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News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area.

Have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day holiday weekend.

As always, we ask that if you plan to celebrate this coming weekend, please don't drink and drive.

All of the folks who were involved with the 2017 Union County Fair in Anna are to be commended for a job well done.

Congratulations to Anna-Jonesboro Community High School wrestling coach Eric Massey. He's been honored as an IHSA wrestling coach of the year.

Illinois State Treasurer Michael W. Frerichs paid a visit to Union County on Monday, Aug. 28. He met with local officials at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro. More on this to come.

An ice cream supper is planned Saturday evening, Sept. 9, at historic Kornthal Church, which is south of Jonesboro.

A free JAKES outdoor event for young people is planned Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Trail of Tears State Forest in Union County.

A local government official promises to be back in the starting lineup in time for spring training following recent rotator cuff surgery.

Harvey's remnants could bring heavy rain to region

The Union County area could see the remnants of what had been Hurricane Harvey as the week comes to an end.

The storm has caused disastrous, deadly flooding in south Texas.

The National Weather Service in Paducah reported on Tuesday that the chance for heavy rain and flooding from Harvey will peak on Friday and into Saturday in the area which includes Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky.

The forecast posted Tuesday on the weather service website called for a chance of storms on Thursday, today, "with the primary hazard locally heavy or repeat heavy rains due to slow or nearly stationary storm movement. This could lead to localized flooding or ponding of wa-

ter on roadways and in other flood prone locales."

The weather service reported that the "primary long term storm hazard is heavy rain and flooding from Harvey and its influence, and this chance will peak on Friday into Saturday with the best and heaviest rains expected.

"Maximum areal average rainfall totals by the end of the event on Sunday could range from 2 to 3 inches in the north, along the Interstate 64 corridor, to 4 to 6 inches in our south, nearest the Missouri Bootheel.

"These totals and areal placements will likely change over time, as it is too far out in time right now to get specific beyond these general first and best estimate ranges."

County officials: planning for total eclipse paid off

Preparation paid off for Union County emergency services agencies when it came to last week's total solar eclipse.

The eclipse and its impact on the local area were discussed at last week's regular meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners.

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

County emergency services personnel spent many months making plans for the eclipse, which occurred on Monday, Aug. 21.

County commissioner

Danny Hartline praised the work which was done.

"We felt like it was a huge success," Union County Ambulance Service director Grant Capel said.

Capel said that the planning work laid a foundation for responding to situations in the future, such as emergencies.

Multiple agencies worked together to prepare for the anticipated arrival of thousands of visitors to the Southern Illinois area.

Southern Illinois was a focal point for the longest duration time for the eclipse.



Highway bridge project

Motorists traveling along Illinois Route 146 between Anna and Vienna were faced with a temporary road closure as the result of a construction project. The Illinois Department of Transportation, IDOT, reported that Illinois Route 146 was scheduled to be closed starting Aug. 23 at the Interstate 57 overpass in Union County. The highway was going to be closed so that beams for the I-57 southbound structure over Route 146 could be erected and set. For safety reasons, IDOT could not allow traffic underneath the operation; therefore, a closure was necessary. The road was slated to reopen on Friday, Aug. 25.

A-J homecoming celebration set

Members of the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School Student Council are busy working on homecoming 2017.

Homecoming week is planned Sept. 18-22. This year's theme is "Luau."

Daily themes for the week Pajama Day on Monday, Pun Day on Tuesday, Hawaiian Shirt Day on Wednesday, Class Color Day on Thursday and Blue and White Day on Friday. Blue and white are the school's colors.

A homecoming parade is planned on Friday, Sept.

22. The parade is scheduled to step off from the Anna City Park at 1 p.m. Line up begins at noon.

Coronation of a homecoming king and queen are set for 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, in the Union Hall gymnasium on the A-JCHS campus.

The student council shared the following information about the homecoming parade:

The plan is to step off from the Anna City Park by Rusty's at 1 p.m. Parade units will proceed west

on Davie Street and turn south on Main Street. The parade route will end at Stinson Memorial Library. All participants should enter through the entrance by St. Mary's Church, which is near the park.

Anyone who is interested in participating in this year's parade is asked to register through the school website.

Go to www.aj81.net, click on the link "Want to be a part of the Homecoming parade" and submit your response.



Peewee showmanship event at fair

Young people and their sheep were front and center for a peewee showmanship event which was held at the 2017 Union County Fair in Anna. The event was Tuesday evening, Aug. 22, at the Anna City Park, which was the home of the fair.

Weather

Record lows tied

Record low temperatures were tied in the region during the past week.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported on its website that record low readings were tied on Thursday morning, Aug. 24.

A record low of 54 degrees was tied in Paducah. A record low of 52 was tied in Cape Girardeau. The low on Aug. 24 in Jonesboro was 55.

The period of Aug. 22-28 was fairly dry in the Union County area. Precipitation included .52 of an inch on Aug. 22 and .11 of an inch on Aug. 28.

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

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Tuesday, Aug. 22	86	68
Wednesday, Aug. 23	81	59
Thursday, Aug. 24	84	55
Friday, Aug. 25	84	57
Saturday, Aug. 26	86	61
Sunday, Aug. 27	90	60
Monday, Aug. 28	82	66



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Cobden incident

A St. Anne man was reported to have been taken into custody following a pursuit which ended in Cobden early last Saturday afternoon. The pursuit was initiated in Jonesboro and came to a stop at the intersection of West Jefferson and East Ash streets in Cobden. A passenger car which was the focus of the pursuit was pushed into a ditch by a Cobden Police Department officer who was in his squad car and was involved in the pursuit. The suspect was apprehended after he left his vehicle and fled a short distance on foot. No injuries were reported. The squad car did not sustain damage. The Cobden Police Department, the Jonesboro Police Department, the Anna Police Department, the Union County Sheriff's Office and the Illinois State Police were at the scene in Cobden. The car was towed from the scene by Pro-1 Autobody & Service Center.

Labor Day observance

The Labor Day holiday will be observed on Monday, Sept. 4. Due to the observance of the holiday, The Gazette-Democrat asks that news items be submitted by noon on Friday, Sept. 1. Thank you for your cooperation. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Sheriff issues monthly report

Union County Sheriff Scott Harvel has released his department's monthly activity report for July. Highlights from the report follow: Felony arrests, 13. Misdemeanor arrests, 21. Traffic arrests, 82. Warrant arrests, 12. Total arrests, 128. Cases opened, 34. Drug investigations, 13. Crash reports, 17. 911 calls received, 1,120. Miles patrolled, 12,672.

Late summer wild edibles program set at Giant City

Late summer wild edible plants will be the topic of a program planned Saturday, Sept. 2, at Giant City State Park near Makanda. The program is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon. Edibles enthusiast Alex Holmes will present a beginners guide on late summer wild edible plants. Those who attend will learn how to safely identify dozens of edible species which are blooming and fruiting at the park. The program will cover basic plant identifications, laws about foraging and preparation of foraged food. Those who plan to attend the program are advised to come prepared for a 1-mile hike on the Giant City Nature Trail. They are advised to bring water, to wear comfortable shoes and to have something to write with. The program is scheduled to begin at the shelter number 3 pavilion at the park. The program is open to those of all ages, but is most appropriate for ages 12 and older. Registration is required. To register, or for more information, call the visitors center at the park at 618-457-4836.

Weather service: temperatures dropped 4 to 8 degrees during total solar eclipse

On Aug. 21, all of the United States experienced at least a partial solar eclipse of the sun. Some locations were fortunate enough to observe a total solar eclipse, where the moon completely blocked the sun for a short period. The path of totality stretched from Oregon, east southeastward across the nation, to South Carolina, and was roughly 70 miles wide. In the area which includes Southern Illinois and Western Kentucky, the center path of totality stretched from near Carbondale and Dixon Springs down towards the Eddyville and Hopkinsville, Ky., areas. Near these locations, totality was observed at about 2 minutes and 40 seconds. The National Weather Service in Paducah noted on its website that some interesting weather phenomenon were observed during the eclipse. Temperatures began to drop roughly 30 to 60 minutes before totality, and bottomed out about 5 to 10 minutes after totality ended. Readings dropped anywhere from 4 to 8 degrees across the region. "You may have also noticed a decrease in the cumulus cloud field leading up to totality," the weather service shared on its website. "With the decreased solar radiation and temperatures lowering, the cumulus field that had become rather expansive in many areas about 1 to 2 hours before the eclipse, suddenly began to thin out right before and during totality. "Within about 60 to 90 minutes after totality of the eclipse, the cumulus clouds had begun to redevelop as temperatures rebounded back to what they were prior" to the eclipse.

Herrin man sentenced to two years

Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds reported Aug. 28 that Dustin L. Knight, 37, of Herrin, has been sentenced to two years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. Knight was sentenced after admitting to a petition for revocation of probation for an original offense of domestic battery, which is a Class 4 felony. Knight will also serve a four-year term of mandatory supervised release (formerly parole). Knight was arrested in July 2015 following an investigation by the Anna Police Department. Knight pleaded guilty to the original charge in April 2016.



Eclipse over Union County
 This image of the total solar eclipse on Aug. 21 was captured in Union County.

West Frankfort man sentenced

Union County State's Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds reported Aug. 24 that John C. Koczorowski, 42, of West Frankfort has been sentenced to five years in the Illinois Department of Corrections after pleading guilty to retail theft, which is a Class 3 felony. Koczorowski was charged following an investigation by the Anna Police Department. Koczorowski took electronics and a mobile phone from an Anna retailer in December 2016.

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News from First Baptist Church, Anna

In the morning service on Sunday, Aug. 27, Pastor Sinks' sermon was titled "A Fan or a Follower?" Scripture was from Matthew. Thursday, today, Allegiance will be in concert at the First Baptist Church in Anna. The concert begins at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. An offering will be received. All proceeds will go to benefit the Bald Knob Cross.

Cache River Days planned

The 2017 Cache River Days celebration is planned Sept. 7-10 in Ullin. The event celebrates the Cache River Watershed in Southern Illinois. As part of this year's event, Nature Fest activities are planned on Friday evening and Saturday. Nature Fest is slated to include a night hike on Friday. The many creatures of the Cache River Wetlands will be featured on Saturday. Guided nature hikes and free canoe tours of the wetlands also are planned on Saturday. Many other programs and activities are planned in the Village of Ullin. The schedule includes a community worship and fellowship service, a queen pageant, a softball tournament, tours of the Ullin depot and much more.

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"The Preaching Pen"
 A Small Tribute to My Father

If any who read this column also should use Facebook frequently, then you may know of my father's recent unexpected passing. We laid him to rest Tuesday. My brother and I preached his funeral, and it was the hardest thing either of us has done up to this point in our lives. I loved my father, and I'm not embarrassed to admit that publicly. He was a quiet, unassuming man who raised his sons with Southern manners and was content with whatever God saw fit for him to have. He worked hard his whole life and had very little given to him, and he taught his sons to work, too. Everything we know about being sons, husbands, and fathers - everything we learned about being men, we learned from him. His fingerprints are all over the family farm, his house, and his family's hearts. I miss him terribly. Many was the time we would go out for breakfast together, or I'd call him and tell him I had to go to Rural King, or a tractor dealership in Cape, etc., and ask him if he'd like to ride along. He rarely said "No." Quality time with loved ones is important, but I pray we never overlook the value of quantity time - those seemingly meaningless trips to a Farm store, or to the grocery store, etc., are time we get to spend with a loved one that we wouldn't have if we were only concerned with "quality" time. Dad broke both hips in 2015, and heterotropic ossification (regrowth of bone around his partial replacement) set in his left hip. He had trouble getting around, but he was still willing and able to go get parts for the farm, ferry me between farms to move machinery, offer advice - whether I asked for it or not © - and he would come with mom to hear me guest speak somewhere when he was up to it. He was my children's best friend, and as hard as it was for mom, my brother, and me to stand by his body last Friday morning, it was even harder for my brothers to come home from the hospital and tell our precious children their pa-pa was gone. However, I believe our anguish over his loss is a proud testimony to the bond we shared - we hurt so because we were so close. I think the bond we shared was worth the pain. Dad, you fought a good fight, you finished your course, you kept the faith, and there is a crown of life laid up for you (cf. II Tim. 4:6-8). You trained up your children in the way we should go, and now that we're older, we haven't departed from it (cf. Prov. 22:6). If your father is still alive, make sure he knows how much you love him - you may not have another chance. "... ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (Jas. 4:14). Please visit us any time at the Anna church of Christ and have a great day!

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Wildland fire crew returns home

The Illinois Wildland Fire Crew, sponsored by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDNR, assisted with wildland fire-fighting efforts during a recent two-week deployment, assisting with fire fights in Idaho and Montana.

On July 17, 20 members of the Illinois crew joined fire crews from Pennsylvania, Vermont and West Virginia that were deployed to the Northern Rockies Dispatch Center.

The crews were immediately assigned to work the Powerline Complex fire in west-central Idaho.

