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News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area.

Thank you to all of our veterans, and to all the brave men and women who are now serving the country.

Banners which honor those who have served the country in the armed forces again are on display in Cobden.

Family and friends are welcoming U.S. Army Capt. Brett Wright, who is returning home after an overseas deployment. Wright, who has served since October 2009, is a tank company commander.

An effort is underway to expand the veterans monument at the Cobden Community Park in Cobden. The monument now displays 700 names.

A worship service is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, at Kornthal Church near Jonesboro. Donations of canned food items will be welcomed.

A community Thanksgiving worship service is planned at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, at Cypress Grove MB Church near Ullin.

The Union County Alliance of Churches is planning to sponsor a community Thanksgiving prayer and praise service at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21, at the United Methodist Church in Anna.

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Events to honor veterans planned

Veterans Day will be commemorated with special events which are scheduled in the Union County area. The Veterans Day holiday is observed on Nov. 11.

School Event

Lincoln School in Anna plans to honor veterans on Friday, Nov. 10.

A breakfast for veterans is planned starting at 7:30 a.m. An assembly is scheduled at 8:30 a.m.

Event at Blue Star Memorial Marker

The Anna American Legion and the Anna-Jo Garden Club plan to have a ceremony commemorating the Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker on Friday, Nov. 10.

The ceremony is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. at the Anna-Jo Garden Club Park in Anna.

The Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker is located at the park, which is in east Anna.

Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers are dedicated to paying tribute to the nation's armed forces.

Coffee and cookies will be served following the ceremony.

Coffee with Veterans

A coffee with veterans event is planned Saturday, Nov. 11, in Cobden.

The event is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at The Old Feed Store.

Anna church to serve meals on Thanksgiving

The First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna again this year plans to provide a free Thanksgiving dinner for anyone who would like to participate.

Delivery is planned between 11 a.m. and noon on Thanksgiving Day, which is Thursday, Nov. 23.

Those who would like a meal are asked to call the church at 618-833-5225 by noon on Monday, Nov. 20.

Donations to help support the special ministry also are welcomed.

The church also asks everyone to "give thanks" for all of the blessings they have received during the past year.

Breakfast

The Anna-Jonesboro Elks Lodge plans to serve a breakfast for veterans on Saturday, Nov. 11. The cost is free for veterans. Serving begins at 9 a.m.

Veterans Day Parade, Anna

Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 in Anna again is planning to sponsor a Veterans Day parade in Union County.

The post has been sponsoring the parade for many years.

This year, the starting time for the parade is set for 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11. The route for the parade traditionally has been through downtown Anna.

The starting coincides with the end of World War I, which came at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918.

Chili and hot dogs will be served at the post home following the parade. Awards will be given out at that time.

VFW shares etiquette for flag

The annual Veterans Day parade sponsored by Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is set for 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, in Anna.

The Anna VFW post shared the following flag etiquette for parades:

When an American flag passes please stand up, remove your hat, place your right hand over your heart and stop any conversation you are having.

It is not necessary to salute every American flag that passes, only if it is carried by an honor guard or in a group with other flags, stand up and salute or pay respect to the flag.

You do not have to salute small hand-held flags carried by those attending the parade and participants.



Veterans ceremony held in Alto Pass

A large crowd was on hand last Saturday morning for a veterans ceremony which was held in downtown Alto Pass. The Alto Pass Area Veterans Memorial organization hosted the ceremony. The event was held at the veterans memorial which stands in the downtown area of the Union County community. The ceremony was held to honor several area veterans whose names have been engraved on the memorial wall.

Area legislator visits A-JCHS

By Lindsey Rae Vaughn

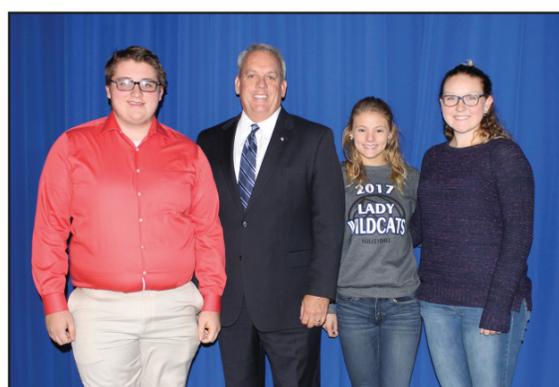
State Sen. Dale Fowler, Harrisburg, visited with Anna-Jonesboro Community High School seniors on Tuesday, Oct. 31, to discuss work as a legislator in the Illinois General Assembly.

Fowler shared that he was raised in Eldorado and worked on the family farm. His family also had a meat packing business, which he eventually took over.

In his 20s, he decided to sell the business and worked for Jim Edgar in Springfield. Edgar went on to serve as governor of Illinois.

After his time in Springfield, he became an engineer for the Illinois Department of Corrections, spending time at both the Vienna Correctional Center and the Shawnee Correctional Center.

Later in life, he was a member of the Saline County Board of Commissioners, and also served as a city commissioner and mayor of Harrisburg.



Youth advisory council

State Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg, has established a youth advisory council. Fowler is with Anna-Jonesboro Community High School students who were selected as members of the council, including Trenton Newberry, Jasmin Foster and Connor Hadley. Photo by Lindsey Rae Vaughn.

During his time as mayor, he emphasized his efforts of bringing businesses to the area, including a movie theater, after the previous one had closed.

Fowler is the founder and chairman of the board of the Fowler Bonan Foundation. He talked about what he said is one of the foundation's greatest accomplish-

ments, which is the Clothes for Kids program, based in Southern Illinois.

When the program began, assistance was provided to help four or five children a year. Now, the program helps 645 children throughout 17 Southern Illinois counties.

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Anna-Jonesboro Wildcats win playoff game

The host Anna-Jonesboro Wildcats celebrated a playoff victory last Saturday afternoon. A-J defeated Pana in an Illinois High School Association Class 3 second-round playoff game. With the victory, the Wildcats advanced to the next round of the postseason and will play at Vandalia this Saturday. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.



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Legislator, A-JCHS seniors
 State Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg, joined Anna-Jonesboro Community High School seniors for a picture. Photo by Lindsey Rae Vaughn.

Legislator visits A-JCHS

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Fowler encouraged the students to take advantage of the good things which happen to them in life.

Fowler said he wanted the students to understand that anyone could become involved in government, no matter what their backgrounds might be.

Fowler welcomed questions from the students at the Union County school.

Some of the questions which were asked included:

"Is there anything Southern Illinois can do to have more influence over Chicago?"

"What are the pros and cons of being a legislator?"

"How can students stay informed?"

He told students that in order to stay informed, they should read their local newspaper, they can visit his website and they can care about their community.

Fowler addressed the fact that Illinois residents are leaving the state at an alarming rate, that the state has a shortage of agriculture teachers and how the business climate in Illinois isn't friendly.

Fowler said he likes to talk about why Illinois is so great, more so than how things could be better.

Illinois offers many attractions which help to boost tourism.

The legislator said that works needs to continue to build the state's economy and to create jobs in manufacturing.

Fowler encouraged students who might want to become a legislator or to be more informed about issues to engage with their local party, to write letters to legislators and get to know their legislators.

To end the event, Fowler wished to Anna-Jonesboro football team the best of luck in its playoff game, which was scheduled Saturday, Nov. 4.

Youth Advisory Council

During his visit, Fowler also had time to meet with A-JCHS students who are joining his new youth advisory council.

A-JCHS seniors Jasmin Foster, Connor Hadley and Trenton Newberry recently were selected to serve on the council.

Nearly 50 students from throughout the 59th District in Southern Illinois have been selected to serve on the council.

The council is scheduled to meet in Harrisburg on Wednesday, Nov. 15.

Teachers nominated students to serve on the youth advisory council.

"It's an honor to be selected. It will be a good experience," Fowler said about the council.

"I have an interest in politics and getting to see what it's like," Newberry said.

"I'm interested to see how everything works," Hadley said.

In the spring, students plan to visit the Illinois State Capitol in Springfield for a mock debate.

News Notes



A perch on high: a bird found a nice place atop a utility pole to keep an eye on the world.

Local Boy Scouts plan to distribute Scouting for Food bags on Saturday, Nov. 11. The bags will be collected on Saturday, Nov. 18.

scheduled to deliver the message at a Union County interdenominational laymen's breakfast which is scheduled Monday, Nov. 20.

Small Business Saturday is Nov. 25. The Union County Chamber of Commerce plans to offer free gift wrapping that day for gifts which are purchased locally.

A large gathering of well-wishers were on hand last Thursday afternoon and evening to honor David Gould on his retirement from Anna-Jonesboro National Bank.

Union County Hospital District Auxiliary has begun its annual Scholarship Tree event.

The Union County Historical Society's Christmas Shop is scheduled to open Nov. 18 for its 15th consecutive year. The shop is located next to the Union County Museum in downtown Cobden.

The Cobden Police Department once again is planning to sponsor a Shop with a Cop program for the holiday season.

The Cobden Appleknocker Athletic Boosters are working to expand their membership.

Cindy Allen has succeeded Linda Hileman as a church secretary at the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna.

The Hollerboys, a local band, planned to have a CD release party last weekend in Cape Girardeau.

A drama/theater camp for the Union County home school cooperative is set for 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at the Anna Arts Center in Anna.

Recent frosts mean that the growing season has "effectively ended" in the region. For that reason, the National Weather Service office in Paducah reports that it won't be issuing frost advisories or freeze warnings for the remainder of the fall season.

Project looks at use of wood residues for heat

The Illinois Sustainable Technology Center, ISTC, at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign invites businesses throughout the state to apply for a free engineering study to learn about the potential cost savings of using low-value wood residues as heat.

Illinois businesses have until Dec. 31 to sign up for this offer to evaluate the feasibility of switching from propane or other fuel sources to wood biomass.

The ISTC is wrapping up a two-year wood fuel study made possible through a matching grant of \$249,328 from the U.S. Forest Service.

Partners of the study include Western Illinois University's Value-Added Sustainable Development Center and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus.

So far, the ISTC has helped six greenhouse operations of various sizes gain insight into the costs of converting to wood heat, including the return on investment of installing a wood boiler system.

Now the ISTC is expanding the scope of its study by offering the opportunity of a free engineering study to all Illinois businesses.

Those selected to participate in the research project will receive assistance with project scoping, engineering and financial analysis.

Small-value applications of less than \$10,000 may be provided direct cash assistance while larger applications will be provided in-kind support of engineering design and grant preparation.

An estimated 1 million tons of renewable wood in Illinois could be used to displace the use of petroleum-based propane and other fossil fuels.

The ISTC's project is examining the scientific, economic and cultural as-

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October weather warm in area

Temperatures during October in the region which includes Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky were above normal, generally by 2 to 3 degrees, the National Weather Service office in Paducah reports.

The first half of the month was well above normal, with highs routinely in the 80s.

A record high temperature of 88 degrees was tied in Paducah on Oct. 14.

In Cape Girardeau, a record high of 90 degrees was set on Oct. 14.

A high temperature of 87 degrees was recorded on Oct. 14 in Union County by local weather observer Dana Cross.

The weather service noted that during the last four days of October, temperatures were well below normal.

The high temperature on Halloween was the coldest since 2002 in Paducah and Cape Girardeau.

Highs will typically warm into the 60s on Halloween, but were stuck in the upper 40s to lower 50s this year.

The region's first freeze of the season occurred on Oct. 25 in Cape Girardeau and Oct. 28 in Paducah.

This was right around

the average date for the season's first freeze.

Precipitation varied across the region, ranging from excessively wet across the Pennyriple region of west Kentucky to excessively dry in the Ozark Foothills of Missouri.

Rainfall amounts of 8 to 10-plus inches occurred in portions of Christian, Hopkins and Muhlenberg counties in Kentucky.

The highest reported amount was at the Kentucky Mesonet station north of Greenville which recorded 12.16 inches.

Long-time records aren't available at this station, but for comparison the wettest October on record in Paducah only received 10.55 inches of rain in 2009.

Above normal rainfall also occurred along the Interstate 57 corridor in Illinois from Cairo to Mount Vernon and also into Wayne County.

In Union County, rain fall totalled 5.86 inches during October.

Weather

The low temperature dipped to a chilly 28 degrees during the period of Oct. 31 through Nov. 6 in Union County.

Rainfall recorded during the period included .01 of an inch Oct. 31, .47 of an inch Nov. 1, 1.31 inches on Nov. 3, 1.23 inches on Nov. 5 and .21 of an inch Nov. 6.

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

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Tuesday, Oct. 31	51 28
Wednesday, Nov. 1	63 40
Thursday, Nov. 2	77 63
Friday, Nov. 3	72 51
Saturday, Nov. 4	70 57
Sunday, Nov. 5	73 54
Monday, Nov. 6	54 50



State senators guests at chamber meeting

State Sen. Paul Schimpf, R-Waterloo, and State Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg, both standing at right, spoke at the Nov. 2 Union County Chamber of Commerce meeting at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna. Photo by Lindsey Rae Vaughn.

Chamber welcomes legislators

By Lindsey Rae Vaughn
The Union County Chamber of Commerce had its November meeting at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna on Thursday, Nov. 2.

Guest speakers at the meeting were State Sen. Paul Schimpf, R-Waterloo, and State Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg.

The senators gave chamber members a glance as to what it's like to be a legislator and answered questions.

Fowler explained that

his district consists of 13 counties in Southern Illinois, while some senators up near Chicago may have just a neighborhood. Districts are determined based on population.

Promoting tourism to Southern Illinois was something Fowler said he is currently working on. He wants to increase signage, marketing and is making videos that can be found on social media to promote specific areas in Southern Illinois.

Schimpf talked more about the legislative process, including how difficult it can be to pass a bill and how he wishes they were more involved as senators.

He said 7,000 pieces of legislation have been presented this year.

"We might not see legislation until the day before a vote," Schimpf noted.

Each senator expressed to chamber members how important it is for constituents to call their offices

about concerns they have.

"Our staff tracks constituents issues," Fowler said.

Both legislators said they take constituents' opinions into consideration when it comes time to vote.

One chamber member asked about the divide between Chicago and the rest of the state.

Schimpf said the solution is to build a relationship with Chicago instead of having an us versus them mentality.

"We have to argue that legislation is good for all of Illinois, not just Southern Illinois," Schimpf said.

As of the Nov. 2 meeting, the chamber had 157 members.

Some important dates and events that were presented at the meeting include Small Business Saturday on Nov. 25, the next chamber meeting on Dec. 7, which will feature guest speaker SIU chancellor Carlo Montemagno and the 2017-2018 chamber gala on Jan. 27, 2018.

Bank hosts retirement reception

Anna-Jonesboro National Bank hosted a retirement reception for former president David Gould on Thursday, Nov. 2. Many people attended the reception.



From left are Jerry Reppert, Anna-Jonesboro National Bank board president; David Gould; and Scott Wilson, president/CEO.



From left are Scott Wilson, president/CEO; Sondra and David Gould; and Delano Mowery, former president.

Veterans Day closings noted

Illinois Secretary of State offices and facilities open Monday to Friday are scheduled to be closed Friday, Nov. 10, in observance of Veterans Day.

