more.

BUSINESS

CAMPBELL'S POWER WASH & PAINT:

House & Deck Washing, Soft Rinse Roof Washing, Gutter Cleaning, Exterior Painting/Stain. Insured. Call (618)-202-0507.

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PUBLIC
NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME ACT

State of Illinois
SS
County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 31st day of July, 2018, under the Assumed Name of Tripp Advocacy & Consulting of Southern Illinois, L.L.C. with the place of business located at 105 Wil-lards Ferry Road, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the Sole Owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Tyler E. Tripp
2280 New Saratoga Road
Anna, IL 62906

Vonda Benefield
Union County Clerk
36-38gc

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State of Illinois
SS
County of Union

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Name in the conduct or Transaction of Business in the State," as Amended that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Union County. Filed this 21st day of August, 2018, under the Assumed Name of Strandz with the place of business located at 128 W. Davie Street, Anna, Illinois 62906 and that the True Name(s) and Residence Address of the Sole Owner(s) and Proprietor(s) of said Business is:

Kassi Needling
215 Swink Lane
Jonesboro, IL 62952

Vonda Benefield
Union County Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In re THE Matter of the Clear Creek Levee And Drainage District
No Case Number Assigned

NOTICE OF HEARING

There has been filed in the office of the Union County Circuit Clerk of Union County, Illinois a PETITION OF THE COURT TO CHANGE METHOD OF SELECTING

COMMISSIONERS FROM APPOINTMENT TO ELECTION.

The Circuit Court has set the matter for hearing at 1:00 p.m. September 21, 2018 at the Union County Courthouse, Jonesboro, Illinois.

Dated this 21st day of August 2018

Brandon Smithey,
Lead Petitioner
36-38g

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JACQUELINE STEARNS, Deceased. 2018-P-44

NOTICE OF DEATH, INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Jacqueline Stearns of Alto Pass, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on August 21, 2018, to Thomas Glenn Stearns, Anna, Illinois 62906, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is William B. Ballard, Jr., 500 South Main Street, Anna, Illinois.

The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless, under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act of 1975 (775 ILCS 5/28-4), any interested person terminates Independent Administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk of this Court.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of this Court at the Union County Courthouse, 311 West Market Street, Jonesboro, Illinois 62952, or with the Independent Administrator, or both, on or before February 21, 2019, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Independent Administrator is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Administrator and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated August 27, 2018.

THOMAS GLENN STEARNS
WILLIAM B. BALLARD, JR.
ATTORNEY FOR ADMINISTRATOR
500 SOUTH MAIN STREET
ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906
PHONE: 618-833-6432
ARDC# 0103640
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF ROBERT L. SHIPLEY, IN PROBATE DECEASED. NO. 2018-P-42

NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Robert L. Shipley of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on August 21, 2018, to Melissa Calhoun, 4615 Lingle Creek Road, Jonesboro, IL 62952, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

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

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

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

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Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 311 W. Market St., Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before March 2, 2019, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: August 21, 2018.

MELISSA CALHOUN

CAMERON LAW FIRM, LLC
ELVIS C. CAMERON
ATTORNEY NO. 6244394
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER
205B N. MAIN ST.
ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906
PHONE: 618-833-2220
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF RUSSELL F. DAVIS, IN PROBATE DECEASED. NO. 2018-P-43

NOTICE OF DEATH INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Russell F. Davis of Anna, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on August 21, 2018, to Lisa L. Livesay, 409 S. Main St., Anna, Illinois 62906, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Elvis C. Cameron, 205B N. Main St., Anna, Illinois.

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Dated: August 21, 2018.

LISA L. LIVESAY

CAMERON LAW FIRM, LLC
ELVIS C. CAMERON
ATTORNEY FOR

INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR
205B N. MAIN ST.
ANNA, ILLINOIS 62906
PHONE: 618-833-2220
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506 SOUTH STREET ANNA, IL 62906

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE

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TRACT 2: LOT NUMBER FORTY (40) IN THE ORIGINAL PLAT OF THE TOWN (NOW CITY) OF ANNA, ILLINOIS, ALSO A PARCEL OF LAND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT NUMBER FORTY (40) AFORESAID; THENCE RUNNING SOUTH THIRTY-FIVE AND ONE-FOURTH DEGREES EAST (S 35 1/4 DEGREES), TWO AND THIRTY-ONE (2.31) CHAINS; THENCE SOUTH ELEVEN AND THREE-FOURTHS DEGREES WEST (S 11 3/4 DEGREES W), ONE AND THIRTY-FIVE HUNDREDTHS (1.35) CHAINS; THENCE NORTH THIRTY-FIVE AND ONE-FOURTH DEGREES WEST (N 35 1/4 DEGREES W); THREE AND TWENTY HUNDREDTHS (3.20) CHAINS; THENCE FIFTY-THREE AND THREE-FOURTH DEGREES EAST (S 53 3/4 DEGREES E), ONE AND ONE HUNDREDTH AND ONE-FOURTH (1.01 1/4) CHAINS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING TWENTY-SEVEN HUNDREDTHS (27/100) ACRES, BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4 SE 1/4) OF SECTION NINETEEN (19), IN TOWNSHIP TWELVE (12) SOUTH, RANGE ONE (1) WEST OF THE THIRD (3RD) PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF UNION IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. TAX NO. 14-00-08-015 Orignal Tax ID: 14-00-08-13 & 14-00-08-14 COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Preston Levee & Drainage District annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 18, 2018, at 1 p.m. in the Wolf Lake Community Center. 38gp

PUBLIC NOTICE
LEGAL NOTICE
CERTIFICATE
NUMBER 2014-00037

To:
CAROLYN R HORECKER AND/OR UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS;
REBECCA A HORECKER AND/OR UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS;
DAVID J HORECKER AND/OR UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS;
REBECCA E SHIRRELL A/K/A REBECCA E HORECKER,
STANLEY HARRIS,
JANE HARRIS,
LISA MADIGAN,
IL ATTORNEY GENERAL;
CONSTANCE BEARD,
IL DEPT OF REVENUE,
VONDA BENEFIELD,
UNION COUNTY CLERK

and all unknown owners, occupants, beneficiaries, heirs, devisees or parties

Vacancy Notice

Shawnee District #84 is accepting applications for the following position for the 2018-2019 school year:

Kindergarten Teacher

Applicants should submit a letter of interest, resume, three letters of reference and current teacher licensure to:

Amy Reynolds, Elementary Principal
Shawnee CUSD #84
3365 State Route 3 North
Wolf Lake, IL 62998

Positions will be filled as soon as possible. CD 38&39G

interested. A Petition for a Tax Deed on the premise described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, as Case Number 2018-TX-10. On January 9, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at 309 W Market, Rm. 116, Jonesboro IL 62952, in Room TBD, the Petitioner will make an application to such court in Union County, Illinois, for an Order on the Petition that a Tax Deed be issued if the real estate is not redeemed from the sale. The real estate is described as follows, to wit:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: S19T12R1WPT LOT 19 PT NE SE 67 1/3 X 145 1/2 PERMANENT INDEX NUMBER: 05-19-03-431- and was sold on 2/11/2016 for general taxes for the year 2014. The period of redemption will expire on 1/4/2019.

SCOTT SIERON,
PETITIONER
38-40gc

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of Shawnee Community Unit School District No. 84 is requesting sealed competitive bids from qualified individuals and/or organizations to provide Pupil Transportation for the Shawnee Community Unit School District No. 84. The contract period will commence upon execution of the Pupil Transportation Agreement in 2018 (for services beginning November 10, 2018 (remainder of the 2018-2019 school year) and will continue until June 30, 2021.