This lightning-caused fire involved approximately 23,000 acres of grass and open timber burning actively in very steep terrain along the Snake River.

The fire occurred in an area which included the deepest canyon in North America, with steep slopes, loose rocks and summer temperatures ranging from 30 degrees at night to 105 degrees during the day.

Given the hazardous terrain and conditions, fire-

fighter safety, as always, was the crew's top priority, IDNR noted.

The Illinois crew and counterparts from one of two Pennsylvania crews worked to build and secure 1.5 miles of critical hand-hewn fire line on steep, rugged terrain. The line tied into a previous fire line and the Snake River.

The fire teams then backfired from that line to hold the advancing fire front.

Using this backfiring method, along with two days of aerial ignitions, the total burn area was held to about 45,000 acres.

The Illinois crew was released from the Powerline Complex on July 25 and re-assigned to the Meyers Fire near Phillipsburg, Mont.

This 3,300-acre lightning-caused fire was in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest south of Missoula.

Illinois crew members were engaged in widening and improving a dozer trail firebreak near several U.S. Forest Service cabins and private summer homes.

The work involved removing ladder fuels (small 3-foot to 10-foot trees), felling 50-foot to 90-foot lodgepole pine and subalpine fir, as well as clearing dead and downed trees off the line.

As the summer wears on, fuel drying continues to hamper fire containment. This critical line will serve again as a backfiring line to burn out around the residential area and nearby campground, IDNR reported.

Wildland fire crew deployments are planned for approximately 18 days in duration. The Illinois crew returned home safely on Aug. 2.

The Illinois crew consists of IDNR personnel, as well as Illinois-based firefighters from the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and local fire department firefighters.

All expenses of the deployments are covered by the U.S. Forest Service through an interagency agreement with the IDNR Division of Forest Resources.

"The knowledge and leadership gained for our Illinois wildland firefighters on these types of deployments is extremely valuable, and helps to better prepare us should we need to respond elsewhere, or right here in Illinois," said IDNR state forester Tom Wilson.

"We hear all the time from our federal partners and local officials at the scene of these wildland fires how much they appreciate the hard work and dedication of our Illinois crew."

Allegiance Trio concert planned

The Allegiance Trio is slated to present a gospel music concert in support of the Cross of Peace on Bald Knob Mountain near Alto Pass.

The concert is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, today, at the First Baptist Church in Anna. The church is located at 409 Morgan St.

Doors are set to open at 6 p.m., one hour before the concert.

An offering will be received for the benefit of the Cross of Peace.



One of the flowers of the night blooming cereus cactus.



The night blooming cereus cactus plant at the home of Allie Jane Davis in Cobden.

Unique plant blooms at Cobden residence

Allie Jane Davis of Cobden was joined by a group of friends last Friday night who witnessed the unique and special blooming of a plant called the night blooming cereus cactus.

The DesertUSA website describes the night blooming cereus as one of the strangest plants of the desert. The plant is a member of the cactus family that resembles nothing more than a dead bush most of the year. It is rarely seen in the wild because of its inconspicuousness.

"But for one midsummer's night each year, its exquisitely scented flower opens as night falls, then closes forever with the first rays of the morning sun."

Davis's friends were on hand Friday night when the night blooming cereus which is growing on the front porch at her home in Cobden displayed its unique, white flowers.

Police dog bill signed into law

House Bill 2661, which allows Illinois Emergency Medical Services, EMS, professionals to transport police dogs injured in the line of duty to a veterinary clinic, provided no people require medical attention or transport at that time, has been signed into law.

Gov. Bruce Rauner signed the bill into law at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield. The law is effective Jan. 1, 2018.

"Police dogs are critical

to helping our law enforcement officers do their jobs," Rauner said.

"They are valued members of Illinois' law enforcement family, and we should make sure they are taken care of. This bill will help ensure injured police dogs get the care they need as quickly as possible."

HB 2661 was passed by a bipartisan group of legislators and was supported by the Illinois State Police.

Pumpkin Town planned

Planning is underway for the 2017 Pumpkin Town display in October on the grounds of the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna.

Pumpkin Town has been presented for a number of years in conjunction with the annual Union County ColorFest celebration.

The theme for this year's Pumpkin Town displays will be Dr. Seuss.

Carol Hoffman with the Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau is welcoming entries for this year's displays.

Businesses, organizations, churches and others are invited to be a part of Pumpkin Town.

For more information about Pumpkin Town, Hoffman can be contacted at 833-9928, carol@southernmostillinois.com, www.southernmostillinois.com or www.facebook.com/So.illinois.

Chancellor welcomes input about SIU's future

New Southern Illinois University Carbondale chancellor Carlo Montemagno invites Southern Illinois residents to share their vision for the future of SIU.

Montemagno, who became chancellor on Aug. 15, has launched a survey as a first step seeking input about what the university should look like in 2025, just eight years into the future.

"I encourage people to respond to the survey without being weighed down by past challenges," he said. "What are your hopes and dreams for SIU?"

Montemagno said he wants to be sure that all of the university's stakeholders have the opportunity to provide their own ideas for SIU's direction.

He is emailing links to the survey to students, alumni, donors, faculty and staff, and invites others to participate by accessing the survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/SIUvision2025.

"This survey is just one of many ways I will be inviting input that will help us shape SIU as it evolves," he adds. "Input is important, welcome and appreciated."

Survey responses are due by Friday, Sept. 8. Additional information is available by visiting chancellor.siu.edu/survey.

Center honored

U.S. News & World Report has named Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau a "High Performing Hospital" for both hip replacement and knee replacement, the only hospital in the region recognized with the designation.

To earn the honor, Saint Francis' Center for Joint Replacement & Revision performed significantly higher than the national average in three key areas for both joint replacement procedures.



August garden of the month

The Anna-Jo Garden Club has selected Jeannie O Laughlin-Landis as the recipient of the club's garden of the month honor for August. Her garden is located at 285 Sharp Rd. in Anna.

She planned an all-seasons flower garden, which includes a wide range of plants, from native wild flowers to tropical flowers. She has an arbor which has had honeysuckle in bloom recently.

Her garden has both perennial and annuals. She has flower boxes with many varieties of sedum. Other flowers in the garden include peonies, roses, water lilies, floating hyacinths, brown-eyed Susans, hostas, hibiscus, pansies and butterfly bushes.

The garden has two goldfish ponds with frogs, sedum and many decorative flower boxes. Ornamental grasses and hostas edge the goldfish pond. Jeannie's husband, Jeff, supports her gardening endeavors with the construction aspect. Photo provided.

We want to commend the Union County Fair Board for another great fair. We appreciate the many hours of hard work each member and the many volunteers put forth in order to make the fair an event the whole family can enjoy.



Pictured here is Megan McClellan presenting the blanket on behalf of Anna-Jonesboro National Bank to Colin Hall and his draft horse Star, who won Grand Champion in the heavy horse halter class.

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High school football

A-J football opens with win over West Frankfort

The visiting Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team took advantage of early West Frankfort miscues on its way to a 43-18 win in the 2017 season opener for both teams Friday, Aug. 25. "That was a nice win," A-J head coach Brett Detering said. "I was really pleased with how we played. They made some mistakes. But I believe our kids were creating a lot of those."

The Wildcats wasted little time getting on the scoreboard after a Redbird miscue.

West Frankfort quarterback Connor Eaton's pass was intercepted by Conner Jerolds on the home team's first drive.

Nine plays later, Jayce Turner scored on a 2-yard run. Sheldon McGrath kicked the extra point and A-J was ahead 7-0 with 5:58 remaining in the first quarter.

"It was good to get our rushing game going early," Detering said. "It gave them a lot of confidence."

A-J's Ariel Hart thwarted the Redbird's ensuing drive when he stripped the football out of running back Madison Allen's hands in the end zone for a touch-back.

For the first and only time in the game, A-J was stalled on its next drive and was forced to punt.

After A-J was offside on the first play from scrimmage, the Redbirds' Allen fumbled on the next play and the Wildcats' Turner recovered.

Eleven plays later, A-J quarterback Bryce Osman scored on a 2-yard plunge.

McGrath's extra point kick put A-J on top 14-0

with 9:28 remaining in the second quarter.

Hart made a nifty kick-off return on the next drive to set up A-J's next TD.

Four plays later, Turner scored on a 2-yard plunge. McGrath's kick was off and A-J led 20-0 with 6:57 remaining in the first half.

The Redbirds' Allen then capped a five-play drive with what appeared to be a 49-yard TD run that was negated because of a personal foul call.

Damien Crisp kept A-J's next drive alive by recovering an Osman fumble.

Osman capped a seven-play drive with a 5-yard TD run. Hart ran in the conversion points and A-J was in front 28-0 with 1:50 remaining in the first half.

But the first half was far from over.

Kyle Hammers then scampered 90 yards on the kickoff return for a Redbird TD. The extra point kick was blocked and West Frankfort had pulled to 28-6 with 1:00 remaining in the first half.

The kickoff return was fumbled and the Redbirds took over deep in A-J territory.

Quarterback Eaton then capped a six-play drive with a 15-yard TD pass to Hammers. The conversion run was halted and West Frankfort pulled to 28-12 with 23 seconds remaining in the first half.

"I saw the game film and we made some mistakes," Detering said. "Busted coverage and things like that are some things we need to work on."

The Wildcats continued to roll in the second half.

On an option pass, Jerolds threw to Crisp for a 25-yard TD pass to cap a

10-play drive.

Turner ran in the conversion points and A-J led 36-12 with 7:36 remaining in the third quarter.

After Kyle McMahan recovered a Redbird fumble, West Frankfort returned the favor on A-J's next drive recovering Turner's fumble.

But, the drive stalled on another intercepted pass by Jerolds and A-J's offense went to work again.

Turner then capped a 10-play drive with a 3-yard touchdown run.

Jaryt Tripp kicked the conversion points and A-J led 43-12 with 8:00 remaining in the game.

West Frankfort's Allen closed out the scoring with 2:30 remaining in the game when he scored on a 5-yard run. The extra point kick was blocked to close out the scoring.

Reserve quarterback Jerolds took a knee twice in the final seconds to end the game.

Turner led A-J with 200 yards rushing on 32 carries and scored three TDs.

Osman was 4 of 6 passing for 93 yards. Jerolds was 1 of 1 passing for 24 yards.

Crisp had two receptions for 63 yards. McMahan had a reception for 30 yards and Hart had two receptions for 24 yards.

"I was pleased overall," Detering said. "I felt like we made some improvements from last year. We played even better."

The Wildcats only had 53 yards rushing in last year's win over the Redbirds. They accumulated 321 yards rushing this time.

This was Detering's 13th consecutive win over West Frankfort.



Wildcat on the move

Anna-Jonesboro senior Arieh Hart looks for some running room against West Frankfort in Friday night's game. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.



A-J scores touchdown

Anna-Jonesboro senior Jayce Turner, number 42, crosses the goal line to score a touchdown against West Frankfort Friday night. Also in the photo are A-J junior Kyle McMahan, number 25, and senior Arieh Hart, number 1. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.



Looking for running room

Anna-Jonesboro senior Bryce Osman, number 14, carries the ball against West Frankfort Friday night. Also in the photo are senior Ross Pinnon, number 2, and junior Kyle McMahan, number 25.



Handing off the ball

Anna-Jonesboro quarterback Bryce Osman, number 14 and a senior, hands the ball to senior Jayce Turner, number 42, in Friday night's game at West Frankfort. Also in the photo are junior Damien Crisp, number 27, and junior Nate Kissat, number 20. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.



Season opener

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School football team gets ready for its 2017 season opener at West Frankfort last Friday night. Photo by Tiffany Dillow for The Gazette-Democrat.

Murphysboro football team young squad with only four seniors

The Murphysboro High School football team finished 4-5 last season.

The team, which travels to Anna-Jonesboro this Friday, will be dominated by sophomores and juniors. "We're young," Murphysboro football coach

A-J girls' golf team wins twice

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls' golf team won twice in recent action.

A-J 187, Goreville 239: Molly Ellis shot 39 to lead the host Lady Wildcats to the win at the Union County Country Club course in Anna Thursday, Aug. 24.

Emma Ray and Connor Hadley were next with a score of 49 apiece, followed by Britni Helton 49 and Chloe Gamber and Hannah Hileman each with 61.

A-J 190, Carterville 220: Ellis shot 42 to lead the win over Carterville at the home Tuesday, Aug. 22.

Helton was next for the Lady Wildcats with 46, followed by Ray 49, Hadley and Gamber with 53 apiece, Tobie Treece 57 and Sydnie Ralls 63.

Gary Carter said. "We've only got four seniors."

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

The Red Devils opened their season last week with a 21-6 loss to Carbondale. The game was the 100th matchup involving the two Jackson County teams.

Although they are young, Anna-Jonesboro coach Brett Detering noted that Murphysboro had previous success at the lower levels.

"They've had good success with their juniors and sophomores classes," Detering said.