Facilities open Tuesday to Saturday are scheduled to be closed Saturday, Nov. 11.

Monday to Friday facilities are scheduled to reopen on Monday, Nov. 13.

Tuesday to Saturday facilities are scheduled to reopen on Tuesday, Nov. 14.

Anna fire, police departments plan pancake breakfast

A pancake breakfast is planned Saturday morning, Nov. 11, at the Anna fire and police station. Serving is planned from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

The breakfast will be served by the Anna fire and police departments.

All proceeds will help to support the Christmas holiday season Shop with a Cop/Firefighter program.

Supper supports local cemetery

A chicken and dumpling supper is planned Saturday, Nov. 18, to help support the Meisenheimer-Mt. Olive Cemetery.

The supper will be at the Perks/Maple Grove Church recreation building. Serving starts at 4 p.m.

Harvest emergency declared

A statewide harvest emergency to assist farmers and grain handlers who are grappling with the fallout of rain-related delays was declared Nov. 5 by Gov. Bruce Rauner.

CCC focus of program

A presentation of a program by Kay Rippelmeyer-Tippy titled "Radical Land and Social Experiments during the Depression Era in Southern Illinois: The Civilian Conservation Corps and the College in the Hills" is planned Thursday, today, in Carbondale.

The free program is set for 7 p.m. in the Carbondale Township meeting room.

The Civilian Conservation Corps is often known by the abbreviation CCC.

The program is open to the public and is hosted by the Shawnee Group of the Sierra Club.

Under a new law Rauner signed Aug. 11, the declaration permits drivers of trucks carrying agricultural commodities over state highways to obtain a free permit to exceed gross vehicle weight limits by 10 percent.

Further, local authorities may waive the permit requirement at their discretion. The emergency declaration is scheduled to remain in effect for 45 days, and began on Nov. 5.

The Illinois Department of Transportation already was mobilizing the permitting process and notifying law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

More information is available online at <https://truckpermits.dot.illinois.gov/>.

Winter plant ID program slated

A winter plant identification program is planned Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands Center near Cypress.

The program is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The wetlands center is located at 8885 State Route 37 South.

Activities are planned both indoors and outdoors, weather permitting.

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Sports

A-J tops Pana for playoff win

For the second game in the Class 3A playoffs, the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team stymied an opponent with a potent offense.

The host Wildcats posted a 29-14 win over visiting Pana at The Pit Saturday afternoon, Nov. 4.

The A-J defense held standout Pana quarterback Jacob Beeson to 151 yards total passing and 64 yards rushing.

"We did a pretty good job of holding him down a little bit," A-J football coach Brett Detering said. "We had a little bit of breakdown in coverage, but overall we gave up less yards than they were used to."

A-J improved to 11-0 and Pana finishes at 9-2. The Wildcats advance to the Class 3A quarterfinals and play at Vandalia this Saturday.

The big play of the game that propelled A-J to the win was a goal line stand in the final quarter.

With A-J leading 22-14, the Panthers had driven down field. On fourth down, Pana was six yards from scoring a touchdown.

However, Beeson was halted after a five-yard gain on the 1-yard line.

The Wildcats then took over and drove down field. A-J fullback Jayce Turner capped a lengthy 14-play drive with an 8-yard touchdown run.

Jaryt Tripp's extra point kick closed out the scoring with 1:14 remaining in the game.

Conner Jerolds intercepted Beeson's pass to end any late comeback bids by Pana.

The interception was the second of the game for the Wildcats.

"Those interceptions were two big ones for us," Detering said.

A-J quarterback Bryce Osman then dropped to his knee on a couple of plays to run out the game clock.

In the opening quarter, the Panthers' offense was stymied on their opening drive when Noah Smith intercepted a Beeson pass.

The Wildcats were then able to launch an 11-play drive that ended with Turner scoring on a 3-yard run.

A-J had an offside penalty on the extra point kick try. Tripp was still able to put the football through the uprights from a little farther away.

The Wildcats pulled ahead for keeps 7-0 with 5:07 remaining in the opening quarter.

After the Panthers were forced to punt, the Wildcats were again on the move.

A-J's Kyle McMahan then caught a 41-yard TD pass from Osman after a brief four-play drive.

Tripp's kick boosted A-J to a 14-0 advantage with 1:26 remaining in the open-

ing quarter.

After the Panthers were halted again, A-J was on the move again.

Turner scored on a 6-yard run at the end of an 8-play drive.

Pana was off sides on the extra point kick, moving A-J closer to the end zone.

Turner then scored on the two-point conversion run for a 22-0 Wildcat lead with 6:21 remaining in the first half.

Detering praised the A-J defense for keeping Pana's offense off the field during the first half.

"They definitely have that type of offense that controls the time of possession."

But that potent offensive attack was limited to only one TD in the first half.

Late in the first half, Pana got its offense rolling.

Running back Ian Harbert scored on a 1-yard run at the end of a 10-play drive.

Harbert ran in the conversion points and the Panthers pulled to 22-8 with 2:49 remaining in the first half.

The Wildcats had moved to midfield when the first half concluded.

After a nifty return by McMahan to open the second half, the Wildcats were forced to punt at midfield.

Pana's offense was on the move again.

Beeson scored on a 5-yard run to cap an 8-play drive.

A-J's lineman D.J. Latham reinjured a knee on the TD run. Detering said his status was uncertain for this week's game.

The extra point kick was blocked and Pana pulled to 22-14 with 7:29 remaining in the third quarter.

Both teams traded punts to close out the third quarter.

A-J was forced to punt again early in the final quarter deep in its own territory and the Panthers took over at the Wildcats' 35-yard line.

This started a 6-play drive that stalled on the 1-yard line as the Wildcats took over and marched down field for the final TD.

The Wildcats rushed for 291 yards. Turner led the way with 169 yards on 33 carries. Osman added 117 yards on 27 carries.

Osman was 2 of 3 passing for 41 yards, with McMahan making a reception for 41 yards.

The downside of the game was that the Wildcats were called for 11 penalties for 95 yards. The Panthers had only four penalties for 38 yards.

"We ended up with 11 penalties and that's the most we've had all season long," Detering said. "We're not used to that. In a playoff game, you don't want to do that."

A-J to face Vandalia in next playoff game

The Vandalia High School football team is scheduled to host Anna-Jonesboro in the quarterfinals of the Illinois High School Association Class 3A playoffs Saturday.

Game time is set for 2 p.m. The game will be broadcast on WIBH radio in Anna.

Vandalia enters the game with an 8-3 record to face the undefeated visiting Wildcats, 11-0.

The Vandals advanced to the Class 3A quarterfinals with a 27-14 win over Greenville last week.

Vandalia, which lost to Greenville earlier in the season, had a pair of touchdowns called back on penalties in the win.

Similar to the first two

playoff games the Wildcats have played and won, the Vandals have another top notch quarterback.

"In our offense we try to be balanced," Vandalia coach Jason Clay said. "We like to run and pass."

"Vandalia has a good quarterback," A-J coach Brett Detering said. "We'll have to find a way to get him contained."

The Vandals' quarterback is sophomore Matthew Wells, 6-2, 145 pounds. He has thrown for 1,800 yards this season and scored 22 touchdowns.

His top receiver is senior Marcus Zimmerman, 5-10, 200 pounds.

He's had 1,100 yards in pass receptions this season and has scored 16 TDs.

The leading rusher is junior Trevor Smalls, 5-9, 185 pounds.

He had 210 yards rushing on 28 carries in the Greenville win. He has 2,000 yards rushing this season with 20 TDs.

"They are really good at running the ball," Detering said. "They have an explosive runner" in Smalls, he noted.

Vandalia's three losses this season were to Carlinville, 55-31; Pana, 63-55; and Greenville, 40-36.

"We pride ourselves on being physical," Clay said. "Watching the game film, A-J is physical, too. They're a very good football team. But we look forward to playing someone we haven't played before."



Anna-Jonesboro's Bryce Osman, number 14, covered in mud. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.



Anna-Jonesboro's Arieh Hart, number 1, breaks a tackle. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.

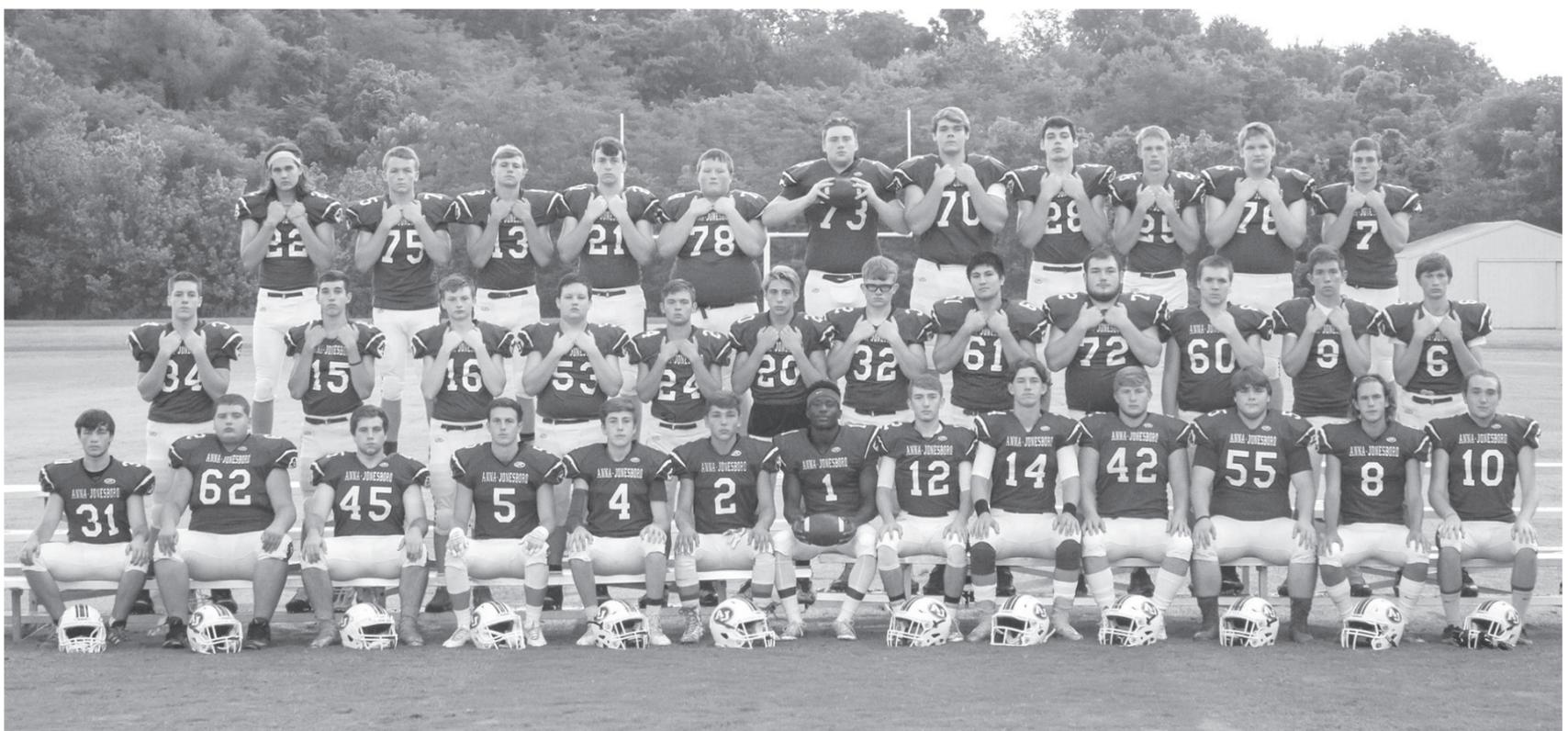


Anna-Jonesboro players Jayce Turner, Bryce Osman and Noah Smith congratulate each other after their playoff victory. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.



The Anna-Jonesboro and Pana players, coaches and cheerleaders gathered for prayer following last Saturday's game. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.

Good luck to the A-J Wildcats in the 2017 IHSA Playoffs



Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Wildcat football team: First row L-R Zach Pinter, Clay Shultz, Drake Pyle, Sheldon McGrath, Dalton Goddard, Ross Pinnon, Arie Hart, Noah Smith, Bryce Osman, Jayce Turner, DJ Latham, Jaryt Tripp, Zach Massey. Second row L-R: Hayden Carter, Noah Hobson, Chase Stoffel, Reece Barrow, Drake Roach, Nate Kissat, Colyn Girtman, Kevin Wright, Dylan Cunningham, Nick Sanders, Wyatt Johnston, Kaleb Meier. Third row L-R: Zach Griffin, Josh Oliver, Jansen Foster, James Peterson, Carsten Christy, Garrett Fabec, Noah Craig, Reid Morrison, Kyle McMahan, Shawn Wells, Conner Jerrolds. Not pictured: Nate Frankell. Photo by Tiffany Dillow.

Illinois High School Association Class 3A Boys Football Playoff Schedule and Scores

First Round

- Game 1 — Farmington 48, Winnebago 6
- Game 2 — Wilmington 30, Elmwood (E.-Brimfield Coop) 14
- Game 3 — Peotone 41, Paxton (P.-Buckley-Loda) 20
- Game 4 — Elmhurst (IC Catholic) 55, Watseka [Coop] 6
- Game 5 — Williamsville 52, Spring Valley (Hall) 6
- Game 6 — Bloomington (Central Catholic) 35, Beardstown 31
- Game 7 — Byron 28, Eureka 7
- Game 8 — Monticello 35, Poplar Grove (North Boone) 14
- Game 9 — Pleasant Plains 51, Trenton (Wesclin) 20
- Game 10 — Newton 17, Alton (Marquette) 6
- Game 11 — Decatur (St. Teresa) 34, Marshall 8
- Game 12 — Carlinville 52, Wood River (East Alton-W.R.) 19

- Game 13 — Vandalia 41, Fairfield 14
- Game 14 — Greenville 39, Sesser (S.-Valier) (Coop) 20
- Game 15 — Anna (A.-Jonesboro) 22, Hillsboro 8
- Game 16 — Pana (H.S.) 39, Du Quoin (H.S.) 26

Second Round

- Game 17 — Wilmington 37, Farmington 12
- Game 18 — Elmhurst (IC Catholic) 29, Peotone 16
- Game 19 — Williamsville 45, Bloomington (Central Catholic) 14
- Game 20 — Byron 21, Monticello 20
- Game 21 — Pleasant Plains 29, Newton 27
- Game 22 — Carlinville 40, Decatur (St. Teresa) 36
- Game 23 — Vandalia 27, Greenville 14
- Game 24 — Anna (A.-Jonesboro) 29, Pana (H.S.) 14

Quarterfinals

- Game 25 — #8 Wilmington (10-1) at #5 Elmhurst (IC Catholic) (10-1), Saturday, Nov. 11, 5 p.m.
- Game 26 — #3 Byron (11-0) at #2 Williamsville (11-0), Saturday, Nov. 11, 2 p.m.
- Game 27 — #16 Pleasant Plains (8-3) at #5 Carlinville (10-1), Saturday, Nov. 11, 2 p.m.
- Game 28 — #3 Anna (A.-Jonesboro) (11-0) at #15 Vandalia (8-3), Saturday, Nov. 11, 2 p.m.