Bid Specifications may be obtained at the District Office of Shawnee Community Unit School District No. 84, which is located at 3365 State Route 3 North, Wolf Lake, IL

62998, during the hours of 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. In the alternative, Bid Specifications may be requested by calling the District Office at (618)833-5709, mailing a written request for Specifications addressed to: Shawnee Community Unit School District No. 84, District Office, Wolf Lake, IL 62998 or by emailing a request to sclover-hill@shawnee84.org. Sealed bids will be accepted until Friday, October 5, 2018 at 11 a.m.

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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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

President's Rally

Several people from our area were honored to be able to attend the rally in Evansville, Ind., and see and hear our President Donald Trump speak last Thursday. How wonderful. Wish I could have been there. I am so happy for all those who were able to go.

Labor Day

Hope everyone had a wonderful Labor Day weekend.

Guests and Trip

Lyle and Tammy Woodrum have had many family members visit the Davie School Inn this summer.

Their son Jeremy, his girlfriend Maria, and her sons visited from Frisco, Texas.

Their son Geoffrey and granddaughter, Gia, visited

from Grand Prairie, Texas.

Lyle and Tammy took Gia on a two day trip to St. Louis, where they visited The Magic House, St. Louis Zoo and Grant's Farm.

Tammy's visiting cousins included Alvin Bunch and his wife, Lori, from Paynesville, Ohio, Juanita and Billy Johnson from St. Louis and Tina Price from Kansas.

Lyle's sister Sharon Woodrum and her friend Susie visited from Louisburg, Kan.

Davie School Inn

On July 23, the Davie School Inn hosted a movie night ("Santa Claus Conquers the Martians") presented by Zaagos Horror Extravaganza.

Admission was free but attendees were asked to

bring a food donation for Bethany Village. Over 200 pounds of food was collected for the pantry.

Popcorn, cookies, scones and drinks were provided, attendees dressed up and prizes were awarded.

Sunday night, Sept. 23, will be Monster Movie night at Davie School Inn.

New Business

Katrina Karsen is excited to have started selling Mary Kay products.

Camp Ground Open

Gary C. Dahmer announced that their new camp ground is open, Shawnee Forest Campground in Vienna.

Antique Show

Stephen Burns of St. Louis enjoyed an antique show last Saturday and reported it was nice. He bought two books and some flatware that he collects.

They went to lunch at a German style beer garden. They had iced tea to drink.

Enjoyed a vegetarian selection on the menu. All in all it was a pleasant day.

The German style restaurant was new to Stephen and they seat you at long tables as they do in Europe. The restaurant was new construction directly across from Our Lady of the Snows on Highway 15.

Birthday Celebration

Wednesday, Aug. 29, Jeremy, Kristen, Katie Stegle and Jeremy's parents Mike and Kathy took a train ride to Centralia and enjoyed a delicious dinner at the Centralia House Restaurant in celebration of Jeremy's birthday.

25th Anniversary

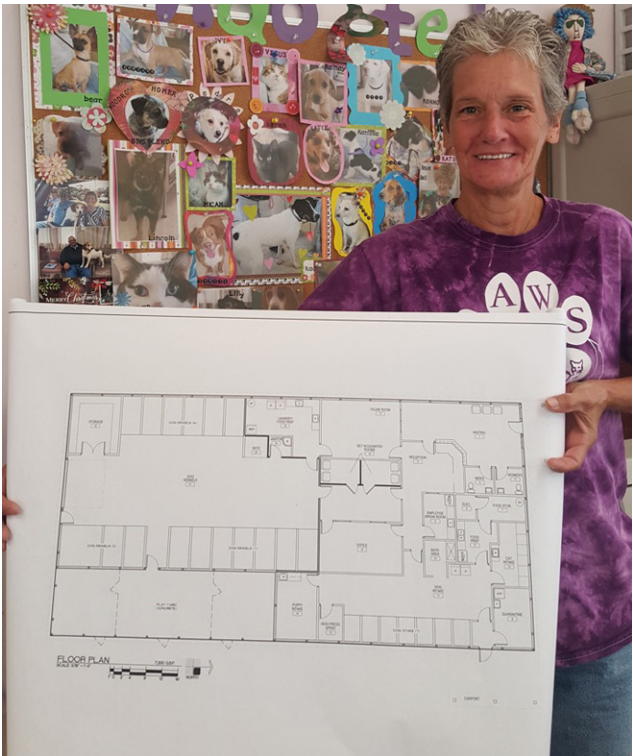
Tracee and John Foley celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Sept. 3 and enjoyed a trip to Florida to celebrate.

Wedding Anniversaries

Aug. 31 Danny and Norma Weaver, Tracy and Ron Morgan, Sept. 6 Boyd and Heather LaFoon, 12 Frank and Linda LaFoon, 14 Roger and Lelia Spurlock, 30 Al and Carolyn Dammann.



Cathy Spinazola will celebrate her birthday Sept. 11. Her friend Jeannie Haynes says if you know this cute blond give her a call or text and wish her a happy birthday.



A very proud and happy time for Karee Sweitzer, board members and friends. PAWS got their building permit and will be starting work on the new Pets Are Worth Saving building. Donations are still needed to help the homeless animals. The large donation that was supposed to come to them didn't happen but they will never give up until they have their new home. In the picture Karee is holding the blueprints for the building.



Stacy Willyerd was honored with a cake and party given by the nurses at Choate Mental Health on Stacy's last day of work, Aug. 29, before her retirement after working 30 years at Choate. Stacy was director of nurses, working with director of nursing services at Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna.



Friends gathered to hear Patrick Windhorst and Mike Bost speak at the Stinson Memorial Library last Thursday night.



Joyce Hill was honored on her birthday with her family taking her to Shawnee Bluffs Canopy Tour. They all had a great time: Marion, Joyce, Stacy Hill, Erica, Rodger, Garrett and Avery Goins.

Birthday, Anniversary

Carla Brooks celebrated her birthday Aug. 30 and Carla and Terry Brooks celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary Aug. 30.

1954 A-J Class Reunion

A-JCHS class of 1954 will meet Saturday, Sept. 15, for their annual reunion at 1 p.m. at El Jalapeno Restaurant in Anna.

Honor Wreaths

National Wreaths Across America Day has been observed annually for the last 25 years on the third Saturday in December.

This year's ceremonies will be held on Saturday, Dec. 15, across America. Their goal this year is to place a wreath on 3,500 veterans' graves.

If you are interested in supporting this worthwhile cause please send your donations. Checks can be sent to Honor Wreaths for Veterans, 1212 N. Garfield, Marion Ill. 62959. Two wreaths \$30 and on up to 67 wreaths \$1005. \$15 each.

More information will be given by Jim Koonce at

jim@honorwreathsforveterans.org. or please give Jim a call 618-201-6637.

Maybe some day we can have our Anna Cemetery as one of the cemeteries honored. Right now they include the Mound City National Cemetery in Mound City, Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis and many others.

Stinson Memorial Library

ColorFest Book Sale will be Oct. 12-14. Membership in Friends of Stinson

allows you to attend the Friday preview sales where you can purchase the latest selections.

It is an excellent way to show your pride and support for this Union County gem.

Individual dues are \$5 per year. Business membership is \$25 per year, and a lifetime membership is \$100.

You can buy a membership at the next book sale or



Jacob Sadler celebrated his 24th birthday with family and friends.



Dee Guined's birthday was Aug. 28. Dee was honored with a birthday celebration given by her family Aug. 31 on her birthday at the Brick House Grill in Anna.



JP Wilkins of Jonesboro celebrated her 15th birthday Sunday showing her swine at the annual Du Quoin State Fair. She was able to conquer a huge goal and received grand champion with her Hereford Gilt Scarlet. She was able to celebrate with her fellow Union County show families: the Nances, the Ellises and the Barnharts.



Jacob And Julia Ellis placed well in their classes, receiving second place. The Nances won reserve grand AOB gilt and barrow with their Tamworths, Mack Barnhart did extremely well for her first year showing. Show season has now finished for these kiddos but they are already working on their projects for next year. Union County kids did a great job representing Union County at the 2018 Du Quoin State Fair hog show.



