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## News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

ColorFest activities in Union County are taking place over the course of several weekends in October this year.

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The Union County Board of Commissioners planned to have a special meeting Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 3, at the courthouse in Jonesboro. Planning for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget was on the agenda. The county's new fiscal year begins Dec. 1.

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A long Columbus Day holiday weekend is coming up for some folks. Columbus Day is Oct. 9.

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A regional educators institute for Alexander, Jackson, Perry, Pulaski and Union counties is scheduled Friday, Oct. 6, at Carbondale Community High School.

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The Union County Farm Bureau plans to have its 100th annual meeting Thursday evening, Nov. 2, at the Great Boars of Fire Lodge between Anna and Cobden.

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The Village of Cobden's wastewater facility has been nominated by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for an award as best operated wastewater treatment works. The winner will be chosen at the Illinois Association of Water Pollution Control Operators conference in April.

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### Field fire Sunday afternoon

The Anna Fire Department responded to the scene of a field fire early last Sunday afternoon. The fire was in a harvested corn field along the Casper Church Road, between Anna and Cobden. The cause of the fire was not determined. The fire burned about an acre. Firefighters were at the scene for about an hour. The Union County Sheriff's Office and the Illinois State Police also were at the scene for traffic control.

## National Drought Monitor: Region abnormally dry

Light sprinkles fell in some parts of the Union County area early Tuesday morning – otherwise, the area had not seen any rain since Sept. 19.

The National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in Lincoln, Neb., posted information on its website which showed that much of Southern Illinois was experiencing abnormally dry conditions as of Sept. 26.

Southern Illinois counties which were experiencing abnormally dry conditions included Union, Jackson, Williamson, Johnson, Alexander and Pulaski.

The drought center rates drought conditions on a scale that goes from none to D0 (abnormally dry) to D4 (exceptional drought). Conditions are updated by the center on Thursdays.

Anna Fire Chief Gary Rider noted that the dry conditions in the area con-

tinue to be monitored. Rider, and many others, were hoping for some rain this week.

Drier than normal conditions, along with above normal temperatures, were recorded during September at many locations in Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky.

"It was hard to believe the month ended with above normal temperatures after what we endured during the first two weeks," the

National Weather Service office in Paducah reported on its website.

Through Sept. 13, it was actually the coldest start to September on record in Paducah and Cape Girardeau.

A major pattern change then followed, with abnormally warm and even some record high temperatures set during the period of Sept. 20-27.

Highs routinely hit the 90s during this stretch. Overall temperatures were

around 1 to 2 degrees above normal for September.

Cape Girardeau had record high temperatures: 95 degrees on Sept. 22 and 91 degrees on Sept. 26.

Rain was hard to come by for many locations, with drier than normal conditions.

Deficits of 1 to 3 inches were common across Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and part of Western Kentucky.

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## Anna man's unique creations bring history to life



### Recreating history

Jerry Meyer donated two models of former railroad depots to the Jonesboro Library. The library will auction them off during a silent auction at the Jonesboro ColorFest Celebration. Proceeds from the auctions will be donated back to the library. From left are Jonesboro librarian Karen Hallam, Mary Ellen Meyer and Jerry Meyer. Photo by Lindsey Rae Vaughn.

### Models of local depots to help support Jonesboro Library during upcoming ColorFest celebration

By Lindsey Rae Vaughn  
Jerry Meyer of Anna has donated two models of former depots in Anna to the Jonesboro Library.

Anna has had two depots. The first one was built in the 1800s and was on East Vienna Street facing Davie Street. The second was built in 1923 on West Vienna Street.

Both depots were called the Illinois Central Railroad Station.

The second Anna depot was named in honor of John J. Pelley, an Anna native who became president of the National Railroad Association.

The Jonesboro Library

will be auctioning the models separately in a silent auction planned Oct. 13-14 at the Jonesboro ColorFest celebration.

The event is from 4 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Friday and 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday.

The silent auction will close at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14. The models will be on display at the library until ColorFest.

Meyer began making models in 2006, when his help was requested by his granddaughter to construct a doll house. Then, another granddaughter asked the same favor.

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## Edmonds elected to Board of Governors

Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds was elected to the Board of Governors of the Illinois State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor during a board meeting held in Springfield on Sept. 27.

Edmonds is the only Union County state's attorney ever elected to the board of governors and will represent the Fifth Appellate District, which consists of 37 counties.

He previously served for nearly three years as an appointed at-large board member.

The primary mission of the Appellate Prosecutor is to be the attorney for the people of the State of Illinois in all criminal appeals outside of Cook County, to prosecute drug cases upon request, to serve as special prosecutor when appointed by the court and to serve as the training agency for all state prosecutors.

The Appellate Prosecutor handles thousands of criminal cases across the state every year, ranging from armed robberies to murders.

After the election results were announced, Edmonds said: "I consider it a great honor to be elected by my peers in the Fifth Appellate District, and I welcome this opportunity to continue my service to the board of governors and to the People of Union County and the State of Illinois."

Appellate Prosecutor director Patrick J. Delfino stated: "I have worked closely with State's Attorney Edmonds and am proud to congratulate him on his well-deserved victory.

"He is an outstanding prosecutor with superior trial and administrative skills, and I look forward to his continued exceptional service on the board."



### Marine recognized by president

Cpl. Jorden A. Glasco of the U.S. Marine Corps was recognized by President Donald J. Trump in the Oval Office at The White House in Washington, D.C., on June 19. Also present were Glasco's mother, Diane Belcher of Wolf Lake and First Lady Melania Trump.

The president recognized Glasco for his service in the presidential security detail. Glasco is stationed in Washington, D.C., and also was stationed at the presidential retreat at Camp David, Md., for a combined total of four years.

At the end of his active service, Glasco plans to own and operate a strength and conditioning center while attending Southern Illinois University. The Marine also is the son of Kerry Glasco of Jonesboro. He is the grandson of Barbara and the late Waymon Belcher and Garry and the late Ginger Glasco, all of Wolf Lake. Photo provided.



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**Many come to see Pinta, Nina sailing museums**

Many people were on hand last Saturday along the Mississippi River front in Cape Girardeau to see and visit on board replicas of the Pinta and Nina – two of the three ships used by Christopher Columbus during his journey to the New World in 1492. The two ships tour together as a new and enhanced “sailing museum” for the purpose of educating the public and school children on the “cavel,” a Portuguese ship used by Columbus and many early explorers to discover the world. The sailing museums are scheduled to be docked at Riverfront Park in Cape Girardeau through Sunday, Oct. 8. The ships are scheduled to be open for tours from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Oct. 8. Admission is charged. The docking of the Pinta and Nina coincided with the second annual Cape Girardeau Heritage Days, as well as a Missouri Conservation Department Day on the River event on Sept. 30.

**News Notes**

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The Anna Fire Department was busy on Monday. The department responded to a report of a transformer fire (which involved a downed utility pole) at 1 a.m., to a drier fire at about the same time, to an incident involving a kitchen fire at 6:30 a.m. and to another incident at 12:30 p.m. involving an oven which overheated. No injuries were reported as result of any of the fires, which were quickly brought under control.

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The DuBois building in downtown Cobden is featured in a new Landmarks Illinois report. The report highlights the impact of a Landmarks Illinois grant program.

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The Trail of Tears is scheduled to be the focus of a program which is planned by the Johnson County Genealogical and Historical Society on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 15, at the library in Vienna.

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The Cobden Police Department planned to host a Coffee with a Cop Day Wednesday morning, Oct. 4.

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A boil water order was in effect for several days last week in Cobden.

The four-way stop in downtown Anna was a bit congested Thursday evening, Sept. 28, while work was being done at the location.

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The Alpha Lambda Epsilon Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society hosted a fall induction ceremony Sept. 28 at Shawnee Community College near Ullin.

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Ticket sales are scheduled to begin Oct. 11 for performances of Disney’s “The Little Mermaid,” which are scheduled Nov. 3-4 at Shawnee Community College.

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A family festival is planned Oct. 28 at Shawnee Community College.

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A downpour, involving genuine rain, fell during the noon hour on Tuesday along old U.S. Route 51 between Cobden and Anna. Bright sunshine accompanied the rain.

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Please Read This footnote to the editor’s colyum on the back page of Section B: Almost forgot the traditional shameless plug. Book sale. Friends of Stinson. At Stinson Library, Anna, during ColorFest.

**2017 Leaders Among Us**

Susan Whitemountain of Union County among those honored



**Susan Whitemountain/Photo by Byron Hetzler, The Southern**

A Union County resident was among those honored at the Southern Business Journal’s 2017 Leaders Among luncheon. Dr. Susan Whitemountain of Anna was one of the 11 members of this year’s class of Leaders Among Us. All of the Leaders Among Us were featured in

a publication created by the Southern Business Journal. The Southern Business Journal is a monthly publication of The Southern Illinoisian newspaper in Carbondale. Tom English, the executive editor of The Southern Illinoisian, wrote that all 11 of the men and women recognized as Leaders Among Us “are some of the best and brightest Southern Illinois has to offer, and they were nominated by their peers. That means they’re all doing something right and good for the region.” The following profile of Susan Whitemountain appeared in the Southern Business Journal:

**Susan Whitemountain**

When it comes to family trees, Susan Whitemountain of Anna is a master forester. Not only has she traced her roots back generations, but

she’s planted the seedlings of genealogical research in dozens of other people, helping them discover their own family histories and stories. Her journey as a family historian began in earnest more than a decade ago. “I really got into genealogy after I retired from the Navy in 2006,” she said. “My mother was living in Dixon and turning 80 and she had done a lot of family research so I put together a CD of photographs for her. She wanted to join the Daughters of the American Revolution, so I went through the whole line and helped her with that.” Whitemountain, 66, said she was living in Virginia at the time and her interest in family history was beginning to branch out, leading her to make frequent trips to Illinois and other places to meet distant relatives and learn about her ancestors. “I would travel all of the way to Missouri to visit my cousin where I was scanning pictures and putting pieces together,” she said. “I was going to Ireland, to Chicago and to California to meet people. Everybody has a little piece of the puzzle and it doesn’t always come to you readily. You have to make a lot of calls – cold calls on the phone – and reach out to people.” She said sometimes those calls help to put everything together, sharing about following a hunch she followed in putting together another family’s history. “There are ‘aha’ nuggets and you use these to put things into place. You begin to look for clues and patterns. I knew in this one family tree that at one place there would have to have been a son named Hugh and he would have been the third son, born around 1858. I put it in as a spacer,” she said. “Some of the relatives in the book were from Australia, so I sent it to them. They got in contact with someone in Scotland who led me to a lady in Connecticut that helped me find Hugh. That’s the way it happens. You may just sit for a long time and be stuck, then all of a sudden you find something and it unravels. Mom always said I should have been a police officer.” Whitemountain, who is originally from Sterling, didn’t work in law enforcement, however. She served a combined 26 years in the Navy and Army Reserves. “I went in in January 1971 and, at the time, women didn’t go on ships. I never learned how to fire a gun. It was nothing like it is today. I was a hospital

corpsman and I had gone to nurses training, so I always worked in the medical field,” she said. “I went to physical occupation school and came up through the ranks, eventually becoming a Chief Petty Officer.” During her military career, Whitemountain earned two master’s degrees from university outreach programs, one from Northern Illinois University and the other from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, a place with which she was already familiar. “I had relatives down here. We used to come visit an aunt in Jonesboro. After I retired, I started doing genealogy and I was coming to the courthouse quite a bit. This was a nice place to come back to,” she said. Now as a resident, she continues to complete not only her own family history, but also helping others with their own. Not one to miss the tie between family stories and local history, she’s involved in organizations such as P.A.S.T. (Promoting Appreciation for Structural Treasures of Union County). She’s even preserving a building of her own. “The Gathering Place” will be a family research and genealogy resource center in downtown Anna. “I imagine it being a place where people will come in to talk about their families and share their stories. I’ll take all of my resource books and all my publishing equipment; we’ll publish genealogical books there,” she says. She says she’s never charged to help anyone with their family history. She does it to preserve the past and to raise up future genealogists. “If I can teach young people and make them eager to learn about history, that’s great,” she said. “I’m looking to help people preserve their histories. When you get involved with a family and you begin to talk about where they lived and what they did, you feel like you are right there. I’m blessed to be able to do that.”