Semifinals

- Game 29 — Winner Game 25 vs. Winner Game 26, TBA
- Game 30 — Winner Game 27 vs. Winner Game 28, TBA

Championship

- Game 31 — Winner Game 29 vs. Winner Game 30 at DeKalb (Huskie Stadium), Friday, Nov. 24, 4 p.m.



The Blue Crew was on the field at Saturday's playoff game with the A-J cheerleaders and marching band to cheer for the Wildcat football team as it took the field. Photo by Tiffany Dillow.

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Action at the net
Cobden's Megan Rhodes, number 2, and Lexi Miller, number 14, go high at the net against Norris City-Omaha-Enfield in a high school volleyball sectional championship match. The match was played Wednesday, Nov. 1, at Cobden.



Cobden fans cheer for team
Fans of the Cobden High School volleyball team cheered on their team in the Nov. 1 sectional championship match, which was played in front of a packed house.

Cobden volleyball wins sectional title

Cobden lost 25-18, 25-10 to Windsor Stewardson-Strasburg in the Class 1A high school volleyball super-sectional at Farina Friday, Nov. 3. Meredith Flamm led the Appleknockers with nine kills. Grace Schroeder had 15 assists and two aces. Brook Bailey had nine digs and Megan Rhodes added four kills. Cobden finished the 2017 season with a school record 26 wins. Cobden ended its season with an overall record of 26-12. Cobden advanced in post-season play after winning the school's first Class 1A sectional title by scores

of 25-17, 11-25 and 24-17 over Norris City-Omaha-Enfield in the Class 1A sectional, which was hosted by the Appleknockers Wednesday, Nov. 1. "I thought we did a really good job of staying focused" in the sectional win, Cobden coach Nathan Emrick said. "We kind

of turned it around in the third set." Schroeder led the way in the win with 26 assists, 2 aces and a kill. Flamm added 7 of 7 successful serves, 13 digs and 12 kills. Rhodes had 13 of 15 successful serves, 11 kills, 7 digs and an ace. Bailey had 22 of 24 suc-

cessful serves, 12 digs, 5 assists and an ace. Alaina Hartline had 8 kills, 5 digs and a block. Elle Mason had 3 of 3 successful serves, 5 digs, 2 aces and a kill. Harleigh Braden had 9 of 11 successful serves and 3 digs. Lexi Miller had a dig and a kill.

Egyptian squad 3-1 following recent action

The Egyptian Middle School girls' basketball team is off to a combined junior varsity and varsity record of 3-1. The team has one 8th grader and has nine players on the team, but has been playing with eight players due to injury. Results from the team's

games follow: Egyptian JV 30, St. Andrew's JV 22. St. Andrew's Varsity 32, Egyptian Varsity 27. Egyptian JV 29, Cobden JV 10. Egyptian Varsity 44, Cobden Varsity 29. Scoring for Egyptian players follows: Anyai Blake, 37 points in four games; Dashyra Boyce, 18 points in four games;

Aerial Woodson, 26 points in four games; Hayle Poole, 12 points in four games; Abigail Edwards, 4 points in four games; Katie Dodson, 4 points in four games; Tearis Boyce, 6 points in three games; and Courtney Lewis, 23 points in two games. The team is coached by Dale Pender, Sandy Pender and Jaycee Pender.

Scramble results

The team of Lee Danhour, Doug Halterman, Davin Hannuksela and Joe Wendling won the men's golf scramble at the Union County Country Club course in Anna Wednesday, Oct. 27. The team of Brent Goforth, Jim Honey, Steve Poole and George Warren finished second. The team of Matt Last-er, Doug Schultzer, Chris Whitaker and Walt Zeschke finished third.

Soccer players earn recognition

Members of the Anna-Jonesboro/Cobden/Dongola high school boys' co-op soccer team have earned post-season honors. Team members John Russell, Sheldon McGrath and Jaryt Tripp were named to the 2017 Chicago Fire boys all-state all-academic team. Tripp also was named to the Illinois High School Soccer Coaches Association 2017 all-sectional selection team.

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Saluki Sports Update

By Fred Huff
One word best describes last week's Saluki football loss to Missouri State. Disappointing. However, as a result, it provides us with an opportunity to share with readers what we found to be an exciting discovery in our on-going clean-up, throw-away project of sports files, memorabilia, whatever, on a rainy Sunday afternoon. This proved to be a gem, at least in our mind, although we admittedly are prejudiced when it comes to one of our all-time best friends, Merle Jones. For young readers, Merle was the area's most knowledgeable, in our opinion, sports writer ever. He knew it. He loved it, both the subjects and the personalities involved, readers, athletes, coaches and complete strangers, loved him. Our Sunday find: Merle's program from the 1973 Illinois Basketball Coaches Association's inaugural Hall of Fame banquet. And, of course, he was a charter inductee. Ron Herrin (Olney) was one of just four board officers while brother, Rich (Benton) and Tom Adkins (Joppa) were board members. Honored inductees, and including only those from Southern Illinois, included: Coaches: Stan Changnon (Mt. Vernon), George Havens (Nashville), Merrill Thomas (Pinkneyville) and Arthur Trout (Centralia). Players: Dwight Eddleman, Dick Garrett and Herb Williams (Centralia), Max Hooper and Walt Moore (Mt. Vernon), Jerry Sloan (McLeansboro), Greg Starick (Marion), John Tidwell (Herrin), Rich Yunkus (Benton), Les Taylor (Carbondale), Charley "Chico" Vaughn (Tammis), "Friends": Tom McKie (West Frankfort), Teams included: Centralia's "Wonder Five" of 1941, Mt. Vernon's 1950 state championship team, Herrin's 1952 state championship team, SIU's 1946 NAIA national championship team which included players from Carbondale, Zeigler, Pinkneyville, Eldorado, Herrin and Du Quoin. News media members: Merle Jones (The Southern Illinoisan), Bob Tedrow (The Benton Evening News) and John Rackaway (The Mt. Vernon Register News). Game officials: Ernie Reynolds (Carterville), Claude Rhodes (Benton), Ted Search Sr. (Chester), Ernie Driggers (Mt. Vernon). Since, as you might expect, there have been literally hundreds from Southern Illinois added to the organization's hall. Its "headquarters," where individual plaques have been on display down through the years, has moved several times. Originally spotted at Illinois State University, the organization moved to Bloomington's Holiday Inn before shifting to Danville. Only recently, the last two or three years, it has moved to what officials are hoping will be its permanent "home" in Pontiac. Halls of Fame have been points of discussion and even have created considerable controversy as times due to what some fans have felt were omissions. That's to be expected. Several years ago we attempted to create a "Southern Illinois Hall of Fame", but couldn't get it going for lack of a "home" and generous sponsor. We even had an outstanding group of people, all experts in their respective fields, as "selection" officials. Our prime criteria was that those receiving consideration for membership in the hall had to have attended a high school in our area. Sorry Walt Frazier. Sorry Jim Hart. Sorry Lew Hartzog. You all are "outsiders" and simply don't qualify. We're also sorry it didn't get off the ground. Perhaps some day a young promoter will pick up where we left off and recognize guys like golfer Pursie Pipes, wrestler Larry Kristoff, basketball standout Doug Collins, the versatile Larry Rushing, there are so many worthy candidates, can be recognized. Locally. In Southern Illinois. Oh well...we'll just move on to another shelf.

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

ANNA JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK, An Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,

vs
NEALY M. FLAMM, VILLAGE OF COBDEN ILLINOIS, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
Case No.: 2017-CH-26

FIRST AMENDED PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Nealy M. Flamm, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, by the said Plaintiff

against you and other defendants to foreclose a certain Mortgage covering the following described premises, to-wit:

EXHIBIT C
THE SOUTH ONE-FOURTH (S1/4) OF LOT NUMBERED THREE (3) AND ALL OF LOTS NUMBERED FOUR (4) AND FIVE (5) IN F. PETSCH'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF COBDEN, UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

and for other relief, that summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that said suit is still pending.

Now, therefore, unless you, the said Defendant, Nealy M. Flamm and Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, file your answer to the Complaint in the suit, or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, in the County Courthouse in the City of Jonesboro, Illinois, on or before the 2nd day of December, 2017, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

Tiffany Busby
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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

ANNA-JONESBORO NATIONAL BANK, an Illinois Banking corporation, Plaintiff,
vs
MICHEL S. WRIGHT a/k/a MICHAEL WRIGHT, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
Case No.: 2017-CH-30

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Michel S. Wright a/k/a Michael Wright, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, by the said Plaintiff against you and other defendants to foreclose a certain Mortgage covering the following described premises, to-wit:

Exhibit C
Lot No. 3 and the East Half and three feet in width off the East side of the West Half of Lot No. 4 in Winstead Davie's Second Addition to the Town, now City of Anna, situated in the County of Union and State of Illinois.

and for other relief, that summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that said suit is still pending.

Now, therefore, unless you, the said Defendants, Michel S. Wright a/k/a Michael Wright, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, file your answer to the Complaint in the suit, or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, in the County Courthouse in the City of Jonesboro, Illinois, on or before the 2nd day of December, 2017, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

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

BEVERLY BAKER, Plaintiff,
vs
BRADLEY J. JEROLDS and BELINDA J. JEROLDS, UNKNOWN OWNERS And NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
Case No.: 2017-CH-31

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Bradley J. Jerolds and Belinda J. Jerolds, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, by the said Plaintiff against you and other defendants to foreclose a certain Mortgage covering the following described premises, to-wit:

EXHIBIT B
General Description:
Part of the Northwest Quarter and part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 13, Township 12 South, Range 2 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Union County, Illinois.

Detailed Description:
Commencing at the Southeast corner of the said Northwest Quarter; thence westerly along the South line of the said Northwest Quarter a distance of 660.0 feet to a point; thence northwesterly along a line with a deflection angle to the right of 69° 27' 25" a distance of 1816.86 feet to a point; thence northwesterly along a line with a deflection angle to the right of 1° 57' 52" a distance of 794.98 feet to a point; thence easterly along a line with a deflection angle to the right of 100° 45' 46" a distance of 1445.13 feet to the point of beginning for this description; from said point of beginning, thence easterly along a line with a deflection angle to the right of 12° 33' 26" a distance of 317.06 feet to a point; thence southerly along a line with a deflection angle

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to the right of 83° 28' 04" distance of 520.72 feet to a point in the northeasterly line of Parcel 5 as recording on Page 49 of Book 9 of Plats of the Office of the Recorder of Union County, Illinois; thence Southwesterly along the Northeasterly line of the said Parcel 5 with a deflection angle to the right of 44° 20' 48" a distance of 369.78 feet to the Northwest corner of said Parcel 5; thence Northwesterly along a line with a deflection angle to the right of 68° 18' 04" a distance of 61.25 feet to a point; thence northerly along a line with a deflection angle to the right of 67° 21' 08" a distance of 797.64 feet to the point of beginning.

Subject to a reserved permanent roadway and utility easement described as follows: A strip of land 20.00 feet in width, adjacent to, parallel with and Northeasterly of the following described lines: Beginning at the Northwest corner of Parcel 7; thence Southerly along the Westerly line of said Parcel 7 a distance of 797.64 feet to a point; thence Southwesterly along a line with a deflection angle to the left of 67° 21' 08" a distance of 61.25 feet to a point and the end of the lines herein described, and a strip of land 20.00 feet in width, adjacent to, parallel with and Northwesterly of the following described line: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Parcel 7; thence Southwesterly along the Southeasterly line of said Parcel 7 a distance of 369.78 to a point and the end of the line herein described.

and for other relief, that summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that said suit is still pending.

Now, therefore, unless you, the said Defendants, Bradley J. Jerolds and Belinda J. Jerolds, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, file your answer to the Complaint in the suit, or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, in the County Courthouse in the City of Jonesboro, Illinois, on or before the 2nd day of December, 2017, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

Tiffany Busby
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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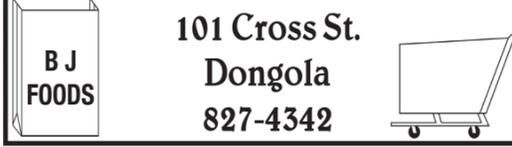
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Obituaries

Nina A. Merriman

Nina A. Merriman, 91, of Anna, died at 4:48 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017, at the River to River Community of Anna.

She was born on April 24, 1926, the daughter of John and Laura Foster Fear.

She married Robert "Bob" Merriman on June 20, 1943. He preceded her in death on April 10, 2015.

She enjoyed every minute of babysitting for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved getting out to eat wherever fish was served. Her family said she was full of laughter and possessed a great sense of humor. Recently she had begun attending the Pentecostal Church in Dongola.

She is survived by her daughters, Barabara (Carl) Sandlin of Anna, Sherry (Lenny) Koniak of Mt. Olive, and Sandy (John) Ondo of Sawyerville; sons Richard (Vickie) Merriman of Goreville and Rick (Sonia) Merriman of Anna; grandchildren Penny Rarrick, Peggy Duty, Paul Sandlin, Scott Merriman, Tony Merriman, Tim Merriman, Shane Merriman, Kim Gossett, Tasha Hogue, Leslie Hacker, Sara Dallas, Wayne Dallas, Jonathon Ondo, Amie Ondo and Jessica Rarrick; 41 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; a sister, Violet Brimm of Arizona; a brother-in-law, Don (Betty) Merriman of Anna; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; sister Eula Ginna; infant sister Goldie; and brothers, Dewey, Louie, Lester, George, Loren and Leo Fear.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, today, at Crain Funeral Home in Anna-Jonesboro.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at the funeral home, with Pastor John Gourley officiating. Interment will follow in Casper Cemetery near Anna.

Memorials can be made to the Dongola Pentecostal Church.

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

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



Christina 'Evelyn' Rumfelt

Christina "Evelyn" Rumfelt, 71, of Wickliffe, Ky., and formerly of Anna, died at 11:25 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, 2017, at her home.

She was born on Feb. 16, 1946, in Wolf Lake, the daughter of John and Pearl Smith Morse.

She married Christopher Paul Rumfelt in Indianapolis, Ind. He preceded her in death.

She is survived by her two daughters, Natalie Rumfelt of Kansas and Paula Garcia of Indianapolis, Ind.; one son, Christopher Paul Rumfelt Jr. of San Pablo, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; five sisters, Karen Gentry of Anna, Alice Brimm of Anna, Cindy Sue Scharell, Betty Sutton and Sue Richardson, all of Kansas City, Kan.; two brothers, Milas Morse of Indiana and Bob Morse of Kansas City, Kan.; a very special niece who she lived with, Helena Gentry of Wickliffe, Ky.; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one sister and five brothers.

She served in the U.S. Army. She was a member of the Philadelphia Church of God. She worked as an accounting bookkeeper for several years.

Funeral services for Christina "Evelyn" Rumfelt will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro. Interment will be in the Jonesboro Cemetery. Friends can call after 10 a.m. and until the service hour at 11 a.m. on Friday.

Memorials can be made to Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home.