Quarterbacking Murphysboro is junior Gavin Topp, 6-1, 160 pounds. He was 6 for 12 passing for 70 yards against Carbondale.

Junior Cory Blythe, 5-6, 170 pounds, led the

Co-op soccer team goes 1-2 at Carbondale tourney

The Anna-Jonesboro/Dongola/Cobden Co-Op boys' soccer team finished 1-2 in recent action at the Carbondale Preview Tournament Friday/Saturday, Aug. 25-26.

A-J/Dongola/Cobden 4, Herrin/Carterville 1: Jaryt Tripp, Ross Pinnon, Noah McFarland and Blake Pena scored a goal apiece to lead visiting A-J/Dongola/Cobden to the win Saturday. Pena had three assists.

Goalie Jake Parr had 55 minutes in goal and made

rushing attack against the Terriers with 137 yards in 24 carries. Other backfield threats are sophomore Jake Hoppenstedt, 5-9, 160 pounds, who added 25 yards rushing. Senior Brandon Caldwell, 5-11, 165 pounds, had 12 yards rushing.

One of the top receivers for the Red Devils was Caldwell, who had two receptions for 27 yards.

Some top offensive linemen are seniors Clayton Berger, 6-2, 305 pounds, and Marcus Gilmore, 6-1, 195 pounds, and junior Ryan Karg, 6-1, 185 pounds.

Some key defensive players are sophomore Zane Caraway, 5-8, 190 pounds; and juniors Kenny Peterien, 5-10, 190 pounds, Jared Lawrence, 6-1, 165 pounds, and Mo Valliant, 6-1, 255 pounds.

one save.

Carbondale 3, A-J/Dongola/Cobden 0: Tripp led the visitors in the loss with two shots on goal Saturday.

Parr had 70 minutes in goal with four saves.

Waterloo 2, A-J/Dongola/Cobden 1: Tripp had the lone goal in the loss on Friday. Devin Hazel had an assist.

Parr had 70 minutes in goal and had six saves.

A-J, 2-2, is scheduled to play Tuesday, Sept. 5, at Marion.

Summer is yard sale time. To place your yard sale ad, just call 833-2158.



Watching eclipse in Alto Pass
People watched the total solar eclipse on Monday, Aug. 21, at the Cliff View Park in Alto Pass. Photo provided.

People watched solar eclipse at many venues in county

When the total solar eclipse occurred on Monday, Aug. 21, people watched the event at a number of venues in the Union County area.

Barbara Boyd Bauer of Anna shared the following note from "a Corzine 'cousin' of mine, Joleen Corzine Burke. She and her husband Bob Burke live at Morton.

"Actually, our parents (Vivian Corzine Boyd and Joseph Corzine) were cousins and she grew up away from here and we have never met personally.

"She feels tied to the area because of her family roots and comes back to the Union Cemetery periodically to visit Corzine graves and home sites here.

That is how they chose the Union Cemetery to view the eclipse. At one time there was a school and a shelter there, and the location was a gathering place for community and family events, that she and I have both heard about from our ancestors."

Bauer shared Joleen Corzine Burke's email about the eclipse:

"We had a great time at the Union Cemetery. It was very peaceful but HOT and HUMID but I think the whole state was like that Mon.

We took a video and timed the totality as 2 mins 28 secs.

It was not as we had expected though as it didn't get totally dark. We both

A-J's Massey earns coach of year honor

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School wrestling coach Eric Massey was honored recently by the Illinois High School Association as the Class 1A wrestling coach of the year.

"I was shocked," Massey said. "I got the award, but it was definitely a team effort. I couldn't have done it without my assistant coaches Grover Mays and Chase Hargrave."

Massey was nominated for the honor by the Southern Illinois Coaches Association.

"It says a lot for our program," Massey said. "The kids are buying into what we're teaching them. We're definitely turning heads and people are noticing us."

Massey, Mays and Hargrave are all former A-J wrestlers.

West Frankfort tops A-J in golf

Host West Frankfort topped Anna-Jonesboro 175-179 in a three-team boys' high school golf match Tuesday, Aug. 22.

Harrisburg finished in third place with a score of 231.

Levi Hall and Carson Reynolds led A-J in a tie for second place with a score of 42.

Other finishers for the Wildcats were Peter Hauser with 47, followed by Hunter Ralls 48, Jax Watkins 55 and Robbie Hammonds 58.

thought we had read that it would.

The most impressive part was the 360 degree sunrise/sunset even though we couldn't see that to the west for the trees. We could see a star high in the west.

No clouds covered the sun as they did in Carbondale. There were some beautiful tall clouds to the east which were highlighted during totality.

No animals reacted around us but there was a strange bug sound coming from a tree near us. Not a cricket or cicada - they were all quiet.

Afterwards we drove to Dongola and around Anna past Uncle Jim's and Colleen's houses.

Balcom seems to have almost disappeared. Admired the library in Anna from the outside. We wanted some peaches so went up 51 and happened on a sign for Owl Creek Winery which is owned by the brother of a past boss' of Bob so we detoured out there.

The brother was gone for the day but bought a bottle and some cider. We ended up at Flamm's and got peaches and split a peach cobbler.

We almost didn't make it down. 57 was at a standstill south of Champaign with road work. We detoured but ran into bumper to bumper traffic.

Didn't think we would get past Rend Lake but after Benton it just opened up. Not even congested at Marion.

We had decided we'd take the least clogged of 24

and 57 but both looked fine so we decided to head for Balcom.

We did stop at the rest area just before Anna exit. It was packed!! People had set up camps to watch from there. I wonder how it was tho since there are so many trees. Maybe it actually got really dark there.

We started from home at 6:15 and got to the cemetery a little after 12.

Coming back we left the orchard around 3:45. People working there said best way back to 57 was go back to Anna so we did. Everything was fine until Marion. Then it was stop and go.

We never could figure out why we'd go a little and then all lanes would come to a complete stop for a minute or 2.

We decided to try for 55 so got off on the road that crosses part of Rend Lake. We stopped in Nashville for gas. Standing in line to use the restroom, people were just so mellow. Not upset about the traffic - just sharing pictures and stories about where they had watched from - Elizabethtown and Kentucky.

As soon as it started to get dark, we were entertained the whole way home with lightning displays around us.

Never stormed over us tho. We pulled in the garage at 11:15. Luckily we had packed enough lunch that it served as dinner too.

Would we do it again in 2024? Yes - it was just cool. We will definitely be down to Anna again.

School Menu

Jonesboro School Menu
Monday, Sept. 4: Breakfast: No school, Labor Day.

Tuesday, Sept. 5: Breakfast: Warm pancakes with syrup, fresh fruit, orange juice, choice of lowfat milk.

Lunch: Elementary: Taco Tuesday: Beef macho nachos or whole grain and grape jelly with string cheese, baked fries, fresh Caesar salad, fresh or chilled fruit.

Middle: Beef macho machos or whole grain peanut butter crustable with string cheese; baked oven fries; crispy chicken salad with dinner roll; pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza; classic American cheeseburger; corn pepper salad, Caesar salad, fresh fruit, chilled fruit.

Wednesday, Sept. 6: Pink lemonade smoothie/toast, fresh whole apple, choice of lowfat milk. Lunch: Cheese stuffed breadsticks with marinara or ham and turkey chef salad with dinner roll, roasted green beans, fresh baby carrots, fresh or chilled fruit.

Middle: Cheese stuffed breadstick with marinara or ham and turkey chef salad with dinner roll; roasted green

beans; ham and turkey chef salad with roll, croutons; pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza; crispy chicken patty sandwich; fresh baby carrots, Caesar salad, fresh fruit, chilled fruit.

Thursday, Sept. 7: Breakfast: Ham, egg and cheese flatbread, fresh fruit, orange juice, choice of lowfat milk. Lunch: Elementary: Southern style pork sandwich or chicken quesadilla, tater tots, grape tomatoes, classic baked beans, fresh or chilled fruit.

Middle: Southern style pulled pork sandwich or chicken and cheese quesadilla; tater tots; crispy chicken salad with dinner roll; pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza; chicken quesadilla; classic baked beans, Caesar salad, grape tomatoes, fresh fruit, chilled fruit.

Friday, Sept. 8: Breakfast: Biscuit and gravy, fresh fruit, apple juice, choice of lowfat milk. Lunch: Elementary: Breakfast for lunch: Whole grain French toast with turkey sausage or ham and Swiss pretzel roll sandwich, hashbrown patty, sliced cucumbers, fresh or chilled fruit.

Middle:

French toast sticks with sausage patties or ham and Swiss pretzel roll; hash-brown patty; ham and turkey chef salad with roll, croutons; pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza; corn dog; sliced cucumbers, Caesar salad, fresh fruit, chilled fruit.

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Cancer screenings for veterans addressed in state legislation

A measure that would increase the accessibility and awareness of cancer screenings for veterans in Illinois has been signed into law.

State Rep. Brandon Phelps, D-Harrisburg, supported the measure, Senate Bill 838.

The bill passed both the Illinois House of Representatives and the Senate with strong bipartisan support. The bill is effective on Jan. 1, 2018.

"This legislation will allow the Department of Public Health to conduct a new program spreading awareness about the impor-

ance of cancer screenings for veterans," Phelps said in a news release.

"Prevention is the strongest step that can be taken to prevent cancer, and our goal is to make this information more easily accessible to our country's heroes."

"Unfortunately, in our country issues such as veteran unemployment and homelessness are rampant.

"Helping veterans, the men and women who have risked their lives to protect our country's freedoms, get access to potentially life-saving health information is so important."

Co-op soccer opens with win

Blake Pena scored the lone goal to lead the visiting Anna-Jonesboro/Dongola/Cobden co-op boys' high school soccer team to a season-opening 1-0 win over Sikeston, Mo., Wednesday, Aug. 23.

Jaryt Tripp had an assist in the win.

Goalkeeper Jake Parr had 10 saves in 80 minutes in goal.

A-J, 1-0, is scheduled to play Tuesday, Sept. 5, at Marion.

Scramble results

The four-man team of Jay Beachum, Darren Inman, Bubba Kobler and Greg Masterson won the men's golf scramble played at the Union County Country Club course in Anna Wednesday, Aug. 23.

Second place was won by Dickie Reynolds, Roy West and Walt Zeschke.

Third place went to the team of Gene Adams, Matt Laster, John Mowery and Rob Wright.

Hodges scores hole-in-one

Nathan Hodges of Anna had a hole-in-one while playing golf Friday, Aug. 25, at the Union County Country Club course in Anna.

Hodges aced the 158-yard number 3 hole. He was using an 8 iron.

The shot was witnessed by Joe Mason, Al Roberts and Mitzi Roberts.

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Charles Dylan Myers
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Terry Bartruff
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GERALD DUNN Plaintiff,
v.
PAUL GAINES & MARGARET GAINES Defendants,
KNOWN CLAIMANT: VINOD GUPTA (Tax Buyer of 2015 taxes) and, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
Case No. 17-CH-21

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TAKE NOTICE, all Known, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that a Complaint was filed in the Circuit Court of Union County, Illinois, for the Mortgage Foreclosure for real property located on 118 S. Jefferson, City of Cobden, Illinois, the real estate being further described, to-wit:

All of Lot 5 in George McPass First Addition to the Village of South Pass (now Village of Cobden), except the South 123.0 feet thereof. And all of Lot 6 in said George McPass First Addition to the Village of South Pass (now Village of Cobden) all situated in Union County, Illinois.

NOW, THEREFORE, a judgment for foreclosure may be entered in accordance with the prayer of the foreclosure and whereby a default judgment may be entered on or after 25th day of October, 2017.

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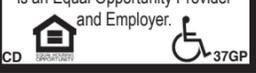
ESTATE OF BARBARA FISHER, DECEASED. NO. 2017-P-35 IN PROBATE

NOTICE OF DEATH, INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND CLAIM DATE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to creditors of the death of Barbara Fisher of 5400 St. Johns Road, Dongola, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on August 25, 2017, to Kenny Taylor, 605 N. Green Street, Anna, IL 62906 and Delois Fisher, 1630 Hound Dog Ridge Road, Vienna, IL 62995, as Independent Co-Executors,

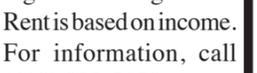
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Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of admission, you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses in open Court or other evidence, as provided by Section 5/6-21 of the Probate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

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

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

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this court at the Union County Courthouse, 311 West Market, Jonesboro, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before March 3, 2018, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Executor is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of the State of Illinois, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorneys within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the School Board of Lick Creek CCSD #16 in Union County, IL, that tentative budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the Lick Creek District Office, 7355 Cypress Road, Buncombe, IL 62912. Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 7 o'clock p.m., on the 16th day of September, 2017, at Lick Creek School CCSD #16.

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History of Labor Day

Labor Day: What it Means

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers.

It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

Labor Day Legislation

Through the years the nation gave increasing emphasis to Labor Day. The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed during 1885 and 1886.