**Legislator concerned about plan to close Golconda Job Corps**

A Southern Illinois legislator said she is extremely disappointed by a proposal to close the Golconda Job Corps. Following an announcement by the U.S. Department of Labor on a proposed decision to close the Golconda Job Corps, State Rep. Natalie Phelps Finnie, D-Elizabethtown, issued the following statement: “I am extremely disappointed by the Department of Labor’s decision to close the Golconda Job Corps permanently. “Time and time again, both our federal and state government have put Southern Illinois on the back burner, showing us that we are not a priority, and it makes me sick. “First the closure of Tamms, then the Hardin County Work Camp, and now the Golconda Job Corps. “Through the closure of these facilities, jobs are already fleeing our region, and this decision is hurting an already suffering Southern Illinois. “While the Golconda Job Corps had many challenges, in recent months the administration has shown tremendous strides towards progress and reform, in an effort to get the program back on track. “This program is important to our area because it helps at-risk youth get themselves back onto a bet-

ter path, one that will lead them to being productive members of society, rather than potentially ending up incarcerated. “The decision to permanently close the Golconda Job Corps is shameful, and wrong for Southern Illinois. “However, we can still make our voices heard. I am calling on all Southern Illinois residents to stand up for the Golconda Job Corps by submitting formal comments to the Department of Labor, because we need a public outcry.” Phelps Finnie is working with U.S. Senators Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth to bring attention to the Department of Labor’s decision. The public has 30 days to respond to the Department of Labor’s decision. Formal comments can be submitted until Oct. 26 by visiting <https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2017-20482>, and may influence the Department of Labor’s final decision on closure, Phelps Finnie stated. Phelps Finnie represents all or portions of Alexander, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski, Saline and Union counties. For more information, call Phelps Finnie’s constituent service office at 618-253-4189, or email [RepPhelpsFinnie@gmail.com](mailto:RepPhelpsFinnie@gmail.com).

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**Depot models**

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Meyer and his wife, Mary Ellen, attend Harvest Church in Anna. A woman at their church requested a model of a barn. As of today, Meyer has made 108 barn models, and 90 percent of them have been donated to support charitable causes, including Bethany Village, PAWS and the Illinois Veterans Home in Anna. “That is a heart-warmer for me,” Meyer said about the barn he created and donated to the veterans home. Veterans who live there sit beside it, often for hours, and talk about it and their childhoods, Meyer shared. He said the models “are conversation pieces to bring back memories.” Meyer uses donated

scrap material for the majority of his projects. He said he always places a note on his models that they are not a toy and they do not belong outdoors. Without pictures, Meyer would not be able to recreate the models of historic buildings. “All of my resources come from the community, and I thank them for their resources,” Meyer said. Between the two models he’s donated to the library, he has put in 80 man hours. Several pieces are handmade, including the windows and doors. Because there are flowers seen in one of the photos, Meyer painted flowers in some of the windows. Meyer has also created a model of the Jonesboro Library and that is currently on display.

**September weather**

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Paducah recorded 2.55 inches of rain during September. Cape Girardeau experienced its six driest September on record, with only 0.73 of an inch rain for the entire month. The Ozark foothills in Missouri observed the least rainfall, with some locations picking up less than 0.25 of an inch. The Poplar Bluff, Mo., airport received only 0.06

of an inch of rain for the entire month. The exception to the dryness was in part of the Pennyrile region of Western Kentucky into a portion of southwest Indiana. This area experienced heavier rainfall associated with the remnants of Hurricane Harvey on the 1st of the month and the remnants of Hurricane Irma on the 12th and 13th, which resulted in wetter than normal conditions.

**Flags at half-staff**

The Illinois Department of Central Management Services received notice on Monday, Oct. 2, from the president of the United States and the governor of Illinois that all persons or entities covered by the Illinois Flag Display Act were to fly flags at half-staff on behalf of the victims of the tragedy in Las Vegas, Nev. Flags are to fly at half-staff until sunset on Friday, Oct. 6.

# PAST planning variety of events

The board of directors of the PAST organization of Union County met Sept. 26 to consider regular business of the organization, especially the Heritage House Museum in Jonesboro and St. Anne's Historic Church in Anna.

Heritage House will continue to be open for visitors on Sunday afternoons from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. through ColorFest Sunday, Oct. 15.

Plans are underway for the annual Christmas luncheons at Heritage House.

Dates for the noon time luncheons are Dec. 7, 8, 9 and Dec. 13, 14, 15 and 16.

St. Anne's Church plans to host a Steve Hornbeak concert on the evening of Nov. 25. Christmas in Downtown Anna is scheduled for that Saturday.

The annual Carols at Candlelight at St. Anne's is scheduled Sunday, Dec. 3, at 4 p.m.

An education grant was approved to Julie Lewis' school classroom to help defray expenses for a class trip to historic Springfield and the Lincoln Museum.

The mission of the PAST organization is to Promote Appreciation for Structural Treasures and to encourage education and preservation of the history of Union County. For more information about the organization, call 833-8745.



## Planning for holiday luncheons

Members of PAST met recently to make plans for the annual Heritage House Christmas luncheons. The favorite task appeared to be selecting recipes for the menu and judging samples provided by Elaine Crain and Sharon Laster. Standing are Linda Sadler and Sharon Laster. Seated at the "working table" are Evelyn Gillespie, Judy Smith, Elaine Crain, Linda Hileman, Holly Wohlwend, Mindy Carter and Carolyn Tripp. Photo provided.

# Union County animal control cat auditions for possible stardom



By Lindsey Rae Vaughn  
Union County animal control has a new model and he is currently competing to be featured nationally.

Jerry, a 5-month-old orange tabby cat at the Union County animal control facility near Anna, is traveling to St. Louis this week for an audition and photo shoot.

If the audition is successful, Jerry will represent a well-known company and may possibly be featured in a commercial.

Judges voted and narrowed the search down to

300 cats. Then, the number of cats was narrowed down to the top 10 – and Jerry was one of the finalists. Jerry is the only cat in the top 10 that is a rescue cat.

A scout saw his photo on Union County animal control's Facebook page, "\*\*\*\*Rescue Me\*\*\*\* Dogs and Cats of Union County II. Animal Control."

Before his trip to St. Louis, animal control employees and volunteers trained Jerry by teaching him to walk on a leash, along with other skills a future star may need.

## Special kitty

Jerry, a Union County animal control program cat, is a finalist in a photo shoot in St. Louis.

# Hikes with homeless dog event planned

Giant City State Park near Makanda is partnering with Wright Way Animal Rescue to get our four-legged and two-legged friends out for a fall hike together on Saturday, Oct. 14.

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.

The first hike is scheduled from 11 a.m. to noon. A second hike is planned from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Organizers noted that the hikes will be a great way to give some canine friends a little exercise and maybe, find a "fur-ever" home.

The program is free and open to the public, but registration is required. To register, or for more information, call 618-457-4836.

Wright-Way Rescue is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Its mission is to reduce the number of homeless pets euthanized in the Midwest each year through an adoption program, community education, promotion of spaying and neutering, and a veterinary medicine program.

It continues to save pets from rural animal control facilities where they are at a high risk of euthanasia, and instead offer them a second chance at a loving home.

**Be sure to attend Union County ColorFest activities.**

# Anna School District student, teacher honored

Michael Bigler, owner of Goosehead Insurance agency in Anna, has recognized a student of the month and a teacher of the month in Anna School District No. 37. Bigler is working with the school district to select a teacher and a student-athlete of the month. Bigler will present the teacher and student-athlete of the month with a \$50 gift card.



Student-athlete of the month: Kyle Jerrell, who is in the 8th grade, is the student of the month. Kyle, who plays baseball, was chosen for his achievements in the classroom and on the ball field. Bigler presented Kyle with a \$50 gift card to Dick's Sporting Goods. Photo provided.



Teacher of the month: September Davis was honored as the teacher of the month. She is a kindergarten aide. Bigler presented her with a \$50 gift card to El Jalapeno in Anna. Photo provided.

# Weather

**Mild, dry conditions**  
Mild and dry conditions highlighted Union County's weather as September came to an end and October arrived.

The high temperature for the period of Sept. 26 through Oct. 2 was 90 degrees. The low was 47.

No rainfall was recorded in the Union County area during the period.

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

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Tuesday, Sept. 26	90 62
Wednesday, Sept. 27	82 63
Thursday, Sept. 28	78 54
Friday, Sept. 29	81 49
Saturday, Sept. 30	76 52
Sunday, Oct. 1	80 47
Monday, Oct. 2	82 60

## September Weather

Weather observer Dana Cross recorded the following statistics for September in Jonesboro:

The high temperature for the month was 93 degrees, which was recorded on Sept. 20 and 21. The average high was 84.

The low for the month was 42, which was recorded Sept. 7. The average low was 57.

During the month, precipitation totalled 3.51 inches of rain.

The most rain in a 24-hour period was recorded on Sept. 19, when a 2.71-inch downpour occurred.

Precipitation for the year, through the end of September, totalled 44.49 inches.

# Regional band sets performance

A regional band performance is planned Thursday, today, at Shawnee Community College near Ullin.

The performance is set for 7 p.m. at the college. Admission is free.

The performance will feature students from each high school in the college district as one band.

The band will perform under the direction of the college's music instructor, Lee VanAlstine.

# Calling America Back to God rally planned

A Calling America Back to God promotional rally is planned Thursday, today, in Anna.

The rally will be at 6 p.m. at Anna Heights Baptist Church at 100 Turner Ave.

Rallies are being planned on the first Thursday of each month.

For more information about Calling America Back to God, contact founder Bernice Leona Pyle at 573-276-7881 or Bob Caraker at 618-697-0009.

# Cool August

The statewide average temperature in August in Illinois was 70.6 degrees, which was 3 degrees below normal.

This was the 12th coolest August on record, according to Illinois State climatologist Jim Angel at the Illinois State Water Survey at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

This followed June and July which were both slightly above normal.

The warmest daily temperature in Illinois for August was 96 degrees, reported at Effingham on Aug. 21.

The coolest daily temperature in Illinois was 42 degrees, reported at Shabbona in DeKalb County on Aug. 25.

The statewide average precipitation was 2.41 inches, which was 1.18 inches below normal.

Much of the Midwest experienced a fairly wet summer.

# Olmsted's Catfish Days features parade, music

The 11th annual Catfish Days celebration is planned Saturday, Oct. 7, Olmsted.

The day is scheduled to begin on Front Street on Saturday morning with a flea market and community-wide yard sales.

The cost for the flea market, yard sale, information and game booth space is free. Food vendor space is \$25, which includes an electrical hookup.

Catfish and sides will be served starting at 11 a.m. at city hall. Other vendors will be serving a variety of food.

Helicopter rides will be offered by Stevens Aircraft Solutions. Rides are \$50 per person, or \$130 for three persons.

A parade is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. at the Lutheran church. Fire de-

partments, floats, bands and other entries will be featured. For information about the parade, call David at 618-559-1443.

Live music is planned throughout the day. Cassie Sharp will be featured from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Olmsted Historical Society's old train depot is scheduled to be open to the public.

The Katherine Robertson Public Library plans to dedicate a new sign. Robertson has served the community for 41 years.

The library also plans to host its annual book sale, farm animal petting zoo and television raffle.

For general information about the festival, call 618-742-6487 or email villageo-folmsted@yahoo.com.

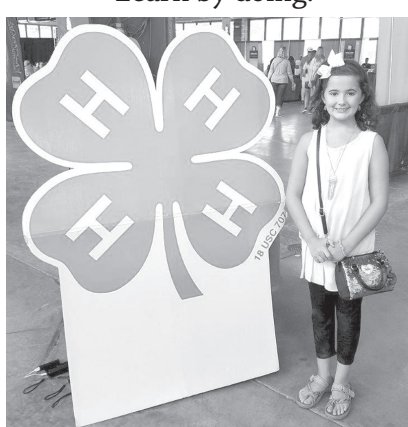
# National 4-H Week October 1-7, 2017



Maelin Walker and Julia Ellis were named Clovers of the Year for their outstanding achievements in 4-H.

**Motto:**  
"To make the best better."

**Slogan:**  
"Learn by doing."



Sophie Barnhart posing with the 4-H emblem at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield, Ill.