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

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



Imogene Eddleman Closser

Imogene Eddleman Closser, 97, of Dongola, died Thursday, Nov. 2, 2017, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

She was born on March 22, 1920, in Dongola, the daughter of William Daniel and Ima Smoot Keller.

She married Edwin Eddleman. He preceded her in death in 1978. She later married Lee Closser, who preceded her in death in 2014.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Dongola. She was a life member and the oldest living member of the American Thresherman Association in Pinckneyville. She loved to be in the kitchen making angel food cake from scratch.

She is survived by her son, Larry (Kim) Eddleman of Dongola; a niece, Sharon Hicks of White Bear Lake, Minn.; cousins Edith Tompkins of Tennessee, Barbara (Deon) Davis of Dongola and Sarah Keller of Cape Girardeau; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Edwin Eddleman and second husband, Lee Closser; brothers Clemen Keller and Cleo Keller; and a sister, Havi Cooley.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4, at Crain Funeral Home in Dongola, with the Rev. Mickey Williams officiating. Interment was in the American Legion Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the First Baptist Church of Dongola.

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

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Reynoldsville News

by Sue Eudy

Happy birthday wishes to my husband, Steve Eudy, on Friday, Nov. 10.

Visiting on Friday with Maxine and Fred Pender of Fair City were Austin Pender of Anna, and Gary Gibbs, Helen Bracken and Mildred Fox, all of Jonesboro.

Sunday dinner guests of Sue and Steve Eudy were Kevin and Emma Eudy of Jackson, Mo.

Shirley Miller of McClure and George Gifford of Waltonville ate at Cracker Barrel in Cape Girardeau on Monday and then visited with Kelly Pruitt at the veterans home in Cape Girardeau.

Recent visitors of Ber-

niece McRaven of Fair City were Renee Renshaw and Daphne Huffman of Thebes, Darrell McRaven of Jonesboro, Donna McRaven, Stephanie Muhldin, Diane Hudgins and Clint Hudgins, all of Dongola.

Saturday, Nov. 11, is Veterans Day. If you know a veteran be sure and thank them for helping to preserve the freedoms we have in this country.

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



Union County Farm Bureau has 100th annual meeting

The Union County Farm Bureau had its 100th annual meeting Thursday evening, Nov. 2. A large crowd was on hand for the landmark meeting, which was held at the Great Boars of Fire Lodge between Anna and Cobden. The program featured music by The Hollerboys, a meal, reports and a keynote address by Illinois Farm Bureau president Richard Guebert.

Illinois offers assistance to victims of hurricane

A desire for Illinois to serve as a host state for disaster victims from Puerto Rico who were displaced by Hurricane Maria has been expressed by Gov. Bruce Rauner.

Rauner contacted the Federal Emergency Management Agency's, FEMA, Region V office in Chicago to let them know the State of Illinois would like to be considered for FEMA's Transitional Sheltering Assistance, TSA, program.

"Illinois continues to stand ready to help our fellow Americans in Puerto Rico as they recover from the unbelievable destruction caused by Hurricane Maria," Rauner said.

"At the very least, it will be many months before some survivors will once again have a home on the island. We want to do everything possible to help

them through this very difficult time."

Under the TSA program, FEMA is seeking host states in the continental United States to coordinate support for Puerto Ricans displaced by the hurricane.

FEMA will reimburse host states for 100 percent of eligible sheltering costs.

Rauner has directed the Illinois Emergency Management Agency to work with FEMA Region V staff on a host state agreement.

Puerto Rico's governor will determine what states serve as host states.

On Oct. 1, Rauner contacted Puerto Rican Gov. Ricardo Rosello to express Illinois' willingness and ability to send state personnel and assets to assist him and the citizens of Puerto Rico as they work to recover from the devastating effects of Hurricane Maria.

Program Serves Those Who Served

Volunteers across Illinois were gearing up to participate in the Serving Those Who Served Program, STWS, with a week's worth of events which began Nov. 5 and continues through Nov. 11.

Their goal is to make an impact in the lives of veterans and show gratitude for their service to this country.

The Illinois Department

of Veterans Affairs spearheads the STWS program.

The department is partnering with seven other organizations to help increase the success of the program.

This is the second year for the STWS program. About 570 volunteers came out to support the program last year, providing approximately 2,280 hours of community service.

The following Union County banks will be closed Saturday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day.

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"The Preaching Pen" Marriage and Divorce

How is marriage regarded in America? Let me share the following excerpt from an article that appeared on msn.com a few years ago concerning Kim Kardashian. Sadly, I believe it illustrates how much of society views the marriage covenant. "After a painful few months, Kris Jenner can finally find the humor in her daughter Kim Kardashian's short-lived marriage to NBA player Kris Humphries, 27.

"What's a measly little 72 days?" she jokes... With Kim, she falls in love really hard. She's a hopeless romantic. And I tell all of my children, 'Follow your heart,' Jenner, 56, explains. "Do what you feel and what you want. What you think is the right thing to do, but follow your heart. Be happy."

I believe that explains society's view of marriage: "Do what you feel and what you want" - with no thought for God's will, the sanctity of the marriage covenant, or the feelings of the other spouse.

According to data compiled by the National Center for Health Statistics, the annual divorce rate in America is about 50% of all recent marriages. Is this what God wants? Absolutely not. Genesis 2:24 informs us that God's plan is for a man to leave his father and mother and be one flesh with his wife. No allowance is made for man to marry man, or for woman to marry woman, but for a man and a woman to become one flesh. That's God's pattern.

Once married, only death may separate the married couple. Chapter 19 of Matthew begins with the Pharisees trying to tangle Jesus in His own words. They ask him questions about marriage and lawful divorce and He answers them in verse 9, "And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery; and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery." "Except" means, "if and only if." The idea is simple. Unless there has been an instance of fornication, it is not transaction to divorce. If a divorce takes place for any reason other than fornication (sexual unfaithfulness - adultery), then it is only a divorce in the eyes of man and God won't recognize it. In His eyes, the two people will still be married.

Anyone who would perform a marriage - especially if one or both marriage partners has been previously married, has a responsibility to make sure that each party has the Scriptural right to marry. Sadly, though, the one performing the marriage may be misled into believing the marriage will be pleasing to God when in fact, it violates Mt. 19:9.

Dear Soul, divorce is a plague upon our country. It often occurs for the flimsiest of reasons, and such ought not to be. Study God's Word with us at the Anna church of Christ at 104 Nile St., or you can find us on the Web at www.annachurchofchrist.com. We hope to see you soon and wish you a great day!

R.W. McAlister, Minister
Anna church of Christ

Worship at Kornthal
Kornthal Church will hold its Third Thursday worship November 16th at 7:00 p.m. Kornthal is located 2 1/2 miles south of Jonesboro off Illinois 127.
If any wish to participate, a canned good collection will be held that evening for a local food pantry.
Note: Our third Thursday December worship will start at 6:30 to allow time for refreshments/fellowship after the service.



Golf tournament benefits golf scholarship

Anna-Jonesboro Elks Lodge No. 1641 sponsored a golf scramble at the Union County Country Club in Anna and hosted a fish fry on July 22 at the Elks Lodge in Anna which benefited the Brian S. Tucker Memorial Golf Scholarship Fund. The Elks worked with the Union County Country Club on the event. From left are Brandon Bierstedt, PGA golf professional at the Union County Country Club in Anna; Cindy Tucker, mother of Brian Tucker; and Carter Lacy, ER of the Anna Jonesboro Elks Lodge No. 1641. The golf scramble generated \$1,000 for the scholarship fund which was presented recently to Ms. Tucker. The scholarship is awarded to Union County high school seniors who were members of their school's golf team and who further their education in college. Photo provided.



Grand opening

EZ Portable Buildings in Anna recently hosted its grand opening. Those who attended were treated to chili and hot dogs, prizes and special pricing on portable buildings. The business carries handcrafted storage sheds, tiny houses, garages, home offices, carports and more. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday. Pictured are Mikayla Skelton, Michael Skelton, Lisa Skelton and Donald Skelton, the owner.



VFW welcomes A-JCHS football team

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of Anna served a fish fry on Friday evening, Nov. 3. The fish fry was at the post home near Anna. The post showed its support for the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team by serving dinner for the team.

Jonesboro announces honor students

Jonesboro School announces first quarter honor roll students:

High Honors

Logan Abernathy, Bobby Dover-Velasques, Ben Hauser, Zoe Jones, Chesnee Marks, Thomas Coleman, Miranda Bundren, Lizbeth Carrillo, Alexandria Keller, Torie Ralls, Alyson Hasty, Mya Laster, Ella Lingle, Brileya Yarber.

Austin Adams, Isabel Tehandon, Lily Baker, Trevor Cochran, Kaya Coleman, Kaelyn George, Dylan

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Honors

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Reagan Brough, Jaycee Miller, Mason Miller, Emilie Mowery, Shawn Waddington, Juan Zavala, Abigail Dahmer, Harrison Ford, Annie Hobson, Jacob Acklin.

Governor sends Illinois Army National Guard soldiers to Puerto Rico

Approximately 150 Illinois Army National Guard military police soldiers are being sent by Gov. Bruce Rauner to assist the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria.

"The people of Illinois prove time and time again that we rally together in times of crisis," Rauner said.

"Our fellow Americans need us. Many of them have lost everything. I'm proud that we can step up and send our Guard troops in to help relieve some of the pressure they're experiencing in Puerto Rico."

The deployment came just one month after Rauner sent a letter to Ricardo Rossello, the governor of Puerto Rico, letting him know the people of Illinois were eager to assist and would mobilize troops immediately if and when more boots were needed on the ground.

Puerto Rico requested the assistance through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, EMAC, the nation's state-to-state mutual aid system.

All 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands are part of the compact.

The request was coordinated in Illinois by the

state's Emergency Management Agency, IEMA.

Under the EMAC agreement, Puerto Rico agreed to reimburse the state of Illinois for all deployment expenses, estimated at more than \$948,000.

"The recovery in Puerto Rico will be difficult and long, and it's likely more assistance will be needed in the coming months," IEMA director James K. Joseph said.

"We will continue to closely monitor the EMAC system for additional ways Illinois responders can help with the recovery."

Soldiers from the 933rd Military Police Company, based at Fort Sheridan, were flown to Puerto Rico by the Illinois Air National Guard's Peoria-based 182nd Airlift Wing and Scott Air Force-based 126th Air Refueling Wing on Nov. 4.

They will provide additional security, escort relief convoys and conduct law-enforcement patrols on the

hurricane-ravaged island.

"Hurricane Maria has caused terrible devastation in Puerto Rico," said Maj. Gen. Richard J. Hayes Jr., the adjutant general of the Illinois National Guard.

"We are proud to respond to the needs of our fellow citizens as the Minutemen have done for more than 380 years."

The Illinois Air National Guard already had approximately 60 airmen on the island assisting with relief efforts, including about 30 security forces personnel, 15 food services specialists and 15 communications specialists from bases in Springfield, Peoria and Edwardsville.

The Guard also has troops assisting with hurricane relief efforts in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Fall turkey hunt totals 350 birds

Hunters in Illinois harvested a preliminary statewide total of 350 wild turkeys during the 2017 fall shotgun hunting season.

Preliminary harvest totals were reported by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

The 2017 total compares with a statewide fall turkey harvest of 385 birds in 2016.

The 2017 season dates were Oct. 21-29.

The fall shotgun wild turkey hunting season was open in 56 of the 102 counties in Illinois.

In Union County, hunters harvested 15 birds this year, compared to 18 in 2016.

Harvest totals in neighboring counties for 2017 and 2016 included:

Alexander County, three, none last year. Jackson County, 14, 10. Johnson County, nine, 15. Massac County, none, one. Williamson County, 21, 13.

Trail society hike planned

The River-to-River Trail Society plans to sponsor a guided hike on Saturday, Nov. 11, on the Bald Knob trail.

Those who want to go on the hike are asked to meet at 10:30 a.m. at the Cross of Peace on Bald Knob Mountain near Alto Pass.

The trail society said the trail is strenuous, with a very substantial increase in elevation.

The hike is intended for experienced hikers who are in good physical condition.

Boots or sturdy shoes and hiking sticks are strongly recommended. Hikers are advised to bring their own water and a snack, and to not bring dogs.

For information or directions, call 618-499-2337.

'Luther' encore scheduled

In commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, a local readers' theatre group has prepared an historical interpretation of events of that time.

The readers' play is based on the book "Luther" by John Osborn.

The first presentation of the Luther story took place at Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna on Saturday, Oct. 28.

An encore performance of "Luther" is planned on the main stage at the Anna Arts Center in Anna at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, sponsored by the Shawnee Hills Arts Council.

Admission is \$5 in support of the arts center. For more information, call 833-7083.

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A-JCHS National Honor Society trick-or-treat event

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School National Honor Society had its annual trick-or-treat event on Oct. 31 at the Union County school. The event featured candy, face painting and games. National Honor Society members also collected donations for the WIBH New Coats, New Hope Campaign. The group collected gloves, mittens and hats, in addition to raising over \$100 to help purchase new coats for children living in Southern Illinois who are affected by abuse, neglect, disaster and other life altering circumstances. Among those present were, from left, Madi Johnston, Hannah Baggott, Bryce Massey, Megan Tehandon, Anna Madura, Trenton Newberry, Britni Helton, Jacob Applegate, Natalie Marshall, Emma Ray and Zach Odum. Those who helped, but could not be present for the picture, included Alex Rogers, Paige Mix, Bryce Osman, Sheldon McGrath, Mallory Cochran, Ashley Detering, Morgan Wendling, Jasmin Foster, Julia Ellis, Lexi Smith, Connor Hadley and Hunter Denny. Photo provided by Courtney Garner, A-JCHS National Honor Society sponsor.



Very special occasion

Erie Rosson celebrated her 103rd birthday on Oct. 29. Photo provided.

Erie Rosson celebrates 103rd birthday Oct. 29

On Oct. 29 Erie Rosson, formerly of Anna, celebrated her 103rd birthday with family and friends at the Jonesboro Rehabilitation and Health Care Center.

Her daughter Charlene and her husband Gerald Hileman of Jonesboro were the first to arrive.

Her son Bob and his wife Pat Rosson from Arizona were also there for the celebration.

Several local family and friends came to help celebrate, including her sister Mary Casper from Jonesboro.

Erie's son Bob reminisced about the time his mother flew in an airplane for the first time.

When Erie was in her mid-80s, she flew with her son's family to California to go to Disneyland.

On the trip they went on a wild roller coaster ride, which she rode with hands flying in the air while everyone else hung on tight. Erie

has always loved adventure.

Her family said she has always been a determined woman who doesn't give up and that drive has inspired more birthdays than most can imagine.

Erie spent most of her life working hard on a farm outside of Anna with her husband Charlie Rosson, who is now deceased.

Later, they sold the farm and moved their family into the city limits of Anna.

Erie's son said that his mother's enjoyment of life, hard work and never smoking or drinking have contributed to her longevity.

CCBA supper, meeting slated

The Cobden Business and Community Association, CCBA, plans to have its annual fall soup and chili supper and general membership meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 14.

The event is scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, at The Old Feed Store in downtown Cobden.