JP Wilkins received grand champion with her Hereford Gilt Scarlet, a huge goal for her, at the Annual Du Quoin State Fair.



James, Cheyenne, Brian and Michelle Trambly enjoyed a seven day cruise to Jamaica, Cayman Island and Cozumel, Mexico. They boarded the ship on Aug. 19: Jimmy and Cheyenne's first wedding anniversary and their first cruise. It was Brian and Michelle's 10th cruise. They also celebrated both James' and Brian's birthdays. The picture was taken on the ship.



Darci Morrison, Matthew Smith, Sienna Morrison, Lisa Lowe, Jamieson Morrison, Jenna Watkins and Jesse Lowe were honored to be at President Donald Trump’s rally in Evansville, Ind., last Thursday.

at the desk at Stinson Memorial Library with a check or from any board member of Friends of Stinson.

Old Time Friends

Louise Pitts from Texas emailed me they got our Aug. 16 issue of The Gazette-Democrat on Monday, Aug. 27, Louise saw where I was looking for someone named Weldon but said I may have found him by now.

She said she knew it has to be Weldon Brown from Sullivan, Illinois. Weldon and Louise both grew up in Mill Creek, and there are not many of them left from there, so they stay in touch and pass along any information they might hear that is related to anyone from Mill Creek.

He told her sometime ago that he was chosen to go on the Honor Flight, and he was really looking forward to it. Louise was thrilled too to think that someone from Mill Creek had grown up to serve his country.

Louise said it was still hot in Texas. They were looking forward for September to come so that maybe they would have cooler temperatures, but they just said on the news that they are going to have several more weeks above the normal of hot weather with no rain. Guess they will have to wait a little longer.

They also just read in this paper about the Anna Fair coming. That was always a fun time of the year there. The fair that is held close to them is too large, and they can’t do all of that walking. Besides part of the fun in going to the Anna Fair was seeing friends to visit with. I really appreciated hearing from Louise.

Birthdays

Aug. 26 Derick Cummins, Aug. 28 Doris Womick, Donna Patterson, Dee Guined, Gail Short, Aug. 29 Emery Thomas Burros 2, Aug. 30 Jaden Westbrook 16, Aug. 31 Jaden Mikele Ebberts 14, Sept. 1 Marie Samuel, Karee Sweitzer, Donna Whitlington, Crystal Davis, Sept. 3 Anthony Spinazola, 4 Angel Wiseman, 5 Linda

Johnson, 8 Jason Swink, 12 Debbie Janowski, 13 Ginger Brasher, 18 Charles Halterman, Terry Riley, 24 Al Kamp III, 25 Earl Miller.

Appreciates Neighbors

Jeannie Haynes really appreciated the kindness of her neighbors Bob and Carla and Ron Watkins for all the nice tomatoes they gave her this summer.

Class Reunion

Cobden High School Class of 1993 celebrated their 25th class reunion at StarView Vineyards last Saturday.

Correction

Nancy Skoglund name was spelled wrong in last week’s paper. Nancy waters the flowers at the Anna Park the Anna-Jo Garden Club plants there. Nancy is a new member of the Anna Jo Garden Club and very active in the club and enjoys helping with the flowers the club plants in the park and other places.

She and her husband Wayne are both new members in the club. They are an asset to our city. They moved to Anna from New Hampshire three years ago.

A-JCHS Football Game

The White Out game is Sept. 14 at A-J. A silent auction is planned at the game. It is to raise money for MDA and Hadley’s Haven the new future handicap playground at the Anna City Park. If you would like a t-shirt to wear to the game give the school a call to order yours.

Class Reunion

The A-JCHS 1963 class reunion will be Sept. 28-29.

1958 Class Reunion

The A-JCHS class of 1958 will have their 60th year class reunion at God-dard’s Barn and Grill Friday, Sept. 7, at 7:30 p.m.

Seals Family Reunion

The Seals will have their 20th family reunion Sunday, Sept. 9, at the Trail of Tears State Forest near Jonesboro.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Sunday School is every Sunday morning.

Sunday morning at church, Rev. Richard Sul-lins’ sermon was Defiled,

have family members with her in church.

Prayers were requested for Carolyn Moore and her family, Eric Barnett, Rev. Ray Long, Gary Hartline, Steve and Jennifer Brown, Karen and David Lamer, and Pastor Bobbi.

Michael, Johnathan’s brother-in-law received a good health report.

Pastor Bobbi also read scripture from Luke.

A ladies lunch is planned Friday, Sept. 7, at Giant City Lodge near Makanda.

The church’s Sunday schedule includes Sunday school for the children and starts at 9:30 a.m.

The church is located at 3195 Mountain Glen Rd., near Cobden, and near Route 127.



Doug Hileman celebrated a birthday. Celebrants included Abigail, Gideon, Emmy, Joshua and Finlay helping to blow out the candles. Missing from the photo was little Leah. Fair week guests of the Doug Hilemans included Sarah, Joshua, Abigail and Gideon Song from Fort Worth, Texas; Jacob and Nadia Hileman, Finlay, Emmy and Leah from St. Louis; Lucas and Rachael Hileman from Fort Branch, Ind.; and Norm and Barb Bauer from Anna.

with the gospel reading from Mark. Holy Communion was taken.

Special music was by the ladies choir Open the Eyes of My Heart.

Jessie Riley read from the gospel of James.

Carolyn Dammann was honored with four pews filled with her and Al’s family members visiting. They were going to Giant City Lodge to eat dinner and celebrate Carolyn’s 90th birthday after church.

Game night is at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14.

The Loaves and Fishes meal is planned from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, in the Family Life Center. The meal will be ham and beans, slaw and cornbread. At the August meal 138 people were served. A special thanks to everyone who works, donates, prays and attends.

The Anna-Jonesboro football breakfast will be Friday, Sept. 7, at 7 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

VFW

Thursday, Sept. 6, the Auxiliary will have a monthly meeting at 6 p.m.

A fish fry will be served Friday, Sept. 7, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The meal is \$10.

The Auxiliary plans to cook pork butts on Oct. 6. They are \$35. Orders are being taken.

Anna Eastern Star

They are delivering new

books to school children.

They plan to have meeting on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge in the Anna Park.

State Retirees Meeting

Congratulations to Teresa Vincent, who won the door prize in August.

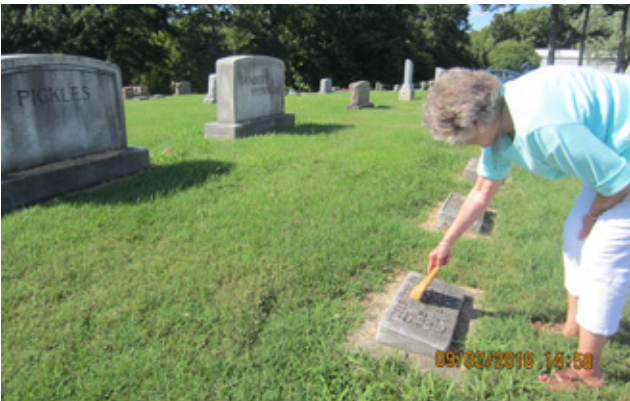
Free Dinners

Anna First Baptist Church serves a free community meal the second Monday of each month from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Loaves and Fishes free community meal is on the third Tuesday of each month from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall at the United Methodist Church in Anna.

Military Prayer List

Tanner Anderson, Hayden Young, Garrett Goines, Nick Harvel, Nona Elizabeth Luke, Lucas J. Strickland, William Nathaniel Frankell, Ethan Maze, Lukas W. Davis, Kiefer Stull, David Jorden Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, CJ Youngerman, Freddy Morse, Reagan Morrison, Josh Steveson, Josh Williams, Faith Odom, Tommy Goff and family Janette, Jamison and Kay-lynn, Craighton Laster, Jim Bonner, Jacob Schaefer, Jerod Schaefer, Jennifer Ann Bishop, James McWhorter, Arin Whitemountain.