**The 4-H name represents four personal development areas of focus for the organization: head, heart, hands and health. We salute our local 4-H clubs and all they do to promote positive youth development.**



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pursuant to the provisions of Section 2A-1.4 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended. If no such petition is filed within said thirty (30) day period, then the District shall thereafter be authorized to issue said bonds for the purpose hereinabove provided.

By order of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District Number 16, Union County, Illinois.

Dated this 21st day of September, 2017.

Dawn Turner  
Secretary,  
Board of Education,  
Community Consolidated  
School District Number 16,  
Union County, Illinois

Blayne Holshouser  
President,  
Board of Education,  
Community Consolidated  
School District Number 16,  
Union County, Illinois  
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**Notice of Public Hearing Concerning the Intent of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District Number 16, Union County, Illinois to Sell \$520,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds**

Public Notice is Hereby Given that Community Consolidated School District Number 16, Union County, Illinois (the "District"), will hold a public hearing on the 16th day of October, 2017, at 7:15 o'clock P.M. The hearing will be held in Room 2 of Lick Creek Elementary School, 7355 Lick Creek Road, Buncombe, Illinois. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds in the amount of \$520,000 for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District.

By order of the President of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District Number 16, Union County, Illinois.

Dated the 25th day of September, 2017.

Dawn Turner  
Secretary,  
Board of Education,  
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**BID NOTICE**

Shawnee Development Council, Inc. is accepting bids to prepare all necessary adjustments from cash basis to accrual/modified accrual basis of accounting for year ending December 31, 2017. To prepare financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and to prepare the schedule of expenditures of federal awards in accordance with the Uniform Guidance. Bids must be received by October 27, 2017 with field work beginning in February 2018 and completed by March 31, 2018.

Details and bid packets can be obtained by calling or by email: Vicki Bowman, Fiscal Officer, (618)-634-2201, [sdinc@shawnee.development.org](mailto:sdinc@shawnee.development.org).

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**Harvest season**  
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**Grant funding to help fight opioid epidemic**

To help fight an opioid epidemic in 18 south-central Illinois rural counties, that have been hard hit, the Illinois Department of Public Health, IDPH, has received a grant titled, "Empowering and Equipping Law Enforcement and Communities in Rural Illinois to Reduce Opioid Overdose," from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. IDPH will receive more than \$2 million in federal funding under this grant over the next four years. Among the 18 counties which are slated to benefit from the grant funds are Jefferson, Perry, Randolph and Washington in South-

ern Illinois. "Rural areas typically do not have as many emergency medical service resources, so law enforcement officers are often the first to arrive at the scene of an overdose," IDPH director Dr. Nirav D. Shah said in a news release. "To combat the number of overdose deaths, it is vital that we equip law enforcement in rural areas with the training and resources to help prevent thousands of deaths each year." The opioid overdose death rate in the 18 poorly resourced and high-need rural counties has increased more than 50 percent in the past two years, outpacing the 30 percent average increase in all rural Illinois counties over the same period of time. One of the goals of the grant is to equip every police and sheriff department squad car in the 18 counties with naloxone, a drug that can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. The grant additionally will fund training on overdose prevention and naloxone use to law enforcement officers in the targeted area. Efforts also will include establishing robust follow-up, referral, and care coordination for individuals who have overdosed, and increasing public awareness about naloxone and Illinois' "Good Samaritan laws." These laws empower friends and family of an overdose victim to administer naloxone and allow individuals to seek emergency help for overdoses without risking criminal liability for possession. IDPH will work with the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System, the Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Heartland Human Services, Bethany Place and the Illinois Broadcasters Association.

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**Six Nations program set**

A Columbus Day observance program by representatives of the Iroquois/Six Nations-Haudenosaunee, is planned at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, in the interpretive center at Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site in Collinsville. Admission is free. Doug George (Mohawk Iroquois) and Grammy Award-winning singer Joanne Shenandoah (Oneida Iroquois), will present "Honoring the First People of this Land," a spoken presentation with a song. Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site, administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, is 8 miles from St. Louis, in Collinsville, off Interstate 55/70 (Exit 6) and Interstate 255 (Exit 24) on Collinsville Road. For more information call 618-346-5160 or visit [www.cahokiamounds.org](http://www.cahokiamounds.org).

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Dinner will follow the service.  
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# NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

OCTOBER 1-7

## 2,600 young people participate in Illinois 4-H shooting sports

Shooting sports have the strictest regulations of any Illinois 4-H project.

Governed by the national 4-H Shooting Sports program and the University of Illinois, volunteers working with the program must complete a weekend certification before being accepted as an instructor.

Certainly, safety is a priority, said Dan Dawson, University of Illinois Extension state shooting sports educator.

"We need adults who will follow the regulations of the program exactly to ensure that youth learn the responsible handling of firearms while under constant supervision of a trained instructor," Dawson said.

But, shooting is only part of the program. "Shooting is simply the subject matter that we use to do what 4-H does so well, and that is prepare and empower young people with the skills they need to be successful in life," Dawson said.

So far, the formula has worked. This spring, Dawson

certified the 1,000th shooting sports volunteer since the program began in 2009. It's a milestone for the Illinois 4-H program which has seen its share of big moments as a life-changing organization.

Just eight years ago, the program didn't exist.

In 2009, Illinois 4-H sent five staff members to the National 4-H Shooting Sports training program.

It was the realization of a 20-year dream by people who were convinced that shooting sports was another avenue to positively inspire youth who might not be reached through other 4-H opportunities.

There are now 19 nationally trained volunteers in Illinois who are responsible for conducting all of the state 4-H volunteer trainings in each of the disciplines.

Trainings are only held two times a year. The next training is Oct. 13-15 at 4-H Memorial Camp near Monticello. The cost is \$125, though some counties assist with that cost.

Illinois needs volunteers

in archery, shotgun, rifle, pistol, and hunting and wildlife project areas.

In addition to each discipline, any county offering the shooting sports program must have an overall coordinator to oversee the entire program.

"After the training, our 4-H volunteers understand their role in mentoring youth to become self-directed, confident members of their community," Dawson said.

"Yes, they'll also teach the fundamentals of safe shooting, but their bigger role will be helping youth feel welcomed, empowered and successful; generous in spirit; and thoughtful of their fellow club members and communities where they live."

Currently 2,600 youth participate in 4-H shooting sports in Illinois each year. That number has remained consistent for the past five years.

"As 4-H members age out of the program, new youth are finding the excitement of shooting sports," Dawson said.

## 4-H seeks adults willing to share their skills, knowledge

Whether a passion is sailing, robotics, community theater or whatever, 4-H SPIN (or Special Interest) Clubs offer a new way for adults to share their skills and knowledge with youth in their community.

4-H SPIN Clubs focus on a single topic. They're a great way to introduce kids ages 8-18 to a specific hobby or interest they might not otherwise have a chance to develop.

All it takes to start a SPIN Club is one or more caring and knowledgeable adults, at least five young people with an interest in the topic, and a willingness to meet as a club at least

six times over the course of a year.

Beyond those six meetings, SPIN Clubs require no long-term commitment. SPIN Clubs are affiliated with the 4-H Youth Development program, but no prior experience with 4-H is needed.

Adults and young people often have a limited amount of "free time" for hobbies and other interests.

So SPIN Clubs meet whenever and wherever they want. For example, a SPIN Club that focuses on international cuisine may meet at a nearby restaurant, a caterer's kitchen, a specialty shop or someone's home.

While the SPIN Club's adult leader provides expertise and guidance, the Club members take an active role in planning and running their own activities.

Through their SPIN Club experiences, kids develop a sense of belonging, independence, generosity and mastery – and most of all, they have fun learning new skills.

University of Illinois Extension educators serve as resource people for youth or volunteers who are interested in starting a SPIN Club, help insure a successful experience, and can help with recruitment of new members.

If you or someone you know is interested in this opportunity or would like more information, contact Dena Wood at 618-745-5200 or email at dena.wood@illinois.edu.



Union County equine team.



4-H sheep show

## 4-H volunteers play key role in lives of young people

4-H volunteers play a critical role in the lives of Illinois youth.

More than 23,000 volunteers across Illinois make a difference with more than 268,000 4-H participants each year.

As 4-H begins another program year, consider becoming a 4-H volunteer today.

According to the America's Promise Alliance, all children need support and guidance from caring adults in their families, at schools and in their communities.

These include ongoing, secure relationships with parents as well as formal and informal relationships with teachers, mentors, coaches, youth volunteers, and neighbors.

Caring adults are the cornerstone of a child's development.

Parents come first but children also need to experience the support from caring adults in all areas of their lives.

The Search Institute suggests that each young person needs three caring adults in their lives other than their parents.

Their research suggests that only 45 percent of middle and high school age youth surveyed have those three caring adults in their lives.

Seventy-one percent of parents surveyed said it would really help them as parents to have other adults who they trust to spend time with their kids.

Why volunteer for 4-H? Adults with no previous

connection to 4-H may volunteer to share their talents, strengths, and experiences. They may share their expertise in a specific project area related to their own career path, hobby or interest area.

Other adults like to get to know young people in their community and to share in the decision-making opportunities related to community issues.

Still others decide to interact with 4-H members to meet new people, gain new skills, and get connected in their community. 4-H parents volunteer to spend time with their own children and with youth of similar ages and interests.

4-H alumni have the opportunity to give back to the program that helped them develop the life skills which have made them successful in their personal, professional and community life today.

4-H offers a variety of long and short term volunteer opportunities. These may include organizational leaders of 4-H clubs or groups that meet year round, project leaders for more than 100 different subject matter areas who meet for a specific time period, or activity leaders who help plan and execute a educational and/or social event, contest, workshop or clinic for 4-H members in the county throughout the year.

4-H focuses on four key concepts of positive youth development in their programming efforts: belonging, independence, generosity and mastery. 4-H

volunteers play a critical role in helping to instill these concepts in the lives of young people.

As caring adults, volunteers help youth set goals, provide service to others, and develop a sense of the future.

For the health and safety of 4-H youth participants and volunteers, adults are required to complete the 4-H volunteer application process and attend an orientation session prior to becoming a 4-H volunteer.

To learn more about the 4-H volunteer opportunities in your community or your county, contact your local U of I Extension office in Anna at 833-6363.

Whether you have two hours a week or 12 hours a month to give to enrich the lives of youth through 4-H, Extension has a place for you.

Visit the website at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/state4h/> to learn more about our programs and volunteer opportunities.

4-H is the largest out-of-school education youth program in the United States. 4-H seeks to assist youth in acquiring knowledge, forming attitudes and developing life skills that enable them to become caring, competent and contributing members of society.

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## About 4-H - Who we serve

One in every 14 kids in Illinois is involved in 4-H. The 4-H Year begins on September 1, and whatever your age is on that date determines how you join 4-H. Are you 5 to 7 years old? Then, you'll join a Cloverbud Club which has activities that are just right for you. If you are 8 to 18 years old, your 4-H Club will include a variety of ages, and each one of you brings something important to the club experience. Some 4-H Clubs focus on a single topic, while others allow youth to choose from dozens of projects to learn about.

4-H may have gotten its start in rural America, but today, 4-H Clubs are in all cities, suburbs, towns and neighborhoods, too. Clubs are easy to start... all you need is an adult volunteer and five kids who agree to meet at least six times during the year. Just like all living things, young people need nourishing, supportive and protective environments in which they can grow into healthy and contributing members of the community. Youth need to know others care about them. They also need to believe they are capable of being successful and be confident they are impacting their world. In addition, they need opportunities to practice helping others. 4-H fills in these gaps for youth who lack these essential elements for growth. That's why 4-H works. That's why 4-H is making a difference in communities.

**The 4-H Way** 4-H began more than 100 years ago. The secret to our success? ... As kids change, we change. We've ADDED MORE PROJECTS to the foundation of agriculture-related projects... things like robotics, environment, aerospace. We've EXPANDED THE ROLES teens may explore ... things such as teaching, mentoring, and advocating for causes they support.

### What We Know About 4-H Kids

For 10 years, Tufts University studied the factors which impact youth success. They discovered that kids involved in 4-H programs are:

Nearly 4 times more likely to make contributions to their communities.

About 2 times more likely to be civically active.

Nearly 2 times more likely to participate in science programs during out-of-school time.