Dinner includes chili, soups, breads, dessert and drink.

Prices are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under; children 6 and under are free.

During the general membership meeting, plans for the upcoming Christmas in the Village celebration in Cobden will be discussed.

For more information, contact CCBA president Ray Hogan at 618-525-2531.

Veterans Day ceremony scheduled in Carbondale

Southern Illinois University Carbondale, VFW Post 2605 and the city of Carbondale plans to host a joint Veterans Day ceremony

on Friday, Nov. 10, at the Veterans Memorial Plaza in Carbondale.

The event begins at 11 a.m. and is open to the public.

The Veterans Memorial Plaza is at the intersection of East Main and South Washington streets, just south of the town square.

In the event of rain, the ceremony will move across the street to the City Pavilion.

The SIU Carbondale Army and Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, ROTC, will perform an honor salute and presentation of our nation's colors.

The ceremony honors veterans of all American and foreign wars, conflicts and military operations.

For the 24 hours preceding the ceremony, a combined operation of more than 100 members of the

university's Army and Air Force ROTC plan to conduct a timeless tradition honoring those who have served.

Cadets will conduct a silent vigil beginning at 11 a.m. on Nov. 9 at the Old Main flagpole on the SIU campus in remembrance of the nation's prisoners of war and those who remain missing in action.

The guard change occurs every 15 minutes during the 24-hour period that runs until Friday's ceremony.

SIU president Randy

Dunn is scheduled to provide introductory remarks and Carbondale Mayor John "Mike" Henry will present a Veterans Day proclamation.

Chancellor Carlo Montemagno will provide brief remarks.

Montemagno, who became chancellor in August, joined the U.S. Navy in 1980 and served several management positions as a civil engineering corps officer working with the U.S. Department of Energy.

Kathy Cotton receives honors in poetry society competitions

Kathy Cotton of Anna recently received seven awards in the Poetry Society of Indiana, PSI, annual competitions.

Winners were announced at the 39th Annual Fall Ren-

dezvous, which was Oct. 27-29.

Cotton received a first-place prize in the Buddy Award for a diamond Fibonacci poem, second place in the Poet Laureates' Award for a traditional haiku and third place in the PSI Grand Prize category for free verse.

The three poems will be published in the 2017 anthology, Ink to Paper.

She also was awarded honorable mentions in four categories: the Life Worth Remembering Award, the Last Stanza Prize, the Indiana Voice Journal Prize and the Oberlin Poetry Prize.

Cotton is a member of the Illinois State Poetry Society, ISPS, board of directors, the facilitator of the ISPS Southern Chapter in Carbondale and editor of the Illinois Poets Newsletter.

She also is a member of the National Federation of State Poetry Societies board. She serves as editor for three of the national organization's annual poetry books.

Garden club meeting set

The Anna-Jo Garden Club plans to have a monthly meeting on Nov. 14.

The meeting is set for 1 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Anna.

Marge Selinger, Linda Karraker, Tom Sadowski, Tammy Loomis, Jill Betts, and Lola Edmonds will host the meeting.

A program about soil science and testing is scheduled to be presented by Sarah Wilson. Tom Sadowski will give a horticulture tip.

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



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Salem Lutheran Church anniversary Pastors in attendance at the 125th anniversary celebration of Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro on Oct. 29 included the Rev. Dennis Hallmeier, a former pastor at the church; the Rev. Mark Hasty, the church's current pastor; the Rev. John Roth, bishop of the Central-Southern Illinois Synod of the Lutheran Church in America; and the Rev. Leo H. Patterson, a former pastor at the church. Photo provided.

News from

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

On All Saints Sunday, youth director Paula Hasty referenced the Reformation 500 years ago and told the children about Martin Luther.

"Martin Luther read, understood, then told others," she said. She said he helped common people learn, because he translated books, especially the Bible, into common languages.

In his sermon, Pastor Mark Hasty said, "God's love is not just for us, but intended to be shared with others." Mt. Moriah's prayer list includes 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 Starr, Adalee Davie, Paula Keistler, Betty Brown, Paul Wittke, Bobbie Adams, Denise Garner, Sandra Boaz, Natalie Wood, Jim Dallas, Bob Manus, Spencer Hammond, Nancy Lyerla and David Stanley Jr.

Prayer was offered for those grieving for Pat Martin, Nathan A. Honey and Kathy Hill Stevens.

Mt. Moriah joined congregations of the Alliance of Churches to observe All Saints Day on Wednesday, Nov. 1. Church bells across the community rang in early evening in commemoration.

After a community meal at the Main Street Center, worshipers from many congregations gathered at Mt. Moriah for a vesper service of prayer, song, meditation and thanksgiving.

The youth group will sell hot chocolate and hot apple cider at the Veterans' Day parade on Nov. 11. The men's group, Holy Smokers, will grill and sell sandwiches on the church lawn.

High school youth group meets Nov. 12 6:30 p.m. at Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro.

Christmas decorating of the church will be Sunday,

News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Nov. 5, Pastor Mike Turner's sermon was titled "The Pattern for Kingdom Living." Scripture was from Philippians.

Interim music director Dee Rose led worship. Women on Mission are scheduled to meet at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, today.

Birthdays: Caleb Clover, Nov. 6; Judy Hancock, Nov. 8; Joann Boatright, Nov. 9; Norma Conant, Nov. 12; Edward Stone, Nov. 13.

The schedule for worship includes three services on Sunday at 8:15 a.m., 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Awana is from 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday. An adult Bible study/prayer meeting and youth meeting are from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

News from Anna Nazarene Church

Music for the Sunday morning worship service was led by Randy Wright and Abby Barlow.

The offertory was provided by the children's church, with Mark Smith, Curly Ralls, Jacob Wright and Terry Wiseman Sr. serving as ushers.

The guest speaker for the morning service was Chad Radford, an Olivet Nazarene University Preaching Ambassador.

Originally from Detroit, Mich., Chad said he has been blessed over the past few years. Now that he is at Olivet, he said he is attempting to bless those less fortunate.

Chad gives his time in both Mission Possible, Olivet Nazarene University's prison ministry, as well as Incarcerated Youth Ministries, from his home in Detroit.

He said these experiences have changed his perspective on Christ's power

and the broken world. The service was closed with prayer by Chad Radford.

Music for the Sunday evening worship service was led by Randy Wright and Abby Barlow.

The offertory was provided by Randy Wright, with Teddy Anderson and Mark Smith serving as ushers.

The evening message, "Connecting Deeply With One Another," was brought by Pastor McBride from Romans.

The message shared that "our focus needs to be what we can give into the relationship instead of what we can get out of it."

The service was closed with communion being served to the congregation and prayer by Pastor McBride.

Birthdays: Nov. 6, Esten Parks.

A Meals on Wheels soup kitchen is planned Satur-

day, Nov. 18. Plans are to serve 15 families and/or individuals who either live alone, are unable to get out due to illness or other physical circumstances, or are in need.

A regular missionary meeting is planned Sunday, Nov. 19. During the meeting, the focus will be on a Feed My Starving Children event which is planned Dec. 1-3.

Feed My Starving Children is a non-profit organization that utilizes volunteers to assist in hand-packing nutritious meals for malnourished children.

Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. Worship services are Sunday at 10:35 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Youth services are at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

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18.5 million veterans in U.S.

Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary marking the end of World War I.

Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and Nov. 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed legislation in 1954 to change the name to Veterans Day as a way to honor those who served in all American wars.

The day honors military veterans with parades and speeches across the nation and a remembrance ceremony takes place at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va. The ceremony honors and thanks all who served in the U.S. armed forces.

The following facts about the nation's veterans are made possible by responses to U.S. Census Bureau's surveys.

Veterans 18.5 million

The number of military veterans in the United States in 2016.

1.6 million

The number of female veterans in the United States in 2016.

11.6 percent

The percentage of veterans in 2016 who were black. Additionally, 78.0 percent were non-Hispanic white, 1.6 percent were Asian, 0.7 percent were American Indian or Alaska Native, 0.2 percent were Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and 1.3 percent were some other race.

The numbers for blacks, non-Hispanic whites, Asians, American Indians and Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders and some other race cover only those reporting a single race.

6.5 percent

The percentage of veterans in 2016 who were Hispanic.

9.2 million

The number of veterans age 65 and older in 2016. At the other end of the age spectrum, 1.6 million were younger than age 35.

When They Served 6.7 million

The number of Vietnam Era veterans in 2016. Moreover, there were 7.1 million who served during the Gulf War (representing service from August 1990 to present); 768,000 who served in World War II; 1.6 million who served in the Korean War; and 2.4 million who served in peacetime only.

The number of living veterans in 2016 who served during three wartime periods:

65,562 served during the Vietnam Era and both periods of the Gulf War (August 1990 to August 2001 and September 2001 or later).

25,703 served during World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam Era.

The number of living veterans in 2016 who served during two wartime periods:

1,150,328 served during both periods of the Gulf War (August 1990 to August 2001 and September 2001 or later).

285,649 served during the Gulf War (August 1990 to August 2001) and the Vietnam Era.

140,101 served during the Korean War and the Vietnam Era.

56,105 served during World War II and the Korean War.

Where They Live 3

The number of states with 1.0 million or more veterans in 2016. These states were California (1.6 million), Texas (1.5 million) and Florida (1.4 million).

Education 28.3 percent

The percentage of veterans 25 years and older with a bachelor's degree or higher in 2016. In comparison, 31.5 percent of nonveterans had a bachelor's degree or higher.

Income \$40,076

The annual median income of male veterans in 2016, compared with \$35,365 for male nonveterans.

\$34,178

The annual median income of female veterans in 2016, compared with \$23,445 for female nonveterans.

On the Job 7.2 million

The number of veterans 18 to 64 years old in the labor force in 2016. Of those veterans, 6.8 million were employed.

Service-Connected Disabilities 4.0 million

The number of veterans with a service-connected disability rating in 2016.

Of this number, 1.3 million had a rating of 70.0 percent or higher.

A "service-connected" disability is one that was a result of a disease or injury incurred or aggravated during active military service.

Severity of one's disability is scaled from 0.0 to 100.0 percent, and eligibility for compensation depends on one's rating.

Voting 14.4 million

The number of veterans who voted in the 2016 presidential election.

In that election, 69.6 percent of veterans cast a ballot, compared with 60.6 percent of nonveterans. These rates reflect the citizen voting-age population.



Exhibit planned at Union County Museum

The Union County Museum in downtown Cobden plans to host an exhibit titled "Commemorating 100 Years of Union County Farm Bureau and Our Agricultural Roots." The display will feature local photographs, items from the Union County Farm Bureau, local collections and memorabilia from the Illinois Farm Bureau family of companies. The exhibit is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 11-12. The museum is located on Appleknocker Street in downtown Cobden. The accompanying photograph features memorabilia which was on display at the Union County Farm Bureau's 100th meeting. The meeting was Thursday evening, Nov. 2, at the Great Boars of Fire Lodge between Anna and Cobden.

IDNR News Bits

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, shares the following items of interest:

Remaining Firearm Deer Permits: A limited number of Illinois firearm and muzzleloader deer permits are available over-the-counter, OTC, from DNR Direct license and permit vendors through Dec. 3, or until quotas are exhausted.

Find a vendor at <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/LPR/Pages/LicensePermitVendors.aspx>.

Archery Deer and Fall Turkey Permits: Illinois archery deer and Illinois archery fall turkey seasons are open through Jan. 14, 2018.

Permits are available over-the-counter at DNR Direct license and permit vendors. Find a vendor at <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/LPR/Pages/LicensePermitVendors.aspx>.

Archery, Firearm, Muzzleloader and Late-Winter/CWD Seasons CWD Sampling: Deer hunters statewide are encouraged to allow samples to be taken for chronic wasting disease, CWD, sampling from adult deer they harvest.

Check the IDNR website for locations that are serving as CWD sampling stations, taking samples from entire deer or deer heads through the end of the season (Jan. 14, 2018) at <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/programs/CWD/Documents/CWDSamplingLocations.pdf>.

Spring Turkey Applications: Resident hunters may now apply for the first lottery for 2018 Illinois spring

wild turkey season permits online.

Go to the IDNR website for more information at this link: <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/Pages/TurkeyHunting.aspx>

The application deadline for the first lottery for 2017 resident spring turkey permits is Dec. 1.

Director's Hunt Nov. 20-21: There's still time to sign up for the annual Illinois Conservation Foundation, ICF, Director's Hunt at Wayne Fitzgerald State Recreation Area in Southern Illinois.

The two-day controlled pheasant and quail hunt, cosponsored by Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever, is scheduled Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 20-21.

Hunting will take place on 25 fields at Wayne Fitzgerald SRA.

More information is available on the ICF website at www.ilcf.org or by phoning the ICF at 217-785-2003.

Outdoor Illinois Wildlife Journal: Check out new articles on Illinois wildlife topics, including feral swine, changes in management and hunting of Canada geese and banding diving ducks along the Illinois River in the latest edition of the Outdoor Illinois Wildlife Journal, which is available at <https://outdoor.wildlifeillinois.org/>.

Online Free Site Hunting Permits: Hunters are reminded that free site hunting permits (windshield cards) to hunt upland, forest game and waterfowl at IDNR sites are available online from the IDNR

website at <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/Pages/PublicHuntingAreas.aspx>.

Follow the link to windshield card page. For information or assistance, hunters are advised to contact the site where they intend to hunt.

Hunting Regulations: For information on Illinois hunting seasons and regulations, see the Illinois Digest of Hunting and Trapping Regulations for 2017-18 online at <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/Documents/HuntTrapDigest.pdf>.

For information about waterfowl hunting seasons and regulations in Illinois, see the Illinois Digest of Waterfowl Hunting Regulations for 2017-18 here online at <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/Documents/DigestWaterfowl-HuntingRegulations.pdf>.

Upland Hunting: What are the prospects for the 2017-18 pheasant, quail and rabbit seasons in Illinois?

Check the IDNR website for the annual hunting prospects reports prepared by the IDNR Division of Wildlife Resources.

The links to the reports can be found on the IDNR website at <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/uplandgame/Pages/PheasantQuailAndRabbitAnnualStatusReports.aspx>.

Public Hunting Areas Report: The latest edition of the IDNR Illinois Public Hunting Areas Report, with details on public lands hunting effort and harvest, is available online on the IDNR website at <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/Documents/IllinoisPublicHuntingAreasReport.2016.2017.pdf>.



Mexican celebration featured

Grace Madding recently visited with 3rd grade students Lick Creek School. During the visit, she helped the students to learn about the Mexican Day of the Dead Celebration. The students learned about the meanings behind the celebration, played games and had treats representative of the types of sweet treats used in the celebrations. Photo provided.