PAST members Emily Boyd Meyer and Barbara Boyd Bauer made a recent visit to the Jonesboro Cemetery gravesite of long-time favored teacher Ella Jane Pickles Sanders and members of her family. The markers were cleaned and photographed. The Jonesboro Cemetery is to be the site of a Cemetery Walk as a part of Jonesboro’s bicentennial celebration commemorating the 200th anniversary of Jonesboro, Union County and the State of Illinois. The walk is planned to “bring back” persons of the past who have contributed to the benefit and enrichment of the community. It is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 13, at 10 a.m. One of the noteworthy persons to be profiled is Ella Jane Pickles Sanders.

Gearhart Reunion

The Gearhart family gathered Sunday, Sept. 2, for a family reunion at the home of Robert Wayne and Nancy Gearhart, parents of Vivian Marks.

Guests included Robert Wayne’s siblings Jane Gearhart Meadows, Jeanne Gearhart (Marvin) Meade, Nancy Gearhart (Curt) Conder, Millie Gearhart McGrath, Mark (Elizabeth) Gearhart, as well as cousin Ken (Barbara) Gearhart.

Other guests included children Vivian Gearhart (John) Marks, Robert Wayne (Angela) Gearhart, Jr., Roy Gearhart, Tricia (Ralph Ellet) Gearhart, Nancy Gearhart (Gary) Dillow.

Grandchildren Susan Marks (Jeremy) Hodges,

JJ (Amanda) Marks, Justin (Jamia) Marks, Sierra (Josh) Marks, Caitlin (Shawn) Marks, Caycee Marks, Cody (Cassie) Heern, Sean (Sami) Davis, Charlie Campbell, Annie Gearhart, Brandi (Ryan) Naumann, Autumn Ellis, Riley Gearhart, Samantha Dillow, Sarah Dillow.

Great-grandchildren Chesnee Marks, Jacey Sil-liman, Mark Heern, Gray-don Marks, Kydie Hodges, Alyssa Silliman, Maddox Gibson, Trinity Hodges, Chase Heern, Liam Marks, Harper Marks, Adaline Carter, Shawn Silliman Jr, Deacon Hodges, Weston Hodges, Mylie Silliman and Penelope Stroehlein.

Also many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and friends.

Big Creek Baptist Church

Homecoming

Sunday, Sept. 9th at 1:30 P.M.

With The Redeemsmen

This is going to be a great day of worship.

Everyone is invited. Hope to see you there!

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The Preaching Pen

What is Sin?

Sin – that’s not something we hear much about anymore, is it? It’s something that people want to downplay, or to treat as though it’s unimportant – maybe even nonexistent.

So, then, is sin real? What is sin? As always, the Bible holds the answers.

Sin is real. Rom. 3:23, “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” Sin brought about man’s eviction from the Garden of Eden (Gen. 3).

Sin is a violation of divine law. I John 3:4 says, “Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.” The Greek word rendered “sin” is hamartia, which literally means, “to miss the target.” To swerve aside from the revealed will of God is to sin. Sin is the very opposite of obedience and righteousness (Romans 6:16-18). So, one definition of sin is to transgress the law.

Refusing to heed what God has to say is sinful. Stephen (Acts 7) preached that Israel always resisted the truth and rejected the deliverers that God sent them. At the end of his message, the crowd threw him out of the city and stoned him. Notice Acts 7:57: “...they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord...” Their sin was not only the murder they committed in stoning Stephen, but also ignoring what God has to say.

Presumption is sin. The psalmist writes: “Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins. . .” (Psalm 19:13). “Presumptuous” indicates pride & arrogance. Jeroboam was guilty of this sin when he retooled the Mosaic worship system to suit his own desires (I Kings 12).

Neglecting your religious and moral obligations is sinful. James tells us that he who knows to do good, and yet who does it not, is guilty of sin (James 4:17).

The Lord spoke of a servant who “knew his Lord’s will,” and yet, “prepared not himself” (Luke 12:42-48), that is, he failed to do what he knew he should.

In every one of these explanations of sin, there is one common denominator: the “I” in the middle (s-I-n).

When I violate God’s law, when I refuse to heed what God has to say, when I presume to know better than God, and when I neglect my religious and moral obligations, it’s because I’m doing what I want to do instead of what God wants me to do. It’s easy to blame others for my shortcomings or unfaithfulness, but ultimately, the sin is mine. Think about it.

R.W. McAlister, Minister

Anna church of Christ

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News from Walnut Grove Church

On the 14th Sunday after Pentecost at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church, Layleigh, Brock and Kate-lyn lit the altar candles during the musical pre-lude played by Johnathan Cauble on piano.

The congregation sang “Happy Anniversary” to Gerry and Jim Brown for 61 years of marriage.

Pastor Bobbi Shultz read scripture from Corinthians about love and how it means “we care for others before ourselves. We are fortunate that our little country church is full of love for God and for each other.”

The congregations shared in Communion during the Eucharist service.

Kathy Wills was happy to

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Obituaries

Janet Verble

Janet Verble, 83, of Jonesboro, died on Aug. 28, 2018, at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

She was born on Jan. 13, 1935, in Jonesboro, the daughter of Ernest and Susie Isabel Earnhart Tripp.

She married Donald Verble on Dec. 22, 1953, in Anna. Together they shared 64 years of marriage. He preceded her in death on July 29, 2017.



She is survived by her son, Donald Verble Jr. of Jonesboro and daughter, Joy (David) Roberts of Mt. Carmel; six grandchildren, Brandon (Tara) Sharp, Justin (Alicia) Sharp, Matt (Sara) Verble, Kyle Verble, Brooke (Mike) Ile and Tyler Roberts; six great-grandchildren, Alaina and Eason Ile, Silas Roberts, Ethan Sharp, Alex Sharp and Jacob Sharp; a sister, Betty Jane Lorton of South Bend, Ind.; brothers Tom (Carolyn) Tripp of Anna and Gary (Darlene) Tripp of Houston, Texas; a sister-in-law, Carlene Tripp of Anna; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Donald W. Verble; daughters Jan Sharp and Vicki Lingle; a daughter-in-law, Teresa Verble; and two brothers, Don Tripp and Jerry W. Tripp.

She loved her Lord very much and served him faithfully at the First Baptist Church in Anna for many years, teaching Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Women’s Missionary Union, church fellowship chairman, family ministry committee chairman, hospitality chairman and many other places of responsibilities.

She loved her family, friends and many other folks she became acquainted with while working with the U.S. Postal Service.

She worked for many years at the post office in Jonesboro, worked at the post office in Anna and filled in at Cobden, Dongola and Tamms when needed. She was a postmaster at the Wolf Lake post office and the Alto Pass post office and retired from there after serving for 32 years.

She did a lot of volunteer work after retiring and was selected as the outstanding volunteer of the year for Union County in 2007 for work done in 2006.

She made many chicken and dumplings for the Relay for Life Cancer dinners at the Anna First Baptist Church.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 1, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with the Rev. Les Sinks officiating. Interment was in the Jonesboro Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Carmi Baptist Children’s Home or the family ministry committee of the First Baptist Church of Anna.

To leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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FUNERAL HOMES

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

Linda J. Petersmeyer

Linda J. Petersmeyer, 73, of Delphos, Ohio, died on Monday, Sept. 3, 2018, at Vancrest Healthcare Center of Delphos, surrounded by family and friends.

She was born on July 16, 1945, in Anna, the daughter of Raymond and Shirley Boyd Cates. They both preceded her in death.

She was united in marriage to John Petersmeyer on Oct. 21, 1967. He preceded her in death on March 3, 2004.