Two times more likely to make healthier choices.

### Why 4-H Works

4-H produces youth leaders because it follows the principles of positive youth development in all the program we offer. What are those principles?

4-H Clubs create a safe sense of BELONGING for members. Youth know they are part of a club where they are physically and emotionally safe, where adults care about their wellbeing, and where other kids have their back and support their efforts.

4-H Clubs allow members to develop their INDEPENDENCE and helps them see their future, a future where they determine the path and are actively making choices to see it become real.

4-H Clubs inspire members to help others by demonstrating GENEROSITY and providing opportunity to work as a team to improve their community.

4-H Clubs provide the tools for youth to MASTER

SKILLS needed for successful personal and career growth.

4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnerships with caring adults.

4-H reaches almost 6 million young people through our community of 100 public universities.

4-H empowers young people with the skills to lead for a lifetime. It's a research-based experience that includes a mentor, a hands-on project, and a meaningful leadership opportunity.

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**4-H Motto**  
To Make the Best Better

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My HEART to greater loyalty,  
My HANDS to larger service,  
and my HEALTH to better living,  
for my club, my community,  
my country, and my world.

**4-H Mission**  
4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential,  
working and learning in partnerships  
with caring adults.

**Who We Are**  
4-H prepares young people to step up to challenges in their community and the world. Using research-based programming around positive youth development, 4-H youth get the hands-on real world experience they need to become leaders.

## Today's 4-H offers fun, friendships, more

Fun, friendships, learning-by-doing and travel are all a part of today's 4-H.

"4-H has so much to offer kids today," says Kristi Stout, youth development educator with University of Illinois Extension.

"Making new friends and learning about subjects and hobbies they enjoy are high on the list when we ask 4-H members what they like best about their 4-H clubs. Camping and travel opportunities are available to everyone, too."

What once was thought of as a club for kids interested in cows or cooking, is branching out to include the interests of everyone.

4-H gives members the chance to learn about new things like writing stories, taking pictures, using com-

puters, building rockets, caring for pets, designing fashions and collecting rocks or bugs.

Other areas of interest include bicycling, drama, flower arranging, building engines, drawing and painting, growing vegetables and herbs, making speeches, and learning about other countries. There are more than 200 projects to explore!

4-H members go to club meetings, to 4-H camp, on field trips, to the NASA Space Center, Washington, D.C., and even to other countries.

At 4-H events, new friends are found. They may be from your own community, another county, another state or from another country.

## What is 4-H?

**What is 4-H?** In 4-H, we believe in the power of young people. We see that every child has valuable strengths and real influence to improve the world around us.

We are America's largest youth development organization, empowering nearly 6 million young people across the United States with the skills to lead for a lifetime.

**4-H is a Community** 4-H is delivered by Cooperative Extension, a community of more than 100 public universities across the nation that provides experiences where young people learn by doing.

Kids complete hands-on projects in areas like health, science, agriculture and citizenship, in a positive environment where they receive guidance from adult mentors and are encouraged to take on proactive leadership roles.

Kids experience 4-H in every county and parish in the country: through in-school and after-school programs, school and community clubs and 4-H camps.

**National Reach, Local Programs** 4-H's reach and depth is unmatched. Through our community of 100 public universities, 4-H reaches kids in every corner

## 4-H is family time

How would you like to spend more time together as a family?

It's often a challenge to fit work, family and home life into a demanding schedule, but 4-H offers families the chance to work and learn together. 4-H is not just a youth organization; it's a family organization.

With more than 100 projects and activities designed to help families learn and grow together, there are many opportunities to develop interests and hobbies as a family.

Youth and their families can work together on projects like bicycling, wildlife

conservation, babysitting, bug and rock collecting, sewing, rocket building, gardening, caring for pets and lots more. The topics are endless.

Don't miss the exciting, educational experiences 4-H offers. Join a 4-H club and get into the fun.

Call University of Illinois Extension in Union County at 833-6363 to find out about a 4-H club in your area. Or check out the website at <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/ajmpu>.

You can even help start a new club in your community. Being involved with 4-H could be one of the best decisions you ever make.

## 4-H has rich tradition

4-H has long enjoyed a reputation of program excellence in the traditional areas of agriculture, life sciences and consumer sciences.

Alumni also credit 4-H with public speaking and leadership skills.

But, today 4-H is also at the forefront of contemporary issues like childcare, workforce preparedness and environmental stewardship.

By taking part in 4-H, young people gain academic and interpersonal skills that provide a foundation for their future.

4-H is the youth development program of University of Illinois Extension.

The 4-H program's roots are in the girls' canning clubs and boys' corn clubs, which were started in the early 1900s to help young men increase their family's farm yields and provide safe food for families.

Today's 4-H families live everywhere: in cities,

suburbs, small towns and rural areas.

With more than 200 projects and activities from which to choose, all youth, regardless of place of residence or family status, can find an interest in 4-H.

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### Yvonne Thomas Lauck

Yvonne Thomas Lauck, 82, died at 7:44 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017, at BJC Hospice Evelyn Center in St. Louis. She was born in Cobden, on March 5, 1935, the daughter of Clarence Joseph (Joe) and Beatrice (Bea) Thomas. She grew up in Cobden, where she graduated from Cobden High School. She married William "Bill" J. Lauck on March 30, 1955, in Cobden. Later they moved to Alton, where they raised their family and shared many memories together with their children and grandchildren. She later resided in Bethalto following the passing of her husband. It was here where she lived for 11 years with her cat Willy and where she enjoyed visits from her family, including her great-grandchildren. She lived for her children and grandchildren. When she wasn't with them, she would tell stories about being with them. Her son described her as the best person in the world. Her daughters described her as a best friend. Surviving are her children: Son and daughter-in-law Keith T. and Susan Lauck, daughter and son-in-law Katherine L. (Kathy)(Lauck-Snell) and Paul Mayberry, daughter and son-in-law Linda L. (Lauck) and Michael Skelton; grandchildren Christopher M. (Laura) Lauck, Eric T. Lauck, Nicholas A. Lauck, Jason M. (Eunice) Skelton, Anna E. (Max) Snell; great-grandchildren Abigale (Abby) Lauck and Jack Lauck; and a cousin, Sue Brumleve of Cobden. She also leaves her kitty, Willy. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. Per her wishes, she will be cremated. Burial of ashes was alongside her husband at the Brighton Cemetery in Brighton, Illinois. A memorial service was at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 22, at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. The Reverend Steve Rice officiated. Burial was in Brighton Cemetery in Brighton. Memorials can be made to the PAWS' Place Adoption Center, 130 E. Vienna St., Anna, Ill. 62906. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com).

### Mildred L. Pearce

Mildred L. Pearce, 97, of Anna, died at 5:45 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, 2017, at Union County Hospital in Anna. She was born on Feb. 10, 1920, in Wolf Lake, the daughter of Fred and Allie Tucker. She is survived by her son, Kevin Pearce of Anna; a brother, Bill (Mary) Tucker of Wolf Lake; other family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Juanita Jones; and one brother, Melvin Tucker. She was a homemaker, and dearly loved spending time with her son. During World War II she worked at the Wolf Lake Powder Plant as a bomb maker. According to her wishes, no services will be held. To leave online condolences for the family, visit [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com).



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

### Legislator votes in support of program which aids families

U.S. Rep. Mike Bost, R-Ill., has voted to reauthorize an evidence-based, fully paid-for, program that strengthens and improves home visiting services for families in at-risk communities. The House-passed Increasing Opportunity and Success for Children and Parents through Evidence-Based Home Visiting Act, H.R. 2824, reauthorizes the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting, MIECHV, Program for five years. Bost also voted for the Control Unlawful Fugitive Felons, CUFF, Act, H.R. 2792, which prohibits individuals who are the subject of an outstanding arrest warrant for a felony or parole violation from receiving monthly Supplemental Security Income, SSI, payments. Savings from the House-passed CUFF Act will be used to pay for reauthorization of the MIECHV Program. "Strengthening our families means strengthening Southern Illinois' future," Bost said in a news release. "This legislation helps break the cycle of poverty for at-risk families. At a time when the Ameri-

can people are demanding their taxpayer dollars be used more efficiently, these home visiting services have proven effective at getting positive results. "On top of that, we've fully offset the spending by redirecting it away from federal payments that were being made to fugitive felons." The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program is an evidence-based program that helps to improve the lives of families in at-risk communities, focusing on the first years of a child's life. Bost said that MIECHV takes an evidence-based approach to ensure taxpayer dollars are actually delivering the intended results and helping those most in need.

### John David Tyson

John David Tyson, 54, of Jonesboro, died at 2:45 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, 2017, at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale. He was born on Nov. 3, 1962, in Denison, Texas, the son of Billy W. and Patricia O'Cordon Tyson. He is survived by his brothers, Billy Tyson of Jonesboro and Charles Tyson of Florida. He was preceded in death by his parents. He served in the U.S. Navy. Memorial services for John David Tyson will be held at a later date. To leave online condolences for the family, visit [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com).



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

### Pope County festival planned

A Pope County Fall Festival is planned Oct. 8. The festival will be on the courtyard in Golconda. The event is sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi. Music, crafts, games, antiques and food are planned. For information about booth space, call 618-926-5095 or 618-683-5821.

Obits Online at [annanews.com](http://annanews.com)

# REMEMBERING OUR HEROES

*The Gazette-Democrat plans to publish a 2017 special section, A Salute To Our Veterans, on Thursday, November 9th.*

*The section, published in commemoration of Veterans Day, will honor the accomplishments of area men and women who have served our nation in the armed forces. This special section again will honor the accomplishments of our veterans, both living and dead, and is designed as a "Keeper Section."*

*The section will be filled with photographs of veterans and will be highlighted with some of their heroic stories. If at all possible, please submit a copy of a photo. Please note, however, that original photographs will be kept on file and will be returned to the owner.*

*Veterans and their families are asked to fill out the accompanying form. The information will be used to create a biographical sketch about each veteran who is honored.*

*Please submit materials for "A Salute to Our Veterans" by no later than Friday, October 20th.*



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### Area Veterans To Be Honored

Area veterans, both living and deceased, will be honored in a special section of The Gazette-Democrat to be published in conjunction with Veterans Day. All are invited to submit pictures and information about military service to be included in the section at no charge.

To be included all you have to do is:

1. **Submit a picture** with your name printed on the back. Newspaper clippings and photo copies won't work. We'll take good care of your photo and return it to you. If you bring it to our office we can often copy it while you wait.
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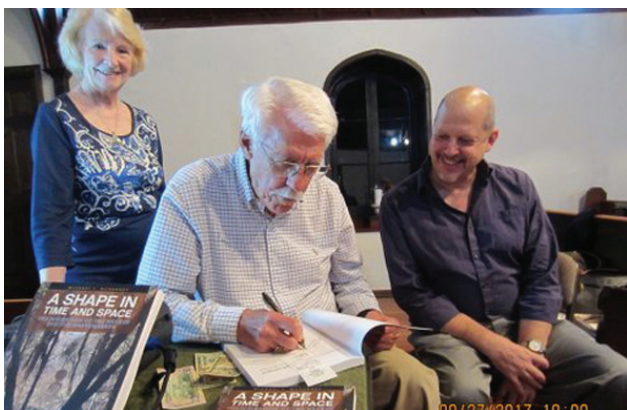
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### Author signs book

After a lecture concerning the necked discoid gravestones located in Illinois and 12 other states from North Carolina to Oklahoma, researcher and author Michael J. McNERney of Carbondale signs his book, "A Shape in Time and Space, The Migration of the Necked Discoid Gravemarker" for Southern Illinois historian Darrell Dexter. Looking on is PAST's director of historic St. Anne's Church, Elaine Crain of Anna. Photo provided.

## Local history featured at program in Anna

Promoting Appreciation of Structural Treasures, PAST of Union County has learned of a new and unusual way to study and preserve history.

PAST members and friends gathered at historic St. Anne's Church in Anna on Sept. 27 to learn about a uniquely shaped pioneer gravemarker that has been discovered in Union County.

Mike McNERney of Carbondale has researched and written a book titled "A Shape in Time and Space, The Migration of the Necked Discoid Gravemarker."

McNERney reports the discovery of both wooden and stone discoid markers all along pioneer trails from North Carolina to Oklahoma.