From these, a movement developed to secure state legislation. The first state bill was introduced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on Feb. 21, 1887.

During the year four more states, Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York, created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment.

By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania had followed suit.

By 1894, 23 other states had adopted the holiday in honor of workers, and on June 28 of that year, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

Founder of Labor Day

More than 100 years after the first Labor Day observance, there is still some doubt as to who first proposed the holiday for workers.

Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, gen-

eral secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, was first in suggesting a day to honor those "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold."

But Peter McGuire's place in Labor Day history has not gone unchallenged.

Many believe that Matthew Maguire, a machinist, not Peter McGuire, founded the holiday.

Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, N.J., proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York.

What is clear is that the Central Labor Union adopted a Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic.

The First Labor Day

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union.

The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on Sept. 5, 1883.

In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, as originally proposed, and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and celebrate a "workingmen's holiday" on that date.

The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country.

A Nationwide Holiday

The form that the observance and celebration of

Labor Day should take was outlined in the first proposal of the holiday: a street parade to exhibit to the public "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations" of the community, followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families.

This became the pattern for the celebrations of Labor Day. Speeches by prominent men and women were introduced later, as more emphasis was placed upon the economic and civic significance of the holiday.

Still later, by a resolution of the American Federation of Labor convention of 1909, the Sunday preceding Labor Day was adopted as Labor Sunday and dedicated to the spiritual and educational aspects of the labor movement.

The character of the Labor Day celebration has undergone a change in recent years, especially in large industrial centers where mass displays and huge parades have proved a problem.

This change, however, is more a shift in emphasis and medium of expression. Labor Day addresses by leading union officials, industrialists, educators, clerics and government officials are given wide coverage in newspapers, radio and television.

The vital force of labor added materially to the highest standard of living and the greatest production the world has ever known and has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy.

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(Source: U.S. Department of Labor website.)

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Obituaries

Ethelene Eva Lyerla

Ethelene Eva Lyerla, died on Aug. 21, 2017, in Anna, at the age of 94.

She was born in the country near Cobden, the daughter of Audie and Vesta Wright.

She married Collin Wesley Lyerla on July 1, 1945, in St. Louis. Collin preceded her in death on Aug. 13, 2013.

She is survived by two sons, Richard "Rick" (Donna) Lyerla of Jonesboro and Collin "Wesley" Lyerla of Cobden; one daughter, Judy Ann Lyerla of San Antonio; one sister, Ramona Hays of Herrin; one brother, Gene (Mary Lou) Wright of Anna; five grandchildren, Jamie Clary, Wendy Oxford, Courtney Haddick, Collin Wesley III and Kimberly Wilber; one step-grandchild, Joel Martin; nine great-grandchildren, Samantha Clary, Jackson Armstrong, Peyton Lyerla, Carolyn Lyerla, Blakely Lyerla, Camille Haddick, Alianna Haddick, Isaiah Martin and Jesse Lee Wilber (who called her Granny Sassy, a name she loved).

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Carol Lee Wright and Nellie Mae Dillow.

She became a member of Anna Heights Baptist Church in 1957 and taught the same Deborah Sunday School class for over 40 years. She was a fearless prayer warrior, and many will remember her taking them to and from church. Ethelene lived out her faith in the support of numerous charities, and she frequently found small and large ways to provide great comfort and support. She has been an inspiration to several generations, and her life had an impact on those she touched.

She was the first person in her family to graduate from high school. During World War II, she worked in Chicago and St. Louis for Union Special Machine Company, a sewing machine company that turned to making fuel tanks and fragment bombs for the war effort. A riveter, she was one of the iconic women riveters who stepped up while their men were off fighting the war. She later retired from the Bunny Bread bakery in Anna, where she worked in the front office for over 20 years.

She was a tireless seamstress with an innate sense of clothing design. She loved gardening and could grow almost anything with her green thumb. She also expressed her creativity and hard work ethic by baking and decorating cakes when she wasn't working, and provided wedding cakes for many in the community.

She was a dear friend and a trusted confidante, precious to those in her wide circle of friends and family who will always miss her, but also always grateful for her life.

Funeral services for Mrs. Lyerla were at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with the Rev. Scott Harner officiating.

Memorials can be made to the Ebenezer Hall Cemetery.

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

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Richard Seward

Richard Seward, 49, of Jonesboro, died at 2:13 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2017, at his home.

He was born on July 11, 1968, the son of Larry and Elizabeth Seward Wheaton.

He is survived by several aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He worked as a tech at the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in Anna. He served in the U.S. Army. He was a gun enthusiast and a very health conscious person.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 25, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Anna, with Greg Wheaton officiating. Interment was in the Jonesboro Cemetery. Graveside military rites were conducted by Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna and the Illinois Army National Guard funeral honor team of Marion.

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Nancy R. Womick

Nancy R. Womick, 83, died early Wednesday morning, Aug. 23, 2017, at Brookwood Retirement Center in Cincinnati, Ohio.

She was the wife of Jerald E. Womick. They shared 60 years of marriage together.

Born in Wyandotte, Mich., she was the daughter of Alvin and Hazel Basse, from Jonesboro.

She graduated from Anna-Jonesboro Community High School. She was a homemaker and a full-time mother. She was a member of the Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Huber Heights, Ohio, the First Baptist Church in Johnstown, Ohio, and most recently the First Baptist Church in Milford, Ohio. She loved playing the piano for the children's Sunday School and Vacation Bible School.

She is survived by her husband, Jerald E. Womick; sons Richard B. Womick and Michael B. Womick; and grandchildren Joshua Womick, Jessica Womick, Kayla Smith, Joseph Womick, Abby Womick, Mitchell Womick and Johah Womick.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Jim Basse. Funeral services were Monday, Aug. 28, at the First Baptist Church, 1367 Woodville Pike, Milford, Ohio 45150, with interment at the Graceland Memorial Gardens in Milford, Ohio.

Memorials can be made to the First Baptist Church in Milford.



Franklin Delano 'Barney' Porterfield

Franklin Delano "Barney" Porterfield, 84, of Dongola, died at 4:37 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 26, 2017, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

He was born on March 12, 1933, in Dongola, the son of Clarence Lowell and Bessie Elizabeth Lawrence Porterfield.

He married Jodene McCommons on March 6, 1955.

He was a 50-year member of Masonic Lodge No. 581 of Dongola. He was also a member of American Legion Post No. 2910 of Dongola, the VFW Post No. 3455 of Anna and Eastern Star Egyptian Chapter No. 30. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Dongola for over 42 years and served as a trustee.

He served in the U.S. Army and was a Korean War veteran. He retired from the State of Illinois. He served as a precinct committeeman of Dongola and a Union County Democratic chairman for over 30 years.

He is survived by his wife, Jodene of Dongola; a daughter, Jan Porterfield of Nashville, Tenn.; a brother, Leon (Barbara) Porterfield of Dongola; special children Kyle and Cynthia Kern of Dongola; special grandchildren Erica (Jacob) Poat and Gracen Kern, both of Dongola; special great-grandchildren Carson and Aubrey Jo Poat, both of Dongola; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Ronnie Joe Porterfield and Darrell Porterfield; and a sister, Carimena Capps.

Masonic rites were held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 28, at Crain Funeral Home in Dongola, with the Rev. Paul Sadler officiating. Interment was in Christian Chapel Cemetery, with military honors by the Illinois honor guard.

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.crainonline.com.

Crain Funeral Home Crain Funeral Home in Dongola was in charge of arrangements.

Paul E. Reynolds

Paul E. Reynolds, 84, of rural Cobden, died at 11:59 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, 2017, at Heartland Regional Medical Center in Marion.

He was born on May 5, 1933, in Jonesboro, the son of Edward Harrison and Rosa Coats Reynolds.

He is survived by his best friend and mother of his children Rose Reynolds of Cobden; children Kevin (Janet) Reynolds of Cobden, Karen (Roy) Burmeister of Davisburg, Mich., and James (Ursula) Reynolds of Cobden; 10 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; two brothers, Bill Reynolds of Elgin and Eddie Lee Reynolds of Jonesboro, other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Eddie Reynolds and Jeff Reynolds; two sisters and two brothers.

He was a member of the Faith Community Church of Anna. He served in the U.S. Army National Guard. He retired from E.T. Simonds Construction, where he worked for many years as a truck driver and was a member of the Teamsters Local No. 347.

Memorial services for Mr. Reynolds will be at the Faith Community Church of Anna on Thursday, today, at 11 a.m., with the Rev. Bon Reynolds and the Rev. Richard Reynolds officiating. Interment will be in the Jonesboro Cemetery.

Graveside military rites will be conducted by Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW in Anna and the Illinois Army National Guard funeral honor team of Marion.

Friends can call after 10 a.m. and until the service hour at 11 a.m. on Thursday, today, at the Faith Community Church of Anna.

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

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

Franklin Henry Powles

Franklin Henry Powles, 79, of Anna, died at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, 2017, at the Jonesboro Rehab & Healthcare Center.

He was born on Nov. 21, 1937, in Union County, the son of Roy and Lorene Allen Powles.

He was a member of the Anna Heights Baptist Church. He served in the U.S. Air Force.

He is survived by his children, Peter (Donna) Powles of New York, Janet Turner of Anna and Dana (Jackie) Powles of South Carolina; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a brother, Howard Powles of Dongola, and three sisters, Fern Thompson of Dongola, Louise Thompson of Mill Creek and Imogene Lynn of Marion.

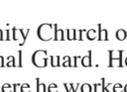
He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Deloris Wilson; and son-in-law, Alexander Turner.

Funeral services for Mr. Powles were at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro. Interment was in St. John's Cemetery, with Pastor Darryl Williams officiating.

Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society.

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

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



Betty Ethelwyn Dodd

Betty E. Dodd, 95, died at 5:15 a.m. Aug. 25, 2017.

She was born on Feb. 27, 1922, in Huntington, Ind., the daughter of Albert and Ethelwyn Beal Heinss. Both parents are deceased. She was an only child.

She married Byron E. Dodd on Feb. 17, 1946, in Indianapolis, Ind. They later moved to Jonesboro. He preceded her in death on March 21, 1988.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Byron A. and Rita Dodd of Anna; two daughters and spouses, Carolyn and Ron Cross of Jonesboro and Patricia and David Weaver of Bloomington; six grandchildren, Wendi Weaver of Bloomington, Braxton (Katie) Weaver of Des Peres, Mo., Laura Cross of St. Louis, Megan Sherrill of Jonesboro, Bradley (Danielle) Dodd of Anna and Ryan Dodd of Anna; great-grandchildren include Callaway Dancause of Bloomington, Lily Baker and Adelle Sherrill of Jonesboro, Camden and Brody Weaver of Des Peres, Mo., and Briana Dodd of Anna.

She retired in 1984 after 19 years with the USDA Forest Service, Jonesboro Ranger District as business management assistant. Previously she held secretarial positions with Allison Division, GMC and Pittman-Moore Biological Laboratories in Indianapolis, Ind., and bookkeeping positions for private industry in Southern Illinois.

She also was a volunteer for the Red Cross Bloodmobile and a member of Anna Women's Club. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Jonesboro, where she served many years in the church media library and later as library director.

She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother who loved to play both piano and Monopoly with her family. She always had a welcoming smile and generous heart which she openly shared with family, friends and strangers.

Funeral services were at noon Monday, Aug. 28, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with the Rev. Jerry Ford officiating. Interment was in the Jonesboro Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the First Baptist Church of Jonesboro building fund or to the church library.

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

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

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Robert C. 'Bob' McAlister

Robert C. "Bob" McAlister, 75, of Jonesboro, died at 12:10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 25, 2017, at Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

He was born on March 10, 1942, in Houston, Texas, the son of Robert Perry and Irene Helms McAlister.

He married Kristie Dillow on Jan. 29, 1971.

He grew up as a shrimper with his dad and brother in Seadrift, Texas, where his whole family shrimped the San Antonio Bay. He served four years in the Navy and was a veteran of the Vietnam War.

In 1970 he moved to Southern Illinois thanks to the Wilkins family and then met and married Kristie. He worked side by side with his father-in-law as a farmer his entire life in Southern Illinois. He was an avid sportsman.

At the age of 49 he went to work on the river for Missouri Barge Line working for 12 years. He was a member and elder of Anna Church of Christ. He was a member of Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 of the VFW.

He is survived by his wife, Kristie McAlister of Jonesboro; sons R.W. (Renee) McAlister of Jonesboro and Bryan (Mendy) McAlister of Centerville, Tenn.; seven grandchildren, Amy Kathryn, Holly Renee, Connor Ward, Jason Robert, Kendyl Breeann, Kinley Brooke and Carsen Duane; his mother, Irene McAlister of Victoria, Texas; a sister, Brenda Owen of Bay City, Texas; a brother, Bryan Lynn (Annette) McAlister of Sulphur Springs, Texas; an aunt, Louise McCown; three nieces and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father; Kristie's parents, Ward and Virgie Dillow; and one daughter, Amy Lynne McAlister.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29, at the Anna Church of Christ, with R.W. and Bryan McAlister officiating. Interment was in St. John's Cemetery near Dongola, with military honors by Carroll P. Foster Post No. 3455 and the Illinois honor guard.