She is survived by a son, Jeff Petersmeyer of Louisville, Ky.; a daughter, Jill (John) Radler of Delphos, Ohio; a sister, Melissa McIntosh and fiance Rocky Smith of Jonesboro; four grandchildren, Jordyn, John, Josh and Jarrett; special nieces Amber Wachter, and Ashley McIntosh; a great-niece and nephew, Addison and Mayson; and many friends, aunts and cousins.

She was the Franklin Elementary School secretary for 28 years. She was an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

She loved music and some of her favorite times were spent with friends at Southern Gospel concerts. She also played the piano at her church. She loved spending time with family and friends, especially her grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at Trinity United Methodist Church on Thursday, today, at 1:30 p.m., with visitation one hour prior to service at the church. Burial will follow in Walnut Grove Cemetery. The Rev. Rich Rakay will officiate.

Memorials can be made to the Alzheimer’s Foundation, the Allen County Special Olympics or to the Trinity United Methodist Church building fund.

Harter and Schier Funeral Home in Delphos, Ohio, is in charge of arrangements.

To leave condolences for the family, visit harterandschier.com

Richard Carpe

Richard Carpe, 84, of Dongola, died on Aug. 22, 2018, at his home.

He was born on Nov. 25, 1933, in Hammond, Ind., the son of John Earl and Anna Carpe.

He is survived by two nieces, Peggy Carpe and Sandy Carpe, both of California, and by all of his friends at Lincoln Square. He was preceded in death by his parents and by one brother, Leroy Carpe.

Funeral services were at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 30, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro. Interment was in Jonesboro Cemetery.

To leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN
FUNERAL HOMES

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

Kelli J. Carmack

Kelli J. Carmack, 40, of Wolf Lake, died on Aug. 27, 2018, at her home.

She was born on Jan. 8, 1978, in Cape Girardeau, the daughter of Robert “Bob” and Connie Williams Henson.

She is survived by her father, Robert “Bob” and Joy Henson of Grand Tower; children Kelsi, Kadin and Keaton Carmack, all of Wolf Lake; a sister, Kristi Henson of Anna; a brother, Kyle and Amber Wills of Wolf Lake; two stepbrothers, Jason and Sarah Woodard of Grand Tower and Nathan and Jamie Wills of McClure; two stepsisters, Amy and Nick Giacomo of Pinckneyville and Ashley and Eric Kelly of Grand Tower; her stepfather, Kerry Wills of Wolf Lake; aunts and uncles, including Debbie and Gary Hileman, Vicki and Rodney Reynolds, Lana and Rick Livesay, Joan and Lester Clover and Kay and John Ellet; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Connie Wills, and by a stepsister, Billi Wills.

She was a member of the Galilee Baptist Church in Wolf Lake. She worked as a pharmacy tech at Wal-Mart for several years. She loved her family and was proud of each and every one of them. She always had a smile and a great sense of humor.

Funeral services were at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with Pastor Aaron Boyd officiating. Interment was in Casper Cemetery near Anna.

Memorials can be made to her children.

To leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN
FUNERAL HOMES

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



Gordon Wellons

Gordon Wellons, 50, of Anna, died Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2018.

He was born on Nov. 30, 1967, in Battle Creek, Mich., the son of Branson Harris and Virginia Veronica Bennett Wellons.

He is survived by his father, Bryce (Shirley) Wellons of Pleasant Lake, Ind.; his mother, Virginia Emery of Galesburg; daughters Madison Wellons of Anna and Samantha Stokes of Anna; brothers Andy (Wendy) Wellons of Decatur, Mich., Tim Emery of Galesburg and Bill Wellons of Garrett, Ind.; beloved friends Dave (Nancy) Meyer of Daphne, Ala.; other relatives and many friends.

A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, at Faith Community Church in Anna, with Pastor Ron White officiating. Friends can call after 4 p.m. and until the service hour at 6 p.m.

To leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Visiting with Steve Eudy of Anna last week were Shirley Miller of McClure and Ermadell Elkins of Anna on Tuesday. Robert and Venita Lingle of Anna and Ryan Wachter of Jonesboro visited with Steve on Wednesday.

Happy birthday wishes to our daughter, Christy Wachter, of Marble Hill, Mo., on Friday, Sept. 7.

The annual Gibbs family reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 29, at Giant City State Park, with a potluck dinner at noon. Family and friends are welcome to bring a dish and come join us. Signs will be posted.

Sunday dinner guests of Sue and Steve Eudy were Kevin and Emma Eudy of Scott City, Mo., and Jonathan Bohnert of Cape Girardeau.

Those enjoying pizza Tuesday at Pizza Hut in Anna were Shirley Miller of McClure, Penny Hill of McClure, Ermadell Elkins and Tammy Davis of Anna. Shirley Miller, Ermadell Elkins and Phillip, Beverly and Tricia Belcher enjoyed eating at El Jalapeno in Anna on Thursday.

Russ and Patsy Pender of Olive Branch and Richie and Amy King of Anna visited Sunday with Maxine and Fred Pender of Fair City. Allison and Austin Pender of Anna were dinner

guests of Fred and Maxine Pender last Thursday.

Dolores and Jack Reynolds of Reynoldsville and Barbara and Edwin Livesay of Anna went for a drive on Labor Day and enjoyed eating at Ponderosa in Eldorado.

Congratulations to Jackson Yates of Herrin, a senior running back for the Herrin Tigers football team, who ran for 330 yards in 20 carries in a game between Herrin and Carterville Friday night. In the first half of the game, Jackson had touchdown runs of 73 yards, 88 yards, 65 yards and 40 yards. Herrin defeated Carterville 49-35. He broke a school record of 318 yards set in 1971. His parents are Roger and Carrie Yates of Herrin. Grandparents are John and the late Dolores Yates of Herrin. Great-grandparents were the late John and Creta Yates of Anna and the late Elijah and Lorena Gibbs of Jonesboro.

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

Gary E. Maloy

Gary E. Maloy, 83, of Cobden, died on Aug. 26, 2018, at Shawnee Christian Village in Herrin.

He was born on May 20, 1935, in Makanda, the son of Ray and Dorothy Cavaness Maloy.

He married Shirley Viola Sanders in 1981 in Makanda. She preceded him in death on April 1, 2018.

He is survived by his daughter, Cheryl (John) Lehr of Pomona; two sons, Lonnie Bobb of Cape Girardeau and Ronnie Bobb of Cobden; two grandchildren, Joshua Bobb and Brittany Howell; two great-grandchildren, Jeffery Kade Lence and Reece Nicole-Kay Lence; sisters Linda Ingram of Texas, Faye McGowan of Jamesport, N.Y., and Sharon (Bill) Butterfield of Topeka, Kan.; several cousins, including Marsha Yates; other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Shirley Maloy; and one brother, Harold Maloy.

He attended the First Baptist Church in Cobden. He worked as a custodian at the Unity Point School for over 36 years. He enjoyed traveling to Texas, was a number one fan of Elvis and loved to joke around.

The family voiced a special thanks to Karee Sweitzer for caring for his beloved dog, Princess.

Funeral services were at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, at the First Baptist Church in Cobden, with Pastor David Stewart officiating. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery in Makanda.

Memorials can be made to the Bald Knob Cross. To leave online condolences for the family, visit www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com.

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Brian Goins

Brian Goins, 54, of Cobden, died Thursday, Aug. 30, in Bucaramanga, Colombia.

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

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

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News from

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna



New sign

Mt. Moriah has a new electronic sign. Events at the church will be featured on the sign. Photo provided.

Pastor Mark’s sermon on Sunday, based on scripture from Deuteronomy, James and Mark, was about how “all of us have certain ‘quirks,’ or that we sometimes over-think or over-analyze things. This is human nature.

“We have rules that we follow ‘to protect ourselves.’ Jesus taught us to follow rules because they made sense. He did not want us to think if we did not follow the rules, that God would not love us. We need to be careful not to let the things we do keep us from following Jesus.”