Not surprisingly, the unique design has been found in other Illinois counties, as well as in Union County.

The markers are memorials to well-known area families.

The markers have a round disk shape at the top, symbolizing a head. Some have a "neck" before joining the rectangular shaped base that represents the body of a person.

Further study points to the origination of the design in Ireland.

The shapes show up in other architectural elements McNERney said, noting: "Even in the Victorian house known as the 'key-hole' house on Main Street in Anna."

As a retired archaeologist from Southern Illinois

### A-JCHS class of 1961 plans to have reunion

Members of the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School class of 1961 are planning to have a reunion during the weekend of Oct. 6-7.

A buffalo tro is planned starting at 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 6, at the Pitts' shelter on Lick Creek Road. (Reservations were needed by Sept. 18.)

A traditional 9 a.m. breakfast is planned on Saturday, Oct. 7, at the Blue Boar between Anna and Cobden.

Also on Oct. 7, a gathering is planned at 1 p.m. at the Blue Sky Winery on Rocky Comfort Road.

For more information, call Ron Knupp at 618-697-1238 or Nancy Brown at 618-457-0615.

### Moscow/Mt. Zion Cemetery annual meeting planned

The Moscow/Mt. Zion Cemetery Association plans to have its annual meeting on Saturday, Oct. 7, at the community center in Dongola.

A potluck meal is planned at noon. A business meeting and white elephant auction will follow the meal.

Those who plan to attend are asked to bring a covered dish, utensils and a wrapped gift for the auction.

Proceeds go for upkeep of the cemetery.

## Brimm reunion held

The annual Brimm reunion was held Sunday, Sept. 24, at the home of Kevin and Martha Clover.

Those who attended were Opal Brimm, Kevin and Martha Clover, Greg and Mary Plott, Clayton and Megan McClellan, Eric, Amy, Tyler and Kyle Jerrell.

Kevin and Breanna Plott, Betty Duschl, Carolyn Timms, Mike and Tammy Townsley, Daniel Evans, Madilynn and Miranda Evans, Ricky, Maria and Althea Lingle.

Frankie Blackman and Miguel Romero, Don and Nona Trambley, Leslie Mount, Brian, Michelle, Andrew and Heather Trambley.

Johnny, Heaven and Raven Brimm and "Sunny" Hepburn, Chuck Brimm, Don and Ron Brimm, Dennis and Linda Long, Deon Houghlan.

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## Columbus Day closings noted

Illinois Secretary of State offices and driver services facilities which are open Monday to Friday will be closed Monday, Oct. 9, in observance of Columbus Day.

Facilities which are open Tuesday to Saturday will be closed Saturday, Oct. 7.

All offices and facilities are scheduled to be open for business on Tuesday, Oct. 10.

## Erosion control sign-up underway

The Union County Soil and Water Conservation District is taking sign-ups for county-wide cost share assistance for erosion control.

The deadline for sign-ups is March 1, 2018.

Landowners who may be interested in the program can contact John at 833-5666, extension 101, for more information.

Donna D. Dailey, Ruby Brimm, David and Barbara Cox, Julie Cox, Joseph, Danielle, JoElla and Josie Brimm.

Cheryl Anderson and Braeden Farmer, Shirley West and Kathy Modglin, Esten, Evan and Erikah Parks.

The day included a church service, with a message given by the Rev. Brian Trambley.

The next Brimm reunion is planned on Sept. 30, 2018.

## Garden club meeting set

The Anna-Jo Garden Club plans to have a monthly meeting at 1 p.m. Oct. 10 at the United Methodist Church in Anna.

Brenda Tripp, Charlene Potts, Jill Betts, Catherine Sauerbrunn, Judy Neal and Helen Sitter will host the meeting.

A program about bald eagles in Southern Illinois is scheduled to be presented by Paul Widowski. Brenda Tripp will give the horticulture tip.

Anyone who is interested in learning more about the club is welcome to attend.

## Food Works names Paulson as new program coordinator



**Jennifer Paulson**

Food Works, a nonprofit organization dedicated to sustainable food and farming, has hired Jennifer Paulson of Cobden as its new program coordinator.

Paulson will be managing the indoor winter farmers market, spearheading Food Works' food access program and coordinating the Southern Illinois Farming Alliance, the organization's network of sustainable small farmers.

Paulson brings to Food Works a decade of experience engaging stakeholders and coordinating projects using her skills in management and design.

She most recently

worked at the Blanton Museum of Art at The University of Texas at Austin, where she cared for thousands of objects of art and manuscripts, and managed and trained university students and volunteers.

Paulson was also co-owner of Carsonhill Ceramic Studio, selling handmade pottery in farmers markets and art fairs throughout the Austin area.

Previously, she taught art and design courses at several universities and community colleges.

Paulson relocated back to Southern Illinois last year and lives on a farmstead in Cobden.

In addition to growing food with her family, she loves to paint and draw in her art studio, is a passionate home cook and a strong believer in the importance of a robust local food economy.

Paulson earned a master of fine arts degree at Southern Illinois University Carbondale and a bachelor of fine arts at the Columbus College of Art and Design.



### A-JCHS class of 1954

Members of the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School class of 1954 gathered Sept. 16 for a meal at an Anna restaurant. In the first row are Lucille Eddleman, Alibeth Nalley, Linda Turley, Barbara Basler and Barbara Houseman. In the second row are Fawn Follis, Bob McClain, Pat Manninger, Glenn Heisner, Gene Brimm, Gayle Lirely and Betty Wilson. Photo provided.



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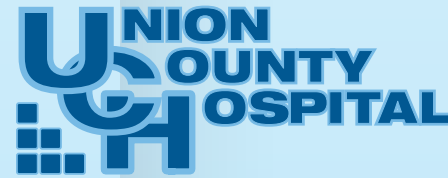
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Section B

## Pumpkin People coming to Choate Center in Anna

The Pumpkin People are coming to visit Clyde L. Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna this October.

Twenty area businesses/organizations have committed to setting up displays, which can be viewed Oct. 13-22.

The trail of pumpkin people will depict various scenes from Dr. Seuss stories.

Using approximately 110 pumpkins from St. Mary's Pumpkin Patch, 95 bales of straw donated by Stegle Plumbing and 55 mums from the Choate greenhouse, it seems the Pumpkin People cast a spell and the campus dons a new look.

A continuous line of cars parade through the grounds, bringing thousands of visi-

tors to witness the creativity and ingenuity of the displays.

Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center is located at 1000 N. Main St. in Anna.

Businesses and organizations participating include: Anna-Jonesboro National Bank; Reppert Publications; Cobden School; Choate Rehab and staff; Jim & Dot's Western Store; RAVE Inc; Walgreens; Lick Creek Pre-K; Casey's General Store of Jonesboro; Horseshoe Lakers 4-H; Jonesboro Rehab & Health Care; Tri-County School; SIU Credit Union; Sunrise Pre-school; Southern Seven Head Start; Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission; JR Centre; Pearson Farms; Kroger; A-J Clever Clovers 4-H; and Integrity Healthcare of Cobden.

For more information, contact Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau at 618-833-9928.

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## ColorFest Activities

ColorFest activities are planned over the course of several weekends during October. The activities on these pages were submitted to the paper or posted online.

## Community, business group planning activities in Cobden

ColorFest activities are planned Saturday, Oct. 14, in Cobden.

Activities are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the park in downtown Cobden.

The Cobden Community & Business Association is sponsoring the events.

Food, music, vendors and more are planned.

The Cobden Fire Department will have trucks at the park and pictures with kids.

Rolling Hills Alpaca Farm will have alpacas for petting and viewing. Hand-crafted alpaca wool products also will be available.

Union County animal control will have dogs and cats for petting and adoption, as well as reduced price veterinary services.

The Cobden Art Club will be selling mums and pumpkins. An FFA informational booth will be on hand.

Kids face painting and other activities are planning.

Music is planned throughout the day with The Country Gentlemen, as well as other acts.

A beard and mustache contest is planned. Vendor booths will be set up.

Food will be served, including bratwursts, hot dogs, pulled pork, ribbon fries, fresh cider and more.

## Eastern Star to serve lunch

Anna Eastern Star is hosting lunch on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Shriners building at Anna City Park.

The menu includes ham and beans, corn bread and drink (water, tea or coffee) for \$4.

## Kids' Fest features Wiener Dog events

Kid's Fest, featuring the 14th annual Wiener Dog Race and Wiener Dog Fashion show, is scheduled to take place on Saturday, Oct. 14, at the Anna City Park.

Admission is a suggested \$3 donation, but is not required. Donations will benefit endangered and abused children.

Kids activities are planned from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Activities include a bounce house, a Puppet Power Puppet Show, face painting, a Walgreens photo booth and train rides.

Hot dogs, hamburgers and other concession items will be available for purchase.

All proceeds go to the Children's Medical and Mental Health Resource Network.

Wiener dog race and fashion show registration is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Opening announcements with wiener dog trivia is at 1 p.m.

The dapper dachshund costume contest begins at 1:10 p.m.

The dachshund derby begins at 1:30 p.m., with final closing announcements, awards and pictures at 2 p.m.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Ginger Meyer at 618-833-6488.

## Union County Museum plans special hours for ColorFest

The Union County Museum, located in downtown Cobden on South Appleknocker Street, plans to have special hours for Union County ColorFest.

Hours are scheduled Saturday, Oct. 14, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday hours will be from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The museum is presenting a special exhibit titled "Southern Illinois Sports" that features photos of sports teams from various eras and locations.

A salute to the 1964 Cobden Appleknocker basketball team is included, along with several other noted Cobden sports teams.

The photos are from the museum's collection. The exhibit will run through late October.

Also on Saturday, Anna author Mike Estel plans to be on hand from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. to sign copies of his newest book, "Battlefield Heroines."

The Shop by the Museum will also be in operation and will feature recently stocked items.

The shop offers collectibles, glassware, fall merchandise and a variety of other decorative items.

Proceeds from the shop go toward the operation of the museum.

## Art exhibition features works by Austin, Hageman

Nearly Normal, an art exhibition by Linda Austin and Bob Hageman, is underway through Nov. 12 at anthill gallery & vintage curiosities in downtown Cobden.

anthill gallery & vintage curiosities is located at 102 N. Front St.

Gallery hours are from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

The artists shared that "fans of artful humor, irony

and whimsy will find things to tickle their funny bone in this new exhibition."

Nearly 100 years ago, assemblage began appearing on the art scene through the cubist constructionists.

More recently, American artist Joseph Cornell became one of the most celebrated pioneers of assemblage and his shadow-box creations influenced and inspired Austin and Hageman.

In Nearly Normal, Austin explores nature vs. technology through her six-piece series titled "Guardian Warriors."

Hageman, a photographer, has incorporated his original prints into compositions with other found objects and old toys.

## German meal to be served at Anna church

Trinity Lutheran Church in Anna plans to host a Deutsch Mahtzet (German meal) on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The meal will celebrate the church's German Lutheran heritage and the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

The menu will feature bratwurst wurstchen (sausages with green peppers and onion), kartoffelsalat (hot potato salad), sauerkraut, rindfleisch mit nudeln (beef and noodles), gurkensalat (cucumber salad), apfelmus (applesauce), German chocolate cake, soda, coffee and bottled water.

All items are a la carte and takeouts are available.

The church is located at 205 W. Jefferson St. in Anna.

## Fish fry set at Anna VFW

The VFW's Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna plans to serve a fish fry on Friday, Oct. 6, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The fish fry will be served at the VFW post, which is located at 70 VFW Ln. near Anna.

An \$8 donation is requested. Fish, cole slaw, potato salad and tea are on the menu.

The public is welcome and carryouts are available. For more information, call Linda Jackson at 833-7737.

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# ColorFest Biathlon scheduled

The 2017 Union County ColorFest Biathlon, Kids Biathlon and 5K Run are planned Saturday, Oct. 7, at 8:30 a.m.

This year, there is a separate 5K for those runners who are not interested in cycling. There will also be a kids mini biathlon, which begins at 11 a.m.

Races start at Goodner Hall, located at 1000 N. Main St. in Anna.

For more information, visit the Union County ColorFest Biathlon Facebook page.

# Counseling service plans run/walk event

Union County Counseling Service, UCCS, plans to host its third 5K run/walk on Oct. 21.