Memorials can be made to Anna Church of Christ.

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

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Here are some tips for drivers who share the roads with school buses, as well as some easy lessons to teach your kids about bus stop safety.

Driving Near Buses

Follow these tips to help protect the children when you drive.

Keep an especially close eye on students as

they're getting on and off the bus: stragglers might run. The most dangerous part of the trip, for kids, is getting on and off the bus.

Be alert and slow down if you're near a bus. There's never a good enough reason to speed, and it's downright careless when there are children nearby.

Do not pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload students. All states have laws that tell you under what circumstances you can and cannot pass

a stopped school bus. Most buses actually have stop signs that display when children are getting on and off the bus. In general, it does not begin to move after until the bus' red flashing lights are turned off, the stop arm is withdrawn, and the bus begins to move.

Know and understand traffic laws and speed limits near a school bus and schools. Often, the laws change during school hours.

Teach Your Children

Help take the danger

out of the trip to and from school by instructing children about school bus stop safety.

The National Safety Council recommends that children should:

Wait away from the roadway and board only when the bus has come to a complete stop.

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Candidate stops in Jonesboro

Democratic Party gubernatorial candidate JB Pritzker, second from left, brought his campaign to Union County last week for an informal gathering in Jonesboro. Among those present were, from left, Anna Mayor Steve Hartline, Pritzker, Democrat Todd Vincent of Anna and State Rep. Brandon Phelps, D-Harrisburg.

Democratic Party candidate for governor makes campaign visit to Union County

A Democratic Party candidate for governor in the March 2018 primary election paid a visit to Union County last week.

JB Pritzker of Chicago stopped at the Dixie Barbeque in Jonesboro Thursday afternoon, Aug. 24, for an informal meeting with Union County Democrats.

He was accompanied by his wife, M.K. Also present were State Rep. Brandon Phelps, D-Harrisburg, Union County Democratic Party chairperson Teresa Vincent and her husband, Todd, Anna Mayor Steve Hartline and Union County Board of Commissioners member Danny Hartline.

Pritzker also made a stop in Murphysboro, where he was scheduled to speak at a Jackson County Democrats dinner.

The candidate addressed concerns about the economy, jobs and the infrastructure during his visit.

"We cannot let Bruce Rauner have four more years," Pritzker said about the current governor of Illinois, Republican Bruce Rauner.

Pritzker declared that Democrats need to focus on three key issues: education, health care and jobs.

"All are under siege by Bruce Rauner...and Donald Trump, too," Pritzker commented about the reason he is running for governor.

Pritzker, who is an entrepreneur and business

person, said that he is the "only candidate who has created jobs."

He said he would work to build prosperity and help the people of Illinois to create businesses, including small businesses.

"We need a governor who is actually not bad-mouthing the State of Illinois," Pritzker stated. "Everything he says about Illinois is bad."

He also addressed concerns about infrastructure in Illinois, education (includ-

ing early childhood education) and the wages paid to the state's workers.

The candidate suggested that the current governor "does not understand working class people in Southern Illinois."

"I really want to put Springfield back on the side of working families," he said.

Pritzker said he would work to bring people together. "There's too little of that going on in Springfield today," he said.

DeWitt new branch office administrator

MaKayla Dewitt recently joined the Anna office of the financial services firm Edward Jones as a branch office administrator.

DeWitt joins Debbie Cobb, a branch office administrator in the office for 5 years.

"A branch office administrator is not only responsible for the daily operation of

the branch, but also must provide top-level client service and marketing support for my activities," said Tim McGrath, a local financial advisor for the firm. His office is in east Anna.

DeWitt must successfully complete the firm's in-depth training program within six months to graduate from the trainee designation into

the position of branch office administrator.

The program consists of online modules that are grouped into study weeks.

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Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Lois and Jim Crites of Jackson, Mo., visited Saturday night with Sue and Steve Eudy of Anna.

Sunday dinner guests of Sue and Steve Eudy were Kevin Eudy of Jackson, Mo., and Ryan Wachter of Jonesboro.

Sue and Steve Eudy visited Sunday afternoon with Wilburn Gibbs at River to River in Anna.

Jessie and Andrew Livesay of Wolf Lake welcomed their first child, a daughter, Rhiannon Faith, on Saturday, Aug. 26, at St. Francis Medical Centers Family BirthPlace in Cape Girardeau. Rhiannon weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 19 inches long. She was welcomed by grandparents, Amy and Greg Reynolds of Reynoldsville and David and Mindy Livesay of Wolf Lake, great-grandparents Dolores and Jack Reynolds of Reynoldsville and Barb and Edwin Livesay of Anna, aunts Valley Reynolds of Reynoldsville and Abbie Livesay of Wolf Lake.

Barb and Edwin Livesay of Anna and Valley Reynolds visited Sunday evening with Dolores and Jack Reynolds.

Brad and Lori Pender of Jonesboro took Maxine and Fred Pender of Fair City to breakfast Sunday morning to celebrate Maxine's birthday which was on Monday, Aug. 21, Eclipse Day. Sunday evening Maxine and Fred were supper guests of Patsy and Russell Pender of Olive Branch.

Those enjoying pizza on Tuesday at Pizza Hut in Anna were Deanie and Jerry Hinkle of Jonesboro, Ermadell Elkins of Anna and Shirley Miller of McClure.

Visiting with Shirley Miller on Tuesday were Kacie and Derek Gollhofer of McClure and on Saturday,

Bob and Elaine Edwards of Wellsville, Mo.

On Saturday, Alma Linsion of Jonesboro and Shirley Miller enjoyed eating at Fazoli's in Cape Girardeau.

On Sunday, Ermadell Elkins and Yvonne and Richard Graham, all of Anna, and Shirley Miller enjoyed lunch at Dairy Queen in Anna.

Happy anniversary to Lyman and Jean Eudy of Jonesboro who will celebrate 57 years on Saturday, Sept. 2.

Visiting with Berniece and Don McRaven of Fair City last week were Daphne Huffman, David, Brandy and Renee Renshaw, all of Thebes, Russell Renshaw of Gale, Don and Mary McRaven of Belknap, Darrell McRaven and Paul Mayberry, both of Jonesboro, Darrell Wayne and Noah McRaven of Cape Girardeau, Dennis and Michelle Lesch of Delta, Mo., Donna McRaven, Diane Hudgins, Clint and Jessica Hudgins and children, Killian, Natasha and Ariana, all of Dongola.

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

Flores receives Southeast award

Kyeli Flores of Dongola has received the Midwest Achievement Award to attend Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau for the 2017-2018 academic year.

Flores is the daughter of Terry and Jamie Flores of Dongola. She is a 2015 graduate of Dongola High School.

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Section B



Quilts displayed at fair
Unique quilts were on display at last week's Union County Fair in Anna. The quilts could be seen in the exhibition building at the fair, which took place at the Anna City Park. A tag on the quilt directly under the sign indicated that it was created by Joyce Hill of Dongola and had won a first prize award.

Churches join to serve meal to carnival workers at Union County Fair, Anna

On a beautiful Wednesday morning, 13 churches representing the Union County Alliance of Churches provided a home-cooked meal for the carnival workers at the Union County Fair in Anna. There were around 50 workers and hosts in attendance.

Prior to the meal, each person introduced themselves, followed by a short devotion given by the Rev. David Fischler from the

First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna.

The lunch included chicken and dumplings, mashed potatoes, green beans, tomatoes, bread, and cherry, peach and blackberry cobblers, along with an assortment of soft drinks and tea.

Churches providing the meal were St. Mary's Catholic, Anna United Methodist, Lockard Chapel Baptist, Ware United Methodist,

First Christian, Salem Lutheran, Mt. Moriah Lutheran, Cobden First Baptist, Jonesboro First Baptist, and Camp Ground Cumberland Presbyterian.

Trinity Lutheran Church provided Bibles for anybody who desired one; and table decorations, also given away, were provided by Anna First Baptist Church.

Commencing in 2002, this was the 16th year of the ecumenical ministry.

Legislation overhauls VA appeals process

Legislation which is designed to reform the appeals process at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs was signed into law on Aug. 23.

The legislation was introduced by U.S. Rep. Mike Bost, R-Ill. Bost serves as chairman of the U.S. House Veterans Affairs Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs Subcommittee.

Bost introduced the Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017, H.R. 2288, in May.

The final version of the bill was passed unanimously by the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives in early August. The measure was signed by President Donald Trump.

"This new law is vitally important for America's heroes and their families," Bost said in a news release.

"Too many veterans are faced with intolerable delays during the VA's benefits claims appeal process.

"By modernizing the system, we can now ensure they get the help they need in a more efficient and effective manner.

"I thank my colleagues in Congress, both Republican and Democrat, for working together across the aisle to help our nation's heroes. I also want to thank President Trump for signing this legislation into law and prioritizing veterans' issues."

In the last two fiscal years, the number of pending appeals increased almost 20 percent, meaning nearly half a million veterans are in limbo waiting for a decision on their appeal, Bost said.

The Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017, as amended, would create

three "lanes" for veterans' appeals, including the "Local Higher Level Review Lane," in which an adjudicator reviews the same evidence considered by the original claims processor; the "New Evidence Lane," in which the veteran could submit new evidence for review and have a hearing; and the "Board Lane," in which jurisdiction for the appeal would transfer immediately to the Board of Veterans' Appeals.

The bill, which was sponsored by every member of the U.S. House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, passed the House 418-0 on May 23.

The Senate amended and passed H.R. 2288 on Aug. 1. The Senate's substitute amendment clarifies that in certain circumstances the Department of Veterans Affairs, VA, must correct duty to assist errors unless VA can grant the maximum benefit; provides for a limited duty to assist in connection to a supplement claim when veterans identify additional evidence needed to decide a claim; clarifies the difference between an "issue" and "claim"; and includes some changes to the reports and reporting requirements included in the House bill.

Bills enable officials in Illinois to consolidate local units of government

Senate Bill 3 and House Bill 607, two bills that enable local officials to consolidate units of local government in Illinois, have been signed into law.

The bills reflected five of the 27 recommendations made by Lt. Gov. Evelyn Sanguinetti's Task Force on Local Government Consolidation and Unfunded Mandates. Gov. Bruce Rauner signed the bills.

The bills empower local officials to begin reducing the nearly 7,000 local units of government in Illinois: 1,800 more than any other state.

The high number of local governmental agencies puts an enormous burden on taxpayers, who primarily pay for these local governments via property taxes, the governor said.

Since 2015, Sanguinetti has spearheaded a task force charged with identifying opportunities to streamline government in Illinois and,

ultimately, reduce costs to taxpayers.

In the report detailing the task force's findings, Sanguinetti recommended giving local officials and residents the power to consolidate local government agencies.

Specifically, SB 3 expands DuPage County's consolidation pilot program to all 102 counties of Illinois.

The measure gives each county the authority to dissolve or consolidate some government units whose boards are appointed by the county.

The bill also will allow townships in the state to consolidate with coterminous municipalities via referendum.

HB 607 amends the Illinois Highway Code and allows the board of trustees of any township located in a county with less than 3 million inhabitants to submit a proposition during a general or consolidated election to abolish the road district in their county, a power already extended to townships in Cook County.

Both of the bills are effective on Jan. 1, 2018.

Landis reunion planned

More than 150 years ago, the Landis family settled in Union County.

Two of Christopher C. and Laura Manus Landis' children, Grover C. Landis and J. Monroe Landis, grew up, raised their families and contributed to the county throughout their lives.

On Sunday, Sept. 3, Landis families will have traveled from across the nation to be a part of the annual Landis reunion.

The reunion will be at the home of Connie Lingle at 1895 Lick Creek Rd. in Anna.

Reunion signs will be posted on the Lick Creek Road.

A potluck meal is planned at noon. All Landis family, friends and neighbors are invited to be a part of the homecoming of Landis families.

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News from

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Anna

The big question asked on Sunday was, "Who do you say that I am?" Just as Jesus asked Peter, we are faced with the same question today.

Pastor Mark referenced the recent eclipse and said, "We believe, even if we don't understand. He is alive. He is here now. He is the son of God, among us."

Pastor Mark challenged the Mt. Moriah congregation to be like Peter, the "rock" and, "Until we meet again, go in generosity and in cheerfulness to be the hands and feet of God in this community."

News from

Anna Nazarene Church

The Sunday morning, Aug. 27, worship service was opened by Pastor McBride.

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

Promotion Certificates were presented to those in the children's department who are promoting to a new Sunday School class.

The offertory was provided by Randy Wright, with Curly Ralls, Jacob Wright, Jack Shepard and Robert Smith serving as ushers.