The congregation offered prayers for Will Eidson, Kenny Roach, Pam Wheaton, Charlotte White, John Kern, LaShawn Masania, Kevin Klump, Sandy Procter, Everet Rhine, Jan Smith, Teresa Ramage, Gary Davis, Donna Bunyard, Ricky Wright, Ron Tomme, Terry Reynolds, Kohen Moore, Jean Wise, Ruth Pommier and Natilyn Hepburn.

The church also prayed



Reception held

Mt. Moriah hosted a farewell reception for Nancy Lyerla, who is moving to McHenry County. The church is sad to see her go, but rejoices because she will be closer to her family. Photo provided.

for those grieving for Annette Roach, Maxine Foster, Phyllis Tweedy and Janet Verble.

The Hands of Faith group plans to meet Sept. 11 at 9 a.m. They will be completing quilts that will be sent to Lutheran World of Relief in October.

Plans are being made for the 150th anniversary of Mt. Moriah on Feb. 17, 2019. Anyone who has photos and/or memories they would like to share can contact Patty Simpson, Kay Johnson or Liz at the church office: 618-833-5234, or mmcanna@gmail.com. There will be a meeting of the committee on Monday, Sept. 10, at 6:30 p.m.

The men of Mount Moriah will have a night out on Sept. 10, and will meet at the church at 5:30 p.m.

Adult Bible study for Mt. Moriah and Salem is planned at Mt. Moriah on Sept. 11 and 25 at 7 p.m.

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Section B



CELEBRATING THE BICENTENNIAL OF ILLINOIS

STORIES FROM THE BOOK BY ED & DIANE ANNABLE, PUBLISHED 2017

SIX YEARS IN THE ILLINOIS TERRITORY, 1812—1818
WHEN JOHNSON COUNTY SPANNED RIVER TO RIVER

Allen Stokes has His Leg Amputated

The pioneers of Johnson County relied heavily on the lore of herbal medicines and the magic performed by the so-called “healers” of the community. They did, however, incur medical problems that only a “professional” country doctor could cure. Regardless of his lack of proper education, these doctors were often the last resort when it came to life and death.

In the year 1815, the area near what is now called Mt. Pleasant, near the Union and Johnson County line, was the scene of a medical emergency. One of the families there was that of John Stokes. Allen Stokes, the seventeen-year-old son of John Stokes, suffered a severe infection in one of his legs from some unknown accident. Doctor Nathaniel Davis was called and began treating the boy on February 23, 1815. Davis was living near the area that would become old Brownsville, the first county seat of Jackson County, about two miles west of present day Murphysboro. In spite of the distance, Davis offered his assistance but was unsuccessful in stemming the infection. It is possible that the infection became so severe that it became gangrenous, a disease whereby the body tissue begins to die. The only known cure, even in some cases today, is to remove that part of the body, or to amputate.

When it became evident that amputation was the only hope for Allen, the doctor did perform that

surgery, which was most probably crude, at its best. The amputation was done sometime in May.

Amputation in 1815 was a terrible thing to endure; but faced with the alternative, it was accepted reluctantly. Since Allen’s leg had become infected, it was most likely very painful.

After the amputation was performed, Doctor Davis made another visit to see how his patient was doing. He found that the infection had not stopped and he had to make another amputation higher than the first. This was done on May 17th. By that time, Doctor Davis had all but given up on curing the boy. He said, when speaking outside the family, that the bone marrow in his entire system was diseased and could not be cured.

A pioneer woman by the name of Frances McIntosh, perhaps one of those “healers” that were found in all communities, began to see and care for young Allen Stokes. She began to dress his wounds and care for the boy and miraculously, he began to recover.

Doctor Davis submitted his bill to John Stokes for his medical services for the boy. The bill was for \$193.87 ½. John Stokes had heard from others that Dr. Davis said that he could not cure the boy. Davis had said that if anyone else could cure him, he would not charge Stokes for his services. John Stokes refused to pay the doctor because Mrs. McIntosh had actually cured Allen’s infection.

Doctor Davis brought suit against John Stokes for non-payment. His suit was for the \$193.87 ½ for the medical services plus \$200

for damages. The Court of Common Pleas in Johnson County turned the case over to arbitrators for a decision. They were: Hezekiah West, Thomas C. Patterson, Robert Lott, George Evans, and Marvin Fuller.

Testimony in the case brought seven witnesses before the arbitrators. Those witnesses were: John Bradshaw, Frances McIntosh (the “healer”), David McInturff, Mosias Davidson, David Vinson, James Finney, and Isaac Worley. Depositions were taken on July 15, 1816. Testimonies of those witnesses concerned the fact that if Davis could not heal the boy, he would not charge Mr. Stokes.

The decision of the arbitrators was as follows:

“Wherein Nathaniel Davis Doctor - & John Stokes is the contending parties each pay their own costs of suit in said Court as before agreed on by the said parties & that the said Davis have nor recover any sum or damages from the said Stokes in said suit – nor said Stokes recover no damages against Davis. And that each party pay their own witnesses & costs of this arbitration.”

What happened to Allen Stokes, a young man with an amputated leg, is unknown. His life was undoubtedly hampered by his handicap. It is known that he was found living in the Mt. Pleasant Community in 1830 and in 1840. Some say he died in 1855 but even this is uncertain.

Don’t miss next week

“James and Sarah Lusk”

See “annablepublishing.com” to find local outlets for this book or how to order.

“You will one day stand trial in God’s courtroom. Are you prepared?”



Attorney Bruce Kugler will be speaking on this topic Sunday, Sept. 9, 10:00 a.m. at the United Missionary Baptist Church, Buncombe, Illinois. The public is invited to attend the service and lunch immediately after the service.

As Bruce Kugler, a lawyer for more than 25 years, read and studied the Bible, many legal terms and concepts began to catch his attention. He noticed that the Bible presented God as the Supreme Judge of the World, and that everyone will one day appear before Him in His heavenly courtroom. He discovered the Bible provides extensive information on this event which is an inevitable part of every person’s future.

Kugler stated, “I basically explain the Gospel from a legal perspective.” Surprisingly, he rejects

the notion that good people go to heaven and bad people go to hell. According to Kugler, when people are tried in God’s Courtroom the standard for “not guilty” is absolute perfection. This is a standard that no one can achieve. “If that is the standard I would definitely be found guilty - there are no good defenses.” Kugler suggests that the only reason a person can enter heaven after they die is on a legal principle that Jesus Christ paid the death penalty on the person’s behalf. Basically, the person enters a plea agreement with God and accepts a pardon. “Only the guilty need a pardon, not the innocent,” says Kugler.

Mr. Kugler attended Valparaiso School of Law in Valparaiso, Indiana where he earned a Juris Doctorate. Mr. Kugler is admitted to the State Bar of Texas and Illinois Bar and was formerly a Trial Attorney with the United States Department of Justice. He is currently in private practice. He is admitted to practice law before the United States District Court for the Northern, Central, and Southern Districts of Illinois. Mr. Kugler is also a member of the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists (COSBE) and resides in Illinois.

Bruce Kugler has spoken numerous times on the subject of God’s Courtroom at churches and conferences. He has made presentations both in the USA and internationally in such places as the People’s Republic of China, India, Argentina, and the Palestinian Territories. His presentation was also the basis of a documentary film that has been aired nationally several times on major Christian television networks including the TCT Network, NRB TV Network, and TLN Network. Internationally, the film has been aired in India, Nicaragua, Argentina, and Guatemala. The film is also in Spanish and Arabic.

More than 18,000 copies of the DVD have been distributed.

You can obtain more information about the services or request a free copy of the DVD of the film “God’s Courtroom” by contacting Ed Houseman, United Missionary Baptist Church, Buncombe, Illinois, at (618) 893-2144.



Driving class

Sarah Hileman Song showed her horse Chad in a driving class at the 2018 Union County Fair in Anna. Photo provided.



Horse at halter

Sarah Hileman Song showed her horse at halter at the 2018 Union County Fair in Anna. Photo provided.