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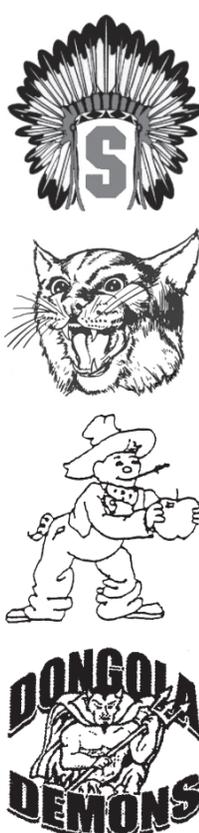
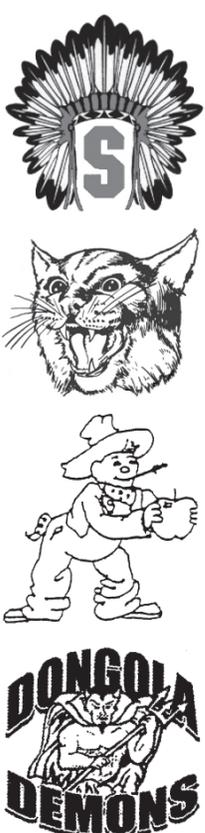
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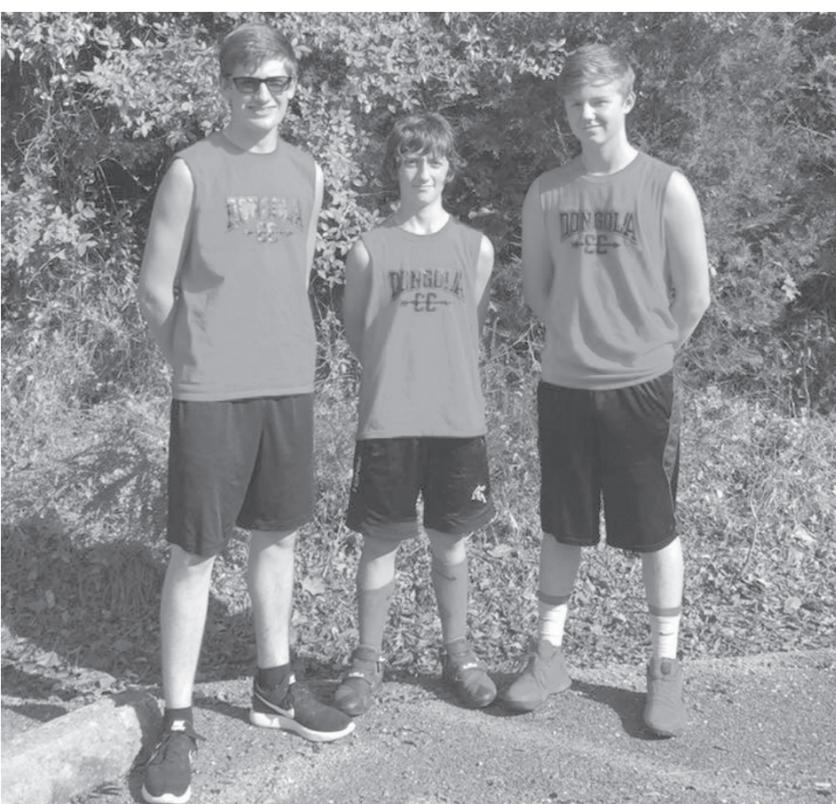
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Cobden High School Volleyball
 First row, from left, Lilli Mason, Grace Schroeder, Lauren Lyerla, Grace Rhodes, Elle Mason, Brooke Bailey, Harleigh Braden, Lauren Sweitzer and Morgan Bass. Second row, Layryn Mitchell, Olivia Schroeder, Megan Rhodes, Meredith Flamm, Genna Hartline, Alaina Hartline, Lexi Miller, Jamison Cowart, Maddie Bundren and Jenny Juarez. Photo provided.



Dongola High School Cross Country
 From left, Evan Treat, Jacob Whitney and Hunter McCommons. Photo provided.



Shawnee High School Volleyball
 First row, from left, Chali Phelps, Hailie Kinder, Hannah Sichling and Olivia Jackson. Second row, Kirsten Pitts, Laycee Presutti, Mariah Faire and Madisen Luttrell. Photo by Lindsey Rae Vaughn

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First row, from left, Maddox Thorpe, Hayden Webb, Austin Gunn, Tristin Steward, Jackson Laster, Nick Bussey, Jacob Schaeffer, Noah McFarland, Avery Webb, Hunter Sullivan, Christian Valencia, Juan Valencia, Nick Pena, Nick McGrath. Second row, Jacob Britt, Sheldon McGrath, John Russell, Jaryt Tripp, Ross Pinnon, Zach Massey, Jake Parr, Dayton Dillow, Jose Guzman, Devin Hazel, Jovanni Amesquita, Abe Godinez, Alex Carmona. Not pictured is Noah Godinez and Gabe Goins. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.



Dongola High School Volleyball

First row, from left, Ryleigh Laminack, Emily Aldrich, Addyson Zeschke, Destiny Tellor, Natasha Cosenza, Shaylee Lingle and Megan This. Second row, coach Brittany Martin, Brianna Portwood, Ashley Sullens, Delaney Cummins, Alyssa Flores, Mackenzie Prout, Michelle Wolford, Maddie Keller and Dailee Cummins. Photo by Lindsey Rae Vaughn.

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Cobden High School Cross Country

From left, Anayeli Munoz, Jenna Gomez, Cullen Shanahan, Joe Brumleve, Aidan Tunison, Connor Allen and Katie Eck. Photo provided.

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Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Cheerleading

From left, Emily Bussey, Hailee Menees, Hannah Lincoln, Addison Osman, Lily Yana, Maddie Lingle, Mariah Dillman, Mallory Cochran, Ashley Detering, Jenna Clark, Cheyenne Roach and Miranda Miller. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.

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Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Volleyball

First row, from left, Brayden Fitzgerald-Deener, Julia Lasley and Jaley Watkins. Second row, Mikayla Bundren, Ally Williams, Payton Alsip, Abby Williams and Morgan Wendling. Third row, Carsen Clements, Jade Marks, Jasmin Foster, Clair Boget, Audrey Haar, Heidi Mitchell and Jacque Arreola. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.

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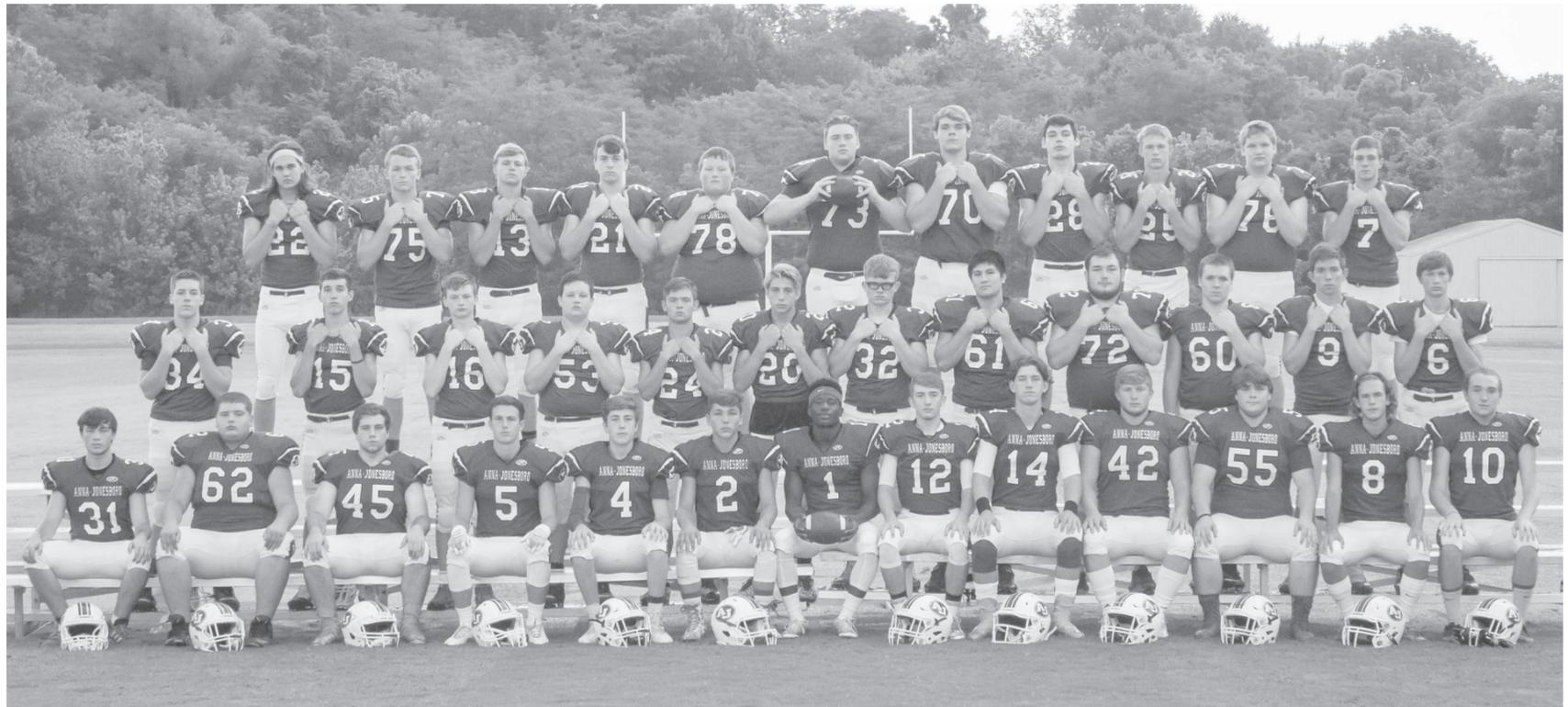
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Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Football

First row, from left, Zack Pinter, Clay Schultz, Drake Pyle, Sheldon McGrath, Dalton Goddard, Ross Pinnon, ArieH Hart, Noah Smith, Bryce Osman, Jayce Turner, DJ Latham, Jaryt Tripp and Zach Massey. Second row, Hayden Carter, Noah Hobson, Chase Stoffel, Reece Barrow, Drake Roach, Nate Kizat, Colyn Girtman, Kevin Wright, Dylan Cunningham, Nick Sanders, Wyatt Johnston and Kaleb Meier. Third row, Zach Griffin, Josh Oliver, Jansen Foster, James Peterson, Carsten Christy, Garrett Fabec, Noah Craig, Reid Morrison, Kyle McMahan, Shawn Wells and Conner Jerolds. Not pictured is Damien Crisp and Nate Frankell. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.



Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Golf

First row, from left, coach Brandon Bierstedt, Levi Hall, Trent Mason, Jax Watkins, Hunter Ralls, Carson Reynolds, Robbie Hammond, Alex Rogers, Peter Hauser, Dawson Pearl, Dylan Smith, Andrew Odum and assistant coach Steve Taylor. Second row, assistant coach Matt Lang, Chloe Gamber, Hannah Hileman, Sydney Ralls, Tobie Treece, Katie Ames, Britni Helton, Connor Hadley, Emma Ray, Jenna Hammer, Madison Goins, Kamryn Glasco, Molly Ellis and assistant coach Jerry Ellis. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.

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Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

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



Congratulations to the Watson twins, Ian Matthew and Jewels Railla Watson, who recently won first place in the beautiful baby contest at Walmart in Anna. All of the proceeds from the contest went to the Children's Miracle Network.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the A-JCHS football team on winning your game Saturday.

A special thanks to the A-JCHS Marching Wildcats for your field show and playing at the game.

Thank You

Thanks to all the churches, stores, the VFW and everyone who had Halloween parties and passed out candy so the children and adults would have a safe and fun Halloween.

Congratulations on Passing Bar Exam

Following their recent graduation from the Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, Ashley and Jared Norton of Dallas, Texas, have both passed the Texas State bar exam.

The exam results were posted Nov. 2 by the Texas Board of Law Examiners. The exam was taken over a three day period in July of this year.

Ashley is currently employed with the law firm of Godwin Bowman & Martinez in Dallas, Texas, and Jared is currently employed with the law firm of Platt Cheema and Richmond PLLC of Dallas, Texas.

Ashley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Albert of Edmond, Okla., and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dauphin

of Woodward, Okla., and Mrs. Cherie Albert and the late Mr. Barry Albert of Oklahoma City, Okla.

Jared is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Norton of McKinney, Texas, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. James Vines of Anna, and Mrs. JoAnn Norton and the late Abram Norton of Anna.

Birthday Celebration

Ronda Bittle's birthday celebration was attended by all four of her daughters, Tanya, Tasha, Tara and Trisha and their husbands and children. The party was held at Tara Rowan's new home.

Special partygoers were Rhonda and Terry's only great-grandson Gavin, as well as 3 week old granddaughter Jolee.

Rhonda spent the night visiting with her family and cuddling with her grandbabies.

Selected as Model

Tasha Bittle-Faire was selected as one of the runway models for the Vintage Now fashion show in Cape Girardeau. It is an annual fund raiser for Safe House for Women. The women housed there are victims of domestic violence.

The show raised \$88,000. Tasha was selected as a model back in the spring. She said it was so much fun, something to click off her bucket list.

Tasha says she is al-

ways looking for a way to have fun and to get to wear a costume. A special thanks to Tasha for helping in the annual fund raiser.

Birthday Celebration

Debbie Mattheis' mother Betty Mattheis celebrated her birthday with her niece and husband, Bob and Dianne Rohlfing, from Florida, niece Beverly Conway from Cape Girardeau and the rest of the Mattheis family.

Anniversaries

Nov. 4 celebrating their 24th Tiffany and Asa Busby. Nov. 4 celebrating their 48th Susan and John Stadelbacher.

Wedding Congratulations

Stacy and Tim Hubbs were married Nov. 4.

Atlanta Trip

DJ Phillips met Sonequa Martin-Green, who plays Sasha Williams on The Walking Dead.

DJ has been waiting to meet her ever since he saw her on the show. She was the whole reason he drove seven hours to Atlanta for the Walker Stalker Convention.

He told her she was the whole reason and she hugged and kissed him. She was the most beautiful actress DJ has ever met at a convention. That was all worth the seven hour drive for him.

She told him how she prepares for each episode she filmed of the show and also she told him what her favorite moments were on the set of The Walking Dead. She now stars on the new Star Trek: Discovery series.

Calling America Back to God

Blessings were received at Anna Heights Baptist Church at Calling America Back To God.

Testimonies were given, prayers were said for healings and healing of our country. Praises, thanking God and songs were sung.

Leading the service were Bernice Pyle, Melanie Mattheis and Bob Caraker.

Randy Wheaton played the piano for several songs and sang a song he wrote. The service was a praise service in honor of Thanksgiving.

Thursday, Dec. 7, everyone will gather around the cross in the sanctuary for a candlelight service at Anna Heights Baptist Church for Calling America Back to God.

Jesus is the greatest gift and the light of the world. Christians who believe Jesus was born of the virgin Mary, died for our sins, rose from the dead and is in heaven preparing a place for all those who believe in him and ask him to forgive their sins live with the light of the world in them and we should always let our lights shine for Jesus.

Special will be by Kathy Wheaton "Mary wrapped a present." Everyone is welcome.

Congratulations

Earl Miller was champion of his tennis league for this summer at SIU and won a trophy.

Thanks

A special thanks to

these people for giving me credit when they renewed their subscriptions to The Gazette-Democrat, Mary Lou Bridges, Della and Ron Shepard, Susan Hase, Maaske, G. Basler, Peggy Rains, Opal Treece, The Davie School Inn new subscription from new owners Kyle and Tammy Woodrum.