Special music was provided by Harley and Madison Schnaare and Sienna Morrison.

The morning message, "Encouraged Workers," was brought by Pastor McBride from Nehemiah.

The message shared that "God's work done in God's way, in God's time is always successful. But this work takes people being determined."

The Sunday evening worship service was opened by Pastor McBride.

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

The offertory was provided by Abby Barlow, with Curly Ralls and Terry Wiseman Sr. serving as ushers.

The evening message, "Serving Purpose or Seeking Position," was brought by Pastor McBride from 1 Samuel.

The message shared that "one of the greatest tests of character is not how we respond to opposition but to opportunity."

Birthdays and anniversaries: Aug. 28, Larry Barnhart, Carlos and Tammy McKinney; Sept. 1, Randy and Lea Ann Wright; Sept. 2, Kerri Macy, Luke Sadler.

A baptismal service is planned Sept. 17 at the morning service.

A missionary service is planned at 6 p.m. on Sept. 17. Everyone is asked to bring finger foods for the meal and a nonperishable canned good which will go towards making the meal at Thanksgiving for the Meals on Wheels soup kitchen.

An A-J football breakfast

News from

First Christian Church, Anna

"Connections" was the title of the sermon preached by Senior Minister Dee Armes on Sunday, Aug. 27. Scripture was from II Timothy.

The message was about the "power of personal connections. Paul relied upon personal relationships. Jesus excelled in intentional relationships."

Birthdays: Dylan Massie, Sept. 3; Marcia Matthias, Sept. 6; Josh Linson, Sept. 8.

Sunday School for all ages is at 9:30 p.m. Worship service begins at 10:30 a.m.

The Sunday evening program begins at 6 p.m. with junior high youth group and senior high youth group.

Wednesday evening Bible study is at 6:30 p.m.

those in need of healing: Karen Toler, Will Eidson, Gina Dome, Beth Martin, Alma Osterholm, Wilea Bettis, Virginia Corzine, Edward Becker, Daniel Seddon, Gladys Freeze, Jill Bell, Ed Lee, Gary Davis, Linda Starr, Terry Hoff, Mike Crews, Adalee Davie and Paula Keistler.

Prayer was offered for those grieving for Russell Johnson, Barney Porterfield, and Robert McAllister.

Gratitude was expressed to everyone who donated crayons for the Lincoln and Davie Elementary Back to School Bash, with special thanks to committee

members Kay Rothschild, Brenda Rendleman, Paula Hasty, Serena Hasty and Kathy Stegle.

Adult choir rehearsals are scheduled to begin Wednesday, Sept. 6, and will be from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Mt. Moriah choir is in need of an accompanist. This is a paid position for pianist, for weekly Wednesday practices and for Sundays when the choir sings. Anyone who is interested is asked to call the church office at 833-5234.

Mt. Moriah's church council is scheduled to meet Thursday, Sept. 7, at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday School Kick-Off Day is planned Sept. 10. Classes begin at 10:15 a.m. There also are classes for teenagers and adults.

Men's group is scheduled to meet Monday, Sept. 11, at 5:30 p.m.

Regular Sunday worship at Mt. Moriah is at 9 a.m., with fellowship at 10 a.m. and Bible class at 10:15 a.m.



AnnaLee Keller and Serena Hasty manned the bounce house for Mt. Moriah and Salem Lutheran churches ice cream social on Saturday, Aug. 19. Photo provided.



Red Martin and Brian Meyer enjoyed fellowship at Mt. Moriah Church in Anna during the Mt. Moriah and Salem Lutheran churches ice cream social on Aug. 19. Photo provided.



BethAnn Agne, Morgan Sadler and Justyn Harvel served with their youth group for the Mt. Moriah and Salem Lutheran churches ice cream social on Aug. 19. Photo provided.



BethAnn Agne was in charge of face painting during the Mt. Moriah and Salem Lutheran churches ice cream social on Aug. 19. Photo provided.

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Pet parade held at fair

A pet parade was one of the events featured during the opening weekend of the 2017 Union County Fair in Anna. The pet parade was held Sunday afternoon, Aug. 20, and featured about 25 entries, including a cricket named Hopper, a snake named Greenie and even an appearance by a pair of ducks named Ozzy and Sharon – as in the famed Osbournes.

Members of the Anna-Jonesboro Rotary Club served as superintendents of the pet parade. Prize money for the pet parade was sponsored by the Anna-Jonesboro National Bank. Categories in the pet parade included smallest pet, prettiest pet, most unusual pet, best dressed pet in costume and best trained dog (obedient). The accompanying pictures are from the best dressed pet in costume category.



News from Camp Ground Church and Community

Worship Sunday was held on the lawn of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Miller.

Rev. Vance's sermon was titled "Look Again," with the main scripture from Mark.

The message shared that the "eclipse was an awesome, spectacular event. On that day, nothing else was on the news, or our thoughts. Why? Everyone was looking up.

"We need to look up again; we might have missed something the first time.

"God cares for us and sent His son that we might have eternal life with Him.

The choice is ours: receive Him, or deny Him as our savior."

After the message, three persons were baptized. Following the baptism service, Holy Communion was served.

Receiving the offering was Rodney and David Miller.

At the close of service, everyone went to the church fellowship hall, where a potluck meal was served.

Following the meal, 13 children and youth were given "goodie bags" and special prayer offered for them as they start the new school year.

Gifts and prayer was also offered for two adults of our congregation who are employed in the education field.

Sandy Boaz is Camp Ground's elder-for-the month for September.

Camp Ground was one of the 12 churches that

served lunch to the carnival workers Wednesday during the Union County Fair.

Sunday, Sept. 3, in lieu of Sunday School, everyone is being encouraged to

gather at the fellowship hall for breakfast and fellowship at 10 a.m. Worship will be at the regular time of 11 a.m. The church is located at 50 Tunnel Ln. near Anna.

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News from

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

On Sunday, Aug. 27, Pastor Mike Turner shared from his series, "Together: A Study Through Philippians" with a message titled, "A Church Without Doors or Windows," with scripture from Philippians.

Interim music director Dee Rose led the worship, and provided special music.

School ministry plans to resume its meetings at 9 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 1.

Awana is scheduled to begin Wednesday, Sept. 6,

from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Awana is for kids ages 3 through 6th grade.

Birthdays: Ann Landis, Aug. 30, Roger Wilkins, Aug. 31, Dee Rose, Sept. 2; Amy Aldridge, Sept. 3.

Anniversaries: Jim and Nancy Ralls, 20 years of marriage on Aug. 30; Wayne and Doris White-side, 49 years on Aug. 31; and Lyman and Jean Eudy, married 57 years on Sept. 2.

The schedule for worship at Jonesboro First

Baptist includes three services on Sunday at 8:15 a.m., 10:35 a.m. and 6 p.m. Adult Bible study/prayer meeting and youth meeting are Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

News from Walnut Grove Church

On Sunday, Aug. 27, at Walnut Grove United Methodist Church, Sandy lit the altar candles during the musical prelude.

Pastor Bobbi Shultz's prayer was from Philippians and then she read scripture from James about faith.

She shared "that if we only believe in Christ when things in our lives are good, we waver in our faith. It is when our faith is tested that God expects us to be steadfast and strong."

Prayers were requested for Gary Hartline, Karen Lamer, Kathy Wills, and all those in Texas who are affected by Hurricane Harvey, including members of Pastor Bobbi's family.

Special music was played by Carolyn Moore on piano and Loren Herold on flute.

The next ladies' lunch is planned Friday, Sept. 1, at 11:30 a.m. at the Cracker Barrel in Marion.

Monthly informal music nights are scheduled to resume Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 6:45 p.m. All musicians who want to practice or play are welcome. Listeners are welcome, too.

The church's Sunday service starts at 9:30 a.m. The church is located at 3195 Mountain Glen Rd. near Cobden, and near Route 127.

Huckleberry/Huckelberry family reunion scheduled

The 30th annual Huckelberry/Huckelberry family reunion is planned Saturday, Sept. 2, in the fellowship hall at Anna Heights Baptist Church in Anna.

Activities are scheduled to begin with a potluck lunch at 1 p.m.

The meal will be followed by indoor and outdoor games, such as horseshoes, balloon toss, tug-of-war, washers, hillbilly golf,

bingo and cards.

This year, a "favorite dish" competition is planned. The winner will be the provider of the dish that brings in the highest donation in a silent auction. All are welcome to bring their favorite dish.

A 50/50 drawing fundraiser also is planned. All funds raised are used to defray the cost of the reunion and to maintain the family cemeteries in Cypress and Vienna.

Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share for the potluck.

Those who want to compete for the "favorite dish" competition can bring their own appetizer, soup, salad, main dish or dessert item for the silent auction.

Favorite dish items are to be in a disposable container because the person pledging the highest donation on each item will win the dish to take home or share.

The Huckelberry/Huckelberry Family Reunion group on Facebook has more information and updates.

Ducky Derby Dash planned

Special Olympics Illinois is gearing up for the third annual Southern Illinois Ducky Derby Dash, which is planned at the Du Quoin State Fair in Du Quoin on Sunday, Sept. 3.

Race day kicks off at 1 p.m. with a parade. The ducks race at 3 p.m. Ducks will be sold at the event until 2:30 p.m. Entertainment and other activities will follow the race.

The funds which are raised will help to support year-round sports training and competition in 12 sports for more than 900 Special Olympics Illinois Southern/Area 15 athletes in Alexander, Franklin, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pulaski, Randolph, Union and Williamson counties.

For more information about the event, visit www.uckyderbydash.com, or contact Dave Hug at dhug@soill.org or 618-457-2969.

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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.

Guests: Doug and Beth Hileman recently hosted their son and family from St. Louis.

Jacob, Nadia, Finlay and Emmie Hileman visited the Hileman farm and attended the Union County Fair.

The Hilemans' daughter, Sarah Song, came from New Hampshire with her children Joshua and Abigail and also attended a few days of the fair.

After a weekend in St. Louis at Jacob's home, Beth, Doug, Sarah, Joshua and Abigail had Sunday

night supper with great-grandparents Norm and Barb Bauer in Anna. The family enjoyed extended birthday celebrations for "Great Gramps" Norm Bauer and "PaPa" Doug Hileman.

Michigan Trip: Norm and Barbara Bauer have returned from a trip to Michigan, where they attended the Berrien County Youth Fair at Berrien Springs, Mich.

Norm was a 4-H participant at that fair 71 years ago and he always enjoys

revisiting the popular south Michigan event.

The Bauers participated this year as AMSOIL vendors in the commercial section of the fair.

Norm especially enjoyed seeing old friends at the fair, and special visitors on one day were niece Laura Bauer Perry and her children Alex and Isabelle from Grand Rapids, Mich.

The Bauers stayed at Shamrock RV Park on the shores of the St. Joseph River in Berrien Springs. It has become an annual tradition for them to host a mini-reunion of Norm's Berrien high school classmates, at their campsite. It was a good homecoming for Norm.

The Berrien Fair dates coincided with the 2017 eclipse, so the Bauers missed being in Union County then. Norm donned his glasses and watched the 88 percent eclipse from his lawn chair.

Barb stayed inside, looking out the window at the moon-shaded sun, while watching the TV coverage of the eclipse from Carbondale.

Open House: Open house was held Saturday, Aug. 26, at the home of Nathan and Tammy and Beau Wheaton.

They greeted many guests and served a dinner and entertained with a live band playing several old country favorites, along with requested gospel songs.

Thanks to the band Nathan Wheaton, Danny Weaver, Rudy Wheaton. God provide a perfect evening.

Birthday wishes were sent to Christa Wheaton for her 17th birthday.

Tucker Reunion: The Tucker reunion was held on Aug. 5. Those attending were Cathy and Mike Freeman, Geneva Elkins, Valarine Thomas, Randy and Alice Tucker, Matella Tucker of Jonesboro, Vernon and Cindy Tucker of Anna, Sheryl Netherton of St. Joseph, Rodney and Eva Anderson of Bloomington, Linda and Rob Kolb, Emily, Charlotte and Thomas Alexander, Colin and Beth Macniff from Chicago. Photos were taken by Mike Ayers of Jonesboro.

VFW: A fish fry is planned from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1. Star Karaoke will be from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Guests: Guests of Amanda and Eric Boreup were Eric's parents Larry and Rosalee from Nashville.

Birthday Celebration: Ed Shelby and his twin brother Jack celebrated their birthdays Aug. 22.

Jack, came from Springfield for the eclipse. They celebrated their 81st birthday Tuesday with dinner at Great Boars of Fire.

Jack and Avah Shelby, Avah's sister, Irma Randolph and husband Jack from Marion, and Patsy and Ed.

Jack suffered a mild stroke the next day, and was hospitalized in Springfield. He was discharged on Friday.

Guest: Guest of Ray and Juanita Butler was their daughter Katrina from San Diego.

They enjoyed a trip to Cape Girardeau and eating at Kellers. Their niece Angie also went with them.