Showing horses

Doug and Beth Hileman showed their horses and participated in the horse show at the 2018 Union County Fair in Anna.

Local farm family continues ag heritage with participation at fair

Love of the land and appreciation for agriculture runs deep in many farm families of Union County.

Families with names Kimmel, Eddleman, Jones, Hileman, Miller, Knupp, Powell, Boyd, Johnson, Craver, Hess, Hartline, Plott, Corzine, Howell, Benson, Ford and Littleton were early settlers who helped to tame this wild country.

Along with others, they prepared the way for descendants to prosper in Union County some 200 years later.

During the 2018 Union County Fair in Anna, which was held Aug. 17-26, Sarah Hileman Song, whose ancestry includes all of those named as early Union County pioneers, overcame numerous obstacles and traveled many miles to attend and participate in the annual Union County agriculture showcase.

Her families have boasted for generations about how they “laid by the melons,” “packed a picnic,” “hitched

up the teams” and “went to the fair.”

Sarah Hileman was a 4-H and Union County junior show participant in the 1980s and 1990s and is pleased to return as an adult competitor.

Along with her parents, Doug and Beth Hileman, she showed her horse at halter and competed in the driving classes.

In this Illinois bicentennial year, the Hileman family enjoyed portraying life of an earlier time with their horses, equipment and pageantry.

“There was more participation in these classes this year than in 2017, and we hope there will be even more participants next year,” Doug Hileman said.

Hileman-Song lives in Fort Worth, Texas. The Songs (Matthew, Sarah and their children Joshua, Abigail and Gideon Boyd) have a small farm, where they raise chickens and a lamb. The lamb accompanied them to Illinois but did not get to the fair.

Doug and Beth Hileman trace their ancestry back to the early 1800s.

Their families had established farms in the Jonesboro, Union County, community even before 1818.

As youngsters, they participated in 4-H and Union County Fair junior show in the 1970s.

Thirty years ago they stood in almost this same location as Union County 4-H king and 4-H queen to help dedicate a flag and standard in front of the grandstand.

True to the heritage of their farm families, they continue to live on and love the land. They are eighth and seventh generation farmers in their community.

They proudly showed their horses and participated in the 2018 Union County Fair horse show.

(Editor’s note: the accompanying article and pictures were shared by Barbara Boyd Bauer, who also is descended from the pioneer farm families who were mentioned in the article.)

2018 Union County Fair scrapbook

A local tradition continued in August when the 2018 Union County Fair was held in Anna. Once again, the fair was held at the Anna City Park.

This year's fair again featured a wide range of special events, including a queen pageant, demolition derbies, live musical entertainment, a junior livestock auction, a horse show, a carnival midway and lots of fair food.

The accompanying photographs on these pages show just a few of the many events and attractions which were seen at this year's fair.



A carnival ride on the midway, in silhouette.



Three queens of the 2018 fair. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.



Young people tested their skills in a junior tractor operators contest.



Some cousins of the Great Pumpkin – award winning produce was on display.



Demolition derby action.



Power Wheels in action.



Shawnee Hills Opry entertains.



Special moment at horse show.



Peewee showmanship participants.



Getting ready for a rodeo.



Spider web in light of setting sun
The light of a setting sun was shining on a spider web on a recent summer evening in Union County.

Annual Cache River Days celebration scheduled in Ullin

The annual Cache River Days celebration is planned Thursday through Sunday, Sept. 6-9, in Ullin.

The event celebrates the rich heritage of the Cache River Wetlands in Southern Illinois.

Cache River Nature Fest activities are planned. A special night hike is planned on Friday.

Nature Fest activities scheduled on Saturday will highlight the birds, mammals, fish, reptiles, amphibians and plants of the Cache River Wetlands. Guided canoe tours are planned.

New this year will be an inflatable water slide by Bounce Blast Inflatables. Swim wear is required. The cost is \$4 per child for the day.

For information about Cache River Days, call 618-845-3445.

Here's a look at the schedule of events planned during Cache River Days:

Thursday, Sept. 6
6 p.m. Community worship and fellowship service at the ball park pavilion; bring lawn chairs.

Friday, Sept. 7
6 p.m. Pageants in the air-conditioned Leona Brust Civic Center: Ms. Cache River, Senior Miss Cache River, Junior Miss Cache River, Little Miss Cache River.

A beautiful baby contest also is planned.

Saturday, Sept. 8
6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Welcome tent. Bounce Blast. Baby contest. Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge exhibits.
7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Flea markets, antiques, craft sales, food vendors.
7:15 a.m. Packet pick-up for 5K walk/run, welcome tent.
8 a.m. 5K walk/run.
8 a.m. Slow-pitch softball tournament, sponsored by Ullin Park Boosters.
8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ride a tram for free. Tour the Ullin Historic Depot, built in 1897, and the renovated caboose.
8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cache River Nature Fest activities.
9 a.m., 11, 1 p.m. Canoe trips. Preregistration needed. Call 618-634-2231.
9 a.m. Face painting, sand art.
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bounce Blast Inflatables water slide and bounce house. \$4 per person, per day.
10 a.m. Southern Skyz Aviation helicopter rides,

\$40 per person, or three persons for \$100.

10:30 a.m. Parade line up.

11 a.m. Parade, starting at future home of Light-house Ministries, ending at Cache Valley Apartments.

11:45 a.m. Parade trophies presentation and pictures, welcome tent.

3 p.m. Cornhole tournament, sponsored by Ullin Fire Department.

A free Cache River Days Music Festival is planned at the park pavilion. Bring lawn chairs. The schedule includes:

1 p.m. to 3 p.m., K&I Drifters, the Glory Road Travelers.

3 p.m. Enloe Clemons Ministries gospel music.

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cache River Days dance at Leona Brust Civic Center, featuring the Big Muddy River Band. Admission is \$5 per person.

Sunday, Sept. 9
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Flea markets, food vendors.
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Welcome tent. Bounce Blast. Baby contest.
Noon to 1:30 p.m. David Isom, gospel music.
1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Gospel Crusaders.
1 p.m. Slow-pitch softball tournament.
1:15 p.m. Cache River Days 50/50 drawing.
1:15 p.m. Beautiful baby contest closes.
1:45 p.m. Beautiful baby contest trophy presentation, pictures. Park pavilion.

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Pastor completes nursing course



Pastor Tim Weiser
Pastor Tim Weiser recently completed a Foundations of Faith community nursing course. Weiser is pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Anna. The course is a six-week program offered by Southern Illinois Healthcare. Pins and certificates were awarded during a ceremony which was held Aug. 22 at John A. Logan College in Carterville. The goal of the course is to promote health and wellness, as well as compassionate, holistic care that addresses physical, psychosocial and spiritual needs.

Friends of Morris Library event scheduled

The annual Friends of Morris Library at Southern Illinois University Carbondale fund-raising effort to support the library's mission is planned Sept. 22. This year's event features a buffet dinner, concert and silent auction. The benefit will be at the Copper Dragon at 720 E. Grand Ave. in Carbondale. The evening starts at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are available online for \$35 each. Tickets are available only in advance and sales end Sept. 8. Event proceeds go to the Friends of Morris Library, an organization that supports in numerous ways the library's mission. Information about the event is available by calling 618-453-2522.

To support your community Church Page, contact Meta for more details at 1-800-293-4709.

Opinion and Commentary

‘100 Most Valuable Documents’ in Illinois history featured online

An online exhibit, titled “100 Most Valuable Documents,” is now accessible on the Illinois Secretary of State’s website, www.cyberdriveillinois.com. The exhibit is in recognition of the state’s bicentennial.

Through the Illinois State Archives, Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White’s office selected documents they believe reflect moments which have had the most impact in the state’s 200 years of history. Illinois is celebrating its bicentennial in 2018.

The valuable documents are housed at the Margaret Cross Norton Building in Springfield.