The event is set for 9 a.m. at the Anna City Park in Anna.

The counseling service works to improve the mental health of children and adults throughout the communities it serves.

Proceeds generated by the run/walk will be used to support activities for the counseling service's clients of all ages.

Corporate sponsorships and donations are welcomed to help support the event.

To learn more about the run/walk, contact Susie Adams at 833-8551 or susie.adams@uccsinc.org.

Registration and sponsorship forms are available through Union County Counseling Service's Facebook page.

# Book, rummage sales, raffle set at Stinson

Stinson Memorial Library in Anna is hosting a ColorFest book sale Oct. 6-8.

A Friends Appreciation sale is Friday, Oct. 6, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The public book sale is planned Saturday, Oct. 7, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The sale continues on Sunday, Oct. 8, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

A rummage sale also is planned at the library. The rummage sale will be on Saturday only, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A basket raffle also is planned. Two baskets, one for an adult and one for a child, will be raffled. Tickets are available all week. Raffle drawings are planned Sunday, after the book sale.

Stinson Memorial Library is located at 409 S. Main St. in Anna.

# Anna church planning 5K

Anna Heights Baptist Church is planning to host a 5K run on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 7 a.m. to noon.

The race will take place at Anna Heights Baptist Church, which is located at 100 Turner Ave. in Anna.

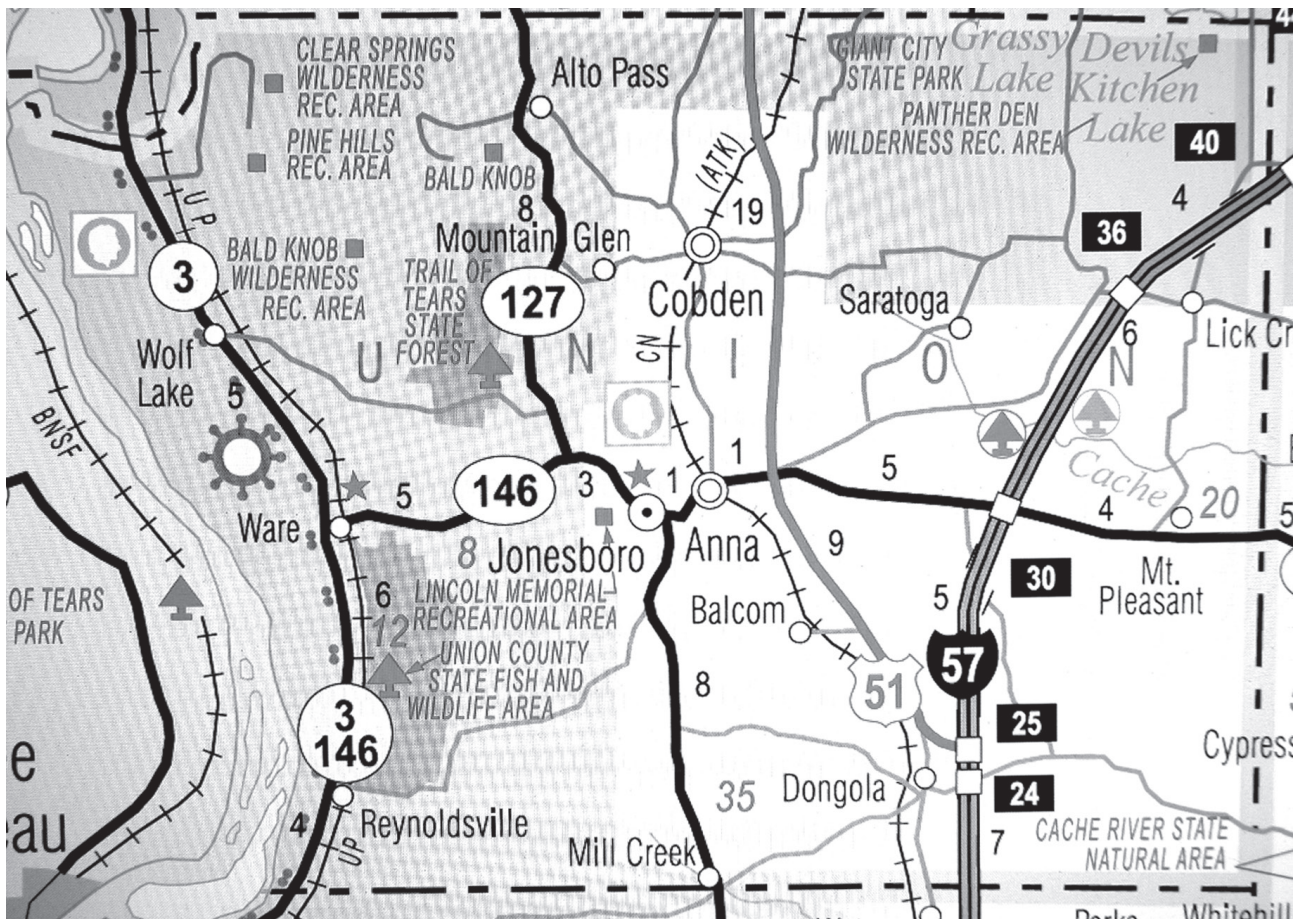
For more information, call 618-833-5916.

# Youth group planning 5K

St. Mary's Catholic Church in Anna is planning a Youth Group 5K Run.

The run will be at Anna City Park on Saturday, Oct. 14.

The 5K begins at 8:30 a.m. and a one mile run begins at 9:30 a.m.



## Union County Map

# Pickin' at Patch slated

Pickin' at the Patch is scheduled on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Rendleman Orchards near Alto Pass.

A Fall Market Day with creative vendors of vintage, primitives, rust, junk, antique and handmade items is planned, featuring Big Blue's Que, unique shopping, fresh-picked apples, apple cider donuts and apple cider slushes.

There will also be an outdoor photo booth in the patch.

Admission is \$1, which will help support Bald Knob Cross of Peace.

For more information, visit <http://rendlemanorchards.com/>.

# Colors at Cross set at Bald Knob

Fall Colors at the Cross is scheduled on Saturday, Oct. 21, at the Bald Knob Cross of Peace on Bald Knob Mountain near Alto Pass.

The event is planned from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Music, food and more are planned.

For more information, call 618-893-2344 or visit [www.baldknobcross.com](http://www.baldknobcross.com).

# Blue Sky activities set

Blue Sky Vineyard has several activities planned on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. for ColorFest.

Two performances are planned by Marshall Anderson (alternative country) followed by The Green-McDonough Band from St. Louis (Blues from the Lou).

Other activities planned are wine tastings, helicopter rides, local artisans, food and more.

The entry fee is \$7 and includes a souvenir wine glass and one free wine tasting (sampling of four wines) or \$2 off any unopened bottle of wine to go. Children 15 and under get in free.

For more information, visit <http://www.blueskyvineyard.com/>.

# Church planning service in park

The Anna Nazarene Church is planning to host a service in the park on Sunday, Oct. 15, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Anna City Park.

Activities include a cookout, games and music.

# Musicians coming together to help hurricane victims

More than 40 local musicians in Southern Illinois plan to come together to raise funds for those impacted by Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Hurricane Irma in Florida.

The weekend of performances, dubbed "Couldn't Stand the Weather," is set for Oct. 6-8 at three Southern Illinois venues.

Musicians are donating their time for the event, said Bill Harper, a Murphysboro-based performer who is organizing the effort.

The event is scheduled to kick off, rain or shine, at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, at Brews Bros. Taproom at 1105 Chestnut St. in Murphysboro.

The festivities continue starting at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at the Varsity Center at 418 S. Illinois Ave. in Carbondale.

The final day of the effort is set for Sunday, Oct. 8, and is hosted by Trails End Lodge at 1425 Skyline Dr. near Cobden.

Donations will be accepted all day. Food and drinks will be on sale on site, with a percentage of receipts being donated.

Musical acts start at 1 p.m. and include Clear Eye'd View, Moving Mary, Loose Gravel, Ethan Stephenson Band, Radio Days, Blackberry Blossoms, Lone Howl, Exeter's Landing Band and Low Dog Band.

Marshall Anderson and Chris Brown are providing PA/sound/stage management for the events.

All proceeds will be split between the Houston Food Bank in Houston, Texas, and the Second Harvest Food Bank in Clearwater, Fla.

# Yard sale day set in Cobden

A community yard sale day is planned Saturday, Oct. 7, in the Village of Cobden.

Around 20 yard sales are planned throughout the village.

Maps showing the locations of yard sales will be available at Cobden Village Hall at 7 a.m. Village hall is located on East Maple Street.

The yard sale day will be held rain or shine.

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# Jonesboro School Fall Fest set

Big events are planned at Jonesboro School's 2017 Fall Festival, which is scheduled Oct. 5. Fall Festival is the Jonesboro School PTO's biggest fund-raiser of the year. The community is invited to enjoy the festivities at Jonesboro School on Thursday, Oct. 5. Games are scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The concession stand will be open for bowls of chili, chili dogs, hot dogs and other refreshments. Carnival games for chil-

dren will be held in the gym. Tickets will be sold for 50 cents each. Most children's games are one ticket. Games will include favorites like a fish pond, a stuffed animal walk, a duck pond, a ring toss, face painting, a dinosaur dig and many more. Both young and young at heart kids will enjoy this year's new games for two to three tickets: "Wheel of Fortune" and "Giant Plinko." This year's bonus prize will be a flat screen television. Adults and children can also participate in the cake walk and "Grub Grab." The junior high science room will be transformed into "The Haunted Cemetery." Admission will be two tickets, or \$1. A silent auction will be a major attraction again at this year's event. There are many items to bid on and purchase. Many local businesses and individuals have also donated items, including restaurant gift certificates; personal care items; car maintenance (including a detail from Coad's); "Get Away Nights" from Boars' Nest and Drury; gas cards from Casey's, Rhodes 101 and ZX; and much more. Businesses which would like to make a tax deductible contribution to the silent auction or make a monetary donation can contact Susan Ramsey or Pamela Turner at 833-5148, or mail items to Jonesboro School at 309 Cook Ave., Jonesboro, Ill. 62952. Huge, themed gift bas-

kets will also be raffled: Movie Night, Fall Fun, Candles, Christmas, Baker's Delight, Chocolate, Gift Cards, Grocery, Teen & Tween, and Bath & Body. Chances are one for \$2 or three for \$5. Fifth graders are selling advance tickets. Tickets also can be purchased that night. The presentation of class representatives and the 8th grade king and queen coronation will be held in the gym at approximately 7:45 p.m. Queen candidates are Natalee Brown, Kaya Coleman, Chloe McFarland and Maya Simovski. King candidates are Ethan Carver, Mason Watkins, Nathan Hileman and Jacob Acklin. The mistresses of ceremonies will be Marlee Smith and Kaelyn George. A dance will follow the coronation ceremony for Jonesboro junior high students. Admission for the dance, by grades, includes: 8th grade, cupcakes, cookies or fruit. 7th grade, bag of chips or fresh veggies. 6th grade, 2-liter soda or juice. The dance will end at 10:30 p.m. Donations are being accepted for the silent auction, game prizes, stuffed animal walk and book walk. Organizers ask for only new silent auction and game prize items. Gently used, but clean stuffed animals and children's books are appreciated. Items can be dropped off in the school office.

## Jonesboro church plans

### Unity Sunday

Unity Sunday is planned on Oct. 8 at the First Baptist Church in Jonesboro. On Sunday, the church plans to have one service "to celebrate God's plan of unity for His Church and promote togetherness for the Gospel of Jesus Christ through love and service to one another." Welcome and refreshments are planned at 8:30 a.m. Small group Bible study begins at 9 a.m. A worship service follows at 10 a.m.

### Welcoming ceremony

From left are Ruth Brown, membership chairperson; Bonnie Hogue, chaplain; Edna Hand, new member; Stephanie Ritter, new member; and regent Doda Starkey, who were at a welcoming ceremony for the Daniel Chapman Chapter DAR. Photo provided.



From left are Ruth Brown, membership chairperson; Bonnie Hogue, chaplain; Edna Hand, new member; Stephanie Ritter, new member; and regent Doda Starkey, who were at a welcoming ceremony for the Daniel Chapman Chapter DAR. Photo provided.