Guest

Guest of Martha Ann Webb was Terri Bryant of Murphysboro.

St. Jude Benefit

Terry, Tina and Jessi Riley and Kiersten Wright enjoyed a St. Jude Benefit concert with Locash in Marion Oct. 27.

Jessi and Kiersten were excited to be called up on stage by Locash and sang part of the song I Know Somebody.

Shop Local

Free gift wrapping with your boxed items and receipt to Remax Southern/Chamber office at 301 S. Main St. in Anna on small business Saturday, Nov. 25, beginning at noon. Sponsored by ReMax Southern, Union County Chamber of Commerce and Union County Women in Business.

Anna Arts Center

A big thanks to the Anna firemen who helped build the haunted house and made sure it would be safe.

The A-JCHS Theater Boosters and Anna Arts Center really appreciated all the donations and help this year to make the haunted house a success. Burger King, Pizza Hut, Davis Pastry, Dairy Queen, Casey's, Subway, Hardee's, Whiffle Boys, Sav-A-Lot, Bunny Bread, Kroger, Edward Jones, Wal-Mart. These people really care for their community.

A special thanks to all the brave souls that entered the haunted house.

Thanks for Your Service

A special thanks to police officer Nathan Smith for serving at our Anna Police Department.

Nathan, Dianna and children Amber and Justin moved to Pana, where Nathan is working at the Pana Police Department. Dianna worked at the Anna Heights Early Learning Center. They will be missed.

Congratulations

Great job Lady Appleknockers, 2017 Class 1A sectional volleyball champions.

Birthday Celebration

Mona Lisa celebrated her birthday at PAWS second hand store last Sat.

VFW

Sunday, the post wrapped flags with poppies to be distributed on Veterans Day.

Thursday, the post will have a monthly meeting at 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 10, is the Marine Corps' birthday.

Saturday, Nov. 11, is Veterans Day. This is always a big day for the VFW honoring all veterans. The Veterans Day parade will be in Anna starting at 11 a.m. The Anna VFW will be serving chili and hot dogs after the parade and awards will be presented



Mary Ada Parks is being honored by some of her former students and people who she goes to church with at United Methodist Church Anna. The ladies are baking cookies from recipes of Mrs. Parks who taught cooking and sewing at A-JCHS. The ladies will have a cookie walk at their Christmas bazaar Nov. 18 starting at 9 a.m. Pictured are Debbie Johnston, Sue Ann Zimmerman, Nancy Skoglund, Nancy Hooks and Chris Foster.



Congratulations to Ashley and Jared Norton on passing the Texas State bar exam.



Nathan and Dianna Smith at Nathan's swearing in ceremony at the Pana Police Department.



Blessings were received at Calling America Back to God led by Bernice Pyle, Melanie Mattheis and Bob Caraker at Anna Heights Baptist Church last Thursday night.



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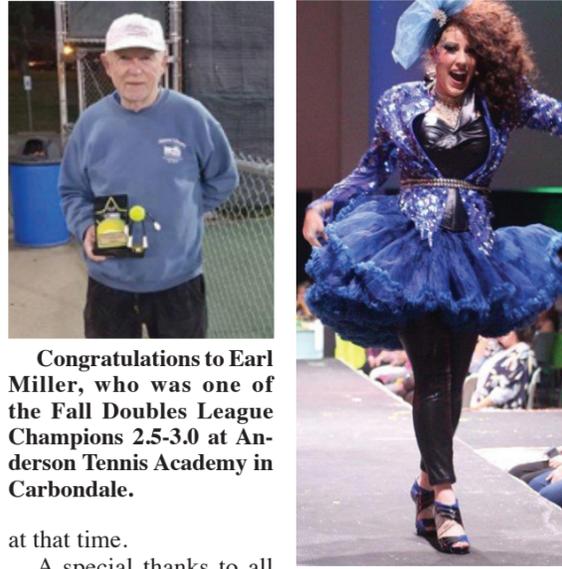
DJ Phillips enjoyed a trip to Atlanta to a Walker Stalker Convention. DJ is pictured with Sonequa Martin-Greene, "Sasha" of "Walking Dead."



Ronda Bittle celebrated her 71st birthday.



Sen. Paul Schimpf came to Anna to support the A-JCHS football players and the A-J Marching Wildcat band last Saturday at the state football playoffs. Martha Ann Webb and Kenny Swink were also there to support them along with many fans. Great game A-J football team.



Congratulations to Earl Miller, who was one of the Fall Doubles League Champions 2.5-3.0 at Anderson Tennis Academy in Carbondale.

at that time.

A special thanks to all our veterans for serving our country.

Red Hat Ladies

The ladies will have their Thanksgiving dinner at Golden Corral in Carbondale on Nov. 15 at 11 a.m.

United Methodist Church, Anna

Sunday, morning Rev. Carl Johnston's sermon was on Stewardship as Service, with gospel lesson from Luke.

Special music was by Jessi Riley and Carla Anderson "Thy Word."

The church family was sad to hear Mary Ada Parks had been taken to Cape Girardeau to the hospital. There were prayers said for her in Sunday School and church. The Lord's Supper was observed.

Friday at 6 p.m. is game night.

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

There will be a Cache River District rally at Al-

Congratulations to Tasha Bittle-Faire, who was selected as one of the runway models for the Vintage Now fashion show.

Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Marion Nov. 12 at 6 p.m. Bishop Frank Beard is the guest speaker.

Loaves and Fishes

Free community meal will be a Thanksgiving dinner Tuesday, Nov. 21, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. At 7 p.m., there will be a community Thanksgiving service in the church sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to come eat, worship and praise God.

Fall Bazaar

The United Methodist Church in Anna fall bazaar will be Nov. 18, 9 a.m. with dinner served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. of chili, chicken noodle soup, hot dogs and peanut butter sandwiches.

Veterans are invited to eat free. There will be crafts and baked goods.



Following the A-J Wildcats playoff win, Norm and Barb Bauer hosted Beth and Doug Hileman of Anna and Debra and Lou Bauer of St. Louis for a celebration supper. Beth, Doug, Deb and Lou are shown preparing a "low-down country boil." The recipe included sausage, potatoes, corn on the cob and shrimp, all boiled in the soup pot. A good time was had by all. Go Wildcats.



Those attending a celebration supper following the A-J Wildcats playoff win included Lou Bauer, Norm Bauer, Debra Bauer, Beth Hileman and standing, Doug Hileman. Picture was taken by Barbara Bauer. Norm and Barbara hosted the supper.

Several of the ladies will be baking cookies in honor of Mary Ada Parks. There will be a cookie walk. The profit the ladies make will be used for Loaves and Fishes, items needed in the church and for our community.

A-J Women's Club
The Anna-Jonesboro Women's Club met Monday at Hebrewz in Jonesboro.

Reindeer Run
Nov. 25 will be the fourth Reindeer 5K Run/Walk starting at 8 a.m. at the Anna Arts Center. Free kids fun run at 9 a.m., afterwards kids of all ages will have the opportunity to

make Christmas ornaments to take home.

Also, Nov. 25 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. will be the sixth annual holiday bazaar at the Anna Arts Center.

Bazaar
Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church Hands of Faith ladies have announced the third annual Gingerbread House Bazaar as a part of Christmas in Downtown Anna on Nov. 25.

Christmas music and holiday spirit at Mt. Moriah on the corner of Jefferson and Main streets, will help launch Christmas in Downtown Anna.

Proceeds from the bazaar are used for commu-

nity outreach missions.

Anna Star Chapter
The Anna Eastern Star meetings are the first and third Thursday of each month, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Free Community Dinners
Anna First Baptist Church serves a free community meal the second Monday of each month starting at 4:30 p.m.

Loaves and Fishes free community meal is on the third Tuesday of each month at the United Methodist Church in Anna, starting at 5 p.m.

Harvest Church serves a free meal every Thursday, starting at 11 a.m.

Military Prayer List
Nona Elizabeth Luke, William Nathaniel Fran-

kell, Ethan Maze, Lukas W. Davis, Kiefer Stull, Garrett Goins, David Jordan Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, C J Youngerman, Freddy Morse, Reagan Morrison, Josh Stevenson, Josh Williams, Faith Odom, Tommy Goff and family Janette, Jamison and Kaylynn, Creighton Laster, Brandon Eaker, Jim Bonner, Jacob Schaefer, Jerod Schaefer, Jennifer Ann Bishop, Robert Jr. McMeely, James McWhorter, Arin Whitemountain.

Baby Congratulations
Ian Matthew and Jewels Railla Watson recently won first place in the beautiful baby contest at Walmart in Anna.

All the proceeds from

the contest went to Children's Miracle Network.

The winning photo was taken by Amanda Myers-Neilson photography.

These little answered prayers were born to Thomas E. Watson Jr. and Jessi K. Watson of Anna on May 31, 2017.

Ian Matthew was born at 8:03 a.m., weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Jewels Railla was born at 8:04 a.m., weighed 5 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 17 1/2 inches long.

Their grandparents include Terry and Ramona Clark of Jonesboro and Tom Watson Sr and Al-lis Watson (deceased) of Shawneetown. These little

miracles are blessed and loved by many.

Guests
Guests of Betty June Lingle were several visitors: Cousin David and Mary Bullock of Chesterfield, Mo., and Bob Mullins of Crystal City, Mo.

They went to visit the Kerley Cemetery near Simpson, where their grandparents are buried. Everyone had a very nice visit with each other. They promise to come back soon.

Prayer Group
7 a.m. at Anna Heights Baptist Church the prayer group meets Monday through Friday. Anyone is welcome to come pray with them.

News from First Baptist Church, Anna

On Sunday, Nov. 5, Pastor Sinks' sermon was titled "Thy Will Be Done," with scripture from Matthew.

The church thanks all veterans and is grateful for their sacrifice and service to the country.

A free Christian rock concert is planned at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Main Street Center in Anna.

The Christian rock group As We Are is on a disaster relief tour. The band is accepting dona-

tions to help with hurricane recovery in the south.

The church has a new contemporary service from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday.

The next free Soup and Serve meal is planned Monday, Nov. 13, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

The menu will include turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry salad, pumpkin dessert, coffee, tea and lemonade. All are welcome.

Television Listings

THURSDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local	CFB Countdown	Seinfeld	Chrisley	BUNKD	"Assassin"	(5:00) "The Box" (09)	"Hell or High Water" Brothers rob banks. (R)
7 PM :30	Grey's Anatomy (HD)	Big Bang Young	Gotham (HD)	(:20) Thursday Night Football Seattle Seahawks at Arizona Cardinals (Live) (HD)	College Football North Carolina vs Pittsburgh (Live) (HD)	Seinfeld	Chrisley	Andi Mack	"Get Out" ('17) Terrifying truth. (R)	★★★ "A Cure for Wellness" ('17, Horror) Strange spa. (HD)	SMILF
8 PM :30	Scandal (HD)	(01) Mom Pieces	(01) The Onville (HD)	Local Programs	Local	Big Bang	Chrisley	Bizaard	Principals	White	(05) Shameless (HD)
9 PM :30	How to Get (HD)	S.W.A.T. "Cuchillo"	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Big Bang	Chrisley	Stuck Mid.	Fight Game	Gigolos	SMILF
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	Local	Big Bang	Cromarties	Liv Maddie	(:50) "The Day the Earth Stood Still" ('08)	★★★ "Cape Fear" ('91)	(02) Shameless (HD)
11 PM :30	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel	(:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(05) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan (HD)	Mod Family	Bizaard	Rolling St		
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	(05) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Drop Mic	Mod Family	Stuck Mid.			

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FRIDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Seinfeld	Mod Family	Andi Mack	"Knight"	(5:10) "Now You See Me 2" ('16)	★★★ "Bad Moms" ('16)
7 PM :30	Once Upon a Time	MacGyver (HD)	Hell's Kitchen (HD)	Blindspot (HD)	NBA Count	"Ant-Man" ('15, Action) Thief recruited to use super-suit.	Mod Family	Raven	Tonight	★★★ "Split" ('17) James McAvoy. Girls kidnapped.	Shameless (HD)
8 PM :30	Marvel's Inhumans	Hawaii Five-0 (HD)	(01) The Exorcist (HD)	Dateline NBC Investigative news. (HD)	NBA Basketball Milwaukee vs San Antonio (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	Mod Family	Andi Mack	"Split" ('17) James McAvoy. Girls kidnapped.	★★★ "Neighbors 2: Sorority" ('16)	Shooter
9 PM :30	(01) 20/20 (HD)	Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Local	Local	ELEAGUE (HD)	Mod Family	Undercover	Real Time (HD)	Tour Bus	ShoBox: The New Generation (Live) (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	Mod Family	Andi Mack	Ullman's	"Notorious" ('09, Drama) Life of B.I.G. (HD)	SMILF
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	Local	"Back to Future"	Mod Family	Undercover	Ullman's		

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SATURDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Coll. Ftbl Extra (HD)	Local Programs	College Football "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Seinfeld	NCIS Fire to ship.	Bizaard	Sesame Street (HD)	"Earp"	White
7 PM :30	(:07) College Football "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	NCIS (HD)	College Football "Teams TBA" (Live) (HD)	Will Grace Superstore	Local	Seinfeld	NCIS "Cadence" (HD)	BUNKD	"The LEGO Batman Movie" ('17)	Tour Bus	SMILF
8 PM :30	To Be Announced	48 Hours	Dateline NBC (HD)	Dateline NBC Investigative news. (HD)	Scoreboard	Big Bang	NCIS "Scope" (HD)	Andi Mack	My Fight	★★★ "Unforgiven" ('92) Ex-gunslinger. (HD)	(02) Shameless (HD)
9 PM :30	Local	Local	Local	Sat. Night Live (HD)	Top Rank Boxing with Scott Van Pelt Center in Fresno, Calif.	Big Bang	NCIS "Homefront"	Andi Mack	Boxing (Live) (HD)	"Appaloosa" ('08) Ed Harris. The new sheriff.	"Brimstone" ('17) Woman on run from ruthless preacher.
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Hell's Kitchen (HD)	Local	Local	Frontal	Mod Family	Undercover	Ullman's	SMILF	(05) Shameless (HD)
11 PM :30	Local Programs	Local	Local	(:29) Saturday Night Live (HD)	Local	Joker Wild	Mod Family	Liv Maddie	Fight Game	"Sorority"	

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SUNDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	The Toy Box (HD)	60 Minutes (HD)	NFL (Live) OT (Live)	Football Night (Live)	Soccer SportsCenter (HD)	"Horrible Bosses 2"	Law & Order: SVU	"The Incredibles" ('04) A former superhero.	(5:30) "Sully" ('16)	Tour Bus	White
7 PM :30	Home Videos (HD)	Wisdom of the Crowd	Ghosted	(:20) Sun. Night Football New England Patriots at Denver Broncos (Live) (HD)	Champ.	★★★ "We're the Millers" ('13, Comedy) Fake family. (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	"The LEGO Batman Movie" ('17) Will Arnett.	"The LEGO Batman Movie" ('17)	★★★ "A Perfect World" ('93) Kidnapper bonds.	Shooter
8 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	NCIS: L. A. "The Silo"	Family Guy Last Man	Local	2017 WSOP (T) (HD)	Drop Mic	Law & Order: SVU	Andi Mack	Undercover	(:20) ★★★ "A Cure for Wellness" ('17, Horror) Strange spa.	Shameless (HD)
9 PM :30	Shark Tank (HD)	Madam Secretary	Local Programs Local information.	Local	2017 WSOP (T) (HD)	Drop Mic	Law & Order: SVU	Andi Mack	Undercover	SMILF	White
10 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Drop Mic	Damnation (HD)	Andi Mack	Oliver	Shameless (HD)	
11 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Meet the Press (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	2 Broke	Mod Family	Stuck Mid.	Curb Your	White	SMILF