“Although every record housed in the State Archives is important, the documents in the exhibit were chosen to capture Illinois’ historic 200 years of statehood,” White said.

“While considering a document ‘most valuable’ is subjective, we believe that the 100 documents found in this list represent the foundation of an amazing collection of material that we proudly retain at the Illinois State Archives.”

The online exhibit includes subject matter ranging from a monumental document featuring the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1885 to a humorous document featuring Governor Adlai Stevenson’s veto of legislation requiring cats to be on leashes.

Proud moments are highlighted, including the passage of the Illinois Suffrage Act, as well as infamous moments, such as the passage of the 1853 Black Laws.

The online exhibit went live on Aug. 26, which was the date when the first Illinois Constitution was signed.

The documents are in chronological order, with one featured on Twitter each day until the conclusion on Dec. 3, which is the date Illinois became a state.

The Illinois State Archives is the repository of all official Illinois government documents of permanent value.

More than 75,000 cubic feet of paper, microfilm, photographs, audio and film recordings are housed in the Margaret Cross Norton Building on the Capitol Complex in Springfield. Paper records date back before 1818 statehood and include governors’ correspondence, public acts, departmental histories, census records, military records, election results and more.

To view the “100 Most Valuable Documents,” visit <http://bit.ly/100DocsILArchives>.

A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

Thursday, September 5, 1968

The Sportsmen Club of Union County is announcing the biggest sports event of the season, the “biggest” parade and the “biggest” number of contests to be held Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 5 and 6th. There will be Calling Contests, National Crow and National Coon Squalling Contest, Pioneer show, country music, parades, Muzzle Loading Association members, timber jacks, queen contests, etc.

Miss Evelyn Huckleberry, the 16 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Huckleberry of Route One, Anna, has another crown and title, in addition to two she already holds. Evelyn was Miss Union County Fair of 1967 and Miss Illinois Fruit Queen of 1968. She is now Miss Sweetheart Queen of the Southern Illinois Labor Day Association.

The apple harvest in the southern one-third of Illinois picked up momentum as the Jonathan apple harvest got underway the first of the week.

Union County school children will attend school for a total of 182 days during the school year 1968-69.

In comparison to the temperature recordings in the nineties for the past weeks, the recordings in the eighties the past week have been most pleasant.

Once again the sound of popping leather can be heard on the A-J football field. Yes, pigskin season is here at last, and the Wildcats are working hard in preparation for their opener at Cairo on September 13th.

From the Water Valley news: The church enjoyed a wiener roast Saturday at State Forest Park, in spite of the rain. This is an annual affair, which we look forward to.

SIU museum plans reception

A fall exhibit preview and opening reception are planned Friday, Sept. 21, at the University Museum in Carbondale.

The museum is located on the campus of Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

The fall exhibit preview and opening reception are scheduled from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The fall exhibit will feature the 40th anniversary of the Center for Archaeological Investigations and works created specifically for SIU by guest visual artist Rick Mallette.

Also featured will be a POP! art collection, Papua New Guinea pottery, a national juried exhibition of art work hosted by the Southern Illinois Metalsmiths Society and more.

Light refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the University Museum.

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By Geof Skinner



At the river’s edge...the Mississippi River at Grand Tower appeared to be fairly calm during a recent visit on a summer afternoon.

Summer 'officially' comes to an end...

Summer, it would seem, “officially” has come to an end. I say “official,” mainly because I like to occasionally use some “quotes” to make a word look more important than it really is.

Even so, pundits often refer to Labor Day, which we observed on Monday, Sept. 3, as the “official” end of summer. I guess that on the Tuesday after Labor Day, leaves should be dropping from the trees in the morning and snow ought to start falling by evening. By the way, do you have your Christmas shopping done yet?

In the for whatever it’s worth category, The Other Half and yours truly had a fairly “eventful” summer, as far as such things go.

The highlights include visits by two special folks from the east...one from North Carolina and one from Maryland.

Our visitor from North Carolina once again got to experience the sweltering heat and humidity of a Southern Illinois summer at its best. He also got to learn how to work on dry wall. Can’t beat that. Bet he was excited to go back to school and share that special memory.

For some reason, while our visitor from Maryland was in Southern Illinois, Mother Nature decided to make the weather at least a little bit cooler. We’re not talking the first frost or anything like that, but at least the heat index wasn’t bad enough to melt the siding on our house.

Having visitors from far, far away gives us an opportunity to share some of the gems we have right here in Little Egypt. And there are lots of them, to be sure. I suppose, as is often the case, we often overlook some of the wonders which are right in front of us...mainly because they are right in front of us.

Our visitor from Maryland was a friend of The Other Half’s. They had not seen each other in lo, these many years. I was told that she liked history, so we decided to check out a little bit of Union County’s history.

During a Wednesday afternoon day trip, we motored past Stinson Memorial Library in Anna, a local architectural gem, and the house in Anna where Abraham Lincoln stayed during his visit to Union County back in 1858 for a U.S. Senate campaign debate.

Then, it was off to the site of the famed Lincoln-Douglas debate. The debate was held at what is now the home of one of those gems I was talking about: the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds.

From Jonesboro, we headed off to the river bottomlands in western Union County, and then on to Grand Tower,

in Jackson County. After all, no visit to our little part of the world is not complete without an opportunity to see the Mississippi River. And seeing the river is a little bit easier in Grand Tower.

We were able to get up close and personal with the Mississippi. A set of concrete steps along the levee led right down to the river. Just in case you were wondering, the river water was warm to the touch. During our visit, I even found a fossil. Can’t help myself.

The journey back home included stops at the famed Snake Road at LaRue Pine Hills Research Natural Area near Wolf Lake and at the Cliff View Park in Alto Pass. Didn’t see any snakes on the Snake Road.

At Cliff View Park, we did see a hedge apple tree, and hedge apples. We had also spotted hedge apples at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds.

Hedge apples were new to our visitor from Maryland. We get to see them “all of the time.” I suppose that’s why it’s good to “see” our area through the eyes of somebody who is visiting for the first time.

I hope that you had a good summer, now that the season “officially” has come to end.

I guess that’s about enough for now. It would seem that this column is “officially” coming to an end...



A dove was perched on a utility line near a hedge apple tree growing across the road from the Cliff View Park in Alto Pass.

LST to dock in region

History will come to life in when the USS LST 325 is set to visit Chester. The vessel is scheduled to be docked from Friday, Sept. 7, through Sunday, Sept. 9, along the Mississippi River front in the Southern Illinois community.

The USS LST 325 saw extensive action during World War II and was rescued from the scrap yard by a dedicated group of veteran volunteers in 2001.

The vessel will be open for tours during its visit to Chester.

Launched on Oct. 27, 1942, the USS LST 325 was one of 1,051 LST’s built during World War II. Most of the vessels were built at inland shipyards in the Midwest.

Following service to the United States that included action at the beaches of Normandy during the D-Day Operations and the Invasion of Sicily during World War II, ultimately the USS LST 325 was to meet a fate shared by so many of her sister ships.

As she ended her service to the Greek Navy in 1999 (to whom the United States had given the ship to in 1964), it was planned that she was to be scrapped.

In 2000, a group of veteran volunteers with an average age of 72 flew to Greece and subsequently sailed the USS LST 325 nearly 6,500 miles back to the United States, arriving at Mobile, Ala., in January 2001.

Through the efforts of these 29 men, the USS LST 325 is being preserved for this, and future generations to experience.

Through annual river tours, the USS LST 325, which is home-ported in Evansville, Ind., brings her mission of educating everyone about the role the LST played to keep America free and to preserve the memory of these ships and the men who served and died on them.

The ship will be open for tours during all three days of her visit.

Hours for general admission are scheduled from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and young people ages 6 to 17. Children 5 and under are free. Group tours are planned from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. each day.



Hummingbird finds unique perch

A hummingbird found a unique place to make a stop one evening recently in Union County.