# DAR opens 2017-2018 season, welcomes two new members

**By Dixie Terry**  
The Daniel Chapman Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution had its first meeting of the 2017-2018 season on Monday evening, Sept. 11, at the Carnegie Library in Vienna. The meeting was called to order by new regent Doda Starkey. Hostesses were Starkey, Elizabeth James and Bonnie Hogue. A moment of silence was observed, in remembrance of Sept. 11. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lynn McCreery. The American's Creed was led by Lillian Milam. The Preamble of the Constitution was led by Dixie Terry. In a welcoming ceremony, led by Ruth Brown and Bonnie Hogue, two new members were accepted into NSDAR. They were Edna Hand of Cobden and Stephanie Ritter of Makanda.

also provided information about a new Daniel Chapman Facebook page that is being planned. Melodie Penrod read a report about the DAR schools, in the absence of Linda Minnis. Loudene Lemme talked about the DAR Project Patriot, which will be observed on Oct. 9, when DAR Service Day is planned. The chapter will collect and ship food, toiletries, books and other items to send to active military personnel who are serving overseas. The chapter's next meeting is planned at 1 p.m. Oct. 9 at the Anna Arts Center in Anna. Those present at the Sep-

tember meeting included Sandra Boaz, Anna; Ruth Brown, Dixie Terry, Goreville; Maxine Burdick, Caravelle; Julia Mowery, Buncombe; Loudene Lemme, Doda Starkey, Bonnie Hogue, Vienna; Lynn McCreery, Ozark; Marilyn Meisenheimer, Lillian Milam, Jonesboro; Kaleigh Minton, Marion; Melodie Penrod, Carterville; Stephanie Ritter, Makanda; and Alice Thodoropoulos, Golconda. Guests included Preston Brown, Gary Burdick, David Hogue, Harold James, Brian McCreery, Skip Starkey and George Thodoropoulos.

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Pictures may be picked up after publication date.

Prior to a potluck dinner, the blessing of the food was said by Bonnie Hogue. The president general's message was read by Julia Mowery. The national defense report was given by Elizabeth James. Regent Starkey displayed the DAR Achievement Award given to the chapter. She had attended the 126th NSDAR Continental Congress in Washington, D.C., in July. Chaplain Hogue reported on the cards she had sent to members. Recording secretary Cara Webb provided the minutes of May and June meetings. In the absence of the treasurer, Juanita Broyles, Sandra Boaz collected the annual dues and distributed new program books. Registrar Marilyn Meisenheimer talked about four new member applications, which were being processed for approval. She

projects and to make plans for the Gingerbread Bazaar to be held in conjunction with Christmas in Downtown Anna on Saturday, Nov. 25. Volunteers to tutor after school elementary and high school youths are needed. Contact Pete Housman for details. The Mt. Moriah Men and a few helpers are planning to serve breakfast to the A-J Wildcat football team and cheerleaders on the morning of Oct. 13. For ColorFest Saturday, Oct. 14, the Hands of Faith Ladies will join the Holy Smokers to sell barbecue, snacks and drinks at the Anna City Park to benefit the Children's Medical Resource Network. Regular Sunday worship at Mt. Moriah is at 9 a.m. Fellowship is at 10 a.m. Sunday School and Bible class are at 10:15 .m.

Prayers were offered for those in need of healing: Karen Toler, Will Eidson, Gina Dome, Beth Martin, Alma Osterholm, Edward Becker, Daniel Seddon, Gladys Freeze, Jill Bell, Ed Lee, Gary Davis, Linda Star, Adalee Davie, Paula Keistler, Betty Brown, Paul Wittke, Bobbie Adams and Denise Gardner. Prayer was offered for those grieving for Robert McAllister, Terri Hoff, Bill Halter, Kedron Parr, Virginia Corzine and Nadine Jordan. Hands of Faith Ladies plan to meet Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 9 a.m. to work on

## News from Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

Sunday's lessons had to do with being truthful to ourselves and others; and putting not ourselves, but others first. Pastor Mark said that "being 'right' is not always so important as being 'true.'" Prayers were offered for those in need of healing: Karen Toler, Will Eidson, Gina Dome, Beth Martin, Alma Osterholm, Edward Becker, Daniel Seddon, Gladys Freeze, Jill Bell, Ed Lee, Gary Davis, Linda Star, Adalee Davie, Paula Keistler, Betty Brown, Paul Wittke, Bobbie Adams and Denise Gardner. Prayer was offered for those grieving for Robert McAllister, Terri Hoff, Bill Halter, Kedron Parr, Virginia Corzine and Nadine Jordan. Hands of Faith Ladies plan to meet Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 9 a.m. to work on

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## News from First Baptist Church, Anna

On Sunday, Oct. 1, the church had Sunday morning services at the Anna City Park. There was an abbreviated Sunday School class. David Howard gave a devotion titled "You are Loved." There was a baptism and then the church had a picnic. The next free Soup and Serve is planned Monday, Oct. 9, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Taco soup, tostadas, dessert, coffee, tea and lemonade will be served. The American Red Cross Bloodmobile is scheduled to be at the church from noon to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 12. Appointments can be made by contacting the Red Cross.



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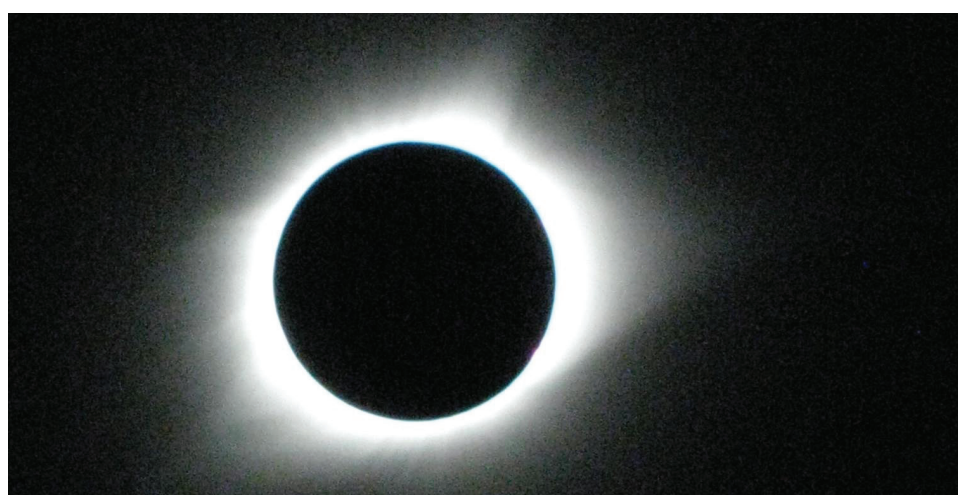
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Survey shows 215 million American adults watched solar eclipse in August



Solar eclipse This is how the August total solar eclipse appeared over Union County.

Eighty-eight percent of American adults viewed the August total solar eclipse directly or electronically.

This audience of 215 million adults is nearly twice the size of the viewership of recent Super Bowl football games.

Many people in Union County were among those who watched the eclipse.

A national study of American adults conducted by the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor under a cooperative agreement with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration found that 154 million American adults watched the eclipse directly, using a combination of solar glasses designed to allow the direct viewing of the sun and various other devices, such as pin-hole viewers, for example.

Approximately 20 million adults traveled from their home area to another area to be able to watch the solar eclipse, usually seeking a higher degree of totality.

"This level of public interest and engagement with a science-oriented event is unparalleled," said Jon Miller, director of the International Center for the

Advancement of Scientific Literacy at U-M's Institute for Social Research, in a news release.

This was the first coast-to-coast total solar eclipse to occur in nearly a century and the wide availability of television, the internet and smartphones alerted most adults to the event.

Some individuals were not able to step outside and view the eclipse because of work or other obligations, and approximately 61 million American adults viewed the eclipse electronically.

Miller's survey, beginning on the evening of the eclipse and continuing for a week after the event, found

that most adults viewed the eclipse with their family, friends or co-workers.

Only 3 percent viewed the eclipse as a part of an organized group. Miller noted that this was not unexpected since the eclipse occurred mid-day on a regular work day.

The eclipse was widely shared: One in three viewers took pictures or a video of the events and about half of those adults reported that they shared their pictures with others using social media, email and other electronic means.

Most adults who viewed the eclipse found it to be both enjoyable and educational.

On a zero-to-10 scale, Miller found that adults gave the viewing experience a score of 7.6 for being enjoyable and 7.0 for being educational.

Miller noted that this was an initial report about the number of adults who viewed the eclipse and how they prepared for the eclipse event.

A final follow-up survey of the same adults is planned in October and November of 2017 to assess how viewing the eclipse may have stimulated viewers to seek additional information about eclipses, the sun, the solar system and related astronomical information.

Television Listings

THURSDAY

Table of TV listings for Thursday, October 5, 2017. Columns include ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, and SHOW. Shows listed include Local Programs, NFL Kickoff, Gotham Ask for help, The Orville, Chicago Fire, Jimmy Kimmel, and others.

OCTOBER 5, 2017

Table of TV listings for Thursday, October 5, 2017. Columns include HBO, MAX, and SHOW. Shows listed include Monster, Dead Calm, Tough Guys, Arsenal, Bad Boys II, and National.

FRIDAY

Table of TV listings for Friday, October 6, 2017. Columns include ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, and SHOW. Shows listed include Once Upon a Time, Marvel's Inhumans, Blue Bloods, Jimmy Kimmel, and others.

OCTOBER 6, 2017

Table of TV listings for Friday, October 6, 2017. Columns include HBO, MAX, and SHOW. Shows listed include Wanted, The Big Lebowski, Why Him?, Central Intelligence, and Ride Along 2.

SATURDAY

Table of TV listings for Saturday, October 7, 2017. Columns include ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, and SHOW. Shows listed include Scoreboard, College Football, 48 Hours, and others.

OCTOBER 7, 2017

Table of TV listings for Saturday, October 7, 2017. Columns include HBO, MAX, and SHOW. Shows listed include Hidden Figures, Transcend, Yes Man, and Bleed for This.

SUNDAY

Table of TV listings for Sunday, October 8, 2017. Columns include ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, and SHOW. Shows listed include The Toy Box, Wisdom of the Crowd, Madam Secretary, and others.

OCTOBER 8, 2017

Table of TV listings for Sunday, October 8, 2017. Columns include HBO, MAX, and SHOW. Shows listed include Dude, Car?, Keanu, and The Boss.

MONDAY

Table of TV listings for Monday, October 9, 2017. Columns include ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, and SHOW. Shows listed include Dancing with the Stars, Kevin Wait, Scorpion, and others.

OCTOBER 9, 2017

Table of TV listings for Monday, October 9, 2017. Columns include HBO, MAX, and SHOW. Shows listed include Why Him?, Scott Pilgrim, and The Terminator.

TUESDAY

Table of TV listings for Tuesday, October 10, 2017. Columns include ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, and SHOW. Shows listed include Fresh Off, Bull Fraternity, Kevin Listen Up, and others.

OCTOBER 10, 2017

Table of TV listings for Tuesday, October 10, 2017. Columns include HBO, MAX, and SHOW. Shows listed include Hail, Caesar!, The Big Lebowski, and The Deuce.

WEDNESDAY

Table of TV listings for Wednesday, October 11, 2017. Columns include ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, TBS, USA, DISN, HBO, MAX, and SHOW. Shows listed include Goldbergs, SEAL Team, Designated Survivor, and others.

OCTOBER 11, 2017

Table of TV listings for Wednesday, October 11, 2017. Columns include HBO, MAX, and SHOW. Shows listed include Max Payne, Blues Brothers, Rock Star, and American Psycho.

# Opinion and Commentary

## People of Illinois encouraged to support survivors of hurricanes

The people of Illinois are being encouraged by Gov. Bruce Rauner and Lt. Gov. Evelyn Sanguinetti to help the millions of Americans struggling to recover from Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria by donating money or time to trusted voluntary, faith-and-community-based charitable organizations.

"Mother Nature has devastated Puerto Rico, Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Georgia, the U.S. Virgin Islands. As we've seen whenever disaster strikes in Illinois, people are eager to help in any way possible," Rauner said.

"Now, it's time for us to show that compassion and generosity to help our fellow Americans who have been devastated by hurricanes.