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MONDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	Monday Countdown	Family Guy	Mod Family	BUNKD	Oliver	"Mystic River" ('03)	"Seventeen" ('16) (R)
7 PM :30	Dancing with the Stars (HD)	Kevin Wait 9JKL (HD)	Lucifer (HD)	The Voice "The Playoffs, Night 1" (HD)	(:15) Monday Football Miami Dolphins at Carolina Panthers (Live) (HD)	Family Guy (HD)	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (HD)	Andi Mack	"War Dog" ('17) (HD)	"Notorious" ('09, Drama) Life of B.I.G. (HD)	SMILF
8 PM :30	Superior	The Gifted (HD)	The Brave "Stealth"	Local	Local	Family Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (Live) (HD)	Bizaard	"A United Kingdom" Two face opposition.	(:05) "Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story" ('93)	White
9 PM :30	The Good Doctor	Scorpion (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Local	(:20) SportsCenter with Scott Van Pelt (HD)	Am. Dad	Damnation (HD)	Stuck Mid.	World Champ. Boxing (R) (HD)	Tour Bus	Shameless (HD)
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Am. Dad	Damnation (HD)	Andi Mack	Rolling Stone: Stories from the Edge (HD)	White	Behaviour
11 PM :30	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel	(:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(:35) Tonight (HD)	Local	Conan Zany sketches.	(:05) Damnation (HD)	Bizaard	Real Time	"House"	Behaviour

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TUESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College Basketball Michigan State vs Duke	Big Bang	Law & Order: SVU	BUNKD	Real Time	"Messenger" ('14) (R)	(4:00) "Gangs" ('02)
7 PM :30	The Middle	NCIS "Voices" (HD)	Lethal Weapon	The Voice (HD)	(:15) Monday Football Miami Dolphins at Carolina Panthers (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	WWE SmackDown (Live) (HD)	Raven	Tonight	★★★ "Zolander" ('11) Model killer.	Shameless (HD)
8 PM :30	black-ish	Bull (HD)	The Mick	This Is Us (HD)	Playoff	Big Bang	WWE SmackDown (Live) (HD)	Andi Mack	"War Dog" ('17) (HD)	(:05) "Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story" ('93)	Inside the NFL (HD)
9 PM :30	The Mayor	Brooklyn	Local Programs Local info.	Local	College Basketball Kansas vs Kentucky (Live)	Big Bang	Damnation (HD)	Bizaard	Rolling Stone: Stories from the Edge (HD)	(:40) ★★★ "Fletch Lives" ('89) (HD)	Football
10 PM :30	Kevin (HD)	NCIS: New Orleans	Local Programs Local info.	(01) Menendez (HD)	Local	Joker Wild	Damnation (HD)	Raven	Stories from the Edge (HD)	Tour Bus	Football
11 PM :30	Local	Local	Local	Local	SportsCenter with Scott Van Pelt (HD)	Drop Mic	Damnation (HD)	Liv Maddie	World Champ. Boxing (R) (HD)	White	Inside the NFL (HD)
11 PM :30	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel	(:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(:35) Tonight (HD)	Local	Conan Zany sketches.	(:05) Damnation (HD)	Bizaard	Rolling Stone: Stories fr (HD)	"Postman Always Rings" ('81)	White
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	Local	Joker Wild	Law & Order: SVU	Stuck Mid.	Real Time		SMILF

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WEDNESDAY

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM :30	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	NBA Countdown (HD)	Big Bang	NCIS (HD)	BUNKD	"Hidden"	(5:10) "Tarzan" ('16)	"The Parent Trap" ('98) Twins trick parents.
7 PM :30	Goldbergs	Survivor: Heroes vs. Speechless	Empire (HD)	The Blacklist (HD)	NBA Basketball Cleveland vs Charlotte (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	NCIS "Dead Letter"	Andi Mack	"The LEGO Batman Movie" ('17)	★★★ "Neighbors 2: Sorority" ('16)	SMILF
8 PM :30	Mod Family	SEAL Team (HD)	Star Jealousy grows.	The Voice (HD)	Local	Big Bang	NCIS "Family First"	Bizaard	Principals	Tour Bus	White
9 PM :30	Designated Survivor	Criminal Minds (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Chicago P.D. (HD)	NBA Basketball Philadelphia vs Los Angeles (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	Mr. Robot (HD)	Stuck Mid.	First Look	(:05) "Unforgiven" ('92) Ex-gunslinger. (HD)	"True Romance" ('93) Lovers on the lam. (R)
10 PM :30	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Frontal	Law & Order: SVU	Liv Maddie	"Sully" ('16) Emergency landing.	Tour Bus	White
11 PM :30	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel	(:35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(:35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter with Scott Van Pelt (HD)	Conan Zany sketches.	(:05) Chicago P.D.	Bizaard	Rolling Stone: Stories fr (HD)	"Live By Night" ('17)	SMILF
11 PM :30	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	Local	Joker Wild	Law & Order: SVU	Stuck Mid.	Real Time		Behaviour

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THURSDAY

	7:00pm
FOX Gotham	"A Dark Knight: Stop Hitting Yourself" Grundy and Nygma soon become star attractions at Cherry's Place located in The Narrows; Penguin enlists The Sirens to get revenge against Nygma. TV14 (HD)
8:00pm	USA Chrisley Knows Best "Bunions, Bulldogs, and Hedgehogs, Oh My!" Todd struggles to keep up with the housework as he does it for Julie while she recovers from surgery; Chase tries to get Todd to finally accept his dog. TV14 (HD)

FRIDAY

	7:00pm
NBC Blindspot	"Upside Down Craft" Jane and Weller pursue a group of dangerous computer hackers; Patterson and Rich Dot Com must work together keep a big secret from their past under wraps. TV14 (HD)
8:01pm	FOX The Exorcist "Darling Nikki" Marcus and Tomas attempt to bring a demon out of hiding, which has chosen Rose as its target; Bennett and Mouse set out to track down an old adversary. TV14 (HD)

SATURDAY

	7:00pm
NBC Will & Grace	A gay lawyer offers his best friend a place to stay after she and her worthless boyfriend split, but the temporary situation becomes a permanent comfort. TV14 (HD)
8:00pm	USA NCIS "Scope" After an American couple is attacked in Iraq, Gibbs finds he must connect with a wounded sniper whose team suffered the same fate six months prior. TV14 (HD)

SUNDAY

	7:00pm
CBS Wisdom of the Crowd	A technology innovator creates a killer crowdsourcing app in the hopes of being able to solve the mystery surrounding his daughter's murder. TV14 (HD)
8:00pm	SHOW Shameless "We Become What We ... Frank!" Carl sells the family's inheritance from Monica; Fiona focuses on her new apartment building; Lip struggles with his sobriety; Frank makes amends. TVMA (HD)

MONDAY

	7:00pm
FOX Lucifer	"Off the Record" A reporter plots his revenge against Lucifer for sleeping with Linda, the reporter's estranged wife; a past serial killer makes their presence known again. TV14 (HD)
8:00pm	CBS Superior Donuts A curt Chicago native who owns a donut shop in a gentrifying neighborhood hires a young employee who wants to help him adapt his shop to the changing times. TVPG (HD)

TUESDAY

	7:00pm
ABC The Middle	"Thanksgiving IX" Things go awry during the Heck's Thanksgiving road trip to Frankie's sister's house; the kids must decide among themselves on who has to leave Spudsy's. TVPG (HD)
8:00pm	

Opinion and Commentary



In Flanders Fields

By Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, MD
(1872-1918)

Canadian Army

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

McCrae's "In Flanders Fields" remains to this day one of the most memorable war poems ever written. It is a lasting legacy of the terrible battle in the Ypres salient in the spring of 1915. Here is the story of the making of that poem:

Although he had been a doctor for years and had served in the South African War, it was impossible to get used to the suffering, the screams, and the blood here, and Major John McCrae had seen and heard enough in his dressing station to last him a lifetime.

As a surgeon attached to the 1st Field Artillery Brigade, Major McCrae, who had joined the McGill faculty in 1900 after graduating from the University of Toronto, had spent seventeen days treating injured men – Canadians, British, Indians, French, and Germans – in the Ypres salient.

It had been an ordeal that he had hardly thought possible. McCrae later wrote of it:

"I wish I could embody on paper some of the varied sensations of that seventeen days ... Seventeen days of Hades! At the end of the first day if anyone had told us we had to spend seventeen days there, we would have folded our hands and said it could not have been done."

One death particularly affected McCrae. A young friend and former student, Lieut. Alexis Helmer of Ottawa, had been killed by a shell burst on 2 May 1915. Lieutenant Helmer was buried later that day in the little cemetery outside McCrae's dressing station, and McCrae had performed the funeral ceremony in the absence of the chaplain.

The next day, sitting on the back of an ambulance parked near the dressing station beside the Canal de l'Yser, just a few hundred yards north of Ypres, McCrae vented his anguish by composing a poem. The major was no stranger to writing, having authored several medical texts besides dabbling in poetry.

In the nearby cemetery, McCrae could see the wild poppies that sprang up in the ditches in that part of Europe, and he spent twenty minutes of precious rest time scribbling fifteen lines of verse in a notebook.

A young soldier watched him write it. Cyril Allinson, a twenty-two year old sergeant-major, was delivering mail that day when he spotted McCrae. The major looked up as Allinson approached, then went on writing while the sergeant-major stood there quietly. When McCrae finished five minutes later, he took his mail from Allinson and, without saying a word, handed his pad to the young NCO. Allinson was moved by what he read:

"The poem was exactly an exact description of the scene in front of us both. He used the word blow in that line because the poppies actually were being blown that morning by a gentle east wind. It never occurred to me at that time that it would ever be published. It seemed to me just an exact description of the scene."

In fact, it was very nearly not published. Dissatisfied with it, McCrae tossed the poem away, but a fellow officer retrieved it and sent it to newspapers in England. The Spectator, in London, rejected it, but Punch published it on 8 December 1915.

(Editor's note: The accompanying article originally was posted on the website for the Arlington National Cemetery. The battle in the Ypres salient was fought during World War I.)

Please read this. . .

by Geof Skinner

Signs of autumn falling all around us...

Folks, we'll be straight up and direct with you: this week's colyum might be a little bit weird. Even weirder than what you read and see here sometimes.

Before we get to the weird stuff, allow me to once again visit some local connections which yours truly came across while reading some new books. You may recall the topic of local connections in books was visited a couple of weeks ago.

Local Connection 1.0 A mention of Southern Illinois University (as in Carbondale, and its famed "Strip") in the John Grisham novel "Camino Island."

Local Connection 2.0: A mention of Anna, as in the home of The Paragraph Factory, in Ron Chernow's new biography, "Grant," which is about Ulysses S. Grant. Maybe you've heard of Mr. Grant. Chernow's biography is about 12,000 pages long and weight about 20 pounds, so it makes for some heavy reading. Sorry.

Local Connection 2.1: Another mention related to SIU, as in the Southern Illinois University Press, which appears in Chernow's biography. The author of "Grant" voices his appreciation to the late John Y. Simon, "the editorial genius behind *The Papers of Ulysses S. Grant*, published by the Southern Illinois University Press." As a footnote: seems like I had an opportunity to meet Mr. Simon, many years ago.

You're going to have to read the books, or at least look at them, to find the local connections. Anyway, both books are available at Stinson Memorial Library. Enough about my reading adventures...

...early last Sunday afternoon, I set out on a mission. Sunday, after all, seemed like a good day for such an endeavor. This particular mission did not begin with the intention of being spiritual in any way, shape or form.

Mostly, it was a meat mission, which, as it turned out, did not pan out. Sometimes, that's just the way it is.

Completion of the mission was part of my plan to get in a daily walkabout. Normally, I do such things late in the afternoon on a Sunday, but the weather was looking a little bit iffy, as in there was a chance for severe storms by that time of the day.

So, I headed out into the world early Sunday afternoon. At the time the adventure began, I did not know that a misty rain was falling. It was. But the temperature was pretty mild for the fifth day of November.

Not many steps away from the porch, I happened to notice an interesting pattern on a yellow leaf, which, I assumed, had fallen from the sweet gum tree in our front yard.

I snapped a picture of the leaf, 'cause I happened to be carrying my camera around. At that point, a fascinating idea popped into my simple little mind (all journalists have simple little minds).

Maybe, while I'm on a walk on a drizzly Sunday afternoon in early November, I'll keep an eye out for some of the interesting patterns and shapes of autumn, especially the thousands of leaves which have fallen from the trees. We'll call this masterpiece "Autumn falls." Get it? Autumn falls...as in the leaves which have fallen in autumn? Sorry. Again.

You are in luck, because some of the photographs which I took on my wet walkabout last Sunday are included on this very page. Hope you enjoy them. Even if they might be a little weird.



Page from the Past

From the files of *The Gazette-Democrat*
50 Years Ago, November 9, 1967

Veteran's Day, Saturday, Nov. 11, is to be celebrated in Union County by men who have defended the United States in major conflicts dating back many years. Members of the Carroll P. Foster Post 3455, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and its Auxiliary plan a colorful celebration of Veterans Day according to Post Commander William Rumpfelt. He said there would be a parade through Jonesboro and Anna and a public meeting at which time an address would be given by Leon Whitney, after prayer by a member of the Ministerial Alliance of Union County.

Sixteen petitions for candidates on the Shawnee Junior College Board have been filed as of Wednesday, Nov. 8, with the Office of Union County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. George Otrich.

In the uncontested election held Tuesday, Nov. 7, there were 1,162 votes cast, out of a possible 14,000 registered voters.

The board of directors of the Anna Chamber of Commerce elected officers at their meeting held Monday, Nov. 6, with Luther Davis being elected president, Glen Dempsey, vice president, Richard Vicenzi, treasurer, and Clarence Campbell, secretary.

The weather has fluctuated from a high of 70 degrees to a low of 23 for the past two weeks, with a trace of snow recorded on Sunday, Nov. 5.

The Goose hunting season in Union County will officially commence at sunrise Monday, Nov. 13, and end at 3:00 p.m. December 24.

The Annual 4-H Club Achievement Program will be held Thursday, November 16, 1967, in the Jonesboro Public School Gym. The program will start at 7:30 p.m.

Coach Larry Davis's A-J Wildcats downed the Murphysboro Red Devils 27-20 in a conference game at A-J Friday night.

From the Ware news: A total of 55 children and 20 adults attended the Halloween party at the Ware Grade School last Tuesday evening.

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