Birthday Celebration: Lynn Heisner was surprised on her birthday by her daughter Fawn, granddaughter Kalyssa Spurlock and Shell Dusky came to her home and with lunch, birthday cake, cards and gifts.

Lynn's neighbor Mary Keller, who had given her a birthday card the day before, came over to help celebrate and have cake with them. Later afternoon Fawn, Kalyssa and Lynn enjoyed a movie together.

Gatlinburg Trip: Nancy Ragain, Doris John-

son and Marion Parmly has returned from a trip to Gatlinburg, Tenn., where they attended the Gospel Quartet Convention.

They also went to the Dixie Stampede and Hatfields and McCoy's. They enjoyed many other things while there.

Chicago Guest: Gaylon Wayne Cates from Chicago visited his parents Gaylon and Clara to help celebrate Gaylon's birthday that was Saturday, Aug. 26.

Summer Fun: Carrie Alsip said she and Grace watched the solar eclipse from their pool with her mom. They have been to Six Flags and spent most of their weekends at the lake this summer.

Wedding Anniversaries: Jimmy and Nancy Watkins celebrated their wedding anniversary Aug. 24.

Joe and Sheila Keen Aldridge celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary Aug. 24.

Trip: Linda and Fred Clutts traveled to Pinckneyville to the Thresherman Show Aug. 19. They saw more tractors than they had ever seen in their lives.

Union County Fair: Fred and Linda Clutts attended the harness races at the Union County Fair Saturday. They watched the six races but were disappointed they didn't have the mule races. They attended the Union County Fair worship service Sunday night.

Red Hat Ladies: Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies will meet at Wok N Roll in Anna Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 11 a.m.

The dinner will be hosted by Linda Clutts and Sherry Rix. Everyone is welcome to come. Bring an exchange gift if you would like to be in the gift exchange.

Young at Heart: Linda Clutts and Joe Bierbaum, the Butter Beans, entertained the Young at Heart at Anna Heights Baptist Church Aug. 15. They had a potluck meal.

Eclipse: Fred and Linda Clutts family and friends watched the eclipse and had a picnic on the family Honeysuckle farm.

Eclipse Guests: Guests of Eric and Amanda Boreup and children were Eric's mother Rosalee from Nashville and his sister Heather from Michigan, who came to watch the eclipse.

Birthday Celebration: Helen Sitter was honored on her birthday by a dinner at Applebee's in Cape with her daughter Rose Walker and son Denny Sitter.

Eclipse: I got an email from Suzanne Morten all the way from Australia asking me if I got to view the solar eclipse.

I met Suzanne when I was hosting the Paducah



William Nathaniel Frankell graduated from U.S. Army boot camp. He is pictured with his aunt Michelle Cole. William will finish his senior year at A-JCHS and is on the A-J football team. His parents are Jay and Shirley Frankell.



The Shriners worked every night at the Union County Fair, sharing air-conditioning with all of those going to the fair.

Quilt show with our Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies a few years ago.

I think that is neat how people all over the world were excited about us being able to experience this. I was so happy to be able to go to my daughters and watch with my family God's amazing hands at work right before our eyes.

Spark Ministries: The Spark Ministries in McClure, is pastored by Aaron and Keri Boyd. The Spark is a non-denominational church that is activated to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

They gather on Sundays at 11 a.m. and have Bible study on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Bald Knob Cross: A special thanks to Sandy McWhorter for sending me pictures and giving me news about the people who visited Bald Knob on eclipse day.

United Methodist Church, Anna: Sunday morning was confirmation

Introduction to confirmation was by Rev. Carl Johnston.

Special music was by the Joy Church children singing.

Rev. Carl's sermon was "What do you say?"

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A large group watched the solar eclipse from the foot of the Bald Knob Cross of Peace.



Michael and Angular Virsinger from New York traveled to Bald Knob Cross to get the perfect view of the eclipse. This was their first time to the cross and they stated it was the perfect place to be, in God's presence during the eclipse, and that the cross was amazingly beautiful.



Mary Lou Bridges celebrated her actual 90th birthday on eclipse day. She was born 8/21/27. She enjoyed witnessing the total eclipse with many relatives from the yard at Derek and Hayley (granddaughter) Hoods home in Cartersville. Mary Lou then traveled to Cape Girardeau with son Rodney and his wife Dimple to join her other son Randy and wife Christine for her favorite Chinese food. From left are Randy Bridges, Mary Lou Bridges and Rodney Bridges.



Janet Henders, Kathy Jackson and Corinne Steveson Little Egypt Red Hat Ladies celebrated their August birthdays at their meeting this month in Metropolis.



Congratulations to James and Cheyenne Trambley, who were married Aug. 19.



Confirmation was Sunday at the United Methodist Church in Anna. New members welcomed by the church included Emily Belcher, Angel Wiseman, Callysta Borders, Jessi Riley, Christian Goins and Leah Goins, who are shown with Rev. Carl Johnston.



The Joy Church children sang at the United Methodist Church in Anna Sunday.

Anna News

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Everyone enjoyed an after church fellowship and cake with the new members of the church: Emily Belcher, Angel Wiseman, Callysta Borders, Jessi Riley, Christian Goins and Leah Goins.

The church family will be feeding the A-J football team on Friday, Sept. 15, at 7 a.m.

Anna Star Chapter No. 522: The Anna Eastern Star meetings are on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

Refreshments are at 6:30



Carlene Tripp's great-granddaughter, Isabelle Rose, was born at 12:43 a.m. on Aug. 24, 2017. She weighed 9 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 22 inches long. The parents are Elizabeth and Karl Mackenbach of Carbondale. She has a sister, Victoria, who is 5 years old. Michael Tripp of Carbondale is grandfather. Mindy Musumeci of Boston is grandmother.



Scott and Janet Harner celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary Aug. 25.



Johnna Harner celebrated her birthday Aug. 26.



Nancy Ragain and friends Debbie and Travis went on a helicopter ride at the Union County Fair.



A Women of Worth conference was held Aug. 10-11 at Connect Point Church in Anna.

p.m. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge at the Anna Park.

State Retiree's Meeting: Jim Wright won the door prize at the Retirees meeting in August.

Viewing Solar Eclipse: Bessie Mae, Elijah Glen, and Curt Ellis and Martha Ann Webb enjoyed watching the solar eclipse on their patio and spending the day together. It was amazing.

Free Community Dinners: Anna First Baptist Church serves a free community dinner on the second Monday of each month from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Harvest Church serves a free meal every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Connect Point Church: The second annual Women of Worth conference was Aug. 11-12. One hundred and sixty women attended the conference, which doubled in size from last August.

The women enjoyed food, a silent auction, heard several inspirational guest speakers, listened to uplifting music, participated in collaborative prayer and had great fellowship with one another.

The conference began last year as a way to accommodate women to come together to support one another and realize they are not alone.

The underlying theme of the conference was to shed light on what the scriptures say about who women are in Christ.

In looking forward to next year's conference Kristen Cameron says they already know they will need a larger venue to accommodate more women.

If you missed the conference you can view the sessions on the Women of Worth Facebook page or Connect Point's Facebook page.

Military Prayer List: Nona Elizabeth Luke, William Nathaniel Frankell, Ethan Maze, Lukas W. Davis, Kiefer Stull, Garrett Goins, David Jorden Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, CJ Youngerman, Freddy Morse, Reagan Morrison, Josh Steveson, Josh Williams, Faith Odom, Tommy Goff and family Janette, Jamison and Kaylynn, Creighton Laster, Brandon Eaker, Jim Bonner, Jacob Schaefer, Jerod Schaefer, Jennifer Ann Bishop, Robert Jr. McMeely, James McWhorter, Arin White-mountain.



Union County Fair midway, carnival rides

The midway and carnival rides at the Union County Fair in Anna were busy Thursday evening, Aug. 24. Those who came to the fair for the rides, food, junior livestock action and rodeo action were treated to nice weather. The fair continued through last weekend at the Anna City Park.

Television Listings

THURSDAY

AUGUST 31, 2017

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	College GameDay	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	Undercover	"Knight"	"Puerto Ricans" (16)	"Hell or High Water"
7 PM	Network (HD)	Kevin Wait	Beat Shazam (HD)	The Wall (HD)	College Football Ohio State Buckeyes at Indiana Hoosiers (Live) (HD)	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	Andi Mack	"Suicide Squad" (16)	"The Last Boy Scout" (91) (HD)	Twin Peaks "Part 16"
8 PM	Network Ian Ziering	Big Brother (HD)	Love Connection (HD)	The Wall (HD)	Big Bang	Big Bang	Law & Order: SVU	Bizaard	Wildans team-up (16)	Episodes	Episodes
9 PM	The Gong Show (HD)	Zoo (HD)	Local Programs	The Night Shift (HD)	Big Bang	Big Bang	Queen of the South	Liv Maddie	24/7 (HD)	(16) "Criminal"	Dice (HD)
10 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan Marisa Tomei	The Sinner "Part V"	Undercover	Real Sports - Gumbel	(16) "Dead agent's work" (HD)	Ray Donovan "Sold"
11 PM	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Guest Book	Shooter (HD)	Bizaard	Batters	(45) ***	Naked
	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan	Shooter (HD)	BUNK	Room 104	"Midnight Special" (16)	Twin Peaks "Part 16"

FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 1, 2017

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:30) World Cup Qualifiers (Live) (HD)	"Pronounce You Chuck" Fake gay partners.	Mod Family	Raven	"Krampus"	"Rushmore" (98) (R)	"Southpaw" (15, Drama) Boxer's revival (HD)
7 PM	Shark Tank (HD)	MacGyver (HD)	MasterChef (HD)	Diana, 7 Days Historic week (HD)	College Football Utah State Aggies at Wisconsin Badgers (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	Mod Family	Raven	"Keeping Up with the Joneses" (16) (HD)	"Demolition" (16, Comedy) (HD)	"The Hateful Eight" (15) Group encounters betrayal and deception.
8 PM	What Would You Do?	Hawaii Five-0 (HD)	Beat Shazam (HD)	Dateline NBC (HD)	College Football BYU Cougars vs LSU Tigers (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	Mod Family	Raven	Real Time (HD)	(45) "Mystic River" (03) A murder reunites three men. (R)	"Bad Moms" (16) Mila Kunis. Mom goes wild.
9 PM	20/20 (HD)	Blue Bloods (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Dateline NBC (HD)	Local	Big Bang	Mod Family	Bizaard	Undercover	(16) "The Postman" (97)	Ray Donovan "Sold"
10 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	(35) Tonight (HD)	Frontal	NCIS Military crimes.	Raven	BUNK	VICE (HD)	
11 PM	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(29) Saturday Night Live (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	People	NCIS Military crimes.	Undercover	Andi Mack	Room 104	
	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Guest Book	Queen of the South	Liv Maddie	Raven	G Lopez (HD)	

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 2, 2017

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Extra (HD)	Local Programs	(5:15) College Football (Live) (HD)	Seinfeld	NCIS Military crimes.	"Another Cinderella Story" (08)	"Good Will Hunting"	Banshee (38) Banshee (HD)	Ray Donovan (HD)
7 PM	College Football Florida State Seminoles vs Alabama Crimson Tide (Live) (HD)	Hawaii Five-0 (HD)	College Football Purdue Boilermakers vs Louisville Cardinals (Live) (HD)	America's Got Talent "Live Show 3" (HD)	MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	NCIS Military crimes.	"Cinderella Story: Shoe" (16)	"A Monster Calls" (17) Monster and boy.	"The French Connection" (71)	"The Edge of Seventeen" (16)
8 PM	Scoreboard	Criminal Minds (HD)	48 Hours	Dateline NBC (HD)	College Football BYU Cougars vs LSU Tigers (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	NCIS Military crimes.	Raven	(15) Game of Thrones (HD)	(20) "All the President's Men" (75) A historic burglary.	"Bad Moms" (16) Mila Kunis. Mom goes wild.
9 PM	Local	Local	Superhuman (HD)	Local	Local	Frontal	NCIS Military crimes.	Raven	Undercover	Batters	
10 PM	Local	Local information.	Local Programs	(29) Saturday Night Live (HD)	SportsCenter with Scott Van Pelt (HD)	People	NCIS Military crimes.	Undercover	Andi Mack	Insecure	
11 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Dateline NBC (HD)	SC (HD)	People	Queen of the South	Liv Maddie	BUNK	"Monster"	"Demolition"