"We know recovery will take months, even years, so we ask you to please open your hearts to help those struggling to recover."

Rauner directed people to the [www.Ready.Illinois.gov/hurricanehelp](http://www.Ready.Illinois.gov/hurricanehelp) website that directs them to a list of organizations where they can donate.

"Many organizations have already been vetted by the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, so you can be assured that your donations to these groups will go where help is truly needed," said James K. Joseph, director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

"Volunteers should never self-deploy to a disaster site. Anyone seeking an opportunity to get involved in response and recovery operations is encouraged to volunteer with local and nationally known organizations, such as those vetted by the National VOAD," he added.

People are advised against donating unsolicited goods, such as used clothing or household items, since they may not meet the needs of those affected. They are encouraged to make financial donations to the organizations.

"This allows these reputable organizations to obtain needed resources nearer to the disaster location and more efficiently manage logistics and transportation costs related to moving large volumes of donated items," Lt. Gov. Sanguinetti said.

"Your support now and in the future, will help many Americans in their time of need," Rauner stated.

### Commentary

## Standing for the flag

By Mike Estel

San Francisco 49ers' professional football quarterback Colin Kaepernick started it all when he refused to stand when the national anthem had been played prior to pre-season games last season.

It has carried over this season and several pro players besides him as well as team owners are protesting the treatment of some blacks by the police.

In America, everyone has the right to protest what they think is an injustice

Sure, you have some policeman out there that cross the line. But, it doesn't take long until they are going to be weeded out and headed for the unemployment line.

There's no doubt there's a bad element in every profession. But with the present day scrutiny of every arrest by police, times are changing.

But I do feel all good American citizens should be against this type of protest of our beloved flag. Veterans should especially be up in arms because they helped defend a country that has people like this living in it.

Many veterans have laid down their life to maintain the freedom enjoyed in this country under the Stars and Stripes.

I'll be the first to admit our country's leader did not use any tact recently in his choice of wording in describing this one individual who started it all and calling him what he did and saying he should be fired. It seems a lot more protesters joined his cause after his poor choice of words on national television.

Some angry fans burned some professional football players jerseys recently to protest the disrespect for the flag shown and that is their right as well in a free country. To disrespect our flag is sure not going to increase attendance at pro football games. There's got to be a better way for them to protest. Matter of fact, some fans are deciding to boycott future games. That will get in someone's pocket book for sure.

These professional football players along with some professional basketball players recently should be proud that they live in a country where one can protest. This might be upsetting to a majority of the people, but they are allowed to do that in a free democracy.

Personally, I just wish they would find another way to protest something they feel is an injustice instead of disrespecting our country's flag.

What they are doing is tarnishing what our founding Fathers lived and died for.

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## Please read this. . .

by Geof Skinner

### Wandering...and wondering...

I wonder, as I wander...

...isn't there a song that starts with those words? Maybe the song will come to me as I wander through this. Probably not.

If you are one of the three persons who happens to read this colyum on a regular basis, you know that I like to wander around on a regular basis. Such was the case on an unusually mild evening one day last week.

I hadn't wandered all that far when something in a gully not far from our humble abode happened to catch my eye.

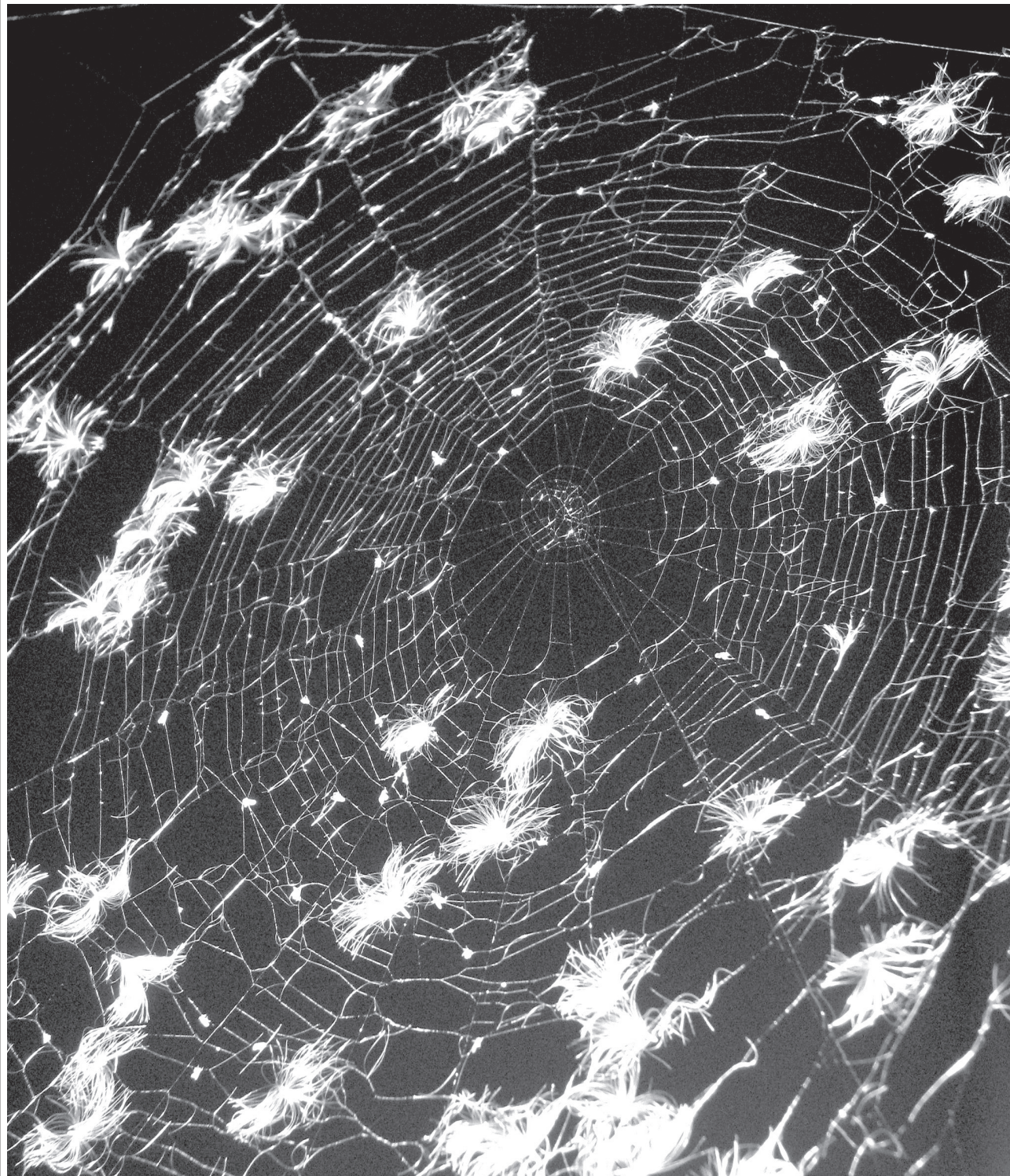
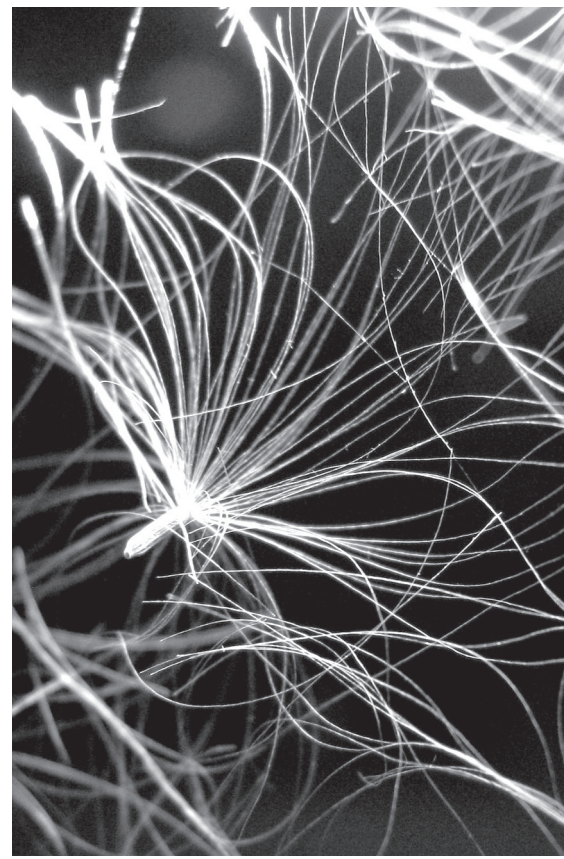
Seemed that a spider had created a web on some utility wires in the gully. After the little gem of natural architecture had been woven, feathery seeds apparently floated into the web.

Such simple, yet profound things, tend to catch my eye. So, I started shooting pictures. With my fingers crossed. Thankfully, I was able to get a few images that seemed to have worked out.

I don't know what kind of spider created the web. And I don't know what kind of seeds floated into the web. I'm just grateful that I had an opportunity to see such a special and unique creation. Especially since the spider web was gone by the next morning.

So, folks, this week, you just get a couple of pictures. Hope you like them...

Oh...doesn't that song I was wondering about while I was wandering about have something to do with Christmas?



## Page from the Past from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

### 50 Years Ago, October 5, 1967

The Quarterly dinner meeting of the Anna Chamber of Commerce was held at the Whitehouse Monday evening, Oct. 2, with a large number of members and guests present. (A principal topic was the need of and possibility of Anna's building an airport for the town and surrounding communities.)

The Union County Hospital Board is planning an addition to the nursing home providing for 40 additional beds to the present structure, making a total of 100 beds at the nursing home.

The friendly little Mississippi River village of Grand Tower will roll out the welcome mat the week end of October 14-15 for visitors wishing to enjoy the autumn colors in the nearby scenic western end of the Illinois Ozarks.

Special Renovation Commencement Services will be held following regular 10:30 a.m. worship on Sunday, Oct. 8, by Mount Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna. Meeting in special session with the Building Committee, the Church Council voted on Saturday, Sept. 30,

to proceed with plans to remodel the interior of Mount Moriah's church nave and chancel.

The old Jonesboro City Hall will become the property of Miss Jessie Allen and will be utilized for the purpose of making hot tamales on Heacock Street, Jonesboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Arty Keller, Rt. 1, Dongola, celebrated their 70th anniversary with a family dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Rife.

The latter part of last week, smoke from chimneys was very much in evidence in the Union County area when temperatures dipped to a low of 40 degrees: now it seems more like summer with a high recording of 85 on Tuesday, Oct. 3.

Look out! The Hippies are invading. It's a Be-In at A-J Teen Town on Saturday, Oct. 7, at 7:30 p.m. The Groupe, a groovy band from Cape, will provide the beat during the evening, with a background of psychedelic lighting.

The A-J Wildcats traveled to Johnston City Friday night to suffer their first defeat of the season 26-7.

## Letters About Literature contest welcomes entries

Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White is urging students in grades 4 through 12 to enter the 2018 Letters About Literature contest, which is a national reading and writing competition.

Letters About Literature invites students to read a book, poem or play of their choice and write a letter to the author about how the work changed their life or view of the world.

Students can enter on their own or through their schools, libraries or other youth organizations.

"Every year thousands of students in Illinois enjoy participating in this inspiring competition," White said in a news release.

"Illinois has had more entries than any other state for ten years in a row. This competition is proof that literature inspires and touches the lives of our young people.

"I encourage students statewide to take part in Letters About Literature, and I hope their participation leads to a lifetime of reading."

There are three levels of participation: Level I for

grades 4-6, Level II for grades 7-8 and Level III for grades 9-12.

One Illinois winner will be selected for each level and receive a \$200 cash award. Teachers of the winning students will receive a \$100 cash award to purchase materials for their school library. Winners and teachers will be invited to an awards ceremony in Springfield. The state winners' letters will be forwarded for national judging.

The deadline to enter the competition is Saturday, Dec. 9, for all competition levels. State winners will be announced in April 2018.

The contest is funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, the Library of Congress Fund, the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress and the Illinois Center for the Book.

For more information about the competition, contact Bonnie Matheis at 217-558-2065 or [bmatheis@ilsos.net](mailto:bmatheis@ilsos.net). Information also is available at [http://cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/center\\_for\\_the\\_book/](http://cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/center_for_the_book/).