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	ABC Fall	60 Minutes (HD)	Pregame	NBC Sports	Baseball (Live) (HD)	★★ "Tammy" Roadtrip.	Law & Order: SVU	"Up" A flying house.	"Women Want"	Banshee	Twin Peaks "Part 16"
7 PM	College Football West Virginia Mountaineers vs Virginia Tech Hokies (Live) (HD)	Big Brother (HD)	College Football Texas A&M Aggies at UCLA Bruins from Rose Bowl (Live) (HD)	America's Got Talent "Live Show 4" (HD)	MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	Law & Order: SVU	Hotel (HD)	★★ "Sex and the City" (08) A New York wedding. (R) (HD)	(40) "Die Hard" (88) A cop fights terrorists in a high-rise.	Twin Peaks "Part 17"
8 PM	black-ish	Bull Benny's trial (HD)	The Mick	American Ninja Warrior (HD)	American Ninja Warrior Lance Peking. (HD)	Big Bang	Law & Order: SVU	Bizaard	Batters	Insecure	
9 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	Local	Big Bang	Law & Order: SVU	Raven	Undercover	Insecure	
10 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	SportsCenter with Scott Van Pelt (HD)	People	Mod Family	Undercover	Batters	"Criminal"	Twin Peaks "Part 18"
11 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	Local Programs	Dateline NBC (HD)	SC (HD)	People	Mod Family	Stuck Mid.	Insecure	"Jason Bourne" (16)	Twin Peaks "Part 17"

MONDAY

SEPTEMBER 4, 2017

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	CFB Countdown	Family Guy	Mod Family	Undercover	"A Monster Calls"	Banshee (42) Banshee (HD)	Twin Peaks "Part 17"
7 PM	Bachelor in Paradise (HD)	Big Bang	You Think You Can Dance "Top 7 Perform"	American Ninja Warrior (HD)	College Football Tennessee vs Georgia Tech (Live) (HD)	Family Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	Andi Mack	★★ "Sex and the City" (08) A New York wedding. (R) (HD)	(39) Banshee (HD)	Twin Peaks "Part 18"
8 PM	black-ish	Bull Benny's trial (HD)	The Mick	American Ninja Warrior (HD)	American Ninja Warrior Lance Peking. (HD)	Family Guy	WWE Monday Night Raw (HD)	Bizaard	Andi Mack	(38) Banshee (HD)	★★½ "Whitney: Can I Be Me" (17)
9 PM	(01) To Tell the Truth	Scorpion (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Midnight Texas (HD)	Local	Am. Dad	Law & Order: SVU	Liv Maddie	Undercover	Insecure	Episodes
10 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter with Scott Van Pelt (HD)	People	Mod Family	Bizaard	Training Camp (HD)	(15) Banshee (HD)	Naked
11 PM	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	People	Mod Family	Stuck Mid.	24/7 (HD)	(05) Banshee (HD)	(45) Dice
	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan	Mod Family	BUNK	"Resurgence"		Tiffany Foster care.

TUESDAY

SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	2017 U.S. Open Tennis "Quarterfinals" (Live) (HD)	Seinfeld	NCIS Military crimes.	Undercover	"About Boy"	"Demolition" (16) (R)	"Hell or High Water" Brothers rob banks. (R)
7 PM	Bachelor in Paradise	NCIS "Beastmaster"	Simpsons	America's Got Talent "Live Show 4" (HD)	College Football Tennessee vs Georgia Tech (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	WWE SmackDown (HD)	Andi Mack	"Nocturnal Animals" (16) (HD)	"Absolutely Fabulous" (16) (HD)	Inside the NFL "2017 Season Preview" (HD)
8 PM	black-ish	Bull Benny's trial (HD)	The Mick	American Ninja Warrior (HD)	American Ninja Warrior Lance Peking. (HD)	Big Bang	WWE SmackDown (HD)	Bizaard	Andi Mack	(38) Banshee (HD)	"Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason" (04)
9 PM	Somewhere Between	NCIS: New Orleans	Local Programs Local info.	(01) Hollywood (HD)	Local	Big Bang	Shooter (HD)	Liv Maddie	Training Camp (HD)	Insecure	Inside the NFL (HD)
10 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan (HD)	Law & Order: SVU	Bizaard	Batters	(25) "Role Models" (08) Mentors.	Twin Peaks "Part 17"
11 PM	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	Stuck Mid.	BUNK	"Body of Lies" (08)	
	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan	SVU	BUNK			

WEDNESDAY

SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

	ABC	CBS	FOX	NBC	ESPN	TBS	USA	DISN	HBO	MAX	SHOW
6 PM	Local Programs	Local Programs	(5:00) Local Programs	Local Programs	2017 U.S. Open Tennis "Quarterfinals" (Live) (HD)	Seinfeld	Law & Order: SVU	Undercover	Training	★★★ "Deepwater" (16)	"Brokeback" (05) (R)
7 PM	Goldbergs	Big Brother (HD)	MasterChef Asian inspired. (HD)	America's Got Talent (HD)	College Football Tennessee vs Georgia Tech (Live) (HD)	Big Bang	Law & Order: SVU	Andi Mack	★★½ "The Amyville Horror" (05)	"Mystic River" (03) Murder and the past. (R)	(15) "The Edge of Seventeen" (16) (R) (HD)
8 PM	Mod Family Housewife	Salvation "All In" (HD)	Family Guy	Marlon	Local	Big Bang	Suits Fake lawyer.	Bizaard	Andi Mack	G Lopez (HD)	(20) "Absolute Power" (97) A thief witnesses a murder.
9 PM	Mod Family Goldbergs	Criminal Minds (HD)	Local Programs Local info.	Hollywood (HD)	Local	Frontal	Mod Family	Liv Maddie	Undercover	Batters	Ray Donovan "Sold"
10 PM	Local	Local	Local Programs	Local	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan (HD)	Mod Family	Bizaard	Room 104	Training Camp (HD)	"The Bank Job" (08) Scandals uncovered.
11 PM	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	(35) Late Show (HD)	Local Programs	(35) Tonight (HD)	SportsCenter (HD)	Seinfeld	Suits Fake lawyer.	Stuck Mid.	BUNK	"Sully"	"Deadpool"
	Nightline	Corden	Local Programs	Late Night	SportsCenter (HD)	Conan					

Opinion and Commentary



Thank You Volunteers!

Thank You Volunteers! This important message, with an exclamation point, was seen in the exhibition building at last week's Union County Fair in Anna.

This sign was spotted in the junior department, nestled in a wide range of agricultural products which had been grown by the young people of the Union County area.

Volunteers play a critically important role in the success of the Union County Fair each year. Volunteers spend countless hours preparing for the event, and then spend even more of their time at the fair during its annual run at the Anna City Park.

We thank the many volunteers who have helped to keep the fair running, especially in these very challenging times. We are grateful that volunteers are working hard to ensure the continued success of this very special Union County tradition. Thank You Volunteers!

Commentary

High school activities bring communities together in many ways

Editor's note: the following op-ed was co-authored by Illinois High School Association, IHSA, executive director Craig Anderson and Bob Gardner, the executive director of National Federation of State High School Associations, of which the IHSA is one of the founding members.

Tailgates. Pep rallies. Friday night lights. The new school year is here. And that's exciting news for student-athletes and high school sports fans alike.

Research shows that being a student-athlete is about a lot more than fun and games. It teaches important life lessons, too.

In fact, high school athletes not only have higher grade point averages and fewer school absences than non-athletes, they also develop the kind of work habits and self-discipline skills that help them become more responsible and productive community members.

Attending high school sporting events teaches important life lessons, too.

Among them, it teaches that we can live in different communities, come from different backgrounds, faiths and cultures, cheer for different teams, and still have a common bond.

That's why attending the activities hosted by your high school this fall is so important. It's not only an opportunity to cheer for your hometown team, it is also an opportunity to celebrate our commonality. And that's something our country needs right now.

The bond we share is mutually supporting the teenagers in our respective communities. We applaud their persistence, tenacity, preparation and hard work, regardless of the color of the uniform they wear.

We acknowledge that education-based, high school sports are enhancing their lives, and ours, in ways that few other activities could. And we agree that, regardless of what side of the field we sit on, attending a high school sporting event is an uplifting, enriching, family-friendly experience for all of us.

Many of the high schools in our state lie at the heart of the communities they serve. They not only are educating our next generation of leaders, they also are a place where we congregate, where people from every corner of town and all walks of life come together as one. And at no time is this unity more evident than during a high school athletic event.

This is the beginning of a new school year. Opportunities abound in the classroom and outside it. Let's make the most of them by attending as many athletic events at the high school in our community as possible. Turn on the lights, and let the games begin.

Please read this. . .

by Geof Skinner



One last look...the solar eclipse of Monday, Aug. 21, as it appeared during totality...from a wonderful vantage point in downtown Cobden. Can't wait until 2024...

Some random observations, thoughts...

This week, a few random observations and thoughts, as deadline rapidly approached...oops, there it went...

...so many special, and spectacular, events unfolded during the past week or so on the Journey Through Life...

...I couldn't help but ponder the vast spectrum of wonders Mother Nature has shared with us of late...

...50 INCHES of rain... can't even imagine such a thing...

...such an unfathomable amount of rain brought to mind a downpour back in the day which deluged us with 18 or 20 inches of rain...can't remember exactly how much...or exactly what year that was...

...I do remember motor-ing in the general direction of metropolitan Ware to take some pics...some-where along Illinois Route 146, before I was even able to reach the Morgan School Road neighborhood, the highway had turned into a river...

...even with that in mind, 50 inches of rain just seems a bit on the apocalyptic side...our thoughts and prayers are with all of the folks in Texas...

...and on the other end of the spectrum, at least when it comes to the wonders of the universe around us, was the total solar eclipse of Monday, Aug. 21...

...turned out that The Other Half and yours truly



Groun hog? Nope. How 'bout a hog on the ground? This porker was enjoying a siesta one afternoon last week at the Union County Fair.

had the best seat in the house, so to speak, for watching the eclipse...

...and all we had to do was walk down the street, where we joined some new friends from places like England and Denmark and Minnesota and Indiana and Tennessee and Texas to watch the eclipse...

...our view of the eclipse was briefly interrupted by a cloud or two, but during totality, we couldn't have asked for better conditions...

...speaking of the eclipse, I had a chat with a member of one of our local law enforcement agencies who shared that a

groundhog (AKA wood-chuck) in Anna seemed to have been a bit perplexed by the whole thing...

...seems that the critter was so baffled that it pretty much let human beings come right up close, without much of a concern at all...wish I had been there to see that...

...I did not see any groundhogs at the Union County Fair, which was last week, but I did manage to get a picture or two of a hog on the ground... this critter did not seem to have a care in the world... not a bad way to spend an afternoon...

...while we're pondering things...how can this

be the last day of August already? Just doesn't seem fair...

...we're almost done for this week...just a note to the fellow traveler on the Journey Through Life who sent along an email note about snakes...thank you for the kind and thoughtful message...I will take your thoughts to heart... and, in the for whatever it's worth category, I share your thoughts about the "ecological value of all wildlife," includes snakes, creatures which I happen to like, and appreciate...

...well, enough for now...as noted...deadline time for this week had come and gone, rather quickly...



Maybe he (she?) was here for the solar eclipse and the Union County Fair in Anna. A "Star Wars" stormtrooper was spotting sneaking around at the fair last week.

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

50 Years Ago, August 31, 1967

Miss Evelyn Huckleberry, 15-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Huckleberry of Anna, was crowned Miss Union County Fair Friday, Aug. 25, in ceremonies in front of the grandstand. She was crowned by Miss Sandy Cauble, retiring queen.

Miss Vera Hub, who has been Home Adviser, Extension Service of the University of Illinois in Union County for the past eight years, will retire effective August 31, after rounding out 31 years of service in the states of Illinois and Wisconsin.

Mrs. Joan Cummings of Carbondale, has been hired to replace Miss Vera Hub, as Acting Extension Adviser in Home Economics for the county. Her appointment becomes effective on September 15.

Sam Slagel is the new principal at the Alto Pass Schools.

All schools in Union County officially commenced school on Monday, Aug. 28, with attendance up slightly in most schools.

The weather for the Anna Fair held last week was almost perfect with comfortable temperatures and no rain until the final night.

50 Years Ago, August 24, 1967

Fairgoers will have two more full days of entertainment at this year's 87th Annual Fair.

The 87th Annual Anna Fair commenced Sunday evening, Aug. 20, with a religious service sponsored by the Union County Ministerial Alliance.

Fifteen young ladies are vying for the title of Miss Union County Fair and the fortunate young lady who captures the crown will receive a \$50 bond and a trophy, as well as the title of "Miss Union County Fair." The Queen will be crowned Friday night.

The fruit and vegetable display at the Anna Fair is quite beautiful with many colors and designs on display.

During the coronation ceremonies held Saturday evening of the Cobden Peach Festival, Maribeth Inman was named Miss Cobden Peach Queen of 1967.

The weatherman did cooperate this year by not sending rain to the Cobden Peach Festival, and although a little chilly, it was almost perfect weather for this year's events. A large crowd attended both evenings and enjoyed the entertainment provided by the Cobden Lions Club.

The weather has cooperated with Cobden Peach Festival and Anna Fair enthusiasts thus far this past week, with comfortable temperatures and sunny weather.

(Oops: In the Aug. 17 issue of the paper, this item appeared with a 50 years ago date that was listed as 2017. The editor erred when typing the item.)